

Minutes of OCHDA Management Committee meeting 27th February 2023

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

Apologies: Peter Tosh, Tony Hammock, Linda Battison, John Peden, John MacAlister,

1. Introduction

RW thanked everybody for their attendance and thanked Oban Sailing Club for offering the venue.

2. Minutes (November 2022)

2.1. The minutes of the previous meeting, November 2022, were accepted as a true record. **Proposed DV, seconded RK.**

2.2. Minutes of the meeting will now be posted on the website and previous meeting minutes confirmed as there. **Action: PH**

3. Matters arising from the minutes

3.1. Ownership query re the S Pier had been resolved. Report from Land Registry to be circulated to all Management Committee. **Action: PH.**

3.2. Previous minute 4.1, TH's report has been circulated. This exercise appears not to have affected the development of the HRO.

3.3. Previous minute 7.1: no action has been taken re the AGM, in view of the progress of the HRO. The 2nd AGM is now overdue but it is difficult to plan for the future until the timing and content of the draft HRO is known. Committee proposes that both an AGM and a public meeting will be convened during the period of the 42 day consultation. In the event that any member is not content with that they may request that an AGM or general meeting is held earlier. **Action: PH** to write to all members.

3.4. Previous minute 8.1: This arrangement will stand: the Management Committee will attempt to meet online at 1830 on the first Monday after publication of the next draft HRO, whenever this takes place.

4. Membership

4.1. A request has been received from Bill Faerstrand from Crinan Harbour Association. This request was granted and he will be advised of his membership. **Action: PH**

5. **OBMG updates**

- 5.1. RW had previously circulated briefing notes in connection with recent Oban Bay Management Group meeting.
- 5.2. OCHDA's proposals re the future consultative body were presented to the January meeting and had been responded to by each of the partners. In the case of CMAL, CalMac & NLB no objection to the content was made but each stated that they could not support the proposal as it did not come from the Council! The Council simply don't support the OCHDA proposal.

6. **MSP correspondence**

- 6.1. Responses have been received from Jenni Minto (on-line meeting next week), Donald Cameron (no surgeries planned) and Rhoda Grant (date in April proposed). No further response has been received from Brendan O'Hara. As Marine Safety is a reserved matter it was suggested that this might specifically be pointed out to him in further correspondence. **Action: PH.**

7. **OLI Members briefing**

- 7.1. In the absence of substantive report from A&BC regarding progress on the HRO or in relation to the proposed consultative body a briefing document for local Councillors had been prepared and circulated for comment.
- 7.2. Minor amendments were proposed and the HO process flow chart from the Transport Scotland website to be added. Further discussion may be required with TB re the section on moorings. **Action: PH to amend, as required, and send to all OLI Councillors in advance of our on-line meeting with them.**
- 7.3. Further clarity is required regarding the actual area to be excluded from Oban HA in favour of Kerrera Marina. Detail of actual licensed areas to be confirmed and, thereafter, a formal request might be drafted by OCHDA on behalf of the marina.

8. **Next meeting of this group**

- 8.1. The Management Committee will attempt to meet online at 1830 on the first Monday after the publication of the next draft of the HRO whenever this is.

Afternote:

In view of the clear statements at the Harbour Board regarding the consultative body proposals to go to the next OBMG meeting and the expectation that the next version of the draft HRO will be taken to an additional Harbour Board it appears difficult to anticipate timescales but we should be prepared to respond to both.