



OBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of Oban Community Council meeting held on 27th February 2017 at 7pm
at the Rockfield Centre, Stevenson Street, Oban

Present:

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

Argyll and Bute Councillors: K Green (KG), R MacCuish (RMC), N MacIntyre (NMI)

Police: J Muir (JM)

Oban Times: L Glen-Lee (LGL)

Public: K MacLennan(KML), R Dodds (RD) West Coast Motors.

Apologies: M Malloy (MM), A Simpson (AS), E Robertson

1. Meeting chaired by D Martin. The attendance and apologies were duly recorded.
2. The following declarations of interest were duly noted and recorded. DM Oban Community Berthing chair.
3. Police Report: Using a mobile phone while driving fixed penalty rise to 6pts and £200 fine. Neighbourhood watch on the way back. Rural Crime watch will use Social Media. Sign up on-line and e-mail en-mass if something is happening. NMI asked about dogs travelling in cars. JM said it was illegal, they are an unsafe cargo. JMF expressed concerns over the zebra crossing at Lidl. Nearly got hit and the driver just laughed. JM said that at the crossing the drivers have a lot to think about. Police will take a look at it. KW said she was concerned about the timings at the OHS lights and asked how the lights were controlled. JM spoke of sensors at all the lights.
4. Minutes for accuracy: The minutes were duly approved for accuracy.
5. Matters arising from minutes of the previous meeting: Firemen. GB said that the retained fireman were in a state of disarray at fire stations. It was suggested that the fire service be invited to the next meeting to discuss. The bins in Soroba were now sorted out with things working much better. Pontoons work started. GB asked about loading? RMC said there would be designated bays for the pontoons.



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6. Councillor reports: KG Council budget has been passed. RMC the vote was 6/8 in favour. Savings of £8 million have been reduced to £6 million. 1.239m brought in from council tax rises. £Also 2.5m approx from re-banding. Health and social care budget needs to be reduced from 16m to 14m. So if that can't be balanced will need to go back to the parent bodies. NMI said he was happy to support the budget with the cuts to the health budget his only concern. Proposals to video conference council meetings RMC said he would support that. KG told OCC that nominations for the May council elections would start 28/02/17.
7. Public questions and issues: KML spoke of councillors on social media. Quoting Councillor Breslin "none of this tosh" he said he did not agree with this kind of talk on social media by councillors. GB asked about a code of conduct. KG told him that there is a code of conduct. LGL spoke of A&B council being ruthless and unkind. RMC said since 2012 its been venomous.
8. Subgroup reports:
 - a. Health and Social Care Partnership information leaflet. Have to produce a balanced budget. Plan laid out at last locality meeting but no pound signs. JMF said she just wanted to know what is happening to the hospital. GB expressed concerns related to his recent experience when his mother had an accident. He was not told when they were moving his mother and also the consultant in Glasgow questioned why there had been a delay in sending her. GB said we need to concentrate on the hospital. DM highlighted a website called patient opinion. Concerns can be expressed there and they are required to answer. GB suggested that centralizing services was causing problems.
 - b. RD addressed DG's suggestions for the bus timetables, he said that they would cost more money. He suggested a meeting with the transport subgroup so they could discuss in detail. KG asked about bus drivers not stopping at the cemetery. RD acknowledged this and said that drivers were not happy stopping there on the way out. But they were in talks with the council to improve the stop. GB asked about the Dunbeg bus stop on the Oban side which has no light. RD Hitrans do the bus shelters. KG pointed out that Dunbeg CC have raised the issue. He also spoke of Transport Scotland's review of speed limits and had no plans to change them. DG spoke of the new shelter on the station platform which passengers can't use as the gates are locked till 5mins before the train. He also spoke of a lack of a shelter at the taxi rank. KW also told the OCC that the new shelter opening hinders the use of the ramp.
 - c. DM old creamery site at Glencruitten planning now for residential use.



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9. AOCB: KML spoke of the great community efforts to help find the lost dog at Ganavan. GN spoke of the cinema a/c's showing a small profit. With good turn outs and great community support. DM asked about Oban Live and the bus service in the Mossfield area. RD said letters would be sent out through the schools. JMF asked if the Oban Times was closing. LGL new on-line would not mean closure. KW told of CPR training at the fire station for disabled people. GB pointed out that A&B mini buses at the high school sit idle during holidays and weekends. Suggesting they could be put to use. RMC suggested using them to take tourists up to the tower. RMC spoke of naming the new turbine at Glen Gorm dump on Mull, Miss Hooley.
10. Date of next meeting 27 March 2017.