

Minutes of Oban Community Council held on 26th October 2020 at 7pm on Zoom.

Present: M Malloy (MM), C McKeown(CMK), SMclver(SMI), J MacFarlane(JMF), D Martin(DM), S Barnard(SB), G Nicholson(GN), F Roberts(FR), D Graham(DG), K Miller(KM).

Councillors: E Robertson (ER), K Green (KG), A Vennard(AV), J Lynch(JL), MJ Devon(MJD), R McCuish(RMC).

BIDS: A Spence(AS).

Public: B Keenan(BK), A Clark(AC), S Clark(SC), G MacLean(GML), A McNab(AMN), D Wilson,(DW), S Wilson(SW), C Cooper(CC), M Bryce(MB), S Mac Kenzie(SMK), K Griffith(KG), N Mabon(NM), M Kerr(MK), M Lynch(ML), L MacDonald(LMD).

Apologies: J MacGregor(JMG) A Harper(AH), M Wilkins(MW),

2. Declarations of interest: None.

3. Police Report: No police report.

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

5. Matters Arising: DM Licensing board paperwork. RMC will make sure OCC receive it.

6. McCaig Road: KM Representations from parents at the Rockfield campus regarding road safety on McCaig Rd. Soroba Rd side seems to be fine. Only single road signs on McCaig Rd. No means to help children get safely over McCaig Rd. More needs to be done to make it safer. I'm raising this so that councillors can look at it to see what can be done. MM Two new houses being built there will add to the problem. RMC Crossing patrol there of some sort is what I would look for there. JL I agree with RMC. Has to be looked at. Councillors to take this forward. RMC Possibly use volunteers to as they have done in Rothesay. Where they are under the councils insurance and trained by the council to patrol the crossing. RMC Dunbeg school use something called a walking bus, which is also a good way to make sure the children get across the road safely. LMD Speed bumps? RMC Bus companies are against those.

Before the next item I'd like to introduce two new members to the OCC who will be co-opted on. Dr Frank Roberts and Dougie Graham. Cant ratify until next month when the election process is over. But we can put them forward. Need proposers from the OCC. For FR DM Proposer SB Secunder. For DG JMF Proposer KM Secunder. This will be ratified at the November meeting.

7. Ganavan: MM It has been decided to make Ganavan more Oban focused. Need to have a working group to push this forward. Working with BIDS. AS More than happy to support this. And take the lead. Need to work on parking in the town. Need to work at a pace on this. MM Need to set up a meeting. AS Still can't park a car in

the town for 24hrs. We need to get this sorted. MM AS while your on maybe you could say something about the money you got for town centre decoration. AS An example of parking issues. Free parking during the winter festival we have asked for free parking to moved to the first 2 weeks of December. Proposed a third week which BIDS would pay for. However despite writing to them I have heard nothing back as yet. ER to get an answer on this. AS We have a marketing campaign ready to roll on shopping local but need an answer on parking. DM To organise a group to look at parking, bringing in BIDS. RMC Why don't OCC and BIDS look to taking over the car parking in town. JL Important to get all interested parties together. AS More than happy to get involved, but it needs to be done quickly. OCC agreed that a joint committee should go forward. MM to meet with AS. AMN A working group is a great idea. wider issues at Ganavan with the development area. Need to make sure Ganavan is kept for the people of Oban. KG Camper vans need to be addressed. Facilities provided in town but there will still be people who want to park at the beach. What to do about that? Barrier and cameras at Ganavan have been rejected. GML Ganavan a fantastic facility. Why is there so much reluctance to protect the valuable asset of Ganavan? KG CCTV was in the motion, but not in the amendment. So those who voted for the amendment, voted against CCTV. RMC Need the community to come together to work on solutions. DW Oban not regarded as welcoming to motor homes. People I have spoken to are willing to pay. LC Oban needs a dedicated site for motor homes. FR Have a group to discuss options. Why was overnight parking banned? KG Prohibition on overnight parking dates from the days of Strathclyde I believe. Its to do with spacing. RMC Regulations have been there for 25 yrs, adopted again in 2018. Purely because of the behaviour of some motor home owners. FR Volunteering at Ganavan would help out at Ganavan. RMC The steering group could put that idea to the council. JL Important to get consensus across Oban on these issues. Ganavan as well as the parking in Oban. Have to think of everything, what can we do. Need to get it done. CC What about a Monkey survey? JL Would be useful for peoples opinions on this but we really need to get moving on this. MM MJD would you be willing to help outer working group with your experiences on Mull. MJD Absolutely. You have to keep on at them. MM Is it good to have an officer from the council on board ? MJD Yes and all representatives from all parts of the community. AS DW his comment on people being not made welcome in the town is worrying. More and more people will be coming to the town we need to be ready. Any surveying that is done needs to be pulled together quickly. DG I have CCTV on my van at Ganavan. Not overly expensive t run and has been used by the police on 3 occasions. RMC Multi storey car park is something I have always advocated for. Surveys on Tweeddale St have come back positive. A public private partnership could be looked at. KG Multi storeys work well. MM SMI suggesting the council yard. It is on the list and will be considered. ER

8. Parking: MM Mostly covered in item 7.

9. Councillor Reports: MJD The 3 boat Craignure to Oban has been removed. This is the boat the mail goes on. Mail possibly going to be held up. Meeting as this will affect businesses. JL Asked J Smith at the council to look at the signage at Ganavan. Remembrance day. A reduced event with social distancing. It will be live streamed on FB. Information in the Oban Times. Catalina Avenue playpark looking at that a possible barrier to stop kids going on to the main road. Customer service

survey. Community survey on the lockdown. RMC Acha's development at Glencruitten not going ahead. Acha also spending 6 million on the warmer homes initiative. Grants for private owners. Open to all. Home Energy Scotland operating it. ER Been a busy month. Meeting of the port of Oban cruise ships. Some ships booked in for next year. Looking at how this can work with covid restrictions. Community Planning Partnership taking place on the 11th of November. Agenda on what's been happening over the last few months. KG Special council meeting which was mentioned already. I am now on the planning committee. Been involved in the remobilisation of the health and social care, looking to deliver services. Trying to stop people going to A&E. Phone NHS first. AV An opportunity for OCC to take part in the consultations regarding the boundary ward changes. No date on the public consultation.

10. Planning: SMI The planning at Soroba Lodge has the OCC objection plus one other. Needs 12 objections to go to the committee. RMC It doesn't mean it will go through on default. LC Shouldn't it be if the OCC raise objections it holds more weight and should trigger a bigger discussion. 11. Public questions and issues:

11. AOCB: Broken street lights, who to see? JL Go on line and highlight it. They should come out quite quickly. MM Any other questions? NMI When will we here about the money we got from the rural growth deal? What are the plans for it and will it benefit the town? When will see movement on it, it's important to get on with it. MM Could I ask the councillors to take this on board for the next meeting? And come back with some answers. I would like to thank the Rockfield centre for giving us money to help pay for our Zoom account. MJD Meeting on 11th November between Mull and Tiree community councils regarding boundary changes, if Oban would like to join. MM Attended a meeting on the rest and be thankful. 11 proposals put forward. Will discuss in the future.

12. Date of next Zoom meeting: 30th November 2020.