

# MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 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>	2.1 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. D.O'Neill – Caernarfon Harbour Trust N.Bristow – Port Dinorwic Sailing Club A.Price – Ynys Mon Council J.Judge – Royal Welch Club S.Morgan – Plas Menai S.Bunting – RNLI James? _____ – Port Dinorwic Marina	
<b>2.2 Apologies</b>	2.2 Apologies : K.Fitzpatrick – RYA Cymru D.Rhys Prytherch - Caernarfon Sailing Club E.W.Jones – Pilot	
<b>2.3 Nominations</b>	2.3 The Chairman proposed that T.Bailey (Menai Marine) to join the MAC and this was seconded by N.Bristow and agreed by the MAC.	
<b>3. MAC Minutes Review</b>	3.1 The Harbour Master informed the meeting that the Trust decided to reject the proposal from the MAC to have a wreck buoy in the vicinity of the "MV Grampian Castle". 3.2 The Harbour Master informed the meeting that at present there is a greater demand for permanent moorings than there is for visitors. However, three new ladders had been installed on the Quay Wall, and intends to erect signs stating that those particular Quay Wall moorings are for visitors. 3.3 The Harbour Master is to put his Monthly Superintendent's Report on the CHT website, as well as the CHT Monthly Minutes. This is to enable MAC members to express their opinions/advice to the CHT concerning marine/mooring and navigational issues that are within the jurisdiction of the Trust. 3.4 Mr S.Bunting raised his concern that the RNLI are unable in their B Class Lifeboat to cross the sandbank at the location of C14 (Nr Plas Menai) and so would be unable to traverse the Menai Strait in an emergency at low water springs. The Harbour Master agreed to pass onto the RNLI all his recent surveys of the water around C14.	<b>Harbour Master</b>
<b>4. Additional Members</b>	4.1 The Chairman is to contact I.C.Thomas (Chairman of the CHT) so that at the next meeting of the MSFOMA on 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 an invitation may be offered to a representative of MSFOMA to become a member of the MAC.  4.2 The Chairman thanked N.Bristow for establishing the MAC Google group. This was after N.Bristow had explained how each MAC member could now informally discuss issues amongst themselves, whilst also receiving documents from the CHT, etc. The MAC members agreed that any pressing matters that were raised at a meeting could not only be discussed, but also resolved via the Google group rather than having to wait until the next MAC meeting for them to become formally agreed. Ideally the MAC members should receive a copy of the MAC 10 working days after their last meeting.	
<b>5. Purpose and Constitution of the MAC</b>	5.1 The Harbour Master reiterated that the purpose of the MAC was a Marine Advisory Committee which the Trustees must consult on matters substantially affecting the management, maintenance, improvement, conservation, protection and regulation of Caernarfon Harbour.	
<b>6. Harbour Master's Report</b>	6.1 During a discussion regarding the dredging of the V.Dock and that due to the silt 8 berths at present are unable to be used. Mr R. Sharp highlighted that it would be prudent and beneficial for future operations to identify where the sediment from the V.Dock is being deposited, etc. It was considered that a 'cutter and suction' dredger would be a more successful method in removing the silt from the V.Dock than the Water injection with suction head.	

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	<p>6.2 In an answer to J.Judge regarding laying moorings in Cofi Bay, the Harbour Master replied that that the CHT has just reached agreement under lease with the Crown Estate for our existing moorings. However, there is no provision for the Trust to place a pontoons alongside the Quay Wall. Further moorings would be considered if there is a demand for additional moorings within the Harbour limits, the Harbour Master added, the real need for CHT was to provide shower and toilet facilities for boatowners in the R.Seiont rather than forcing them to have to use the public toilets.</p> <p>6.3 With regard to the Island Site development, the Harbour Master is hopeful that the £200,000 funding gap will be breached in order to obtain the HLF grants. It is then thought that the 2-3 year project could commence in May 2018. Once completed the Island Site will house 19 artisan units, whilst the Caernarfon railway station is due to open in August 2018.</p> <p>6.4 According to the draft Island Site development plans, the Trust will need to vacate the Harbour Office and probably move to our Buoy Shed. This facility could also be refurbished in order to provide better amenities for boatowners. Under these development plans. The Trust will continue to have access to the boardroom for its meetings.</p> <p>6.5 Mr J.Judge informed the meeting that a camera is to be installed on the roof of the RWYC to allow boatowners via the internet to view the state of the weather on the Menai Strait. This was after the Harbour Master had received complimentary comments concerning the CHT website and the cameras at the V.Dock. The Chairman recommended that the RWYC contact A.Baguley (as a result of his excellent work for the CHT and also at the V.Dock) so that one person is responsible in having a uniform/compatible system between the two marine facilities.</p> <p>6.6 The CHT has reached agreement with Navionics to automatically update boatowners plotters, etc. whether they be on their computers, mobile phones/ tablets as to the latest Notice to Mariners, etc.</p> <p>6.7 The meeting recommended that the Harbour Master should produce a short article for the "Practical Boat Owner" magazine stating that the V.Dock is currently being dredged, as well as declaring other improvements (e.g. Wi-Fi).</p>	
<p><b>7. Fees &amp; Charges</b></p>	<p>7.1 The 2018 CHT Schedule of Charges will be presented to the MAC at the February 2018 meeting for their approval. The Harbour Master forewarned those present that prices are expected to approximately rise by the rate of inflation.</p>	
<p><b>8. Any Other Business</b></p>	<p>8.1 The MAC members will be informed as to the date when a television series concerning the Menai Straits is to be shown.</p>	
<p><b>9. Items to be referred/ recommended to the CHT</b></p>	<p>9.1 No items raised.</p>	
<p><b>10. Date of Next meeting</b></p>	<p><b><u>10.1 The MAC members agreed that the date of the next meeting will be on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 10.00am at the Harbour Office.</u></b></p>	