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Meeting

**ABERDYFI HARBOUR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

Date and Time

**10.30 am, TUESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 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  
David Williams

Huw Evans

Nigel Willis  
Desmond George  
Al Crisp

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

### **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. APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

## **2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

To receive any declaration of personal interest.

## **3. MINUTES**

4 - 7

a) To receive and confirm the minutes of a meeting of the Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee held on the 2<sup>ND</sup> March 2021.

b) Matters arising

## **4. UPDATE ON HARBOUR MANAGEMENT MATTERS**

8 - 21

To submit a report by the Senior Harbours Officer.

## **5. HARBOURMASTERS REPORT**

22 - 24

To submit a report by the Harbourmaster.

## **6. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE REQUEST OF MEMBERS ON THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

To consider matters at the request of the Members.

## **7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note that the next meeting of the Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

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## ABERDYFI HARBOUR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE 02/03/2021

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### PRESENT:

**Members:** Cllr Anne Lloyd Jones (Gwynedd Council), Cllr Dewi Owen (Gwynedd Council), Cllr Mike Stevens (Gwynedd Council), Cllr Bob Tyrrell (Aberdyfi Community Council), Al Crisp (Outward Bound Wales), Cllr David Williams (Aberdyfi Improvements and Advertisement Committee), Nigel Willis (Aberdyfi Boat Club) and Desmond George (Dyfi Yacht Club)

**Officers:** Barry Davies (Maritime and Country Parks Officer), Arthur Francis Jones (Senior Harbours Officer), Will A Stockford (Aberdyfi Harbourmaster), Oli Simmonds (Aberdyfi Harbour Assistant), Mererid Watt (Translator), Natalie Lloyd Jones (Democratic Services Officers).

### 1. CHAIR

**RESOLVED to elect Councillor Dewi Owen as Chair of this Committee for the year 2021/22.**

### 2. VICE-CHAIR

**RESOLVED to elect Councillor Anne Lloyd Jones as Vice-chair of this Committee for the year 2021/22.**

### 3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received by Councillor Gareth Thomas (Cabinet Member for Economy), Llŷr B Jones (Assistant Head of Economy and Community).

### 4. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

None to note

### 5. URGENT ITEMS

None to note

### 6. 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.

### 7. UPDATE ON HARBOUR MANAGEMENT MATTERS

**RESOLVED to accept the reports.**

An update was given on Harbour Management Matters by the Senior Harbours Officer emphasising that the pandemic had affected the figures of every harbour in Gwynedd. This was supported by the Chairman.

He proceeded to update Committee members on the following points:

- The annual moorings were reported upon and the reduction seen in 2020, namely, that there had been 47 boats on annual moorings compared to 68 in 2019. It was presumed that many vessel holders had decided not to utilise their vessels during this period.
- It was reported on the number of registered boats and personal watercraft and it was noted that there had been an increase in the number of personal watercraft.
- Reference was made to the report and it was stated that all the relevant statistics were noted within, and questions on these were welcomed.

The Port Marine Safety Code was discussed and members were asked to inform the Service if they had any observations regarding this. The situation regarding harbour staff was discussed and they were thanked for their work during the lockdown period. It was noted that they had continued to work throughout the pandemic to ensure the safety of the public and the harbour.

In relation to the situation regarding the Covid-19 regulations, it was noted that signage had been erected to assist with compliance and to ensure that staff remain safe.

The Assistant Harbourmaster was welcomed and his appointment was now a permanent contract. It was noted that his contribution had been key in supporting the Harbourmaster during this difficult period. Along with this appointment, the Senior Harbours Officer noted that it was proposed to appoint two seasonal beach officers as it was anticipated that there would be a great deal of visitors this summer.

In relation to financial matters, it was noted that the current figures were not currently available from the finance unit; however, assurance was given that these would be available to members soon. An update was given on the financial situation and it was noted there had been a major impact on the income gained as a result of the lower number of boats and it was anticipated that uncertainty regarding travel would also impact income this year. It was added and noted that Council members had supported and had reduced the income targets to take into consideration the maritime industry's challenges.

The Harbourmaster and the Harbours Assistant were thanked for the work last year during a very busy period, although it had been a short season. The importance of their posts was reiterated in relation to the safe management of the harbours and beaches.

