

# MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING – 13<sup>TH</sup> March 2017

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
<b>1.1 Welcome</b>	1.1 The Chairman (Dr J.O'Sullivan) welcomed everyone to this MAC meeting this morning.	
<b>2.1 Present</b>	3.1 Those present then identified themselves and the organisation whom they represent: R.Sharp – Natural Resources Wales Dr J.O'Sullivan – V.Dock Berth Holders Assoc. K.Fitzpatrick – RYA Cymru D.O'Neill – Caernarfon Harbour Trust N.Bristow – Port Dinorwic Sailing Club	
<b>2.2 Apologies</b>	3.2 Apologies : A.Price – Ynys Mon Council I.C.Thomas – Caernarfon Harbour Trust G.Cleaver – Port Dinorwic Marina J.Judge – Royal Welch Club S.Morgan – Plas Menai D.Rhys Prytherch - Caernarfon Sailing Club E.W.Jones – Pilot Awaiting nomination – Welsh Government Fisheries Unit	
<b>3. Purpose Constitution of the MAC</b>	3.1 The MAC were updated by the Harbour Master regarding the dredging of the V.Dock, as well as the Aids to Navigation. 3.2 The NRW is to receive the consultant's draft report concerning the dredging of the V.Dock so that they could help resolve any potential conservation issues relating to this project. 3.3 Following a discussion the MAC recommended to the CHT for a wreck buoy to mark the "Grampian Castle". 3.4 The MAC discussed the toilet/shower facilities at the V.Dock. The VDBHA consulted their members and they voted 48 to 1 that they should remain as they were, but they have been informed by Gwynedd Council that they intend to improve these facilities at the V.Dock. The Harbour Master stated that as managers of the V.Dock such issues should be left to the VDBHA to deal with. The Harbour Master expressed his hope that the MAC would be able to improve the amenities available to boatowners in the Port of Caernarfon. 3.5 Gwynedd Council will continue to operate the Aber Bridge because there is nothing for the CHT to gain in managing it on their behalf. However, Gwynedd Council have been persuaded to change the hours that the Aber Bridge is manned. 3.6 During a discussion regarding facilities in the R.Seiont. It was agreed that the MAC should recommend toilet/shower facilities, along with a quay wall pontoon that could be financed by the CHT/boatowners. 3.7 It was confirmed that the Speed Patrol vessel is still required to maintain the speed limit within the Menai Strait, especially at Port Dinorwic. 3.8 For the Harbour Master to circulate to the MAC members the 2017/18 Schedule of Charges in order to obtain their opinion as to how the CHT could maximize its income. For example, the visiting mooring fee is £5.00 in order to encourage more boatowners to come to Caernarfon, alongside the castle. No fin keelers would be allowed to moor against the proposed floating pontoon landing stage. In addition, the CHT would need to raise the money in order to dredge the R.Seiont. Mr R.Sharp (NRW) explained to the meeting as to the dangers of cleaning vessels during Winter Storage, etc., which can cause environmental dangers through contaminated hulls. Mr R.Sharp emphasised the need to avoid the transfer of any environmental disease from vessels to different parts of the country.	<b>Harbour Master</b>
<b>4. Additional Members</b>	4.1 The Chairman informed the meeting that so far the Fisheries Dept. (Welsh Government) have failed to nominate somebody to represent them on the MAC. He then went onto emphasize the need for a dialogue through the MAC between boatowners and that of the local Mussel vessels. In the meantime the Harbour Master is to attempt again to seek a nomination from the Fisheries Dept. (Welsh Government).	<b>Harbour Master</b>
<b>5. Harbour Master's Report</b>	5.1 Mr N.Bristow is to arrange a private Google group so that the MAC members can receive information from the CHT, but also have the capacity to email one another. This action item arose because R.Sharp was unable to receive the December 2016 and February 2017 Monthly reports from the Harbour Master.	<b>N.Bristow</b>

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	<p>5.2 The Chairman of the MAC informed the meeting that the CHT were in the process of updating their website which will incorporate webcams and the latest information concerning the navigation marks.</p> <p>5.3 Mr R.Sharp informed the meeting that he had not been informed concerning the repair work to the V.Dock gate. With Gwynedd Council being the organisers of this particular project it should have been them to have notified the NRW as to what they intended to do at the V.Dock.</p> <p>5.4 The Harbour Master reported to the meeting that later this month that the lights at the V.Dock will be replaced by the new LED type lights.</p>	
<b>6. Any Other Business</b>	6.1 No items raised.	
<b>7. Items to be referred/ recommended to the CHT</b>	7.1 No items raised.	
<b>8. Date of Next meeting</b>	<b>8.1 The MAC members agreed that the date of the next meeting will be on <u>2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 at 10.00am at the Harbour Office.</u></b>	