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Meeting

ABERDOVEY HARBOUR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Date and Time

10.30 am, TUESDAY, 2ND MARCH, 2021

Location

Cyfarfod Rhithiol - Virtual Meeting

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MEMBERSHIP:

Gwynedd Council:

Dewi Owen
Anne Lloyd Jones
Mike Stevens

Co-Opted Members:

Councillor Bob Tyrrell
Nick Dawson
David Williams

Huw Evans

Nigel Willis
Desmond George

Aberdyfi Community Council
Member of Outward Bound Wales
Member of Aberdyfi & Improvements
Committee
Member of the Cardigan Bay Fisheries
Association
Member of Aberdyfi Boat Club
Member of the Dyfi Yacht Club

Observers:

Peter Read
Dr John Jones-Morris

Councillor Rob Triggs

Pwllheli Harbour Consultative Committee
Porthmadog Harbour Consultative
Committee
Barmouth Town Council

A G E N D A

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

To elect a Chair.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

To elect a Vice-Chair.

3. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

4. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

To receive any declarations of personal interest.

5. URGENT ITEMS

To consider any items which are urgent matters in the opinion of the Chairman.

6. MINUTES

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The Chairman will propose that the minutes of the meeting of this committee, held on 12th November 2019, be signed as a true record.

7. UPDATE ON HARBOUR MANAGEMENT MATTERS

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To discuss the report of the Senior Harbours Officer.

8. HARBOURMASTERS REPORT

19 - 21

To discuss the Harbourmasters report.

9. ANY OTHER MATTERS

To consider any other matters to be discussed in the committee.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date of the next meeting of the Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee.

ABERDYFI HARBOUR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE 12/11/19

PRESENT:

Members: Cllr. Anne Lloyd Jones (Gwynedd Council), Cllr. Mike Stevens (Gwynedd Council), Cllr. Bob Tyrrell (Aberdyfi Town Council), Nick Dawson (Outward Bound Wales), Cllr. David Williams (Aberdyfi Advertising and Improvements Committee), Nigel Willis (Aberdyfi Boat Club) and Desmond George (Dyfi Yacht Club)

Officers: Mr Arthur Jones (Senior Harbours Officer), Will A Stockford (Aberdyfi Harbour Master), Lowri Haf Evans (Member Support Officer) and Mererid Watt (Translator)

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Gareth Thomas (Cabinet Member- Economy), Cllr. Dewi Owen (Gwynedd Council), Llŷr B Jones, Assistant Head Economy and Community Department and Barry Davies (Maritime and Country Parks Manager)

1. CHAIR

RESOLVED to re-elect Councillor Dewi Owen as Chair of this Committee for the year 2019/20.

2. VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED to elect Councillor Anne Lloyd Jones as Vice-chair of this Committee for the year 2019-20.

3. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

None to note

4. MINUTES

The Chair signed the minutes of the previous meeting of this Committee, that took place on 5th of March 2019, as a true record.

5. UPDATE ON HARBOUR MANAGEMENT MATTERS

(a) Senior Harbours Officer's Report

A report was presented by the Senior Harbours Officer giving a brief update on Harbour matters for the period from March 2019 to October 2019.

Moorings

It was reported that the moorings were on station despite a change in the users' pattern. It was highlighted that powerboats and jetskis were now more popular than yachts and the situation was the same across the country.

Port Marine Safety Code

Members were reminded that the Maritime and Coastguard Agency's inspectors had undertaken an inspection in March 2019 of specific safety arrangements and the

systems of Gwynedd municipal harbours in order to ensure compliance with the Port Safety Marine Code. Following a further visit to see how the suggested enhancements had been implemented, it was reported that Capt. Quader (Agency inspector) was satisfied that the Service was in compliance with the provisions of the Port Marine Safety Code. Members were reminded of their right to submit observations on the suitability of the Safety Code and to refer any concerns to the Harbour Master.

Staffing Matters

It was reported that a full-time Assistant Harbour Master had been appointed and was based in Aberdyfi harbour. The appointment would ensure support for the harbour master as well as assisting in other harbours across the County, when required. The Harbour Master noted that the appointment of Mr Oliver Simmonds to the team had already proven valuable and his experience of working with the Yacht Club was advantageous. The members added that there was good cooperation amongst the staff and it was a good appointment.

Financial Matters

The harbour budget was presented to highlight the current financial situation up to the end of September 2019. There was an estimated underspend of £4,121. It was highlighted that it was proposed to increase daily launching fees from £10 to £15.

In response to a question regarding what had been earmarked for the underspend, it was highlighted that it was proposed to purchase a buoy as well as to undertake winter maintenance work.