During the discussion, the following observations were raised;

- All harbour staff were thanked for their work by the Members.
- It was added that the area had experienced a very high number of visitors and it was anticipated that this would happen again this year and harbour staff will be very busy, it was emphasised that they needed every support.
- Sympathy was shown to the department as the income had obviously reduced due to the restrictions.
- It was accepted, however, that the income needed to be raised and it was proposed that keeping the fees the same would increase the number who would pay.

In response to some of the above observations, it was noted;

- That the Council was very supportive of the harbours' financial position and that there had been several meetings to discuss ways to respond to the post-restrictions period.
- The main focus this summer would be to ensure the safety of visitors to harbours and beach areas.
- It was confirmed that the Council was very supportive and many meetings had taken place to look at how to respond to opening up and the numbers of visitors in all parts of Gwynedd.

- It was added that the support of two members of staff this summer would release a member of staff to be out on the water more regularly to keep everything in order.
- It was noted that the justification for raising fees was to support the Service and to encourage people to register for the year.
- It was added that people were encouraged to pay on-line or electronically as it was not possible to register at the harbour office.

## **8. HARBOURMASTER'S REPORT**

### **RESOLVED to accept the reports.**

The report was presented by the Harbourmaster and he noted the main points on the action points as follows:

- It was noted that staff had worked throughout the pandemic period and had been extremely busy. It was added that challenges had arisen in ensuring that everyone understood the dangers of the Estuary.
- A great deal of work had been undertaken to secure people's safety by ensuring social distancing and signage were erected, it was added that the department had provided appropriate materials in terms of PPE to staff.
- An offer was made to distribute a digital version of the harbour chart to see the AEC locations once there is a final version.
- An overview was given of the various maintenance work that had taken place over the period.
- It was noted that there was a joint working partnership with Outward Bound and they also ran a project.
- In relation to Canolfan Dyfi, it was noted that there were no changes, however, minor alterations had been made in the centre in order to meet with the requirements.
- It was noted that the Department was awaiting news about relaxing the restrictions as there were applications from PWC Gwynedd, Jetski Club etc. regarding staging events.

During the discussion the following observations were made:

- The Harbourmaster was thanked for all his work.
- It was asked if there was a sand removal scheme this year.
- A member added that not much sand had accumulated this year as the wind had moved it back, he continued to emphasise the importance of the quay wall as it had been damaged.
- Thanks were extended for the plans on the slipway as launching from Church Bay had been frustrating.
- It was asked what were the plans to treat the wall near the old lifeboat slipway as there was a prominent crack to be seen.
- It was asked if there were any plans to clear the promenade and the car park soon.
- The attention of the officers was drawn to the poor condition of the railings between the car park and the promenade, it was asked if this was a matter for the harbour or another department.

In response, the Harbourmaster noted the following:

- That there were currently no plans to remove sand as it was not a priority, however, the situation would be reviewed if it worsens. It was added that finance had gone to protect the quay wall and there was a lack of funding.
- He added that the river was moving and sand was moving – as had occurred in the past.

- It was noted that the YGC department managed the quay renovation work on the Council's behalf and the condition continued to be monitored. He added that this had gone out to tender once more.
- Regarding the crack in the wall, he noted that it was the YGC department who inspected this every three months and that they were responsible for maintenance.
- The clearance work on the promenade and the car park would happen fairly soon.
- It was noted that the railings would be treated when finance was available, however, in the meantime this will be monitored to ensure that the situation does not get any worse.

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Condolences were extended on the recent loss of Brian Bates who had been a loyal member of the committee and had contributed significantly, and always offered his views and expertise. He had worked with the coastguard service for many years and his local contribution had been significant. He was a character who would be greatly missed as well as his maritime service to the community of Aberdyfi.

## **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The 2nd November had been earmarked by the Democratic Services Committee. The date would be circulated to the members once the calendar had been confirmed.

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

# Agenda Item 4

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Update on Harbour Management Matters</b>
<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>Senior Harbours Officer</b>

## 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 period March 2021 to October 2021, in order to receive feedback from the members on safety matters and the operational matters of the Harbour.

