

OCHDA Management Committee August 30th 2022

Present: Ross Wilson (Chair), David Vass, Duncan Martin, Fergus Gillanders, Robert Kincaid, Donald Robertson, Linda Battison, Phil Hamerton

Apologies, John Peden, John MacAlister, Keith Miller, Peter Tosh

1 Welcome

1.1 Ross welcomed everyone, in particular Linda Battison.

2 Minutes of previous meeting (April 2022)

2.1 These were approved as a true record. Proposed: DM, seconded FG

2.2 Matters arising

2.a Contact with TB has been very limited. He is still not able to engage effectively.

2.b Linda Battison is an additional (welcome) representative of the commercial/tourism sector on the Committee.

2.c Oban Bay Management Group: PH has been stakeholder rep, in the absence of any other. Next meeting is scheduled for 23/9. FG to sub for RW

3 Membership request

3.1 Alan Kohler (Cruising Ass'n Celtic Section) has requested membership. No objections were raised. **Action: PH to advise him.**

4 Harbour Board papers & OCHDA brief for Members

4.1 PH updated the group regarding a meeting earlier in the day between Cllr Kain, RW & PH. Three questions have been forwarded to him regarding the consultation exercise recently undertaken and the period for comments on the recently issued draft HO. It is hoped that he will respond before the Harbour Board.

4.2 Additional uncertainty regarding the whole process was expressed in light of the navigational risk assessment which has a winter phase to be undertaken and may influence, for example, the proposed harbour limits.

4.3 Concern was expressed regarding the extent to which A&BC had actually made contact with many organisations on their list as well as some glaring omissions (e.g. Crown Estate Scotland). Action: PH to forward Council's list of individuals and organisations contacted, all Committee members to attempt to confirm any contacts they can.

- 4.4 Council HB Members who had been in attendance at Oban Community Council on Monday appeared to be unaware of the publication of the 'first draft HO'.
- 4.5 RW introduced his draft briefing for HB Members. After discussion it was agreed that the draft should be approved without para 5. Action: RW to amend and send.
- 4.6 Committee considered the feasibility of providing comment on the new draft by 9th September. Action: PH to write to KF stating that this is unacceptable.
- 4.7 Specific issues highlighted, at this stage, include governance arrangements, Calmac exemption from HM Special Directions, lack of clear business plan/charging regime. FG has written to Monty Smedley (Designated Person for A&BC) for his opinion. We should seek advice over this draft from OCHDA members and we may need to consider specialist legal advice.

5 Future meetings

- 5.1 A meeting is likely to be required once we know the outcomes of the questions to Cllr Kain and the Harbour Board and following the next OBMG meeting.
- 5.2 Further meetings are likely to be required, including possible General Meeting of OCHDA and/or a public meeting, once the timescale for submission and consultation of draft is known.
- 5.3 **Date of next meeting 27th September, 15:00, venue preferably OSC.**

6 AOCB

- 6.1 **Sewerage in the Bay** can be a significant problem on occasions. It is clear that this is a concerning pollution incident and should be reported as such. **Action:DR to provide details, RW to raise with OBMG.**