

Oban Harbour Management Plan: Stage 2 Implementation

Notes of a meeting held on 10/09/2015 10.00 – 12.30 at NLB, Oban

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

Present: Alasdair Henderson (AH), David McHardie (DMH), Jim Smith (JS), Ewen MacKerchar (EMK), Phil Day (PD) by telephone, Vicki McKenzie (VMK), Chris Fisher (CF), Michael Brew (MB)

Apologies: Lorna Spencer

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| 2. Previous Meeting | <p>The notes of the meeting held on 15/09/15 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. The issues raised and subsequent actions were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="347 913 1364 1160">i. Website Remains stable and usage is steady. Emails are being received by the A&BC harbour master from the website although difficulties remain with their legibility due to font colour. It was agreed that MB would liaise with Pole Position and A&BC staff to seek an improvement and also to have a "Sent receipt" installed that would be seen by the senders of emails. <li data-bbox="347 1160 1364 1440">ii. Single Point of Contact Continues to work satisfactorily. A hand-over form was introduced from 25/09/15 to assist with the transfer of information between CFL and A&BC staff. It was agreed to include NLB berth information in a revised form. DMH advised that a mobile phone application exists to enable "live" information to be stored and sent/exchanged with other pier staff. DMH to investigate further and advise as appropriate. <li data-bbox="347 1440 1364 1585">iii. Information Centre Needs to be reviewed and kept up to date. A new page will be added to provide access to relevant downloadable documents, e.g. "Development of Oban Bay Harbour Management Plan Phase 1". <li data-bbox="347 1585 1364 1832">iv. Stakeholders Briefing The meeting noted the very good contribution from the stakeholder group and the usefulness of combining meetings with CFL. It was agreed that for consistency with other areas CFL should consider renaming their group "Oban Harbour Users Consultative Forum". Representatives from Bid4Oban, HM Coastguard and Crown Estate to be included in the stakeholder group. <li data-bbox="347 1832 1364 2018">v. Signage The meeting noted the examples of various harbour signs incorporating safety, general and navigational information. Schematic designs and wording based on the RNLI's signs to be developed for consideration at the January meeting. | <p>MB</p> <p>MB</p> <p>DMH</p> <p>MB</p> <p>AH</p> <p>MB</p> <p>MB</p> |

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| 4. Education and Engagement Strategy | <p>The draft strategy for long-term engagement with stakeholders, emailed to OHMG on 02/11/15, was reviewed and the following agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Liaise with CFL so that there are at least two combined stakeholder/harbour users meetings each year, e.g. Spring & Autumn. ii. Liaise with all stakeholder organisations to produce a programme of stakeholder briefings. iii. Liaise with CalMac Ferries to establish a programme of ship and terminal familiarisation visits. | MB |
| 5. North Channel | <p>Following consideration of the views expressed by stakeholders and further discussion the meeting agreed that more detailed consultation should take place on the preferred option of a Central Channel for large vessels. This consultation will seek views on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The extent of a Large Vessel Channel to be shown on charts; ii. Associated guidance that would appear on charts and in navigational advice on the website; iii. The format and timings of warnings to be broadcast by large vessels, predominantly ferries, approaching the North Channel on arrival and immediately prior to departure from their berths. | MB |
| 6. SHA | <p>CF led a discussion that reviewed the likely preferred options for an SHA, i.e. CMAL extend, A&BC extend or form a hybrid. The main issues appear to be:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A&BC does not want marine development in the area around North Pier to be constrained by a surrounding SHA in which they have no or limited say. ii. A&BC does not want any unreasonable additional conservancy dues charged by the surrounding SHA for vessels using North Pier. iii. CMAL's view is that any additional costs incurred by the operation of the new SHA must be shared by all vessels using it, on a User Pays basis, in order to avoid cross-subsidies from public funds. <p><u>CMAL</u> A briefing paper will be prepared to assist their Board consider their preferred way forward at the meeting scheduled for 16/11/15.</p> <p><u>A&BC</u> CF gave a presentation to the Senior Management Team responsible for Infrastructure and Development on ??/11/15. Consideration is now being given to the next steps in order to obtain a decision by the Council on its preferred way forward by January 2016.</p> | CF JS |
| 7. AOB | <p><u>CMAL weather data for website</u> DMH advised that the data from the Oban linkspan weather station can now be made available for embedding on the website. MB to liaise with CMAL's contractor and Pole Position, if required, in order to install the necessary link.</p> | MB |
| 8. Next meeting | 12 th January 2016 at 10.00 at NLB Oban | |