

Oban Harbour Management Plan: Stage 2 Implementation

Notes of a meeting held on 12/07/2016 11.00 – 12.20 at NLB, Oban

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

Present: Lorna Spencer (LS), Alasdair Henderson (AH), Phil Day (PD) via video link, Stewart Clark (SC), David Phillips (DP), Ed Rogers (ER), Chris Fisher (CF), Michael Brew (MB).

Apologies: Jim Smith (JS), David McHardie (DMH), Ewen MacKerchar (EMK)

| Agenda | Discussion | Actions |
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| 1. Attendees | Introductions were undertaken as this was the first meeting attended by David Phillip and Ed Rogers of Marico Marine following changes in the management of the project. | |
| 2. Previous Meeting | The Notes of the meeting held on 10/05/16 and the subsequent Actions Report had been circulated in advance. The Notes and Actions Report were considered and accepted. Matters Arising were covered by the agenda. | |
| 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. | |
| 3. Team Updates | <p><u>(a) Award of Clyde & Hebrides ferry contract</u> AH advised that although the new contract had been awarded it had not yet been signed. In the meantime the terms of the new contract were being implemented.</p> <p>LS advised that the new contract provided for a much clearer separation of harbour and ferry operations within CFL. Harbours would have a strengthened role with a separate reporting line to Board level.</p> <p>CF commented that the roll-out of the new contract would be an opportunity to liaise closely with stakeholders to explain the enhanced role of CFL Harbours, particularly in respect of Oban.</p> <p><u>(b) New SHA</u> LS advised that Kevin Hobbs had met Pippa Milne on 22/06/16 and feedback is still being reviewed. Given the recent change of CEO at CMAL and the award of the new contract to CFL this matter had not been progressed.</p> <p>SC confirmed that A&BC wished to review an SHA with CMAL as soon as practicable. LS advised of her intention to raise the matter of an SHA at the earliest relevant opportunity.</p> | LS |

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| | <p><u>(c) Appointment of Project Manager – Oban Harbour</u> In order to avoid any loss of momentum during the contract change-over period outlined by LS Marico Marine, which already works with CFL, would take-over responsibility for project management with immediate effect. David Phillips will be the project manager. MB and DP will liaise to ensure a smooth hand-over. MB will transfer relevant files on to two memory sticks and post them to DP and LS.</p> | DP/MB |
| 4. North Channel | <p><u>(a) UKHO paper</u> PD had forwarded the Paper to the UKHO and MCA (Southampton) on 26/05/16. Subject to amendments UKHO was content but MCA wished for further consultation with its Belfast and Glasgow offices. PD confirmed that the Belfast office had not commented.</p> <p>The meeting considered the amendments proposed by the UKHO and accepted them all.</p> <p>The meeting held with Surveyors from MCA (Glasgow) on 05/07/16 was reviewed and stakeholders’ feedback on the issues raised at that meeting were considered.</p> <p>i. Reference to October DMSC meeting OHMG were of the view that waiting until October should be avoided if possible and that contact should be made with DMSC members as soon as practicable.</p> <p>MB advised that he had undertaken a comparison of membership of the MCA’s DMSC and Oban Harbour Stakeholder Groups and had emailed an annotated version of DMSC members to LS for further consideration. Although there is overlap there are significant DMSC members that may require more detailed briefing.</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed that DP would send a copy of the UKHO Paper to DMSC members and establish whether they were content or required further information.</p> <p>Fraser Heasley to be added to the Stakeholders group email address to ensure that he is aware of all future communications with them. (Post-meeting note – 14/07/16 FH added to group email address and included in emailing of the 11th July stakeholders’ presentation.)</p> <p>ii. VHF safety broadcast OHMG considered the unanimous view from the stakeholders’ meeting on 11th July that including all vessels of 3m draught and over is inappropriate. Their reasons being that this would result in too much radio traffic and was unnecessary as such vessels rarely caused a problem in the North Channel as their length, which is the critical limitation, was not excessive.</p> <p>OHMG agreed that the MCA’s suggestion was inappropriate at this stage but would be kept under review.</p> | DP MB |

