

## OBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ZOOM MEETING 28th June 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), A Clark(AC).

COUNCILLORS: Kieron Green (KG), Elaine Robertson (ER), Roddy McCuish (RMcC), Andrew Vennard (AV), J Lynch(JL), M J Devon(MJD)

PUBLIC: OHS P Bain(PB), P Hammerton(PH),A Rennie(AR), A MacNab(AMN)

Apologies: J Anfield(JA)

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### **2. Declarations of Interest :**

None.

**3. Police Report :** Police report was e-mailed to all. No issues.

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

**5.Matters Arising :** FR Was Fergus Murray invited to this meeting?

DM Spoke to Sean at Dunbeg. FM willing to attend a joint meeting of Oban and Dunbeg CCs.

6.Cuan Mor: Issues with people having to step off the pavement. A boards on the pavement. ER Transport Scotland are to deal with this. Questions were raised over who is ultimately responsible for the pavements.GB These businesses must have public liability insurance.

**7.OHS:** PB Concern over cases of covid at OHS. All parents involved have behaved so well. One pupil tested positive. All track and trace was used to identify close contacts.We are employing very strict rules which are helping to minimise the impact.FR All the measures sound excellent. RMC Recent bad publicity regarding the

school uniforms? PB FB is responsible for sharing misinformation. Stories on FB can be not quite true. We encourage parents to contact the school to get accurate information. We follow the national guidance on uniform. Pass you over to Eileen. All passes were up last year. Again this year we are seeing a rise in results. MM OCC would like to thank PB for his presentation. And all give the school our full support, also our congratulations on the great exam results.

**8. Covid Update:** KG There has been a significant rise in cases. Possibly due to more movement of people. However there are not the same levels of hospitalisations. I encourage every one to use the tests when needed. Get vaccinated, both doses. GB Concerned that there is only one nurse in A&E. KG There are national guidelines on staffing which will be followed.

**9. Harbour:** KM Things have been moving very slowly on this. Run in to a bit of difficulty with some mid ranking council officers. PH Harbour authority is responsible for making sure the harbour is safe and run properly. Oban looking to have a trust authority. We would like to build on what is already there. In Oban we have the choice between CMAL and the OCHDA trust authority. Collaboration with the council is absolutely vital. KM What do we need now to move this forward. PH It doesn't appear that the council officers share our view that this needs sorting soon. Still at the stage of trying to show the council that the trust is feasible. The information that we have asked for is not forthcoming. We keep getting asked for information that we have already supplied. This is an urgent priority to establish a harbour authority in Oban. RMC Why don't we invite council officers to a meeting? MM So OCC to write and invite council and OCHDA to a meeting? ER Hoping to get a meeting set up soon. Helpful if the community council send a letter to show support of a meeting. I will send details to DM of who to contact.

**10. Councillor Reports: AV** Parking meter report. Sent round to all.

**Kieron Green:** Roll out of tasers by Police Scotland. IJB planning. Work being done on potentially live streaming council meetings. Looking to provide for refugees from Afghanistan. Boundaries report coming out.

**Roddy McC:** Cruachan potentially 2 to 3 hundred jobs coming out of that and as well all the rock is available, they are looking for somewhere to put that. Covid centre at Mossfield. Will be closed during the shinty finals but there will be a mobile unit available. Lets hope the reporter sees sense on the issues at Ganavan. A word on FB its just terrible the comments that are posted on there. Any one sitting for council next year should be aware of what goes on there.

**Elaine Robertson :** Ganavan been taking up a lot of my time. Thanks to all the community groups who have supported. housing to hopefully be removed from the development plan. Ferry users group, what can Mull be provided with to help with the uptake of travellers. Grants available from the John of Lorn fund is for people experiencing hardship. Accessed on the web site under Oban Lorn and the Isles. Money there for people who need it. Happy to supply any further information.

**Mary Jean Devon:** Community Services committee kicked out the idea of head teachers running their own schools. Major incident on the MV Isle of Lewis, a fire. All emergency services responded very well. Pentalina will be doing two sailings a day fro

and from Mull, one in the morning then one at the end of the day. A commutable ferry service.

**Jim Lynch:** Community renewal fund. Dog fouling has come up again. Need to look at that. Gallanach Road still trying to get the sign changed. Covid KG and I are on the radio every fortnight discussing things there. Budget is looming again.

**11. Planning:** None.

**12. Pubic questions: AMN** Thanks to everyone for their help in the housing element of the development plan at Ganavan.GB I was arrested after my night shift. I have sent a complaint out as this arrest was due to Councillor Mc Kenzie. I have had no reply to that complaint. No charges were brought. Problems with ambulances in Soroba not being able to get in. MJD Police have said they will go up and take a look to see if they can do anything. MM Looks like ACHA are going to do something on it. RMC ACHA will do what they can in Soroba, ER Parking in Soroba you should speak to Jim Polmy. MM Read out a letter from Ganavan heritage group. Thanks to OCC for their support of Ganavan. JMF Pennyfuir is needing attention urgently. The grass needs cut.

**12. AOCB :**

**13. Date of next meeting 30th August 2021 .**