

MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN CHORD PROJECT BOARD held in the HOUSING MEETING ROOM, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD, PA31 8RT on THURSDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2009

Present: Councillor Duncan MacIntyre (Chair)
Councillor Roderick McCuish
Councillor Donald MacDonald
Alan MacDonald (Finance)
Douglas Hendry
Nicola Debnam
Paul Finch (AECOM)
Robert Pollock

Attending: Charles Reppke

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Donald McIntosh, Randal Robertson, Phil Preston

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of Oban, Lorn & the Isles CHORD meeting held on 2nd December 2009 were approved as a correct record.

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

3. OBAN BAY / HARBOUR - FULL BUSINESS CASE

Paul Finch provided a further executive summary presentation to members in regard to the technical financial and other operational constraints around the proposed development at Oban Bay for a marina development.

Decision

1. To recommend to the CHORD Project Management Board that the Oban Bay Marine Project is not progressed due to the technical, financial and operational constraints highlighted by the consultants.
2. To agree that the technical report be released to Oban Bay Marine via John MacGregor now that the Project Board were happy with the terms of the report prepared by AECOM. The Board recognised that parts of the FBC were commercially sensitive.
3. To note that the remaining options in the PID for Oban Bay would now be explored by the Project Board

4. To note that the Project Board wished to arrange a meeting with the board members of Oban Bay Marine on 5 January 2010 at 2.30pm in the Kerrera Suite, Corran Halls, Oban to explain to those board members the reasons behind the decision taken at 1 to include a presentation by the consultants on the issues which affected the feasibility and viability of the project.