

**Minutes of a Meeting of the NEW QUAY Harbour Users Consultative Committee held remotely via video-conference on Thursday, 30 October 2025**

**Representing Ceredigion County Council:** Councillor Shelly Childs (Chairman)  
Councillors Matthew Vaux

**Officers in Attendance:** Owen Morgan, Katy Spain, Robyn Beresford, Dana Jones

**Harbour Users:** Chris Seal, Jonathan Evans, Councillor Jennifer Davies (NQTC),  
Tim Archer, Stephen Webb, David Nicholson, Meurig Lewis

(6.30pm – 7:00pm)

**1. Apologies**

None.

**2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 March 2025**

It was AGREED to note the minutes of the meeting held on the 27 March 2025

**3. Harbour Services Update**

- Two new seasonal assistants (Chloe Roberts, Eve Rees) had joined the team; both may return next year.
- Robyn Beresford had been appointed as Harbour Works Leader following Chase Anders departure
- New Port Marine Facility Safety Code revised by MCA in April; Council aims for full compliance by January 2026.
- Reminder to use VHF radio properly; incidents of inappropriate language reported
- Dinghy storage area established with New Quay Yacht on the beach. It was reported that dinghy storage area had been established via council-yacht club collaboration. Participation in dinghy sailing had increased; tourists respected boats more due to roped off, signed area. Council received license fees and yacht club covered costs through boat fees and volunteer management. The agreed licensed area prevented overcapacity, potential for expansion considered for disabled access. Future expansion proposals under review as stakeholder needs on the beach must be balanced for all.
- An update was requested by a Harbour Users regarding the floodlight on the pier. It was reported that repair was the responsibility of estates services and the necessary cost code for the finance budget was being sought to address the work. The Chair stated that if there is a delay he would contact the service.

**4. Redacted Mooring Waiting List**

New Quay Leisure waiting list included 50 people, including 2 waiting for moorings. Separate lists existed for commercial, car parking spaces, and rack storage. There was 60 on the rack storage, highlighting high demand

5. **General Maintenance and Cleanliness**

- Dredging was planned in March in New Quay Harbour to include Penpolion
- Mooring rings to be repaired and targeted for completion this financial year.
- North Cardinal Marks maintenance scheduled for this financial year.
- Procurement underway for steps, broken wall, and possibly fenders, with prioritisation based on budget.
- Reminder to commercial users to maintain cleanliness during boat maintenance activities.

6. **Issues raised by Harbour Users**

Officers reported that the paid launchings had increased from 5 to 18 year-over the year. The £32.50 daily launch fee had been perceived as more acceptable due to inflation. A decrease in unauthorised launchings had been observed by the Harbour Works Leader and it was suggested that stickers for authorised boats could be introduced to alleviate the perception that launchers had not paid to launch. It was also noted that increased compliance attributed to proactive staff engagement.