

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE held in
THE STUDIO THEATRE - CORRAN HALLS, OBAN
on WEDNESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2012**

Present: Councillor Elaine Robertson

Councillor Neil Mackay Councillor Roderick McCuish
Councillor Louise Glen-Lee

Attending: Iain Jackson, Area Governance Officer
Jane Gillies, Area Governance Assistant
Laura Macdonald, Community Development Officer
Peter Bain, Head Teacher, Oban High School
David Clements, Performance Manager, Chief Executive's Unit
Caroline Sheen, Estates Surveyor
Allen Stevenson, Service Development Manager, Adult Care
David Forshaw, Strategic Finance
Richard Gawthorpe, Acting Head, Tobermory High School
Janice Mitchell, Acting Head, Tobermory High School
Major John Swan, Salvation Army
Joyce Downie, Hope Kitchen

Prior to commencement of business Councillor Robertson requested that the meeting be adjourned until 10.30am as the Chairman had been held up.

The Meeting adjourned at 10.30am.

Present: Councillor Duncan MacIntyre (Chair)

Councillor Gordon Chalmers Councillor Roderick McCuish
Councillor Neil Mackay Councillor Elaine Robertson
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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Devon

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Robertson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 4(a) relating to Shopmobility due to her position on the Management committee.

Councillor Chalmers declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 4(e) due to his involvement with the school.

3. CUSTOMER SERVICES

(a) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14TH DECEMBER 2011

The minutes of Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Committee meeting held on 14 December 2011 were approved as a correct record.

4. COMMUNITY SERVICES

(a) THIRD SECTOR GRANTS SCHEME

Members considered the report by the Community Development Manager and determined applications for financial assistance from the third sector grants scheme as follows:

Applicant	Narrative	Project Cost	Decision
Luing Adventure Playpark and John McGowan Memorial Park Group	Materials to repair broken suspension bridge play equipment in children's park, paint the picnic table with preservative and replace worn out drive belts in mowing machine	£363.30	Grant of £231.65
Councillor Robertson, having previously declared an interest in the following item, left the room and took no part in the discussion thereof.			
Oban Shopmobility	To contribute to the running of the centre, specifically to support volunteering activity costs	£ 6,000	Grant of £1,813.35*
Councillor Robertson rejoined the meeting.			
Clan MacLean Association	Hire and erection of marquee and temporary toilets as well as hire of Aros Hall for congress and clan dance	£ 10,995	Consideration of this application carried forward to the next meeting.

* It was further agreed to investigate longer-term assistance. The Community Development Officer was instructed to (a) discuss future

finances with the group; (b) to attend the group's Management meetings; and (c) to arrange for the group to be invited to meet with Members at a later date.

(Ref: Report by Community Development Officer, submitted)

(b) **HOPE KITCHEN - PRESENTATION BY GROUP FOLLOWING FUNDING SUPPORT**

Joyce Downie and Major John Swan attended to inform the Committee of the assistance which Hope Kitchen provided for those less able to support themselves.

The Committee were advised that group consists of 14 members and work with the Salvation Army, providing more than 100 meals per week, and providing food parcels locally, many items of food being donated by the larger retailers in the town. The group are presently looking to construct a management board and to establish better working patterns. They are also working with the Community Development Officer to investigate funding to enable them to acquire their own premises and to reduce costs.

The Chairman thanked the representatives for attending and requested they meet with the Committee, the Community Development Officer and a representative from Social Work at a later date to discuss progress.

(c) **ADULT CARE COMMUNITY BASED CARE CHARGING SCHEME UPDATE 2011/12 - ALLEN STEVENSON, SERVICE DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**

Allen Stevenson and David Forshaw updated members on progress in relation to the implementation and review of the above scheme. This involved a short presentation followed by a questions and answer session to clarify any issues.

Decision:

The Area Committee noted this report had been considered and endorsed at the Council Budget Working Group on 17 January 2012.

(Ref: Report by Service Development Manager, submitted)

(d) **OBAN HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT (PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED) - PETER BAIN**

This report, presented by the Head Teacher, Mr Peter Bain, outlined the major achievements of the school in 2010/11 and included the SQA examination results for pupils who sat examinations in May/June 2011. The results are based on pre-appeal data.

Decision:

The Area Committee noted the continuing improvement in the performance of pupils and the commitment of staff in their examination successes and in the wider aspects of achievement across the school.

(Ref: Report by Head Teacher

Councillor Chalmers, having previously declared an interest in the following matter, left the room and took no part in the discussion thereof.

(e) **TOBERMORY HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT - JANICE MITCHELL**

Richard Gawthorpe and Janice Mitchell, Acting Head Teachers, presented the report outlining the major achievements of the school in 2010/11 and included the SQA examination results for pupils who sat examinations in May/June 2011, based on pre-appeal data.

Decision:

The Area Committee noted the continuing improvement in the performance of pupils and the commitment of staff in their examination successes and in the wider aspects of achievement across the school.

Councillor Chalmers rejoined the meeting

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UNIT

(a) **EMERGENCY PLANNING UPDATE - JANE FOWLER**

This report updated the Committee on some of the issues identified during the severe weather and prolonged power cuts during early January 2012

Decision:

Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Committee noted the issues identified and agreed that this be continued to the next Members business meeting for discussion in regard to the role that communities might play in future emergency situations

(Ref: Report by Head of Improvement and HR, submitted)

(b) **AREA SCORECARD**

The Performance Manager presented a report which set out the findings of a data selection workshop held on 11 January 2012, and included the draft Area Scorecard based on those findings.

Decision:

The Area Committee agreed to adopt the resultant Area Scorecard.

(Ref: Report by Performance Manager, Chief Executive's Unit, submitted)

6. DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

(a) CYCLING SCOTLAND: UPDATE ON LEADER FUNDING APPLICATION AND PROGRESS TO DATE - PETER LESLIE

This item was continued to the business meeting later in the day.

(b) CHORD UPDATE - NICOLA DEBNAM

Oban Lorn & the Isles Area Committee noted the report by CHORD Project Manager advising that approval has been granted to drawdown £1,840,000 of CHORD funds to allow the first phase of the project to progress.

(Ref: Report by CHORD Project Manager, submitted)

(c) PASSENGER ACCESS SYSTEM (CRAIGNURE) - MARTIN GORRINGE

Councillor Chalmers spoke to the report by Marine & Airports Manager which provided an update on the current position with the replacement of Craignure Passenger Access System.

Decision:

The Committee noted the contents of this report.

(Ref: Report by Marine & Airports Manager dated 9 February 2012, submitted)

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

7. ACQUISITION / DISPOSAL / LEASING OF PROPERTY

(a) PROPOSED TOURIST INFORMATION STANCE, LEDAIG CAR PARK, TOBERMORY

The Committee considered a report from the Executive Director of Customer Services requesting they give further consideration to a request received to lease ground at Ledaig Car Park, Tobermory.

Decision:

The Committee unanimously agreed:

- (a) to instruct the Executive Director of Customer Services to liaise with the applicant regarding a seasonal let for this summer (2012); and
- (b) to advertise the site at Ledaig Car Park, Tobermory for lease for next year

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Customer Services dated 11th January 2011, submitted)