

**MINUTES of MEETING of ARGYLL AND BUTE HARBOUR BOARD held in the COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on THURSDAY, 7 MARCH 2019**

Present: Councillor Roderick McCuish (Chair)

Councillor John Armour	Councillor Alan Reid
Councillor Jim Lynch	Councillor Richard Trail
Councillor Ellen Morton	Councillor Andrew Vennard
Councillor Alastair Redman	

Also Present: Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor Councillor Elaine Robertson
Councillor Kieron Green

Attending: Pippa Milne, Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services
Jim Smith, Head of Roads and Amenity Services
Stewart Clark, Marine Operations Manager
Patricia O'Neill, Central Governance Manager

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence intimated.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Argyll and Bute Harbour Board as held on Thursday 6 September 2018 were approved as a correct record.

4. OBAN BAY - SINGLE HARBOUR AUTHORITY

Members were presented with a report which updated them on the progress made since the Argyll and Bute Harbour Board's meeting in September 2018 when the background to the creation of the Oban Bay Management Group (OBMG) and the reasons for creating a Single Harbour Authority (SHA) were discussed.

Since the circulation of the report before them Members noted that the OBMG met on 1 March 2019 where the Oban Bay Stakeholders' Group (OBSG) put their proposals for a SHA to CMAL and noted that the OBMG agreed not to promote a Harbour Revision Order for the time being and agreed to review its position at a later date if no legislation is promoted by 1 March 2020.

Decision

The Argyll and Bute Harbour Board;

- a) noted the report and in particular considered the proposal outlined in the Oban Bay Stakeholders' report in Appendix B;

- b) approved that Officers continue to engage with the OBMG and continue cooperation with stakeholders in their bid to establish a trust port; and
- c) agreed that a further update report be presented to Members at the September 2019 Harbour Board meeting.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director, Development and Infrastructure Services dated 26 February 2019, submitted)

5. MARINE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

Members were presented with a report which provided an update on the ongoing schemes currently being addressed within the Council's Marine Asset Management Plan.

Decision

The Argyll and Bute Harbour Board;

- a) noted the report and the progress achieved to date on those schemes highlighted within the report; and
- b) approved the revised version of the 10 year asset management plan as set out in the appendix to the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director, Development and Infrastructure Services dated 26 February 2019, submitted)

6. PORT MARINE SAFETY CODE

Members gave consideration to a report which provided an update on ongoing initiatives to ensure compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC). In particular Members gave consideration to key issues recently highlighted by the Designated Person (DP) in the latest audit report which included;

- Harbour Regulations / Limits of Jurisdiction
- Accountability of the Duty Holder
- Marine Safety Plan
- Navigational Risk Assessments.
- Proactive Management of Navigation
- Emergency Preparedness
- Pilotage at Campbeltown
- Licensing of small commercial vessels
- Qualifications / Training for Harbourmasters
- Incident Reporting

The Marine Operations Manager updated the Committee on the Council's legal advice with regard to the role of Duty Holder.

Decision

The Argyll and Bute Harbour Board;

- a) noted the report;

- b) approved the actions outlined in Appendix A to the report to ensure continuous improvement; and
- c) agreed that on the basis of legal advice received they were satisfied that the position of Duty Holder is correctly delegated to the Executive Director, Development and Infrastructure Services and noted that this delegation is contained within the constitution of the Council.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director, Development and Infrastructure Services dated 26 February 2019, submitted)

7. DRAFT HARBOUR BOARD WORKPLAN

The Argyll and Bute Harbour Board Workplan as at March 2019 was before the Committee for information.

Decision

The Board noted the content of the Argyll and Bute Harbour Board Workplan.

(Reference: The Argyll and Bute Harbour Board Workplan dated March 2019, submitted)