## 2. Aberdyfi Moorings and Boat Registration.

- 2.1 There were 76 boats on annual moorings within the harbour of Aberdyfi in 2021. This compares with 47 boats on moorings in 2020.
- 2.2 On the whole when comparing all Gwynedd Council Harbours, there has been an increase in the number of customers over the past year in all harbours. The increase in the number of vessels moored in the harbours reflects the gradual release of the Coronavirus lockdown restrictions in Wales.
- 2.3 This season the Service provided the opportunity for members of the public to register powered craft on-line through the Gwynedd Council Website.
- 2.4 748 Personal Watercraft (Jetskis) were registered on-line.
- 2.5 516 Powerboats were registered on-line.
- 2.6 In addition to the above figures, 1131 Personal Watercraft and Powerboats were registered on paper by persons visiting the various maritime offices across Gwynedd, providing a total of 2395 as the number of vessels registered.

## 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.

- 3.1.2 The Service regularly reviews the Port Marine Safety Code for the harbours under its jurisdiction in order to remain in full compliance with the current requirements of the Code. As part of the review process, it is necessary 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, particularly with relevance to the harbour activities, navigational aids, suitability of by-laws, safety matters and general day to day work at Aberdyfi Harbour.



#### 4. Staffing Matters.

4.1 The staffing level Aberdyfi harbour has remained unchanged since the previous report to the Committee. The harbourmaster continues to undertake the functions required to ensure safe operations within the harbour. The harbourmaster is ably supported by the harbour assistant. The Service has been able to call upon staff based at the harbours of Barmouth and Porthmadog to assist with work in the harbour of Aberdyfi when required.

4.1.1 This season, two beach wardens were appointed to assist harbour staff in overseeing the safe management of activities conducted on and from the main beach at Aberdyfi, working from a small cabin near to the Dyfi yacht Club Premises. The Service would like to place on record their appreciation of the work they undertook throughout the busy summer period.

#### 5. Financial Matters.

5.1 A brief summary of the harbour budget and current financial situation up to the end of the quarter will be provided by the Maritime Officer.

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 Visitor moorings
- Maintenance and operation of the of Harbour patrol vessel
- Maintenance of lands and benches
- Maintenance of tools and equipment

#### 5.3 Fees and Charges. 2022/23.

With regard to the prospective fees and charges for Aberdyfi Harbour together with the Powerboat and Personal Watercraft launching fees for 2022/2023 season, it is the intention of the service to adjust the fees in line with the rate of inflation. At this time the Service is yet to receive confirmation of the rates to be applied.

#### 6. Ports Division - Consultation

**Department of Transport Consultation Paper:** The Service draws to the attention of Committee members the Department of Transport consultation paper on “Strengthening enforcement of the dangerous use of recreational and personal watercraft”.

In essence the consultation paper proposes altering legislation to bring recreational and personal watercraft within the scope of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995, to ensure safe practices. The document is available for viewing on the United Kingdom government website by following the below link:

[www.gov.uk/government/consultations/strengthening-enforcement-of-the-dangerous-use-of-recreational-and-personal-watercraft](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/strengthening-enforcement-of-the-dangerous-use-of-recreational-and-personal-watercraft)

Comments on the proposal should be sent to [maritimesafety@dft.gov.uk](mailto:maritimesafety@dft.gov.uk).

The consultation closes the day before the Aberdyfi harbour consultative committee meeting at 11:45 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021.

7. **Harbourmasters Report.** The harbourmaster at Aberdyfi will provide a summary of the Navigational and Operational matters undertaken and encountered during the period March 2021 to October 2021 inclusive, including maintenance issues.



**Uned Morwrol / Maritime 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 / Ffos Ar Lein</i>	<i>Cyfanswm Total</i>
2016	27 Aberdyfi 4 Tywyn	69	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	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	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	55	43 Total Boat Care 116 Hafan	184	137 Abersoch 5 Machroes 14 Morfa Nefyn 5 Nefyn 0 Aberdaron	153	827
2020	30 Aberdyfi	70	41	163 Hafan	178	236 Abersoch 23 Machroes 11 Nefyn	93	845
2021	16 Aberdyfi	65	--	142 Hafan	217	78 Abersoch 7 Machroes 11 Nefyn	766	1302

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**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 a Ffos / Ar Lein</i>	<i>Cyfanswm Total</i>
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	46 Abermaw	16	281 Hafan	24	179 Abersoch 29 Machroes 57 Nefyn	152	835
2021	48 Aberdyfi	64	2	168 Hafan	26	105 Abersoch 39 Machroes 66 Nefyn	790	1308

