

Victoria Dock Berth Holders Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 2 December 2017

Present: John Grisdale (*Ffantasia*), Tom Bingman (*Trilogy*), Daniel Farrimond (*Serene*), Steve Blakely (*Joules*), Keith Elford (*Crackpot*, VDBHA Treasurer), John Hey (*Andiamo*), Phil and Fiona Cooke (*Mwingo*), Dennis Banks (*Intrepid*), D Ferguson (*Arwen*), Eddie Williams (*Morwmon*), Sandra Flannery/G J Tatlock (*Premier Cru*), Geoff Lloyd (*Quadriga*), Michael Knowles (*Alice*), Carl Elton (*Turumti*), Ralph Brierly (*Ynys Hwyl*), Dave Green (*Keoki*), John O'Sullivan (*Rathlin*, VDBHA Chair), Pamela Hughes (*Marian*, VDBHA Committee member), John Whittaker (*Moonwinds*, VDBHA Committee member), John Peglar (*Alisia*), Trevor Shirley (*Hindsight*), Ian Craft (*Romain*), Mark Walker (*Danny Jo*, VDBHA Vice-chair), et alia.

In attendance: Llyr Jones, Gwynedd County Council, Mark Shackleton, Dockmaster.

1. Apologies had been received from Andrew Stephenson, Charles Townley, Lynn Ellison, Peter Mist, Dave Clough, Paula & Roger Moores, Nigel Buck, Eve Collen, Robert Handcock, Ralph Brierley, Kathleen Jones, Andrew Baguley, and Colin Turner.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 26 November 2016. It was noted that, at the 2016 AGM the Chairman had reported on progress to date and priorities arising from the 2016 survey; the Treasurer's report had been received (available on VDBHA website); and the officers of the Association and committee members had been elected. A more detailed record was not available.

3. Chairman's report. The Chair reported on progress to date and results of the recent survey of berth holders, see http://www.vdbha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/VDBHA-Chairman-Report_Nov-26th-2017.pdf

4. Treasurer's report. The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year ending 21 October 2017, see <http://www.vdbha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/VDBHA-accounts-to-301017.pdf>. A vote of thanks for financial support to Tim Bailey of Menai Marine was approved unanimously

5. Constitution. Note that the amendments presented at the 2016 AGM had not been formally approved. Together with a further amendment to establish the role of Membership Secretary, the revised Constitution was approved unanimously. See http://www.vdbha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/VDBHA-constitution_2DEC_2017.pdf

6. Election of Officers and committee members. The following were elected nem. con.:

Chair – Pamela Hughes

Vice-chair – John O'Sullivan

Treasurer – Keith Elford

Secretary – Mark Walker

Membership Secretary – John Whittaker (also agreed to have role as website manager)

Committee members – Colin Turner, and, subject to her acceptance of the role, Deborah Cassidy. (Following the AGM the latter has declined this role on the grounds of work commitments.)

7. Dredging. Mr Llyr Jones, Gwynedd County Council, reported on the progress made in relation to the 2016/2017 Action Plan drawn up in consultation with the VDBHA. He summarized this in the form of an updated Action Plan, available on the VDBHA website at [add URL]

Mr Jones also made the following points:

- Gwynedd CC is currently engaged in negotiations with Natural Resources Wales for permission for more extensive dredging of the Dock, with a target start date of March 2018. A possible outcome is that NRW will impose a limit on the volume of dredging at any one session, perhaps requiring that the project be spread over two or three years.
- Once the necessary permission has been obtained, Gwynedd CC would discuss possible dredging schedules with VDBHA. Once the dredging has been completed, a maintenance programme will be required to prevent the Dock from silting up again.
- Further investment in the toilet block to create separate male and female facilities remains a goal, but one that takes second place to the overriding demands of the dredging programme. It is unlikely that the necessary funding will be available until the main dredging programme has been completed.

- To address the need for berth-holders to park for longer than 24 hours while away cruising, Gwynedd CC is exploring the possibility of longer term car parking on the Slate Quay.

8. Data protection. The implications of General Data Protection Regulations, May 2018 were considered. It was agreed that an appropriate consent form for sharing of data among members should be available for the 2018 AGM. The RYA guidance on GDPR is available at http://www.vdbha.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/RYA_guidance_on_GDPR_2DEC2017-1.pdf (Action: Mark Walker)

9. VDBHA website. It was agreed that a Facebook page would be an appropriate forum for online interaction between members planning cruises, seeking crew, sharing experience and so forth. It was also agreed that the existing website should be maintained for the time being. (Action: John Whittaker)

10. Any other business:

10.1 Toilet facility at Victoria Dock. Ian Craft read a message from Kathleen Jones expressing concern that the provision of separate male and female toilet facilities at the Dock was no longer on the list of VDBHA priorities. She noted that funding for upgrading the existing facility might be available under the provisions of The Public Health (Wales) Bill Feb 2017 Part 7, which "requires local authorities to prepare local toilet strategies based on the needs of their communities for the provision of, and access to, toilets for public use." During the discussion of this issue it was pointed out that to qualify for such funding required that the toilets should be open to the general public, a provision unacceptable to those present. However, it was agreed that the provision of separate male and female toilets remains a desirable goal.

10.2 RNLI training in casualty boat handling. It was noted that RNLI Beaumaris were seeking recreational boat owners who were prepared to show RNLI crews how to handle their boats, with the aim of familiarizing rescue crews with a variety of different craft. It was agreed that this aim should be supported. (Action: Mark Walker)