

Minutes of Oban Community Council held on 30 October 2017 at 7pm in the Rockfield Centre, Stevenson Street, Oban, Argyll, PA34 5DE

Present: K MacColl (KMC), J Anfield (JA), D Martin (DM), M Malloy (MM), J MacFarlane (JMF), S Russell (SR), A Harper (AH), G Berry (GB), S McIver (SMI), S Russell (SR).

Councillors: E Robertson (ER), K Green (KG), A Vennard (AV).

OT: S Neil (SN).

BIDS: A Spence (AS).

Public: K MacLennan (KML), F Juwel (FJ)

Apologies: R McCuish (RMC), D Gallant (DG), G Nicholson (GN), B Martin (BM)

2. Declarations of interest: None.

3. Police Report: No report.

4. Minutes of last meeting 27th September 2017: The minutes were duly approved for accuracy.

5. Matters arising from minutes of last meeting: KG staff being tupeed over from Mears to other coward companies to be finalised soon. Lynn of Lorn have until the 30th November to address problems. Two physician appointments have been offered at the hospital. Dunbeg CC happy to take over the hill above Dunbeg. J Derby of Kilmore and Kilbride CC will take to the CC the proposal that the auction mart area should be in Oban. ER One defibrillator has been donated and will go in Argyll Square. The other at Ganavan, by the end of the week. Fire and Rescue will deal with the ongoing monitoring, thanks to them. OCC have agreed to pay electricity costs. Note to Oban Electrics to thank them. AH asked about CCTV coverage? ER said she would need to check. KG suggested a photo opportunity to highlight the installation. AH asked if there would be training within community groups. ER suggested it would be good to familiarise people with the machine. MM Fire and Rescue have offered to train people.

6. Public questions and issues: None.

7. BIDS: AS introduced himself as the new Chief Executive of BID for Oban, formerly Store Manager at Homebase. BIDS is businesses working together to deliver projects and services. Working with other organisations. It began in 2008 with Oban forward. First ballot was in 2012. BIDS provide the towns ambassadors and they have welcomed some 49,000 visitors. BIDS has provided £40,000 of grants to business to improve their shop fronts. £92,000 on events such as Oban Live, also office space to Oban Live. 700 hanging baskets/floral displays have been acheived. BIDS also have provided Xmas lights. WIFI in the little bay area with help from OCC. Funding for fireworks displays. Love Oban vouchers with £32,000 sales to date. Love Oban brand created. BIDS has recently been re-elected with a high turnout in favour. Moving forward will continue to promote the town in conjunction with other organisations. 100 banners for dog fouling with the council. Painting of railings in the Square and also the bollards. The railings at

Rockfield will also be painted. Next year the council will stop paying for the Xmas lights and BIDS will take over. BIDS working with Port of Oban cruise group. 500 business pay in, need to keep them all happy. BIDS hopes to keep on improving communication with improvements to the web site. Other towns have seen what a BIDS can do for a town and have asked for help in mounting their own BIDS. Oban BIDS is supporting Dunoon. But have also had inquiries from Thurso, Nairn, and Helensburgh. Passionate for BIDS to succeed and to keep working with the council to keep Oban prosperous. Where would the town be without BIDS?

GB congratulations to BIDS on the success so far. Oban needs a banner to show the way to the ferries. AS yes and I suggest we meet tomorrow to see where that would be best placed. GB also last Oban Live the pipe band were stopped from going through the town on the Saturday to Oban Live. DM an on-line list of parking would be good. ER thank goodness for BIDS it is a jewel in the crown of Argyll and Bute. AS we are going to enter the town into Keep Scotland Beautiful. Please come and see us. Check our web site. I will leave business plans.

FJ New enforcement officer. Doing school visits. Need help with getting signs that will last. Council have a limited budget. Have issued tickets to people. And there are some banners up. Patrolling every day but need public to report as well. KML I must congratulate this young gentleman as I have seen on Pulpit Hill more often than I have seen a bin lorry.

8. KG Budget consultation now started. On-line form for feedback. Difficult choices to be made. MM 90 jobs to go? KG 38 is more probably accurate. GB OT make people aware of the big wages paid to the top people. Are they suffering at the top too? KG Top tiers pruned, from 15 to 3 Directors. These things are being looked at. ER paper copies for feedback will be available from November 13th to January 2nd. Things can change after public consultation, we do listen. JMF will there be a meeting on the public consultation? ER I'm all for that. AH These proposed cuts is there stuff already earmarked? Will it target the lower end of the pay scale, what about middle income workers. KG I don't have a breakdown in my head. AV Council has the budget to deal with. The funding comes from the Scottish Government and will be finalised in December. It will have implications. GB major concerns on cuts to Police / Fire services. KG Fire and Rescue changing role as fire incidences decrease. Hence them taking on the role of looking after the defibrillator. ER A&B need now to work more in partnership to deliver services. Like Mossfield and working with the Camanachd Association. The White building is coming along. Residents at the tower have got together to tidy up the tower They did a great job. DM wWe should congratulate them. Who can we contact? ER I can give you a contact. It worked really well. The council provided a skip and uplifted it. Next week is Enterprise week. Highlands and Islands convention today. Deputy 1st minister and Transport minister to attend. November 14th open afternoon for preparation for next local planning meeting. From 4-6pm.

9. DM Document begins with information on various areas then becomes random. Should be grouped by areas. Its unused friendly. Newer sites marked in red/amber. Amber = further discussion and red = non starter. KG development rd to be

dropped out. Need community views on this.

10. Donations: £500 agreed to be given to Oban and Lorn Pipe Band.

11. AOCB:AH What is going on? After everything. Soroba back to chaos. Promises made and none fulfilled. MM Young Families Centre full bin right outside. ER Council and ACHA were working together on this., Will chase ti up. KG JL has asked Head of Services what is going on?MM We have received a letter from BIDS re WIFI in the little bay area thanking OCC for their help in securing funding for this.DG has proposed a taxi shelter and notice at the station rank. KG Its too late, there is no money for that.