***Uned Morwrol / Maritime Unit***  
***Ystadegau angorfeydd – Mooring statistics***

<b><i>Harbwr Harbour</i></b>	<b><i>Nifer o Angorfeydd Available no of moorings</i></b>	<b><i>Preswlydd Occupancy</i></b>	<b><i>Preswyl yng Ngwynedd Residing in Gwynedd</i></b>	<b><i>Eraill Others</i></b>
<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%)
<b><i>Aberdyfi 2021</i></b>	<b>120</b>	<b>76 (63.3%)</b>	<b>34 (44.7%)</b>	<b>42 (55.3%)</b>
<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%)
<b><i>Abermaw 2021</i></b>	<b>140</b>	<b>54 (38.6%)</b>	<b>36 (66.7%)</b>	<b>18 (33.3%)</b>
<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%)
<b><i>Porthmadog 2021</i></b>	<b>238</b>	<b>112 (47.1%)</b>	<b>42 (37.5%)</b>	<b>70 (62.5%)</b>
<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	50 (61.7%)	36 (72%)	14 (28%)
<b><i>Pwllheli 2021</i></b>	<b>81</b>	<b>50 (61.7%)</b>	<b>36 (72%)</b>	<b>14 (28%)</b>

<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	288 (70.4%)	40 (13.9%)	248 (86.1%)
<b><i>Hafan 2021</i></b>	<b>409</b>	<b>378 (92.4%)</b>	<b>77 (20.4%)</b>	<b>301 (79.6%)</b>
<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	90 (90%)	22 (24.4%)	68 (75.6%)
<b><i>Doc Fictoria 2021</i></b>	<b>100</b>	<b>89 (89%)</b>	<b>21 (23.6%)</b>	<b>68 (76.4%)</b>

## *Uned Morwrol*

### 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 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
<b>Harbwr Aberdyfi 21</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>86.8% Pwer 13.2% Hwyllo</b>
Harbwr Abermaw 16	140	88	59	29	67.0% Pwer 33.0% Hwyllo
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Doc Fictoria 19	100	94	29	65	30.9% Pwer 69.1% Hwyllo



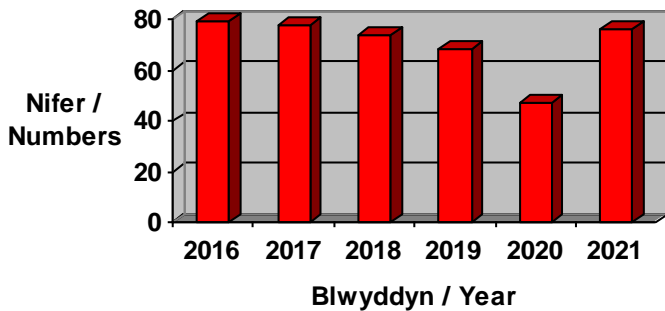
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Cyfanswm 16	1121	733	344	389	46.9% Pwer 53.1% Hwyllo
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# HARBWR ABERDYFI HARBOUR

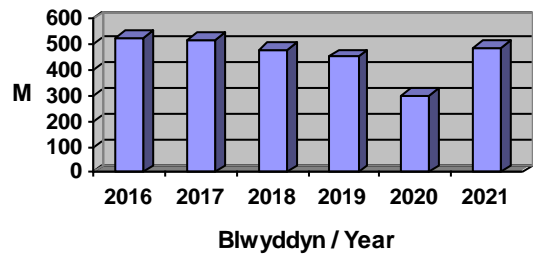
## Cymhariaeth o Ystadegau Cychod Comparison of Boat Statistics

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Nifer o Gychod / Number of Boats	79	78	74	68	47	76
Cyfanswm Hydroedd / Total LOA	524.10	515.02	480.92	451.96	301.02	487.32
Cyfartaledd Hyd / Average Length	6.63	6.60	6.50	6.65	6.4	6.41
Cyfanswm Dyfnder / Total Draught	57.36	58.60	50.91	46.54	30.01	48.82
Cyfartaledd Dyfnder / Average Draught	0.73	0.75	0.69	0.68	0.64	0.64

