

Minutes of a Meeting of the ABERAERON 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, Shelly Childs

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

Harbour Users: Jonathan Price Jones, David Nicholson, Martin Wood, Steve Webb, Julian Driver

(5.30pm – 5:55pm)

1. **Apologies**

None.

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

It was AGREED to confirm the minutes of the meeting of the 24 October 2024 as a true record.

Matters Arising

All issues raised at the last meeting had been addressed.

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>
- 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. **Mooring Waiting List**

It was agreed to note the mooring waiting list as presented.

5. General Maintenance and Cleanliness

- 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.
- Work to replace identified mooring rings was currently with the Procurement Team to progress. Log / debris removal from the harbour basin had been arranged to take place over the coming days. The contractor would also lift chains in Doc Bach at the request of mooring holders and an email had been sent to relevant mooring holders advising them of this being available to them.

6. Issues raised by Harbour Users

- A request was made as to whether a harbour users could make their own arrangements to flatten an area where an accumulation of pebbles had developed by their mooring. The requestor was advised that unfortunately, any private third-party works would require a licence from the Council, a method statement and risk assessment and be subject to any relevant restrictions imposed by the relevant Harbour Act or NRW requirements. However, it was confirmed that the Harbour Service would engage internally (with ecology and the Clerk of Works) to establish whether it might be possible for the contractor that was due to remove the logs / debris to undertake this work as an extension to the scope of the works.
- Harbour Users wished to congratulate the Harbour Manager in his recent attainment of the Harbour Masters Certificate.