

Minutes of Oban Community Council held on 29th April 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), J Anfield (JA), K McColl (KMC), M Wilkins (MW), J MacFarlane (JMF).
Councillors: E Robertson (ER), K Green (KG), R McCuish (RMC), A Vennard (AV), MJ Devon (MJD).
Oban Times: D MacPhee (DMP).
BBC Alba: J MacKenzie (JMK).
Public: N MacIntyre (NMI), K MacLennan (KML), K Miller (KM), R Wynd (RW)
Glencruitten residents. (GR).

Apologies: SMcIver (SMI), J MacGregor (JMG), S Russell (SR), K Winton (KW)

2. Declarations of interest: None.

3. Police Report: No police.

Update on plastic free status: Hope to reduce the use of single use plastics to receive plastic free status. Working with the community to achieve this. 5 businesses in Oban already have reduced their use of single use plastics. 7 more almost there. Steering group ready to go for it. Need the council to pass a resolution. Would like OCC to support this in writing. Tap now at Station Square for refilling bottles with water. Also businesses who display a blue sign will refill bottles for free with water.

4. Minutes of last meeting: Item 5 ACHA development not pre approval its at consultation stage. Item 7 invasive not evasive. Minutes of last meeting 25th March 2019 were checked for accuracy and duly approved.

5. Matters Arising: Health Forum meeting. DM Fighting to keep locality forums to be kept. Cafes just not good enough. NMI Street cleaning. No change? ER New gentleman started today. 2 operators have been unwell. One now resigned so can now recruit. DM Congratulations must go to the council on the roadworks in Argyll Square, also Scottish Water. Harbour board OCC needs a representative. KM was asked and accepted. DM Further meetings to be held and costs looked at.

6. Glencruitten development proposal: RMC This is purely at the consultation stage. KM Anything on this in the local plan? RMC Yes its zoned. DM There will be a meeting for public consultation. Road access will be important. NMI This should be part of the Local Development plan. GR This proposal involves quite a big bit of land. Phase one would need to be a development road. How many houses, what about the traffic involved. Why not continue developing at Dunbeg? RMC Next stage is feedback from ACHA, to tell us what is happening. I am happy to organise a meeting with ACHA to answer questions on this. KG There is potential in the Ganavan/ Dunbeg corridor for more development. Roundabout needs at the halfway. It would cost somewhere in the region of 10m to create the development road between Soroba Rd and Glencruitten. Chances are that money just isn't there. A developer paying for the road wouldn't be cost effective. 500 people on the waiting list, houses are badly needed. MM On Glencruitten there is not yet anything to support or object to yet. MJD Best to get organised now, don't wait. DM Will need to ask for feedback, possibly a consultation event with ACHA.

7. St Columbas catchment area: MM Rezoning the catchment area for St Columbas. This means children can go to the school and have their fares paid. All children surely should be allowed to attend the school they wish and have their fares paid. Also will affect rural schools. KG It's not expected to have much impact. Its a right laid out in the Education Act to be able to attend a faith/gaelic school. MM Need to put in a comment that all get paid or none.

8. Councillor Reports: AV Area committee meeting. Harbour trust taking things forward. MJD Been very busy on Mull with ferry and parking issues.RMC Taynuilt Hotel reopening with a shinty theme. Good to see that. 1.2m spent on Mull roads, good for Mull. Coll/Colonsay tenders out for flights. Car park at the High School, to be used out of hours. ER We have been assured that the car park can be used by the public when the school is closed.KG Money available for town centre improvements, roughly 300,000. Need to decide what to do with it. ER Positive Trust Port meeting. Community Planning Partnership on the 8th.Cruise ships starting. Alcohol /drug local forum no longer under the wider ADP, will continue as a local forum. Been on Mull looking at issues there.Represented Argyll at the National War Memorial on Thursday.

9. Motion to co-opt new members; New members KM,RW and NMI. OCC All in favour.

10. Public questions and issues: KML Martins Monday club continuing to produce success stories. 33 regular members.Ladies night having the same success. MM When the organisation becomes constituted OCC will be happy to donate.

Boards at Ganavan to highlight littering. If OCC become involved in gaining permission to do this the cost would only be half.

11.AOCB: KMC No view from the viewpoint because of trees. RMC Very difficult as the trees are in private gardens. MW Spring clean great success. Need to do something on prevention.Hard to get replies to requests. MJD Contact Louise Connor at the education department. MW Looking to have schools include social responsibility on the curriculum. DM A boards are businesses losing business. RMC Supposedly they were given a fortnights warning. It was done on the Wednesday then they took the boards on the Thursday.

12.Date of next meeting: 24th June 2019.