

The Highland Council

Minutes of Meeting of the **Harbours Management Board** held in Committee Room 1, Council Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness on Friday 3 August 2018 at 2.00 pm.

Present:-

Dr I Cockburn	Mrs L MacDonald
Ms K Currie	Mr D MacLeod
Mr A Henderson (Chair)	Mrs T Robertson

In attendance:-

Mr W Gilfillan, Director of Community Services
Ms C Campbell, Head of Performance and Resources
Mr T Usher, Harbours Manager, Community Services
Mr A MacIver, Principal Engineer, Project Design Unit, Development and Infrastructure Service (Item 4)
Mr M Mitchell, Finance Manager, Finance Service
Miss J MacLennan, Principal Administrator, Chief Executive's Service

Business

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr M Finlayson, Mr W MacKay, Mrs A MacLean and Mr H Morrison.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes

There had been circulated, and were **NOTED**, Minutes of Meeting of the Harbours Management Board held on 15 June 2018.

4. Uig Harbour Infrastructure Redevelopment

A presentation was given on progress made to date with the Uig Harbour Redevelopment. In particular, information was provided on the revised timescale for the provision of the new vessel, the options available to widen the berthing structure and the proposed pier layout. Members were also informed that a request had been made for shore-to-ship power but, as this was ancillary to the measures that the Council were obliged to provide, this would not be accommodated. A decision was still required to be taken in regard to the closure period to replace the linkspan but until further information was available in relation to service continuity the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee were not able to take such a decision. Furthermore, the budget allocation from the Scottish Government would not be known until December and therefore procurement arrangements could not be made. However, it was hoped an indication of the budget would be provided in October.

In discussion, the Chair highlighted the three community consultation events scheduled for mid September, the aim of which was to explain how each of the three piers (Uig, Lochmaddy and Tarbet) would correspond to each other. This was a complex project

involving a number of agencies and the recent change in the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity had all impacted on it.

The Board otherwise **NOTED** the position.

5. Body Worn Cameras

There had been circulated Report No HMB 14/18 dated 25 July 2018 by the Director of Community Services.

Appreciation having been expressed to the Principal Traffic Officer for his advice and assistance, the Board otherwise **AGREED** to recommend to the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee that it:-

- i. notes the outcome of the public consultation process;
- ii. approves the final drafts of the Privacy Impact Assessment and the Body Worn Video Cameras (BWC) operating procedure; and
- iii. notes the operation of BWC commenced at Kyle Harbour from the 1 August 2018.

6. Review of the Highland Council's Harbour Ownership Options

There had been circulated Report No HMB 15/18 dated 25 July 2018 by the Director of Community Services.

The second tranche for consideration for disposal was discussed on a site by site basis. Since the report had been written it had had transpired that Loch Caroy was not in the Council's ownership and, as a result, Struan Community Council would be contacted and advised that the Council would no longer carry out repairs and/or inspections of the structure. In addition, when considering sites for disposal, it was useful to bear in mind the report prepared by Stewart & Parsons Ltd, Consultants which summarised the potential of the harbour portfolio. For those Members new to the Harbours Management Board, this document should be recirculated.

The Board:-

- i. **NOTED** the position;
- ii. **AGREED** to recommend to the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee that all sites in the second tranche, with the exception of Loch Caroy, be progressed for disposal;
- iii. **AGREED** Struan Community Council be contacted to inform them that the Council would cease the inspection and/or repair of the marine facility at Loch Caroy; and
- iv. **AGREED** that the 2017 Consultation Document prepared by Stewart & Parsons Ltd on Highland Council Harbours be circulated to new Members of the Harbours Management Board.

7. Financial Performance 1 April to 30 June 2018

There had been circulated Report No HMB 16/18 dated 25 July 2018 by the Director of Community Services.

The Board **NOTED** the financial position to 30 June 2018.

8. Debt Management

There had been circulated Report No HMB 17/18 dated 6 July 2018 by the Director of Finance.

The Board **NOTED** the current debt position.

The meeting ended at 3.25 pm