

Notes from the Pontoon Development meeting with the CHM on Friday 18th December.

Present: Stuart McIntosh (SW); Ed Walker (EW); Paul Walker (PW); David Tebay (DT); David Nixon (DN)

1. DN invited SM to open the meeting with a statement about the present position with the MMO.
2. SM thanked DN for the offer of a letter to the MMO explaining that the sub-committee accepted Version 6 of the layout for the joint ECSC and CHC Inner Basin/Walk-Ashore Pontoon Development. Acceptance of the development was subject to ratification by the club membership at a General Meeting.
3. A General Meeting of the members of the club could not take place by digital means. The enactment of an enabling bye-law was not possible under the club's constitution. Late spring was the earliest that the club's management committee judged that restrictions would be eased sufficiently to allow an outdoor General Meeting.
4. DN agreed to write an email to the CHC addressed to the CHM detailing the points above. The CHM would arrange for the statement to be published on the CHC website and would reference said statement in communication with the MMO.
5. If GKN gave permission for the use of their intertidal mud whilst there was time to modify the design, then the club would ask that Version 6 of the design be modified but this would be treated as a bonus. The default position was Version 6 of the diagram.
6. DT asked for clarification about the northern end of the pontoon development. EW noted that the gap had been lengthened on Version 6 of the diagram with an explanatory label. He would keep under review the provision of a pick-up/drop-off /waiting berth on the north east side of the pontoon.
7. SM thought there might be a case for some maintenance dredging to the east of the new pontoon.
8. In response to a query by PW, SM and EW thought the maximum length of boats moored to the east of the new pontoon would be 8 metres, with a modest draught and inherent manoeuvrability.
9. DN confirmed that the club would consider using both sides of the walk ashore pontoon section from the new CHC pontoon to the ECSC Inner Basin.
10. SM reiterated that any agreement with the club would include a written guarantee that D Pontoon would not be joined to the club hammerhead unless agreed by the club's membership.
11. DN noted that the layout stage of the development was now agreed although PW remarked that the position of a security gate remained outstanding.
12. DN remarked that the next and final stage before the proposed development was put before the membership would be a firm idea of the cost of development and any contribution proposed by the CHM.
13. SM would produce a costed proposal in January 2021.
14. SM explained that EW would take over as CHM in the New Year. The new CEO of the CHA had yet to be announced.
15. Meeting closed at 1035