

Minutes of Oban Community Council held on 27th November 2017 at 7pm in the Rockfield Centre, Stevenson Street, Oban, Argyll, PA34 5DE

Present: K MacColl (KMC), D Martin (DM), G Nicholson (GN), M Malloy (MM), J MacFarlane (JMF), G Berry (GB), S McIver (SMI).

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

Police: J Moore (JM).

Public: 16 members of the public.

Apologies: B Martin (BM), A Harper (AH), J Anfield (JA).

A moment of reflection for Kenneth MacIntyre by Duncan Martin.

Meeting opened by MM.

2. Declarations of interest: None.

3. Police Report: JM introduced himself. Front line policing must come first, apologised for Andrew Simpson. No issues at fireworks display. November - Craigard Rd, male arrested on drug offences, assault on Stevenson St and an assault at the Auction Mart.

Public questions: KG Police attendance at Community Councils, thought it was disappointing - PC if the community one is not involved and things go wrong. ER Public parades and road traffic orders could you explain what it takes to get orders through the town? JM explained the work involved. ER It was the time taken to apply.

4. Minutes of last meeting 30th October 2017: ER BIDS being the jewel in the crown of Oban not A&B. The minutes were duly approved for accuracy. DM It would be inconvenient due to polling districts. KG mentioned objections from Kilmore Community Council. They will review in 4 years time. RMC said it would be decided on Thursday. GB asked about the Isle of Coll fire engine and when it was going back to Coll. Also asked KG about his objections to the pipe band marching on the Friday of Oban Live and if the march down from the Highland Games in August would receive the same treatment.

5. Matters arising: None.

6. Public questions and issues: KML asked the councillors for their views on the accusations made against the male councillors in the administrations. KG did not think it was his place to say how councillors should act. He has viewed inappropriate actions and has challenged at the time.

7. Lonan Drive Development: MM asked if there was a spokesperson involved. Point 1 as of 6:30 there are only 3 objections on the council website but this does not reflect the amount of people here this evening. RMC explained the ruling on how many objections were necessary for a site meeting. The closing date for this is the 7th of December 2017. MM asked how many houses were to be built, 44 were mentioned. SMI pointed out where they were on the slide. It's gone from major development to plain development. RMC explained the planning issues involved, all the objectors allowed to speak. KG Public website and read from the website.

Ammenity sheltered housing identified. Ken Moncrief went over his 16 point objections using the stick, which identified the area. These are major concerns. the density of housing is totally at odds with what is there. Access a problem to the site. Traffic already impossible on Lonan Drive to the Parish at 3:15. Traffic management was assessed during the school holidays . Council said there was no problem. Water pressure is poor. No account was taken into the fact the main water pipe went through the site. One main sewage pipe for 270 houses plus the proposed 46 houses. GB mentioned that the water course above 7 Colonsay flooded and this matter took a long time to resolve. RMC Being helpful, never going to change what is happening at the school campus and fire station. Advised talking to the developer, West Highland Housing. ER West Highland has said it is at an early stage and would like to liase with objectors. DM made objections the last time. One of the issues the roads dept would object only if the traffic increased. RMC concentrate on the relevant objections. Please get organised and don't look back. DM asked who owned the property. He was informed it was Drimvargie Properties. RMC mentioned that the knotweed should be properly moved, guaranteed that this will not be moved overnight. Member of the public stated that the only objections on the web are the ones e-mailed in. MM asked all CC members if they were in support of this objection. All were in support. RMC asked the objectors if they wanted councillors and the community councillors involved and if the objectors wanted to form a group before leaving the meeting.

8. Local Development Plan: DM See appendix 1. Area 28 to remain red. RMC road on the plan is a constraint to the plan. The council could not finance it. KG was more optimistic about it. And said that it was needed. he did explain that they had put in a bid for government money.

MM completed the report.

9. AOCB: None.

10. Date of next meeting 29th of January 2018.

Meeting closed at 21:00.