

OBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ZOOM MEETING 25th October 2021 at 7pm.

1. Welcome

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

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

PUBLIC:P Hammerton(PH), A Rennie(AR)

APOLOGIES: J Anfield(JA), F Roberts (FR), S McIver(SMI), J Lynch(JL), S Russell(SR), C McKeown(CMK).

2. Declarations of Interest : None.

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

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

5.Matters Arising : No 5 LC High School will be available for OCC meetings when they resume.

6. Ganavan Toilets: ER In OT groups who Ganavan have all endorsed a letter sent in about the toilets being open, written by Doreen Henderson. Hoping to hear a decision in the next couple of days whether the toilets will be kept open during the winter. MM Read out a letter from FR, which voiced his concerns on some council officers attitude towards Ganavan. It questioned where the £300,000 has been spent. MM I have already asked for this information and have heard nothing as I know this money has been spent. KG Heard that some of the money was spent on overtime.Only recently some spent on employing people. MM I know they employed one warden who can't issue tickets for parking. DG I've been in asking about this for over a year to have these toilets open in the winter. I have approached it from a health and safety issue. Thinking of people with disabilities and other health issues. Its a disgrace we are even discussing this. I was lead to believe by Donald Cameron MSP that the toilets would be open in a letter from last March.He is now going to the council to ask why they were doing and are now not doing it.LC Can OCC do anything to help sway the decision on the toilets? ER I am hopeful the decision will be positive. this decision involves 6 toilets throughout Argyll and Bute which were designated seasonal.

7. Cycle Path Extension: LC Extension of the cycle track between Connel and Dunbeg. Would be good if people could comment on this to support this. MM Maybe a supportive letter LC or DM?LC I will fill in the web form if I can get it to work as it wasn't working over the weekend.

8.Councillor Reports:

Andrew Vennard Tust Port ongoing.Monthly meetings with the OCHDA committee. I

got a request from LC about the area of ground for the Jubilee celebrations.

Kieron Green Oban FM. Very involved with the National Care consultation. Looking to improve these services. Consultation on Covid regulations coming up. SB Do you know how much consultations been done with people who have experience? KG There has been a lot of promotion of national events organised by the Scottish Government. SB Not sure if anybody in Oban has been involved. KG Lengthy process to go through as it will have to go through parliament and become an act. DM Covid boosters what is the schedule? KG I have been told that people have to wait for an invite.

Jim Lynch MM read out JL'S report. Meetings attended Argyll Homes for all board meeting, full council, Bield Housing, Remembrance day committee meeting, full catch up meeting with Pippa Milne, Oban FM, Harbour board, Oban Lorn and the Isles Area committee, Police safety briefing for the elected council officials. Remembrance parade will go ahead on Sunday the 14th of November. Local issues litter, flooding damage, housing difficulties all ongoing issues.

Elaine Robertson Busy with meetings. Ganavan obviously. The Trust Port and meeting with BEAR to talk about different trunk road issues. The War Memorial have been approached about it being a hundred years old in 2023. Ive been asked if I could find out if it could be cleaned and any work needing done on it done. But for some reason it is not on the council list. So I'm following up on this. Clty bid is taking up time as well. **8. 9. Planning:** DM Owners of the Shore St car park have put in a planning application to replace the car park with a hotel.

10. Public questions and issues: MM Read out a letter from Adrian Jackson Stark on the Dunbeg Corridor working group meeting. His attempt to convene a meeting via survey monkey failed and he is now trying another way to organise it. MM I don't see OCC represented on this. ER OCC will definitely be represented. PH An observation about OCHDA. By the time the OCC next meet the final decision will have been made to the Harbour Board. The papers will have been published and we will be looking at a final resolution on this. I don't know whether the OCC has responded to the option appraisal request. But its very important that is done. DM i have contacted them. KM I was expected to be contacted to be interviewed but I haven't heard anything. Apparently this may not be an option appraisal but due diligence on the OCHDA proposal. ER I have spoken to Douglas Henry who said he would get clarification on that for me. PH OCC need to respond properly and fairly swiftly. DM I get in touch on this if necessary I can put it in writing. KM I have reached out but have not heard back. MM So KM could you e-mail again reiterating OCC's support of OCHDA.

11. AOCB: MM Reads out e-mail from A Spence BIDS. Christmas trees ordered for Argyll Square, Stafford St and Breadalbane St. Acha tree opposite the Corran Halls. Anticipate we will need to make a charitable donation to Tilhill Forestry of between 1500 and 2,000. Full cost would be 3500 to 4500. Donation of decorations for trees by Oban Electrics between 1500 and 2000. Order for tree solar battery decorations for lampposts. Fully BIDS for Oban financed. Town centre lights condemned. To be replaced we are looking at a cost of 20,000. BIDS are not responsible for providing these lights. MM This has been known for a year. Why wait till now to tell us this? ER Im concerned if anything can be done at this late date. I will speak to AS tomorrow. We need to sort

this quickly. ER The Storm event was an amazing sight. It was a lovely event. MM
Fireworks this year? ER Yes BIDS are organising that.

12. Date of next meeting 29th November 2021