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| | <p>iii. Notice to Mariners Once agreement is reached with the UKHO and MCA CMAL, NLB and A&BC will determine which organisation will issue the Notice to Mariners.</p> | PD/SC/DMH |
| 5. Harbour signs | <p><u>(a) Progress to date</u> MB advised that the planning applications for Oban Times slip, North and South Piers were registered for consideration on 28/06/16. The applications for Dungallan Park and Oban Marina require further information but now that three applications are registered completion of any further applications should be more straightforward.</p> <p><u>(b) Next steps</u> After discussion it was agreed:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. To await the outcome of current planning applications; ii. Subject to those decisions planning applications should be submitted for signs at Dungallan Park and Oban marina; iii. MB & DP would view the proposed location at Dungallan Park after the meeting; iv. DP would review the options at Oban Marina with the owner to enable an appropriate location to be confirmed. | DP MB/DP DP |
| 6. Updating evidence base | <p><u>(a) Progress to date</u> PD advised that the Easter/April 2016 AIS data was not available as expected and his Trinity House contact had not had time available to do the analysis. However, they had reviewed the outstanding work and intended to complete it in the near future.</p> <p>AH advised that CFL had gathered AIS data on its own account and was liaising with Marico to assist with updating their NRA.</p> <p><u>(b) Update existing CFL NRA</u> MB advised that information from ABPmer, regarding the 2014 NRA, was obtained and passed to CFL for incorporation in its revised NRA. AH advised that work continues to complete the review and update.</p> <p><u>(c) Meeting – Stakeholders and Boards representatives</u> No progress – See 3 above.</p> | |
| 7. Stakeholder meeting | <p>Three stakeholders had attended the meeting on the previous evening 11/07/16 and five of the regular attendees had offered their apologies. The only issue raised for consideration by OHMG concerned the amendment suggested, by MCA (Glasgow), to the safety broadcasts for vessels approaching the North Channel. This issue was dealt with at 4 (a) (ii) above.</p> <p>The meeting acknowledged the very useful involvement and contribution from the stakeholder group. Continued good relations and communications with the stakeholders will be maintained. All stakeholders will be sent a copy of the 11th July presentation. (Post-meeting note – Presentation emailed on 14/07/16)</p> | MB |

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| 8. Programme | Given the change in project management and nature of the new contract awarded to CFL it was agreed that the remaining Short-Term Measures from the 2014 Management Plan would be reviewed, re-prioritised and combined, as appropriate. Particular priority would be given to reduced visibility measures, counter-pollution and emergency plans and an update of the Code of Practice. | DP |
| 9. AOB | <p><u>(a) A&BC issues in Oban Bay</u> The meeting reviewed a Paper tabled by SC from A&BC's Oban Harbour Master:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Entry protocol/VHF broadcasts – It was agreed that these issues would be re-visited once the outcome of MCA and UKHO's consideration of the proposal for the North Channel was known. ii. Speed of vessels – The meeting concluded that the navigation advice set out on the website was appropriate for now. Should an SHA be created the matter would be revisited. iii. Anchored vessels – The meeting was concerned that vessels using the preferred locations have been asked to move by CFL Pier Masters. AH agreed to review the concerns with the Pier Masters. iv. Notification of vessel movements and berthing – The meeting agreed that continued use of the hand-over form by A&BC and CFL staff would benefit harbour users. SC and AH to review concerns with relevant staff <p><u>(b) Thanks to Fisher Associates</u> On behalf of OHMG LS thanked CF and MB for their achievements over the past 2 years to progress the project.</p> | <p>SC/DP</p> <p>AH</p> <p>SC/AH</p> |
| 10. Next meeting | 20 th September 2016 at 10.00 at NLB Oban | |