

VDBHA Annual General Meeting
Saturday April 9th at 11am at the Caernarfon Sailing Club.

Present: 36 attendees

Apologies: Andrew Baguley, G Hilditch, Jill Kent, Brian Oulton

A Parri-Huws, Andrew Stevenson, Sian Thomas, Keith Elford, C.J Turner, Llyr Beaumont-Jones (Gwynedd Council), Barry Davies (Gwynedd Council) , Dave O’Neill (CHT)

VDBHA AGM Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes of AGM held on 10th April 2021

The motion to approve the minutes of the last years AGM proposed by Kathy Jones and seconded by Daniel Farrimond were approved unanimously with no matters arising.

2. Chair’s report (Chris Jones)

Discussion was raised around the dissatisfaction of the non-attendance of Gwynedd Council officers and in particular Barry Davies and also Dave O’Neill CHT Harbour Master.

The issue surrounding the abusive email to Barry Davies from Dr. John O’Sullivan was discussed including abuse both written and verbal by Dr. John O’Sullivan (JOS) to other members and to Committee Officers.

JOS had let the Vice Chair know that he would not be attending the meeting and did not want to apologise for not so doing so it was unanimously agreed that a phone call be made to ask Barry Davies to attend and also for him to be informed that John O’Sullivan was not present and that JOS’s opinion is only one and JOS has no authority to address the association to the Council. Iwan Rees-Jones (CHT Dock Master) tried in vain to contact Barry Davies as he was also expected to be issuing Gwynedd permits at the end of the meeting. It was pointed out from the floor that JOS himself had in previous AGMs made it clear that all representation to the Council or CHT should be made only through the elected designated representatives.

Chris Jones (CJ), Eddie Williams (EW) and John Whittaker (JNW) explained how the established good working relationship was necessary for all future communications with the authority and CHT.

JNW said that the fees were destined to be a 5% increase set by Gwynedd Council and with no associated parking concession Gwynedd parking permits at all because dredging had been completed. He explained parking had been represented by VDBHA as an essential requirement rather than concessionary and that lengthy negotiations on both fees and parking between VDBHA, CHT and BD eventually resulted in a fees increase of just 2.5%, which also includes a 6 month Gwynedd parking fee permit for all berth locations. This he said can only be seen as a positive outcome of collaboration and as essential for any future representation of the issues of berth holders to the owners and managers of the Marina.

The Chair explained to the meeting that Dave O’Neill had apologised for the delay in parking permits which was due to CHT not having collected the required information to pass to Barry Davies. Iwan Rees-Jones (CHT dock master) said that this was the case and also apologised for this on behalf of CHT.

A motion proposed by Kathy Jones and seconded by Rob Hancock stating, “the VDBHA meeting is disappointed that Barry Davies, Gwynedd Maritime Officer felt that it was necessary to apologise for his absence rather than attend due to a single unrepresentative opinion” was passed with one abstention.

3. Treasurer’s Report (from Keith Elford). It was proposed by Tim Mitchell and seconded by Rob Hancock to accept the report. It was passed unanimously.

4. **VDBHA Annual Survey Report Analysis** was presented by JNW and there was discussion on all issues raised.
Effluent was identified as a continual problem particular as during the pandemic the gates remained closed causing a build-up of effluent as well as a change of salinity affecting both habitat and causing slime increase and dirtying of the yachts.
The toilets are still an issue of dissatisfaction and require direct representation with the Gwynedd Council officers responsible. Iwan Rees-Jones will be raising the concerns of cleanliness with the cleaners and also the issue of exterior lighting at the entrance to the toilets.
Tom Bingham proposed the re-introduction of 7am – 11pm opening of the gates in Summer time, seconded by Daniel Farrimond. This was passed unanimously and Iwan Rees-Jones Jones said that this will be considered by CHT.
Storm Defence was endorsed by the meeting as being of great importance and that this should be a priority issue in the light of the increased frequency of storms and the effects of climate change.

Iwan Rees-Jones gave the status on many of the issues raised in the survey concerning the Dock. The meeting congratulated him on his 94% satisfaction rating in his new job.

JNW was congratulated on producing the survey.

5. **Election of Officers**

The outgoing committee received appreciation from the floor for their work on behalf of the VDBHA over difficult times.

Nominations:

Chair: Eddie Williams proposed by Chris Jones (Chair VDBHA), seconded by John Whittaker (Secretary VDBHA)

Treasurer: Keith Elford proposed by Chris Jones (Chair VDBHA), seconded by John Whittaker (Secretary VDBHA)

Committee Member: Colin Turner proposed by Chris Jones (Chair VDBHA), seconded by John Whittaker (Secretary VDBHA)

The three nominees were voted in unanimously.

Vice Chair: no nominations received

Secretary : no nominations received

Membership Secretary : no nominations received

Following a lengthy discussion about the future of the VDBHA and it hanging in the balance without a Secretary, Kathy Jones gratefully agreed to stand for the role again and was proposed as Secretary by John Whittaker, seconded by Chris Jones and the voting for the nomination was unanimous.

Monica, Caernarfon Sailing Club manager was formally thanked by Eddie Williams for providing the buffet.

The meeting closed at 1.00pm