(b) Harbour Master's Report

A report was presented by the Harbour Master detailing navigational, operational and maintenance matters. Attention was drawn to the following matters:

- That the service continued to monitor the main navigational channel into Aberdyfi. It was noted that the channel was continuously changing and was moving northwards. It was noted that this caused modification work to assist and ensure navigational safety.
- That the Outward Bound Trust and the Dyfi Yacht Club had conducted a busy and successful programme of events over the summer.
- The Service had seen an increase in the number of animal carcasses that had been washed up on the beach.
- The Outward Bound Trust and the Dyfi Yacht Club were thanked for the assistance given to the Service while structural repair work was undertaken on the harbour vessel.
- That wooden sand ladders enabled access across the dunes to the beach having disposed of the golf club boardwalk.
- The situation regarding the railway bridge to Bryn Llestair (Picnic Island) was being discussed and safety concerns were being considered.
- The Service had been collaborating with commercial fishermen to tidy up the fishermen's compound. It was intended to store unused equipment in the compound and to rotate the equipment as required.
- Further discussions would be held with the Maritime and Country Parks Manager to ensure the safety of pedestrians on the quay.
- Discussions had taken place with the Council's Property Unit to retain the Harbour Office at its current location.

In response to a question regarding the disposal of dead animals washed up on the beach, it was noted that animal carcasses (usually sheep) were disposed of in Dolgellau in accordance with the animal disposal arrangements. Marine animals were buried on the beach - if it was a rare animal then the service contacts the sea mammals research service to record weight, type etc. It was added that there was good cooperation with local voluntary organisations who clean the beach.

In response to a comments regarding the situation with the railway bridge to Bryn Llestair (Picnic Island) it was noted:

- That the decision to close the bridge had been supported by its users, despite the fact that this had an impact on the activities of Outward Bound.
- Gwynedd Consultancy had conducted a structural assessment of the bridge
- That the draft time-schedule of 12 - 18 months had been set to move the bridge - it would be necessary to reinforce the access prevention barriers.
- That the Community Council had an useful local contact with Network Rail - an engineer had met community councillors and Outward Bound staff on the site to discuss the situation. It was noted that the meeting had been valuable and the main concerns had been highlighted.
- A long-term solution and an appropriate plan had to be in place.
- 18 months appeared to be a long time - ideally the construction of a new bridge would be installed in one movement.
- Cooperation with Network Rail was a key part of the solution.

In response to the work done surrounding the Fishermen's Compound, it was noted that the fence erected around the compound was of good quality, was high enough to prevent fly-tipping and was locked. The hard work undertaken to tidy up the area was welcomed and support was requested from the community to keep the area tidy. Following discussions with the fishermen, it was highlighted that about half the fishing tackle had been transferred from the harbour to the compound. It was added that the intention was to rotate the equipment used and to store any other equipment in the compound. Broken or unnecessary equipment will need to be disposed.

Further observations:

- That it was an operational harbour, that attracted a great deal of interest from visitors and was an important part of the area's economy and industries.
- It was necessary to ensure that the site was regularly maintained.
- There was a need to collaborate with commercial fishermen - this was their livelihood.

In response to an observation regarding the site of the harbour master's office, the need to upgrade the office was highlighted for the well-being of the staff. It was added that the facilities were not sufficient. It was agreed that the location of the office was suitable, but ideally an office with a second floor was required to improve visibility across the harbour and the estuary. In the mean time, as a solution, it was proposed to install CCTV. It was suggested that offices to let by the Council's Property Unit were used, situated near the Harbour, for toilet facilities.

In response to the events that had taken place, a comment was made that the Swim Aberdyfi event was one that was organised well with the organisers giving fair consideration to Harbour safety. Although the organisers were very willing to conform to safety measures, it was felt that further discussion should take place to improve arrangements.

It was added that the Watercraft Blackrock Blast had raised up to £20k for the Air Ambulance. It was noted that approximately 100 jetskis had participated and that good work had been done to promote safety in the water.

Everyone was thanked for their commitment to staging and organising events.

RESOLVED to accept the reports.

8. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE REQUEST OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(a) Aberdyfi Quay Scheme

Regarding the renovation of the wall, it was reported that the Welsh Government had approved the application in principle and the scheme had now been listed on the Council's Assets Plan. It was highlighted that the Council had confirmed that match funding had been earmarked and further details on the Full Business Plan had been submitted to the Welsh Government. The work will go out to tender during the 2019/20 financial year with the tender documents and tender assessment methodology completed. The intention was to appoint a contractor before March 31st 2020 to commence the work in September 2020 (avoiding the Summer season) and to complete by Easter 2021. It was added that a public meeting would be organised to share information with local businesses and the community, before the commencement of the work.

This was received as extremely heartening news. The plans were praised and it was welcomed that funding had been secured. It was suggested that the successful contractor should be invited to the public meeting in order to build an open relationship with the local community. It was added that a great deal of work was required to ensure the success of the scheme with a request for all to be supportive.

