

**Minutes of a Meeting of the ABERYSTWYTH Harbour Users Consultative Committee held remotely via video-conference on Thursday, 27 March 2025**

**Representing Ceredigion County Council:** Councillor Keith Henson (Chairman)  
Councillors Endaf Edwards, Shelley Childs

**Officers in Attendance:** Owen Morgan, Katy Spain, Robyn Beresford, Dana Jones

**Harbour Users:** Hugh Martin, Meurig Lewis, Huw Roberts, Chris Seal, Martin Wood, Steve Webb, Gemma Bell

(7.00pm – 7:20pm)

1. **Apologies**

Councillor Brian Davies, Aberystwyth Town Council apologised for his inability to attend the meeting.

2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 October 2024**

It was AGREED that minutes of the meeting held on the 24 October 2024 as a true record.

**Matters arising**

None.

3. **Harbour Services Update**

- A recruitment process had been held to appoint a Seasonal Harbour Assistant following the resignation of Chris Cattaway. Eve Rees who would be commencing in her post on the 03 April 2025 as a Seasonal Harbour Assistant. Robyn Beresford had been successful in securing the post of Harbour Works Leader following the resignation of Chay Sanders. Recruitment will now take place for a Seasonal Harbour Assistant to replace Robyn and it is hoped that we can appoint from the previous applicants for the recently recruited Seasonal Harbour Assistant.
- An update was provided on the Coastal Defence Scheme and the aids to navigation arrangements which included the Harbour Manager displaying diagrams at the meeting. A Local Notice to Mariners would be sent out to by the Harbour Manager the following day explaining change to special marks in Aberaeron harbour which had been agreed by Trinity House. POST MEETING NOTE – Copy of Local Notice to Mariners AE 03.25 can be found here: <https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/media/bnzdzy0/ae-no-0325-aberaeron.pdf>
- Following the recent survey of the Pontoon, the survey report had been received today. The report will now be reviewed and considered and will provide supporting information to determine the way forward.
- Harbour users were reminded that they are encouraged to make contact with the Harbour Service outside of the HUCC meetings, via Clic and the Harbour Surgeries.

4. **Redacted Mooring Waiting List**

It was AGEED to note the mooring list as presented.

5. **General Maintenance and Cleanliness**

- A works programme related to repairs to voids which had appeared in the gap wall, and the remaining works required to ladders, were currently with the Procurement Team to progress.
- Some of the Aids to Navigation in Aberystwyth required maintenance and it was intended that works would take place early in the new financial year
- It was reported that the current Harbour Office had reached end of life and was being replaced. It is anticipated that works to remove the existing office and install the new one would take place around the end of April 2025. Updates would be provided to Harbour Users when confirmed details were known.
- It was reported that a slipway jet washing programme was being prepared for the three harbours. It was anticipated that the slipways would be jet washed y multiple times throughout the season in line with resources.

6. **Issues raised by Harbour Users**

- An update was requested on an email that had been sent to the Council by Aberystwyth Rowing Club enquiring in relation to the lease of the Aberystwyth Boat Club. It was confirmed that a response had been sent advising that the matter had been referred to Estates as this did not sit within the remit of the Harbour Service.
- NOT RELATED TO ABERYSTWYTH BUT RAISED AT THIS MEETING - A request was made for navigation lights on the Aberaeron Harbour old north wall, it was reported that a light would not be placed as there were sufficient navigation marks in place.
- NOT RELATED TO ABERYSTWYTH BUT RAISED AT THIS MEETING - An update was requested on the cardinal mark at New Quay which was out of position and damaged. It was reported that the base was still on the mark and that works would be done to replace it. It was also confirmed that an update on this matter had already been provided at the New Quay HUCC meeting as follows: *"The Penpolion light had been repaired and repairs to the Carreg Ina North Cardinal mark were arranged for when the contractor would be present in local waters."*