

OBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ZOOM MEETING 27th September 2021 at 7pm.

1. Welcome

PRESENT: Marri Malloy (MM), Duncan Martin (DM), Keith Miller (KM), Jessie MacFarlane (JMacF), Stewart McIver (SMcI), Sue Barnard (SB), Laura Corbe (LC), Frank Roberts (FR), Dougie Graham (DG)

COUNCILLORS: Kieron Green (KG), Jim Lynch (JL), Elaine Robertson (ER), Andrew Vennard (AV)

PUBLIC Mairi Bryce (MB), Neil MacIntyre (NMI), P Hammerton (PH), A Rennie (AR), F Murray (FM).

APOLOGIES: J Anfield (JA),

2. Declarations of Interest : None.

3. Police Report : E-mail report. Which will be sent round to all.

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

5. Matters Arising : LC Spoke to Rockfield Centre regarding holding meetings again. They have no plans to open on a Monday yet. AV What about OHS? LC I can find out if that is a possibility. ER Platinum Jubilee I believe the project will be a canopy of trees. Fire beacons also. Local areas can do what they want. LC The land by the old maternity hospital was suggested to have fruit trees planted on it. Perhaps that could be a good project. MM Maybe LC and DM could look in to that and report back at the October meeting.

6. Fergus Murray Argyll and Bute Council: FM I am head of development and economic growth at the council. There is a lot coming up which will prompt many discussions over the next few years. The council is starting up the Dunbeg working group. OCC will have a representative on this. For the Queens platinum jubilee towns can apply for city status. The council will decide soon if they will go ahead with this. then applications need to be in by December. Be good to get OCC support if this goes ahead. Bids will be going in to the governments levelling up fund, which essentially replaces EU funding. 2 bids on regeneration and transport. Specifically for Oban

looking at transport. An integrated travel hub for Oban. Green Power will be producing Green Hydrogen at Loch Awe and they will have a distribution yard in Oban. Working with BIDS for Oban to enhance Gibraltar St. Will be looking for OCC input on this. Tesco will be looking at their car park, Hoping they will make it more pedestrian friendly and the recycling is to be looked at.

OCC can help by giving ideas on improvements to the public realm for further investment in the town. Housing within the town also to be considered. With the rural growth deal we are looking to invest in SAMS. Cruachan is in the planning process. There will be 1.5m tons of rubble. That will be available and we are looking for ideas about what can be done with it. Is there a use for it that will benefit the town?

DG Will these proposals go out to the general public for opinions.
FM Public meetings would be great and if possible will be done.
Happy to come back to OCC to keep you up to date and also to get opinions. Hopefully get back if we are to apply to gain city status.

MM Thanked FM for coming.

7.Councillor Reports:

Andrew Vennard Harbour trust busy with meetings to progress that.

Kieron Green HSCP finances there is a slight over spend, caused by working to maintain services during covid. Impact on staffing not helped by Brexit reducing workforce. NMI Can you explain the staffing problem? KG Shortage of people wanting to work in social care.

Jim Lynch Local flood plan consultation coming up. National care service for Scotland is a big thing coming, worth looking at that consultation. Hardship fund for business now open. Litter becoming a big thing.

Elaine Robertson Lots going on in Oban as we have heard from FM. Trust port second meeting in December. Ganavan barrier I need feedback on this from OCC. MM I just think its not really needed, a waste of money. ER It is on hold until we get your feedback.

8. Planning: SMI Nothing has come in recently.

9. Public questions and issues: NMI Is it true that the pupils have to sign out to go to the toilet? MM I have't heard. But I don't think it would be a bad thing.

10. AOCB: LC to represent OCC on the Climate Action Group.

11. Date of next meeting 25th October 2021