

MEETING	Pwllheli Harbour Consultative Committee
DATE	20 October 2015
TITLE	Update on Harbour Management Matters
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Committee's main function is to consider and advise on matters relating to the management, safety and development of the harbour.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to present a brief update of the period up to October 2015.

2. Pwllheli Harbour (external)

- 2.1 In 2015/16, the Harbour's moorings figures were as follows:-
 - 87 annual moorings. This is compared with 91 boats on moorings in 2014.
 - 47% of annual customers have a sailing boat. 53% have powerboats.
 - 66% reside in Gwynedd while 34% reside outside of the county.
 - There are 8 commercial boats in the external harbour. 6 Fishing Boats. 1 Charter Boat. 1 Commercial Boat yard Boat.
- 2.2 On the whole, a reduction in the number of customers was seen over the last year.
- 2.3 987 Powerboats have been registered in Gwynedd in 2015. This compares with 1001 in 2014. 104 had registered in the Pwllheli external harbour, and all boats had registered in line with the externalising arrangement of the external harbour's slipway management.
- 2.4 696 Personal Watercrafts have been registered in Gwynedd in 2015. This compares with 693 in 2014. 42 had registered in the Pwllheli external harbour, and all boats had registered in line with the externalising arrangement of the external harbour's slipway management.

3. Marine Safety Code

- 3.1 A copy of the Marine Safety Code has already been distributed and is available on Gwynedd Council's website.
- 3.2 The document is regularly reviewed and Committee Members' observations on its content are appreciated.

4. Performance Indicators

- 4.1 The Service is eager to develop Performance Indicators relating to harbour management. Committee members' initial ideas or suggestions on performance indicators are invited.
- 4.2 The purpose of such indicators would be to measure and monitor the outcomes of the offered service. When forming such indicators, it will be necessary to ensure that any information or data is up to date; is relevant; is suitable and clear to scrutinise.

5. Main Matters

5.1 Navigation

- 5.1.1 Trinity House's Lighthouse Authority conducted an inspection on 14 September 2015. Trinity House's report draws attention to the faulty condition of the navigation aid at the Hafan y Môr site, which is owned by a private company.

5.1.2 No Mariners' Notice is in operation in Pwllheli harbour. All navigation aids are on their appropriate site. It is intended to consider reviewing the highest speed zone buoys and Members' opinions are requested regarding not locating highest speed zone buoys on the Marian y De beach, and also on adapting the highest speed zone area on Glandon beach to facilitate leisure activities.

5.2 Maintenance

5.2.1 Arrangements and a work programme for maintaining Pwllheli harbour's Navigation Aids will be submitted by the Harbour Manager at the meeting.

5.2.2 The Harbour Manager will also submit a maintenance work programme which is to be operated at Pwllheli Harbour during the October - December period, and will provide an outline of the work programme which will be operated in the period January - March 2016. The feedback of Committee members on any additional work that will need to be considered is requested.

5.3 Staffing Matters

5.3.1 The Pwllheli harbour reviewing procedures and staffing structure is ongoing. Following the success of the re-organisation, it is projected that the procedure will remain for the future.

5.3.2 The employment period of the Barmouth and Porthmadog Harbour Assistants (seasonal) has been extended to the end of October 2015. Two harbour assistants will be part of the broader Marine team to ensure that it is possible to respond to incidents and complete the maintenance work programme at Pwllheli, Porthmadog and Barmouth harbours.

5.4 Other matters

5.4.1 Procedure for dredging the harbour entrance - winter 2015/16.

5.4.2 Transport Craig yr Imbill beach use.

5.4.3 OPRC assessment

5.4.4 Review external harbour moorings arrangement

5.4.5 National Consultation - <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/harbour-closure-and-pilotage-function-removal-orders-draft-guidance>

6. **Financial Matters**

6.1 A summary of the Harbour's budgets has been included in the appendices.

6.2 The External Harbour 2016/17 draft fees and payments will be submitted at the meeting.

6.3 During the period, it was required to secure a financial resource for the following: -

- Navigation Aids and Beacons
- Area 5 and 6 mooring maintenance
- Extending staff employment periods
- Extending Harbour Moorings

6.4 The budgets are monitored monthly and a Second Quarter Review will be held during the first weeks of October. Members will be given an update at the meeting.

7. **Events**

7.1 Over the Summer 2015 period, several events were arranged, including: -

- National and International prestigious Pwllheli Sailing Club competitions
- The Opening of the Sailing Academy
- North Wales Boat Show
- North Wales Seafood Festival

7.2 It is intended to present an events list for summer 2016 at the next meeting, and any relevant information that we could include in the report is requested.

8. Hafan, Pwllheli (Marina)

8.1 In 2015/16, Hafan's moorings figures were as follows:-

- 292 annual moorings. This is compared with 293 boats on moorings in 2014.
- 53% of annual customers have a sailing boat. 47% have powerboats.
- 19% reside in Gwynedd while 81% reside outside of the county.
- There is 1 commercial boat in Hafan which is a charter boat (fishing).

8.2 On the whole, no change was seen in the number of customers over the last year.

8.3 987 Powerboats have been registered in Gwynedd in 2015. This compares with 1001 in 2014. 104 had registered at the Hafan through an arrangement with Parking and Launching companies.

8.4 696 Personal Watercrafts have been registered in Gwynedd in 2015. This compares with 693 in 2014. 43 had registered at the Hafan through an arrangement with Parking and Launching companies.

9. Main Matters

9.1 Maintenance

9.1.1 The Harbour Manager will submit a work programme relating to the main maintenance matters which is to be operated at Pwllheli Harbour during the October - December period, and will provide an outline of the work programme which will be operated in the period January - March 2016. The feedback of Committee members on any additional work that will need to be considered is requested.

9.2 Staffing Matters

9.2.1 The Hafan Pwllheli reviewing procedures and staffing structure remains. Following the success of the re-organisation, it is projected that the arrangement will remain for the future.

9.2.2 Due to changes in the Hafan Pwllheli staffing structure during 2015, the employment period of the Barmouth and Porthmadog Harbour Assistants (seasonal) has been extended to the end of October 2015. Two harbour assistants will be part of the broader Marine team to ensure that it is possible to respond to incidents and complete the maintenance work programme at Hafan and Pwllheli, Porthmadog and Barmouth harbours.

9.3 Other matters

9.3.1 Red Diesel

9.3.2 Mobile crane

9.3.3 Public Footpaths – Land at Hafan

9.3.4 Plas Heli Arrangement

10. Financial Matters

- 10.1 A summary of Hafan's budgets has been included in the appendices.
- 10.2 Hafan's 2016/17 draft fees and payments will be submitted at the meeting.