

Chairman's Report for AGM 2017

In this report, I hope to give a snapshot of the work carried out by your committee.

We started our season with the supper at Conwy Golf Club and ended it there with a particularly successful end of season dinner. Both these events relied heavily on Kate Kenwright and Patsy Shaw.

Cruises were organized by Eric Crowther for Easter and for the Rail Ale event but the weather discouraged participation.

8 newsletters were sent to members and the committee held 4 meetings. I attended meetings at the Conwy Harbour Advisory Committee, although nothing of great impact to CMBHA was raised. I recently received an email from Quay Marinas asking why CMBHA had stopped consulting QM about agendas and minutes for the harbour committee: I replied suggesting that the harbour master be asked for representation on the committee, and also saying that minutes of meetings appear on the council web site.

John Day attended meetings of Conwy Watersports Group and RYA North Wales meetings.

CMBHA supported The Conwy River Festival through my design and support for its web site.

The 2016 Summer Lift out package was managed by Liz Cawood, with about 20 boats lifted – similar to the number in recent years.

John Day and I have shared attendance at meetings about the All Wales Boat Show.

John Day, Mark Beeston and more recently Eric Crowther has held meetings with Quay Marinas to raise your concerns and obtain benefits for members. This year, Quay Marinas seemed more reluctant to offer a summer lift-out package, which has now been secured. In fairness to Quay Marinas, they would like CMBHA to evolve in our services and packages for members.

Your committee has given a lot of thought to the future of CMBHA and Catherine Dobson has done some research about other berth holder associations. It seems that others are facing similar challenges and have a similar take-up of membership.

I'd like to thank Jo Walley, our secretary who has decided that for personal reasons, she cannot continue her involvement with the committee. Her enthusiasm and commitment will be greatly missed.

We will also be losing John Day, who is moving on. However, he has agreed to continue looking after our accounts until a replacement can be found. John has stepped in to carry out many tasks and without him, I doubt that CMBHA would have survived.

Mainly through the efforts of Eric Crowther, and donations from Quay Marinas and others, CMBHA has raised £1600 for charity during the past year.

Over the last couple of years, the weather has contrived to make it difficult to organize BBQs and cruises. Perhaps this year, we'll fare better on the water.

Thank you

Roger Millward, Chairman