

# Afon Teifi Fairways Ltd

## Meeting of the Board

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 7pm via ZOOM

Present:

Directors - Nigel Smith (NS) (Chair) , Paul Oakley (PO) , Tony Barber (TBar), Tony Bailey (TBai), Jonathan Jones (JJ)

Others – Carolyn Oakley (CO), Finance, Helen Rowlands (HR), Admin.

CCC=Ceredigion County Council JT = Jon Turner LC = Lee Coleman

1. Apologies	Len James was unable to connect to the meeting.	ACTION
2. Minutes & Matters Arising from last meeting (18.1.2021)	Minutes of the last meeting were proposed as a true and correct record by C Oakley, seconded by T Bailey and signed pp by H Rowlands for the Chairman.  Item 2.5 P Oakley reported no new progress with the Lease. (see later discussion)	
3. Finance Report, including Mooring renewal update	CO reported that Banking figures are currently:  Total amount for moorings received to date is £22,060 109 have renewed and 41 have not done so yet. (PO chasing these for info)  Current Bank account is £26,054.88 and Savings account is £12,212.74 Total funds £38,267.62  CO raised the possibility of a reduced mooring rate for boaters only able to be on the river for certain periods of time. There was discussion and T Bailey felt this would be very hard to administer and prime moorings could end up not used fully. PO said it was not good to encourage a drop in income. It was agreed to consider the idea and discuss in the future.  Jon Jones asked about Visitor Moorings and PO said there were 2, marked, at Patch and 1 at St Dogmaels. When a visiting boat contacted PO he could direct them to the moorings. PO did say that the current moorings needed moving as the area currently dried out at low tide, (as could be seen from the aerial photos recently sent to the Board).	
4. Navigation Officer's Report	PO reported that trees had been an issue coming down the river but these were largely being dealt with. The main problem is Glan Teifi and below. The backwater to Webley flats has gone and main river ends in Pwll Sama, which dries out. The container remains an issue and PO has contacted Steve Wilson at CCC with concerns over stability and suggesting it be moved to a more stable site. Rubbish in this area is again a concern. Suggestions were a letter to the fishermen and signage on the pontoon. PO said there was already a sign on the container. No new decision was made.	

	<p>PO pointed out that ATFL had to manage (not maintain) the pontoon , and he has put in an estimate to CCC to renew ropes and anchor point on the west end. New 'ropes' would have a wire core to prevent 'interference'.</p> <p>A Hazard marker has been place at the spit end and 12 buoys mark the channel from the pontoon and round the other side.</p>	
5. The meeting with Jon Turner (NRW) re the Spit	<p>N Smith and P Oakley met with Jon Turner at the Spit. JT was shocked by the state of the Spit and it seemed the NRW attitude was different to past years and sand could possibility be moved away. PO has given an estimate to JT that (from L Coleman) 38,000 tons of material would need moving. It was hoped material could be put over by Coronation Drive. PO would have 3 quotes for this work. Currently waiting to hear from JT.</p> <p>This led to much discussion as to how/whether the 'backbone' of the spit should be rebuilt and it was agreed this was pointless without some work to prevent erosion from the seaward side. Sunken telegraph pole, crash barriers and boulders were all discussed. PO reiterated that something should be done soon, but all acknowledged the prohibitive cost. T Bar thought CCC must have experts in the field that could be consulted, and also wondered if current grant funds might help.</p> <p>No new course of action was agreed.</p>	
6. The FLAG application	<p>T Barber reported that CCC has placed a purchase order for the buoys and the estimated delivery date was the end of April. By then PO and LC would have the tackle and rope ordered.</p> <p>Money to ATFL from the grant was £700 of 'contract placing' and around £3500 for ongoing maintenance TBar will give CO the exact figures so can invoice CCC. She will check back with TBar before sending. TBar also has a form for LC to sign to be placed on CCC approved contractor list.</p> <p>The Drone was included in the grant and would provide very useful photos in the future.</p> <p>TBar asked about a logo, and PO would send him an old one that could be improved. TBar will also get a quote for redoing the website.</p> <p>Jon Jones asked if wet weather gear, specific to ATFL could be in the grant, to aid with officers work and visibility. PO pointed out that ATFL should provide suitable safety equipment anyway and TBar would get some figures together. CO said these could be included in the next budget.</p>	<p>TBar CO</p> <p>PO TBar</p> <p>TBar</p>
7. Lease rental review by ATFL	<p>CO would like to approach Ceredigion County Council to discuss a reduction in the lease. It was agreed she should do this and HR would pass on the contact details for the relevant officer. JJ thought the work outside of the spit could be taken into account.</p>	<p>CO HR</p>
8. Funding for the Fishermen	<p>N Smith referred to the information from Nick Newland about further possible funding for activity and infrastructure on the river. PO felt that ATFL should leave this alone as no director had the time to take on such a project. The fishermen could apply for funding themselves if wanted. TBar wondered about the advantages of harbour infrastructure funding and would speak to Len Walters about this.</p> <p>It was agreed to contact Jane Roche to thank her for finding out about the current funding and suggesting it to ATFL.</p>	<p>NS HR</p>
9. Adoption of company solicitor	<p>PO reported that the current solicitor had left Evans solicitors and he suggested appointing David Mason, who has a boat on the river and home in St Dogmaels. Mr Mason has said he would be happy to take this on . CO suggested the appointment could be reviewed in a year if necessary. All agreed.</p>	
10. The Container	<p>This item was dealt with previously in the meeting.</p>	

11. Hazard markers	This item was dealt with previously in the meeting.	
10. Any Other Business	<p>PO said that boats Saracen and Quo Vadis were ready for use on the river, the latter being moored by TBai to be used at a patrol boat.</p> <p>HR pointed out it was nearly 2 years since an AGM was held. It was agreed to aim for May, in person or Zoom, depending on restrictions.</p> <p>Next meeting will be called as and when needed.</p>	