

Minutes of Oban Community Council held on 29th January 2018 at 7pm in the Rockfield Centre, Stevenson Street, Oban, Argyll, PA34 5DE

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

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

OT: D MacPhee (DMP).

Public: K MacLennan (KML), J Paterson (JP), N MacIntyre (NMI).

Police: A Simpson (AS).

Alienergy: L Mitchell (LM).

Apologies: D Gallant (DG), G Nicholson (GN), K Winton (KW), J MacGregor (JMG), K MacColl (KMC).

2. Declarations of interest: None.

3. Police Report: AS apologised for not being able to make the OCC meetings. He reported no major incidents. He provided OCC with a report on incidents and arrests. The random use of wipes in pubs has helped the police to focus their attention. Still rely on the public for information. GB raised the issue of closures in rural areas. AS assured him that they try to respond to any issues. DM asked if there was any police planning in place for the Red Hot Chilli Pipers. AS said as it was an organised event, no. But he would pass it on.

4. Minutes of last meeting 27th November 2018. The minutes were duly approved for accuracy.

5. Matters arising from minutes of last meeting: SMI now 40+ objections to Lonan Drive. ER West Highland happy to meet objectors. Owner who is going for planning not West Highland. No further movement by the objectors. Defibrillator problems have been addressed. ER perhaps a list of all defibrillators should be listed in the Oban Times.

6. Public questions and issues: KML Cinema AGM There was no agenda and it cost £1 to attend. Disappointed there was no time to ask questions. NMI Lynn of Lorn have had restrictions lifted. Empty beds. GB Staff should be paid better wages. NMI Road budget needs to be increased. Council need to look at new ways of doing things. More efficient machines. Investment in new technologies can help to save money.

7. Councillor reports: KG Workers in adult social care have to receive the living wage. Trying to get more training in the area, Argyll College. AV This month there is the budget, for the coming year, to deal with. More money possibly being made available from the Scottish Government. Budget released on the 21st February. JL Still unclear what the budget will be. Work to keep jobs. Additional money for certain areas. Need to look how we can work clever. Big issues like the bins need to be looked at. Education on recycling. RMC Soroba to receive more recycling bins. Have tried to resolve short term problems. The final budget settlement will be announced one day before it is set. Need extra funding for roads. Kilbowie now back on the hitlist to go. ER New white building on the North pier to be complete

in March. New railings and coping going in at the same time. Considerable interest from the cruise ship companies as a result of the new pontoons. Ganavan toilets refurbishment is well on its way.

8. Alienergy: LM Alienergy has been set up by A&B with European funding. To address issues like fuel poverty, looking at sustainable energy. The Oban project will look at building a local energy plan. 4 places in Scotland have been chosen for this. Questionnaires to be issued to the public, to engage with the community. 3rd March there will be a 2nd meeting to present results of survey. Alternatives are out there and this may lead to exciting projects in the future. MM What outcomes do you envisage? LM Reducing fuel poverty. Sustainable energy projects. Go to the Alienergy web site to air your views. NMI With the bin collection problems and the dump closing in a couple of years an incinerator to burn waste would be a way of creating energy. LM This is the type of idea we could get funding for. MM thanked LM for attending.

9. AOCB: DM Fire and Rescue open day. Fire and Coastguard working together. Community Planning Partnership meeting on 14th February. Private care homes need more full payers to work. Council care homes work out more expensive, about twice as much. There is a real shortage of staff for care in the community. Disability meeting on the 31st January. Community Asset Register the Fire Brigade is to update. CC elections. AS of 26th April present council will cease to exist. Should bring April's meeting forward one week. Nominations by 6th of March. Ballot on 13th April. Planning at Gallanach. The road needs improved. Meeting closed at 9pm.