



# OBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of Oban Community Council meeting held on 29th August 2016 at 7pm at the Rockfield Centre, Stevenson Street, Oban

Present:

Community Councillors: K Winton (KW), B Martin (BM), D Gallant (DG), S McIver (SMI), J Anfield (JA), M Malloy (MM), A Vennard (AV), D Martin (DM), G Berry (GB), S Russell (SR), K MacColl (KMC), G Nicholson (GN).

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

Police: J Stobbo (JS)

Oban Times: L Glen-Lee (LGL)

Health board: C Henderson (CH), A MacLeod (AML).

Public: K MacLennan (KML), Aida, Maggie.

Apologies: A Harper (AH).

1. Welcome. Present and apologies recorded.
2. Declarations of interest: DM possibly on Marina planning.
3. Police report: 10 road offences, 9 Drug offences, 6 violent. Police have launched road safety campaign. Evidence of bad driving in Argyll and Bute. DM asked about the usefulness of dash cams. JS said they were good for evidence.
4. Minutes of the last meeting held on 25th of July 2016 were read and duly approved.
5. Matters arising: KG confirmed the boards were up at the tower.
6. Public questions and issues: Maggie asked who to contact regarding getting a skate park and a putting green. ER spoke of ongoing efforts to secure a playpark. KMC suggested contacting Comrie CC to find out how their skatepark was funded.
7. Oban Hospital: MM spoke of fears raised regarding the hospital. CH expressed concerns over the communication coming from the hospital not being good enough and hoped they could improve this. AML spoke of the change to the strategic planning shifting care to home. Big problem recruiting carers. With money being finite need to look at ways of working with the community. Working model ongoing in Appin. MM Fort William getting a new hospital. Worrying for Oban. AML as doctors have specialised skills hospitals can work together to share these skills. Fort William badly requires a new hospital as existing building is falling



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apart. RMC Oban is no different from any other rural area. Support our local hospital, have closer engagement with all the community. KML thanked all at Oban hospital for the care he received during his recent stay. AML said that the NHS and Social Work dept. were working closely to identified areas where people were doing the same jobs. MM asked the difference between General and Cottage hospital. AML General is consultant led and Cottage is run by GP's. GN asked when people leave hospital is there monitoring of care package? AML answered that the package of care required goes out to providers to see who can provide it. Then there is assessment and reassessment. NMI the whole thing is a nightmare NHS/Social Work have different IT systems. They should work together. Recruitment is hard. Seems like we don't know what we are doing. The hospital is a separate issue from the care in the community. Fort William needs a hospital. GB is the hospital ready for a major incident. CH yes exercise been done. MM thanked CH and AML for coming.

8. Care homes: AML Eadar Glinn is not closing. A new building is needed. Fantastic facility which needs updating. NMI money from the sale of the land will fund a new facility.

9. Argyll Hotel: NMI updated, nearly clear on the plans. Then it is down to the developers and owner.

10. Kerrera Marina: There have been complaints about it. DM it's privately owned.

11. Community Council by elections: OCC can participate in the next round. Up to 6 Councillors needed.

12. Subgroups: No reports. Planning needs to go to SMI.

13. AOCB: KML spoke of the behaviour of Councillors at Kilmory. And the slating of Councillors by Councillors on social media. RMC spoke of how the OLAI worked well and hopefully it would not change. GN asked who would be responsible for replacing the light bulbs? RMC light bulbs have a 5 to 6 year guarantee. Council will replace. GB proposed the idea of forming work parties to do jobs around the town. MM suggested asking BIDS along to discuss. MM placed an order for 75 pennants. JMF said the cost would be £500. Bin collections to go 3 weekly with Soroba getting more capacity. JMF said the Dalintart path was needing cut. NMI said he would see about it.

14. The letter from Argyll and Bute Council was read by the members present and the content noted.

15. Date of next meeting: Monday 26th September 2016