

## Project - To Install A Floating Pontoon on Loch Long

### Project Update as at 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016

Meetings have taken place with Max Carruthers, the local T-dock agent for the modular cubes and Colin Brown from Crown Estates. Iain Wilkinson from Luss Estates was also in attendance at the meeting with Crown Estates.

### About the Pontoon

There does not seem to be a problem with the preferred siting of Teighness slip. The pontoon would be situated off the side of the slipway about the halfway mark and therefore not interfere with any cars and trailers wishing to launch from this slipway.

The proposed length of pontoon, at the present time, is approximately 30m but Mr Carruthers suggests that he comes back at low tide to take accurate measurements. It is proposed that the width should be 4 to 6 cubes wide (2m or 3m). (Having carried out a rough measurement at low tide it looks more likely to be 45m in length that will be needed)

The cubes could be left in the Loch in the winter but stored together in deep water.

### Approximate Cost

We have only had one quote at the present time and this is for the cube system from Mr Carruthers. The quote was rather encouraging and was quite heavily discounted and it looks like the pontoon could be put in for around £25 - £30k. This price cannot be guaranteed as this is a quote for cubes that have already been manufactured – the next lot of cubes are likely to be 20% more expensive as they will be new stock and the price will could also be influenced but the fluctuation of the euro as these cubes are purchased from Italy.

### Permissions

The Crown Estates have given us an application form to complete and submit. On receipt of this they will circulate the application to Clyde Moorings Committee which includes the Queen's Harbourmaster and others to obtain all necessary consents for the seabed part of the development. Before submitting that application we need to produce drawings to submit with it.

Luss Estates do not see any problem with us using their foreshore and it is envisaged that this will be a simple lease agreement.

We may need to get Planning Permission from the National Park/Council and this is being looked into.

## Funding

We have submitted an application to the National Park for a small grant of £2000 'Soon, Seen and Successful Grant'. We will not know the outcome of this until 8<sup>th</sup> February.

There have been a few offers from people to buy cube/s which is very encouraging. A flyer will be delivered round the village in due course and posters put up in public places about the 'sponsor a cube' scheme in the hope that it engenders some sponsors.

## Next Steps

- Submit Application to Crown Estates after drawings have been done
- Find out if we need planning permission from National Park/Argyll and Bute
- Obtain written permission from Luss Estates that they authorise us to use their land
- Get two more quotes from other companies for cube and other pontoon systems
- Form a small pontoon steering group
- Apply for grant funding
- Consider annual maintenance and insurance costs
- Consider contacting Visit Scotland re visitor moorings
- Create Flyer for mail drop and displaying in public places

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