

Minutes of OCHDA Management Committee meeting 12th December 2023

Present: Ross Wilson, John MacAlister, Fergus Gillanders, David Vass, Linda Battison, Donald Robertson, Duncan Martin, Phil Hamerton, Frank Roberts, Robert Kincaid

Apologies: Tony Hammock, Peter Tosh

1. Introduction

- 1.1. RW welcomed everybody to the meeting and formally thanked Oban Sailing Club for the use of the premises.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting (28 November)

- 2.1. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposed: JM, seconded DM
- 2.2. Chair introduced Frank Roberts, Convener of Oban Community Council (OCC), who was accepted as a co-opted member of the committee.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

- 3.1. All actions committed to at the previous meeting had been completed.
- 3.2. **Previous minute 6:** attendance at public meeting. Apologies have been received from one or two folk; from the council perspective only Councillor Vennard has confirmed that he will be present and Ms Flanagan has offered her apologies.
- 3.3. **Previous minute 7:** Area Committee Meeting. Preparations have been completed for this meeting. However, there is doubt regarding attendance on various third parties. **Action: PH to contact Mike Toms and Andy Spence.**

4. Agenda item 2 Membership application

- 4.1. Rab Black has applied to become a member of OCHDA. This request was approved unanimously. **Action: PH to advise him regarding this.**

5. Agenda item 3 formal consultation

- 5.1. The meeting was informed that Transport Scotland have no plans to publicise the submissions received.
- 5.2. It is unclear which organisations have been formally advised regarding the public consultation. Various statements by council officers, in the past, regarding this may not prove to be accurate. FR confirmed that OCC had not received notification. .

- 5.3. The draft OCHDA submission, as previously circulated, was considered section by section prior to confirmation for Burness Paull.
- 5.4. A number of minor amendments were agreed. With these amendments the document was accepted as the official draft for BP to advise on before submission. A meeting is scheduled to take place with BP tomorrow. It is hoped that they will be able to clarify and/or reinforce aspects of our submission. It is recognised that time is seriously limited for this as a consequence of the council's timetable.

Submissions made

- 5.5. Discussions regarding the process of making submission was considered. It was agreed that OCHDA's submission would be in the form of a single document. This will be a separate document from the submission by Oban Community Council.
- 5.6. Submissions made by others and copied to us could be made available to OCHDA members only. However their permission will be required for this to be undertaken. **Action: PH to make necessary arrangements.**

6. Agenda item 5 public meeting

- 6.1. The outline programme for the evening had been previously approved. The presentation was run through for general comment.
- 6.2. It was agreed that a voluntary **attendance register** should be taken for the evening, though this will not be undertaken at the door. **Action: DM to provide necessary resources**
- 6.3. **Reception at the door** will be a welcome by Alison. Papers will be distributed, in advance, and be on seats: agenda, statement of support and copy of the flyer. **Action: PH to organise**
- 6.4. **Question-and-answer session** should be equipped with wireless microphones. Microphone carriers to be LB and DR.

7. Agenda item 6 date of next meetings

- 7.1. It was agreed that the **next meeting of this group** will require to be arranged according to the outcomes of the initial consultation period.
- 7.2. The overdue **annual general meeting** for OCHDA is now scheduled to be held on 1 February 2024 (planned for 14 December 2023 but date and location given up for the public meeting to brief the draft HRO, deemed a higher priority with time constraints). **Action: PH to find suitable venue and make arrangements**