

**MINUTES of MEETING of ARGYLL AND BUTE HARBOUR BOARD held in the COMMITTEE
ROOM 1, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on THURSDAY, 23 MARCH 2017**

Present: Councillor Ellen Morton (Chair)

Councillor Robert G MacIntyre	Councillor Elaine Robertson
Councillor John Armour	Councillor Len Scoullar
Councillor Alistair MacDougall	Councillor Isobel Strong
Councillor Alex McNaughton	

Also Present: Councillor Roderick McCuish Councillor Michael Breslin

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
Craig Wilson, Economic Growth Officer (Tourism)
Paul Bancks, Asset Manager – Crown Estate
Alex Adrian Aquaculture Operations Manager – Crown Estate

Prior to the start of the meeting it had been agreed to move the venue to Committee Room 1 in order to accommodate a seminar in the Chambers.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Julie McKenzie.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Argyll and Bute Harbour Board held on Thursday 19 January 2017 were approved as a correct record.

4. CROWN ESTATE

A presentation was heard by the Board from Paul Bancks, Asset Manager and Alex Adrian Aquaculture Operations Manager, from the Crown Estate on the devolution of operations and assets to the interim management board of Crown Estate Scotland. Discussion focused on marine and leisure tourism and communities; aquaculture; business management; lease options and rental arrangements.

Decision

The Harbour Board thanked the Crown Estate for their informative presentation and agreed that a copy would be circulated to all Members.

(Reference: Presentation by the Crown Estate dated 23 March 2017)

5. PORT MARINE SAFETY CODE

Member gave consideration to a report providing an update on ongoing initiatives to ensure compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) noting that the PMSC applies to all harbour authorities in the UK that have statutory powers and duties representing good practice, as recognised by a wide range of industry stakeholders.

The Board discussed that in order to comply with the Code, harbour authorities must publish a comprehensive safety plan, along with a regular assessment, showing the authority's performance against the plan. It was noted that each port and harbour in Argyll and Bute has a separate Port Emergency Plan.

Decision

The Board;

- a) noted the report;
- b) endorsed the draft Marine Safety Plan subject to inclusion of a reference to the Port Emergency Plan and clarification of the Marine Safety management system; and
- c) recorded its gratitude to the Marine Operations Manager and the Harbour Masters in the work undertaken to inform and assist the Harbour Board Members.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure dated 23 March 2017, submitted)

6. OBAN HARBOUR MANAGEMENT GROUP - OBAN BAY

A report providing an update on the work carried out to date by the Oban Harbour Management Group (OHMG) was considered by Members which explained possible options for the future management of the waters of Oban Bay.

Decision

The Harbour Board;

- a) noted the report; and
- b) noted that the Council must ensure continuing unfettered access to the North Pier and the transit berthing facility.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure dated 23 March 2017, submitted)

7. HARBOUR BOARD WORKPLAN

The Argyll and Bute Harbour Board considered the outline work plan to facilitate forward planning of reports to the Harbour Board.

Decision

The Harbour Board noted the work plan.

(Reference: Harbour Board Work Plan dated 23 March 2017, submitted)

8. VALEDICTORY

The Chair expressed her thanks to all Members and Officers in their help and support in moving forward the agenda of Argyll and Bute Harbour Board.