

Minutes of Oban Community Council held on 26th February 2018 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), S McIver (SMI), S Russell (SR).

Councillors: K Green (KG), E Robertson (ER)

OT:

BIDS:

Public: K MacLennan (KML), N MacIntyre (NMI)

Glencruitten: D Blainey (DB), I MacDonald (IMD)

Apologies: R McCuish (RMC), D Gallant (DG), G Nicholson (GN), A Vennard (AV), G Berry (GB), J Lynch (JL),

2. Declarations of interest: None.

3. Police Report: No report.

4. Minutes of last meeting 29th January 2018: The minutes were duly approved for accuracy.

5. Matters arising from minutes of last meeting: None.

6. Public questions and issues: NMI asked about if the budget cuts to Health and Social care would result in the closure and sale of Eadar Glinn and cutting of beds at the hospital. KG spoke of the proposals on the budget not finalised. Options being looked at, some unpalatable, staff would be briefed before any options go into the public domain. NMI when will we see proposals? KG Meeting on the 28th March. I can't comment on decisions not yet made. Next meeting of OCC I will be able to discuss then.

KML Have asked SEPA for the results of tests done on Oban bay as raw untreated sewage is going in to it. MM Could you bring back any replies you get on this? KML I will.

7. Glencruitten Development Plan: IMD speaking as the architectural planning consultant for DB the development plan is not a major plan. The plan is for one house but requires a master plan because it is within the PDA. Needed to show it would not interfere with a possible development road going ahead. KG problem with development road and infrastructure required is who pays? Can't ask private developers to pay for infrastructure, not the way to attract them.

MM I will put this to a vote. Do OCC support this application? OCC say aye.

8. AOCB: Councillor reports. KG Council passed the budget unanimously. A massive investment in roads. 15m capital over the next two years. This is more than was planned. NMI Any talk on improving the way we maintain them, new technologies? KG Has to be cost effective. Trunk roads are disintegrating, problems from 10 years ago when the decisions were taken to use a system that involved using less workers, lowering costs. Now realise this was a false economy. NMI there is talk of 3 more hotels where will they go? KG Possibly utilise space over car parks. Council committed to protecting public toilets, self financing. Protecting road safety. Protecting Health and Social Care, base line budget protected. With funding a bit more than last year. MM Is OHS getting the right

amount of teachers? KG Yes protection put in, although the role is falling it is expected to rise. JMF Toilets at the tower? KG No money to build but somebody with a business plan could set some up. JMF What are the amenity wardens doing about dog fouling? KML Its a letter of warning only. JMF Why do they go down to Campbeltown? KG I don't know. KG We have the amenity wardens in Oban as Oban generates money. End of March will see the new parking regulations implemented. DM Where are the council making savings? KG It felt like an easy budget. Decisions had already been taken on cuts of 5m . Combining management roles as an example. First time in years the budget was passed unanimously. DM Attended a roadshow on a new phone line being set up. Another version of NHS 24. The idea being a single point of contact to find out who to phone. ER Meeting on 27th March where people can become town ambassadors. They will be trained and will gain a yellow badge. NMI Meals on wheels, can't this be done through school dinners? KG RVS are withdrawing nationally. Any recipients will be assessed and if they need help getting a meal they will get it. University town launch Thursday 29th March. 9. Date of next meeting is the 23rd April 2018. Please note this is one week earlier due to the Community Council elections.