

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

Present: D Martin (DM), M Malloy (MM), J MacFarlane (JMF), L Grant (LG), C McKeown (CMK), S Russell (SR), J Anfield (JA), D Grier (DG), A Harper (AH)

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

Oban Times: S Neill

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

BIDS: A Spence (AS)

Apologies: S McIver (SMI), K MacColl (KMC), M Wilkins (MW), K Winton (KW)

2. Declarations of interest: DM Harbour.

3. Police Report: No police.

4. Minutes of last meeting 24th September 2018: P2 Next meeting should read October not November.

5. Matters Arising: Harbour ongoing meetings to gauge the viability, looking at the finances, legal side. Need to show interest by March 2019.

AS McCaigs Tower working with MW on clearing trees. ER to ask Clare Brown to attend OCC.

6. British Legion: WW1 silhouettes to be displayed in the memorial garden. OCC to contribute £250 for the purchase of a third silhouette. A permanent location for the silhouettes will be discussed. RMC to ask JL about beacon.

7. Transport: DM West Highland line, Oban trains to have 3rd coach by May. A possible new timetable for the line predicated on growth. Infrastructure improvements to come. RMC New sleeper rolling stock coming in and the old rolling stock is being offered for free. KG Wifi now available on trains. ER RMC to represent the area. KML Green filter at OHS now appears to be working well.

8. Locality Health Planning: No meeting the previous Tuesday. People not turning up. People too busy or feel the meetings are not productive. This is a planning not deciding group. NMI IJB has major financial problems. What about the old folk and people in hospital. No one is willing to say things are not working. KG Recruitment is causing big problems. NHS Highland has had money written off. There is just not enough money in the system. RMC Also the money is not being spent correctly. NMI The savings are pitiful. We can't deliver what we want to deliver. Care in the community should be tied into housing. LG Why is money spent on agency nurses? KG Jobs can't be filled. KG Due partly to lack of housing. JMF Old folk wards shut at the hospital why? KG Making best use of the facilities. Capacity in the old folks homes is not the problem it is staffing. KG The budget for the NHS is 20 billion. Money passed on through Barnett to Scotland. RMC Need

tomato sure the money is being spent correctly. KML Who is responsible for adapting houses to suit needs. ER The housing association will receive grants to adapt houses. We have challenges. But on a positive note we have a wonderful hospital.

9. Flooding; DM Are the pumps at Lochavullin sorted? RMC Pumps are repaired, they had failed. Tidal flooding. Meeting with the council flood officer, hopefully to find a solution. Funding had been given for a feasibility study. Money will need to be found to act on its findings. AS Businesses seriously affected by the flooding as people couldn't get to them. Maybe the car park should be closed when there is bad weather, risk of flooding. DG There is no where for the water to go when the tide is in.

10. Rural Growth Deal: Council has approved a submission to both Governments. KG They have approved a technical, feasibility study. To provide data to justify and unlock investment. Competing for the money with others, this is why we are having the study done. To present a good case. NMI How does this fit in with the Oban Framework? KG Both will fit together.

11. Councillor Reports: ER Looking at Community transport in Oban for those unable to get out by themselves. Scottish Housing Network have innovative ideas for housing for older people. HIE expansion at Glenshellach concerns expressed. On parking OCC and BIDS invited to discuss. RMC Planning been simplified. A boards on George St to be removed. Meetings held about the A83. Meeting with the transport minister. Will be asking what the government do with the under spend. KG The under spend is carried to the next year. Met new cabinet Health minister Shona Robinson. NMI What about the insurance money from the council yard? RMC It will be used to do up Jacksons quarry . Then the old council yard will be marketed. KG Used by OHS as a car park at the moment. RMC Teachers are parking in Glenfoot Terr and Miller Rd. Folk don't want to pay for parking. DG In talking to people I have found they don't mind paying its just it needs a better system. ER We have asked the council to provide 24hr/weekly parking permits. 3mth/6mth and 9mth permits work out at £1.30 a a day. AS BID has an initiative to look at the parking. BID have put forward a set of easy solutions in a letter to Clelland Sneddon. AS read letter sent. KG Council budget consultation online until 20th November.

12. Public questions and issues: None

13. AOCB: None

14. Date of next meeting 26th November 2018

