

# Afon Teifi Fairways Ltd

## Meeting of the Board

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021, 6.30pm (outside at Registered Office)

Present:

Directors - Paul Oakley (acting Chair)(PO), Tony Bailey (TBai), Len James (LJ) , Jonathan Jones (JJ) , Tony Barber (TBar)  
Others – Carolyn Oakley (CO), Finance, Helen Rowlands (HR), Admin.

CCC=Ceredigion County Council JT = Jon Turner LC = Lea Colman NRW = Natural Resources Wales

1. Apologies	Apologies received from Nigel Smith	
2. Jim Marsden & his service to ATFL	The Directors recognised the many years of service that Mr Jim Marsden had given to ATFL. An engraved glass had been purchased to present on his retirement, and the Board now wished the Chair to present this to his widow, Mrs Mary Marsden.	
3. Minutes & Matters arising from last 2 meetings	The minutes from 29 <sup>th</sup> March and 23 <sup>rd</sup> April had been reviewed. There were no additions or corrections requested. Both minutes were proposed by C Oakley, seconded by L James, and signed by the acting Chair.	
4. Finance Report, including Mooring renewals	C Oakley reported that the marine licence renewal had been submitted to National Resources Wales. Cost of renewal not known as yet. The latest accounts are with DMD Davies accountants. The spit maintenance from November 2020 was included in these accounts.  A full copy of this report and notes is in the minute book.  C Oakley led the Board through the Budget for the coming year. It was expected there would be some deficit. J Jones queried whether it was the right time to negotiate a reduction from Ceredigion County Council for the annual cost of their lease, as mooring numbers were down. All agreed this should be done and C Oakley would contact CCC.	CO
5. Licence Renewal	P Oakley reported that, with the changes in administration, the renewal for the NRW was late being submitted. It expires on June 17 <sup>th</sup> . Jon Turner had been very helpful and it was hoped for more favourable conditions in the licence. P Oakley emphasised that, until the renewal was granted, ATFL was not able to do new work on the river.	
6. Update on progress of new buoys and grant	The new buoys had arrived (and were inspected by the Board). P Oakley felt strongly that they should be removed at the beginning of November, until the beginning of March, as they would likely be washed away and lost. Whilst it was thought a waste to not have the lit buoys over winter this was acknowledged as an issue and agreed. The buoys would be replaced by lighter buoys over that period. There was much discussion about the correct mooring tackle, blocks, and merits of rope/chain/wire and it was agreed rope would remain the best option. It was agreed they should be placed as soon as possible (hopefully by mid July) and funding was available for this. Lea Colman's quote had been accepted but he needed to submit a form to CCC to be officially recognised. C Oakley would arrange this.	CO

	<p>T Barber reported that instead of the intended App there would be updated, accessible information about the buoys on the ATFL website.</p> <p>Claims for the 'Ongoing Maintenance Fund' would need to be sent to CCC and T Barber would send details to C Oakley.</p> <p>P Oakley would ask L Colman to prepare and be ready for the work.</p>	T Bar CO
7. Recent Sand dig/removal	<p>P Oakley said he thought L Colman did an excellent job and he would like to use him again. This was generally agreed, and positive comments had been received from boaters. T Barber thought, whilst it had been effective, it was not as 'neat' as a previous contractor. T Barber also reported that a lot of sand had already moved back by the pontoon. All recognised this as inevitable with the limitations the licence put on the sand disposal. P Oakley said he hoped the new Licence would have more favourable conditions. T Barber said the work could be seen in two categories: a/emergency spit work and b/sand removal. The Board acknowledged the cost and discussed how worthwhile it was. It was suggested to ask the Marine Group for advice on the issue, as they had been working in the North of the County.</p>	
8. St Dogmaels mooring area	No discussion needed.	
9. Visitor mooring at Netpool	L James would be sorting this and P Oakley would acquire the block and chain	LJ PO
10. Prince Charles Quay - dangers	<p>Following his report to CCC, P Oakley had been told that divers had inspected the bridge. He had not been told the result of the survey.</p> <p>The 'island' of debris continues to grow and this needed to be cleared. P Oakley would contact Steve Wilson at CCC.</p>	PO
11. Any Other Business	<p>a/ It was agreed to aim for an AGM (now 2 have been missed) towards the end of September. H Rowlands would inform the Shareholders of this.</p> <p>b/ H Rowlands informed the Board that Teifi Boating Club had nominated Mr Pete Mears as shareholder, in place of the late Jim Marsden.</p> <p>c/ T Barber reported he had the green buoys to give to the fishermen to mark the bar entrance.</p> <p>d/ T Barber queried when the rope on the pontoon would be changed. P Oakley was to invoice CCC for the material.</p>	HR