

PORTHCAWL HARBOUR BYELAWS

The purpose of this consultation is to seek stakeholder views whether BCBC should undertake a process to adopt new byelaws for Porthcawl Harbour (“the Harbour”) and to revise the byelaws that are currently effective at Porthcawl Harbour, to reflect the current operations and activities that take place, or to try to deal with the issues which are arising at the Harbour in another way. The Council has the power to make byelaws for Porthcawl Harbour under the provisions of Part V of the Mid Glamorgan County Council Act 1987 (“the 1987 Act”).

BCBC hold stakeholder and partnership engagement opportunities locally through the Coastal Partnership and Porthcawl Harbour Stakeholder Group where water safety is an agenda item. A regular topic of discussion is the mixture and often conflicting uses of the water surrounding the Harbour and calls have been made to BCBC for a workable solution for all users whilst giving BCBC a degree of control in the area that currently is not being provided by out of date byelaws.

Based on a recent review of Health and Safety and recent incidents reported in the area, it is considered that new byelaws are required for the Harbour and that the current byelaws should be partially revoked. In undertaking a process to adopt new byelaws the intention is not to prohibit any particular activity but to put in place a clear set of rules that are aligned to other coastal and quayside environments that has users’ safety as a priority.

Specific areas within the footprint of the Harbour (as defined by the Mid-Glamorgan County Council Act 1987) are currently subject to local byelaws that identify Public Bathing Places across Porthcawl. These byelaws were established in 1953 by the Urban District Council of Porthcawl. A byelaw is a local law which is made by a statutory body under an enabling power which is contained in an Act of Parliament or a Measure or Act of the National Assembly.

The byelaws would cover the following issues:-

- Berthing
- Navigation

- Fishing
- Parking
- Bathing and diving
- Lock gates
- Slipway
- Shoreline restrictions
- Waste
- Safety
- Security
- Penalties

In order to determine whether the byelaws need to be revised we want to find out whether you have experienced any problems in your use of the Harbour.

Please tick the option(s) that best describe you as a respondent.

- Porthcawl RNLI
- Berth Holder of Porthcawl Marina
- Porthcawl Lifeguard Club
- Rest Bay Lifeguard Club
- National Coastwatch Institute
- Swim Smooth Wales (Open Water Swimming Club)
- Porthcawl Town Council (Councillors)
- Coastal Partnership Members
- Owners/Management of Jennings Building
- South Wales Police
- Porthcawl Sea Cadets
- Porthcawl Harbour Boating Club
- Porthcawl Town Councillor
- Bridgend County Borough Councillor
- Other (please specify)

Have you experienced any problems in the use of the Harbour?

- Yes
- No

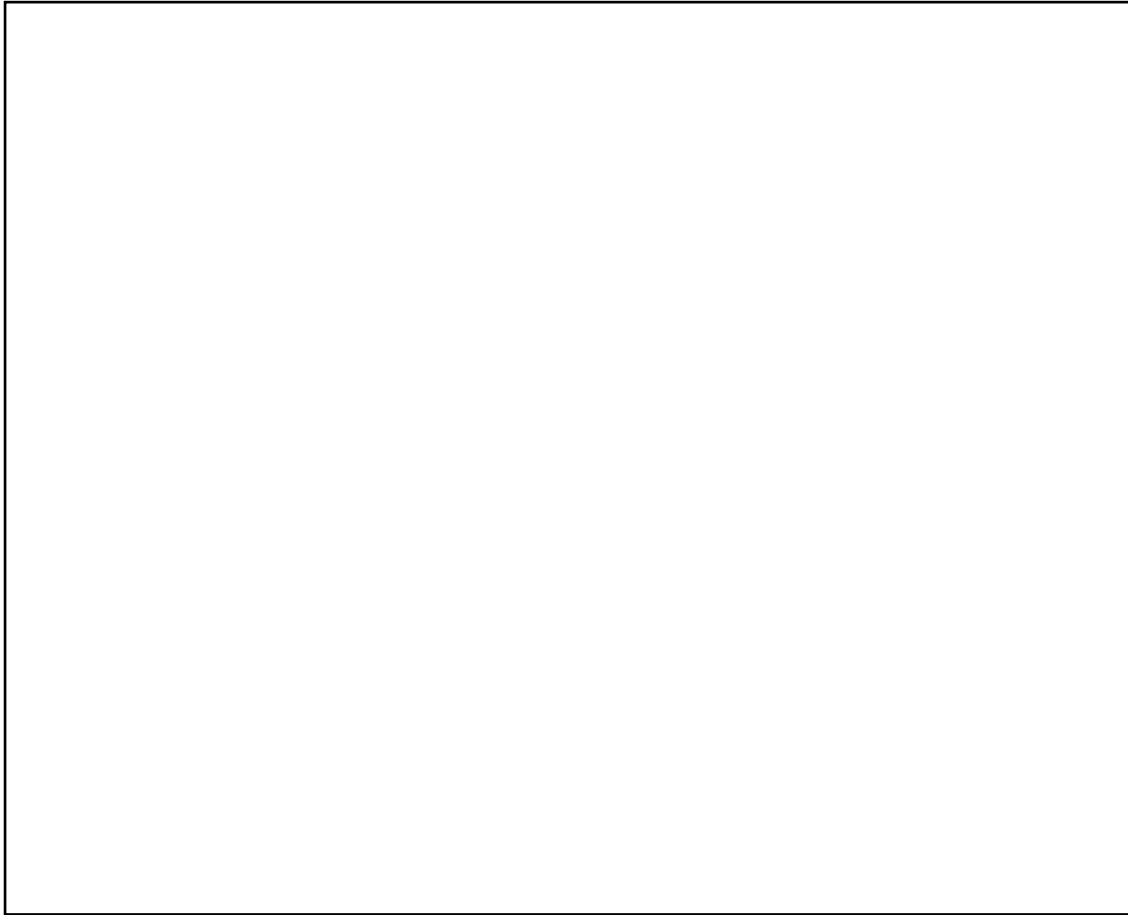
If yes please describe what happened and what the problems are.

Do you think that any problems could be dealt with by using some other method apart from the adoption of byelaws so that we can ensure that those problems can be dealt with effectively in the future?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If yes please tell us how these problems can be effectively managed?

Do you have any other comments you would like to make in relation to Porthcawl Harbour and the revision or adoption of byelaws?

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