

Perth Harbour

PMSC Harbour User Meeting

Held – 5th August 2024

Attendees/Invites

| Name | Organisation | Attended (Y/N) |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Andrew Blake | Forth Ports | Y |
| David Morrison | Taymara | Y |
| Gillian Burns (GB) | NLB | Y |
| Greg MacIntyre | Forth Ports | Y |
| Michael Anderson | Police Scotland | Y |
| Chris Pollock | TBC | Y |
| Mark Williams (MW) | Scottish Water | Y |
| Lynne Mcleod | INEOS | Y |
| Stevie Baxter (SB) | LiveActive | Y |
| Clark Findlay | INEOS | Y |
| Ross Howie | CalPort | N |
| John Kettles | Blast Design | N |
| Fiona McKaig | Glenalmond Timber | N |
| Serge Merone (SM) | PKC | Y |
| Alan Dobson | PKC | N |
| Ross MacDonald (RM) | PKC DP | Y |
| Cameron MacPhail (CM) | PKC Harbour Operator | Y |
| Irvine Muirson | Kinnes Shipping | N |
| Ian Ashton | Salt Dog Marine | N |
| Davie Anderson | David Anderson Marine | N |
| Robin Adair | SFR | N |
| Gregg Martin | ScotBroker | N |
| Steven MacLeod | Perth Pilot | N |
| Chris Kidd | Perth Pilot | N |
| Amy Easson | Amey – Friarton Bridge | N |
| Matthew Roberts | Tay and Earn Trust | N |

Introduction

CM welcomed all to the meeting, first meeting held since December 2022.

CM provided a brief update on harbour operations, with CE Marine Ltd now contracted to manage the harbour and port on behalf of Perth and Kinross Council (PKC)

Safety

CM reported no commercial or leisure marine incidents on the river since CE Marine Ltd took over December 2023. Over the festive period 2023 two members of the public fell into water, from banks/paths adjacent to the river. CM asked if there are any other incidents the attendees are aware of to report. CM also provided an updated reporting procedure – the Perth Harbour website has a new incident/near miss reporting link. In the first instance to contact the harbour on the numbers provided.

An issue with Jet Skis was raised and SB from the Sports Hub provided an update. Jet skis who are members of clubs conform to the Perth jet ski code of practice. CM suggested that better promulgation of information is required to none club members – an action to be discussed at the next Tay Hub Users meeting.

CM raised leisure users concerns around water quality at SW outfalls. MW and CM to discuss after meeting, information to be promulgated to users.

Compliance

- MSMS - CM provided an update on the MSMS for the harbour and its update. MSMS is published on Perth Harbour website. CM also stated the NRA has been reviewed and up to date and published on website.
- Drills – CM provided an update on drills carried out in accordance with the ports emergency plans. CM provided brief update on INOES exercise carried out for the Forties Pipelines in July, with the harbour in attendance.
- AToNs – CM reported on the AToN annual report to NLB was submitted with a performance level of 99.0%. GB mentioned River Tay will be due an audit in near future and will make contact direct.
- Audit - CM introduced Ross MacDonald who was attending Perth Harbour, on behalf of Perth and Kinross Council, to carry out an audit in line with the Port Marine Safety Code.

Harbour Closure Update

SM provided an update from PKC on position of harbour closure and history to date. SM stated PKC position is to remove liability regarding the current CHA/SHA. SM stated engagement with TS has been ongoing and the public 42days consultation will commence in the near future once wording is approved by Transport Scotland. SM stated all users can make representations which allows PKC to review and respond.

GB asked SM about PKC position/proposal for the AToNs. GB requested a follow up meeting – CM suggested we set up between NLB and PKC to discuss.

SM provided an update on the newly formed River Tay Steering Group, chaired by MR of Tay and Earn Trust. Purpose of group is to provide a platform to repurpose the river for leisure/community use. CM also stated this group will feed into the Steering Group, as will the Tay Hub User group (leisure users).

Operations / Cargos

Cargos - CM provided an update to shipping. CM provided latest shipping numbers, noting a decline in movements since April due to the new Brexit rules relating to formal Border Control Post. This application was underway with APHA.

Dredging – CM provided update to dredging and siltation of harbour entrance. Over the past two years the draft at the harbour entrance has decreased. CalPort, as the cargo handler, has submitted a dredge application to Marine Scotland to dredge the harbour entrance – we await the outcome.

Surveys – CM provided an update that the harbour entrance has been surveyed three times since Nov 23. CM requested users if they are aware of any other areas requiring surveying to inform the harbour office.

A.O.B

RM asked if SM could share Harbour Closure Plan.

Next Meeting - TBC