



# OBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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

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

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

Police: J Muir(JM)

Public: A McKie (AMK), N MacKay (NMK), K MacLennan (KML), J Patterson (JP), J Ainscough (JA), M Clayton (MC)

Apologies; S McIver (SMI), M Malloy (MM), M J Devon (MJD)

1. Meeting chaired by DM. 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: No significant incidents reported. Plea to the public to help keep the community safe. Neighbourhood watch being introduced, which will involve e-mail and texts. More information to follow at the end of April. The crossing at Lidl is causing concern. JM said that there was too much going on at that point, too many exits and entrances giving drivers a lot to think about. KML spoke of his ongoing annoyance at the turning right at the high school traffic lights. NMI said that any problems on Soroba Road need to be addressed before it is resurfaced. NMK spoke of a traffic management report which was done by a consultant the council brought in. Suggested asking to see the report, contact J Smith. JM agreed that OCC should voice concerns to the roads department as CC's help to get things done. KML need good traffic flow, the lights change when no one is there. RMC asked that the police do something about the "choir" at Gillies rock in Soroba, concerns by residents in Glencruitten as golf balls are being hit from there. DG asked about the Glencruitten buses during Oban Live and the fact that they wouldn't be running, questioned whether the buses could use the Rugby club. Was advised that it wasn't possible for the buses to turn there. NMI spoke of possible extra parking at the old council yard. NMK, for Oban Live, thanked NMI for that and spoke of how Oban Live received no



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- financial assistance which put its future in jeopardy. GB said OCC should back Oban Live.
4. Fire Brigade: No one from the fire brigade arrived (This was due to staff having to attend to incidents that night and apologies for not attending were received after the meeting)
  5. Minutes of previous meeting: Point 6 6/8 in favour, Oban, Lorn and the Isles committee. Nomination packs for council elections out 14/3. 8b Further study to see if it would cost more money. The minutes were duly approved for accuracy.
  6. Matters arising: GB said he had not lodged a complaint with the NHS as he had been advised it wasn't worth it as he would receive no response.
  7. Councillors Reports: RMC told OCC that an extra £200,000 was available for bin collections within Argyll and Bute. £15,000 to Oban. Also Oban to get 1 extra amenities warden. Planning for a shop at Glengallan had been approved. Demolition of the old bowling building on Shore Street now underway. Pontoons for the new marina being built at Dunstaffnage. Parking review underway with comments welcomed. Suggested free parking for an hour on George Street, with parking fees being introduced along the esplanade to the war memorial and also from the Manor House to the boat club. Two free hours at Ganavan. GN suggested money from the parking charges at Dungallan could be used for rebuilding the condemned wall. NMK questioned whether OLAI was getting a fair share of the £200,000 budget. ER assured him that they were arguing the case. AMK spoke of housing development in the Dunbeg corridor. 200 proposed houses round the shinty pitch spoke of it being an outrageous development and of developers creaming of profits from building up market housing. KG assured him that the shinty pitch would be retained. Ganavan to be kept for leisure, round the beach area. ER spoke of the huge amount of work going on around this development. And of how it has been made clear to the developer that Ganavan was gifted to the people of Oban. ER thanked MM for her contribution to the Oban Common Good Fund. 4 trustees make the decisions but MM on behalf of the OCC takes part in meetings. Cruise community hoping to attract more cruise ships with the new pontoons and building on the North pier. RMC OCC need to make representation early on the masterplan for the Dunbeg corridor. DM OCC put in a representation on the masterplan but not on the detail. DM then read out the representation submitted re the master plan. NMI Infrastructure is a shambles. Houses need to go somewhere. Development needs to go outside of the town. An industrial area at Connel. Need to look at the bigger picture for growth the town doesn't have anywhere to grow into, have to look outside of town. The



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Scottish Government needs to get Calmac and Network rail to work together. Oban Live needs support, the Cowal Games got money. Money from the parking half a million. KMC liked NMI thoughts on what needs done and said he looked forward to his valedictorian at the Area Committee. He said that there were 500 applications for housing but a lot more folk looking for housing.

8. Proposed changes to Community Council Elections: The proposal aims to have all elections on the same day.
9. Public questions and issues: MC What does an amenity warden do? RMC car parking, litter and dogs. MC better deterrents are needed. Also people don't know how to use zebra crossings. KG also drivers are not used to zebra crossings. KML spoke of councillors use of social media. He e-mailed 8 councillors, 2 did not reply. 2 who did reply did not tell the truth. Through FOI he was able to check. NMK spoke of a plan to organise a support group to monitor the NHS. After the well attended meeting in the Corran Halls people felt reassured. But a support group could be formed and a proposed meeting was scheduled for Thursday 6th of April in the Rockfield Centre at 7pm. Some concerns were expressed over the consultation period not being public enough.
10. Subgroup reports:
  - a. No meeting. 3/4/17 6.30pm Locality meeting.
  - b. DG bus subsidies to change. Will be grouped instead of individual routes.
11. AOCB: GB spoke of his concern over treble 9 services with closure of offices. Ambulance services being cut. KML asked if the Oban Times had sent apologies. DM said no. KML said it was disappointing.
12. Date of next meeting: 24th of April 2017