

Meeting with Barry Davies September 28th at 9.30 a.m.

Present

Barry Davies (B.D.) , Eddie Williams (E.W.), Iwan Rees Jones (I.R.J.)and Kathy Jones(K.J.)

Car Parking permits

E.W. asked for assurance that the parking permits be ready for the 1st April'23 as we do not want a repeat of last year 's late delivery and the trouble that ensued.

B.D. explained the procedure as follows:

The Council order 6 months parking permits from the dept. in the Council . From last year it was offered to all berth holders, not just north side. This permit allows parking in all long stay car parks in Caernarfon including the second and third floors of the multi storey car park in Caernarfon and all other long stay car parks in Gwynedd.(B.D. had tried to get a Caernarfon only permit but due to the fact that most berth holders were not Caernarfon residents it wasn't possible.)

There is then an option to purchase a further 6 months should the berth holder wish. B.D. needs to know the exact numbers to be able to purchase them. He suggested C.H.T. send the berth request letters for 2023 in early January (including a request for 6 months free parking, plus the option of a further extra 6 months (with the cost to be shown) The closing date for requests should be a specified date in late January /early February. This should enable the purchase order to be completed in plenty of time for the permits to be ready for distribution before 1st April, provided Gwynedd Council are able to approve the costs before that date.

I.R.J. Are berth holders allowed 2 permits?

B.D. One per berth only!

Drop off permits and South side

Drop off permits (north side) and parking permits in the south car park (for south and north sides) are issued by C.H.Trust. These will be available from Iwan before April 1st 2023.

E.W. Can we have more car parking spaces on the south side? Perhaps herringbone parking lines would be more advantageous and allow more available spaces.

B.D. The lines will stay as they are. B.D. said that the current arrangements were agreed, after consultation, by a previous V.D.B.H.A. Committee.

Toilets

K.J. The toilets, as K.J. ,has pointed out on several occasions, are not suitable and users do not feel comfortable with these arrangements. K.J. showed those present current guidelines (2020) for public toilets and an action plan for Gwynedd .In all the Government documents it stresses that "women do not feel comfortable using mixed facilities and a move away from gender neutral toilets is advised for new facilities."

B.D. agreed that the present situation wasn't ideal. He reminded those present that the journey from no facilities to portacabins to the present arrangement was substantial but took on board the present concerns. He said it was planned to turn the storage area of the existing block into a facility for ladies. The plans are for two self contained cubicles with shower, toilet and hand basin – similar to the present disabled facility. He appreciated that two were a small number but pointed out that there isn't enough room to put any more as there are other things e.g.boiler in the space too. The architects have looked at the best option and £120,000 has been allocated to the job. They are a little behind schedule but it will be out to tender before March'23. **The cubicles will be completed in 2023.**

K.J. asked for the provision of a toilet facility for those on the north side for use especially during the dark evenings. Provision for a portaloos was discussed but B.D. said the siting of such a facility would need a lot of thought .

K.J. asked if discussions could be had with the Galeri regarding use of their toilet?.B.D. said the Galeri was a private organisation and therefore not under Council control However, the berth holders might consider discussing the matter with the Galeri.

CCTV

A new system has been installed for the dock. There are nine cameras 8 fixed and 1 zoom. These are in addition to the webcams available (for berth holders) and now record activity so Iwan can check retrospectively for movement / incidents etc. around the whole area.

Dredging

There isn't a specific budget for Victoria dock but there is a plan in place for future works.

Fees and Charges next year

This hasn't been decided yet as it is not known what the level of inflation is likely to be etc.; however, it was expected that there would be an increase of around 4.5% on current charges.

Meeting ended 10.15 a.m .