

Minutes of a Meeting of the ABERYSTWYTH Harbour Users Consultative Committee held remotely via video-conference on Thursday 28 May 2026

Representing Ceredigion County Council: Councillor Shelly Childs (Chairman)
Councillors Endaf Edwards

Officers in Attendance: Ellie Waters, Robyn Beresford, Dana Jones

Harbour Users: Chris Seal, Martin Wood, Steve Webb

(7.00pm – 7:15pm)

1. **Apologies**
None.

2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 October 2025**
It was AGREED that minutes of the meeting held on the 30 October 2025 as a true record.

Matters arising
None.

3. **Harbour Services Update**
Ellie Walters introduced herself as the newly appointed Corporate Manager for Sustainability and Transport.

In relation to staffing, she reported that one seasonal assistant was returning and a second due to commence in June subject to checks.

The Committee noted that the Port Marine Safety Code audit had been completed and found the service to be substantially compliant, with one outstanding non-conformity relating to oil spill response, which was being addressed through policy development and training by officers and Cabinet Members.

It was reported that dredging had commenced on 6 March and that pontoon works were largely complete, with one remaining float to be installed. New signage was also being prepared to support operational safety, including tidal warnings.

4. **Redacted Mooring Waiting List**
It was reported that the Aberystwyth leisure waiting list currently stood at seven vessels, with no commercial waiting list. Seasonal vessel movements were progressing, with most boats having returned to their moorings.

The Committee raised ongoing concerns regarding debris within the harbour gap and the presence of an old mast requiring removal. It was reported that

follow-up actions were underway to address these issues, including liaison with relevant officers.

It was noted that Welsh Water had agreed to hold a public meeting regarding sewage concerns impacting the harbour and South Beach. It was requested that Committee Members be invited to attend.

5. General Maintenance and Cleanliness

Nothing in addition reported.

6. Issues raised by Harbour Users

The Chair reported that a local cycling community group was exploring relocation options from the harbour due to environmental impacts on equipment.

It was also confirmed that meeting minutes would be issued more promptly going forward.

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