

OBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ZOOM MEETING 31st January 2022

1. Welcome

PRESENT: S Barnard(SB), J Anfield(JA), L Corbe(LC), J MacFarlane(JMF), M Malloy(MM), D Martin(DM), F Roberts(FR), K Miller(KM), D Graham(DG), S McIver(SMI),

COUNCILLORS: E Robertson((ER), A Vennard(AV), R McCuish(RMC), K Green(KG), J Lynch(JL)

BIDS: A Spence(AS).

PUBLIC: P Hammerton(PH), A Rennie(AR), G Berry (GB), N MacIntyre(NMI), L Duff(LD), Jennifer MacLuckie(JML), A Craig(AC), J Watson(JW) I McQueen(IMQ).

APOLOGIES: G Nicholson(GN).

2. Declarations of Interest : None.

3. Police Report : Police report e-mailed round.

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

5. Matters Arising : ER Did go back about the film company at Ganavan. I believe there were more cars than the council expected. I have asked that in future the Area committee are informed of any filming.

PH Harbour board decision to work towards a municipal port, ie council led port. The development of a trust port to come later. OCHDA keen to support this happening timeously and also that there is some form of community involvement. OCC it has been decided, by Oban Bay Management group will be invited to be represented on that group. Will be formally approved at their next meeting. Next we expect to see at the Harbour Board meeting on the 3rd of March more detail on the Municipal port. The management group will meet the following week and will look at these details and make up its mind. OCHDA has held its AGM. Resulting in a new committee. OCC agreed that KM should continue to be there representative on the OCHDA board. FR Listening to this I once again am appalled by the way the council officers conduct themselves. AS This situation has been going on for about 3 years. The first initial meeting we were told we could not have a municipal port. I pay tribute to the OCHDA board to working tirelessly on this. ER It is very important that the community are involved all the way through this.

6. Ganavan/Dunbeg: DM Dunbeg meeting. Proposed commercial area. The area proposed is farther from Dunbeg than is desirable. KG The commercial area is not just for Dunbeg its for the wider area. NMI Is there an overall plan of what is proposed? MM Is there one available we can get a hold off? AS I have heard from a reliable source that a developer is in talks with the council over a possible retail development. Its important we get to see some plans. LC Ganavan still a very busy place despite the weather. Heard many concerns from people on this proposed retail development and what

impact it may have. Would it be possible to request the most update plan so we can see exactly where this will be. DG I have managed to get them to stay open by going through the Scottish Government. I have written to the Scottish Government asking about keeping toilets open all year round all the time. Providing toilets is so important. It is law to provide disabled toilets. NMI It would be interesting to know how much it costs to run them? JL I will find out the costings for keeping them open this year. LC How will the development affect the cycle path? We need to know as currently it is well used by lots of people. And will the ancient woodland be affected? The kayak shed is now available to use.

7. Christmas Lights: AS BID are not responsible for funding the Christmas lights. Ongoing the town needs to have a plan. The costs from 2021, Tilhill provided the trees and asked us to make a donation to the Motor Neurone Disease charity. It cost £390 to have them delivered and sited. New festive lights were purchased by the town at a cost of £8863. We expect to receive an invoice from Oban Electrics for the installing, maintenance and removal of the lights for something like £6650. Giving a total cost of £17053. Funding received OCC £2000 Common Good Fund £5000 West Highland Housing £1500. Shortfall met by BIDS £8553. These costs do not include the costs of the trees on the lamp posts. These costs are met by BIDS. There was much criticism across social media about the lights. The way forward if we want improved lights for 2022 is some major fund raising. A Christmas Lights Committee is needed. Setting up a crowd fund is a way forward. JMF Sitting in Tesco with a bucket once a month? AS Yes great idea. I am happy for anybody on here tonight to contact me via e-mail on this. I would like to see a meeting as early as mid February to move this forward. Its not a huge amount of money to raise. Also I am concerned about the festoon lighting not working and also the lack of lights at the station. I think its a health and safety issue.

8. Councillor Reports:

Andrew Vennard Upcoming budget. We have covered the HA

Kieron Green Consultation on Health and Social Care. Attending all the same meetings.

Jim Lynch A lot of housing issues. Hoping to have meetings to help sort out. Ferry cancellations meetings to find out whats happening there. the road on Kerrera hope to get that moving and tarmac on. LDP newsletter out.

Elaine Robertson. Lots of meetings. Dunbeg steering group. Kerrera road. Budget meetings. Street lighting and getting those sorted. Some are done but hopefully all fixed soon. A lot of time spent on housing issues.

Roddy McCuish Planning very busy. Interest in the Kilbowie site. Licensing board sits next week. Busy in my role as chair of ACHA, The rock from Cruachan would be remiss not to find a use for it. Budget coming up. Also the elections coming up.

ER Could I ask the OCC to write and express your dissatisfaction about the lights in the town? It would be helpful. DM to do. AS Everybody should use the council web site to record lights that are out.

8.Planning: Application at toilets on Pulpit Hill. For 2 holiday pods. There is a single use toilet being put in the middle. This is an excellent application. Application for two houses just up past the old rare breeds park. The roads up there need looked at if more housing is going in. The roads need widened.

9. Public questions and issues: JML Thank you for having me.I am here tonight representing Rockfield Parent Council. Its regarding the education consultation. I had hoped Peter Bain would have been here to answer some questions as there is a lot of conflicting information out there.Despite asking questions we are not getting answers. KG The consultation ends on the 4th March. Perhaps a more in-depth discussion at your February meeting would be good. Inviting Peter Bain along. MM We will put it on the agenda for February and invite Peter Bain and Louise Connor.

10. AOCB: OCC Accounts JMF Audited accounts. 1st April 2020 Opening balance £6370.53 31st March 2021 Closing balance £6651.60.

11. Date of next meeting 28th February 2022