

Minutes of Oban Community Council held on 28th October 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), J MacFarlane (JMF), S McIver (SMI), S Russell (SR), K MacColl (KMC), K Millar (KM), N MacIntyre (NMI), R Wynd (RW), A Harper (AH).

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

Oban Times: D MacPhee (DMP).

Police: J Moore (JM).

Public: K MacLennan (KML), D MacIntyre (DMI), G Nicholson (GN), P Hammerton (PH), A Rennie (AR), S Barnard (SB).

Apologies: J MacGregor (JMG), MJ Devon (MJD), J Lynch (JL), R MacCuish (RMC), M Wilkins (MW).

2. Declarations of interest: NMI Agenda item 9.

3. Police Report: JM apologised for not being at the last meeting. Spoke of fake news and how it is spread through social media. How it can cause unrest in the community. Better communications this wouldn't happen. Police Scotland recently won an award on tackling cyber crime. Suggested being careful shopping online and advised changing passwords often. Also an appeal to look out for old folk at this time of year.

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

5. Matters Arising: No matters arising.

6. Parking: DM Community Engagement Participation Request, need to have a meeting to decide how to gather data for this. We will also need the information from the traffic management survey. Need to find a way to engage all users in the town to give us their thoughts. Looking to hold a meeting on 6th of November at 9:30 to organise the way forward.

7. Harbour update: PH OCHDA established for some months now. Looking to work with the council, discussions on going on from it would take, a trust or something more. Funding needed. At present a 5 figure sum is in the bank account. More will be needed as legal support will be costly. The Oban Harbour website now has information on it and the minutes from meetings will go on soon. A news letter will be produced to help raise awareness. Suggest a member of OCC is co-opted on to the Harbour management committee. MM What will the costs be? PH Its hard to know for sure. It will depend on involvement from the council and council

8. Locality Planning HSCP: DM Locality plan being written. Presentation given on the engagement process. Next one will be on residential /home care. Bringing in Eadar

Glenn. Next conversation cafe topic. No date given for this yet.

9. The View: DMI Planning in to develop the view to make it a more useful space. Plans to take the windows back and put in a balcony, divide up the space. Want it to be used more for all sort of social occasions. It will be open more so will create more jobs. JMF What about a lift? DMI Stairlift possibly, definitely being looked in to. MM Was always a great wedding venue. DMI First wedding next June.

10. OCC Congratulations to Oban Gaelic Choir: Congratulations to go to Oban Gaelic Choir on their successful National Mod.

11. Councillor Reports: ER Attended meeting at the fire station. Looking at pinch points in Soroba and elsewhere. WCM and the Roads Dept working together to identify areas and will look at what can be done. Cruise ships in to Oban next year the numbers will be up. Meeting on the cemeteries. Also meeting on Mossfield, all stakeholders. Council officers ran and chaired the meeting. Traffic survey now being analysed. Budget consultation open today 28th October. Runs in to December. 9.2m funding gap estimate. Complaints of the notices at Ganavan which are spoiling the view. Cant do anything right away on that. NMI What about pinch points at the schools? ER Think its main roads they are focusing on. But the schools will be on the radar. AV Attended budget meeting. Tweedale St gas upgrading works till the end of November. KG LDP2 consultation due to begin. National Transport Strategy looking at the priorities for the next few years. KM How long will LDP2 consultation run? KG 10 weeks. KM Entirely online? KG Yes. JL Sent OCC apologies and e-mailed his report. Some ward 4 specific issues -

Road safety issues - Rockfield Rd , Glencruitten and Catalina Ave I am in discussions with the Roads team on the way ahead (Traffic Regulation Orders if applicable can take sometime!) I some cases considerate driving would be of help.

Soroba Parking / Bins - I hope to hold a public meeting in the next couple of weeks and will liaise with the residents association.

Remembrance parade - I have been working closely with the Sea Cadets to organise this years and future parades. It will go ahead on Sunday 10th Nov - details in the Oban times and on Oban FM's Facebook page.

A couple of reminders the budget and the Local development plan will be available online.

12. Motion to co-opt new members; OCC intends to co-opt G Berry and L Corbe on to the Council. Proposer DM Secunder JMF.

13. Public questions and issues: KML MMC attending the cinema. Still going strong its a shame its needed but doing a great job. JMF Pleased to see its going strong.

14. AOCB: SMI The View planning app looks ok. The planning for McCaig Rd shows cars coming out opposite the bus stop. Need to put in an objection.

15. Date of next meeting: 25th November 2019.

