

OBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of zoom meeting 28th March 2022 at 7 pm.

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

Councillors: Kieron Green, Jim Lynch, Elaine Robertson, Andrew Vennard.

Oban Times: Seonaidh Mackenzie.

Members of Public: Mairi Bryce, Phil Hammerton, Jane Terris, John Watson.

APOLOGIES: Mary-Jean Devon, Dougie Graham

2) DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

3) POLICE REPORT: None.

Concern was expressed over a number of anti-social incidents reported to Community councillors. These incidents have been reported by individuals to the police with no known action having been taken. Through discussion it was agreed that Frank would do some research into what was thought to be an increase in antisocial behaviour and write to the police on behalf of OCC. Members of the public have to feel safe when they are walking the streets. Jim Lynch said he too would look into this issue with the police and the council. It could also be brought up at the Community Planning Partnership meeting on the 27th April.

4) MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: no minute was available. Sue agreed to take the minutes for as long as necessary. A minute of February's meeting will be available for approval at the April meeting.

5) MATTERS ARISING: N/A

6) OBAN and GANAVAN HERITAGE GROUP. Jane Terris gave an update on the mural. Thanks to funding from the Common Good Fund work on the mural will be starting in May. The wall on the utility block needs to be prepared and then pupils from Oban High School will begin work on the mural and finish it with anti-graffiti paint. It

is also hoped to have an interpretation board and an opening ceremony. Jane was thanked for her presentation and all the work the group has done.

7) COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Some items from reports -

The Harbour Board - it is hoped that there will be a special meeting before the end of the council term to pull together information on all meetings which have been ongoing. Laura has agreed to represent O.C.C on Oban Bay Management Group (OBMG).

Audit Scrutiny Committee have been looking at the increase in fly tipping. 302 incidents were reported in the last year. It may be more cost effective to remove tip charges than clean up after fly tipping.

An example of money distributed to Oban and Lorn over this council term.
£300,000 has been distributed from the Common Good Fund.
£5,000,000 for roads

Money from Infrastructure for a replacement lights programme in Oban.
TIF funding for business developments at Halfway House.

Nominations are open for councillors until the end of the month.

Discussion on Council's lack of consultation with the public and that trust needs to be rebuilt with the Oban community. The feeling was that the officers have too much power and that the balance between strategy and operations needs to be reset. It was also recognised that partnership working is the way to make things happen. Conflict only slows things down. Needs direction, area decisions and accountability to regain trust.

8) PLANNING: No items of significance.

9) PUBLIC QUESTIONS: No other questions.

10) AOCB:

Gaelic Books. There is a report on the council website. Protocol of offering the books to the community did not happen.

Christmas Lights. No progress known. Mairi to get in touch with Andy Spence. It was suggested that the running costs be taken into consideration.

Parking. No progress known. This had been an agenda item at the Area Committee. An update was asked for from the officers within seven days. No update received. Elaine to pursue.

A small group to be convened to look at the proposed changes to Community Council area.

ACTIONS:

Antisocial Behaviour

FRANK to draft letter to the police on behalf of OCC. **JIM** also to pursue with the police and council.

COUNCILLORS will ensure issue is raised at the Planning Partnership meeting on the 27th of April.

Christmas Lights

MARRI to contact Andy Spence to determine current situation.

Parking

ELAINE to pursue update on parking.

Community councils area

A group is to be convened re changes to Community Councils areas

11) NEXT MEETING : Monday April 25th at 7pm via zoom.