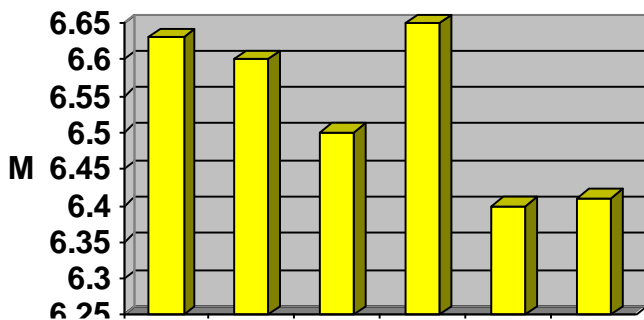
**Nifer o Gychod / Number of Boats**



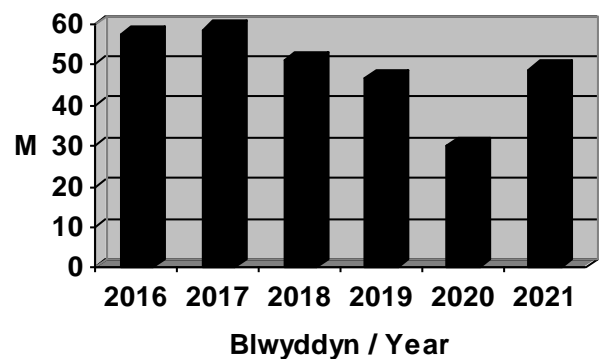
**Cyfanswm Hydroedd / Total Length**



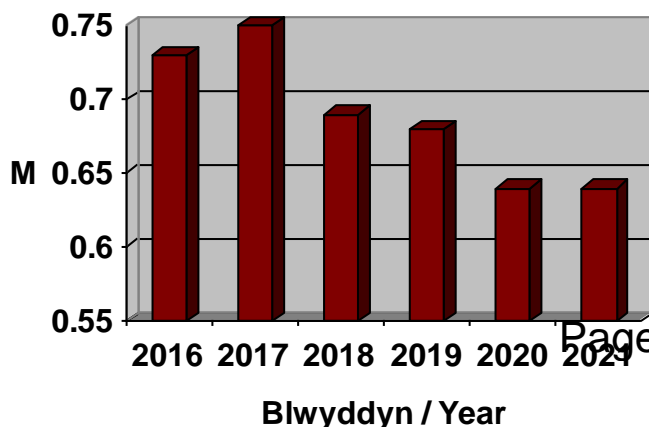
**Cyfartaledd Hyd / Average Length**



**Cyfanswm Dyfnder / Total Draught**



**Cyfartaledd Dyfnder / Average Draught**



# CYMHARIAETH O YSTADEGAU CYCHOD YM MHOB HARBWR 2021

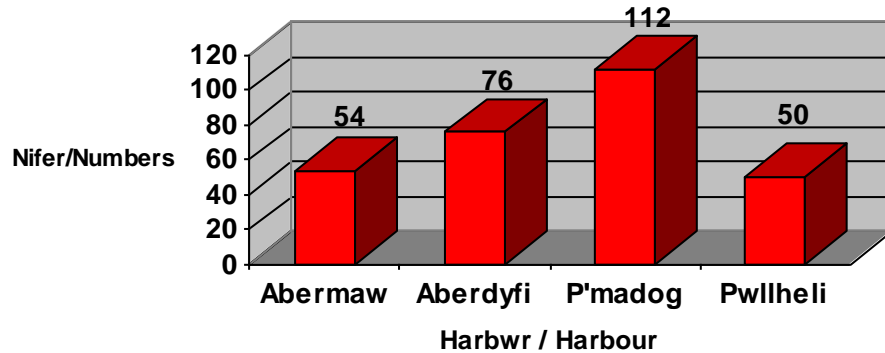
## COMPARISON OF BOAT STATISTICS AT EACH HARBOUR 2021



