



# OBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of Oban Community Council meeting held on 30th January 2017 at 7pm at the Rockfield Centre, Stevenson Street, Oban

Present:

Community Councillors: J MacFarlane (JMF), A Vennard (AV), D Gallant (DG), B Martin (BM), G Nicholson (GN), S Russell (SR), D Martin (DM) Chair, K Winton (KW), J Anfield (JA), A Harper (AH)

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

Police: C Brown (CB)

Oban Times: S Neil (SN)

Public: K MacLennan( KML), W Mohieddeen (WM), S MacKinnon (SMK), BBC ALBA, K Irvine (KI) Skatepark.

Apologies: M Malloy(MM), S McIver(SMI)

1. The chair welcomed all to the meeting. The attendance and apologies were duly recorded.
2. The following declarations of interest were duly noted and recorded: None.
3. Police Report: CB submitted report dated 30/1/17. Three summer relief police officers for Oban. DM asked if drug arrests were intelligence lead. CB said most of the police work is.
4. Minutes for accuracy: P2 12b DG WCM should read Mr Craig the owner to be invited. IML 5. Slabs not wrongly fitted should have been pinned. The minutes were duly approved for accuracy.
5. Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting held on 30th of January 2017: DM reported the abandoned car at Gallanach had now been removed. GB expressed concerns about staffing levels within the fire brigade. At times there would seem to be shortages. DG cited the centralisation policy causing this. JMF suggested inviting the fire brigade to the OCC next meeting. RMC agreed and said you need to find out the facts. NMI said OCC can ask and find out if there is a staffing problem in Oban.
6. Public questions and issues: RMC asked if a councillors report would be considered by OCC. DM said yes. RMC Council may raise council tax by 3% which would raise 1.2 million. This is against a 8 million cut with



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savings of 1.4 million saved last year. Still waiting to hear from Scottish government on budget. 1700 responses to the public consultation on cuts. RET brought in more money to the council. DG said most people would not object to a 3% rise, suggested A&B should go with other councils and allow 12 month payments. KG said this was being considered but would cost the council to do this change. Rebranding would bring more income. DM asked if BIDS were in for the transit marina. RMC tenders are in within the budget. KML council have a target cost? RMC yes, money allocated in 2008, it's taken a ridiculous amount of time. ER there is an excellent officer in charge. GN asked when the bowling alley was being demolished. RMC said very soon, with buses dropping off going to the back of the bowling alley. IML spoke of the bin problems at Soroba with reports of rats. Bungs missing from bins so rats can get in. NMI A meeting with ACHA has brought up some good ideas to which may help. Soroba went from 1wk to 3 wk uplifts with no extra bins in place. There were no bins or money to buy them. By the end of the month there will be extra bins.

7. Skatepark update: KI told of how a committee is now in place and also that land had been offered to them by N MacIntyre on Shore Street. By the railway line and will probably need a fence built. Which will mean fund raising. AH what about money raised for a skatepark years ago? KI that money was dispersed round various charities. KML suggested approaching local businesses for help, i.e. rubble from the premier inn/ OHS. DM said he was delighted that they had a committee to take this forward. And that OCC could now look at making a donation in support. Although cautioned that being near the railway could cause problems with rules and ScotRail. NMI is the land being leased? KI no lending it. RMC suggested a big billboard up to see what happens. NMI thought there could be problems getting permission. IML said that the planning was being prepared. ER expressed her delight at the park going forward. And spoke of the ground at Atlantis, which was considered years ago but noise was an issue. KI said Atlantis would be the preferred site but they didn't seem interested. GB said but isn't Atlantis owned by the community? RMC asked if the ground was owned by Atlantis? Maybe should look at community assets.
8. Subgroup reports:
  - a. No meeting. 367 people attended meeting on the 13th of January. GB could not get any answers on centralisation. DM Social care delivery plan is on line to read. Trying to reduce beds, get people home and minimise hospital stays. DG stated that getting proper home care alternatives was a problem. ER said that loneliness was now being recognised as a problem. Need people to provide the care and there are big problems getting folk.



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RMC are asking the NHS to do too much, should be concentrating on health. Social work should be organising care in the community. Locality health forum next meeting on 6th of February.

b. Meeting Thursday.

c. Dunbeg corridor. Needs infrastructure, roads. Planned round about at Pennyfuir, still funded. Planning renewal in for the leisure development on the hill above Dunbeg. NMI OHS 2 weeks ahead of schedule. Path lights now on.

d. Not met.

9. AOCB: NMI spoke of a shortfall of 44,000 on refuse collection. ACHA bringing forward some good ideas but all councillors need to come forward with ideas. GB praised how the town centre is now looking. But spoke of the Edinburgh Woollen Company shop front which appeared to be literally falling down. GN praised KI on his presentation on the skatepark. It was a good site, but did point out a gap which looked dangerous as it lead down to the railway. KW questioned why the lights on Soroba Rd were off. RMC told OCC that they were replacing the cables from Lonan/Nant Drive down to Soroba Rd.
10. Date of next meeting: 27 February 2017