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Oban Harbour Management Group meeting 11 April 2017

Present:

Lorna Spencer CMAL - LS

David McHardie CMAL - DM

Ewen MacKerchar NLB - EM

Stewart Clark A&BC - SC

Kirsteen Macdonald A&BC - KM

Cameron MacPhail CFL - CM

David Phillips MARICO Marine - DP

Paul Jennings OBHM – PJ

Apologies:

Phil Day NLB - PD

DP gave a review of the activity log

Agreed: MARICO had completed the agreed tasks wrt their contracted work.

Actions: PJ to continue the medium to long term tasks as the OBHM.

PJ updated the OHMG wrt stakeholder engagement, the Code of Practice project and associated communication & media plan. Consideration is to be made to producing different language versions.

Agreed: Social Media required more thought to prevent inefficient use of resources

Action: CMAL to provide specialist social media advice for PJ and to seek advice as to which languages the CoP made need to be produced.

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PJ briefed OBMG on the incident reporting system put in place for the Oban Bay area. A discussion followed wrt how all incidents would be reported for the whole of Oban Bay and associated harbours and piers.

Agreed: As far as possible, OBHM would capture all incidents in the wider Oban Bay and maintain a 'master' incident log area whilst both SHAs and the NLB piers would continue to operate their existing incident reporting systems iaw their relevant reporting obligations. OBHM would inform the SHA's and other authorities (NLB) of incidents in the Oban Bay area that were relevant to the SHA or other authority. OBHM would collate and publish an annual summary of all reported incidents occurring within Oban Bay, both SHAs and the NLB piers and provide a 2 monthly summary of Oban Bay incidents to the OBMG meetings.

Action: OBHM to pass the relevant incident reports to SHA's and vice versa. OBHM to collate and disseminate an annual summary of incidents.

PJ briefed OHMG that there was space on the website to promote Oban maritime activities for the benefit of the local economy.

Agreed: It was agreed that remaining as neutral as possible this promotion should be encouraged, as it would encourage use of the Oban Harbour website.

Action: OBHM to promote this use of the website.

Action: OBHM to put in link from website to Oban Community Council

PJ briefed OBMG on the safety initiatives for Kayaks and other small vessels.

Agreed: That a £3000 budget was allocated from CMAL for the safety campaign design and materials.

Action: OBMH to follow CFL procurement procedure for tender and quotes for local companies to bid for this work, as specified by OBHM.

DP briefed OBMG wrt the revised SHA proposal and options based upon the current legislation and latest risk assessment. Stakeholder engagement was to be stepped up to allay perceived fears of a big organisation expanding their SHA.

Agreed: Members of the OBMG to brief their respective boards about this proposal before reporting back for discussion about how to move the project forwards. Acknowledging

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that local council elections are imminent which could change things, SC made clear that currently A&BC has no appetite for more SHA responsibility. Additionally it was deemed important to engage directly with those who may oppose any plans to garner their support. TORs for the OBMG were also to be reviewed to support the public engagement plan; emphasis is to be given to RYA Scotland.

Action: OBMG representatives to brief their organisations boards wrt the SHA proposal and options ready to move the project forwards at the next meeting. OBHM is to set up a meeting with NLB, CMAL, WHA&M and RYA Scotland. LS to review TORs for the OBMG.

Action: DP to update the CMAL Board paper and distribute to OHMG members

KM briefed the OBMG wrt progress and intentions of how the Oban Transit Marina would be operated from late summer 2017. This prompted the discussion of cruise ship tender navigation safety briefings and landing points, as NLB, CFL and A&BC all operate landing points for cruise ship passengers.

Agreed: OBMG need to check all cruise ships landing in Oban Bay area are properly and formally briefed for safe operations.

Action: After SC has briefed A&BC harbour master, OBHM is to liaise with A&BC harbour master to create a suitable set of briefing documents for cruise ships and, or, agents that includes correct guidance for safe operation within all areas of Oban Bay.

Next meeting 13 June NLB meeting room Oban.