

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

Representing Ceredigion County Council: Councillor Keith Henson (Chairman)
Councillors Elizabeth Evans, Matthew Vaux and Shelly Childs

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

Harbour Users: Chris Seal, Jonathan Evans, Steve Webb, Martin Wood, Damien Lawson, Mike Masters

(6.15pm – 6:45pm)

1. Apologies

None.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 October 2024

It was AGREED to note the minutes of the meeting held on the 24 October 2025.

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.
- A new licence had been entered into between the Council and New Quay Yacht Club for the storage of Dinghies. The licence was due to commence on 1 April 2025.
- 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>
- 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 agreed to note the mooring waiting list as presented.

Clarification was sought as to whether there was any spaces available on the kayak rack currently. It was reported that the rack was currently full if everyone renewed their spaces for the 2025 season.

5. General Maintenance and Cleanliness

- 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.
- Dredging was currently ongoing in the harbour and works were due to be completed in coming days. A harbour users raised a concern related to the buildup of material alongside the slipway which it was reported was causing an issue at lower tides as well as for vehicles attempting to leave the beach when recovering boats. It was confirmed that the current dredging works did not include removal of any material at this location but that the Harbour Manager would make enquiries internally as to whether it was permitted under the Marine Licence to undertake additional work at this location, and if it was, whether there was an option to extend the scope of the existing contract.
- It was confirmed that a works programme related to mooring rings had been prepared and that the works was currently with the Procurement Service to progress.
- Works related to some areas of railings had also been identified and was also with the Procurement Service to progress.
- 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

A harbour user reported that he was having challenges organising boat launching and lifting, and the high cost of crane services and the need for more boats to make it economically viable. He stated that he was considering cancelling the 11 April launch and moving it to the 26 April to get more participants. It was noted that the increasing cost and the trend of smaller boats could be impact the logistics of launching and lifting. It was requested that confirmation of the intended date of the lift in be provided once a decision had been taken by the harbour user.