

## **OBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of zoom meeting 28th February 2022.

1) PRESENT: June Anfield, Sue Barnard, Laura Corbe, Jessie Macfarlane, Marri Malloy (Chair) Duncan Martin, Stewart McIver, Cynthia McKeown, Keith Miller, Frank Roberts.

Councillors: Mary-Jean Devon, Kieron Green, Elaine Robertson, Andrew Vennard.

Members of Public: George Berry, Mairi Bryce, Ali Craig, Sarah Collins, Simon Easton, Fiona Ferguson, Phil Hammerton, Innes, Tracy Mayo, Jennifer McLuckie, Brenda Reid, Scott Reid, John Watson, Claire Wilding.

Oban Times: Sandy Neil.

APOLOGIES: Jim Lynch, Roddy McCuish, Andy Spence.

2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

3) POLICE REPORT: Has been previously circulated. No questions.

4) MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Accuracy - Cynthia McKeown was in attendance. Approval of minute - Cynthia McKeown and Keith Miller. Matters Arising - update on Christmas lights. A meeting will be arranged by Andy Spence after his holiday.

5) EDUCATION CONSULTATION: A presentation was made by Brenda Reid and Simon Easton from the Education Department on the proposed Education Change Programme. The principal needs to be approved by elected members before the final design is firmed up through consultation. This was followed by a robust discussion with parents and representatives of the E.I.S. Although the representatives said that they wanted to work together with the Council they felt that they had no clarity of information, did not feel included in the process and had a deep mistrust of the Council as they had had to push to be included at all. They would like to see the evidence base, robust data and risk assessment to understand what is on offer and what they would be signing to. The discussion ran out of time but interested parties were urged to look at the website where all new information is available and 1-1 appointments can be made if wanted.

Everyone was thanked for their input to a very informative discussion.

6) COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

The meeting heard of ongoing meetings and issues. They were thanked for the approval of Ganavan toilets to be mainstreamed. The waste water disposal is to be situated at the airport. Bad weather has led to many islanders being marooned in Oban and lack of food deliveries via the ferries. We were reminded that new legislation is in force this month for residential smoke, fire and carbon monoxide alarms this month. There are only 152 blood donors in Oban and Lorn. 4 sessions are planned for Oban this year in the hopes that this will encourage more donors.

7) PLANNING: Discussion on the accumulative effect of new houses on the condition of the back roads around Oban. The perception is that planning permission is given without any road improvements.

**ACTION** - Duncan and Stewart to write to Councillors and Malcolm Cullen (Roads Dept.) as well as Planning on behalf of the Community Council. It was suggested that Environmental issues also need to be given more consideration.

9) PUBLIC QUESTIONS: No more questions.

10) AOCB:

Nominations for Councillors are due to open on the 14th of March.  
Census returns due on the 20th of March.

This was the last meeting for Mary-Jean Devon and George Berry. They were both thanked for their input and support over the years and given our very best wishes for the future.

**ACTION** - Duncan to write a letter on behalf of the Community Council for the Harbour Board meeting due to take place later this week.

Next meeting is on Monday 28th March at 7pm via zoom.