



## Oban Bay Marine - Recent developments

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Dear Member

Happy New Year!

Following the chairman's updates to members of 22<sup>nd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> December 2007, there are further recent developments to report.

The proposals for the inner Bay which were brought forward before Christmas by a group of Oban business people, as featured in the Oban Times of 27<sup>th</sup> December, have demonstrated the surge of support among the whole community in Oban for the kind of facilities that we at OBM have been campaigning for over the past 12 months.

The inner Bay proposals are on a much larger scale than our Directors had previously been given to understand was possible. As a result of this, our Chairman John Anderson has decided that it would be in the best interests of the Company if he were to retire.

We highly respect his diligent efforts in bringing OBM together, and laying the solid foundations which have enabled OBM to move forward and embrace a new phase of development where a much wider ranging project than originally envisaged is now being attempted. John leaves us wishing us every success and we thank him for all his time and much valued experience.

Secretary Mike Brown has resigned and we thank him for all his preparatory work and solid application. Mike remains as a director of Oban Bay Berthing Company which, as a subsidiary of OBM, will maintain and operate the 16 visitor moorings to be re-located into the former anchoring area in Cardingmill bay at the sailing club, Crown Estate consent for which has now been received.

The Board of OBM remain committed to providing facilities for all types of small boats within Oban Bay and the Sound of Kerrera.

John McGregor has been invited to take up the post of Chairman, and as previously indicated, Calum MacLachlainn and Paul Sloan have joined existing Board Members Mike Robertson, Roger Parry, Adrian Lauder, Roddy MacEachan and Elaine Lauder.

A number of meetings are in the pipeline regarding the revised project which will be subject of the previously announced Community Consultation meeting to be chaired by Jim Mather MSP on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2008. The Board has determined that a questionnaire to stakeholder groups and interested parties will be circulated in advance of the meeting with a view to gauging levels of support and asking for input.

We thank our members for their continuing support and good wishes, and look forward to welcoming as many you as possible to the public meeting, and ultimately of course, to having the use of new facilities for all of us in Oban Bay.

The Board of Oban Bay Marine

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