- It was suggested that the harbour master's office should be upgraded during this period - it was too good an opportunity to miss.
- It was necessary to ensure that the contractor contacts and works with the RNLI and commercial fishermen.

In response to the comment about upgrading the office, it was noted that the Property Unit was aware of the situation and therefore it was possible to hold discussions.

(b) Safety of Aberdyfi Quay

Following a recent accident on the quay, the intention not to use the area as a parking space was highlighted but as a loading and unloading site only. The wish was not to allow vehicles to park on the quay in order to avoid collisions with pedestrians.

9. NEXT MEETING

It was noted that officially the date of the next meeting was 3rd March 2020. However, a request to try for another date was accepted in order to receive an update on the quay work

tender. A request was made for the Democratic Services Officer to discuss the proposal with the Maritime Service.

The meeting commenced at 10.30am and concluded at 11.50am.

Agenda Item 7

MEETING	Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee.
DATE	2nd March 2021
TITLE	Update on Harbour Management Matters
AUTHOR	Senior Harbours Officer

1. Introduction.

- 1.1 The Committee's main function is to consider, discuss and advise on matters relating to the management, safety and development of the Harbour and to receive Member's observations on matters relating to Aberdyfi Harbour.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to provide a brief update for the attention of the Committee on harbour matters for the yearly period ending March 2021, in order to receive feedback from the members on safety matters and the operational matters of the Harbour. It is regrettable that the March and October 2020 meetings had to be postponed as a consequence of the Coronavirus epidemic.

2. Aberdyfi Moorings and Boat Registration.

- 2.1 In 2020/21 figures for 'on moorings' in the Harbour were as follows:-
- 2.2 There has been 47 boats on annual moorings in 2020, compared to 68 in 2019. The figure has been greatly affected by the impact of the Coronavirus epidemic and the associated restrictions placed upon individuals by the Welsh Government. Many vessel owners decided not to utilise their vessel in 2020.
- 2.3 The effect of the Coronavirus epidemic has affected all of the harbours across Gwynedd. On the whole when comparing all Gwynedd Council Harbours, there has been a decrease in the number of customers over the past year.
- 2.4 There were 831 Power Boats registered in Gwynedd in 2020 compared to 894 in 2019. 51 Boats were registered at Aberdyfi Harbour compared to 41 in 2019.
- 2.5 There were 843 Personal watercraft registered in Gwynedd in 2020 compared to 827 in 2019. This increase reflects the popularity and current trend of those individuals wishing to enjoy themselves on the water. It has also been indicated by local businesses that purchases have been made by individuals instead of travelling abroad for a holiday.
- 2.6 There were 30 Personal watercraft registered at Aberdyfi harbour compared to 32 the previous year.
- 2.7 Copies of all data relating to occupancy and registration is appended.

3. Port Marine Safety Code.

- 3.1.1 The Port Marine Safety Code ('PMSC') sets out a national standard for every aspect of port marine safety. Its aim is to enhance safety for everyone who uses or works in the port marine environment. It applies to all Statutory Harbour Authorities.

The Code represents good practice as recognised by a wide range of industry stakeholders and Gwynedd Council understands that a failure to adhere to good practice may be indicative of a harbour authority being in breach of certain legal duties. It is necessary for the Service to receive

the comments and views of Consultative Committee Members on the suitability of the Port Marine Safety Code and to regularly receive observations on its contents, in order that it may be reviewed as relevant to the harbour activities, navigational aids, suitability of by-laws, safety matters and general day to day work at Aberdyfi Harbour.

3.1.2 Following a thorough inspection of the Gwynedd Harbours Port Marine Safety Code and its associated safety management system by examiners from the Maritime and Coastguard agency last year, the Service intend to send a letter of compliance with the code to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency. This will be completed after an annual external audit of the safety management system has been undertaken.

4. Staffing Matters.

4.1 Harbour staff have continued to work from the harbour office throughout the Coronavirus pandemic to ensure the safety of the harbour. Adaptations have been made to the public counter area of the office and signage has been put in place around the harbour to assist in compliance with existing Welsh Government Coronavirus Regulations and to ensure staff remain safe in their working environment.

4.2 The full time assistant harbourmaster Mr Oliver Simmons has continued to support the harbourmaster in his daily duties working from the harbour. Mr Simmons remains on a scheduled training programme under the guidance of the Harbourmaster and Senior Harbour Officer.

4.3 It is proposed that two seasonal Beach Officers will be employed on Aberdyfi beach for the forthcoming season. Their work will also involve supporting harbour staff and vice versa.

5. Financial Matters.

5.1 A brief summary of the harbour budget and current financial situation will be discussed at the meeting. The Coronavirus epidemic has had major impact on the income gained from the harbour. In accordance with the instructions of the Cabinet of Gwynedd Council, a reduction in the mooring fee required from mooring holders was applied for the 2020-2021 season.

