

OBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ZOOM MEETING 30th August 2021 at 7pm.

1. Welcome

PRESENT: Marri Malloy (MM), Duncan Martin (DM), Cynthia McKeown (CMcK),
Jessie MacFarlane (JMacF), Laura Corbe (LC), Grant Nicholson
(GN), Frank Roberts (FR), Dougie Graham (DG), K Miller(KM).

COUNCILLORS: Kieron Green (KG), Elaine Robertson (ER), Andrew Vennard (AV), M J
Devon(MJD).

PUBLIC: C Cooper(CC).M Bryce(MB),P Hammerton(PH), A Rennie(AR).

Apologies:J Anfield(JA), J Lynch(JL),A Vennard(AV), A Clark(AC), S
Barnard(SB).

2. Declarations of Interest :

None.

3. Police Report : No report.

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

5.Matters Arising : No matters arising.

6..Gender ID Proposal: FR Moves by the Scottish government to allow self ID of gender. A controversial subject. At Culloden Academy it was discovered at the start of term that the toilets were being made unisex. There was a massive revolt against this.What was worrying about it that the change was introduced without any consultation. I wouldn't like to see this happening in Oban without proper consultation. Im really bringing this up to highlight it to the councillors.The Scottish Government have issued guidance for teachers on dealing with children as young as 4 or 5 who identify as transgender. The document was at the behest of the LGBT youth

organisation. It is a long document which in places actually breaks laws. For instance teachers are told that they don't need to inform the parents of the children. I'm hoping that our councillors are aware of this and that parents should never be excluded from decisions on this, Especially parents of very young children. LC Having girls at OHS I can say they deal with this issue very well. ER Not sure if OHS have transgender toilets but I can enquire. Im sure there would be consultation with parents. KG There is one set of unisex toilets at OHS.

7..Resuming CC meetings: DM I think it would be great but also good to have Zoom access for some people. Rockfield has bigger rooms available.LC Im on the fence. Still a lot of Covid about.A hybrid would be good. JMF Happy to stay on Zoom for a month or two yet. FR A mixed meeting if it can be properly arranged.Nothing beats face to face. CMK I think a hybrid would be good as well. KM I think a hybrid would be good. Perhaps waiting a couple of months to see how things pan out. DM The thing is at times its easier if we are all in the room. The consultation is an example where we would really need to get together with a map. MM The parking group could get together and then bring back to the OCC meeting. DM I can try to organise that. We should try the hybrid idea, MM I think we should wait with the cases being high in Oban. DM We could wait until January and possibly make a decision then. MM That is what we will do.

8. Queens Platinum Jubilee: MM We have been asked what we are doing as a Community Council what we are doing. Any ideas? ER Its hard to arrange events because of Covid. I haven't heard any definite plans from the council. DM The actual national celebration have been postponed to early summer.

9.Councillor Reports ;

KG:: Good to get some funds out from the common good fund.Involved with government consultation on the national care service. One of their manifesto commitments.OCC may want to input to that.

ER: Dunbeg corridor steering group Im happy to say has started. There will be representatives from Dunbeg and Oban CC's on it. ER and AV from the Area committee will be on it.Pleased to say there has been applications to the John of Lorn fund. Royal visit went well with Princess Anne visiting the High School. And by all accounts it went

very well. Funfair was very successful. Will check that the noise level was okay for Lynne Court. Ganavan the barrier that has been talked about. We have a design which I've been told will be there by Christmas.

AV: I've been occupied with OCHDA. I am the vice chair. Budget talks are beginning. Boundary review of the council wards decision some time next month.

MM Any questions for the councillors? MM I'd like to know how much has been taken in parking charges at Ganavan? ER I think that will come through in December. MM I also asked for a break down on how the staycation money was spent. I will be expecting that report. I get no answers from the officers of the council. KG It would also be interesting for us to see that breakdown. If your unhappy you can raise a complaint. MM We have. FR I have raised a complaint about the inaction at Ganavan. I have been told I will receive a response by the end of September. I would ask the councillors do you have no authority to demand action from the council officers?

10. Planning: MM Letter from Alex Taylor on decking being built at Thornloe guest house. Had complained but had not received any reply. KM Planning application for two houses at Elderslie just beyond Soroba House. It went through the committee and was refused but was sent to the government reporter on appeal and was overturned. Subject to some conditions, including the upgrade of the bridge. The owner has asked if the OCC would be prepared to request Sustrans carry out the work.

11. Pubic questions and issues: None.

12. AOCB : OCHDA: DM I have received thanks fro OCHDA for the letter I sent to the council on behalf of OCC. OCHDA has expertise within it that the council doesn't have, MM Do you think the council want to offload it to CMAL? PH The North Pier is the obvious place for a trust port to operate from. The council own the building there and potentially could rent those out. Also there needs to be planning for the future. Finally one of the unique things about the Trust Port, any surplus of money would have to remain in Oban. Hopefully we will find a way this week to move this on. LC Do you have any representatives of the recreational users of the bay? PH We are open for everybody and anybody to join. We have links from all bodies with interest in the bay. A Trust Port has to listen to all stakeholders. MM OCC will always give their full support to OCHDA. LC At the start of the year Andrew Spence said there was no money for Christmas lights? Maybe OCC could look to raising funds? DM We need to ask AS what the situation is. MM I will find out from him and we can discuss it at the next meeting.

13. Date of next meeting 25th October 2021 .