

Minutes of Oban Community Council held on 24th June 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), M Wilkins (MW), J MacFarlane (JMF), S Russell (SR), K Miller (KM), R Wynd (RW), N MacIntyre (NMI)

Councillors: E Robertson (ER), K Green (KG), R McCuish (RMC), A Vennard (AV), J MacKenzie (JMK)

Oban Times: D MacPhee (DMP).

BIDS: A Spence (AS)

Police: J Moore (JM)

Public: P Hammerton (PH), A Rennie (AR), N McKay (NMK), W MacKillop (WMK), I Gray (IG), E Gray (EG), I MacLean (IML), J Donn (JD), G MacLuckie (GML)

Apologies: S McIver (SMI), J MacGregor (JMG), A Harper (AH)

2. Declarations of interest: None.

3. Police Report: JM Busy month with 117 calls in the town centre area. 2 vehicles uplifted. Some thefts and disturbances which were drink related. Only 2 drug offences.

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

5. Matters Arising: P3 JMF Hedge cutting at Glencruitten? RMC It is the owners responsibility. P2 DM As someone pulled out now back on the OLI Locality Planning Group. Local Health Forums now cancelled and Conversation Cafes to be held. KM On hedge cutting is it the owner or the occupier who is responsible? RMC Occupier. JMF The bins on Angus Terrace not emptied. RMC Several breakdowns have led to delays. NMI Lorries are not being replaced by new contractor when they break down. KML Monday club still going well.

6. Litter Summit: MW Meeting held with Head of Education Louise Connor. Was disappointed that putting it on the curriculum was brushed aside. As the school is already a member of ECO schools they should be doing this already. Have an agreement for a banner competition but not until September. At least a start has been made. Further meeting in September.

7. Transport: DM 6 trains to Oban. But there are constraints on the timetable. 4 working groups to discuss different aspects. Improvements to signalling will help to decrease the time. Interested groups have made representations as the initial draft timetable is not very satisfactory. Sunday lunch time train has needed a coach for the overspill of passengers.

8. Argyll Hotel: Been 5 years. AV Public right of way. Maybe need to ask the MacLeods who owns it? PH There are powers coming in to force the sale of derelict land. KG Is there problems with surface water and the sewage system/

9. Councillor Reports: KG Major issues with the parking on Mull. Lot of work needing done to find a solution. Health and Social Care continuing to restructure

management. JMK Nothing to report. Its disappointing what is happening on Mull. AV Attended various committee meetings. Councillors have published this years expenses. RMC More road surfacing to be done, engineering led decisions on roads. Landfill stopping, really concerning have asked the government for more time. Efficiencies to be made on piers and harbours. Pontoons have been a great success. KM Clear of landfill by 2021? What to do? Incinerate?

10. Parking: IG On Millar Road visitors are parking for up to 2 weeks. Lochauvullin is not being used. Parking charges are too high. AS Not easy to park after 6pm. Not enough signage up to inform people. We were told something would be put in place by the start of the season. KG Definitely more signage needed, more awareness of 2hrs free. Expand the residents parking permits. RMC Every penny goes back into services. CC's recommendations have all been done except for daily tickets. Need to tell us what you want. CC and BIDS work together and any suggestions will be carried out. ER Can see the problems. CC write to us on the daily tickets. We now have both weekly and monthly. JMK Revue at the end of the summer. A proper consultation not a tick the box exercise. AS Have written to Jim Smith suggesting parking meters be retro fitted. Able to pay by phone and card. NMI Parking revue not needs. Strategic framework should be involved in this. What is the plan? ER It will enhance the Area Plan. An advice note. KM Commercial premises in Lochauvullin complaining. DM Need to use the Community Empowerment act. RMC Vital a letter goes in. KG Council needs the revenue parking charges bring in. RMC Obvious people just don't want to pay. MM CC and BIDS must get together on this. RMC Definitely more signage needed on the 2hrs free. JM Police brought in to shift cars where lorries can't get in. Must use 101 so that the police can help keep the town clear. NMI Surely OHS car park can be used through the summer. RMC OHS car park should be used Friday from 5pm through the weekend. Then used in the holidays. Could be free but even used if a charge is to be made. MM IG are you happy with what you have heard? IG Yes there seems to be some movement on this issue. ER Sorry I need to leave. Wishing everyone a peaceful summer.

11. Public questions and issues: NMK Oban Live has been put on hold for next year. Not going in to all the reasons why and I don't really want questions on this. Simply its extortionate to run. Mossfield is hallowed turf, the ground well looked after by Mr i Hay. But the rest of Mossfield has become dilapidated. We have requested talks with the council but no response has been forthcoming. It's a community asset how can we retain it as that? We hope to put together a proposal. Together with all interested parties a proposal for some form of Social enterprise or Community steering group. What I am asking OCC is if this comes together can we rely on your support with such a project? LG Worthwhile idea. How is Mossfield funded at the moment? NMI Argyll and Bute are the landlords. LG Shinty will have a big interest. NMI Always been used for sports, shinty and football. NMK Camanachd have shown support. NMI How will it work? NMK Not yet at that stage. DM Definitely a need for Oban to have a fit for purpose facility. MM Round table to ask for OCC support. Support given. NMK When steering group is put together would like a member from OCC. Lonan Drive. RMC Cant comment on this as I am on the committee making the decision. KM Have sent a request to C Repkie for 5 minutes on Wednesday. My recommendation to agencies not working properly to safeguard public interests. More housing being proposed with a sub standard sewage system. RMC As the OCC spokes person you will get more time to voice concerns. WMK

There are many issues and points to be raised. Its slow to get answers through.I'd like to speak. MM As an objector you will be allowed to speak.MM How many on the committee? RMC 15.

12.AOCB: NMK Would just like to ask the councillors if they would support a proposed steering group for Mossfield? RMC Yes. KG In principle. JMK Yes. AV In principle with all appropriate bodies involved.

13.Date of next meeting 26th August 2019.