5.2 During this period it was necessary to commit financial resources for the following;

- Maintenance of navigational aids and beacons
- Inspection and maintenance of Council moorings
- Maintenance and operation of the of Harbour patrol vessel
- Maintenance of land and street furniture
- Tools and equipment including safety equipment

5.3 Fees and Charges. 2021/22.

The Service currently awaits confirmation with regard to the prospective fees and charges for Aberdyfi Harbour together with the Powerboat and Personal Watercraft launching fees for 2021/22 season. It is anticipated that the harbour fees will rise by inflation at 2% whilst launching and registration fees will remain standstill.

6. Harbourmasters Report. The Harbourmaster at Aberdyfi has provided a brief summary of the Navigational and Operational matters undertaken and encountered during the period October 2019 - March 2021 inclusive, including maintenance issues. A copy of his report is attached.

Uned Morwrol a Pharciau Gwledig / Maritime and Country Parks Unit
Cyfanswm wedi Cofrestru Badau Dwr Personol - Total number of Personal Watercraft Registrations

<i>Blwyddyn Year</i>	<i>Harbwr Aberdyfi Harbour</i>	<i>Harbwr Abermaw Harbour</i>	<i>Harbwr Porthmadog Harbour</i>	<i>Harbwr Pwllheli/ Hafan</i>	<i>Morfa Bychan</i>	<i>Traethau Gwynedd Beaches</i>	<i>Swyddfa Office</i>	<i>Cyfanswm Total</i>
2015	23 Aberdyfi 1 Tywyn	64 Abermaw a Caerddaniel	30	42 Total Boat Care 43 Hafan	157	76 Abersoch 1 Machroes 9 Morfa Nefyn 6 Nefyn 1 Aberdaron	243	696
2016	27 Aberdyfi 4 Tywyn	69 Abermaw	35	49 Total Boat Care 56 Hafan	183	101 Abersoch 20 Machroes 4 Morfa Nefyn 10 Nefyn 2 Aberdaron	174	734
2017	28 Aberdyfi 6 Tywyn	68 Abermaw	45	55 Total Boat Care 65 Hafan	165	122 Abersoch 10 Machroes 12 Morfa Nefyn 10 Nefyn 1 Aberdaron	151	738
2018	50 Aberdyfi 3 Tywyn	74 Abermaw	52	73 Total Boat Care 105 Hafan	200	188 Abersoch 9 Machroes 3 Morfa Nefyn 5 Nefyn 1 Aberdaron	160	923
2019	32 Aberdyfi 5 Tywyn	78 Abermaw	55	43 Total Boat Care 116 Hafan	184	137 Abersoch 5 Machroes 14 Morfa Nefyn 5 Nefyn 0 Aberdaron	153	827
2020	30 Aberdyfi	68 Abermaw	41	163 Hafan	178	236 Abersoch 23 Machroes 11 Nefyn	93	843

Uned Morwrol a Pharciau Gwledig / Maritime and Country Parks Unit
Cyfanswm wedi Cofrestru Cychod Pŵer - Total number of Powerboat Registrations

<i>Blwyddyn Year</i>	<i>Harbwr Aberdyfi Harbour</i>	<i>Harbwr Abermaw Harbour</i>	<i>Harbwr Porthmadog Harbour</i>	<i>Harbwr Pwllheli Harbour</i>	<i>Morfa Bychan</i>	<i>Traethau Gwynedd Beaches</i>	<i>Swyddfa Office</i>	<i>Cyfanswm Total</i>
2015	52 Aberdyfi 3 Tywyn	71 Abermaw a Caerddaniel	30	99 Total Boat Care 5 Harbwr 104 Hafan	14	92 Abersoch 4 Machroes 23 Morfa Nefyn 13 Nefyn 16 Trefor 12 Aberdaron	449	987
2016	58 Aberdyfi 7 Tywyn	81 Abermaw	37	115 Total Boat Care 4 Harbwr 119 Hafan	31	101 Abersoch 71 Machroes 27 Morfa Nefyn 14 Nefyn 10 Aberdaron	336	1011
2017	53 Aberdyfi 9 Tywyn	66 Abermaw	37	103 Total Boat Care 3 Harbwr 117 Hafan	29	125 Abersoch 40 Machroes 48 Morfa Nefyn 19 Nefyn 11 Aberdaron 6 Trefor	289	955
2018	53 Aberdyfi 14 Tywyn	75 Abermaw	38	112 Total Boat Care 177 Hafan	34	161 Abersoch 31 Machroes 52 Morfa Nefyn 15 Nefyn 5 Aberdaron	290	1057
2019	41 Aberdyfi a 16 Tywyn	66 Abermaw	33	97 Total Boat Care 172 Hafan	30	89 Abersoch 20 Machroes 60 Morfa Nefyn 14 Nefyn 12 Aberdaron	244	894
2020	51 Aberdyfi	42 Abermaw	16	281 Hafan	24	180 Abersoch 29 Machroes 57 Nefyn	151	831

