



OBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of meeting held on 27 June 2016 2016 at 7pm in the Rockfield Centre.

Present: G Berry (GB), K MacColl (KMC), J Anfield (JA), D Martin (DM), M Malloy (MM), J MacFarlane (JMF), G Nicholson (GN), A Vennard (AV), K Winton (KW)

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

Police: John Stobo (JS)

Oban Times: Sandy Neil (SN)

Members of the Public: K MacLennan (KML)

Apologies: D Gallant (DG), S McIver (SMI), A Harper (AH), J MacKenzie (JMK), MJ Devon (MJD)

1. The attendance and apologies were duly noted and recorded.
2. The following declarations of interest were noted and recorded: None.
3. The minutes of the last meeting held on 30 May 2016 were read and duly approved for accuracy.
4. Police report was provided by JS. It was reported that 10 violent crimes had been detected. 11 drug related crimes had been detected. Help from informants. Police happy to hear from anyone with information. KW asked about the corner of Sinclair Dr. Where parked vans can block the view for crossing. Asked police to recommend yellow lines. JS said as it was an obstruction issue the police can deal with it.
5. Public questions: there were no additional questions.
6. Matters arising from minutes of last meeting: Page 2 - Pavement issue AC in touch with RNIB. Page 1 Stafford St. ER confirmed that a meeting will be set up to discuss possible skate park. NMI spoke of previous meetings where no sensible sites were put forward. GB thought Rockfield had been suggested by G MacQueen. Turf at rugby club nobody has got back to RMC. ER said community planning had met to discuss re-jigging the meetings as they were too long. JMF commented on the tarred paths to the pitches at Glencruitten being really great. MM spoke of a large pothole on Lonan Dr. RMC asked if it had been reported? MM said B Martin had. JMF spoke of the school bus not getting to Glencruitten until 4:30 because of traffic on Soroba Rd. RMC said what do we do about Soroba Rd, a roundabout which would cost 10 to 12 million. When the traffic lights are off the road runs better. GB what about the emergency services real worries there. Suggested green wave system, button pressed in fire station watch room turning the lights to green. KG something needs to be done. More lights going in at McCall Terr for the new school. KML spoke spoke of the green filter light



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malfunctioning at the high school lights. KG confirmed that council officers had checked it and said there was no problem. JMF spoke of hearing that beds were to be closed at the hospital. DM Replied to this by saying that health boards have to work within their budgets and can't run deficits. The biggest part of the budget going to doctors/nurses plus other health professionals. Budget is available to look at. No reduction in services.RMC staff losses? ER suggested inviting locality manager Annie McLaren along to help answer these concerns. MM raised her concern of the hospital becoming an office block. Marina on target. Planning in and budget secured. KG reported that the planning was granted for the boards at McCaigs tower. Cinema donation for using it £50. Approved.

7. Sub groups: There were no reports. In relation to the marina plans, it was noted that SMI has looked them over and said they were looking great.RMC asked that the OCC write a letter of positivity saying so.

8. AOCB: GB spoke of the overgrowth of trees in Soroba and asked OCC to write to Network Rail asking them to deal with it. Also brought up concerns over the ambulance service being run from Glasgow. Asked for a letter to headquarters to find out what is happening.

9. The community council met in private to consider the letter sent by MM to Argyll and Bute Council on behalf of the Community Council. The content of the letter sent by MM was duly noted by the members present.

10. The date of the next meeting was set for Monday, 29 August at 7pm