

Minutes of Oban Community Council held on 24th September 2018 at 7pm in the Rockfield Centre.

1. Present:

Community Councillors: L Grant(LG), M Wilkins(MW), D Grier(DG), D Martin(DM), M Malloy(MM), J Anfield(JA), J MacFarlane(JMF), C McKeown(CMK), S Russell(SR)

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

BIDS: A Spence(AS)

Alienergy: L Mitchell(LM)

Public: K MacLellan(KML)

Apologies: A Harper(AH), S McIver(SMI), Police.

2. Declarations of interest: None.

3. Police Report: None.

4. Minutes of last meeting 27th August 2018: P2 15 to set up harbour steering group.

5. Matters arising from minutes of last meeting: WW1 AV Beacons to be lit. JL Speak to British Legion.

ER Inter congregational meeting at the Corran Halls. AV to e-mail MM.

KML Andys Mans Club very successful and educational.

6. Accounts: Treasurer presented the OCC accounts. OCC agreed a contribution to the WW1 tributes could be given.

7. tree Preservation Orders: MW Argyll and Bute have designated areas with TPO's. I would like clarification on how easy it is to overturn these. KG There is a procedure to follow to remove TPO's.

MW So there is no guaranteed protection for trees. Oban is a nice green town its important to keep the trees. MM MW should e-mail the planning department to find out exactly what the procedure is for over turning TPO's.

8. Harbour: Port Beag a meeting was held with users, Council and Councillors. User member to attend Harbour board. Main harbour. RMC Harbour board have requested CMAL postpone there plans. Its important the steering group need to put forward a trust proposal to the council for backing. AS Part of the process has been delayed. Steering group needs to get organised and make sure that they can do it. 16 volunteers involved, once organised will put it will be put in writing to the council. JL A proposal must go to the council as quickly as possible.

9. Jacobs Ladder: Teenagers are partying here and causing tourists to be afraid to use it. KG Police should be phoned. RMC Perhaps better lighting? AS This could be part of a BIDS bigger project. RMC Could be the police are asked to have a watch on

badly lit areas. OCC in connection with the police launch an initiative. MM Could speak with the police about this at the next meeting.

BIDS: AS Bids launching an improvement plan for McCaigs tower. Looking to improve the interior. improve signage. Possibly a mini bus from town. A cafe and toilets. Opportunity to make it something to be proud of. BIDS will look for support from local contractors and Argyll and Bute. Funding through the OCC obtaining a grant with BIDS matching it. JL Need to think big here great idea. AS There is limited open space in the town. We need to start on this and demonstrate what we can do, make this a place people want to visit. Then take it forward with a cafe and toilets. Looking to OCC, BIDS to put forward a business proposal, then possible funding from the Common Good Fund. Then for the future look to Lottery funding for cafe and toilets. RMC Business Gateway Loan a possibility. Paid for by charging for the toilets.

10. Local Energy Plan: LM Looking for funding. A proposal to go forward for funding. Dat been gathered on energy. Looking at energy plans for the community. What do people want? Public event in Oban on 25/10 in the Juice Bar. A group to be set up to forward projects in the community.

11. Councillor Reports: AV Harbour board meeting. Get CMAL to pause the process. Will keep you up to date on that. KG Roads and amenities communications now better. Reporting becoming automated. Tech now better for pot holes and bins. ER Healthy town seminar, first one. A good networking experience. Enjoyed the walking football. Locality manager Morven Gemill happy to come along to OCC. SeaLife centre is closing. Kells have been in touch as they want to visit again. JL Harbour board any decisions made will come back to us. Camanachd final held here, we worked hard to get it and it was a greta success. The bins in Soroba, we need to work on educating on recycling. Common Good Fund trying to raise its profile. Need to encourage any small groups who are needing funds. RMC Camanachd final at Mossfield a great thing. Mossfield is under used. Oban Live, the flooring used to cover the pitch could be bought and hired out. This would create revenue. 2m being spent on Soroba Rd and Argyll Square. For the lights at the tower the contact is A McIntosh not F McIver. A boards on the street? What do we think? Do we implement policy on them? MM That would be the sensible approach. CMK There was a serious incident on Stevenson St. RMC The new pitch at the High School is now open. DG What about the playpark at Atlantis? ER Its complex. There are legal issues. The flooring has gone and means it will not be a small job. So will take longer.

12. Public questions and issues; None.

13. AOCB: DM Parking consultation? MM Through a support group? JL On the agenda for the business group 9/10. ER After one year a review. Then look at a focus group. On the 9th we will see how to take it forward.

DM Locality Health Forum 30/9 at 6;30.

14. Date of next meeting 26th November 2018.