



## Dovey Yacht Club AGM Minutes 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025 at 1830

- **Members present**

Grant Hickson (snr), Grant Hickson (JR), Terry Whitburn, Don Gillespie, Sue Gillespie, John Alcock, Keil Carthy, Will Brookes, John Tildesley, Sally Tildesley, David Mason, Neil Plater, Peter D Benson, Josh Cooper, , Lisa Gardner, Steve Hardman, Tony & Mary Bowron, Claire Faith, Martin Bassett, Rhian Cooper, Helen Hardman, Bob Usher, Kate Stevens, Dan Stevens, Terry Loftus, Lynn Crossley, Mark Crossley, Edward Crossley, Duncan McLaughlin, Linda Alcock, Mary Bowron, Tony Bowron, Lottie Parker, Katie Caldwell, Mark Caldwell, Robin Druett, Tom Tuthill, Ian Baylis, Nia Baylis.

### **Social and Others**

Mr & Mrs D Richardson Amelia Carthy, Richard Ward

- **Welcome**

Commodore Des George welcomed everyone to the 76<sup>th</sup> DYC AGM.

Des gave a short re-cap of the previous year which included several new initiatives launched, local school visits and grants received.

Des highlighted that the most important development of late is the presence of the Mini Mariners at the yacht club. Notably, the youngsters are being made to feel welcome, comfortable and safe. It's also a pleasure to see them having fun out on the water sailing.

Des stated that the club has experienced some difficulties recently, but good foundations have been laid going forward.

Current finances are ok – Gwynedd County Council covered the costs of the exterior works and the intention going forward is to fundraise for the interior re-fit.

- **Apologies for absences**

Apologies received from:

Rob Gillespie	Mark Anslow	Alan & Alison Woodbridge
Jo Hickson	Karren & Darren Lloyd	Tim & Pauline Brown
Sue Mason	Jennie Druett	Huw Jones-Williams
Dave & Di Chell	Francis & Fiona Peate	
Tom Coombe/proxy	Dan Stevens	

- **Minutes of 2024 AGM**

No questions asked or comments made.

Proposer: Josh Cooper Seconder: Neil Plater

100% in favour with a show of hands.



## Commodore's Report

The report had been circulated to everyone ahead of the meeting and no questions had been received ahead of the AGM.

No questions asked or comments made.

- **Treasurer's Report**

No questions asked or comments made from the floor.

Proposer: Robin Druett Seconder: Grant Hickson Junior

100% in favour with a show of hands.

- **Election of Officers**

Des stated 2 officers standing down: Freddie Collier & Steve Bedder.

Huge thanks given to both for their commitment and dedication to DYC.

2 new officers proposed:

- Ian Baylis & Terry Loftus proposed
- Des will be staying in the role of Commodore until the end of the year.
- Terry Loftus proposed for treasurer, bringing valuable background and experience to the role.
- Ian Baylis proposed to join the board bringing a combination of sailing and corporate experience to the club.
- David Mason has agreed to stay on with the responsibility of managing membership.
- Kate Stevens – in the role of supporting young sailors, mini mariners and other initiatives.
- Jo Hickson – continued support for the club in the role of social secretary.
- Neil Plater – valuable assistance and continued support given to the club.

100% in favour with a show of hands.

- **Appointment of auditor**

Currently using Major Evans accountants from Machynlleth. Not the fastest but are of good quality. Des suggest continuing with using Major Evans.

Proposer: Grant Hickson Seconder: Lottie Parker.

- **Any other business**

No AOB questions from the floor.

Des informed everyone that regarding the build-up of sand on the slipway, a pump would be a good solution however, the budget available isn't enough for the equipment necessary to manage the work long-term. This information is based on knowledge and research by Keil Carthy.



Des added that the solar panels are very effectively generating power and working well.

A new lease for the building is currently under negotiations with Gwynedd County Council, the lease will also include the management of the slipway with support given by DYC.

Josh Cooper contributed to the meeting by highlighting that Des has been the commodore since 2017 and wanted to give huge thanks for the dedication and commitment given over the years.

End of formal AGM meeting @

### Informal discussion post AGM

- A big thank you to Will Brookes from Des for facilitating the racing programme and encouraging sailors to take part.
- Ian Baylis mentioned that the introduction of Hawk 20 sailing to the club could be the future for cruiser racing at DYC. He followed up by explaining what kind of boat the Hawk 20 is and why he believes they're a good fit.
- Des highlighted that the foiling weekend has had a very successful uptake with the reggae night being overbooked.
- Des invited questions from the floor.
- From Josh Cooper to Des – are there plans for succession? Des confirmed that there is a plan. He also went on to mention that Terry coming in as the treasurer will be a great asset and the addition of Ian with good ideas focusing on change and the commercial success of the club, without taking away the homely feel.
- In addition, Ian Baylis provided feedback from other RYA coaches that clubs are undergoing change everywhere and for DYC it will be a process of providing commercial support while protecting the heritage of the club.
- Des thanked Huw for doing an extremely good job of sourcing grants.
- Grant senior asked if there was any scope for hot water tank installation on the roof but unfortunately not enough space.
- John Tildesley asked what the financial reserves of the club are – Des confirmed £20K & £10k in separate accounts.
- Des noted that the remedial measures carried out on the roof were covered by the club's reserves. Also mentioned that the loan is being paid off slowly and the Scottish Power issue has been resolved.
- Des commented that with the bar profits and events happening, the outlook for the autumn is good.
- Lastly, Des mentioned that the lease is currently being looked at by a company in Shrewsbury.

End of informal discussion.