

YMDDIRIEDOLAETH HARBWR CAERNARFON CAERNARFON HARBOUR TRUST

MONTHLY 'ZOOM' MEETING – 5TH August 2020

EXTRAORDINARY MONTHLY 'ZOOM' MEETING – 14th August 2020

Present:

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In Attendance:

Officers:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D.J.O'Neill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J.McDermott
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- *B.Parry*

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1. Minutes & AOB Items	<p>1.1 The Chairman remarked that that this was an important August meeting of the CHT in order to deal with its finances, staff issues, etc. However, he added, the Trustees do not need to make any decision from the items on the Agenda for today's meeting.</p> <p>1.2 After giving his apologies for S.Wallace, the Chairman then said that we may have to change the time of the Monthly meetings (i.e. after the summer) to enable for him to attend in the future.</p> <p>1.3 The Minutes from the meeting that was held on 1st July 2020 have not been approved by the Trustees because they did not have sufficient time in which to read them.</p> <p><i>1.1 The Chairman proposed that the Minutes from the last Trust meeting that was held on 1st July 2020 were correct. Following a discussion the Minutes were seconded by D.Pritchard Jones and agreed by the Trustees; but with H.Jones objecting to Section 2.1 regarding the operation of the Aber Bridge.</i></p> <p><i>1.2 The Chairman confirmed that paper copies of the Minutes, Financial Statements, etc. will once again be sent out to Capt.T.Beggs, H.Jones and B.Parry before each Trust meeting.</i></p>	
2. Superintendent Report Aber Bridge	<p>2.1 The Harbour Master read out extracts from the Superintendent's Report.</p> <p>i) The Chairman referred to an email that H.Jones had circulated to all the Trustees regarding his concerns about the 30 minute request to the Gate House to open the Aber bridge when entering/leaving the R.Seiont. During a discussion it was mentioned that the Gate House could be reverting back to normal operational hours commencing 6th August 2020. Following a discussion, the Trustees agreed to include on the CHT website (but also on our Invoices, etc.) the regulations for entering/leaving the R.Seiont. Mr D.Pritchard Jones suggested also obtaining a copy of the 1952 Caernarfon Corporation Byelaws to help the Trust discuss further whether it can still prosecute the Council for failing to open the bridge at least 10 minutes before entering/leaving the R.Seiont. The Chairman in the meantime is to contact S.Edwards (Gwynedd Council) to check upon the operational arrangements of the Aber bridge.</p>	Harbour Master

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<i>Aber Bridge</i>	<i>j) The Harbour Master confirmed to the Trustees that the Aber Bridge is now being operated as before the outbreak of the Covid-19 virus. Apart from sounding Morse code B on the horn to enter/leave the R.Seiont, boatowners now have also two telephone numbers in which to contact the Gate House. The Chairman remarked that under the circumstances it was the best thing for the CHT to do to allow Gwynedd Council alter the operational arrangements for the Aber bridge during the 'lockdown'.</i>	
3. Marine Advisory Committee & CHT Speed Limit	<p>3.1 The next MAC meeting is not scheduled until September/October 2020 and will probably be conducted by 'Zoom'.</p> <p>3.2.1 The Harbour Master reported to the Trustees that he has been in frequent communication with S.Williams concerning extending the speed limit from Plas Newydd to the Bridges (i.e. one nautical mile) due to his genuine concerns about the level of activity on the water in this area. In addition, S.Williams has offered to install CCTV cameras overlooking the Strait to help provide footage of anybody behaving irresponsibly.</p> <p>The Harbour Master mentioned that it would be expensive to enforce, whilst also needing to set aside money for legal prosecutions. The Harbour Master (via 'Zoom') then proceeded to show in blue on a map the extension of the area of the speed restriction (and so in turn our speed patrol responsibility). During a discussion it was stated that the use of a licensed registration system would be an inexpensive enforcement tool. Any registered member, who after an initial warning, still proceeded to break the speed limit on the Menai Strait would then have his/her licence immediately revoked. Following on from further discussion the Trustees also agreed for the Harbour Master to consult with the MAC, etc. (especially those affected) to see if there is a consensus for this decision. The Chairman confirmed this agreement of the Trustees to extend the CHT 5 knot speed limit on the Menai Strait. To help the CHT enforce further this decision, for it to purchase the necessary hand held speed enforcement equipment. In the meantime for the Harbour Master to also contact the NRW to investigate what damage that wash may cause from speed boats, jet skiers, etc. to property (i.e. as compared to that of wind and tide).</p> <p>3.2.2 The Harbour Master reported to the Trustees that at the present time there are no speed markers in place on the Menai Strait as result of the Covid-19 virus/furlough staff shortages. The speed markers will not be laid this season because there are more important tasks for the CHT to deal with. Following a discussion it was agreed for L.Aston-Jones to be asked to work at weekends/bank holidays to undertake speed patrols using the CHT vessel "Forydd".</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Harbour Master</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harbour Master</p>
4. Matters Arising	<p>4.1 The Matters Arising from the July 2020 meeting that were ongoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-op Trustee – Finance/Business expertise • Registration System – launching vessels <p>4.1 As per the above.</p>	
6. Correspondence	<p>5.1 No items raised.</p> <p>5.1 No items raised.</p>	
6. Any Other Business	<p>6.1 No items raised.</p> <p>6.1 No items raised.</p>	