

Minutes of Oban Community Council meeting held on the 27th August 2018 at 7pm at the Rockfield Centre, Stevenson St, Oban

1. Present: Community Councillors: M Malloy(MM), J MacFarlane(JMF) J Anfield(JA), D Martin(DM), , S McIver(SMI), K Winton(KW), L Grant(LG), M Wilkins(MW), D Grier(DG), S Russell(SR), K MacColl(KMC), C McKeown(CMK).

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

Police: J Moore(JM)

OT: D MacPhee(DMP)

BID: A Spence(AS)

Plastic free town: A Rennie(AR), J Steele(JS), P Hamerton(PH)

Public: K MacLennan(KML)

2. The following declarations of interest were duly noted and recorded: DM Harbour update.

3. Police Report: JM now now Marine Liaison Officer. Harbour now busier than ever. Town centre officer to help sort out town problems. Police covering an area from Appin to Craobh Haven. Police received 82 calls in week 23. ER Police up to compliment. JM 55 officers giving 24hr cover over 5 shifts.

4. Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes were duly approved for accuracy.

5. Matters arising from minutes of last meeting: KG Oban bay water not tested? KML SEPA smell and look at the water only. ER Flags at the pontoons. The Oban flag and the North pier flag.

Inaugural minutes: WW1 to be discussed at next meeting.

6. Parking: RMC Parking to be reviewed after a year. Meeting to involve the community. Revenue from parking essential where else would it come from? Expressions of interest in a multi storey. DG There are issues on the side

roads in Oban. JL Consultation needed to get it right. KG Parking charges here to stay the revenue stream is needed. We need to look at ways of making it all easier and ways to provide more parking. ER A control group to look at it. If needed a meeting with BIDS/OCC. 30 mins free in the town centre intended to give businesses turnover. We need to look at permits. Useful to have ideas before going forward. DM This system was implemented by Kilmory. Machines which only take cash is crazy in this day and age. What has been put in has brought the council in to disrepute. These machines should be covered up until this is sorted. Dungallan is perfect for Mull day trippers but charging makes that impossible. KG Was intended to address issues brought up previously I would challenge the point that it was just Kilmory that came up with it. AS Are there quick fixes? Paying weekly, monthly? OT advertising on permits.

7. Glenshellach Development: MM HIE putting in more units for transport. Whats wrong with the airport? Why Glenshellach? There is already too much heavy transport on that road. ER Heard about this on 13/6. Have asked HIE to come to our meeting in October to explain. RMC It is a 400k investment. It is a crazy place to choose but this has been in the Local Plan since 2012. LG More huge lorries on that road concerns me. DG Why is the Dunbeg corridor not happening? ER We are asking to meet with HIE, council officials and housing to discuss. We are working on keeping traffic to the North end of the town. We need to get a definitive on the Dunbeg roundabout. RMC We need to get talks with the likes of HIE, all should be talking looking at the 10yr strategic plan. DM All interested parties working together, all contributing to the cost. RMC HIE have already started so this can't be stopped, we can only register our disappointment. ER We have asked them to come to discuss, happy to know OCC support this. RMC Perhaps OCC and BIDS could attend the meeting. KMC I would suggest we support that idea.

8. Harbour: RMC Harbour board meeting 6/9 Will put forward recommendations which the council will then take up. BIDS Calmac are heading down there route unless challenged. ER 15 people willing to support the idea of a harbour trust, looking at the legal, financial, safety, navigational elements. MM DG is to be OCC representative.

9. Plastic free town: JS Lots going on in Oban to reduce single use plastics. Meeting held and was well attended. The idea to fulfil certain criteria and reach plastic free status. Need 5/6 businesses to remove certain plastics. Will work with BIDS. Encourage things like reusable water bottles, provide water fountains. RMC Argyll Square has a fountain, its just not connected. JSA Will bring all together, look at town and ocean problems. Will use the toolkit that is available to reach the accreditation of plastic free town.

10. Tasers: MM Focus group on tasers. SR,JMF and JA to be on this group.DM to contact Scott Douglas to get young people on board. Also DG through the college.

11. Port Beag: Ongoing issues.

12. Local Energy Plan: Next meeting.

13. Public questions and issues: None.

14. AOCB: Councillor reports. JL On parking we are coming up with a plan, we need constructive ideas. Glenshellach hugely concerned with the developing up there. Pressure on them to move to Dunbeg would help the case for the roundabout. KW House has no windows in the bedroom and the bathroom. ACHA have promised to do this but nothing yet. JL I will help KW with this. RMC Would like to use this time to ask MW about his quote on FB. Which could harm my reputation as it suggested under handed pushing through of planning. MW Main concern was the application had been turned down because of TPO. Then the applicants appealed and got planning. Your name was mentioned. RMC The planning was granted by a review body consisting of 3 councillors from outwith the area. I had no involvement in the planning being granted. However I wish you well on the CC. MW The applicant thanked you on FB. RMC That was for helping guide them through the planning process. KG H & SC.On the new GP contracts work is to be done by other staff.DM Wont suit rural areas. ER Clan MacIntyre gathering held over the summer. Was very successful. Healthy town fair on the 1st. Housing forum to be held at SAMS. Andys Mans Club has started and it was very emotional.

DM Read the objection entered to the planning at the ex Harpers yard at Gallanach. Pointed out how the work has alright gone ahead without the planning permission.Retrospective planning a problem.

KMC View on Pulpit Hill decreasing because of trees. JL Compulsory orders put on people. Will check it up.

DG Atlantis playpark closed since Easter. ER Working with the playwark group. Council attempted a quick fix but it needs a more complex solution. It has to do with the drainage underneath. There is now a legal issue holding things up.

15. Date of next meeting 24th September 2018.

