

NOTES OF MEETING:

Boatfolk and CMBHA (Zoom) meeting.

21st January 2021

Present:

Jon Roberts	Boatfolk Conwy
Philip Jones	Boatfolk Conwy
Ian Dickman	CMBHA
John Day	CMBHA
John Hewitt	Cmbha
Roger Millward	CMBHA

This is the second meeting between Boatfolk and CMBHA by Zoom

Dredging Update:-

Area 1 - around the Fuel berth and Lift Dock is complete

Area 2 – between A and B leg is complete with an average depth of 3.3m

The main channel and south of the sill gate is 75% dredged.

To continue, a pipe will be moved and in the meantime the dredger will dredge outside of the marina for about two weeks before moving to area 3, between B and C legs. The dredger will then move back in the main channel and complete up to 'E' hammerhead and finish with some tidying up.

JR has referred to Boatfolk directors the issue of the pinch-point in the channel between I leg and the rock armour which may require a digger type solution to remove rock obstacles.

CMBHA involvement with Boatfolk's 2021 activities

JR reiterated Boatfolk's ethos that activities and events would be available to all berth holders and none would be exclusive to CMBHA.

It was agreed that some activities and events could include CMBHA's participation and these will be explored when the pandemic situation allows.

CMBHA can organise their own activities in addition to the Boatfolk programme.

CMBHA stated they understand this and that as an association may need to change some of the benefits, activities and events which were exclusive to members.

Boatfolk outlined various Pace Making Plans that were being developed:-

An App to be launched for berth holders

Additional car parking as described at the meeting of 29/10/2020

Boatfolk is arranging Sea Safety talks with Conwy Lifeboat's Chris Hughes and Gary Pittaway who have been appointed as RNLI Community Safety Officers and it was suggested that CMBHA could help with their activities at Conwy Marina.

CMBHA involvement (continued)

Short demonstrations on boat tying up, cover safety etc perhaps with Boom Sailing, again there are opportunities for CMBHA to be involved with this and further activities.

RM suggested a flares amnesty via Yachtshop which has been discussed with them JD asked about the Boatfolk Journal and it was explained that it is in the early stage of its development and not yet fully functioning in Conwy

'Boatcare' Operation

This service led facility provided by Paul and Karen of Conwy Marine Services has been introduced in Conwy and exists at some other Boatfolk marinas.

Its purpose is to provide a one-stop service from lift-out to lift-in, particularly where multi contractor activities are involved.

Existing marina registered contractors are available to be contacted for work to be done directly by berth holders as they previously have been.

DIY work on berth holders own boats can still continue in accordance with Boatfolk's terms and conditions and the yards safety regulations.

This initial phase is year 1 of a 3 year programme of development.

Boatfolk again criticised streams of negative comments on Conwy Mariners following the Boatcare announcement particularly one from a registered contractor and many from subscribers who don't have boats in Conwy Marina. It was accepted that the announcement may have been misunderstood

Boat Insurance Issues Arising from Lockdown

Towergate insurance have confirmed that their underwriters are satisfied that the boats moored in Conwy Marina are fully covered even though they may not have been visited by their owners. This was also reported by some CMBHA committee members who have advised on their insurance status.

Boatfolk stressed that they are available to be contacted by berth holders with requests about their boats. Most issues can be catered for but might involve sending in the electricity card or keys for the boat which they are happy to accept.

Boatfolk will not control who visits boats when it's an isolated visit made for a good reason. Visits must not involve an overnight stay and should not be regular.

NW Police do occasionally check the marina car park at night for visitors staying over.

Boatfolk pointed out that unnecessary visits to boats puts owners and marina staff at risk and should be seriously considered.

CMBHA invited Boatfolk to email contributions to an imminent CMBHA newsletter.

Notes by John M Day 21st January 2021