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Meeting	Oban Bay Management Group
Meeting Purpose	Improving Marine Safety at Oban
Venue	Remote video conference
Date	3 Nov 2020

Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Phil Day	NLB Chair
Karl Zaczek	Transport Scotland
Stewart Clark	A&BC
Paul Jennings	OBHM
Cameron MacPhail	CFL
David McHardie	CMAL
Ramsay Muirhead	CMAL
Tony Bennett	Oban Bay Stakeholders
Scott Goodwill	CFL
Mike Brew	NLB

Item	Detail	Responsible	Action	Timescale
1	Apologies John MacAlister OCHDA Ewen MacKerchar NLB Martin Ritchie Transport Scotland Vicki McKenzie A&BC			
2	Safety There were 4 reported near miss incidents since the last meeting.  Two incidents were caused by in-bound yachts not keeping the large vessel channel clear. Two incidents were caused by a large vessel not reporting it's intended movements in accordance with the code of practice and causing confusion with another large vessel's movements.  All four incidents were to the sort of event where the risk of them recurring could be minimised if Oban Bay had an alert local port service applying the correct harbour directions.	PJ	PJ to provide EM with vessel names.  NLB to brief the visiting large vessel's master to encourage compliance with the code of practice.  Pier operators to provide PJ and TB with vessel visit data for 2019 and 2020 to allow comparisons of impact upon revenue to be calculated and a Navigation Risk Assessment review to be conducted for 2020.	PJ 5 Nov 20  EM  EM, SC, SG 30 Nov 20
3	OCHDA HRO progress / consultation / submission  Discussion between OCHDA and A&BC Harbour Board are yet to commence with regard to the concept of leasing the North Pier harbour infrastructure and operating the SHA. These are expected to commence soon. No date set.			

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	<p>OCHDA plan a public consultation with respect to the outer limits of an SHA for the Oban Bay area. An article will be placed in the Oban Times to promote the consultation on 5 Nov 2020. The full public consultation will be from 9 Nov 2020 to 11 Dec 2020. A detailed article will be placed in the Oban Times on 12 Nov 2020. The reasoning behind the boundary positions is to include the outer anchorage positions and approaches to the confined waters of Oban Bay within the SHA control.</p> <p>An OCHDA website will be established to promote communication, providing detail and receiving feedback. The website will be different to the Oban Harbour website. There will only be a general link between the two websites to prevent confusion.</p> <p>A mailshot is planned and chartlets will be produced and distributed.</p> <p>The OCHDA Vice Chair post is now held by Ross Wilson.</p> <p>OCHDA are to appoint a project manager with a remit to establish a trust port for the wider Oban Bay. No date set.</p> <p>OCHDAs legal representatives are to liaise with A&amp;BC to discuss the lease of A&amp;BC assets at North Pier.</p> <p>OCHDA have established there is no requirement for a Crown Estate lease for a wider SHA but there may</p>		<p>The Oban Times published an online leader article on 3 Nov 2020. This contained 2 inaccuracies. NLB and CMAL requested that OCHDA respond and clarify the situation if any queries were raised, additionally the position clarified at the next statement release and the position clarified to the Oban Times.</p>	

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	<p>be a requirement for a separate lease for A&amp;BC areas as they are not allowed to be sub-let.</p> <p>Funding applications have been made to HIE and Crown Estate Scotland. One for Harbour Board funding and the other for more immediate funding requirements such as the project manager.</p> <p>Working groups are picking up unfunded work and are making positive progress.</p> <p>A&amp;BC requested progress notes from OCHDA for the next submission to the A&amp;BC Area Committee. A&amp;BC Harbour Board meetings are planned for 3 Dec and March 2021</p> <p>OCHDA are requested to identify and provide project milestones and programme dates, so that the OBMG can establish if the safety implications of Oban Bay operating without a SHA can continue to be mitigated for the duration. This information was previously requested at the Aug 2020 meeting.</p> <p>CMAL noted that there was a risk of the safety case that identified the need for Oban Bay to have an SHA to manage the vessel traffic, could be prioritised behind the timescales for progressing of the legal aspects of OCHDA forming wider harbour area.</p> <p>CMAL asked OCHDA if the “wet harbour” or “conservancy only harbour” option was still being</p>			<p>OCHDA 12 Nov 20</p> <p>OCHDA 12 Nov 20</p>

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	<p>considered, as it was probably a lot quicker to set up to address the safety concerns. OCHDA stated this was definitely not the preferred option and that leasing the A&amp;BC harbour and assets was the preferred option for OCHDA to follow.</p> <p>A&amp;BC requested progress notes from OCHDA for the next submission to the A&amp;BC Area Committee. A&amp;BC Harbour Board meetings are planned for 3 Dec and March 2021</p>			<p>OCHDA 12 Nov 20</p>
4	A&BC update on Harbour Board meeting and position			
	<p>The A&amp;BC Harbour Board were appraised of the situation at their last meeting. They continue to monitor the situation waiting for a formal approach and timescales.</p>			
5	<p>AOB</p> <p>CMAL reported that they are soon to submit the HRO to alter the South Pier SHA boundary as previously discussed and agreed.</p>			
6	Next Meeting date 14 Jan 2021 11:00 to 12:30	All		