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<b>Meeting Title:</b>	Tourism & Recreational Forum		
<b>Meeting Objective:</b>	The Morlais Tourism and Recreation Forum is a key part of Morlais and its partners' plans to ensure the sustainable tidal energy project delivers community benefits across the board.		
<b>Location:</b>	Microsoft Teams		
<b>Date:</b>	13/12/2022	<b>Time</b>	09:00
<b>Attendees:</b>			
<p><b>Morlais:</b> Claire Palmer(CP)(Chair), Guto Wyn Hughes (GWH), Aimi Hopkins (AH), Gerallt Llewelyn Jones (GLJ);</p> <p><b>Bangor University:</b> Dr Edward Jones (EJ);</p> <p><b>British Mountaineers Council:</b> Tim Jepson (TJ);</p> <p><b>Anglesey Sea Kayak Alliance:</b> Jenny Wong (JW);</p> <p><b>Canoe Wales:</b> Alistair Pattullo (AP);</p> <p><b>Anglesey Sea Views:</b> Tom Roberts (TR);</p> <p><b>Selkie:</b></p> <p><b>Ynys Cybi County Council:</b> Efan Millner (EM); Wil Stewart (WS)</p> <p><b>Stena Line:</b></p> <p><b>Apologies :</b> Phil Scott, William Calderbank, Angharad Crump.</p>			

#### Summary of Actions:

No.	Item No.	Action	Resp.	Due
1	1	Wording in section 2 of the previous meeting minutes to be corrected to "surface" from "service"	AH	Completed 13/12/22
2	1	Meet with TR to discuss additional footfall counters	GR	Meeting arranged for 22/12/22
3	1	Discuss the placement of an information boards at Soldiers Point & the Rifle Range	Morlais	March 2023
4	1	Feed back to the team on the Anglesey Sea Kayak Symposium – April 29 <sup>th</sup> – May 5th	CP	Feb 2023
5	3	Have a meeting with JW to see how we can incorporate the canoeists data from the Kayakers questionnaire	EJ	Dec 2022
6	4	Discuss thoughts on the proposed Tourism Tax with her members	JW	March 2023
7	5	Share ideas on who will be responsible for the	ALL	March 2023

		ongoing cleaning and upkeep of the toilet facilities		
<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	Check for accurate numbers and locations for EV charging points	CP / EJ	March 2023

#### Ongoing Actions from previous meetings :

<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	EJ to consider the implementation of membership data collected by kayaking groups into the monitoring process.	EJ	<b>In Progress – data gathering ongoing</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	The trends of the data collected by the counters to be considered in addition to the raw numbers.	EJ	<b>In Progress . loACC also provided data from their footfall counters from around the Island</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	EJ, EM & GWH to have a meeting to discuss the locations of information boards.	EJ, EM & GWH	<b>In Progress - discussions ongoing with loACC.</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	DG to discuss with loACC & WG regarding the financial support available for installing EV charging points at local business and report back to all attendees in the next meeting.	DG/GLJ	<b>Application for funding has gone through the first stage. Stage 2 In progress, funding should be before the end of March</b>

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<b>No.</b>	<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Resp.</b>	<b>Update</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	EJ to consider the implementation of membership data collected by kayaking groups into the monitoring process.	EJ	<b>In Progress – data gathering ongoing</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	Morlais to consider the development of one data hub across all Working Groups relating to the MDZ project.	Morlais	<b>Completed – Tabs are already on the Morlais</b>

				<b>website.</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	GLJ to check if developers who have won a subsidy will be installing cabling prior to deployment in 2026 or within 2026.	GLJ	<b>Completed - Magallanes would like to start marine works 18 - 24 months before installation (best estimate summer 2025).</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	EJ to confirm with RibRide if they continue to use the South Stack area and, if so, how often.	EJ	<b>Completed - Regular trips from Holyhead are temporarily halted due to issues with fuel storage at Holyhead Marina- may begin to use again in the future</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	EJ to check if the Welsh Government tourism barometer data is split between sub-sectors, such as adventure tourism.	EJ	<b>Completed - data isn't split.</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	Morlais to circulate a map of where footfall counters have been installed.	GWH/HT	<b>Completed - Map circulated 10/11/2022.</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	The trends of the data collected by the counters to be considered in addition to the raw numbers.	EJ	<b>In Progress . IoACC also provided data from their footfall counters from around the Island – this will be incorporated into the analysis.</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	EJ, EM & GWH to have a meeting to discuss the locations of information boards.	EJ, EM & GWH	<b>In Progress – discussions ongoing with IoACC.</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	All attendees to send additional location for the information boards through to Morlais <a href="mailto:info@morlaisenergy.com">info@morlaisenergy.com</a> .	All Attendees	<b>Complete - suggestions Soldiers Point &amp; Rifle Range Car Park</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	DG to discuss with IoACC & WG regarding the financial support available for installing EV charging points at local business and report back to all attendees in the next meeting.	DG/GLJ	<b>Application for funding has gone through the first stage. Stage 2 In</b>

				progress, funding should be before the end of March
11	7	EM will find out the timescale for the renovation of the toilets and share with DG.	EM	Completed – dates circulated to all attendees.

