

## OCHDA REPORT TO OBMG MEETING ON 10 MAY 2022

### References:

- A. Record of OBMG Meeting held on 11 January 2022.
- B. OCHDA Letter to Chief Executive A&BC dated 11 March 2022.
- C. Record of OBMG Meeting held on 8 March 2022.

1. OCHDA is preparing Protective Provisions for inclusion in the draft Municipal Port Harbour Order. These will include: the limits of the new Harbour Authority; governance arrangements for Oban Harbour Authority; and future safe navigation regulations for the waters concerned. Transport Scotland is requested to advise the procedure for submitting these.

2. Work also continues on the Trust Port Harbour Order, with possible revisions based on new shore infrastructure plans if the impasse described in Paragraph 3 below is not resolved. This would provide either an alternative or a successor to the A&BC proposed Municipal Port.

3. OCHDA has been unable to endorse fully the development of the Municipal Port, as proposed at the January 2022 meeting (Reference A), because of A&BC officers' refusal to provide requested details of their proposal. A response from the Chief Executive of A&BC to an OCHDA letter (Reference B) is outstanding.

4. The record of the previous OBMG meeting (Reference C) includes the statement "A&BC reported positive discussions are being held with OBMG members and Transport Scotland". OCHDA notes that there have been no discussions with OCHDA or, we believe, with other community groups/representatives. The A&BC reported inaccurate information in OCHDA's brief to the March Argyll & Bute Harbour Board has not been provided to OBMG Members.

5. OCHDA has supported drafting of the foreign-language version of the Oban Bay Leisure Guide 2022. If this has proved achievable, it is hoped that this will contribute further to improving safety in the Bay.

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**Postscript:** Now that the minutes of CMAL's Feb 22 Board meeting have been posted on their website, we note inclusion of:

a. A&BC would provide firm timelines for the proposed MP HRO to the Mar 22 A&B HB meeting.

b. Progress on a phased Harbour Confirmation Order to standardise CMAL's harbour legislation. OCHDA seeks clarification:

- (1) Is Oban in the Phase 1 group of CMAL harbours?
- (2) Which jurisdictions will be applied, noting A&BC's dubiety over the extensive legal work completed in 2018?
- (3) Will all stakeholders be consulted?