

Minutes of the Meeting of New Quay Town Council held at New Quay Memorial Hall on Monday, 28 October 2019

PRESENT: Councillor S Hartley, (Chairman), Councillor J Davies, J Evans, G Hopley and P Hopley, Dan Potter, Brett Stones, M Rees

(7.00pm-8:15pm)

43 **Apologies**

Councillor H Williams apologised for his inability to attend the meeting.

44 **Disclosure of Personal Interest/Prejudicial Interest**

None.

45 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 September 2019**

45.01 The Minutes of the meeting of the 30 September 2019 were confirmed as a true record subject to noting that the County Councillors' report had been omitted from the minutes in error.

Matters arising

45.02/43.02 The Clerk reported that she had not received any reply from Councillor A Jones to her email regarding the number of meetings he had attended.

45.03/36.01/27.02/18.02/5.01/103.02/93.03/84.02/75.03/66.03/57.03/48.03/39.06 The Clerk reported that Councillor Stones would send a list of the benches that required repair to the Clerk, to include the ones on Brongwyn Lane following the summer period.

45.04/36.02/27.03/18.03/5.02/103.03/93.04/84.03/75.04 66.04/57.05/48.05/43.01 Skateboard Park inspection- Councillor Potter reported that he had not met with Councillor Williams to address the minimal work required.

45.05/36.03/27.04/18.04/.03/104.03 No update on the broken pipe in Church Street.

45.06/36.05/32.01 It was reported that the railings on Glanmore Terrace were still not repaired. A further email would be sent by the County Councillor and Clerk.

45.07 The following had been reported in the New Quay Harbour Users Committee as follows:-

Winter Boat Parking

Members reiterated their concerns that boats were not permitted to park over the winter in Paragon car park even though the car park was never full. The Chairman advised the committee that he had discussed this issue with officers, but didn't have a definite response to date. He would request a response before the next meeting and email Members accordingly.

Penpolion Pier

The hand rail had been repaired, however, this was not a long term solution due to the design of the rail, and would require repair again soon.

Lifbuoy Ring

Thanks were conveyed to the Tourism Service for the new lifebuoy ring.

Kayaks

In response to the query raised by New Quay Town Council, the Ceredigion Harbourmaster reported that a letter/application would be sent out to users in due course for allocation on the racks. The database would be reallocating the kayak spaces to current users, and they were urged to return their application as soon as possible as there was a waiting list for space. Members requested an update on the movement of allocation on the waiting list to ascertain any progress. It was agreed that this would be a standing item on the agenda.

CCTV

A user requested CCTV on the harbour to improve safety. It was reported that a cost of camera would be around £180. It was suggested that the harbour users could discuss this and group together to purchase these cameras for their use.

Moorings

One user raised concern that the Harbourmaster and the Council did no longer require a copy of boat users insurance prior to issuing a mooring. It was reported by the Chairman that signing a declaration was now sufficient, and was Council Policy. Members disagreed with this approach and that the Council should return to its previous protocol and maintain a database.

Unseaworthy Boat

Concern was raised by one user on the damage caused to his boat by a neighbouring unseaworthy boat. The Harbourmaster reported that he had advised the owner that the boat shouldn't return to its mooring. It was reported that all incidents had been recorded on the harbour log.

Safety Management Policy

An update on the Safety Management Policy for the harbours was requested. It was reported by the Ceredigion Harbourmaster that the policy was reviewed annually and updated accordingly on the Council website. One user reported that the policy had not been updated on the website. The Ceredigion Harbourmaster reported that he would contact the relevant officer to update.

Access to end of Pier

Winston and Jonathan Evans presented users with a scheme to extend the end of the pier in order that boat users could access their boats at low water. The Committee supported this proposal. It was reported that if grant money was available for the work, one of the stipulations was that the County Council adopt the extension. The Chairman stated that he envisaged any objection by the Council; due to its benefits to the local economy. Councillor Hartley reported that a meeting was due to be held with Afan Construction on Thursday to discuss the plans. The proposed slip would be for the use of all passenger boats and lifeboat.

Harbour Clean Up

The Harbourmaster reported that a skip was due to arrive to accommodate the clean up. A further skip would be provided prior to Easter.

Signage

A new warning sign for falling rocks and tides between New Quay and Traeth Gwyn was requested. The County Councillor would contact the Tourism Service with this request. The sign needed renewing annually due to land erosion.

Public Conveniences – Sandy Slip

It was reported that the standard of cleaning of the public conveniences were poor, especially as these were required for the beach to receive its Blue Flag Award. A message would be left for the cleaner as the Council inspector was of the opinion that the cleaning was sufficient. Members also agreed that the Town Council would

request a deep clean of the public conveniences prior to closer and reopening.

Abandoned Tenders

It was reported that if any tenders had been abandoned to telephone Technical Services for the Harbourmaster to address.

Painting of the pier – It was reported by Councillor Potter that he would be meeting with officers to discuss this further on the 12 November.

45.08/41.03 It was agreed that Councillor Potter and the Clerk would write to Mid and West Wales Authority regarding the possibility of the co responder being relocated in New Quay rather than Aberaeron

46 County Councillor Report

The majority of issues had been discussed, but however, following a recent incident in New Quay when it took over 20 minutes for the ambulance to arrive to a patient, he urged that all attended defibrillator courses.

47 Finance

Opening balance £25,372.98 (£678.56) (£678.56 ring fenced for defibrillator and £500.00 towards the Dylan Thomas Project).

47.01 Clerk Salary & Expenses £265.00

47.02 Clerk back pay £37.06 (Oct)

47.03 HMRC (PAYE £71.76)(Oct)

47.04 New Quay Memorial Hall Committee
£15.00

47.05 The Royal British Legion £25.00

47.06 Paul Hughes £415.00

Closing Balance £24,544.16 (£678.56 ring fenced for defibrillator and £500.00 towards the Dylan Thomas Project).

Closing balance for Town Council account £23,865.60

It was AGREED to the budget as presented.

47.06 Accounts 2018/19- The Clerk reported that the accounts had been returned with minor comments which were circulated to Members.

48 Planning Applications

48.01 A190745- 12 Francis Street - NOTED

48.02 A190736 – Bronant, 3 Water Street- NOTED

48.03 A190805 Cwm Ifor Estate, New Quay- NOTED

49 Correspondence

49.01 Lease – Statue – It was agreed that the lease would be signed at the next meeting.

49.02 Maesypwll- the Clerk reported that she was still awaiting the agreement from the CCC as the plan had to be amended to accommodate the purchase of the road

49.03 Precept 2020/21- It was agreed that the precept would be discussed at 13 January 2020. A quote would also be sought to repair the castle in Uplands Square by Councillor Potter

50 **Any Other Business**

50.01 New Welsh Flags would be purchased.

50.02 Three quotes would also be sought for the repair of the Dylan Thomas board

50.03 Concerns were raised that 3 lights were not working at the bottom of New Quay, one had been damaged by a vehicle, one blown away and the top of the other been removed

50.04 Arrangements were in hand regarding the Christmas Trees.

50.05 Congratulations were extended to the Hall Committee on their success on receiving a £223, 000 from the Lottery.

50.06 The need to paint the old coastguard shed prior to replacing the windows

51 **Arrangement for next meeting**

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 26 November 2019

December meeting would be held on Monday, 16 December 2019

January meeting would be held on Monday, 13 January 2020 to discuss the precept