

Oban Community Harbour Development Association

Argyll & Bute Council have submitted the Harbour Revision Order to Transport Scotland on what they say is a preliminary basis; thus if there is anything not right legally at first glance it will then come back to the Harbour Board. If it carries on in the due process there will come a time when there is a public consultation period of six weeks. Further stages will then process towards Argyll & Bute Council being the authority for a greater area of harbour and the safety therein. CalMac continue to have a nested area nearby there ferry pier facility.

OCHDA has been very supportive and have assisted in the Councils progress of this matter over the last year, but it has not been easy. One sticking point is that the governance of the port has little local influence built into it, no local advisory group and stakeholders may just not be heard. OCHDA feel strongly that this is not acceptable as Oban is a far more complex port than other small scale facilities that it presently operates. In terms of vessel numbers and berthed/moored vessels within a given area; it is substantially different.

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