

# MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING – 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
<b>1.1 Welcome</b>	1.1 Mr I.C.Thomas welcomed everyone to this Marine Advisory Committee meeting due to D.O'Neill having telephoned earlier this morning giving his apologies due to him not feeling well.	
<b>2. Appoint Chairperson &amp; Secretariat</b>	2.1 Mr I.C.Thomas confirmed that the Trust would provide the secretariat for the MAC, but that they would need to appoint a Chairman. Dr J.O'Sullivan put forward his name to become the Chairman of the MAC and was seconded by G.Cleaver, before being unanimously agreed by those present. 2.2 Mr G.Cleaver as the owner of Port Dinorwic Marina (whilst also leasing from the CHT various moorings at Y Felinheli) remarked that it would be useful to meet frequently in order to exchange ideas for the benefit of the MAC.	
<b>3.1 Present</b>  <b>3.2 Apologies</b>	3.1 Those present then identified themselves and the organisation whom they represent: I.C.Thomas – Caernarfon Harbour Trust R.Sharp – Natural Resources Wales G.Cleaver – Port Dinorwic Marina A.Price – Ynys Mon Council Dr J.O'Sullivan – V.Dock Berth Holders Assoc. K.Fitzpatrick – RYA Cymru 3.2 Apologies : N.Bristow – Port Dinorwic Sailing Club J.Judge – Royal Welch Club D.O'Neill – Caernarfon Harbour Trust S.Morgan – Plas Menai D.Rhys Prytherch - Caernarfon Sailing Club E.W.Jones – Pilot Awaiting nomination – Welsh Government Fisheries Unit	
<b>4. Minutes</b>	4.1 The Minutes from the last MAC meeting that was held on 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2016 were proposed to be correct by Dr J.O'Sullivan and seconded by G.Cleaver, before being agreed by those present. It was confirmed that the Action Items from the last MAC meeting have either been completed and or are ongoing. 4.2 Dr J.O'Sullivan proposed that in addition to receiving the Monthly CHT Minutes, for the members to also have informal conversations/emails between one another, thus avoiding having any unnecessary meetings; but agreeing amongst themselves as to what are their priorities. Dr J.O'Sullivan commented upon the need for members of the MAC to become better acquainted amongst themselves so that can each find out what are their own agendas, so that they could then coalesce around various ideas. He then gave as an example the V.Dock Berth Holders Association in which they sought out the opinions of berth holders to determine what for the greater good is the greatest priority (i.e. silting in the V.Dock)	
<b>5. Additional Members</b>	5.1. In a discussion that ensued it was considered that once the MAC has justified its existence by becoming useful it could then incorporate other maritime members from across North Wales (e.g. Conwy Council, etc.). 5.2 The MAC members said that they wanted a better dialogue with the CHT. Mr K.Fitzpatrick informed the meeting that as the RYA representative on the MAC he would also be able to provide assistance and expertise to the CHT to help obtain planning permission for any projects (e.g. dredging, etc.). Mr R.Sharp (NRW) remarked that they were not adverse to any projects occurring in the Menai Strait provided that they abided by the SSI/EU Directive legislation. Dr J.O'Sullivan (VDBHA) commented that discussions need to occur in order to make things happen (i.e. to deal with the dredging issues in the V.Dock). 5.3 With regard to additional members who can make a contribution to the MAC. Mr I.C.Thomas reminded the meeting as to is eligible to serve on the MAC as per the 2012 HRO. Mr R.Sharp suggested that an invitation be made to Menai Strait Fisheries to serve on the MAC. Dr J.O'Sullivan commented that we need to get the opinion of the mussel boat operators as to yachts and vice versa. Mr G.Cleaver suggested that the MAC could either invite a representative from the mussel boat operators to attend a future MAC meeting, or alternatively for them to have member on it. Mr K.Fitzpatrick proposed that in addition to inviting somebody from Fisheries, to also invite the RNLI. Following a discussion it was agreed that an invitation should be given to one person only from the RNLI in order to obtain consistency on those attending future MAC meetings.	

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<b>6. Harbour Master's Report</b>	<p>6.1 The Harbour Master is to be asked to send in future a copy of his Superintendent's Report to all the members of the MAC.</p> <p>6.2 Mr R.Sharp (NRW) is to contact the Harbour Master regarding legislation, etc relating to silting in the V.Dock. In the meantime the members of the VDBHA are to meet with consultants appointed by Gwynedd Council relating to the silting problem in the V.Dock.</p> <p>6.3 The names, email addresses and telephone numbers of the MAC are to be circulated to all members.</p>	<b>Harbour Master NRW</b>
<b>7. Any Other Business</b>	<p>7.1 A meeting has been arranged for 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 between Llyr Jones (Gwynedd Council), the Harbour Master and Dr J.O'Sullivan concerning the V.Dock toilets.</p> <p>.</p>	
<b>8. Items to be referred/recommended to the CHT</b>	<p>8.1 Mr I.C.Thomas mentioned that if an urgent issue arose that a meeting of the MAC could be arranged at short notice at the Harbour Office rather than wait until the Quarterly meeting.</p>	
<b>9. Date of Next meeting</b>	<p><b><u>9.1 The MAC members agreed that the date of the next meeting will be on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 10.00am at the Harbour Office.</u></b></p>	