

Oban Community Council

Minutes of Zoom meeting on 28th September 2020

1. Members present: Marri Malloy (convenor); Duncan Martin (vice-convenor), Stewart McIver, Keith Miller, Laura Corbe, Jessie Macfarlane, Cynthia McKeown, S Barnard, G Nicholson, M Gallagher, S Russell.

Councillors: Elaine Robertson, Roddy MacCuish, Jim Lynch, Kieron Green, Andrew Vennard, Mary-Jean Devon.

Public: Colin Cooper, A Spence (BIDS), A Clark, D Graham, F Roberts, Archie.

Apologies: M Wilkins.

2. Declarations of interest : RMC Advised to declare an interest on item 6, Ganavan.

3. Police report: Police not present.

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

5. Matters arising: RMC 3 actions from meeting.

1. Need to know who crashed into the wall at Rockfield. AS Police will know as they attended.

2. Licensing board next meeting in November. Will get paper work to OCC.

3. Bike stations. Project between Sustrans and Scotrail. Scotrail to introduce new cycle carriages. Bike service station at the station and possibly Ganavan.

6. Ganavan: DM Has drafted a letter on Ganavan to send to the council. But has held off until after tonight's meeting. FR Has written to Fergus Murray with his concerns on camper vans parking at Ganavan. With health concerns as the behaviour of the people was disgusting. No proper response from the council. Signage at Ganavan prohibits vehicles to park overnight. Misleading information from the council. They have only issued 8 fines in August. Need to

sort it out as this will carry on next summer. Archie Ganavan residents have concerns over the management of camper vans at Ganavan if they are allowed by the council. FR May 2018 overnight stays in vehicles were banned. Why? Probably the reason was for health reasons. MM KG? KG Difficult situation at Ganavan. Have personally seen the issues. Plans by the council are being developed. Possibly charge people which will generate an income, then people can be employed to monitor it. Ned to decide what is needed and what impacts it will have. Can't stop camping, because of the right to roam. Archie 20 to 25 a night. Only need to get somebody out in the morning to catch them there. KG Have tried to get attendants out there but it hasn't been possible every morning. I can check out how many times they went out. MM I heard that a possible set up for 4 to 6 will be allowed. How do you stop others coming in? KG Waiting to see the paper on the proposals. Which will be looked at by all involved. Income from it will help enforce regulations. MM Proposals didn't include any of the other car parks. Im concerned about Ganavan becoming a caravan park taking away parking for the local people. AS Perhaps if the council can't send out wardens maybe they could let some other local organisation manage it. Its a disgrace whats happening out there. Has to be managed immediately. ER Comes down to better management in the future. Fines would deter people as word would get out via social media. J Smith has offered to come and speak on this to OCC. Archie What is the aim here for the economy or a money generator for the council? People won't want to pay. DG I have a vested interest in Ganavan. The behaviour of people has been disgraceful. Using Ganavan as a free for all. Not all are bad. Every morning I have to clean and clear up every morning. Mind blowing it is even being considered to open it up. Things should be done for the locals. NMI Leave Gnavan alone. Use other car parks for campers. MM I agree. MJD Tobermory has had these issues with camper vans. Set up a committee with the first meeting in September. The byelaws on overnight parking were not enforced. Land has been identified out of town. A TTRO is being brought in. Only temporary parking will be allowed in town. MM Oban needs to be looking at other places. Like Lochauvullin. FR Enforcement is necessary. I would volunteer to act as a warden. Also private operators should be encouraged to upgrade their facilities. My main concerns are health concerns. JL Need to develop a long term strategy across Argyll and Bute. Need

to look at other areas in Oban. Part of the paper being drawn up is on consultation. Police also. KG Nothing yet set in stone. We need a sustainable solution. MM It has been suggested that OCC set up a steering group on this issue. OCC agree. MM Thanks to all for coming on to discuss Ganavan.

7. Parking: DM Need to get back with council officials to get things done better in Oban.

8. Councillor Reports: AV Boundary changes. OCC can put in on the consultation with views on the proposals. KG Exact details of the rural grant not yet agreed. No significant Covid outbreaks. Working on council against racism. MJD Hebridean Chamber of Commerce now has 8 members. A lot happening there. ER Busy with Ganavan. Council now has a new leader Robin Curry from Islay. Budget meetings on going. AV Harbour board met earlier this month. Delays due to Covid. December should see the plans. JL Environmental meetings discussing climate change and what it means to the general public. Cinema doing well. Looking how we can do the armistice day parade safely.

9. Planning: SMI Dunollie woods has planning in. 2 lettings accommodation in from Soroba Lodge. Bridge a concern here. Last planning was refused. Hill also a problem. OCC to object.

10. Public questions: NMI Rural growth deal. Who will drive this forward? KG Between the UK and Scottish governments. Choose projects.

11. AOCB: AS All cancelled light switch on and fireworks. There will be lights and trees. Still need parking solutions.

12. Date of next meeting 26th October 2020.