

# **DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the OCHDA Management Committee**

**January 14th 2022 14:00 – 16:00**

This meeting was held by Zoom

**Present:** John MacAlister (Chair), Ross Wilson , Duncan Martin, Robert Kincaid, Andy Spence, Keith Miller, Peter Tosh, David Vass, Alison Rennie, Phil Hamerton.

**Apologies:** Mike Thoms, Tony Bennett, Tony Hammock.

## **1. Minutes of the previous meeting**

- 1.1. The minutes of the December 2021 meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposed David Vass seconded Andy Spence

## **2. Matters arising**

- 2.1. Previous minute 3.3: item to go to the Community Council in due course.
- 2.2. Previous minute 3.4: An experienced solicitor who is a member of OCHDA has agreed to help with legal advice in this context.
- 2.3. Previous minute 3.6: proposed to put that on hold as this is due to go to the AGM.
- 2.4. Previous minute 3.7: The letter was written and a response was published this week from Cllr Rory Colville. A joint response from OCHDA, the Community Council, and the Stakeholders Group will be submitted. **Action: RW, PH, DM**
- 2.5. Previous minute 3.9 ongoing
- 2.6. Previous minute 5.1 all the new members accepted for membership have been notified.

## **3. Update from Poll and OBMG Meeting**

- 3.1. The Doodle Poll was held. There was a high response (75%), overwhelmingly supportive of the Management Committee position. The results have been reported to the OBMG.
- 3.2. OBMG were unable to take any other course but to support the Council's Municipal Port proposal in view of their refusal to consider collaboration with OCHDA. RW represented OBSG and PH OCHDA at OBMG meeting held on 11 January.
- 3.3. Members of OBMG other than Council Officers expressed support for a Trust Port in future, recognising that it was the best option.

#### **4. Applications for membership**

- 4.1. Applications have been received from Les Stewart, Tony Hill, and Nigel Robinson. All approved. **Action AR**
- 4.2. Struan Cameron of Coastal Connections has also requested membership. However the company already has membership. They will be contacted to find out if they want individual membership or just the company membership. **Action: AR**

#### **5. Stakeholders and harbour users**

- 5.1. Ross Wilson is now to replace Tony Bennett on the Oban Bay Management Group as the Chair of the Stakeholder Group until a more suitable volunteer steps forward. There is room for confusion over who are members of the group, who are 'Harbour Users' and who are 'Harbour Stakeholders'. Ross has requested a list of the Stakeholder Group members, PH can supply. **Action: PH**

#### **6. Plans for the Annual General Meeting**

- 6.1. The AGM is to be held at the Corran Halls on 25 January 19:00 hours to 2100. It was decided to hold this "in person". It was considered if a hybrid form could be used but this might prove to be technically unreliable.
- 6.2. A general discussion was had about the draft agenda for the AGM which had been circulated. The revised agenda will be sent to all members of OCHDA by Monday at the latest. **Action: PH**
- 6.3. A projector will be required for displaying the agenda and progressing Item 4, with roving mic. **Action: PH & DM**. Audio recording of the meeting is desirable. **Action: PH**
- 6.4. Because the agenda will be very full, the election of the new committee will not be attempted on the night. Instead the principle of the election will be raised and then held over to the following week when a Doodle Poll will be held. This will give people a chance to consider whether they would be able to put themselves forward for committee membership or working groups and who they would like to vote for.
- 6.5. It was confirmed that there could be no observers at all at this meeting with the possible exception of RYA Scotland who represent a number of members anyway.
- 6.6. A method of signing in on arrival will be set up. **Action: PH & KM**

#### **7. AOCB**

- 7.1. A letter is to be written to Tony Bennett from John thanking him for all the work that he has put in to support OCHDA over the past few years. Action: JM