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Meeting	Oban Bay Management Group
Meeting Purpose	Improving Marine Safety at Oban
Venue	NLB Oban and MS Teams
Date	5 th October 2023

Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Phil Day	NLB Chair
Ewen Mackerchar	NLB
Ramsay Muirhead	CMAL
David McHardie	CMAL
Kevin Hobbs	CMAL
Ross MacDonald	CFL
Scott Goodwill	CFL
Scott Reid	A&BC
Jim Smith	A&BC
Vicki McKenzie	A&BC
Laura Corbe	OCC
Frank Roberts	OCC
Ross Wilson	OCHDA
Phil Hamerton	OBSG

Shona McMillan

CFL

Apologies:

Name	Organisation
Fergus Gillanders	OCHDA
John MacAlister	OBSG


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1	Agreement of minutes and Review of Actions			
	<p>Leisure guide – circulate for comment.</p> <p>To have French & German translations checked.</p> <p>Harbour Charges - charges are still being developed (from March 2023)</p> <p>Meetings with individual bodies prior to issue of final draft HRO (from March 2023)</p> <p>Kerrera Marina protective provisions</p> <p>Safety</p> <p>There was no safety report provided to the meeting due to absence. It was requested that the report was generated and circulated as soon as practicable.</p> <p>HRO Consultative bodies</p>	<p>All/MB</p> <p>PH</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS/SR</p> <p>JS</p>	<p>Awaiting appointment of new CalMac Manager.</p> <p>Awaiting appointment of new CalMac Manager.</p> <p>To report back to group with charging arrangements.</p> <p>All planned meetings held.</p> <p>Meeting held – Follow up meeting required.</p> <p>Safety reports were provided at the meeting.</p> <p>JS advised that the Harbour Board approved the ToR.</p>	<p>Ongoing – extended to next season.</p> <p>Ongoing-extended to new season.</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Closed</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Closed</p> <p>Closed</p>

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	HRO HR/Financial/Operational aspects	SR	SR confirmed that discussions are ongoing with CFL regarding charging mechanisms. RW advised that Chair HB is on record that he expected to see a Municipal Harbour business case before public circulation of the draft HRO.	Ongoing
	MARNIS data to be in public domain	SR	SR advised that the report findings will be available, however, not the raw data.	Ongoing
	Council led Public Meeting Voice procedure on Ch 16/12	JS	JS confirmed A&BC are not in the position to have a public meeting. A meeting will be arranged with previously invited stakeholders within the 42-day consultation period.	Ongoing
	Voice procedure on Ch 16/12	RM	RM advised this had been passed on to CFL, as they were not present at last meeting. SG confirmed that this message has been disseminated to vessels.	Closed
	Split between AIS and Non-AIS traffic in the NRA presentation in numerical and not percentage terms (from July 2023)	JS	JS advised that data is still with ABPmer, awaiting this being returned to A&BC.	Ongoing
	Consultation bodies proposals	JS	JS advised that the proposals were circulated early Spring 2023 and comments were received and taken on board. Discussion on the final proposal was held at the meeting, under AOB.	Before circulation of draft HRO


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	Clarification on the role of the Duty Holder as shown on the organogram presented to July 2023 OBMG (from July 2023)	JS	Provide clarification.	
	Safety			
	<p>RMacD presented to the group the incidents reported since the last meeting on 19/07/2023. There were 0 accidents, 4 near misses and 1 environmental issue raised. Regarding the environmental issue, VM advised that the vessel was located, and booms were deployed.</p> <div data-bbox="857 579 909 639" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>OBMG Meeting 05 October 23 Incident D</p> <p>Copy of presentation available here:</p> <p>It was raised that Lifeboat deployment is not featured in these safety reports. It was suggested that contact be made with RNLI in order to gain information on call outs in Oban Bay.</p> <p>SR advised the group that a joint mass casualty exercise was recently carried out. There was good collaboration between all parties and thanks go to all bodies who took part.</p>	PH	To contact RNLI for information on call outs in Oban Bay.	Next OBMG meeting
3	A&BC HRO update			
	JS advised the group that the updated HRO and ToR for the consultative groups were approved by the Harbour Board on 31/08/2023 and circulated.			

