



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

AGM 17TH October 2010

We are entering our 4th year of BMBHA, still very active in many areas including Marina Liaison, arranging seminars, talks, outings, social events, cruising in company etc.

I would like to remind you of the main aims of the association:

- to form an interface between the berth holders and the owners of the marina with the main object to improve our marina life
- to address issues that arise, to view these issues on a win-win basis and report back to the members

These are our main objectives, not to obtain as many discounts as possible from marina traders. This is an added advantage of being a BMBHA member.

From your mandate given to me at last year's AGM to represent you to oppose the proposed X-Leisure Marina development, I attended protest meetings and spoke on your behalf, representing over 300 marina berth holders at the Public Enquiry. I am very pleased to report that upon receiving the report from this enquiry, the Minister upheld the council's rejection of the proposed planning request. Beware! X-Leisure will try again, we do not know when but I'm sure it will not be too long. I believe that we should not oppose a reasonable development of the fairly scrappy west end of the Marina as long as it is in sympathy with the surroundings. No tower blocks, no overcrowding, increased parking not decreased, updating the infrastructure and most important, remembering it is a marina with water, boats etc. not a housing estate. You can be sure we will keep you updated of any further developments.

We have liaised extensively this year on many Marina matters and issues that our Liaison committee member along with our Marina Manager will update and discuss with you. These include problems with electricity, the boat yard, toilet blocks, parking and many more. Most of these requests have come to a successful and acceptable conclusion.

Newsletters have been produced and circulated, more to come. Our web site is being updated and will be more active, please use it.

Lastly I would like to thank you all for your support and to thank our hard-working committee members and all our sponsors that support us throughout the year.

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CHAIR BMBHA

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