



OBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of meeting held on Monday 25th January 2015, at 7pm in the Caledonian Hotel

1. Present: J MacFarlane, D Martin, D Gallant, K MacColl, M MacKenzie, G Berry, A Vennard, K Winton, M Malloy, K Green, S Russell, S McIver

Councillors: N MacIntyre, R MacCuish, MJ Devon, E Robertson

Police: A Simpson

Public: K MacLennan.

Apologies: K MacIntyre, G Nicholson, J McKenzie, A Harper

2. Declaration of interest:

None

3. Police Report:

Have been a number of road traffic and MDMA offences. 3 males have been remanded regarding drugs offences, and on 21 January 3 vehicles and a shop were broken into.

Brochures regarding tackling metal theft are available.

Plans for Oban Live in May are in progress and it has been raised at events safety committee.

When asked about the report of blue tablets being available in Oban AS said the police had no evidence this was true.

RMC asked if it would be helpful to put up no football notices at Stafford St as a window there had been broken. AS said that it would.

4. Minutes of last meeting (26th of October 2015):

DG asked that the word meeting be removed out of his declaration of interest for item 10b to reflect his wider involvement with the Disability Forum.

Checked for accuracy - Proposed KW Second JMF



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5. Matters arising:

Alcohol and Drugs Partnership - ER had checked regarding the service users group. A tender is being awarded to a company to access the need across Argyll and Bute. In addition Oasis have in place service users groups for both adults and young people.

Following a meeting of the Community Council in December DM circulated and then submitted the agreed Community Council response to the Argyll and Bute Service Choices consultation.

6. Public issues and questions:

KML asked whether all Community Councillors had been informed of the Premier Inn development. KG replied that all had been e-mailed about it.

7. Subgroup Reports:

a) Health and Education Subgroup

Next Locality meeting is on 1 Feb 2016 – this is now every two months.

b) Transport Subgroup

Nothing further to report.

c) Development, Planning and Licensing

Nothing further to report.



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9. AOCB:

MM asked about potholes on Lonan Drive.

RMC stated regarding hedges blocking pavements in Millpark that letters will be sent out to residents to remind them of need to cut them.

DG asked about the school buses not picking up children. RMC and ER responded stating that school transport had not received any complaints over this. DM to send e-mail following up.

SMI spoke of the painting of Achnacloich bridge and how rain seemed to have washed the paint off.

DM raised concerns over the proposed new buildings for the waterworks, these being utilitarian structures similar to large agricultural like sheds with the only efforts made to blend them into landscape being paint them green. He felt that the existing building, which is to be demolished, while still functional at least showed more consideration to the surroundings. RMC commented that the priority of Scottish Water was to invest in improvements to the water supply for Oban and that with limited budgets buildings would be lowest cost possible.

SR mentioned number of streetlights being out. NMI noted that this was a continuous problem but that staff had been fixing these.

JMF spoke of her disgust at the fact that people can no longer pay their Council Tax at the council offices. RMC said that it could be paid via Paypoint in a number of shops within the town.

RMC spoke of the completion of the railings from the Corran Halls to the Regent Hotel by Transport Scotland.

KG passed on concerns of lack of bus shelter for temporary bus stops on Argyll Square. RMC replied that there was not any space for shelters there.

KG asked if Community Councillors could reply with any comments about the Community Council Survey sent out by Argyll and Bute Council by Friday 29th January.

10. Date of next meeting 29th of February 2016.