

Oban Bay Management Group



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Working in Partnership to Improve Marine Safety in Oban

Oban Bay Management Group meeting 13 June 2017

Present:

Phil Day NLB – PD

David McHardie CMAL - DM

Ewen MacKerchar NLB - EM

Stewart Clark A&BC - SC

Cameron MacPhail CFL - CM

Paul Jennings OBHM – PJ

Apologies:

Lorna Spencer CMAL - LS

PJ clarified some points from the previously promulgated OBHM June report.

Addressing incident trend analysis

Agreed: The consultation for the new navigation mark trial is to be progressed with a view to seeking permission to install them in April 2018. The long term strategy was not agreed.

Action: PJ to progress the consultation with users and the MCA.

Agreed: VHF CH12 signs to be placed on Barbour Pole. Investigate cost and mounting mechanism for Kerrera Breakwater sign

Action: PJ to source sticker for Barbour pole once NLB have given dimensions of white stripe and get estimate for Kerrera sign.

Agreed: Mechanisms for promoting the awareness of a close quarters situation and expected large vessel navigation plans within Oban Bay are to be explored.

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Action: PJ to co-ordinate this long term approach.

Social Media

Agreed: Social Media trial to be funded for 4 months by CMAL.

Action: PJ to receive training (19 June) and liaise with Clark Communication to work up 'seeding' (engagement) and monthly management strategy for the 'correct public' on facebook and twitter.

Working group identity

Agreed: The identity for the working group logo with the title 'Oban Bay Management Group' and the phrase 'working in partnership to improve marine safety at Oban'.

Action: PJ to use this for all identity and communication.

Safety signage

Agreed: Positions for safety signage.

Action: SC to forward PJ positions in Oban where planning permission had been previously granted (complete).

Cruise vessel advice

Agreed: SC to host a meeting between OBHM and Oban Harbour Master to progress joint projects.

Action: SC to arrange, PJ to host. (planned for 1400 26 June PJ office).

Oban Bay security plan

Agreed: This was not required as an equivalent was already in place. Oban Bay Port Security Authority is in place.

Action: PJ to join the OBPSA once security clearance received.

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Oban Bay Counter Pollution Plan

Agreed: An MOU was too administratively complex for this plan and a Local Agreement status was sufficient for effective working.

Action: PJ to alter document to reflect this decision, promulgate to all and then run small exercise on 23 November 2017 at Kerrera Marina. This exercise does not need to be MCA compliant for CFL or A&BC requirements. The 2018 exercise will be designed to be MCA compliant. An MCA Lvl 4 Oil Spill Response Managers Course is arranged for 5-7 Sep by CFL, external attendees welcome.

PJ and CM updated the OBMG wrt user group engagement the previous evening. The RYA, WHAM and Crown Estates representatives had expressed the view that the OBMG was not representative enough to take forward initiatives of the Oban Community and would block any attempt for a 'principle user' (which would include A&BC, CFL or CMAL in their interpretation) to create a Statutory Harbour Authority for Oban Bay. Those at meeting not representing these bodies did think the additional navigational marks would be useful and assist safer navigation.

Agreed: That at least 2 types of port management system should be researched and costed for Oban before deciding which direction to progress.

Action: PJ to research Trust Ports by liaising with Tobermory, Stornoway Mallaig, Ullapool, Aberdeen, Montrose & possibly Chichester and Dover.

Agreed: that Transport Scotland should be engaged with at next meeting

Action: PJ to invite Val Ferguson & Chris Wilcock and set date of next meeting to suit, ideally 15 August.

Action: PJ to produce a brief interim report of progress between OBMG meetings.

Next meeting: Date 1100 – 1300 15 August 2017, Chris Wilcock has confirmed attendance. Venue NLB meeting room, Oban.