

OBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ZOOM MEETING 22nd February 2021 at 7pm.

1. Welcome

PRESENT: Marri Malloy (MM), Duncan Martin (DM), Keith Miller (KM), Cynthia McKeown (CMcK), Jessie MacFarlane (JMacF), Stewart McIver (SMcl), Sue Barnard (SB), Laura Corbe (LC), Grant Nicholson (GN), Frank Roberts (FR), A Clark (AC), J Anfield(JA).

COUNCILLORS: Kieron Green (KG), Jim Lynch (JL), Elaine Robertson (ER), Roddy McCuish (RMcC), Andrew Vennard (AV), Mary-Jean Devon (M-JD)

PUBLIC: Rita Campbell (Press & Journal), Seonaidh MacKenzie(SMK), L Silkowski(LS), GavinMacLean,(GML)Jane Terris(JT), Max B(MB), K Griffiths(KG), John Harrower(JH),

Apologies: None received.

2. Declarations of Interest : None.

3. Police Report : MM read out the police report submitted by A Simpson.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting: Minutes were checked for accuracy and duly approved.

5. Matters Arising: RMC Decisions by the council still sits with

councillors. Chief executive can't make decisions. DM Trees on

Gallanach Rd now being cut. Thanks to the workers.

6.Ganavan: FR Was OCC representative on Friends of Ganavan Group. The group it turns out are solely concerned with the housing development on the local development plan. Feels OCC should be concerned with the whole of Ganavan. MM We still support the group in what they are doing.GML Ganvan belongs to the people of Oban. FOG's sole purpose is to stop the housing. I have stepped down from FOG because he felt there was a conflict of interest with FOG and Adventure Oban. Run by Neil Matheson he has proposed a charity which would manage the area, the car park and strip of land behind. Looking to have a 21year lease. Atlantis staff have been down measuring up for offices,buildings.Is this what the people of Oban want?SMI Always been a bone of contention about who owns Ganavan. Was told it was given to Oban town. FR SMI is right the land was given to the town council. And so then passed to Argyll and Bute. So the land is held in ownership by the council but should seek the opinions of the people of Oban in any decisions made on it. RMC Council are stewards of that land. Im horrified to hear that people have been down there measuring up the land without the knowledge of the represented members. Its up to the elected members to do what the people want us to do. DM Oban Town Council should have properly identified their common goods. This wasn't done. So it passed to Argyll and Bute. KM Academic who owns it but it is important that the use of Ganavan remains compliant with the original

deed of gift. MM FR Is there restrictions on use? FR Not for commercial use. ER It was gifted to the town council of Oban for the people Oban. Now with Argyll and Bute. Interested in the burdens that are on it. I would like to know the details on that. AV Burdens and old deeds are not necessarily enforceable. RMC Need to find out what we want at Ganavan. Elected members need to know what is wanted by the people then they can carry that forward. FR We need to go back to the actual intention when the land was gifted and honour that. JL Elected members need to know what the people want so we can go forward with that. LC A possible FB poll on what people want at Ganavan by the OCC. MM FOG have already done this. And it seems that people want it to remain the same. RMC No approach has been made to the council as regards to taking over Ganvan. JMF Don't want to see Ganavan being changed. GML LDP What point are we at in this process? Gone to the registrar of Scotland and decided. But since then I've heard that around April the councillors will decide. ER Some clarity here. We need to know what the people want at Ganavan. I feel confused about what is wanted. LDP2 is the settled position of the council. But all the objections put in they will come to the council in June, not April. At that point depending on the decision made there that will go to the reporter. DM People need something concrete to look at. Proposals put out for people to see. Perhaps some kind of competition. FR Settled will of the council, before the consultation? ER Yes that was the settled document. FR So will anything change based on the objections from the consultation? RMC At the end of the day it is down to the 36 elected members to accept the plan as it is or to ask for changes. MM Overnight camping at Ganavan? Whats happening? KG No firm plans to use any of the car parks for camper vans. MM Nothing is happening. KG Bring this question up at the area committee in March at the public question time. RMC Write to the area committee to have this question answered, MM I'll submit that question. ER Send me the question and I can ask J Smith to be in attendance. DM to get the question to ER. LC No firm plans by Adventure Oban for Ganavan.

7. Councillor Reports ;

Andrew Vennard Lots of budget meetings. Oban Trust port moving on. Update on that next month. Also an update on Craignure.

Kieron Green HSCP budget still ongoing. Covid cases decreasing rapidly especially in the west. Shows the people are doing what they were asked.

Mary Jean Devon Meeting on Craignure infrastructure, larger ferries. No decisions yet. Working on problems with water supply on Coll. Attended a virtual rave on Friday with the young carers of Argyll and Bute.

Jim Lynch Been working on the budget. Doing fortnightly show on Oban FM with KG. Attended Live Argyll meetings. Attended a decarbonisation conference from Hollywood which was excellent. Met with a group called time for change, environmental group.

Roddy McC Busy time for me as I've been moving house. Busy with the budget. No landfill from 2025, so we need to look at what we do. Have looked at the burning of waste which can produce energy and can be done cleanly. Good to see the Argyll Hotel site being developed.

Elaine Robertson Budget day on Thursday. Oban Harbour Trust moving forward. Boundaries commission reporting back mid to end May.

8. Planning:

Update from SMcl No planning needing discussed. All planning on OCC website.

9. Public questions and issues: Any questions? JT Interested in RMC's idea of interested bodies meeting up about Ganavan. Also DM's idea on a competition. DM We should commend the Lorn Medical Centre on their roll out of the vaccine. LC Skatepark survey. We have had nearly 1300 responses so far, great participation. MJD Any sites ben identified? LC Yes Atlantis and the High School. ER Congratulations on the Skatepark now moving forward.

10. AOCB: DM forwarded some information on parking, on where there was obstructions. Also minutes of locality community planning. One item of interest the A83.

11. Date of next meeting 29th March 2021.