

OBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES MEETING 24/4/23.

1: **PRESENT** : Frank Roberts (Chair) Sue Barnard, Laura Corbe, Emily Firth, Marri Malloy, Duncan Martin, Jessie Macfarlane, Neil McIntyre, Stewart McIver, Cynthia McKeown, Grant Nicholson.

Kieron Green, Willie Hume, Jim Lynch, Luna Martin, Andrew Vennard.

Roddy McCuish, Neil Owen + another.

Louise Glen, Finn Nixon.

APOLOGIES: Dougie Graham, Amanda Hampsey, Andrew Kain, Elaine Robertson.

2: No **DECLARATIONS** of interest.

3: **MINUTES:** approved by Neil McIntyre and Jessie Macfarlane.

4: **MATTERS ARISING:** No update on buses.

No update on Active Travel.

A letter of objection to renewal of outline planning permission for Lonan Drive has been submitted to the Planning Department.

A response to the HPMA was submitted to the Scottish Government.

5: **SPEEDING** on Longsdale Road:

Two residents of Longsdale Road attended and complained of the persistent issue of speeding on the 20mph restricted, single track road above Hazeldean. The matter had been previously reported to Mr Jim Smith of the Roads and Infrastructure Dept. Of Argyll and Bute Council. The response had been muted and ineffective. The speed of some vehicles has been measured at approximately 50mph. This on a single track road, no pavement, poor lighting and obstructed vision. The Highways Authority, in this case, the local council, showed an apparent ignorance of the Good Practice Guide on 20 MPH Speed Restrictions, published by Transport Scotland. This deficit is particularly evident in the emphasis which should be placed on speed-calming measures such as road humps, rather than police enforcement. Mr Smith had responded that Longsdale Road, at that section, did not merit speed humps due to its geography and layout. Speed humps do exist on Benvoullin Gardens a mere 150m. distant from Laurel Road at Longsdale Road.

ACTION: Councillor Green agreed to take this up with Roads and Infrastructure.

It was agreed that this issue along with other safety and parking issues had never been satisfactorily addressed.

ACTION: Duncan Martin to write to Roads and Infrastructure on shared space roads, car parking, signage etc.
Copies to all Oban councillors.

6: INTEGRATED JOINT BOARD: The way forward is unclear as the Scottish Government has suspended planning on the proposed National Care Service.

7: COUNCILLOR REPORTS: No update on the Harbour Board. A Cross Party response has been made on the HPMA. Housing, benefits and employment remain high on the agenda. Voting is open for the Design Awards. Dunbeg Roundabout still on hold as is LDP2 and subsequently NPF4. No update on parking or CCTV at Ganavan.

8: PLANNING: Nothing new. 77 objections have been received to date for the proposed development at Lonan Drive.
Consider inviting a representative from SEPA to a meeting.

9: PUBLIC QUESTIONS: A question was raised on why the Scanner Register had been moved to Helensburgh. This was thought to be for administrative purposes only.

10: AOCB: a) The Community Council would like to convey their congratulations to Oban High School Pipe Band on their very successful visit to New York.
ACTION: Frank Roberts to write a letter.

b) The steps and ramps outside the Great Western Hotel to the shore and the ramp at Ganavan have further deteriorated since they were brought to our attention earlier this year.

ACTION: write to Jim Smith at Roads and Infrastructure with a copy to Oban Councillors.

c) Volunteers from the Community Council are being sought to be ambassadors to provide a welcome to cruise ships over the season. Cynthia McKeown volunteered.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 30th May at 6.30pm Oban High School.