

Minutes of Oban Community Council held on 25th February 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), J MacFarlane (JMF), A Harper (AH)

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

Oban Times: D MacPhee (DMP)

Public: K MacLellan (KML), K Miller (KM), J Miller (JM), Residents of Lonan Drive, D Pretswell (DP), D Bryce (DB) Jacobs

Police: C Edwards (CE)

BBC Alba: J McKenzie (JMK)

Apologies: SMclver (SMI), K Winton (KW), D Grier (DG), A Vennard (AV), E Robertson (ER), J MacGregor (JMG)

D Grier tendered his resignation as he has left the town.

2. Declarations of interest: MM Lonan Drive.

3. Police Report: CE Community Sergeant, spoke of a series of incidents where cars were vandalised. A series of thefts. He recommended locking all doors and vehicles. An incident of sheep worrying at Nant Drive. Urged for anyone with information to come forward,

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

5. Matters Arising: RMC P&R approved paper on parking. DM Asked about a daily ticket. RMC Will go back if weekly works well. MM Long stay parking. RMC Out of town. With West Coast willing to run a bus. JL Pigeon droppings have been cleaned but building again. MW Met with 4 councillors on litter. Meeting to be held in March for a summit on litter. Involving OCC, BIDS and P Bain. Also contacting C Brown. Lack of bins in certain areas. RMC We need to be told where they are needed. Amenities have no cuts this year. DB Transport survey being done by Jacobs. Fact finding exercise at the moment. Commissioned by A & B. Then stakeholder engagement meeting.

6. Lonan Drive: Residents looking for the backing of OCC in objecting to the planning. Problems include increase in traffic. Capacity of the sewers. Right of way. Green area much used by residents. Proposed carriageway narrow, could cause emergency services problems. Problems with flooding twice now on Lonan Drive. KG material side, roads and water, need to be looked at. DP Valuable green site, with protected species. On flooding, green sites help to protect against. Its the right kind of housing in the wrong site. KMC The first application was withdrawn as a valid objection was recognised. JL I have lodged objections. RMC Ask the developer to meet with the residents and OCC? MM Special meeting? DP Residents want the development stopped, not a compromise. RMC A local public hearing for objectors. DP Get this decision right it could be a template for the future. OCC put this to a vote. MM excluded herself as she had declared an interest. Gave way to DM. DM asked the OCC to vote. OCC voted to object. OCC will submit its objections.

7. Harbour. Postponed.

8. Dunollie Woods: Management of the woods has been handed over to the Woodland Trust.

9. Planning (Glencruitten): ACHA application for development from Longsdale to Glencruitten golf course road end. RMC Check it is ACHA and not a developer. Screwfix going in to Hazelbank.

10. Health Forum Report: New CT scanner for the hospital. Costing £1.2m. It is faster, has less radiation and is state of the art. A temporary scanner will be situated in the car park for 5 weeks, while it is installed. Retiring surgeon has been replaced. There was a presentation on what to replace Eadar Glinn with. Possible Care Village. Going out to consultation with stakeholders. Lynn Court now being used to house patients who were bed blocking. Hospital is regularly full.

11. Barriers at the Black Lynn. Various ideas being put forward Culverts and tree planting to help minimise flooding risk.

12. Public questions and issues; KML Martyns Monday Club continuing to do well. Great support and well attended. Sewage system can't support the output. Overflow dumped in the bay.

Suggestion for signs to alert people to sheep worrying. Also signs to ask people not to feed the sea gulls. MM Perhaps talk to BIDS on this.

Jet ski noise, pollution is this policed? DM There is no authority over the bay. When there is a trust there will be the possibility to make it illegal. That could be within the next 12 months.

Recycling in Oban. Bins on the streets for recycling. Machines for bottles and cans. JL Could find out if we could become a pilot area for this type of scheme.

13. AOCB: MM Cruise ships. Want to order white sashes with the OCC coat of arms on them. Also ties. OCC agreed this purchase.