

OCHDA Management Committee September 27th 2022

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

Apologies, John Peden, John MacAlister, Peter Tosh, Robert Kincaid, Tony Hammock

1 **Welcome**

1.1 Ross welcomed everyone, thanking Donald for the use of his stateroom. It was noted that TH was attending a Council-sponsored Risk Assessment workshop. FG had also attended briefly.

2 **Minutes of previous meeting (August 2022)**

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

3 **Matters arising**

3.1 Continuing work on the Trust Port proposal has been limited. Information re alternative premises & costs is required. An FoI request re the N Pier may be necessary in future. **Action: PH to pursue with JM & PT**

3.2 New member, Alan Kohler, has been notified.

3.3 A further meeting has taken place with Cllr Kain. He remains positive regarding the need for joint working between A&BC and OCHDA.

3.4 Feedback from RYA (Scotland) and others re the draft HRO to be circulated to Management Committee members. **Action: PH**

4 **OBMG meeting**

4.1 The back brief had been circulated earlier. By way of introduction the generally positive nature of the meeting was emphasised.

4.2 There remains potential for confusion in navigation by small craft leaving via the N Entrance where Col Regs Rule 9 (keep to stbd) conflicts with the Code of Practice advice (keep to W shore). OCHDA will propose a short-life working group be established to consider this. It was noted that there will be a requirement for an ongoing safety group to be established by A&BC.

4.3 The current Code of Practice is reported as remaining in force until any new arrangements are established and have been publicised.

4.4 Discussion re sewerage pollution in the Bay emphasised the need for all incidents to be reported as per the Oban Harbour Incident Reporting system. **Action: DR to forward info to PH for lodging as incident.**

4.5 OBMG were informed that the Council's High Level Plan will be updated this week. **Action: FG to monitor the website.**

4.6 The next scheduled meeting of the OBMG is Nov 10th, in order to fit with the draft

development and submission timescale.

5 OCHDA response to A&BC draft HRO

5.1 The Committee considered the proposed response in detail. A number of actions were agreed but there were no alterations to the draft suggested.

5.2 Action points:

- PH to clarify with Transport Scotland re the likely timing of consultation if the draft is submitted just before Christmas and re the inclusion, or otherwise, of Purpose and Effect notes in the public consultation.
- Clarification over possible issues arising from inclusion of southern reaches of Kerrera Sound to be sought from RK.
- The governance proposals, in particular, are regarded as of the utmost importance to encourage effective and safe practice and to maximise local engagement.
- PH to arrange that the draft HRO and our response to be made available on our website.
- PH to prepare a members' Newsletter with full update on recent developments.
- There is a need to clarify the OCHDA proposed SHA limits wrt Ardantive Bay to ensure that adequate protection is included in the Municipal Harbour limits.
Actio: RW how/why the proposed boundary on our HO was drawn where it was.

6 Future meetings

6.1 A meeting is likely to be required once the next draft HRO is published, expected to be in time for the next OBMG meeting on 10th November. It is essential that effective engagement with commercial shipping, particularly fishing/aquaculture is re-established. **Action: PH to discuss with JM & PT**

6.2 Further meetings are likely to be required, including possibly a public meeting, once the timescale for TS consultation of draft is known.

6.3 Additional meetings may be called, as necessary, by Zoom.

6.4 **Date of next meeting 15th November , 14:00, venue tbc.**

7 AOCB

7.1 None.