

OCHDA Management Committee April 20th 2022

Present: Ross Wilson (Chair), John MacAlister, Keith Miller, Peter Tosh, Duncan Martin, Fergus Gillanders, Robert Kincaid, Donald Robertson, Phil Hamerton

Apologies David Vass, John Peden

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Thanks were expressed to the Oban Sailing Club for the use of the building.
- 1.2 RW explained the awarding of the Garvellach Cup for *perseverance??* To OCHDA for their work on the Trust Port for Oban.

2 Minutes of previous meeting (March 2022)

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

2.2 Matters arising

- 2.a Minute 2.1: the letter is in preparation
- 2.b Minute 2.6: completed but of limited effect. **Action: PH to raise again with Andy Spence. JM to pursue with others**
- 2.c Minute 3.1: not followed through. **Action: PH**
- 2.d Minute 5.3 :Awaiting the result of the election. **Action: RW to contact asap to request opportunity to brief them.**
- 2.e Minute 6.1: representation of OCC on OBMG has been agreed: Laura Corbe.
- 2.f Minute 6.1 d): the report of OCHDA's consultation on future harbour authority limits was submitted to OBMG but not considered appropriate by the A&BC representatives. No explanation was offered.
- 2.g Minute 10.1: the proposal to call a public meeting was not accepted by OBMG. Their view is that such a meeting would require to be arranged by the project sponsor, Argyll & Bute Council.

3 Progress in development of the Municipal Port

- 3.1 The recent exercise in encouraging public debate was considered as successful but limited. **Actions agreed:**
 - 1.a Encouragement of all OCHDA members to make enquiries of local candidates. **Action: PH**
 - 1.b Presentations/deputations to relevant Committees at A&BC (Full Council, Economic Development and Infrastructure, Harbour Board. **Action: RW, FG, PT & PH ro draw up presentation materials.**
 - 1.c Protective provisions may be submitted at any stage for later inclusion in the

draft HO. Action: FG to develop, RW to include in report to OBMG for May 10th.
1.d Reasoning behind OCHDA-proposed limits @ Oban Marina (Kerrera) unclear.
Action: **RW to clarify with Tony Bennett**

4 Trust Port development

- 4.1 In the event that the MP project fails or is unacceptable and OCHDA HO is required to be available at short notice. The initial draft of the HO will require revision to include new accommodation & equipment needs and costs. **Actions: all to re-read and suggest alterations to FG, RW to consult with TH re updating of financial model.**
- 4.2 Funding requirements for submission of a revised HO are not clear. The earlier version was submitted to Burness Paull but there has been no feedback in terms of future work required & possible costs. **Action: RW to consult with Tony Bennett.**
- 4.3 In view of the different proposals being considered, care will be required to ensure that public presentation of the new plan, if necessary, is well-managed.

5 Actions re A&BC

- 5.1 Consideration was given to a range of responses to continued failure to provide promised information, failure to respond to e-mails and misleading statements to elected Members and others.
- 5.2 Committee agreed to focus on driving the scrutiny of the development of the Municipal Port as its priority at this stage. A general letter expressing concern over the failure of joint working to be sent to Pippa Milne. **Action: RW**
- 5.3 Discussion with Donald Cameron (MSP) was reported. He has asked for assistance in drafting a letter requesting additional information. **Action: PH**

6 AOCB

- 6.1 **Letter from OCC to Argyll & Bute Council** – it is unclear whether the recent (March) letter was sent. Action: DM
- 6.2 **Community Planning Partnership** – RK will represent OCHDA, except at the August meeting). Subs requested. Actions: all to contact RK/RW
- 6.3 **Oban Bay Management Group meeting May 10th** – need a sub to represent Stakeholders. Action: JM to attend or arrange suitable sub.

7 Future meetings

- 7.1 Agreed to continue to meet approx 2 monthly, Wednesday afternoons, if possible.
Action: PH to find date & venue

AFTERNOTE: Donald Robertson has offered his floating conference suite for the next meeting.