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	<p>SR advised the group that A&BC and TS are working together, and the 42-day period of consultation is due to commence very shortly. SR confirmed the process for the HRO and reminded the group that the process is available to view on the TS website. The next steps are for A&BC and TS to announce a commencement date for the consultative period and then the Statutory bodies will be served the HRO from TS and notices will be published in the Edinburgh Gazette and Oban Times.</p> <p>JS thanked all stakeholders for their support.</p>			
4	Discussion re HRO update			
	<p>It was confirmed that the 42-day periods do not need to run concurrently, and any issues identified can be resolved during that period. TS and A&BC will work together to address any issues remaining outstanding after the 42-day period.</p> <p>PH queried if the timings of the announcements in the Edinburgh Gazette and Oban Times could be made after the October holiday period to ensure maximum exposure. SR advised that the announcements have to be published at the first opportunity and the council don't have any leeway on this.</p> <p>RW queried if the version submitted to TS was the same version as approved by the Harbour Board. SR advised that there had been no substantive changes.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the HRO would go back to the Harbour Board only if there was a substantive change. SR confirmed that there were no plans to revisit the repeal of further legislation prior to the 42-day period.</p>			

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	<p>RW asked if the Purpose and Effect notes and Statement of Support had been submitted. SR confirmed that both formed part of the submission and have not changed since they were published online. SR to share the link previously supplied.</p> <p>RW requested copy of the recent NRA, previously considered by A&BC to be essential input to drafting the HRO (from July 2023)</p> <p>PD and RM both thanked A&BC for the work that has gone into the HRO and noted that the 42-day period of consultation can be used to raise any concerns.</p>	<p>SR</p> <p>JS</p>	<p>To recirculate link to the Purpose and Effect Notes and Statement of Support submitted with the draft HRO.</p> <p>It was agreed that the NRA would be posted on the website to replace the previous document once final is issued.</p>	<p>Before circulation of draft HRO</p> <p>Before circulation of draft HRO</p>
5	Member Updates			
	There were no member updates.			
6	AOB			

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	<p>Consultation Structure for the proposed Oban Municipal Harbour, together with an associated Motion</p> <p>Copy of documentation supplied by OCHDA available</p>  <p>230926 here: OBMG_10-23_MHA_C</p> <p>PD advised that there would be no motion on this matter as such a process was not an aspect of OBMG consensus-based approach, but views will be recorded. PH acknowledged that a motion as such was not necessary provided that there was opportunity to hold proper discussion and explore the possibility of a consensus. RW noted that A&BC had an action to report the views of OBMG to the Harbour Board. PD advised that each bodies views on the consultation structure would be recorded and this could be used by the Council as required.</p> <p>KH spoke on behalf of CMAL advising that they are content with the structure, and it is similar to that of many other harbours.</p> <p>RMacD spoke on behalf of CFL advising that the structure was as expected.</p> <p>OBSG, OCHDA and OCC had all signed up to the motion. PH spoke on behalf of the 3 organisations noting that they had issues with the structure, in particular, the PMSC states the Harbour Authority need to engage with users of the harbour. PH noted that whilst there is some overlap with users and stakeholders, not all stakeholders are users, and it is the users that will implement the safety measures. PH also noted that the 2 groups will</p>			

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	<p>have the same responsibilities in some areas and this overlap is likely to cause issues. PH suggestion was that of a User Group who would be concerned with safety matters and a Wider Group who would focus on maintenance and development. RW noted that there has been some confusion between the terms management and liaison. The group previously agreed on the use of liaison; however, some documentation still refers to management. PH stressed that all groups were in favour of the establishment of the harbour authority but that this requires the establishment of appropriate consultative mechanisms. Copy of documentation</p> <div data-bbox="831 544 882 603" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>31 Aug 23 supplied by OCHDA available here: HB_report_Appendix_1</p> <p>PD spoke on behalf of NLB and acknowledged the concerns raised and recognised the point regarding the use of the word liaison. PD confirmed NLB are supportive of the structure in general but noted that there will be opportunities in the future to review.</p> <p>In sum, there was no OBMG consensus on the A&BC proposed ToRs for a consultative structure with the stakeholders and users as represented by OBSG, OCC and OCHDA unable to support them for reasons briefed and presented in papers to OBMG from January 2023.</p> <p>Proposed clarification of the OBMG ToRs</p>			

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	<p>Copy of documentation supplied by OCHDA available</p> <p> 230926 Clarification of OBMG Terms of Re here:</p> <p>OCHDA & Oban Community Council proposed that the ToRs for OBMG be updated, as previously agreed, to show that OCC also represent the views of those island communities that rely on ferries operated from Oban. After discussion, PD confirmed that clarification would be necessary from these bodies to ensure they are content with OCC representing them. PD was confirmed that an email advising that they are happy being represented would be acceptable.</p> <p>Public Meeting to discuss draft A&BC draft HRO.</p> <p>FR confirmed that a public meeting would be arranged within the 42-day consultation period to brief the public on what is happening. FR confirmed that this meeting is not on behalf of A&BC. RW advised that all OBMG members will be invited to attend, and they are currently seeking an independent chair to facilitate the meeting.</p> <p>JS advised that A&BC will be proactive in ensuring as a wide a group as possible are aware of the 42-day consultation. The 1200 or so contacts held will be advised of the process and public input is welcomed.</p>	<p>FR</p> <p>FR, RW, PH</p> <p>JS</p>		<p>ASAP after public circulation of draft HRO</p>

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7	Next Meeting			
	13 th December 2023 11am subject to formal consultation process being complete.			