



Newquay Marine Group

AGM Minutes of Meeting – Monday 8th February 2021

Apologies – Gus, Mark R

Agenda

2021 Annual Group Meeting Opening.

- a) Voting for 2021 Committee Members**
- b) Conferment of membership fees**
- c) Finance overview**
- d) Update for the group 2021**
- e) Update for Newquay Beach Care 2021**
- f) Members Input**
- g) Annual Group Meeting Officially Closed**
- h) Talk by Chris Lowe Shipwrecks part 2**

a) Annual Group Meeting Commencement

Laura officially opened up the AGM for the Newquay Marine Group at 6:30pm. As a constituted group we must have an AGM every year including voting in annual committee members, updating members on financial matters and updates on all of the Marine groups involvements, events and partnerships that took place throughout 2020 since the last annual AGM on the 17th February. It was stated that this would usually be followed up with a normal meeting, however, it was decided that after the AGM, it would be followed up by a continuation of Chris Lowe's talk, Shipwrecks part II, sunken treasures around Cornwall of which part I, took place at the Great Western Hotel at last year's AGM.

b) Voting for 2021 Committee Members

Before voting, the Chair of Newquay Marine Group, opened the floor for anyone to put their names forward.

Thanks to last year's committee for all their hard work.

Voting of the 2021 committee is as follows:

- Chair – Laura Guy Wilkinson
- Co-Chair – Liz Clark
- Secretary – Josh Howells
- Treasurer – Laura Guy Wilkinson/Gabriella Gilkes
- Membership secretary – Paula

Voting closed with the Chair thanking the new committee but also the wider group. The group and the work would not be possible without the countless hours of volunteering put in by everybody. So Thank You!!

c) Membership Fees

Following last meeting and discussion on fees. Full membership for this year was accepted. However, understanding situations for some may be difficult so a half price membership fee will also be accepted. At each member's discretion.

Therefore, membership fees are now due.

- Adult - £10
- Child/Student - £5
- Family - £20
- Business - £50

Please speak to Laura or Paula regarding any membership matters, Membership form is attached to the email which contains the bank details.

There will be a couple of months leeway however, after this time we will have to remove your email from the mailing list for GDPR purposes.

d) Treasurers Report

Laura provided a detailed update on the financial matters of the group over the past year of 2020. The group at current has a total of £6,172.66 in our account. Within this there are 4 ringfenced projects:

- Yellow Fish = £3,060.12
- Trawl share = £63.00

- School boat trips = £424.00
- Friends of Fistral Dunes = £479.05
- NMG = £2,685.99

Our main outgoings are the storage unit at £44 per month, our public liability insurance and website domains for the Marine group and Newquay Beach Care.

Anyone wishing to look further or wanting more information on any financial matters for the group, this is your right as members so Laura can provide receipts, invoices and statements required by anyone.

e) Update for the group 2021

It is a list

- Make a change Monday campaign
- Nominated for the community awards
- Talk by Victoria Hobson about jellyfish
- Bird walk on the Gannel
- Seaquest Sundays – covid guidelines meant some were just the core group.
- Student projects such as egg cases with the Shark Trust and bees!
- Basking sharks, birds, whales, porpoises and dolphins!
- Litter and lockdowns
- Newquay Clean
- Beresford closed their doors
- Tshirt designs!
- Website upgrade
- Paella night with Fore Street Cafe and the Blue Tits
- Angling Bins, recycling schemes and angling leaflet
- Crabbing bins
- Splashy the Dolphin died.
- Seal pup rescues (crowdfunder is open!)
- Lots of strandings
- Certificates of recognition from Britain in Bloom
- Harbour Heights and concrete conversations
- Love of Zoom – talks – Dan Jarvis, Gavan Cooke
- Friends of Fistral Dunes
- Boat trips with the schools
- Plans for surveys
- Your shore conference and monthly meetings
- Snorkeling equipment funds

- Calendar of fun in the hope we can meet in 2021

f) Update for Newquay Beach Care 2021

- Liz has completed an annual report for NBC attached to the email.
- In 2020-21 we had conducted a total of 14 beach cleans, of which 10 were on the timetable and some specific requests for North Quay, Whipsiderry, and Polly joke. Two were additionally cancelled, but we still managed to do the same amount as the year previous, so a massive well one to everyone involved.
- A total weight of 373kg of litter has been collected within the past year and a massive 3.4 metric tons of litter since the project first started. Effort from the cleans and waste collected has also been calculated into an economic value, using minimum wage and amount of volunteer hours which has equated to £1,260.
- We have and can lend kit out to anyone wanting to conduct cleans of their local areas during their daily exercise so please let Liz know.
- We have engaged with 149 people during beach cleans this year, that's a little lower than the 250 from the year previous, however, with less people out and about and for a limited time, we think this is still a pretty good achievement!
- At the beginning of lockdown, Liz created a video at the Watergate Bay Hotel carpark about the amount of litter there which went viral and helped reform Newquay Clean, so a positive out of a negative.
- Newquay Beach Care have been working very closely with Land & Sea and Friends of Fistral Dunes doing litter picks.
- We have been finding lots of facemasks which is unfortunate, but probably won't get better for a while.
- Upcoming! February 14th we have a litter pick at Porth which cant be advertised, however if you taking your local exercise in the area at the same time then maybe you'll cross paths!
- Additionally, two strandline surveys booked for the 13th March and 1st August have also been scheduled, watch this space.
- Newquay Beach Care is now also collecting litter in the Marine Conservation Societies format in order for us to be able to send them data to assist with ongoing projects.

- Newquay Trawl Share samples are still with the University of Exeter and they are going through each of our 600 samples one by one. We hope this analysis will be finished soon, so we can update the report and hopefully get published under this amazing research!

Liz Finished off by saying a massive thank you to all volunteers, litter-picking, inputting or otherwise for the amazing work we have achieved this year of all years!

g) Members input

Bex – Bex commented on the cliff fall at Whipseyderry Beach, which we are all very sad to hear about, unfortunately a family pet was killed in the incident with the owner narrowly escaping this fall. Thoughts are with those affected. Gabs commented on the MMO still having to comment on a license for the scheduled development works that were to take place just above the cliff. Rightmove are now advertising the four-bedroom houses proposed for the area. Gus couldn't be here tonight, but we shall pass all information on to him and keep a close eye on this developing situation.

Gabriella Gilkes – T-shirt designs were bought up again by Gabs just to confirm when we might see our designs printed out, which is being proposed for this year depending on funds and time. This will be yet another brilliant step for the group.

Jurassic Park Man (Lee) – Lee remembered back to the group beginnings and how far the marine group had come.

Caroline – Thanks to committee for all the hard work provided on behalf of the Marine Group.

Thank you to all members as well, as nothing would be possible without our group following.

h) Annual Group Meeting Officially Closed

A massive thank you to all of our members and Chris Lowe for offering his talk. The AGM was officially closed at 6:57pm and followed up with Chris Lowes shipwreck talk part II. The talk, once again, went down extremely well amongst members and other viewers, with chants of a weekly Storytime by Chris

We are looking at options for recording and sharing the recording for those unable to attend.

i) Next meeting

Monday 8th March 2021 – 6.30pm on zoom. Details to follow.

Thank you!