

MEETING	Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee
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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 for the period up to October 2015.

2. Aberdyfi Harbour

- 2.1 In 2015/16, the Harbour's moorings figures were as follows:-
 - 77 annual moorings. Compared with 75 in 2014. 45% of mooring holders reside in Gwynedd and 55% reside outside Gwynedd.
 - 31% of our annual customers have a yacht. 69% have powerboats.
 - 6 commercial boats in the harbour These are as follows – 3 Chartered Fishing Boats, 3 commercial fishing boats, 1 commercial boat - mooring maintenance.
- 2.2 On the whole, there was a small reduction in the number of customers over the last year.
- 2.3 987 Powerboats registered in Gwynedd yn 2015. Compared to 1001 in 2014. 52 boats were registered in Aberdyfi harbour and 3 boats were registered on Tywyn slipway.
- 2.4 696 Personal Watercraft registered in Gwynedd in 2015. Compared to 693 in 2014. 23 Personal Watercraft registered in Aberdyfi and 1 Personal Watercraft registered on Tywyn slipway.

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 service offered. 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 for scrutiny.

5. Main Matters

- 5.1 Navigation
 - 5.1.1 The General Lighthouse Authority of Trinity House conducted an inspection on the 15th of September 2015. Trinity House's report draws attention to a number of deficiencies in the condition of the Navigational Aids and the details submitted by the Council to Trinity House had not been updated.

5.1.2 The Navigational Aids maintenance work programme has been completed in accordance with the permission and instruction of the Consultative committee. An update of the current position will be given to Members at the meeting.

5.1.3 No Mariners' Notice is in operation in Aberdyfi harbour.

5.2 Maintenance

5.2.1 The arrangements and a work programme for the maintenance of Navigational Aids in Aberdyfi harbour will be presented at the meeting.

5.2.2 The Harbourmaster will submit a maintenance work programme to be operated at Aberdyfi Harbour during the October - December period, and will provide an outline of the work programme to be undertaken in the January - March 2016. Feedback is requested from Committee members on any additional work that should be considered.

5.3 Staffing Matters

5.3.1 The employment period of the Aberdyfi Harbour Assistant (seasonal) has ended since the 30th of September 2015. In order to ensure support for the service across the County the employment period of the Harbour Assistant in Barmouth and Porthmadog have been extended until the end of October 2015. Two harbour assistants will be part of the Maritime Team to ensure that it is possible to respond to incidents and complete the maintenance work programme in the harbours of Aberdyfi, Barmouth and Porthmadog.

5.4 Other matters

5.4.1 Update on the Quay Wall and wharf at Aberdyfi

5.4.2 Common land area

5.4.3 Bridges - Picnic Island (Bryn Llestair) Path

5.4.4 Disposal of tenders if boat is not registered

5.4.5 National Consultation -

6. Financial Matters

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

6.2 During the period, it was necessary to commit financial resources for the following: -

- Maintenance of Navigational Aids and Lanterns
- Maintenance of Council moorings
- Extending staff employment periods
- Maintenance/sand clearance

6.3 The budgets are monitored monthly and a Second Quarter Review will be undertaken during the first weeks of October.

7. Events

7.1 During 2015, several events were organised, including:

- Seafood Festival
- Beach School
- National RS300 National RS Vario
- Rowing Regatta and Cardiff Event (Porthmadog)

7.2 It is intended to submit an events list for Summer 2016 at the next meeting, and any relevant information that could be included in the report is requested.