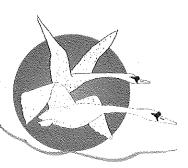
WHITING BAY & DISTRICTS Improvements Association

A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) Charity No. SC047609



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Application Document contains the relevant information needed to support Whiting Bay and Districts Improvements Association's (WBDIA) application for a marine licence for construction projects. Marine Scotland has advised WBDIA to use the 'Marine Licence Application for Construction Projects' form, (see enclosed email).

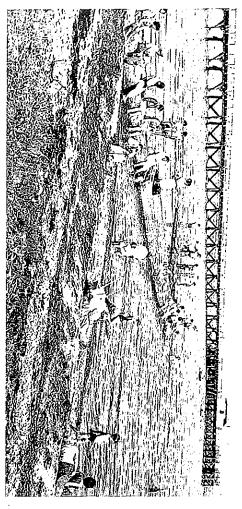
WBDIA is a community led and run organisation, which has been in existence for about 50 years and was constituted as a Scottish Charitable Institution (SCIO) in July 2017. Our main objectives are the advancement of environmental protection and improvement in Whiting Bay and Districts, and the advancement of citizenship and community involvement.

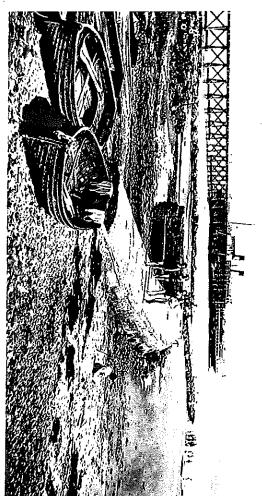
Whiting Bay, and the village which bears the same name, lie on the east coast of the island of Arran. At the centre of the village a narrow stone and concrete jetty, built in the 19th century by local tenants to fulfil obligations to their landlord, runs from the top of the shore down to low water mark. The jetty was originally constructed to allow safe landing of passengers from visiting steamers, via small "flit boats", and its top surface stands typically at around 0.7m – 1.0m above shore level to suit access by such small boats. With the construction in 1899 of a substantial piled pier to the north, for the direct berthing of steamers, the use of the jetty changed to that of leisure access and recreation and it has continued in that role to the present day, outlasting the Steamer Pier which was demolished in 1964.

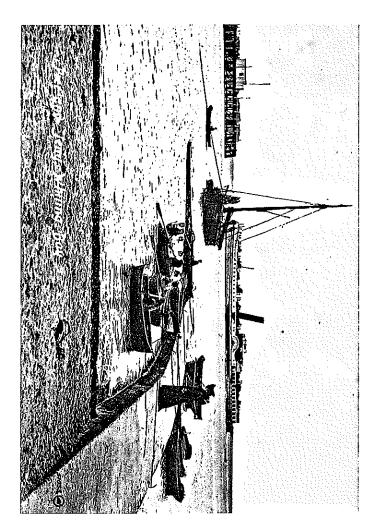
Our jetty remains an important and much loved heritage feature of the village, used by tourists and locals alike on a daily basis as a promenade, for access to bathing, as place to sit and enjoy views of the Bay, and by small boats and tenders from visiting yachts for landing or picking up of crew and supplies. Post pandemic the jetty provides the community and visitors with a free and invaluable resource for mental health and well being and of greater importance now given the cost of living crisis, the jetty is a free amenity for all.

WBDIA took over ownership and responsibility for maintenance of the jetty in 1983 from landowner Lady Jean Fforde. The structure comprises a core structure of stone boulders and rock fill, with its outer stones bound together by mortar and/or faced with concrete, to create battered side walls, all topped by a concrete slab. It sits in an open bay (Whiting Bay) which is particularly exposed to easterly and south-easterly storms, and the structure suffers wear and tear, and more severe damage in extreme weather. The structure shows clear evidence of patching and repairs at intervals over its long history, with the repairs typically having been carried out using a combination of stone, mortar and concrete.

Severe storms experienced during recent winters have caused progressive damage to a section of the jetty below mid-tide mark, and the particularly severe storms of the last winter have left a length of around 20m of the jetty in this area so badly damaged that it is likely to be breached and risks being lost completely in the coming winter season unless it is repaired as a matter of urgency. If a full breach of the jetty structure occurs, then progressive loss of the structure will