Uned Morwrol / Maritime Unit
Ystadegau angorfeydd – Mooring statistics

<i>Harbwr Harbour</i>	<i>Nifer o Angorfeydd Available no of moorings</i>	<i>Preswlydd Occupancy</i>	<i>Preswyl yng Ngwynedd Residing in Gwynedd</i>	<i>Eraill Others</i>
<i>Aberdyfi 2015</i>	120	77 (64.2%)	35 (45.5%)	42 (54.5%)
<i>Aberdyfi 2016</i>	120	79 (65.8%)	36 (45.6%)	43 (54.4%)
<i>Aberdyfi 2017</i>	120	78 (65.0%)	36 (46.2%)	42 (53.8%)
<i>Aberdyfi 2018</i>	120	74 (61.7%)	37 (50.0%)	37 (50.0%)
<i>Aberdyfi 2019</i>	120	68 (56.7%)	32 (47.1%)	36 (52.9%)
<i>Aberdyfi 2020</i>	120	47 (39.2%)	23 (48.9%)	24 (51.1%)
<i>Abermaw 2015</i>	140	93 (66.4%)	63 (67.7%)	30 (32.3%)
<i>Abermaw 2016</i>	140	88 (62.9%)	60 (68.2%)	28 (31.8%)
<i>Abermaw 2017</i>	140	86 (61.4%)	59 (68.6%)	27 (31.4%)
<i>Abermaw 2018</i>	140	69 (49.3%)	44 (63.8%)	25 (36.2%)
<i>Abermaw 2019</i>	140	70 (50.0%)	45 (64.3%)	25 (35.7%)
<i>Abermaw 2020</i>	140	31 (22.1%)	24 (77.4%)	7 (22.6%)
<i>Porthmadog 2015</i>	238	140 (58.8%)	44 (31.4%)	96 (68.6%)
<i>Porthmadog 2016</i>	238	129 (54.2%)	47 (36.4%)	82 (63.6%)
<i>Porthmadog 2017</i>	238	135 (56.7%)	54 (40.0%)	81 (60.0%)
<i>Porthmadog 2018</i>	238	131 (55.0%)	54 (41.2%)	77 (58.8%)
<i>Porthmadog 2019</i>	238	130 (54.6%)	60 (46.2%)	70 (53.8%)
<i>Porthmadog 2020</i>	238	64 (26.9%)	30 (46.9%)	34 (53.1%)
<i>Pwllheli 2015</i>	114	87 (76.3%)	57 (65.5%)	30 (34.5%)
<i>Pwllheli 2016</i>	114	58 (50.9%)	27 (46.6%)	31 (53.4%)
<i>Pwllheli 2017</i>	81	60 (74.1%)	28 (46.7%)	32 (53.3%)
<i>Pwllheli 2018</i>	81	55 (67.9%)	27 (49.1%)	28 (50.9%)
<i>Pwllheli 2019</i>	81	58 (71.6%)	40 (69.0%)	18 (31.0%)
<i>Pwllheli 2020</i>	81			

<i>Hafan 2014</i>	409	293 (71.6%)	51 (17.4%)	242 (82.6%)
<i>Hafan 2015</i>	409	292 (71.4%)	56 (19.2%)	236 (80.8%)
<i>Hafan 2016</i>	409	287 (70.1%)	55 (19.2%)	232 (80.8%)
<i>Hafan 2017</i>	409	306 (74.8%)	57 (18.6%)	249 (81.4%)
<i>Hafan 2018</i>	409	292 (71.4%)	56 (19.2%)	236 (80.8%)
<i>Hafan 2019</i>	409	299 (73.1%)	57 (19.1%)	242 (80.9%)
<i>Hafan 2020</i>	409			
<i>Dco Fictoria 2014</i>	100	100 (100.0%)	25 (25.0%)	75 (75.0%)
<i>Doc Fictoria 2015</i>	100	100 (100.0%)	21 (21.0%)	79 (79.0%)
<i>Doc Fictoria 2016</i>	100	92 (92.0%)	19 (20.7%)	73 (79.3%)
<i>Doc Fictoria 2017</i>	100	92 (92.0%)	16 (17.4%)	76 (82.6%)
<i>Doc Fictoria 2018</i>	100	90 (90.0%)	21 (23.3%)	69 (76.7%)
<i>Doc Fictoria 2019</i>	100	94 (94.0%)	20 (21.3%)	74 (78.7%)
<i>Doc Fictoria 2020</i>	100			

Uned Morwrol a Pharciau Gwledig

Ystadegau Cychod Pŵer v's Cychod Hwyllo a Rhestr Aros - Powerboats v's Sailing Boats and Waiting List

