

Minutes of Oban Community Council held on 27th May 2019 at 7pm in the Rockfield Centre, Stevenson Street, Oban, Argyll, PA34 5DE

Present: M Malloy (MM), L Grant (LG), C McKeown(CMK), J Anfield(JA), K McColl (KMC), J MacFarlane(JMF), K Miller(KM), R Wynd(RW), N MacIntyre(NMI).

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

Oban Times: F Scott(FS)

Public: K MacLellan(KML), P Hammerton(PH), A Rennie(AR).

Police: J Moore(JM).

Apologies: SMclver(SMI), J MacGregor(JMG) D Martin (DM), S Russell(SR).

2.Declarations of interest: None.

3. Police Report: JM Incidents of diesel spills round the town. Plants damaged at Lidl's. 49 yr old man arrested for drink driving 4 times the limit. Possible dinghy vandalism. Male found smoking funny cigarette, found to have a quantity of cannabis on him. Two assaults from bars. 31 yr old male arrested on suspicion of drink driving found to be under the limit. 18/5 Smashed glass at the Corryvreckan, being investigated. RMC Police station aren't you better off out of there. Be good having all blue lights under one roof.. JM The building is an embarrassment. Needs ripped out but that takes money. its position is ideal close to the courthouse. LG How are staffing levels? JM We manage but could always do with more. Its hard to recruit in Argyll. MM Has the drug scene changed? JM JM I don't think it has. Cannabis more dangerous now because of additives. MM What about the report stating Oban is the murder capital of Scotland? JM Must be based on population. JM Online /phone theft. One on Tiree claiming to be Microsoft. Please use 101 to report anything.

4. Minutes of last meeting: P1 Item Conversaton Cafes.

5. Matters Arising: RMC Not heard anything from the Glencruitten folk. MM Probably too soon. What about St Columbas? KG Due back to the Community Services Committee. NMI Island flights out to tender. KG There is an interim timetable. NMI Council looking to get rid of the ferry services they run. RMC Costs are 1m a year. There is no help from the government. It will free up money. Transport Scotland could take over. KG Stumbling block is they want the 1m, Costs go up need to make sure they are properly funded to maintain a good service.AV MSP could help. MM Are you suggesting we write to the MSP? JL I suggest a letter to all MSP's who represent us. There is no money to replace these ferries, which would result in lost lifelines. MM NMI could you draft something that we could send? JL Strategic Islands Board need to draw up a plan to push things forward. Looking at the bigger picture. RMC Investment on Skye to open up the airport. MM OCC and councillors need to work together on this.RMC Its hard but there needs to be connectivity of air, ferries, roads and rail. Need to look at the infrastructure. MM Possible meeting with MSP and Transport Minister.ER In 2016 there was a plan but nothing has moved since. KMC I suggest we do write to the MSP and ask him to involve the Transport Minister.Copy in other list MSP's. JL Could ask what has happened to the plan.

6. Health - Nomination to the new Oban Lorn and the Isles Locality Planning Group:

OCC agreed DM's nomination. NMI Eadar Glinn? Whats happening? KG No firm plan as yet. Decision on what model to follow to be taken. Then where it would be. Then funding will need to be acquired. NMI Is there a timeline? KG Report possibly later this year. JMF What about the ground at Eadar Glinn? KG Will be sold which will raise monies. There are constraints on access to the site. NMI I guess Dunbeg would be a favoured option. Will we have to wait on the magic roundabout? KG Roundabout could piggy back on the next phase of development at Dunbeg. ER There has been a change of feelings on the provision of a roundabout. Positives moves on it.

7. Transport: PH Community Harbour Development , small amounts raised. Harbour order underway. Need community involvement to find out what the community want from it. Link up with Place Standards and link to OCC. Need to engage with the public and devise a plan. NMI Oban has missed so many chances. Council with all its development plans need to be involved. What Harbour does is important to the rest of what happens. ER Certainly feed in to the Place Standards but at the same time do your own thing.

8. Councillor Reports: KG Attended Woodland Trust event regarding Dunollie Woods. Also attended Acumen Mental Health Conference. Attended discussions on improving education in smaller schools. AV Met with the liaison officer from Drax who have bought Cruachan power station. They are looking to help out community projects. Attended community planning. Looked at police station improvements. RMC Roads/Amenities have lost 120 employees over 9yrs. Looking at parking charges. Green machine is out at 6am. JL Lonan Drive, public meeting on 26/6. Spoke to Calmac as the ambulance will not fit on the ferry to Kerrera. Bus stop now up at Kerrera Ferry. Looking at the buses. Coll/Tiree worried about the provision of flights to the islands. Vital service. Had some benefit enquiries on funeral payments which I have been helping people with. Now on the board of the cinema and can report good progress there. ER Fly tipping at Dungallan. Tried electric bike out, great fun. Been out to see new housing development at Dunbeg, coming on a treat. Been greeting the cruise ships as they come in and must thank the ladies from the OCC who have been helping out at that.

9. Parking; MM read out a short note on the problems with parking in Oban by DM. He suggested OCC should use the Community Empowerment Act. PH This is a powerful tool to challenge and change. JL Good to sit down and look at this and review.

10. Public questions and issues: KML MMC very well established now with 35 members. 2 chaps from Fort William as they are thinking of starting a club there. Also benches and bins now spaced out better on George St. AR Issue with bins left on the street after being emptied. On William St both business and residential.

11. AOCB: KMC Concerned about Rockfield Rd it has become a race track. Also a parking lot. People trying to run B&B's. Fire Brigade have had trouble getting through. JL Dangerous for pedestrians. RMC Should be discussed at Area Committee. KG Possible single yellow lines. LG Woodland Trust liasing with schools on Dunollie. Park school good place to start. MM Hopefully they will come back to us with an update. NMI £75,000 traffic survey when will this report back? RMC Will find

out for you not seen anything yet. JL WCM have a monkey survey online. JMF Hedges at Dalintart/White City are huge. ER Visit to Oban of the Queen Victoria cruise liner on 7/6.

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