

Meeting held in Gatehouse with C.H.T. on 28th September 2022 at 10.40 a.m.

Present

David O Neill (D.O.N.) Iwan Rees Jones (I.R.J.) Eddie Williams (E.W.) Kathy Jones (K.J.)

E.W. Thank you to David and Iwan for attending and always keeping in touch.

Security

K.J. recounted an incident that occurred in the early hours of 16th Sept . She was awakened by shouting and loud conversation coming from boat next door. There were 2/3 males on board the boat and one leaning over the railings of the dock. It became apparent ,very quickly, that they were not with the boat owner, intoxicated and also trespassing. She phoned the police to report it and was then phoned by the Coastguard. He asked her not to confront them, to keep quiet and not let them know she was there. He said the police were on their way. Whilst she was engaged in conversation with the Coastguard two men jumped from the boat into the dock then started shouting they couldn't get out. The Coastguard told her not to intervene. They swam about for 20 mins. between her catamaran's hulls and in the space between the boats then tried to get out but couldn't .The Police arrived , shone torches on them and told them to get out but they struggled. They eventually got out by dragging on the two boats ropes and met the police . The next day K.J. went to see I.R.J. but he had no knowledge of the incident and hadn't been contacted by the Police or Coastguard. The Police wouldn't divulge details due to "data protection" so Iwan wasn't even made aware as to how they gained access. As berth holders E.W. and K.J. raised concerns as this isn't the first time the dock has been accessed. E.W. will send a letter to the local Police Commissioner raising his concern regarding lack of communication. In the meantime a number of security measures were discussed. D.O.N. said that, unfortunately, there are many access points depending on the state of the tide and they need to ascertain which ones need tackling first. The new CCTV system will enable them to check back on incidents .

Action This will be kept under review.

Cei Llechi

Boat lift is on 28th Oct '22 Costings on the website. E.W. asked if external contractors could be engaged to work on the boats in the compound?

D.O.N Yes but they must have their own liability insurance.

Early opening of the dock in August

As a result of representations from berth holders, E.W. had requested that, when possible, the gate opening times could be at 7.00 a.m. during August . I.R.J. said that, in the nine days this applied, 16 boats had availed of the early opening. D.O.N. said that the need was proven and thus the same will be offered next year. E.W. thanked I.R.J. for responding to the request.

Car permits

I.R.J. will send out the letters regarding the berths to berth holders in January 2023. He will also include the permit requests. The earliest date they agreed for return would be **Feb 15th 2023** and this should allow plenty of time for the permits to be ordered. It will be stressed in the letter that an early return of the requests is important and the date specified will be the “cut off “ date to ensure there are no delays.

I.R.J. will ensure the “drop off” permits (north) and the south side car park permits (north and south side) are sent before 1st April 2023.

E.W. asked was it possible for berth holders to use their “drop off” permits to park inside the barrier?

D.O.N. No one is allowed to park at any time inside the barrier. The land is owned by Watkin Jones. The “drop off “permits allow berth holders to park on the yellow lines for 20 mins. max.

A.O.B.

E.W. Who sets the priorities for what work needs to be done in the dock?

Assets are owned by Gwynedd Council (infrastructure) and work is done with Council funding for those. C.H.T. does more of the day to day maintenance work . Gwynedd Council have the final say.

Meeting concluded at 11.30 a.m.