<i>Harbwr/Harbour Marina</i>	<i>Cyfanswm Nifer Angorfeydd Total number available moorings</i>	<i>Cyfanswm Cychod ar Angorfeydd Total number of boats on mooring</i>	<i>Nifer Cychod Pŵer Total number Powerboats</i>	<i>Nifer Cychod Hwyllo Total number sailing boats</i>	<i>Canran (%) Pŵer V's hwyllo Percentage Power v's Sail</i>
Harbwr Aberdyfi 15	120	77	53	24	68.8% Pwer 31.2% Hwyllo
Harbwr Aberdyfi 16	120	79	55	24	69.6% Pwer 30.4% Hwyllo
Harbwr Aberdyfi 17	120	78	56	22	71.8% Pwer 28.2% Hwyllo
Harbwr Aberdyfi 18	120	74	55	19	74.3 % Pwer 25.7% Hwyllo
Harbwr Aberdyfi 19	120	68	54	14	79.4% Pwer 20.6% Hwyllo
Harbwr Aberdyfi 20	120	47	44	3	93.6% Pwer 6.4% Hwyllo
Harbwr Abermaw 15	140	93	60	33	64.5% Pwer 35.5% Hwyllo
Harbwr Abermaw 16	140	88	59	29	67.0% Pwer 33.0% Hwyllo
Harbwr Abermaw 17	140	86	55	31	64.0% Pwer 36.0% Hwyllo
Harbwr Abermaw 18	140	69	45	24	65.2% Pwer 34.8% Hwyllo
Harbwr Abermaw 19	140	70	44	26	62.9% Pwer 37.1% Hwyllo
Harbwr Abermaw 20	140	31	21	10	67.7% Pwer 32.3% Hwyllo
Harbwr Porthmadog 15	238	140	45	95	32.1% Pwer 67.9% Hwyllo
Harbwr Porthmadog 16	238	129	41	88	31.8% Pwer 68.2% Hwyllo
Harbwr Porthmadog 17	238	135	42	93	31.1% Pwer 68.9% Hwyllo

Harbwr Porthmadog 18	238	131	40	91	30.5% Pwer 69.5% Hwyllo
Harbwr Porthmadog 19	238	130	42	88	32.3% Pwer 67.7% Hwyllo
Harbwr Porthmadog 20	238	64	22	42	34.4% Pwer 65.6% Hwyllo
Harbwr Pwllheli 15	114	87	46	41	52.9% Pwer 47.1% Hwyllo
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Harbwr Pwllheli 17	81	60	19	41	31.7% Pwer 68.3% Hwyllo
Harbwr Pwllheli 18	81	55	29	26	52.7% Pwer 47.3% Hwyllo
Harbwr Pwllheli 19	81	58	26	32	44.8% Pwer 55.2% Hwyllo
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Hafan Pwllheli 16	409	287	137	150	47.7% Pwer 52.3% Hwyllo
Hafan Pwllheli 17	409	306	144	162	47.1% Pwer 52.9% Hwyllo
Hafan Pwllheli 18	409	292	150	142	51.4% Pwer 48.6% Hwyllo
Hafan Pwllheli 19	409	299	133	166	44.5% Pwer 55.5% Hwyllo
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Doc Fictoria 15	100	98	34	64	34.7% Pwer 65.3% Hwyllo
Doc Fictoria 16	100	92	34	58	37.0% Pwer 63.0% Hwyllo
Doc Fictoria 17	100	92	28	64	30.4% Pwer 69.6% Hwyllo
Doc Fictoria 18	100	90	49	41	54.4% Pwer 45.6% Hwyllo

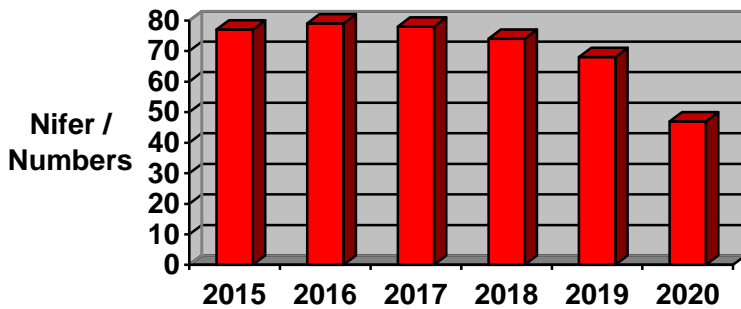
Doc Fictoria 19	100	94	29	65	30.9% Pwer 69.1% Hwyllo
Doc Fictoria 20	100				
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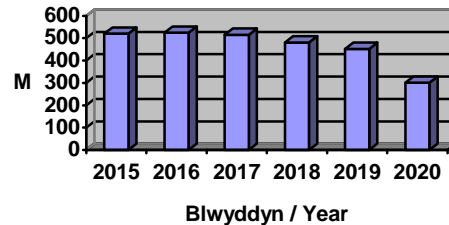
Cymhariaeth o Ystadegau Cychod Comparison of Boat Statistics

