



YMDDIRIEDOLAETH HARBWR CAERNARFON HARBOUR TRUST.



MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES.

Meeting held 10am, Tuesday 30th September, 2025.
Board Room, Cei Llechi & via Zoom.

IN ATTENDANCE –

Ian Park (CM) Chairman

Jo Ormond (JO) – Portdinerwic Marina Commercial Manager

John Jones (JJ) – River Seiont Residents Representative

Rebekha Newstead (RN) – Natural Resources Wales

Noel Bristow (NB) – Portdinerwic Sailing Club

Stuart Wallace (SW) – Designated Person, PMFSC / CHT

David O’Neill – Caernarfon Harbour Trust Harbour Master (HM)

OFFICERS –

Jennifer Jones – Caernarfon Harbour Trust Administrator (JEJ)

1. Welcome and Apologies.

Not Present.

Trevor Jones - The Menai Strait Fishery Order Management Association

Mike Thomas - Anglesey Council Maritime Officer

Apologies.

Chris Seddon - Ty Calch

No attendance via Zoom.



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2. Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th of February were proposed as being correct.

3. Presentation by Stuart Wallace.

Mr Wallace gives a short presentation to the board, outlining his position as Designated Person for Caernarfon Harbour Trust and explains what the role entails. *A copy of the presentation can be made available if requested.*

NB – Should SW be a member of this Advisory Group?

SW – No. My responsibilities are to CHT, who are required to ensure the MAC carry out their duties. I am however happy to attend a MAC meeting once a year to give an overview of how CHT is performing against the PMFSC.

NB – Can the PMFSC report be shared on the CHT website?

SW – No. It is an internal management document but reference to it can be made.

4. Reflections of Harbours visited this season.

CM – Having visited a number of marinas and moorings this season, I feel Caernarfon Harbour isn't as 'friendly' as other. For example, Padstowe, where visitors are made a priority and there are more staff visible on the water.

I have produced a draft visitor questionnaire for Victoria Dock and have shared it with the Dock Master for her consideration.

We need to promote the location more to visitors. Perhaps get the Tourist Information Board involved.

HM – We are missing a number of facilities to be able to offer our visitors a positive experience. Whilst Victoria Dock has all the facilities required within a marina, the River Seiont and Quay Wall currently does not.

Once we have the new HQ in place, which will offer all the facilities needed, not only for residents but visitors also, we will be in a better position to advertise as a destination. We can then look at extending our visitor moorings along the Straits.

JJ – Visitor mooring is needed at the Quay Wall to stop rafting against residents who may want to go out. The Britain is currently taking up the old visitor wall space.



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NB – What are the facilities like at Victoria Dock?

HM – There are designated toilets blocks (female new 2024) and male facilities have been updated this year.

JO – The toilet facilities at Portdinorwic are excellent.

HM – Maybe we could consider a Points Card which allows you to stop at various visitor moorings along the Menai Straits.

JO – Many years ago there were lots of visitor moorings on the Straits

HM – We currently have two at the mouth of the River Seiont.

JJ – More visitor moorings would bring in more money.

JO – Some people are happier at anchor, plus it's free.

HM – Maybe we should be promoting the anchorage locations more.

5. ANOB

NB – Is it possible to make the stickers for Jet Skis and powerboats bigger, in order to better identify them?

HM – From discussing this with the other local authorities, it is not possible to make them much bigger, due to that space on the vessel. Especially Jet Skis.

NB – Jet Skis are becoming less of an issue, so things are improving.

CM – The wash created by motor vessels is an issue as well

HM – We could incorporate 'No Wash' signage on our speed limit buoys.

CM – Is there a website for Portdinorwic Berth Holders Website?

JO – We are currently in the process of updating.

NB – Let me know when it's up and running and I can share links with you.

SW – When should I attend the meeting?

NB – The second meeting of the year, to reflect the season.



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6. Action Points.

- Representation still required by RYA Cymru, Plas Menai (Legacy Leisure) and possibly RNLI – SW has offered to make contact with RNLI for a regional representative.
- Admin & NB to update the website for visitors, where possible.
- Admin & NB to update the website with forthcoming events.

Date of next Meeting.

Tuesday 3rd February, 2026.

10am, Old Harbour Office Boardroom or via Zoom invitation.