

# Oban Harbour Management Plan: Stage 2 Implementation

**Notes of a meeting held on 10/05/2016 10.00 – 12.20 at NLB, Oban**

Purpose: To provide an update on implementation to OHMG and to seek direction on relevant matters.

Present: Kevin Hobbs (KH), David McHardie (DMH), Alasdair Henderson (AH), Phil Day (PD), Ewen MacKerchar (EMK), Fergus Gillanders (FG), Chris Fisher (CF), Michael Brew (MB).

Apologies: Lorna Spencer, Stewart Clark, Jim Smith

Agenda	Discussion	Actions
1. Attendees	Introductions were undertaken as this was the first meeting attended by Kevin Hobbs following his recent appointment as CEO, CMAL.	
2. Previous Meeting	The notes of the meeting held on 08/03/16 were circulated in advance and accepted. The Actions Report was considered and accepted.  Matters Arising were covered by the agenda.	
3. Progress Report	MB gave a presentation to provide an update for the Group.  The issues stemming from the presentation were discussed as part of the main agenda.	
4. Team Updates	<p><u>(a) New SHA</u></p> <p>FG advised that at meeting held on 07/04/16 A&amp;BC's Harbours Board confirmed a wish to meet CMAL's board and asked for a suitable date to be identified.</p> <p>KH advised that CMAL also wished to explore the issue further and that a meeting between the two boards would be a useful next step. He agreed to make contact with A&amp;BC's Executive Director Development &amp; Infrastructure to discuss this and other related matters.</p> <p>To facilitate discussions between the two boards CF agreed to provide an updated briefing paper.</p> <p><u>(b) Appointment of Asst. Harbour Master, Oban</u></p> <p>AH advised that this new post would be provided by CMAL's ferry and terminal operator once the current tender process had been finalised and the successful tenderer announced. Given the outline timetable for concluding the tender process KH advised that the appointment was unlikely to be confirmed before July.</p> <p>FG raised the issue of the title of this post as it could lead to confusion with existing post-holders. Following discussion it was agreed that in future reference would be made to "Harbour Project Manager, Oban".</p>	<p>KH</p> <p>CF</p>

<p>5. North Channel</p>	<p><u>(a) UKHO paper</u> Detailed consultation had been undertaken in February and March with stakeholders. OHMG input had been obtained in April. The resulting final draft paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting. FG sought clarification on some issues.</p> <p>The meeting approved the paper as drafted and agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. MB and PD would liaise to ensure that it is forwarded to the MCA and UKHO as soon as practicable;</li> <li>ii. MB to advise stakeholders of OHMG's decision to approve the paper and the intention to forward it to the MCA and UKHO.</li> </ul> <p><u>(b) VHF safety broadcasts</u> MB summarised the previous decision to implement use of the broadcasts on an informal basis. AH advised that his understanding was that CFL ships would change to the new format on Ch 12. FG advised that his occasional monitoring of the broadcasts indicated that these changes had not occurred. PD advised that NLB had taken the view that until the new broadcast format had been approved by the MCA and UKHO it would be inappropriate to make the changes.</p> <p>MB summarised the concern expressed by stakeholders at the 09/05/16 meeting that, in addition to formal notifications, comprehensive publicity and education is needed in advance of the change to a new format of warning on Ch12.</p> <p>Following discussion the meeting agreed to await the outcome of consideration by the MCA and UKHO before formalising any further steps.</p>	<p>MB</p> <p>MB/PD</p> <p>MB</p>
<p>6. Harbour signs</p>	<p><u>(a) Progress to date</u> Planning applications have been submitted for signs at Oban Times slip, North and South Piers. Signs proposed for Dungallan Park, Oban marina and Port Beag slip are under review due to a combination of on-site location, ground conditions and, in particular for Port Beag slip, the suitability of the site following input from FG during a site visit on 09/05/16. The view expressed at the stakeholder meeting on 09/05/16 was that a sign at Port Beag slip would only be of minimal benefit whereas if utilised at Puffin Dive's premises at Port Nan Cuilc, Sound of Kerrera, significantly more benefit could be obtained.</p> <p><u>(b) Next steps</u> After discussion it was agreed that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Planning applications should be submitted for signs at Dungallan Park and Oban marina once further input had been obtained from Oban Bay Community Berthing and the marina owner, respectively;</li> <li>ii. Port Beag slip should not be the site for a sign;</li> <li>iii. Discussions should be opened with the owner/operator of Puffin Dive with a view to installing a sign at that site.</li> </ul>	<p>MB</p> <p>MB</p>
<p>7. Updating evidence base</p>	<p>The meeting discussed the need to review the Navigation Risk Assessment obtained in June 2014 for Oban harbour, the wider Bay area and the Sound of Kerrera in light of the additional vessel operating on the Oban – Craignure route since 25/03/16. PD advised that his contact at Trinity House was likely</p>	

	<p>to complete a comparison of the AIS data for Easter and April 2015 with Easter and April 2016 by July. As this analysis could indicate the need to review the NRA there may be an opportunity to incorporate the existing NRAs held by CFL and A&amp;BC.</p> <p>It was agreed:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To postpone further consideration of the NRAs until July to allow for completion of the comparison of AIS data by Trinity House and for the future ferry and terminal operator to be announced;</li> <li>An updated NRA would be needed for the CMAL and Harbours Boards to consider in respect of a wider SHA;</li> <li>June 2014 NRA to be sent to AH.</li> </ol>	MB
8. Stakeholder meeting	<p>Six stakeholders had attended the meeting on 09/05/16. The main issues raised were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concern that significant numbers of leisure users would not be listening on Ch 12 for the new safety broadcasts. Suggested a "pre-broadcast" for 1 year on Ch 16, as currently undertaken at Ardrossan;</li> <li>Transfer Port Beag harbour information sign to Puffin Dive centre;</li> <li>Whether a media release was appropriate to update the public on the project's progress to date;</li> <li>A large sign should be located at prominent sites advising masters and skippers to listen to Ch 12 for the safety broadcasts.</li> </ul> <p>The meeting acknowledged the usefulness of the contribution from the stakeholder group and decided:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To defer further consideration of the safety broadcasts until the MCA and UKHO had come to a decision on the proposed Large Vessel Channel;</li> <li>To investigate further the option for a sign at Puffin Dive centre;</li> <li>A media release would be inappropriate at this time;</li> <li>CMAL, A&amp;BC and NLB to review their existing infrastructure for the suitability of incorporating a large sign.</li> </ol>	
9. Programme	The meeting reviewed and accepted the programme proposed in the presentation.	
10. AOB	DMH advised that CMAL's new weather and tidal monitoring system at Oban was fully operational and the information could now be made available to third parties. The necessary information would be provided to enable a link to be installed from the Oban Harbour website.	DMH/MB
11. Next meeting	12 <sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 10.00 at NLB Oban	