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**Aberdeen Boat Club
Building Development Levy
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Building Development Levy Renewal**

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Dear Members,

On 23 October 2019, I wrote to members advising of the continuation of a Building Development Levy for a further two years in accordance with Article 16 (c) of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Members will be aware from previous communications that the approval process for the development of Middle Island has been very protracted and not within the control of the Club.

In late 2018 we were requested to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD). This was a major piece of work which required the assessment of many environmental issues, including visual impact, air quality, water quality, coral, fauna and ecology, which may result from the development. Progress on the EIA report was significantly prolonged by 18 months following the discovery of the protected species, amphioxus, within the seabed area of the work site in late 2019. This resulted in major rework of the design to replace the modest amount of reclamation for the enlarged storage deck with a piled deck arrangement.

I am now pleased to report that the revised EIA report comprising over 600 pages and including a comprehensive analysis of all aspects of the scheme was completed in May 2021 and subsequently submitted to EPD for their review and approval. We are now actively engaging with EPD to respond to the formal queries and clarifications which they have raised. It is anticipated that this review process will continue into the first quarter of 2022 and approval of the report will be achieved by July 2022.

Following approval of the EIA report it will be necessary to continue with the formal submission to Town Planning Board and the statutory gazettal process.

In parallel with the overall development process the power supply has been upgraded and the water supply upgrade is proceeding. This important enhancement of the utilities infrastructure will allow the Club to secure a Permanent Occupation Permit, support the future development proposal and provide improved services for members.

Funds for the development have been steadily accruing from the Building Development Levy and a portion of the new members fees. The apportionment to the Development Fund from new members fees was reduced in the approved 2021-2022 Budget to supplement the General Fund.



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In reviewing current progress and the latest financial requirements, the General Committee resolved in the meeting held on 26 October 2021 to continue the Building Development Levy at the same amount of HKD 288 per month until October 2023 at which time it will be subject to further review and amendment as necessary.

I wish to thank you for your continued support for the Club's proposal to develop Middle Island.

Yours sincerely

Chris Pooley
Commodore