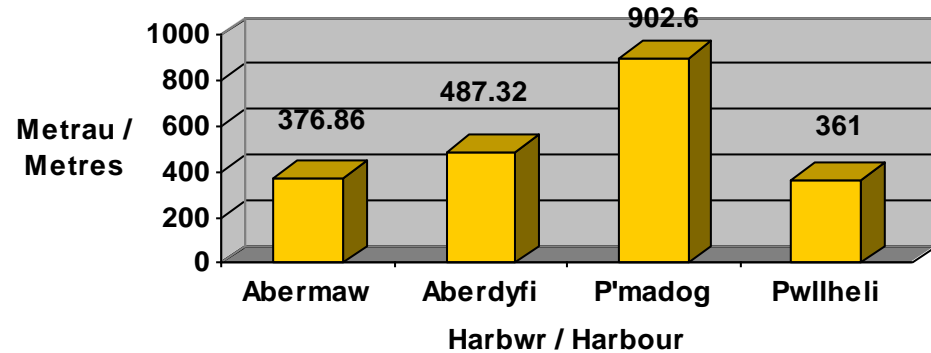
Harbwr Harbour	Nifer o Gychod Number of Boats	Cyfanswm Hydoedd Total Overall Length	Cyfartaledd Hyd Average Length	Cyfanswm Dyfnder Total Draught	Cyfartaledd Dyfnder Average Draught
Abermaw	54	376.86	6.98	49.61	0.92
Aberdyfi	76	487.32	6.41	48.82	0.64
Porthmadog	112	902.60	8.06	111.13	1.01
Pwllheli	50	361	7.2	42.0	0.84
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Cyfansymiau holl harbrau Totals of all harbours	292	2127.78	28.65	251.86	3.41
Cyfartaleddau holl harbrau Averages of all harbours	73	531.95	7.16	62.89	0.85

