



## Meeting with FBC at the Cottage, Fairhaven Lake

Record of meeting with FBC re Fairhaven Lake Facilities and Refurbishment Date: August 17th 2021

Item	Action
<p>Present: Richard Blackburn, Richard Elsdon, John Gallagher. RCC Nick Skiba (Fairhaven Manager), Julie Vale. FBC Nick Skiba is the Fairhaven Manager, Julie has now been appointed Community Activity Officer for Fairhaven. The Head Gardener has been appointed and applications are in for the Watersport's Coordinator. It is envisaged that RCC's day to day contact will be with the Watersport's Coordinator. The Watersports Centre is still not yet fully complete, but handover is on track for 23<sup>rd</sup> August. The boat compound is still going ahead as envisaged, they have four containers but planning consent for three Containers and there is significant demand, but we were assured that one has been assigned to RCC. They don't have a date for completion yet. They are looking for alternative storage for the gardener's equipment which could free-up a further container. RE asked about their policy for storage of fuel. They would report back. They were very supportive of our tentative suggestion that we make more use of the lake on non-tidal sailing weekends the impression they gave is that the more use that is made of the lake the better. RE informed proposed RCC Fairhaven Sailing Dates from handbook. The work on the FBC boatshed will be going out to tender (the main work seems to be replacement of the asbestos cement roof) but three small units available for hire will be created along the front of the shed. They asked if RCC would be prepared to provide PB2 training to a limited number of their staff. They re-assured us that their patrol boat and public hire-boat safety policies will be reviewed and enforced (kill-cords were mentioned) They are hoping to run canoe/kayak courses more or less in house but will be outsourcing arrangements for school groups, they currently have no plans for offering sailing. They are working on plans to purge dredge the lake gradually through the sluice and more traditional dredging plans have been put on hold. Julie mentioned that FBC are considering the installation of a hoist and we discussed the inclusivity benefits of Sailability, we said RCC would do some research on the subject. We asked if they could review the condition of the lakeside edges along the sides where we would moor boats. [On Wednesday evening we pointed out the deterioration of the edge boards and rubber strake and asked if the protruding metal rings could possibly be replaced with some flush versions located slightly inboard of the edge] They are requesting activity on the lake for the "Regatta" that Julie is organising for 5<sup>th</sup> September. She is hoping for plenty of Toppers and some Character Boat 'Try Sailing'. There will also be plenty of paddle boarding. She is sending out a tentative programme over the next few days</p>	



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Nick and Julie also came along to view our evening session on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> with 6 Toppers, 2 Picos, a Laser, a Wayfarer and 2 Rigidflex Safety Boats out on the water. They both managed sometime out on the lake thanks to Steve and his Wayfarer.