

Minutes of Oban Community Council held on 27th January 2020 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), SMclver(SMI), K McColl (KMC), J MacFarlane(JMF), K Miller(KM), N MacIntyre(NMI), D Martin(DM), G Berry(GB), S Barnard(SB), G Nicholson(GN), S Russell(SR).

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), B Keenan(BK), D MacDonald(DMD), Ganavan Residents(GR).

Apologies: J MacGregor(JMG), R Wynd(RW), R MacCuish(RMC), A Harper(AH), M Wilkins(MW), L Corbe(LC).

2. Declarations of interest: None.

3. Police Report: No police report. GB 3 accidents probably busy.

4. Minutes of last meeting: KM in attendance, not recorded. Minutes were checked for accuracy and duly approved.

5. Matters Arising: None.

6. Parking survey: MM OCC grateful to LC and the work she put in to parking survey. Giving a good foundation of evidence going forward. New contract on meters, now have contactless. TRO needed

for yellow lines. JL Traffic survey results needed. PH Parking survey results are only on FB. What about non FB people? Will it go on the website? NMI Wait on the traffic survey and then take both surveys and have a meeting. DM Cant go much further at the moment.

7. LDP Response: DM Too often issues are found at too late a stage on planning. Read OCC response to LDP. Main issues flooding concerns and infrastructure. KM There is a lack of balance in the proposals. Main issues report the settled view of the council. Independent assessor will review responses. Unless there are good compelling reasons its a done deal. Concerns over the supply of water. KG Water use in Oban has gone down.

Mainly because leaking pipes have been fixed So more housing can be supported. GN Still concerned about the water board hiring a private company to cut a channel through Soroba. Network Rail questioned why it was near the railway. No one knows what they are doing. GR Concerns over the proposals for housing at Ganavan and the possible loss of green sites. Green space which is used by many organisations. Huge costs in providing a new road. Oban to Ganavan road not suitable for more traffic. Shinty pitch is leased at the moment but a group is looking to purchase. KG I can see where the community is coming from with their concerns. A road will need to be developed. Ganavan needs to be looked at not just for housing but the recreational

use and tourism. ER Objections will be gathered by the planning department. Then local reporter will examine. KG LDP time scales are 3 months for Council Officers to consider responses. 6 months the Scottish Government reporter will examine. Then 3 months after that. 4/5 months behind. So it takes 14 months. NMI There should be no LDP until the Oban Framework is out. ER OCC will get a presentation on this when organised. KM All objections sent in should be available to see. ER All goes to the reporter as far as I know.

8. Councillor Reports: AV Attended various meetings such as planning and the harbour board. KG At the moment budget is uppermost. Consultation and analysis. Waiting on the Scottish Government draft budget. End of February for the budget going forward. NMI New site for Eadar Glinn? KG Pushing for a new facility. Possibly at Dunbeg where the new 300 housing development could provide an opportunity. Nothing definite. Funding is needed. GB This needs to be done. People deserve to be looked after with dignity. SMI What about the Eadar Glinn working party? KG Nothing happening immediately. ER Need to know the funding on the budget. Mossfield meeting steering group to give ideas to council officers. Been involved in ferries revue, parking revue, Ganavan and also the cruise ship group. More ships this year. JL Positive movements forward on the Harbour. Mossfield meeting had an impressive turn out. Council will support developments on this. Involved in the parking. Climate change, looking at what the council is doing on this. Firmly on the agenda. Drain at Lidl now fixed, works there ongoing. Survey done on the trees at Glenshellach. Still looking at the bin storage at Soroba. Involved in helping people from the islands get help with funerals. Happy to help anyone that needs this type of assistance.

9. Harbour: KM I am now on the development board. Been impressed by the professionalism of the board. Big players with interests in this CMAL and the council. Upgrade to a trust harbour. PH There is public meeting on the 5th of February at 7pm in the Argyllshire Gathering.

10. Planning: NMI Planning going back over the years. Yet nothing is really done. Seems we are stumbling along with no clear objectives. Massive development at Dunbeg. Yet no plans for a school or shop. This should be done right. Don't go ahead putting in loads of houses. Concentrate on making Dunbeg nice. Glencruitten development, why now? A 2nd major development. Road improvements needed. SMI Soroba 2 houses withdrawn application then resubmitted with new footpath by bridge. New objections need done.

11. Public questions and issues: KML Martins Monday Club such a pity it is needed. Hoping to have own premises soon. Still very well attended. Working well and the ladies also. Being asked by other places in Scotland for advice on starting up. Concerns over the 20mph limit at the Atlantis crossroads. Playpark there and also the schools bus stops there. KMC Support this. Rockfield Rd has the same problem. KG Raised this with council officers and the police. Council need data on it to do something about it. JL TRO needed. ER OT could highlight this issue make people aware.

12.AOCB: MM From N McKay Happy New Year. Bin area/yard to be put up by council at the pontoons. Is this a good look at this area. GB Would like OCC to up their profile by having work parties round the town. People see it as a talking shop. MM Could be discussed at next meeting. KML New street lighting? KG Exchanging to LED. Which will reduce energy and maintenance costs.

13.Date of next meeting: