



OBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of Oban Community Council meeting held on 28 November 2016 at 7pm
at the Rockfield Centre, Stevenson Street, Oban

Present:

Community Councillors: J Anfield (JA), D Gallant (DG), S McIver (SMI), K MacColl (KMC), J MacFarlane (JMF), M Malloy (MM), A Vennard (AV), D Martin (DM), G Berry (GB), G Nicholson (GN), K Winton (KW), A Harper (AH)

Argyll and Bute Councillors: E Robertson (ER), K Green (KG), N MacIntyre (NMI), I MacLean (IML)

Police: A Simpson (AS)

Oban Times: S Neil (SN)

Public: K MacLennan (KML), D Connery (DC)

Apologies: R MacCuish (RMC), S Russell (SR), C Brown (CB)

1. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting
2. The following declarations of interest were noted and recorded: None
3. CB had wanted to attend to introduce herself as the youth development officer but hoped too soon. AS reported a serious assault at Glencruitten Rd. With public help the police have arrested a 27 year old man. Fireworks display and the winter festival were successful. Police investigating break ins at Argos, Cakebreads and McPhersons foods. A second serious assault at Lochauvull, a 35 year old man arrested. GB spoke of concerns expressed to him about the night of the council yard fire, a member of the public had said that people were only 50m away taking pictures. AS assured him that the police would have had a cordon as they look at people's safety. DM said a time of learning for all the emergency services. And thanked the emergency services on behalf of the OCC for how they had dealt with the fire. AV asked about the possible closure of the police station. AS said the police could do with a new build. MM said there will always be a police presence. ER told of how G Mungers CPP was emphatic that there would be no change in the police presence just looking for a new building. DM Drugs? AS ongoing, need public to help.
4. Minutes for accuracy: P2 60-40 not 30. The minutes were duly approved for accuracy.
5. Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting held on 31st October 2016:



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Abandoned cars. DM reported car at Dungallan to DVL and council but was still there. ER said the owner would have been notified and given time to remove it. Suggested phoning amenities.

Skatepark. Damage at Stafford street with slabs becoming loose. IML said the slabs they had been wrongly fitted.

6. KML asked why the sea front benches were taped. DC elderly lady and her husband had fallen over after the lady walked in to the bench. Tape to highlight, the engineers and designers looking at it. MM spoke of her concerns of false statements being put on FB about the OCC and the development at Glenshellach. GN suggested it was a "fishing expedition" and OCC shouldn't fall in to the trap. ER accepted MM's wish to protect OCC when feeling it has been wronged on FB but suggested such things on FB best ignored.

7. BIDS: Fireworks night there were 4 stalls raising over a thousand pounds for charity. Halloween party, money spent equalled the money raised. In discussion with local business men for a Hogmanay display. Local businesses and BIDS matching monies. Loyalty card now available, £10 off Oban Live.

8. EE presentation: EE planning 4G coverage across the U.K. With 300 new sites across Scotland in the next year. Requires planning permission so would appreciate OCC support. Important to work with the local communities. Emergency services changing from airwaves to EE. 4G signal faster than broadband. GB large amounts of the West Highlands don't get coverage. EE 19 new cell sites in the West Highlands. DG do wind farms interfere with the signal? EE yes they can have an impact. MM thanked EE representatives for attending and giving their presentation.

9. BT public telephone consultation: Removing phone boxes which are not used. Should question the removal of Alma Cres and Stevenson Street.

10. Parliamentary boundary changes: KMC compiled a good response. OCC sent e-mail for submission of any changes.

11. Community Planning Partnership: Good presentations by young people on visit to Germany and young careers. Next meeting 16th of February 2017 2pm.

12. Subgroups: a. MM Things happening at the hospital which are worrying. A paper will be published then OCC will need to get involved.

b. No meeting. DG put forward changes to Sunday buses. MM suggested inviting West Coast Motors to discuss.

c. No meeting.

d. No meeting.

13. AOCB: ER winter festival was fantastic thanks to all involved. Council planning budget consultation closes on the 9th of January 2017. GB Should be worried about police cuts. Also fire service losing retained cover, no cover in Lochgilphead and Inveraray. Colonsay Terrace group putting up tree with lights.



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14. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 30th of January 2017.