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Cyfartaledd Hyd / Average Length	6.75	6.63	6.60	6.50	6.65	<i>6.4</i>
Cyfanswm Dyfnder / Total Draught	58.79	57.36	58.60	50.91	46.54	<i>30.01</i>
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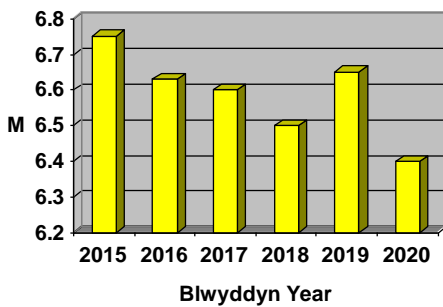
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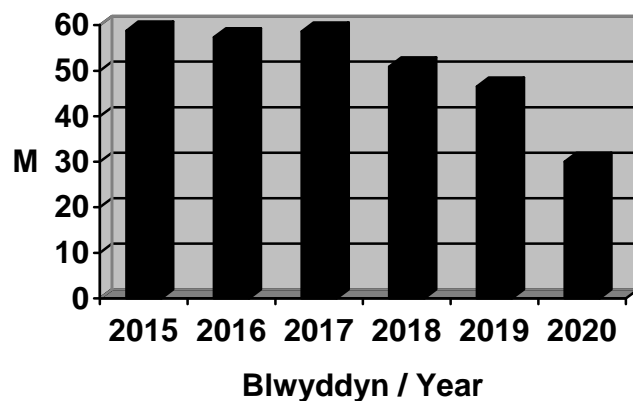
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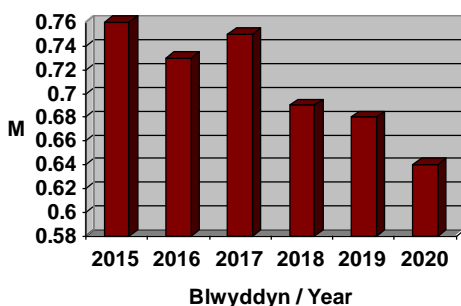
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Cyfanswm Dyfnder / Total Draught



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Aberdyfi Outer Buoy
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Please be advised that the bar is only passable 3 hours either side of high water.



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Outer Buoy Iso.4s	Lat 52° 32.000'N	Long 004° 05.550'W
No1 Starboard FL.G.5s	Lat 52° 32.031'N	Long 004° 04.606'W
No2 Port FL.R.5s	Off Station.	Removed for winter season
No3 Starboard Q.G.	Lat 52° 32.162'N	Long 004° 04.349'W (South Spit)
No5 Starboard FL.G.4s	Lat 52° 32.198'N	Long 004° 04.053'W
No7 Starboard FL.G.2s	Lat 52° 32.256'N	Long 004° 03.408'W
YSM 4 Knots FL.Y.2s	Lat 52° 32.469'N	Long 004° 02.861'W

NOT FOR NAVIGATION

Please contact the Harbour Office on arrival at the Outer Buoy for any updates to this chartlet



MEETING	Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee
DATE	2nd March 2021
TITLE	Harbourmasters Report
AUTHOR	W.A.Stockford Aberdyfi Harbourmaster

H 1 Navigational Issues

- 1.1 Following surveys undertaken by the Harbourmaster of the navigable channel to the harbour, works to position the Aids to Navigation (AtoN) No 1, No 2 and No 3 were carried out in early April 2020. The channel took a significant turn to the South and mariners were advised to follow the buoyage sequentially.
- 1.1.1 The channel remained stable for the majority of the season and was continually monitored by the Service. Towards the end of the season the middle bank advanced to the west causing the channel to straighten out, this in turn led to the No1 buoy and No 2 buoy becoming off station with the No1 buoy un-retrievable.
- 1.2 Each year Trinity House, the General Lighthouse Authority, conduct an independent audit of the physical presence and functionality of the aids to navigation recorded at Aberdyfi Harbour. Additionally, every two years a further inspection is undertaken by Trinity House of the buoyage maintenance records and risk assessments associated with the safety of Navigation in the harbour. Both examinations were completed during the autumn of 2020.
- 1.3 There are currently two 'Local Notice to Mariners' in operation at Aberdyfi Harbour.
- 1.3.1 Local Notice to Mariners **Number 18/20**: The seasonal 'Bar' Buoy: No 2 Port Hand Aid to Navigation: Fl.R.5s. The seasonal Aid to Navigation has been removed from station.
- 1.3.2 Local Notice to Mariners **Number 19/20**: The 'Bar' Buoy, No 1 Starboard Hand aid to Navigation: Fl.G.5s. The Aid to Navigation is not on station. The light is extinguished.
- 1.4 The Service has been in contact with a local mooring contractor to carry out all necessary works on the navigational aids as soon as practicable in order to have the navigational marks put in place before the commencement of the 2021 season.
- 1.5 The Service would like to emphasize the importance of contact with the harbourmasters office at Aberdyfi to obtain current information on navigational safety.

