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| Meeting | Oban Bay Management Group |
| Meeting Purpose | Improving Marine Safety at Oban |
| Venue | NLB Oban and MS Teams |
| Date | 12 July 2022 |

Attendees:

| Name | Organisation |
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| Phil Day | NLB Chair |
| Jim Smith | A&BC |
| Ramsay Muirhead | CMAL |
| Ross Wilson | OCHDA |
| Michael Blacklaw | CFL |
| Scott Reid | A&BC |
| Karl Zaczec | Transport Scotland |
| Kevin Hobbs | CMAL |
| Phil Hamerton | OBSG |
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| 1 | Apologies | | | |
| | Kirsty Flanagan | | | |
| | Vicki McKenzie | | | |
| | Paul Jennings | | | |
| | Cameron McPhail | | | |
| | David McHardie | | | |
| 2 | Safety | | | |
| | <p>1 incident reported on 13th June 2022- as a major oil spill turned out to be run off from a recently resurfaced road.</p> <p>Previously reported incident involving a cruise ship and a ferry is being actively investigated by MAIB, with report expected in a few months.</p> <p>Discussion was had regarding the use of jet skis in the harbour area and how the usage and any near misses are recorded. It was noted that the MCA are looking in to including personal watercraft into legislation. MB confirmed that CalMac would record any near misses and encourage all users to record these. It was agreed that it would be beneficial for the Coastguard to speak with jet ski users. SR proposed that this should be raised at the next MCA safety liaison meeting.</p> <p>KH had previously worked with Poole Harbour and has given a link to their Permits and Codes of Practice page for personal watercraft- https://www.phc.co.uk/leisure/permits/personal-watercraft/</p> <p>KH has also offered to put the group in touch with the CEO (Jim Stewart) and Harbourmaster (Brian Murphy) at Poole.</p> | <p>MB</p> <p>SR</p> <p>KH</p> | <p>CalMac to provide any reports of near misses recorded for jet ski incidents and consider how jet ski usage is recorded.</p> <p>To raise at Liaison meeting & ask Coastguard to consider liaising with jet ski users.</p> <p>KH to connect group with CEO and Harbourmaster at Poole.</p> | |

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| 3 | A&BC HRO update | | | |
| | <p>A&BC reported that the informal consultation for the HRO is due to go out to all stakeholders on 15 July 2022.</p> <p>A&BC advised that it will contain a brief history of Oban Bay, NRA's, charts showing draft limits, as well as guidance on the process. It was confirmed that the feedback from this consultation will help shape the HRO and what items are to be included. A&BC are keen to involve all users to get full representation. It was reiterated that the aim is to create a safe harbour, taking in to account the input of both small and large users of the area. It is intended that the HRO will enabling legislation to allow any future changes to be easily incorporated. A&BC are currently in the process of finalising a FAQ section.</p> <p>A&BC advised that the NRA requires a separate consultation and invites are planned to be sent to harbour users 12 July 2022. The NRA consultation requires a 28-day observation period. This is scheduled for 14 days commencing 18th July 2022, with a further 14 days to be scheduled in the winter period.</p> <p>KZ confirmed that he is happy to assist in the preparation of the HRO, noting that byelaws can take up to 3 years to be passed, it is crucial to get the HRO right in the first instance.</p> <p>A&BC advised that the consultation will be published online, however there is the option or users to write in with their comments. The Oban Times will be made aware and be given a copy, it is hoped that this will be published, increasing local awareness.</p> | | | |

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| | <p>A&BC confirmed that the target date remains as Summer 2023.</p> <p>RW asked how users can see A&BC's governance policy. A&BC advised that there is an established policy in place, this will be provided by A&BC and placed in the minutes. It was confirmed that these can then be shared with the wider user group.</p> <p>RW queried the membership of the Port User Groups. JS explained that the port users groups are in place at all A&BC harbours and an Oban group would be established. PD noted that this would likely subsume OBMG and the members would include OBMG members as well as other stakeholders. JS confirmed this to be the case.</p> <p>A&BC advised that an MCA audit of A&BC vessels carried out in mid-June had been positive in its findings.</p> <p>In response to a query from RW, JS confirmed that the A&BC draft HRO would be circulated for comment/input to all stakeholders before its submission to Transport Scotland; timeline to be advised.</p> | <p>JS/SR</p> <p>JS/SR</p> <p>JS</p> | <p>Provide link or similar to A&BC harbour governance policy to be placed here.</p> <p>Provide information on the Port User Groups</p> <p>Provide timeline for A&BC draft HRO consultation</p> | |
| 4 | Updates | | | |
| | <p>RM advised the group that there is a Harbour Order at Gourock upcoming, which may have an impact upon the Harbour Orders in the wider network.</p> <p>EM advised that Hebridean Princess is away from Oban for 6 weeks, however the NLB pier is still busy.</p> | | | |

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| | <p>Shearwater have completed their works and lighthouse projects continue.</p> <p>SR noted that there are a high number of leisure vessels visiting from outwith the UK.</p> <p>The Code of Practice was to be translated into other languages, both online and in print. It was asked if there was a possibility of checking how many users had accessed these. In PJ absence it was requested that the printed leaflets be located and distributed.</p> <p>RW took questions on the OCHDA written submission previously circulated to the group, available on www.ochda.scot.</p> | MB | To investigate possibility of checking number of times leaflets accessed online and to check on progress of printed leaflets. | |
| 5 | AOB | | | |
| | <p>A&BC advised the group that they are looking develop a business case and options for extending the North Pier, towards the cathedral into deeper water. This is due to an increase in commercial demand. It will also offer more protection for the pontoons. PH asked whether bunkering and shore power will be looked at as part of the business case. JS confirmed this would be the case along with improved deck loading and drain interception.</p> <p>RM advised the group that Corrie will be looking at the berth availability in Oban and assessing the needs. A STAG appraisal is expected by the end of 2022/start of 2023, with this process taking approximately 1 year.</p> | | | |
| 6 | Next Meeting date | | | |

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