

Press release from Oban Bay Marine, 31st August 2010

a summary of our immediate reaction to decision by Argyll and Bute Council
not to part-fund a yacht berthing facility in Oban Bay.

Massive missed opportunity for Oban

Only Project within the Chord Programme that is required to borrow funding

“The most outstanding Project within the Chord Programme” – Consultants-

AECOM report based on guesstimates rather than accurate costs

OBM projected costs are £1.715m and the council are at £2.598m. The Council guesstimate would make these the most expensive berths in Britain!

No Consultation and no dialogue between OBM and the council.

No willingness to make it happen from the Chair of The Oban Project Board or Council Officials

No project officer appointed as required by council's own regulations

OBM have been denied sight of the AECOM Final Report

The council have refused at all times to meet any other potential funders even at the request of MP, MSP and other community leaders.

There is a gulf in the funding allocated to Oban compared with the other Argyll Towns as there is now no prospect that the money allocated to Oban can be spent in the deadline to spend the CHORD money. The Development Road, if it happens at all, does not all the funding in place and the people of Oban are getting sick of empty promises and unfulfilled Area Committee pipe-dreams.