H 2 Operational Issues

- 2.1 The service remained operational throughout the first Coronavirus lockdown ensuring all regulations were upheld. The Coronavirus epidemic and the associated Welsh Government restrictions imposed on the lives of individuals to curb the spread of the

virus, had a major impact on Harbour operations during 2020. In consequence, it has been necessary for the Harbour Authority to issue Local Notices to Mariners to advise harbour users of the restrictions imposed as time has progressed. Despite the issue of such Notices, the Service have been inundated with requests from individuals requesting to know what activities may or may not be undertaken within the harbour.

- 2.1.1 From June to October 2020 the service priority was with water safety both onshore and afloat. With an increase in visitor numbers and several locations along the coastline being identified as more hazardous, the maritime unit worked closely with other local services and volunteers to provide safety advice and responded to incidents when needed. The service would like to thank the local community for their assistance and vigilance.
- 2.1.2 Commercial fishing operations continued shortly after lockdown with proprietors selling the catch locally until the markets reopened.
- 2.2 It is expected that the Coronavirus epidemic will, to some extent, continue to affect harbour operations for the forthcoming 2021 season. Works are currently being carried out in preparation for the lifting of the existing lockdown

H 3 Maintenance

- 3.1 Maintenance work has been carried out at the western end of the harbour to provide a barrier against the increased level of the beach in that area. Local contractors and the golf club have assisted in removing the sand once built up in this area.
- 3.2 The wooden railings at the top of the harbour jetty landing stage have been replaced with galvanised tube clamp fencing and a gate included.
- 3.3 Continued work will be carried out to tidy and maintain the dinghy storage area.
- 3.4 Information notice boards will be installed and updated pre-season. Craft exclusion markers will be overhauled and in place for May.
- 3.5 A recent increase in carcasses on the foreshore has led to several days of reactive work being carried out by the Service. The Service requests that any sightings be reported to them at the earliest opportunity. A live stranding of a common dolphin was reported to the office in mid-January. Unfortunately due to poor health the animal was euthanized on-site by a local veterinary Surgeon.
- 3.6 In expectation of a busy summer period, work is currently on going to prepare for the upcoming season with the emphasis on safety ashore and afloat.

H 4 Other Matters

- 4.1 **Quayside Wall Improvement Scheme:** The contract documents in respect of the engineering works to replace the quay wall is to be resubmitted to tender during the end of February towards the middle of March. This is with the knowledge that material and other associated costs has increased since before the pandemic commenced. Whilst this delay is of concern it was not possible to avoid such further necessary work. Further information and update will be presented at the meeting.

- 4.2 **Picnic Island:** Work on the design of the new bridge is progressing. Discussions have taken place with Railtrack who have issued the Council with a draft License which will enable for an appointed contractor to work on the project to remove and install a new bridge. Outward Bound Wales have been consulted and are part of the working group. Funding for the bridge is through support from Cyngor Gwynedd and the Outward Bound Trust. A FLAG Application awaits assessment and it is hoped that FLAG will be able to partly fund the project.
- 4.3 **Canolfan Dyfi:** Tenants have been offered the opportunity to take up tenancy of the vacant offices at the Canolfan Dyfi.
- 4.4 **Harbour Fencing:** Work has been carried out at the western end of the harbour to provide a barrier against the increased level of the beach. Local contractors and the golf club have assisted in removing sand once built up in this area.
- 4.5 **Harbour Car parking:** Work has been carried out in the storage area at the western part of the harbour to provide parking for the harbour vehicle and commercial operators. The area for water/wind sports containers has also been addressed and tided.

H5 **Events**

- 5.1 It is regrettable that a number of planned events which were due to be held at Aberdyfi harbour during 2020 had to be cancelled as a consequence of the Coronavirus epidemic. It is not anticipated that any major event will be approved in 2021.
- 5.2 For all proposed future events, the Service would like to remind members that it is essential to comply with the prevailing Coronavirus Regulations and advice produced by the Welsh Government at the time and to liaise with the Harbour Authority at the earliest opportunity to gain permission to stage the event
- 5.3 At this present time the service has received early notification of a proposed PWC Gwynedd Blackrock Blast event with a date set for 19th June 2021 and which visit Aberdyfi as part of the event. The organisers will be monitoring the Coronavirus situation as the year progresses and event organisers will need to fully conform with Wales Government directives with regard to managing events.