

Oban Harbour Management Plan: Stage 2 Implementation

Notes of a meeting held on 08/03/2016 10.00 – 12.10 at NLB, Oban

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

Present: Alasdair Henderson (AH), Ewen MacKerchar (EMK), Phil Day (PD), Vicki McKenzie (VMK), Michael Brew (MB). Chris Fisher (CF)

Apologies: Lorna Spencer (LS), David McHardie (DMH), Stewart Clark (SC)
DMH and SC joined by telephone for part of the meeting.

Agenda	Discussion	Actions
2. Previous Meeting	<p>The notes of the meeting held on 12/01/16 were circulated in advance and accepted. The Actions Report was considered and accepted.</p> <p>Matters Arising were covered by the agenda.</p>	
3. Progress Report	<p>MB gave a presentation to provide an update for the Group.</p> <p>The issues stemming from the presentation were discussed as part of the main agenda.</p>	
4. New SHA	<p>Decision making regarding an enlarged SHA takes place within the context of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The forthcoming elections to the Scottish Parliament; • Determination of the new contract for operating CalMac ferry services; • A significant increase in ferry traffic from 25th March (4,000 pa arrivals to 6,000pa); • A change of chief executive at CMAL. <p>DMH advised that the issue had been reconsidered at CMAL's February Board meeting, and the status quo prevails wrt caution towards creation of a new SHA. Upgrading the cctv coverage of Oban Bay and Harbour has been brought forward to April 2016 to provide earlier evidence of navigation issues.</p> <p>SC advised that A&BC's Harbours Board is still broadly in favour of a larger SHA. However, it is concerned that nesting its SHA within a larger SHA may have an adverse effect on operations at the North Pier.</p> <p>PD advised that NLB remains of the view that the formation of a larger SHA is the preferred way forward, particularly given the forthcoming increase in ferry traffic.</p> <p>The meeting discussed the potential increased risk from the expanded ferry service to Mull due to begin on 25th March. PD advised that the IALA risk assessment software, operated by Trinity House, can be used to compare AIS data pre and post-25th March. The outcome can be utilised by ABPmer to revise their NRA, targeted for the July OHMG meeting.</p>	

4. New SHA (Continued)	<p>With respect to the suggested meeting in Summer 2016 between stakeholders and board members from CMAL and A&BC's Harbours Board, MB noted that on 26/01/16 all Stakeholders had been advised that this meeting would be targeted for summer 2016.</p> <p>After further discussion the meeting reaffirmed that the two Boards should be made more aware that a majority of stakeholders are supportive of an SHA for a larger harbour area. The 11th July briefing for stakeholders and the 12th July meeting of the OHMG offer opportunities to hear directly from stakeholders and then discuss any relevant matters.</p> <p>The following actions were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. PD to confirm arrangements with Trinity House to compare i) Easter 2016 with Easter 2015, and ii) full April 2016 traffic with April 2015 traffic, and obtain timely reports. ii. MB to co-ordinate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ABPmer to review their NRA by 17th June. b. An updated report to the OHMG by 1st July. c. Presentation of these to July meetings of stakeholders and OHMG. iii. CMAL and A&BC to invite selected Board members to attend on 11th and 12th July to hear stakeholders' views direct, and receive presentation. 	<p>PD</p> <p>MB</p> <p>LS / DMH / JS / SC</p>
5. Education and Engagement Strategy	<p>The progress made with combining the Stakeholder meeting with CFL's Harbours Users meetings in Spring and Autumn was noted.</p> <p>Other opportunities for engagement to be explored with CFL and stakeholders.</p>	<p>MB</p>
6. North Channel	<p>MB advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The detailed consultation document had produced a few positive responses to date. ii. The meeting with stakeholders on the previous evening was similarly positive. iii. RYA Scotland's Cruising Committee was due to consider the document on 8th March together with the recommendation from Lord Bruce Weir (stakeholder representative for RYAS) to support the proposals. <p>The meeting discussed how to proceed after the consultation was concluded and agreed the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. CFL and NLB to implement the new safety broadcasts on VHF channel 12 as soon as practicable to be facilitated by MB. b. Publicity of the broadcasts would follow later, possibly making use of publicity and sailing instructions in connection with West Highland Yachting Week. c. A paper will be prepared for the UKHO setting out the proposed changes for the North Channel and summarising the consultation that had been undertaken. A draft to be available by 31st March. 	<p>AH/PD/MB</p> <p>MB</p> <p>MB</p>

7. Harbour Signs	<p>The costed proposals from Swordfish Signs and Centurion Signs were reviewed. The meeting concluded that Swordfish Signs' proposal, to design, manufacture and install, represented the best value. Fisher Associates would liaise with Swordfish Signs on behalf of OHMG to progress installation as soon as practicable.</p> <p>Signs to be located at Yacht Club/Moorings access pontoon, Port Beag Slip, Oban Times Slip, North Pier, South Pier, Oban Marina and Dunstaffnage Marina. The following actions were agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. MB to identify the preferred locations and advise SC. ii. SC to liaise with A&BC's planning officers regarding any necessary permissions and any relevant advice. iii. MB to liaise with relevant berth operators and land/property owners regarding siting of the signs. 	<p>CF/MB</p> <p>MB</p> <p>SC</p> <p>MB</p>
8. AOB	None	
9. Next meeting	10 th May 2016 at 10.00 at NLB Oban	