



# YMDDIRIEDOLAETH HARBWR CAERNARFON HARBOUR TRUST.



## MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES.

Meeting held 10am, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2025.  
Board Room, Cei Llechi & via Zoom.

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### IN ATTENDANCE –

Ian Park (CM) Chairman

Andrew Barton (AB) – Portdinerwic Marina

John Jones (JJ) – River Seiont Residents Representative

Rowland Sharp (RS) – Natural Resources Wales

Trevor Jones (TJ) - The Menai Strait Fishery Order Management Association

Chris Seddon (CS) – Ty Calch

Rob Bennett (RB) – Portdinerwic Marina

Noel Bristow (NB) – Portdinerwic Sailing Club

Mike Thomas (MT) – Anglesey Council Maritime Officer

### OFFICERS –

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

Jennifer Jones – Caernarfon Harbour Trust Administrator (JEJ)

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### 1. Welcome and Apologies.

No Apologies.

No attendance via Zoom.

### 2. Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> October were proposed as being correct.



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3. Survey results from berth holders at Doc Fictoria and Portdinorwic.

Results of the questionnaire, which was sent out to Victoria Dock Berth Holders and Portdinorwic Marina Customers. The results will be shared with Caernarfon Harbour Trust by Ian Park, at the next available Trust meeting.

### NAVIGATION.

From the correlation of the results and responses (126 of), the area needing greatest consideration is the visual representation of the channel markers. Some were identified as not being very clear or easy to transit. Especially at night or in poor weather. Overall consensus would be to add more buoys and to ensure the channel is accurately denoted.

IP – Suggest to produce a chartlet for navigating sections of the Menai Straits.

HM – This is something we could produce and publish on our website.

CS – This is a good idea. At Ty Calch we have printed off and laminated copies of the transit for our users.

NB – Are the charts on CHT website up to date, showing channel markers?

HM – Yes, they are charted. Navionics also update their charts as and when we send out Notice to Mariners. The new fixed perch at Mussel Bank and Grampian Wreck (under construction) will also help massively with transit lines in that area.

*See Action Points at the end of the document.*

### MOORINGS & ANCHORAGES – VISITORS.

A great deal of the 37 respondents do use the moorings and anchorages between Pilots Cove and Britannia Bridge but do not feel these are easily identified.

IP – Visitor moorings need to be more identifiable. Suggest different colour with information on the holding capacity of the mooring.

HM – we do not have many requests from visitors for moorings, maybe five a year. There could be more that we do not capture.

JJ – There should be a designated section on the Quay Wall with yellow ladders, specifically for visitors. This would eliminate rafting against residents which effectively, pins them in. More information needs to be available on the CHT website for visitors. Where they can and can't go.



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HM – We are still working towards the installation of pontoons against the Quay Wall. The introduction of this would better facilitate visitors.

IP – Consideration should be taken towards a pontoon against Landerne Pier.

MT – Visitors pontoons and moorings were placed by Anglesey Council, but were removed due to lack of use and costs associated.

HM – Boat owners would still rather step onto a dock than row to shore.

*See Action Points at the end of the document.*

### SPEED LIMITS.

The majority of the respondents to the questionnaire feel the speed limits should remain as they are.

IP – Speed limits are pointless if they are not monitored.

HM – We have only received one complaint in 2024 regarding speeding.

IP – How to people report speeding water craft?

HM – We have recently introduced a reporting page to our website.

AB – How to CHT deal with speeding? Prosecution?

HM – We have the powers to prosecute but capturing evidence is the issue. The registration scheme adopted by the local authorities will help capture the information we need and show a unified approach to speeding.

CS – Speeding is a short-lived issue with new power boat and jet ski users. The costs associated with ownership are getting higher so fewer people are buying and participating.

RS – The wake is a bigger issue than the speed. Again, it all comes down to education and personal responsibility.

HM – The next questionnaire should perhaps ask more location centered questions.

RS – There is an app WAM (Welsh Activity Mapping) which may be useful for uploading incidents of speeding or dangerous water use.

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#### 4. Two Years of MAC Chair – observations.

There is no formal representation of the MAC on the CHT Website. Stakeholders, water users and members of the public are not able to make contact with any of the representing bodies of the MAC. This should be change so that issues of concern or recommendations can be put forward.

NB – I will update the website accordingly if IP provides the content.

HM – What message should be conveyed?

IP – A list of the Stakeholder Groups within the MAC and how to get in touch with them.

NB – A separate email address could be created for contacting the MAC

HM – We can look at producing a governance page for the MAC.

*See Action Points at the end of the document.*

#### 5. Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

- User Group Map –

#### 6. Action Points.

- Representation still required by RYA Cymru, Plas Menai (Legacy Leisure) and possibly RNLI
- HM to produce a chartlet for navigating the bar.
- Admin & NB to update the website for visitors
- Admin to make all customers aware of new incident reporting page on website.
- CHT to update PWC/PB page on website, regarding education / responsible behavior.
- IP to provide content to NB for MAC section of CHT website.

#### Date of next Meeting.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2025.

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