

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE held via MICROSOFT TEAMS on WEDNESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**Present:** Councillor Elaine Robertson (Chair)

Councillor Mary-Jean Devon	Councillor Roderick McCuish
Councillor Kieron Green	Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor
Councillor Jim Lynch	Councillor Andrew Vennard

**Attending:** Stuart McLean – Committee Manager  
Mark Calder – Project Manager  
Marri Malloy – Oban Community Council

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Julie McKenzie.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**3. MINUTES**

**(a) Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee - 9 June 2021**

The minutes of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee held on Wednesday 9 June 2021 were approved as a correct record.

**(b) Oban Common Good Fund - 23 August 2021**

The minutes of the Oban Common Good Fund held on Monday 23 August 2021 were noted.

**(c) Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group - 25 August 2021**

The minutes of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group held on Wednesday 25 August 2021 were noted.

The Chair ruled, and the Committee agreed, to take the items out of sequence in order facilitate public attendance and participation at the Public Questions item. The items were considered in the order that they appear in the minute.

**4. AREA SCORECARD FQ1 2021/22**

The Committee considered the Area Scorecard report for Financial Quarter 1 of 2021-2022 (April-June 2021) which illustrated the agreed performance measures.

**Decision**

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee:

1. noted and considered the performance presented on the Scorecards and supporting commentary;
2. noted that upon receipt of the Quarterly Performance Report the Area Committee Members could contact either the Performance Improvement Officer or the responsible named officer with any queries; and
3. noted that work was ongoing and to respond to the Performance Improvement Officer with requests or comments regarding the layout and format of the Report and Scorecard.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Customer Support Services dated 8 September 2021, submitted)

## **5. ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES UPDATE**

The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided an update on the recent activities carried out by the Roads and Infrastructure Service. This included information on how the £10m Roads Capital Programme is progressing and how the Service continues to respond to covid-19 whilst focusing on delivering frontline services.

The resulting discussion focused on the excellent work being undertaken by the local Roads and Amenities Teams.

### **Decision**

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee considered and noted the contents of the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure Services dated July 2021, submitted)

## **6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

### **Question from Marri Malloy, Oban Community Council**

Marry Malloy asked for a breakdown of the staycation money spent on Ganavan as she could see no sign that the agreed programme of works had been progressed.

### **Response from Project Manager**

The Project Manager confirmed that the design for the barrier at Ganavan had been agreed and that an installation date had been set for mid-October 2021, adding that this was dependent on the availability of construction materials due to issues in the supply chain affecting the UK as a whole. He also advised that after several rounds of recruitment, additional wardens had been recruited and were due to start on Monday 13 September 2021. Whilst the new wardens were being recruited the area was regularly visited by wardens who issued tickets where parking violations had been incurred and Officers were actively engaging with visitors. In respect of a breakdown on spending in the area, a Staycation update report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee which would include these details.

Having been held up due to IT issues, Councillor Jim Lynch joined the meeting during discussion of the foregoing item.

## **7. RECYCLING PERFORMANCE**

The Committee considered a report which provided details on the council's recycling and landfill diversion performance along with national policy, targets and regulations which are likely to impact on future performance.

### **Decision**

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee noted and considered the details outlined within the report including the national policy drivers that would likely impact over the next few years.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure Services dated 8 September 2021, submitted)

## **8. NOMINATION TO WEST HIGHLAND HOUSING ASSOCIATION BOARD**

The Committee gave consideration to a report which asked them to nominate a Member to sit on the West Highland Housing Association Board (WHHA) Board.

### **Decision**

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee agreed to nominate Councillor Elaine Robertson to sit on the West Highland Housing Association Board (WHHA) Board.

(Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support dated 24 February 2021, submitted)

## **9. DRAFT OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

The Draft Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee Workplan, as of September 2021, was before to the Committee for noting.

### **Decision**

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee noted the Workplan.

(Reference: Draft Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee Workplan, submitted)