

Golant Quay Users Association Parish Council Annual Meeting 2024 Report

Membership. We currently have 111 members with 136 let berths, 3 up from last year. We will continue to restrict new membership to only Golant residents to avoid the issue of more derelict boats. We are now starting to alert members with boats that don't move and are deteriorating to consider their plan of action as we do not want to get into another round of high disposal costs. On boat insurance we will pick members at random and ask for a copy of their boat insurance instead of requiring all members to provide evidence of cover.

Audit. Many thanks to Tony Strachan for auditing our accounts and to Fayre, who resigned as Treasurer, and for her work over the last 3 years. A warm welcome to Allan Foster our new Treasurer who has done a sterling job of pulling together the accounts for this year.

Fees. At a recent committee meeting we agreed to increase the fees, generally by £10. Annual membership will be £20, Berth fees will be £20 for locals and £25 for non-locals, with a Joining fee of £20. The late payment fee will be maintained at £25 and interestingly after introducing this last year there were no late payments. These increases are in part because our auditor has suggested we need a contingency fund of £10,000 and we want to increase our spend on new stern anchor chain.

Ltd Company Report. I report that the Annual return and Company Accounts were submitted on time and that there were no trading activities in the year and therefore the Company remains dormant. It is essential that this is reported each year for our membership to be sure that nothing is changing regarding ownership of the land. The Directors are Allan Foster our new Treasurer and James Fuge.

H&S Report. Many thanks to Paul Meredith for carrying out the H&S inspections and confirming that there were no reportable accidents over the last year. Ian Barker has revised our Risk Assessment in line with our insurance requirements, and thanks to him for doing this. It has thrown up the need for more signage warning the public of the dangers of swimming off the quay and of boats coming alongside and their mooring lines etc. We plan to incorporate these warnings in the new sign to be fixed to the donation box.

Maintenance & General Spends. The slip has been cleaned of algae on a regular basis, at a cost this year of £140.

We spent another £350 on derelict boat removal, bringing the total so far to nearly £2000 and managed to persuade the owner of the big wooden sailing boat that no longer floated to remove it. We donated £500 to Boatwatch towards the purchase and running of CCTV cameras. We bought new chain to go along the Green area as stern anchoring, and Ian has installed this. We paid £3,216 to resurface the top of the quay and £570 repointing the quay walls.

We have agreed to a budget spend this year of £4,200 to cover our normal admin costs, a provision for derelict boat removal, some track maintenance and a Pill Clean-up session. Most of these activities are being organised by Ian Barker, our Vice Chair and thanks to him for taking on more and more tasks. We also plan a new sign with a QR code to go on the donation box by the slip to attract more payments for using this facility.

Committee. Elected at our recent AGM were myself as Chair, Ian Barker as Vice Chair, Allan Foster as Treasurer, Paul Meredith. Simon Funnell, Robin Anderson, Simon Robins, Janet Longman and James Fuge.