



Newquay Marine Group
AGM Minutes of Meeting – Monday 17th February 2020

1) Matters arising from the meeting:

a) Summary of Actions

- i) (Laura/Gwynnie) Organise West Country River Trust training**
- ii) (Claire/Laura) Please put NMG 2019 accomplishments on website**
- iii) (Bex) Please confirm date/time for UV rockpool**

b) Membership deadline

- The AGM is when we renew our membership to NMG. Therefore membership fees are now due.
- In accordance to GDPR regulations, your email address can not be kept if you are not up to date with your membership fee with the Newquay Marine Group.
- 1st April will be cut off for membership fees then you will be removed from the mailing list. Or before if you request it.
- Membership form is below for bank details. If you are already a member you do not need to fill the form out.
- Prices are the same:
 - £10 adult / individual
 - £5 student / concession
 - £20 Family
 - £50 Business

c) Voting positions

- Positions were nominated, and seconded by group members.
- For 2020, the chair of Newquay Marine Group will be Laura Guy.
- For 2020, the vice chair of Newquay Marine Group will be Liz Clark.
- For 2020, the secretary of Newquay Marine Group will be Ethan Henderson.

- For 2020, the membership secretary of Newquay Marine Group will be Paula Johnson.
- For 2020, the treasurer of Newquay Marine Group will be Gabriella Gilkes and Laura Guy.

d) Finances

- Currently in the Newquay Marine Group bank account, there is a total of £5176 designated for projects.
- £163 is for the Trawlshare Project.
- £3282 is for the Yellow Fish Project.
- £1730 is for the Newquay Marine Group, which comes from talks, merchandise, and membership fees. This amount does not take into account the float, fees collected at the AGM or the Manta ray talk takings.
- £500 of this is from the Your Shore Beach Rangers which is allocated for the boat trips for youth which will be a project beginning this year. In addition the National Lottery has given us a prepaid card with £1000 for the boat trips.
- Martin Stanley, a member has donated money from his charitable trust for the group. Huge thanks. Discussions on how best to use this money will be at the next meeting.

e) Newquay Beach Care

- Please see the attachment for the 2019/2020 summary for Newquay Beach Care by Liz Clark

f) Newquay Marine Group 2019 accomplishments

- 6 Shoresearch surveys hosted by Lee Charnock.
- 2 Foraging walks hosted by Angie Nash.
- 12 Beach cleans hosted by Newquay Beach Care.
- 12 Seaquests hosted by Katie Bellman.
- 1 Snorkel hosted by Your Shore Beach Rangers and Jenny Simpson.
- Talk on '**War on waste**' by Laura Guy with Plastic Free Newquay.
- Working towards getting fountains in the town, by speaking to a Rum Company who has finances for it.
- Refill is still going, with Jess from Plastic Free Newquay.
- We attended the Holistic Fair, where 50% of proceeds were donated to the group.
- Excellent engagement when we attended RNLI day.
- We did 1 day at the Fish Festival, and did a Shoresearch and a beach clean!
- We hosted talks at Newquay college including; Rupert Kirkwood, Septimus, and manta rays!

- Jenny Simpson organized a screening of the movie 'Artifishal' with the Lighthouse Cinema and 50% of proceeds went to the group.
- We received £4800 from the Environment Agency for the Yellow Fish Project to hit the Towan area.
- We received £1,500 from the Your Shore Beach Rangers and National Lottery fund to host boat trips for youth who have little to no experience with the sea.
- We received the Newquay in Bloom Award and Britain in Bloom award for our work on the Harbour Heights project.
- We finally have a garage, thank you Chris Lowe.
- We are speaking to marketeers about rebranding the groups design, and moving forward.
- We had a Christmas quiz!
- We had radio and television interviews about all the work we do!
- We have worked with the museum, and have our work in exhibitions.
- We did a plastic unwrap event at Morrisons.
- We did carbon sampling with Carbonquest in association with Bangor University.
- We did a BioBlitz at Penryn!
- We completed the 2nd year of Trawlshare!
- We did oyster surveys with help from the Duke of Edinburgh.
- We work with Tidal Revival.
- Liz did a talk for the Cornwall Plastic Pollution Coalition and the Marine Liaison group!
- We now have an Instagram thanks to Ethan and all members who have submitted pictures!
- We now have videos used for beach cleans and bird walks. Thanks to Josh Symes and Josh Howells.
- Our website is now up and running better than ever before thanks to Adam!
- We got a kayak from Odyssey Innovation for kayak litter picks for the group to use!
- We have been doing make a change Monday to inspire little changes – thanks to Emily!
- **Thank you to everyone for their work and support!**