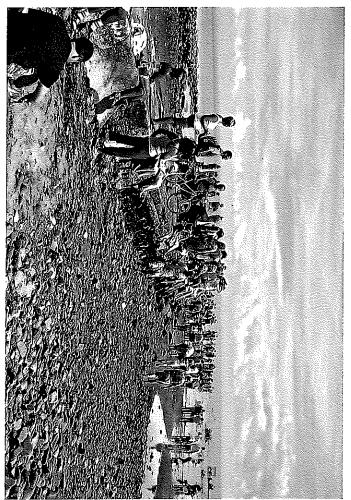




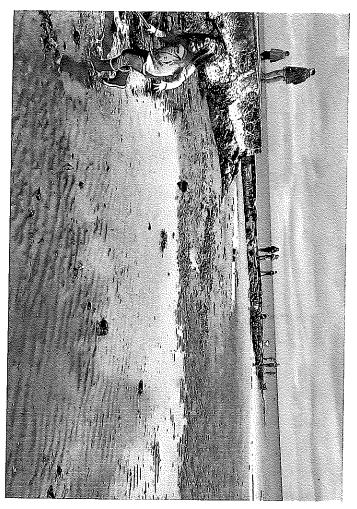


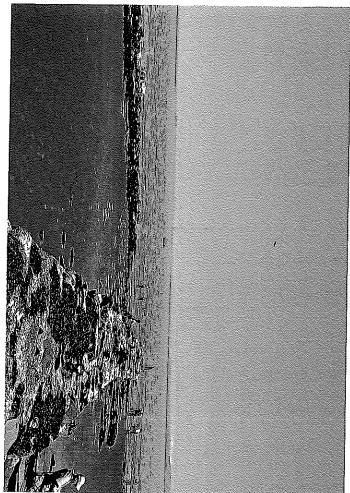


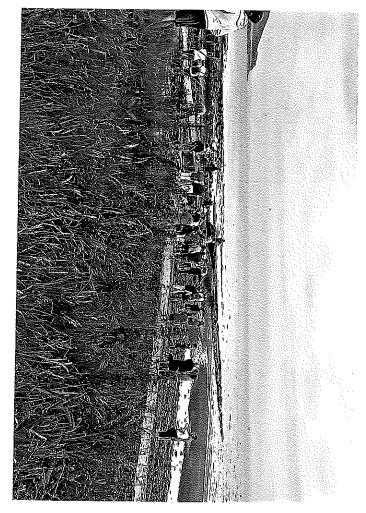


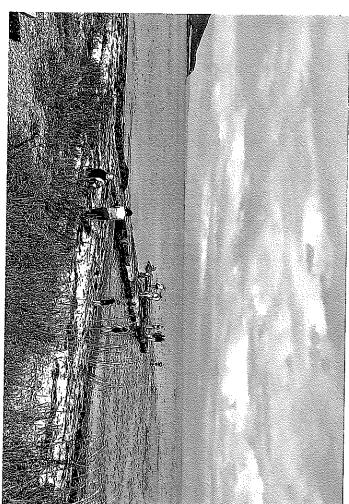




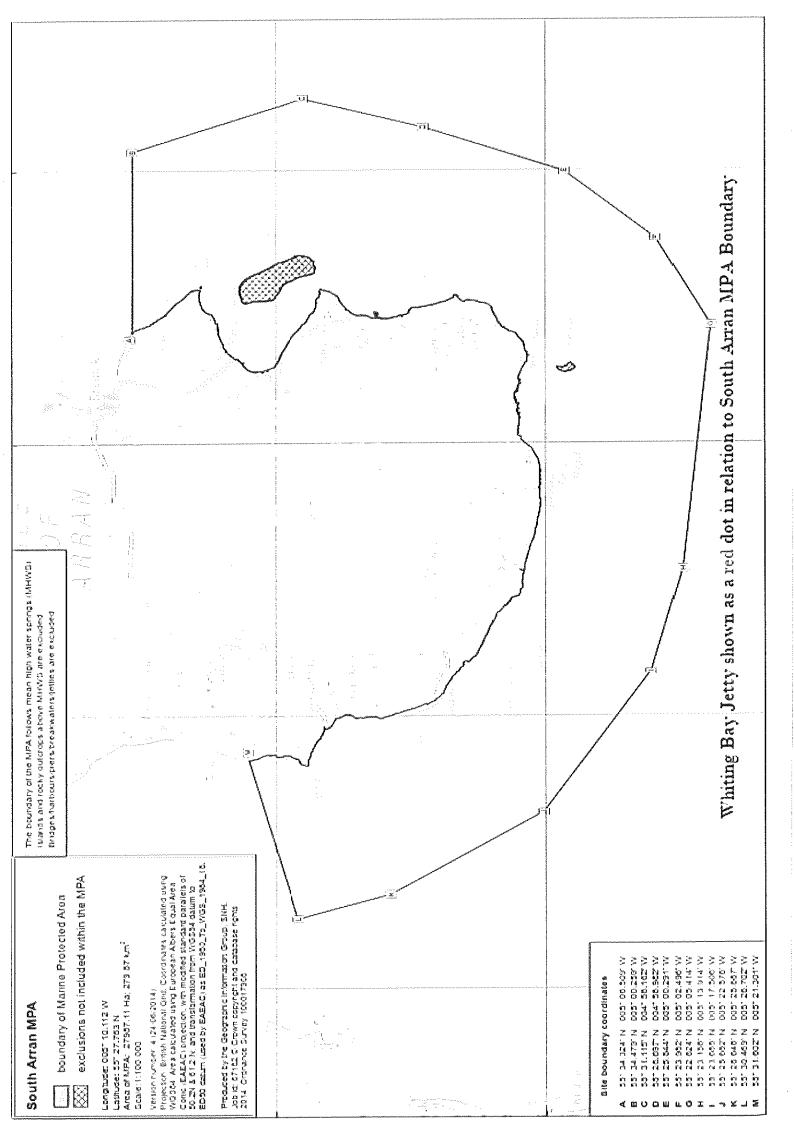


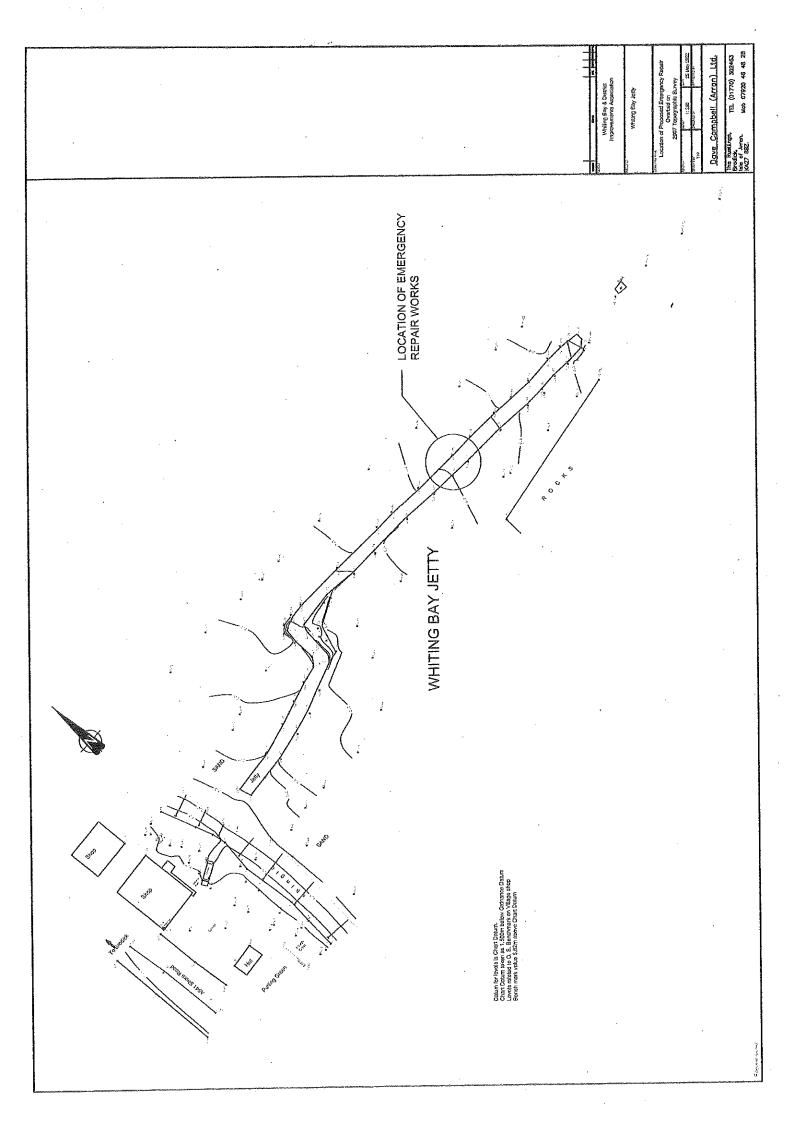






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WHITING BAY JETTY, ISLE OF ARRAN - Marine Licence Required - MS LOT to App - 12 August 2022

Inbox

MS.MarineLicensing@gov.scot via gov.scot

Fri, 12 Aug, 12:29

to me

Good afternoon Lesley,

Thank you for your detailed email and accompanying information.

While we appreciate the situation of the community organisation and the desire to maintain a historic pier, the proposed works will require a marine licence and cannot be regarded as emergency works or carried out under any of the exemptions.

We look forward to receiving your application in due course.

Application forms can be found here. A construction application form would likely be the most appropriate.

Kind regards, stay safe. Jacqui.

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COVID-19: Marine Scotland - Licensing Operations Team(MS-LOT) is working from home and as a result determination of applications may take longer than our stated timelines. In addition MS-LOT is unable to respond to phone enquiries, please communicate with MS- LOT via email. Email addresses are MS.MarineRenewables@gov.scot for marine renewables correspondence or MS.MarineLicensing@gov.scot for all licensing queries.

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