

OBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ZOOM MEETING 29th March 2021 at 7pm.

1. Welcome

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

COUNCILLORS: Kieron Green (KG), Jim Lynch (JL), Elaine Robertson (ER), Roddy McCuish (RMcC), Andrew Vennard (AV), Jamie McGrigor(JMG).

PUBLIC: Andrew Spence (AS), Ellis Butcher (Oban Times), Rita Campbell (Press & Journal), Seonaidh MacKenzie, Gavin MacLean, Jane Terris, Ben Wilson, Gideon Pringle, Robin MacDougall Morley, Innes Weir, Sheena Gallie, M Steward, P Hammerton, A Rennie, John Harrower.

Apologies: M J Devon(MJD), S McIver(SMI). C Cooper(CC).

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2. Declarations of Interest :

None.

3. Police Report :

None.

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

5.Matters Arising : None.

6.Scottish Sea Farms: MS did a presentation for OCC on the proposed expansion to the Scottish Sea Farms site at Dunstaffnage. Offered the opportunity for OCC members to visit the Scottish Sea Farm site. Close to Ganavan the proposed expansion to the Dunstaffnage site will not be any closer to Ganavan. All information can be accessed on the web site. MM Thanked MS for his presentation.

7/8.Ganavan: Argyll and Bute Council - JS Council has additional funding in place which will be used to provide extra waste disposal facilities and signage to tell people where they can go in their camper vans. As it is expected there will be a big increase in the numbers of staycationers this year. Also the council will have 4 new wardens to police areas such as Ganavan. They will work early mornings and evenings. MM Can't the car park not be sectioned off for camper vans? Leaving space for locals to park. JS The TRO for Ganavan allows for almost any vehicle to park there. DM Probably too late in the day to change anything now. FR The rules need to be enforced properly. What increase in wardens from last year for parking enforcement? JS Last year 8 car parking and 4 environmental wardens. This year an additional 4 focusing on parking, also a focus on litter. They will be deployed where needed, problem areas. MM The money given by the Government to help with staycations was a considerable sum. What is it being used for. JS Additional grey water sites and waste disposal. MM Can I ask to see where the money is being spent? JS Certainly when that information is available. GML Can I suggest a number to call where people can inform you when there are too many camper vans at Ganavan? JS There is an out of hours number which can be made available. We are not set up for emergency call outs, with the increase in wardens we hope to police the area better this year. ER Put forward the idea of the community being involved with the council in policing Ganavan. FR Expressed his willingness to issue tickets at Ganavan. DG Spoke of the problems at Ganavan last year with the abuse of the site in general by some. With some camper vans staying for 4 nights. DM Part of the problem last year was that certain sites were only using static caravans on their sites and not allowing tourers. Will that happen this year?

MM Thanks to JS for attending.

Resolution on Ganavan. LC I object. How will the resolution affect DG? Can we say that this is the view of the Oban people. DG No it won't affect me. I have a rolling lease there, I'm not a commercial development I can hook up and leave at any time. MM Asked OCC to agree to resolution. SB Do the people of Oban agree to this? MM Based on the information gathered by friends of Ganavan on FB. FR Resolution based on the original deeds. Provision in there that precludes any commercial development. We need an established position. MM Resolution only asks the council to adhere to the wishes of the Captain of Dunstaffnage. LC I would like to suggest that Adventure Oban come and speak to the OCC at the next meeting. MM That would be great.

9. Councillor Reports :

Andrew Vennard Two by elections across the council. this month.

Kieron Green Budget for HSCP. Consultation looking at care homes. Taken out of the budget but will still be getting looked at over the next few years.

Jamie McGrigor Audit committee looking to get the number of reports down. Transport infrastructure.

Jim Lynch Harbour board hopefully move that on. Working with climate change. Just been elected as leader of the opposition group.

Roddy McC Scottish gov have transport review out. Quite disappointing. Urban based .ACHA awarded money for warming homes. Also working at getting the bins of the streets in Soroba.

Elaine Robertson Ganavan taken up a lot of time.ADP forum getting it up and running again. I have asked the police about their non attendance at meeting. There not allowed to use zoom when on duty. Reports issued when they can.

10. Planning: KM Representations from people up at Soroba house. Caravan park being built there without planning. Concerns being expressed by residents,. There was a stop notice which expired. RMC I will be phoning right away in the morning to get this stopped. Its unacceptable what is happening.

11. Pubic questions:NMI Local framework now council are bringing in consultants. Council development officers have done nothing in two and a half years. ER No officer is available at the moment to take this on, so money has been found to bring in the consultant.

12. AOCB : AS Possibility of waste unit for camper vans being installed at the Corran Halls. Will update on this at the next meeting. Thanks GML for his support.

13. Date of next meeting 26th April 2021 .