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No.	Item No.	Action	Resp.	Completed by
1	3	Points to raise in the Ateb meeting – Need weekly updates on traffic management & need the diversion signs to be included on the map.	Morlais	Completed
2	3	Share Bryn Williams contact details with Mathew Davies.	HT	Completed.
3	4	Confirm that the points addressed in the consultation by the RYA are being picked up and incorporated in the monitoring strategy.	Morlais	Completed.
4	4	Presentation displayed during the meeting to be shared with all attendees.	Morlais	Completed.
5	7	Morlais to ensure they get agreement from the boating clubs for the use of their data.	Morlais	Completed.
6	7	Invitation to be extended to Evan Millner for future meetings.	Morlais	Completed.
7	8	BMC & divers' representative to be invited to the meetings.	Morlais	Completed.

<b>1.</b>	<b>Introductions &amp; Actions from previous meetings</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to all attendees.</li> <li>• CP asks for <b>comments and matters arising from previous meeting minutes</b>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ AP comments on a typo in the previous minutes in section 2 - <b>GLJ noted that all service devices have to be in the south part of the zone – This should say “surface” not “service”</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ACTION – Previous meeting minutes to be corrected as above</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ AP comments that the positioning of devices is not only about visual impact but maybe the prime mover should be the safety of other marine users rather than just the visual impact.</li> <li>○ CP thanks AP for his comments and adds that there is also a separate group</li> </ul>

meeting held to discuss Navigational Risk.

**ACTION – GR to meet with TR to discuss locations for additional footfall counters**

- On action point 9.4 TR suggests The Rifle Range Car Park as a site for one information board.
- AP confirms he sent an email on 27/09/2022 to the Morlais team in regard to action point 9.4 with the suggestion of Soldiers Point.

**ACTION - Discuss the placement of an information boards at Soldiers Point & the Rifle Range**

- GLJ reports on action point 3.2 regarding the developers cabling. More detailed information will be fed back to the group as we get it.
  - AP asks if there will be vessels in Abrahams Bosom whilst pulling the liner into the duct.
  - GLJ confirms the decision will take place towards the end of Feb 2023. It is possible that vessels will be deployed, but they will be in the Abrahams Bosom area, very close to shore. We can't say exactly when until after Feb and this will also be weather dependant.
  - AP asks if we can avoid April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup> for the Anglesey Sea Kayak Symposium.

**ACTION – Feed back to the team on the Anglesey Sea Kayak Symposium dates.**

- GLJ provides an update on the funding applied for in action point 10.5
- EM confirms for action point 11.7 that the work has started on the toilet blocks in Porth Dafarch and Treaddur Bay and should be completed by the end of March 2023.
- CP would like to thank Jenny Wong, in her absence for her toilet facility site suggestions.
- TJ leaves a comment on the chat regarding action point 10.5 - **I asked our last BMC area meeting if there were any infrastructure projects they would like to see implemented as a side-benefit of the Morlais initiative. The only suggestion was 'improved public transport and parking serving the prime climbing areas'. In general climbers tend to be very self-contained once they have arrived at their intended venue.**

**2. Morlais Project Update (GLJ)**

- A brief update is given on the project and the up-and-coming traffic works.
- We are 50% through the capital works now.
- Final stages of the ducting work are being undertaken at the bottom of South Stack hill.
- JB report that the only 2 lane road closures will be Porth Dafarch Road during Jan & Feb 2023.
- Substation HH is growing.
- We continue to support local benefits and local employment.
- Action points are being looked at following a recent meeting with local residents.
- Magallanes have a CFD to deploy in 2026 for 5.62MW (3 or 4 devices).
- We are hoping for a further 24MW to compete for a CFD subsidy early next year.
- We will be submitting a business case for NWGD funding early next year to extend the infrastructure work from Parc Cybi to the old Anglesey Aluminium site in order to connect up to the National Grid.

- AP asks about the maximum MW prior to connecting to the National Grid.
- GLJ says we have 18MW contracted at Parc Cybi through SPEN. If a developer is successful at CFD in 2023 , they will not deploy until 2027 by which time we will have hopefully completed the work of connecting up to NG.

No further questions for GLJ

### 3. Update on data collected in last quarter (where available)

- ***EJ shared a presentation on screen to show updates on data collected***
- EJ reports there is not much more to update since our last meeting in Sept.
- EJ would like to focus on the Morlais Marine User Survey.
- EJ points out the comment from the previous meeting regarding incorporating the Kayakers questionnaire into the Morlais Marine Users Survey.