# Darlun o ystadegau cychod ym mhob harbwr. Analysis of boat statistics at each harbour.

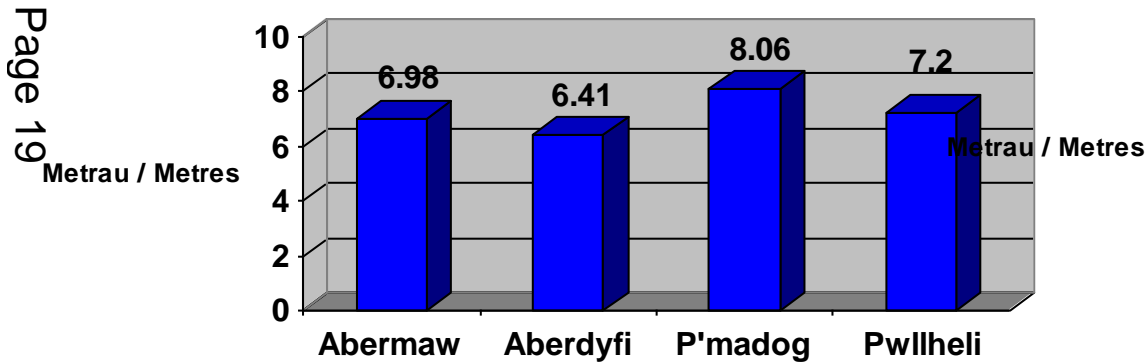
Nifer o Gychod / Number of Boats



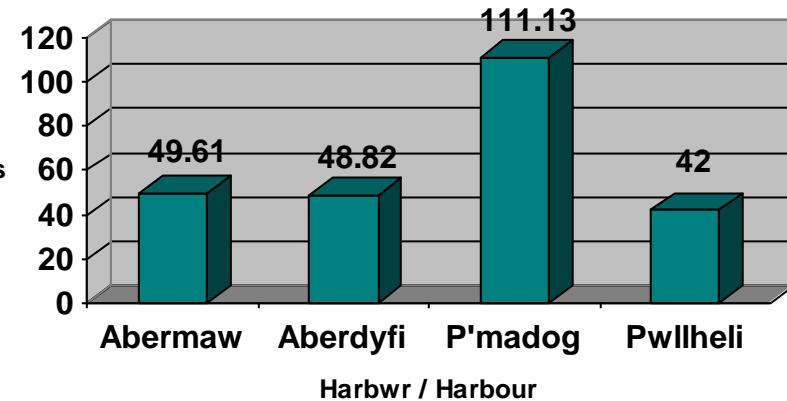
Cyfanswm Hyd / Total LOA



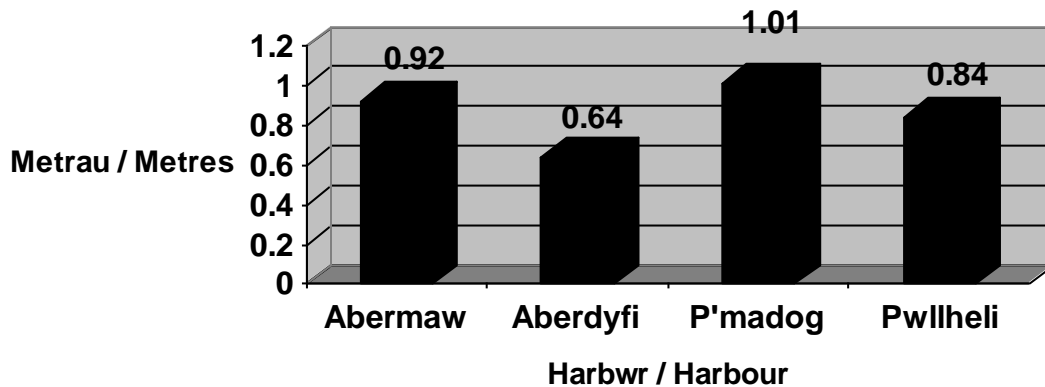
Cyfartaledd Hyd / Average LOA



Cyfanswm Dyfnder / Total Draught



Cyfartaledd Dyfnder / Average Draught





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



### November 2021

Outer Buoy	Lat 52° 32.000'N Long 004° 05.550'W
Bar Buoy No1	Off Station
Bar Buoy No2	Not deployed (seasonal)
No3 South Spit	Lat 52° 32.116'N Long 004° 04.615'W
No5	Lat 52° 32.198'N Long 004° 04.053'W
No7	Lat 52° 32.256'N Long 004° 03.408'W
YSM 4 Knots	Lat 52° 32.469'N Long 004° 02.861'W

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

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**NOT FOR NAVIGATION**



# Agenda Item 5

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>2nd November 2021</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Harbourmasters Report</b>
<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>W.A.Stockford Aberdyfi Harbourmaster</b>

## H1 **Navigational Issues**

1.1 The course of the navigable channel into the harbour of Aberdyfi has been monitored by harbour staff throughout the season. Navigational information has been provided to mariners entering the harbour and whenever required staff have assisted vessels to negotiate the channel utilising the harbour patrol craft.

1.2 There are currently two 'Local Notice to Mariners' in operation at Aberdyfi Harbour.

1.2.1 Local Notice to Mariners Number 18/20

Bar Buoy: The No 2 Port Hand navigation mark: Fl.R.5s. The seasonal Aid to Navigation located at position 52° 32.076' N 004° 04.579' W has been removed from station.

1.2.2 Local Notice to Mariners Number 19/20

Bar Buoy: The No 1 Starboard hand navigation mark: Fl.G.5s. The Aid to Navigation located at position 52° 32.031' N 004° 04.606' W is not on station. The light is currently extinguished.

1.3 A Trinity House inspection of the aids to navigation at Aberdyfi was carried out on the 28/9/2 by the Master of Seamarks from Trinity House. The navigational aids were found to be in good and efficient order, except for the above reported aids.

1.4 The Service has been in contact with a local contractor regarding maintenance of the navigational aids. Any outstanding work will be completed subject to the availability of the contractor and when the weather and tidal conditions allow.

1.5 The Service would like to emphasize the importance of contact with the harbour office at Aberdyfi to obtain current information on navigational safety.

## H2 **Operational Issues**

2.1 With the lifting of lockdown restriction in late March the service experienced some exceptionally busy days with fair weather attracting people to the coast. This trend continued throughout the summer with weekdays being as busy as weekends if favourable weather was forecast. The addition of two beach wardens in Aberdyfi and three beach wardens in Tywyn contributed significantly towards the safe management the beaches at Aberdyfi and Tywyn.

2.2 Whilst the vast majority of visitors to the area were respectful of the harbour environment, there was a noticeable increase in the number of incidents of staff subjected to verbal abuse or gestures during the performance of their duties. The wanton discharge of litter around the harbour, and the ignorance of the existing Coronavirus epidemic by certain individuals has also been of concern.

