

## **GQUA Parish Council 2019 report**

**Membership numbers.** These are at similar number of 145 let berths as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, against 143 last year.

**Ltd Company Report.** I report that the Annual return and Company Accounts were submitted on time and that there were no trading activities in the year and therefore the Company remains dormant. It is essential that this is reported each year for you to be sure that nothing is changing regarding ownership of the land. Roger Page and James Fuge are the Directors and I am happy to report that they were re-elected at our recent AGM.

**Maintenance Spends.** The slips have been cleaned of algae on a regular basis and this has been the only spend this year. As a adjunct, the donation box by the main slip continues to provide a steady trickle of money.

**Finances.** We ended our financial year with a surplus of £2,253 against a deficit the year before of £4,207 this was because of the spends on the track alongside the Pill and tarmacking. Our total cash at the bank at year end was £12,368.

**Congestion on the slip & quay.** We have had a problem with folk who live on board their boats off Golant and chain their dinghies to our slip. This severely reduces the opportunities for other boat users to come ashore. We have asked them nicely not to use our facilities but to rent a frape, but to no avail. We have taken this problem up with the Harbour Master who says it is our problem, so we have written to the dinghy owners, quoting Harbour by-laws by taping the envelope to their dinghies in the hope of resolving this problem amicably and to-date they have complied. We are also concerned about the environmental impact on the estuary of them living on board and have raised this with the Harbour Office. Two years ago, we had one boat now we have three. They are also taking up free car parking spaces in the village which becomes a concern for Parishioners who don't have off-street parking during the busy summer period, and they are dumping their rubbish by the bins if it won't go in them.

**Pontoon.**

We have also raised the topic of a pontoon at Golant with the Harbour Master, this is as a result of the question being raised at our last year's AGM. This would also help relieve the pressure on the slip & quay but there is no money available from the Harbour Office, although we await the exact wording of that meetings Minutes. As we don't not have sufficient funds ourselves, we will have to either wait until we do or get collaboration from other Golant organisations. So, having now raised it we will continue to seek ways of achieving it. To that end I have been in discussion with David Jenkinson your Parish Councillor who also Chairs Boatwatch, who is keen to help. The next stage will be to get Pontoon suppliers to come and assess our situation and provide feasibilities and costings.

**Insurance.** Our insurance provider Zurich maintained the premium at £523.53.

**Pill improvements.** Following on from the track extension and topping work, Liz Anderson has initiated a planting scheme that saw a good turn out of volunteers to dig in saplings donated by the Woodland Trust around the end of the Pill. They were able to utilise the recently installed and very splendid bench largely donated by Gail & Maurie Parsons from their fund-raising activities. Liz also raised salt tolerant plants, all germinated by her from seed suggested by Natural England and she organised their planting out a few weeks ago. So, we should soon begin to see the fruits of her labour.

**Condition of Boats.** We have recently revised our Constitution and Rule book to include a clause on maintaining members boats in a seaworthy condition. We have written to the members who, we believe, have boats in this deteriorated condition in the hope that they will rectify or remove them. If they don't, and after a reasonable period of time we will write again and if we have to, remove them at members expense. The other change to the Rule book is a clause preventing anyone living on board in the Pill or in their vehicle on our land.

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