

Minutes of Oban Community Council held on 26th August 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), N MacIntyre(NMI). S McIver(SMI), D Martin(DM), M Wilkins(MW).

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

Oban Times: F Scott(FS)

Public: K MacLellan(KML), P Hammerton(PH), A Rennie(AR), N MacKay(NMK), G Berry (GB).

Apologies: J MacGregor(JMG) S Russell(SR).

2.Declarations of interest: None.

3. Police Report: None.

4. Minutes of last meeting: Minutes of the last meeting 24th June 2019 were checked for accuracy and duly approved.

5. Matters Arising: None.

6. Parking: DM I have spoken with LMcD regarding the Communities Empowerment Act. She is willing to help with the forms. Have spoken also with Helensburgh CC, who have used the CEA. They are keen to meet up. Will make the formal application. Issue is the inefficient use of the car parks. Car parks not being used, cars parking here,there and everywhere. There is confusion on the parking arrangements. Charges not clear.NMI What about the traffic survey, costing £70,000, being done? All the same traffic issues have been discussed for years but nothing is ever done.KG Need to give the new charging arrangements time to bed in. The traffic survey will give data on traffic flow. This data is useful when going to the government looking for funding for the development road.DM Why the Community Empowerment is so useful.Discussions can be held on what is required. ER Have asked for a revue of parking income over the season. MM For 14 years it has been a talking shop. Have been involved in many discussions but nothing seems to have happened. What about the transport hub? ER Have asked Hitrans and they were refused a grant last year. They will try again this year.JL Car parking is just not working. Need to look at what comes out of the traffic survey, it will show where cars are going.NMI A public meeting would be a great idea. Public input would be good. Need to make decisions and act on them. Stop feeding consultants money and get decisions made.

7.Lorne Resource Centre: KG Lorne/Lynside are staying open.Facilities will still be there and available. There is a requirement for some space to be used for the Health and Social care staff at Willowview to be relocated. Willowview is a perfect location for a nursery.All of this is just at the proposal stage and discussions are ongoing.Allk options will be discussed. Consultations around people who use the service.SMI Parking for the Willowview staff? KG All part of the consultation. SMI If the government want more nursery provision why don't they build one? KG COSLA and the government have very different estimates on the costs of providing more

childcare. Provision has to be in place by August 2020, so really there is no time to start building.

8. Councillor reports: AV Been busy with various meetings. Community Planning Partnership, ACHA project updates, In Islay this month for the Area quarterly meeting. EDI committee, Audit committee and the Bowling club. ER Visual impairment group meeting spoke at this at the Dove Centre. Taken on board the Mossfield issue. A paper is coming looking at the short/long term development. Attended a meeting on the roundabout, things moving slowly. Care and Repair manager willing to come and speak to OCC. JL Parking looking at double yellows. Attended the cinema AGM. Things have stabilised and are moving forward. Involved with sorting out the bins in Soroba. Get the residents involved and sort out the issues. Meeting on Tuesday the 3rd in Soroba from 7to8 pm.Catalina now has a bus shelter. Been dealing with a lot of benefit enquiries, quite worrying. Will forward to the MP.

9.Planning: SMI No current major problems. Planning at Soroba House being objected to by the farmer who owns the land. 2 houses to be built concerns are the core path and the bridge.

10. Public questions and issues: Martins Monday Club. MM Read out a testimony from one man who highlighted how MMC has helped him.KML Both the mens and womens groups are going well. Fort William starting a club. Presentation by GB. GB's presentation showed how the emergency services had problems at the recent fire in Colonsay Terrace Soroba.He emphasised how serious a situation it was. As the ambulance and fire tenders could not reach the building.He praised the work of the emergency services. He urged ACHA and the councillors to look at relocating the playpark. This will enable the car park area to have a yellow grid area so if need be the fire service can do their job.NMK All comes back to parking. JL Could you do your presentation for ACHA? GB Delighted too. MM Also you need to bring this to the Soroba community.KM Fish farming focus group. Hosted by Dr Sophia Franco. Very positive views expressed. Questions on adverse impacts, pollution, contamination and visual impact. Industry looking to take it on to land. MW Expressed his frustration at writing to council officers and not receiving any replies.ER I have spoken with you on this and helped resolve one issue. You had an apology. MW Yes ER been very helpful on this.I received a partial answer.

11.AOCB: GB I just want to ask for support from the councillors, and their help in sorting out the car park at Colonsay Terrace.NMI Complaints about Pennyfuir as the grass has not been cut. No janitorial cover at the high school means activities there have had to be cancelled. JL I will get on to Live Argyll. NMI Only 2 boys street cleaning. ER Supposed to be hiring. KMC I'd like to commend GB on highlighting this issue. GB Please commend the firefighters.NMI Rock side on the Bealachan Righ. KG Trunk roads and Woodland Trust will be responsible. MM I have to say that I am fed up of the pelters OCC has received on Social Media recently. Referring to too many older people and not enough young folk involved. With this in mind I have asked OHS to come along to the OCC to talk on anything they like.

12.Date of next meeting: 30th September 2019

