

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN CHORD PROJECT BOARD held in the COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD, PA31 8RT
on THURSDAY, 19 AUGUST 2010**

Present: Councillor Duncan MacIntyre (Chair)

Councillor Roderick McCuish
Councillor Donald Macdonald
Councillor Donald McIntosh
Douglas Hendry, Executive Director – Customer Services
Phil Preston, Caledonian MacBrayne
Ranald Robertson, HITRANS
David Findlayson, Oban Town Traders' Association

Also Present: Councillor Neil Mackay

Attending: Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law
Robert Pollock, Head of Economic Development and Strategic
Transportation (CHORD Programme SRO)
Bruce West, Head of Strategic Finance
Nicola Debnam, CHORD Programme Manager

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Oban CHORD Project Board meeting held on 17 December 2009 were approved as a correct record.

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 6, 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

2. ASSESSMENT OF OBAN BAY MARINE REVISED PROPOSAL

Consideration was given to the findings of the assessment, carried out by the Council's consultants, of the revised proposal received from Oban Bay Marine following the decision of the Programme Management Board on 6 January 2010.

Decision

The Oban CHORD Project Board unanimously agreed:-

1. To recommend to the CHORD Programme Management Board that:-
 - (a) Having regard to the advice received by the Council's consultants, with particular reference to capital and revenue funding, the project should not proceed any further;

- (b) The remaining project options referred to in the Outline Business Case and Project Initiation Document are now explored to utilise the CHORD funding allocation of £900k with a report regarding project options being presented to the Project Board no later than November 2010; and
2. To now adjourn this meeting of the Board to the afternoon of Tuesday 24 August 2010 to meet with representatives of Oban Bay Marine to outline the Council's position.

(Reference: Report by Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation, submitted)

The Oban CHORD Project Board reconvened at 12 noon on Tuesday 31 August 2010 as the previously agreed date was unsuitable.

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Councillor Roderick McCuish
Councillor Donald McIntosh
Douglas Hendry, Executive Director – Customer Services

Attending: Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law
Robert Pollock, Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation (CHORD Programme SRO)
Bruce West, Head of Strategic Finance
Nicola Debnam, CHORD Programme Manager
John McGregor, Oban Bay Marine

Apologies: Councillor Donald Macdonald
Phil Preston, Caledonian MacBrayne
Ranald Robertson, HITRANS
David Findlayson, Oban Town Traders' Association

The Chair reminded the Project Board that the meeting will still be conducted in private and excluded the press and public in the same terms as before.

The Chair welcomed John McGregor of Oban Bay Marine to the meeting and asked Mr Reppke to read out a prepared statement which he did. The statement confirmed the Board's decision of 19 August 2010 and set out the context of the overall assessment of the Oban Bay Marine proposal. There then was an exchange of views between Officers and Members of the Council and Oban Bay Marine. The meeting concluded with the agreement that Oban Bay Marine and the Council would seek to release a joint press statement and if this was not possible then the Council would release a press statement at 5.00 pm today.