



OBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of Oban Community Council meeting held on 26th September 2016 at 7pm at the Rockfield Centre, Stevenson Street, Oban

Present:

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

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

Oban Times: L Glen-Lee(LGL)

Public: K MacLennan (KML), J Beaton(JB), J Wright(JW), G Black (GB), A MacGregor (AMG), M Michie (MM)

Apologies: D Gallant (DG), S Russell (SR), J MacKenzie (JMK), MJ Devon (MJD), D Martin (DM)

1. The chair welcomed all to the meeting. The attendance and apologies were duly noted and recorded.
2. The following declarations of interest were noted and recorded: None.
3. There was no police report delivered to the meeting.
4. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 29th August 2016 were read and duly approved for accuracy.
5. Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting held on 29th August 2016: Skatepark update. ER having spoken to JMK said that Kevin Irvine could not at this time manage to take this forward. West Highland housing have offered community links and that remains open. It needs someone to come forward and lead it.
6. Public questions: KML asked about the whereabouts of the old station clock. Which was supposed to be kept for future development. The clocks whereabouts are uncertain. Glenshellach development - JW spoke of the residents' concerns that the housing proposed had increased from what was originally planned. Housing will be crammed leading to a featureless over developed area. Increasing traffic on to Soroba Road. AMG spoke of the need for housing in Oban and how ACHA were working to build affordable housing. He refuted the accusation that the development was featureless. He spoke of Catalina Ave as an example of the high quality work. LDP was used for guidance in the planning. He also spoke of the 40 jobs the development has created. ACHA working with planning to alleviate the



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housing crisis. SMI had studied the drawings and claimed they did not look consistent. The drawings representing the housing looked different in terms of the sizes of buildings. JW said the site was not big enough for the proposals, not much green space. MM opened up the meeting to questions. GN are we going to cram more people on to a single track road? KMC said that it was a planning issue. And that there was huge pressure for affordable housing, we need to welcome more housing. GB voiced concerns about a second access road for emergency vehicles. MM told him about the gate which all emergency services have keys too, allowing access to Glenshellach Road in an emergency. ER spoke of the concerns of more traffic on Soroba Road, particularly emergency services. KG said that there would be extra pressure on the town whether the development was to the North or in the South. We should be encouraging more active transport. RMC pointed out that the Glenshellach development was a planning matter which the OCC could comment on. KML who is the applicant. RMC ACHA. JW hugely concerned about the cramming in of more houses and the lack of amenities. GB play area still to be built. GB asked about the possibility of more houses being built at Dunbeg. RMC spoke of the infrastructure needing improved before more building can go on. MM asked the planning sub-group to look at it and bring their recommendation to OCC. RMC informed OCC that the signs were up on Stafford St, re skateboarding etc. Will advise the police.

7. OCC website/e-mail: SMI updates the site. RMC suggested planning links. To get feedback. SMI said that link to planning was possible, setting up e-mail was easy to set up. MM said we had a decent website and Facebook page for which she had received compliments at a recent meeting with young people. GN suggested putting on the council website. The suggestion was also made to link in to TSI.(formerly AVA)

8. Refuse collections: GB spoke of the concerns of the Soroba residents. NMI told him of how the bins were going to double at Colonsay Terrace. That would be extra blue bins. Extra capacity for all of Soroba. Financially something needing to be done. GB told of worries from overspill. RMC said we need people to take more civic pride. NMI has done very well working with the unions and the men to find ways of doing it more efficiently. KG said that people need to be recycling more. The costs of landfill being huge.

9. Council Tax Reforms: DM to report on his views.

10. Pier dues: ER there will be an internal review on dues.

11. Sub-group reports: Planning. No lights to go up at McCall Terr. New Lorn Arc manager is David Gunn. Invitation to him from OCC after a month or two.

12. AOCB: KW bushes at path to ACHA needing to be cut. NMI noted this. GB asked that at the next meeting OCC make time to discuss working parties. MM suggested asking BIDS to gain their input. JMF spoke of the bushes at Dalintart



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where some had been cut but not all. The steps being particularly bad. KMC spoke of the trees on Pulpit Hill blocking the view. ER explained that this will require a specialist tree feller. GN spoke of the new lighting being excellent. RMC spoke of the piece of land at Ganavan which would be dealt with at the next OLAC meeting. 13. The date of the next meeting was set for 31st October 2016.