g) Upcoming events

- **24th February** – Make a Change Monday, theme will be 'Global'!
- **26th February**- Jellyfish talk by Victoria Hobson at Cornwall College 6.30pm/7pm start.
- **29th February** - Bird walk with Steve Rowe at the Gannel estuary, 9.00 am start meeting at the lower car park.
- **7th March** - St Pirans Festival, Newquay Marine Group will have a stall at the Griffin.
- **20/21st March** - Nighttime rockpool with Bex Allen (date and Location TBC)

- **9th April** - Shoresearch with Lee Charnock at South Fistral 12.30pm start.
- **30th June** - Snorkel at the Helford, with the Helford Marine Group! Transport will be provided (Car/Bus)
- **11th July** - Shoresearch with Lee Charnock at Towan, 12.30pm start.
- **28th June** - Snorkel with Jenny Simpson at Gazzel/Little Fistral (Backup dates are 16th/30th August)
- **2nd August**- Snorkel with Jenny Simpson at Gazzel/Little Fistral (Backup dates are 16th/30th August)
- **21st August**- 6pm Shoresearch with Lee Charnock

h) Updates: Boat trips for youth with Atlantic Diving

- We have been granted £1500 from the Your Shore Beach Rangers and National Lottery fund to run boat trips with education and the marine experience for youth.
- We will try and get the young'uns who haven't been on boats before, or who don't know the coast that well. Inland schools hopefully.
- This project will have two roles required titled "Project Coordinator" and may entitle payment for work. Look out for the job description! Will require to be free till May.

i) Updates: West Country River Trust

- We met Lydia who has offered half a day of training for the West Country River Trust.
- The group displayed interest, and Gwynnie and Laura will be finalising a day.

j) Updates: Marine Strandings

- Annabelle suggested we access marine strandings data for the Newquay area. Which we have.
- We have had a look at the enormous amount of data and are looking at using it to produce work/knowledge of our area.

k) Updates: Land and Sea Cornwall

- Hosting inland litter picks with the next clean being 27th February at 10 am outside the zoo car park.

l) Updates: Newquay Zoo and Women's Institute

- We have been approached to do beach cleans with these two groups,

m) Updates: Newquay Dance Collective

- The Newquay Dance Collective have been granted a sum of money to produce an event for their 'Wave of Change' project and have a budget of £150.

- The group contacted us asking if they can run a workshop/talk with us about the local marine environment.
 - This event will hit the Arts 8 Festival, and Newquay Carnival.
- n) **Updates: Odyssey Innovation Kayak**
- We have found storage for our new kayak at Newquay harbour at the Sailing club.
 - Costs £90 a year, however, grants us a secure place to store kayak and equipment, and can be easily accessed by students.
 - Details of use and rental will be sorted in time for spring.
- o) **Updates: Asda Green Tokens**
- Asda got in touch after Mike's submission. They required more information before being allocated a token box for donations. TBC
- p) **Updates: Members**
- **Katie**- Cornwall Seal Group Research Trust will be hosting their first ever conference! Loads of seal talks! This will be at Penryn campus on 4th July, with free tickets being available from March.
 - **Ian** – can we publicise the amount of work we have done in a year – through NV maybe?
 - **Daisy**- Will be running an event in collaboration with Cornwall College and BDMLR as part of her degree to raise money and awareness of the work the charity does for our wildlife. Has a target of raising £500, and is selling Seasalt seals for £1, and collecting bottle caps so if you can help please get in touch!
 - **We have been nominated for outstanding group award through Newquay Town Council. Voting is open!** <https://www.newquaycouncil.uk/corporate-services/awards-supporting-statements/>
- q) **Next Meeting**
- 16th March – Lanherne pub 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.

Thank You!