

**MINUTES of SPECIAL MEETING of ARGYLL AND BUTE HARBOUR BOARD held in the
COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on THURSDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2019**

Present:

Councillor Robin Currie (Chair)

Councillor John Armour
Councillor Jim Lynch
Councillor Alastair Redman

Councillor Richard Trail
Councillor Andrew Vennard

Also Present:

Councillor Jim Findlay
Councillor Kieron Green

Councillor Jean Moffat
Councillor Elaine Robertson

Attending:

Pippa Milne, Executive Director
Jim Smith, Head of Roads and Infrastructure Services
Stuart McLean, Committee Manager

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Roddy McCuish and Ellen Morton.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

*** 3. OBAN BAY - SINGLE HARBOUR AUTHORITY**

The Harbour Board gave consideration to a report that explained the background to the creation of the Oban Bay Management Group (OBMG) and why a Single Harbour was being considered. The report set out the proposals of the Oban Community Harbour Development Association for the development of a Trust Port and potential next steps.

Decision

The Argyll and Bute Harbour Board –

1. Agreed, subject to consultation with the Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Committee, to instruct officers to investigate further the proposal to establish a Trust Port and to the transfer of powers at the South Pier (any transfer would not happen unless the Harbour Order was subsequently granted by Transport Scotland).
2. Instructed officers to investigate further with Oban Community Harbour Development Authority (OCHDA) the options of transferring the powers at the North Pier and the transfer of assets at the North Pier, on a commercial basis.
3. Agreed to recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee that they delegate to the Executive Director with responsibility for Marine Operations, in consultation

with the Executive Director with responsibility for Legal Services, the agreement of a Memorandum of Understanding with Oban Community Harbour Development Authority (OCHDA) on the basis set out in paragraph 4.18 of the submitted report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure dated November 2019, submitted)

4. ROTHESAY PONTOONS

The Harbour Board gave consideration to a report presenting an outline business case covering the outer berth pontoons at Rothesay Harbour.

Decision

The Argyll and Bute Harbour Board agreed to approve option 3 of the outline business case as attached at appendix 1 to the submitted report and noted that additional prudential funding of up to £150k would be required.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure dated November 2019, submitted)