



YMDDIRIEDOLAETH HARBWR CAERNARFON

CAERNARFON HARBOUR TRUST

MONTHLY (Hybrid) MEETING – 10th June, 2026.

Present	Dewi Pritchard-Jones – Chairman - CM Barry Davies – BD Charles Roberts – CR Bill Barry – BB Alun Roberts – AR (Zoom) Gwion Emyr – GE Stuart Wallace - DP
Apologies	Maria Sarnacki Chris Jones Malcolm Jones
No Attendance	None
Members of the Public.	None
Officers	Mr D. O'Neill - HM Ms J. Jones – JJ
Agenda Item	NOTES
Minutes	BD requested that the wording Anglesey Council be removed after Alun Roberts' name. This was agreed. The minutes from the meeting held on the 13 th of May, 2026 were then proposed as being correct and formally agreed by the Board.
A O B	No members of the public present.
Governance	Stuart Wallace – Designated Person (DP) in attendance to review PMSC with Board of Trustees. <u>Marine Safety Management System.</u> Whilst the MSMS has been discussed at length previously, I have no formal note of acceptance. BB proposes the MSMS as being accepted. HM – seconds Board of Trustees unanimously agree. DP will action immediately. <u>Oil Spill Response Plan.</u> The current plan is dated and includes numerous joint agencies. The new plan will be Caernarfon Harbour Trust specific. It is currently being updated and will be presented to the board in due course.



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Three scenarios are being planned for: local response manageable from shore; response requiring road transport of equipment; and incidents beyond the Trust's capacity requiring escalation.

CR – Does the plan cover equipment held by us?

DP – Yes. Our biggest risk is the fuelling berth at Victoria Dock. We have some equipment but should consider longer booms to cover the gate and River Seiont.

BD – It is good that measures are being taken to cover Oil Spill Response.

BB – Does Portdinorwic Marina hold fuel?

HM – Yes.

BD – It would be their responsibility to manage their own risk. What is the time frame to have our Response Plan completed by?

DP – 1st draft by the end of this week, then fine tuning with HM and JJ. It will be presented to the Board of Trustees during the September meeting.

CR – What if there's an incident at Menai Bridge fuel berth?

HM – Whilst not in our Harbour Limits, it would still have an impact on us.

DP – Bunkering is an area of concern. At Porth Penrhyn for example. Whilst they would have their own measures in place, we would still offer support, but would also seek support.

HM – If there is a mutual agreement it also has to be equitable.

DP – Are there any further questions regarding PMSC?

No further questions.

Quarterly Report.

DP – My quarterly report does have recommendations

Enforcement of bylaws: Acknowledged as difficult to achieve; left open for monitoring with no change.

General Direction powers / control of flood rescue training in the Swellies.

DP - A general direction could require notification, set standards, and regulate commercial operators using the harbour limits, including swift water rescue training providers.

HM - Currently I can only instruct individual vessels, not groups or classes of vessels; commercial training operators are not required to notify the harbour.

BD – Is there a need to regulate? The primary liability rests with the operator.

DP – It may be worth making an initial approach to specialist solicitors to understand the process and costs involved. It would likely take 12–18 months to achieve via a Harbour Revision Order.

Emergency Oil Response Plans: Noted as ongoing.

Safe anchorages in the Marine Safety Management System.

Are chart references sufficient? Question to be raised with the Marine Advisory Committee (MAC) for their view.



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	Overall Compliance. BD – PD, what is your overall assessment of the Trust's compliance with the Port and Marine Facilities Safety Code? DP - The Trust as more than compliant; The quarterly reports, duty holder training, and robust monthly discussions as evidence of this. An MCA inspection would not identify significant gaps. BD - Expressed appreciation for Stuart's expertise and the constructive working relationship.
Harbour Masters Report	Please refer to previously circulated report. <u>Aids to Navigation.</u> All in good condition. <u>Notice to Mariners.</u> Very few have been issued to date. Most recently for an Open Water Swimming event, which will run on various dates throughout the summer. <u>Updated Channel Chart.</u> All buoys are on station. <u>Pilotage.</u> None since last report, however the Prince Madog is departing today with a new skipper who has requested pilotage. Richard Jones will be attending. <u>Foryd.</u> Was used as patrol during the Portdinorwic to Menai Bridge annual Raft Race. The Foryd will be on patrol throughout the coming season. <u>Seiont IV.</u> Available for service. The list of works for September Haul Out shall remain in my report until completed.
Correspondence	None.
AOB	The Wester Reed Herron has been spotted on our River Seiont. The first recorded spotting in the UK. This has brought a lot of attention from Ornithologists wishing to photograph this very rare occurrence.
Action Points	JJ to provide mooring occupancy Y Felinheli. END OF MEETING.
	Next Monthly Hybrid Meeting of the Trustees will be held on Wednesday the 8th of July, 2026 at 10am. Old Harbour Office and via Zoom.