

Minutes of Oban Community Council held on 28th January 2019 at 7pm in the Rockfield Centre, Stevenson Street, Oban, Argyll, PA34 5DE

Present: D Martin (DM), M Malloy (MM), L Grant (LG), C McKeown (CMK), S Russell (SR), J Anfield (JA), K McColl (KMC), M Wilkins (MW).

Councillors: E Robertson (ER), K Green (KG), R McCuish (RMC), J Lynch (JL)

Oban Times: F Scott (FS)

Public: N MacIntyre (NMI), K MacLellan (KML), A Beuken (AB), A Rennie (AR), P Hammerton (PH), K Miller (KM), M Clayton (MC)

Police: J Moore (JM)

Apologies: S McIver (SMI), K Winton (KW), D Grier (DG), J MacFarlane (JMF), A Vennard (AV), A Harper (AH)

2. Declarations of interest: None.

3. Police Report: Police sent their apologies. Short report submitted. Asked about drug use JM reckoned it was no worse now.

4. Minutes of last meeting: Minutes of last meeting 28th November 2019 were checked for accuracy and duly approved.

5. Matters Arising: Next Health Forum Monday 4th February. Flooding consultation Wednesday 30th January. JL Barriers erected at the Black Lynn, already one thrown in.

6. Parking: RMC Paper going to the P&R committee to be approved, the introduction of weekly, monthly and 3 monthly permits. Possible long stay parking at Oban Airport. DM disappointing to see no daily rate. MM Have the parking meetings stopped? KG Only one meeting was ever planned. ER A drop in information day has been agreed. NMI What is happening with the 75k traffic survey? Supposed to be plans in place by February. ER Strategic framework. The officer has been in hospital and is on a phased return to work. She is an excellent officer who will bring this forward. LG Millpark council yard what is happening with it? RMC Will be marketed.

7. Houses in multiple occupation consultation: KG This is where a house is occupied by more than 2 unrelated groups. Looking at health and safety regulations. DM Also level of parking required. OCC should look at this and comment. RMC OCC should reply to this consultation. People live in multi occupation because they can't get housing, they have no choice.

8. Councillor Reports: JL have raised the issue of pigeon droppings. Bus shelter at Catalina should be happening. Parking at Soroba double yellow lines up there at the dropped kerbs. Looking at the fact there are no CCTV cameras on Soroba Rd. ER Bus shelter for Ganavan. Trying to forge a better relationship with HIE. Industrial estate HIE development is finished that was a decision that councillors were not involved in. Turf cut at Dunbeg and spoke to the Transport Minister about the roundabout, he said he will look at it. International cruise meeting, roughly 100 ships booked in. RMC Mr MacKay has announced 330m of new money. This is management savings. Its not new money its cuts. Stopping paying money to festivals and making people redundant. I don't know where we are going. KG Its unclear just

yet of budget from the Scottish Government. Painful decisions to be made as there is a 1.6m gap. Health and Social Care a strain on the council. RMC Very difficult as its a one year settlement. Council tax is set ahead of the budget. Then council has to reconvene and look at the budget again. Can't plan ahead. KG There is also Brexit contingency planning. RMC Reserves are there. KG 95k.

9. M Wilkins Flooding, Trees and Litter: MW spoke of the outcry on FB after New Year around the litter in the town, mainly blaming the council. People need to be encouraged to take responsibility for their litter. Education is the key. LG Primary schools do a lot. But what happens at home? MW Children will copy parents. I believe the council had a staffing issue over Xmas/New Year. Areas like Jacobs Ladder/Star Brae don't have litter bins. RMC You will find the bins at Jacobs Ladder thrown down in amongst the rubbish that is there. I agree its 100% education needed. Or maybe a deterrent. MW More signage on this. I have suggested to OHS that the pupils could have a project on this. I got no reply from the school.. NMI More over grown areas could do with more lighting. KML Why are there no bins on the seaside? ER this is something we will take up? Met with the head of amenities issued were raised and they are looking at this and making contingency plans. 3 bin lorries were off the road. Wind knocked over bins. There was a lack of street sweepers. Council must do better. Everybody has a responsibility. JB I'm from Dunollie. Since moving here 4 years ago I feel the place has deteriorated. The recycling area in Dunollie is a mess. Leaves on Corran Brae. Overgrown bramble bushes. It really is a state. If people took responsibility for their own wee bit. RMC Need to look at ideas to improve things. Councillors unfortunately are not allowed to intervene in operational issues. MW One thought is to introduce it on the curriculum at OHS. RMC Have a summit. Amenities, Education, OCC and Councillors. MW The school kids at lunchtime cause a litter problem. PH Perhaps a multi faceted approach. Bringing in recycling. There is no recycling on George Street for plastic and cans. The summit is a great idea. MW Become Scotlands first litter free town.

10. Talking Board: ER Proposal to put up a story board to remember Robert McPhee of Airds. The McPhee clan would like to commemorate him with this board. He worked to help Oban. Looking to OCC to help with planning consent. It costs £220 but if OCC apply there would be a 50% reduction. MM And pay for it? ER There may be some grant money available.

11. Public Questions and Issues: KML Martins Mans Club still being attended well. Ladies night now on a Tuesday, also good attendance. There is lots of support and donations. Also I would like to suggest a guide to contacting OCC. MM Details can be found on the web site. Also people can come along to the meetings to state their case. All are very welcome. MW There is a lot of talk on FB and I have suggested people come along to the meetings. MC Would be good if there was more information on contacting the OCC, also the agenda would be good to see. MC Could it be posted on Information Oban FB. MM Im sure that could be done. Toilets at Ganavan locked. till Easter. Why? Some groups have a key to access them. Its ER We will take this issue back to council officers. MM Perhaps a letter from OCC to Jim Smith Head of Roads and Amenities. Asking why certain groups can use it. MW No toilets at McCaigs. Could do with putting this on the signs to McCaigs. ER BIDS are working with the council looking at McCaigs. Planning in for 44 houses at Lower Soroba. Concerns over traffic and the suitability

of the roads for increased traffic.RMC This application has been submitted to be approved or rejected.LG Is this a private development? MM its West Highland. MW Is this a main green area in Soroba? MM Yes , children play here and people walk their dogs.

12.AOCB: None

13. Date of next meeting 25th February 2019.