

Minutes of Oban Community Council held on 26th November 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), J Anfield (JA), D Grier (DG)

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

Public: N MacIntyre (NMI), K MacLellan (KML), A Rennie (AR), P Hammerton (PH)

Oban Bay Stakeholders Group: T Bennet (TB)

Apologies: S McIver (SMI), K MacColl (KMC), M Wilkins (MW), K Winton (KW), E Robertson (ER), C Brown (CB), Cinema

2. Declarations of interest: DM Harbour.

3. Police Report: No police.

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

5. Matters arising from minutes of last meeting: British legion returned £250, as it wasn't needed.

6. Local Energy Plan: DM Money available to set up a local group to look at ways of providing cheaper energy to help combat fuel poverty. OCC to become involved with this group. DG to contact MW to see if he is interested. There is funding available to pay for an expert to guide the group through the process.

7. Harbour: TB Spoke on behalf of the stakeholders group. they have until March 2019 to evaluate and demonstrate the viability of running the port. Different groups working on areas such as safety, management and financials. All working in a voluntary capacity. By January 2019 figures should be in place from there a business plan will need to be drawn up. This would be best done with a project manager in place, for which funding would need to be sought. MM Has this come about because of safety issues in the bay. TB There have been incidents but we are unable to get the statistics on that. RMC Is there a plan B in place if the March deadline can't be met. TB I'm sure we will meet the March deadline. This is an opportunity to see if a trust port is economically viable. We have support from NLB, CMAL, Calmac and the council. Good to cement these relationships now in case we need a plan B. If we fail then CMAL will go ahead, they will be ready. Once decision is made in March 2019 there will be options going forward. OCC passed a motion to support the stakeholders. Also pledged £750.

8. Community: Skatepark and Jacobs Ladder deferred to a later meeting.

9. TSI: 3rd sector interface. The level of support available at the moment is causing disquiet.

10. Community planning; Parking. Online payments to be made easier. Rezoning of

areas. There will be a financial report. RMC Council need to pay £60 in domestic taxes on car parks. NMI ObanFramework. There was supposed to be public consultation on this, there hasn't been. Where are the plans? Why haven't we heard anything on this. What is involved in it? KG Haven't heard. KG Hope to get answers to future development through the study. Councillors can ask for an update. Perhaps the CC could invite the officers along. NMI They are being paid good money would be interesting to know what they have come up with. RMC Daily/Weekly/Monthly parking payments do we want this now? Paper produced on the 5th December, for consideration and approval. Then on the 12th will go to the Area committee for approval. MM Yes. DM I will write to Fergus Murray and CEO of the council.

11. Health: Still staffing shortages. West of Scotland regional plan looking at ways of saving money by using modern technology for consultations. Also looking at prevention to keep people well. KG Opticians in some places are checking people after cataract operations. Less travel to receive care. Services closer to home.

12. Councillor Reports: KG Attended the councils early years conference. Improved childcare to be rolled out within 2 yrs. OHS received a visit from Norwegian teachers. Planning working to make the system easier. Attended the first Oban Pride meeting. AV Attended the cinema board meeting. Plastics group now formally constituted. RMC Meeting with the Transport Minister who is committed to finding a solution to the problems at the Rest. Study to be done in January to find the solution. Meeting about Mossfield with all those who use it. The infrastructure is a disgrace. One idea is to purchase the plastic flooring which is used at Oban Live to cover the grass. This would generate some revenue. Council budget talks have now started. A review of the council fleet is being done, a chance to look at making better use of resources. £9000 has been given to BIDS to fund the Christmas lights. Met with Arthur McCulloch who is carrying out a consultation on flooding to look at ways to deal with it. JL Attended cinema meeting, trying to turn things around. WW1 memorial garden thanks to Ian and Leslie Simmonds on their work on that. OHS promoting the use of reusable cups. All 1st year pupils issued with recyclable cups to use.

13. Public questions and issues: KML Andys mens club will now be renamed Martins Monday Club. Female club to be launched in January.

14. AOCB: JMF Eggs are being thrown at windows in Dalintart. MM Wishing everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

15. Date of next meeting 28th January 2019