

Minute

Harbour Authority Sub-committee

Tuesday, 19 March 2019, 11:00.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors Graham L Sinclair, Andrew Drever, David Dawson, Gwenda M Shearer, Magnus O Thomson, Owen Tierney and Kevin F Woodbridge.

Clerk

- Angela Kingston, Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Brian Archibald, Harbour Master.
- Colin Kemp, Corporate Finance Senior Manager.
- Karen Bevilacqua, Solicitor.
- James Green, Senior Policy Planner (Development and Marine Planning).

Observing

- Gavin Barr, Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure (for Items 2 to 5).

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Councillor Graham L Sinclair.

1. Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours and Scapa Flow Oil Port

Maintenance Programmes

After consideration of a report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Harbour Master, the Sub-committee:

Noted:

1.1. The budget allocation for 2018 to 2019, in respect of the Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours Maintenance Programme, of £1,948,100, together with a tug refit programme allocation of £687,500 in respect of the Scapa Flow Oil Port.

1.2. That, to date and due to exceptional circumstances, detailed Maintenance Programmes for Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours and Scapa Flow Oil Port had not been submitted to the Sub-committee for consideration.

1.3. The commitments incurred against the respective Maintenance Programmes, referred to at paragraph 1.1 above, as at 31 January 2019, together with the anticipated final outturn, attached as Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, with an underspend currently being forecast for the Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours.

1.4. That the tug refit programme was currently provided for directly from within the Scapa Flow Oil Port revenue budget and was currently forecast to overspend for financial year 2018 to 2019.

1.5. That the budget for 2019 to 2020 in respect of Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours Maintenance Programme had been set at £842,000, together with £410,000 in respect of a tug refit programme for the Scapa Flow Oil Port.

1.6. The detailed programme of maintenance works for 2019 to 2020 in respect of both the Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours Maintenance and Scapa Flow Oil Port Accounts, attached as Appendix 2 to the report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure.

1.7. That, subject to surveys, any emergent urgent maintenance requirements, indicated as unbudgeted risk in Appendix 2 to the report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, would be submitted to the Sub-committee for separate approval if and when required.

The Sub-committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

1.8. That the Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours Maintenance Programme for 2018 to 2019, attached as Appendix 1 to this Minute, be endorsed.

1.9. That the Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours and Scapa Flow Oil Port Maintenance Programmes for financial year 2019 to 2020, attached as Appendix 2 to this Minute, be approved.

Councillor Owen Tierney joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

2. Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours and Scapa Flow Oil Port

Minor Capital Improvement Programmes

After consideration of a report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Harbour Master, the Sub-committee:

Noted:

2.1. The budget allocations for 2018 to 2019, of £300,000 and £150,000 respectively, for Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours and Scapa Flow Oil Port.

2.2. That, to date and due to exceptional circumstances, detailed programmes of capital improvement works for Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours and Scapa Flow Oil Port had not been submitted to the Sub-committee for consideration.

2.3. The expenditure incurred in respect of capital improvement works for Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours and Scapa Flow Oil Port as at 31 January 2019, together with the anticipated final outturn, attached as Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure.

2.4. The detailed programmes of capital improvement works for Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours and Scapa Flow Oil Port for 2019 to 2020, attached as Appendix 2 to the report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure.

The Sub-committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

2.5. That the Minor Capital Improvement Programmes in respect of Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours and Scapa Flow Oil Port for 2018 to 2019, attached as Appendix 3 to this Minute, be endorsed.

2.6. That the Minor Capital Improvement Programmes in respect of Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours and Scapa Flow Oil Port for 2019 to 2020, attached as Appendix 4 to this Minute, be approved.

3. Proposed Extension to Stromness Marina

Capital Project Appraisal

After consideration of a report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Harbour Master, the Sub-committee:

Noted:

3.1. That a need had been identified for safe landing facilities for cruise passengers and growth potential for yacht business in Stromness both of which were prevented by the lack of marina berthing space.

3.2. That Orkney Marinas Limited was the company which operated and managed Council owned marinas through a lease arrangement.

3.3. That an extension to Stromness Marina would free up the deeper berths for visiting yachts and provide facilities for cruise passengers from vessels which were now starting to book for anchorage in Cairston Road, just west of the entrance to Stromness harbour.

3.4. That, in October 2018, the Council submitted a successful Expression of Interest application to the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund in respect of a project to extend Stromness Marina.

3.5. That, on 4 February 2019, a subsequent Full Application was submitted to the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund, requesting a 60% grant, at a total estimated cost of £267,000, for the project.

3.6. That a condition of a Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund grant award was that works should be completed by 31 March 2020.

3.7. The Stage 1 Capital Project Appraisal, attached as Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, in respect of the proposed extension to Stromness Marina.

The Sub-committee resolved to **recommend to the Council:**

3.8. That, as an exception to due process and in order to take advantage of potential external grant funding, the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure should submit, to the Policy and Resources Committee, a Stage 2 Capital Project Appraisal in respect of the proposed extension to Stromness Marina.

4. Draft Orkney Harbours Masterplan – Phase 1

After consideration of a report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, together with an Equality Impact Assessment, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Harbour Master, the Sub-committee:

Noted:

4.1. That, in March 2018, Fisher Associates were commissioned to prepare an Orkney Harbours Masterplan, the fundamental purpose of which was to provide a structured framework for the physical development and transformation of Orkney's harbours over a 20 year period.

4.2. That, through a robust methodological process, the draft Orkney Harbours Masterplan had identified a set of preferred proposals for harbour infrastructure enhancements at the following six locations:

- Kirkwall Pier.
- Hatston.
- Scapa Pier.
- Scapa Flow.
- Lyness.
- Stromness and Copland's Dock.

4.3. That, following completion of the Orkney Inter Isles Transport Study in 2019, an Orkney Harbours Masterplan – Phase 2 would be prepared to address the future growth and development of harbour facilities serving the North and South Isles.

4.4. That an Outline Economic Case had been prepared in respect of proposals presented in the draft Orkney Harbours Masterplan – Phase 1, with initial findings for the financial and economic analysis elements included in the draft Masterplan.

4.5. The draft Orkney Harbours Masterplan – Phase 1, attached as Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, which now required to be subject to public consultation.

4.6. The Strategic Environmental Assessment, together with the associated Habitats Regulations Appraisal, attached as Appendix 2 to the report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, which had been undertaken in conjunction with preparation of the Orkney Harbours Masterplan.

4.7. That, following completion of the public consultation, referred to at paragraph 4.5 above, and subsequent approval by the Council, the Orkney Harbours Masterplan – Phase 1 would have status as Planning Policy Advice and would be a material consideration in the determination of relevant planning and works licence applications.

The Sub-committee resolved to **recommend to the Council:**

4.8. That the draft Orkney Harbours Masterplan – Phase 1, together with the Strategic Environmental Assessment, referred to at paragraphs 4.5 and 4.6 above, be approved for consultation purposes.

4.9. That the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure should submit a report, to the meeting of the Sub-committee on 27 August 2019, detailing the outcome of the consultation, referred to at paragraph 4.8 above, together with a final version of the Orkney Harbours Masterplan – Phase 1.

4.10. That the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure should submit a report, to the meeting of the Development and Infrastructure Committee on 10 September 2019, detailing the outcome of the consultation, referred to at paragraph 4.8 above, together with a final version of the Orkney Harbours Masterplan – Phase 1, for adoption as Planning Policy Advice.

5. Conclusion of Meeting

At 12:20 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Graham L Sinclair.