**ACTION- Have a meeting with JW to see how we can incorporate the canoeists data from the Kayakers questionnaire**

- All the data and surveys completed are shared and discussed with attendees.
- The beach survey data collected by the team through the summer is shared.
- Even though we have 2 years of beach survey data collected, it would be good to have 3 years collected before we analyse.

#### ***Jenny Wong joins the meeting at 09.30***

- Surveys are available throughout the year.
- It is good to see that we are attracting new people to the region.
- EJ draws the attendee's attention to the graph showing visitor numbers during the year with a higher number visiting in July and August.
- TR reports that their cottages are busy throughout the year, but this year bookings have decreased slightly over the winter, this was expected due to the economy at the moment. The caravans are more of a seasonal demand (April – Oct) and drop off during the winter.
- EJ asks the attendees if the bridge closure has impacted their businesses.
- TR reports that this does not seem to have had an impact on their business whatsoever.
- EJ asks loACC for their views on Anglesey as a tourist destination. Are we still busy throughout the year?
- EM reports that from the perspective of loACC and the messages he is getting back is that the shorter seasons are disappearing, and it is remaining busy though out the year. but There is a rise in activities thorough the year and not just over the summer.
- WS says that the tourism industry on Anglesey is continuing thorough the year. Our main catchment area from England for many years was Manchester and the Northwest but there seems to be a tourism spike from visitors from the South and Northeast of England.
- WS says he has not yet had any reports from tourists about issues or difficulty coming over the bridge.
- JW says visitor numbers only drop off in the winter because of the weather.
- TJ agrees that the spike in visitor numbers is related to the weather and the fact that weather forecasts are more accurate and available.

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4.	<b>Discussion on analysis of collected data against baseline trends</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>As discussed above</b></li> <li>• EJ asks attendees if tourists have mentioned the proposed Tourism Tax.</li> <li>• TJ says there has been some mention and discussions are continuing in many grey areas at the moment.</li> <li>• JW confirms that they are a local group, so this has not come up at present.</li> <li>• EJ asks if anyone thinks the tax would put any visitors from abroad off.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>ACTION – JW to Discuss thoughts on the proposed Tourism Tax with her members</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TJ confirms that tax is paid abroad by members of the BMC. The reaction is positive when the tax it is going into local infrastructure. There are pros and cons.</li> <li>• WS reports that there have been comments about the parking charges and how the Tourism Tax if brought in would be used and benefited. People will need to see where the Tourism Tax will be going and what it will be used for.</li> <li>• EJ confirms it is an ongoing discussion at the moment.</li> <li>• AP comments about the Marine Survey slide 1 in section 3. regarding the surveys in November, suggesting there would not be many kayakers in November.</li> <li>• EJ confirms this is data collected in 2021 &amp; 2022 up until November.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>No further questions</b></p>

5.	<b>Discussion on current needs of the industry e.g. opportunities and challenges</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CP reports on the application in at the moment for the EV chargers. We have been invited for second stage application for funding and will keep a dialog open.</li> <li>• EJ asks JW how we can update the Marine Users Survey to incorporate her analysis.</li> <li>• JW confirms she is available for a meeting with EJ week commencing 19/12/22 to discuss further.</li> <li>• JW reports on the conversation initiated with Paul Hansen who has responsibility for the Stakeholder engagement from Marico on the marine traffic survey they need to do. They are in early stages of discussing with them on how they can use , collect and feed in log book based data into it to try and calibrate different surveys.</li> <li>• EJ would like to comment on the discussions from the last meeting about toilet facilities and all agreed this is still needed for the industry.</li> <li>• CP reports that the timescale for the financial allocation that the toilets fall within is the end of March 2023. We are hoping to get the allocation by that time and work together to look at some rapid implementation solutions. We will need to discuss who will be responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of the toilet facilities moving forwards.</li> <li>• JW suggests a wider conversation and collective discussion about the whole thing.</li> <li>• CP suggests more detailed discussions about the practicality in the New Year.</li> <li>• EJ comments on the increased visitor demands for EV charging points as mentioned by TR.</li> <li>• CP suggests we need a better understanding of where this need is geographically.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>ACTION – EJ and CP to check for accurate numbers and locations for EV charging points</b></p>
	<p><b>No further comments or questions</b></p>

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<b>6.</b>	<b>Discussion on any mitigations required, as identified by points 4 and 5</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• As discussed above</li><li>• All attendees are asked for their thoughts and comments</li></ul> <p><b>No further comments or questions</b></p>

<b>7.</b>	<b>AOB and date of next meeting</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Date of next meeting March 2023 – date to be confirmed with attendees</li></ul>