

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>Pwllheli Harbour Consultative Committee</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>17 March 2020</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Update on Harbour Management Matters</b>
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## **1. Operational Items**

- 1.1 All Aids to Navigation within Pwllheli Harbour are working and on station.
- 1.2 The Pwllheli Fairway Buoy will be changed for the summer Fairway Buoy during the next month; this buoy is of a larger diameter to the winter buoy. During the summer months the winter buoy will be serviced ready for deployment in October.
- 1.3 There is one 'Notice to Mariners' currently in operation in Pwllheli Harbour. This Notice to Mariners is associated with the extension of the repair works being undertaken on the Crib Groyne whereby the Port Aid to Navigation has been temporarily removed.
- 1.4 Storm "Ciara" and storm "Denis"- The harbour experienced two quite powerful storms within a week of each other in February. We estimate that gusts of up to 80mph came through the harbour combined with spring tides during Storm Ciara. Although no major damage occurred it serves to remind us all how powerful nature can be.
- 1.5 Fuel Quay – Self Service Unit/Red Diesel - Since the last Harbour Consultative meeting in October 2019 we are still awaiting guidance from HMRC regarding the sale of Red Diesel to "pleasure vessels". Ireland announced in November 2019 that they will be only sell white diesel to pleasure vessels. The Council will continue to sell red diesel to pleasure craft until such announcement has been made.

As from 1<sup>st</sup> April diesel and petrol sales will be conducted through the self-service pump at the usual 60/40 split. The separate payment card terminal that has existed in the kiosk has virtually been made redundant by the new self-service pump and will be removed by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020. A very small number of customers who have had fuel account entitlement in the past will be required to use their credit/debit cards to purchase fuel in the future.

## **2.0 Maintenance**

- 2.1 North Quay – During Storm Ciara the shelter in the area opposite the Glan Don Industrial estate was blown down. The shelter was removed within 2-3 days and the area has been made safe.
- 2.2 Ladies toilet and shower facility – a number of improvements were carried out in January. Work included moving toilet doors to open outwards, additional mirrors, new shower doors, additional hooks and new holders for toiletries.
- 2.3 Gents toilet and shower facility – interior shower cubicle doors were modified; these doors now open outwards which helps provide better ventilation when the shower is not in use.
- 2.4 Automatic door to the Berth Holders' Toilet/Shower facility - A new automatic door

was fitted in January to the toilet and shower facility, similar to that installed at the downstairs marina lobby entrance. The new door will help reduce draughts and will retain the temperature.

2.5 During this winter maintenance period, it was necessary to commit financial resources to the following: -

- Automatic door toilet/shower facility
- Travel Hoist Hydraulic ram/pipes
- Travel Hoist radiator
- Resurfacing and clearing of compound No.3

### **3.0 Staffing Matters**

3.1 There is currently one vacant post at Pwllheli, which we hope to appoint a new member of staff in the coming weeks.

3.2 We will also be looking at employing a General Harbour Assistant/s for the 2020 summer season.

### **4.0 Financial Matters**

4.1 A financial report up to the end of February 2020 has been provided in Appendix 1.

### **5.0 Fees and Charges 2020/21**

5.1 Arrangements for customers choosing to pay for their annual berth by Direct Debit in the Hafan will fall in line with the Outer Harbour for 2020, whereby customers will not be charged the additional 5% charge for using this facility, early indication appears that more people are now choosing this method of payment.

5.2 A copy of the fees for the Harbour and Hafan are included within this report.

### **6.0 Annual Harbour/Hafan Statistics etc**

6.1 Details of the Hafan and Harbour statistics for 2019/20 are included in Appendix 2.

6.2 Berth renewals – annual contracts being returned are in line with 2019 for the 2020 Financial Year; we will have a clearer indication of the final total by the end of April.

6.3 Boat Hoist/Storage ashore – The Hafan boat hoist utilisation seem to be steady but as reported at the last Harbour meeting land space for the storing of vessels ashore has now filled up. The storage area will be at capacity until late April early May when boats will be returning to the water.

### **7.0 Other matters**

- 7.1 Defibrillator - We have received a request that a defibrillator be made available at the Hafan. Whilst we have no objections to this request we will investigate opportunities and investigate a suitable location for the defibrillator.
- 7.2 Electric vehicle charging points – More bertholders are now using electric vehicles to commute to the Hafan. The number will undoubtedly increase over the next five years or so. We are in the process of looking at a suitable location within the Hafan site that can be used to locate charging points for the future.
- 7.3 Marketing – a list of marketing activities we have conducted in the last twelve months will be made available during the meeting.
- 7.4 Broadband upgrade - A fibre-optic broad band cable has now been installed within the Hafan building. Hafan Pwllheli customers should see a considerable difference in upload speed compared with the old system.
- 7.5 New Weather station - The weather station is now up and running and is available on the Hafan Pwllheli website for those wishing to have a look at the weather in Pwllheli Harbour.
- 7.6 Web Cam - We are currently installing three web cams at the Hafan. These three cameras will be linked to the Hafan website and will enable viewing access to live images of the Hafan/Harbour and the channel entrance on their browser.