2.3 Several minor incidents were reported both on and off the water and dealt with successfully by Maritime Unit staff. The behaviour of water users was generally very good with only one reported incident involving powered craft upstream which was promptly dealt with by harbour personnel.

- 2.4 A huge increase in the number of stand-up paddle boards was clear with beach wardens constantly advising users of the importance of wearing a buoyancy aid whilst afloat on the river. Several users were also reminded of the importance of keeping the navigation channel clear and the risk involved with the use of shared water space.
- 2.5 The Outward-Bound Trust have started partial operations again to a strict Covid 19 protocol. Although not operating to full capacity yet it is hoped they will be able to do so soon. It is a pleasure to see young people enjoying adventures on the Dyfi again.
- 2.6 Commercial fishing activity continues through the winter months with one boat, MFV Genesis, setting up to fish the scallop season.

### **H3 Maintenance**

- 3.1 Following a survey of the river by harbour staff, harbour moorings were established at the beginning of the season by a mooring contractor at the direction of the harbourmaster working alongside. Visitor moorings were also checked at that time.
- 3.2 Coastal safety signage was re-established at strategic sites following the winter period which have been maintained throughout the summer to assist in the safe management of the coast. Work has now started to remove and store all equipment used by the seasonal beach staff. Equipment will be checked, cleaned and repaired where necessary.
- 3.3 Prior to deployment for the season, harbour staff checked and maintained all equipment aboard the harbour patrol craft. The engines of the craft were additionally maintained and serviced by a local firm at a cost of £1041.32 to the Service.
- 3.3.1 As the season ends, the harbour patrol craft will be removed from the water, pressure washed and serviced. Any other remedial work will be carried out prior to relaunching early 2022. The boat will be kept local for any river and bar survey work to be carried out on a launch and recover basis.
- 3.4 An 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 as soon as possible.

### **H4 Other Matters**

- 4.1 **Aberdyfi Harbour Quay Wall:** The project to replace the existing harbour quay wall remains on-going at this time, with the schedule of works delayed by the impact of the Coronavirus epidemic.

The project has been re tendered and our Consultancy Unit is in the process of assessing all submitted tenders. We hope that we can update the Committee with the outcome of the tender assessments at the meeting.

As we have reported to this Committee in previous meetings it will be compulsory for all fishing related equipment to be removed from the quayside. Fishermen have already been warned of this requirement on several occasions.

- 4.2 **Harbour Compound:** The harbour compound is currently subject to review with funding currently being sought through the Fisheries Local Action Group to facilitate a power and water supply to the Compound. If successful, it is hoped that it will assist the commercial fishermen working from the harbour to clean and store equipment at the site. This, in turn, will assist in removing some of the fishing equipment from the harbour quayside.

- 4.3 **Picnic Island:** Plans to renew the bridge spanning the Cambrian Coast railway and re-instate the foot access to Picnic Island remain on schedule. Network Rail has agreed to the works and Basic Assets Protection Agreement (BAPA) has been agreed and signed by Network Rail.

Snowdonia National Park has confirmed that a Planning Application is not required.

Initial inspection work of the abutments will be undertaken on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Detailed designs are currently being agreed.

Once the design is agreed this will be placed to tender with a four week return response anticipated. It will be necessary for the tender to incorporate leeway to take into consideration the fluctuating costs of steel and energy.

The bridge and adjoining work requirements are being undertaken on behalf of the Maritime Unit by Gwynedd Consultancy.

Funding has been made available by Gwynedd Council - £50K, and the Fisheries Local Action Group Fund - £30K. The final cost of replacement will not be clear until tenders have been submitted. Additional Consultancy fees have been funded from within the Maritime Unit's Revenue budget thus far. It is very possible that other sources of funding might be required in order to complete the project.

The replacement will be in two phases; removal of existing bridge which will require a Road Closure Order. Installation of new footbridge which will also require a Road Closure Order. Details to be announced as the project develops.

## **H5 Events**

- 5.1 The majority of proposed events scheduled to take place at the harbour this year were cancelled due to the continuing effects of the Coronavirus epidemic. However, a recent swim event in the harbour was a success. No events have been proposed for the winter season 21/22.
- 5.2 The service would like to remind all organisers of the need to liaise with the Service at the earliest opportunity concerning any proposed event to be held and that confirmation of approval must be sought prior to any events going ahead.