

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN COMMON GOOD FUND held in the SKYPE  
on MONDAY, 14 MARCH 2022**

**Present:** Councillor Elaine Robertson (Chair)  
Councillor Kieron Green Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor

**Attending:** Melissa Stewart, Governance Officer  
Marri Malloy, Independent Observer  
Rev. Father James McNeill, Independent Observer

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chair welcomed the Rev. Father James MacNeill to the meeting as one of the new observers and introductions were made.

Apologies were intimated on behalf of :-

Councillor Jim Lynch  
Very Rev Margi Campbell

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**3. MINUTES OF OBAN COMMON GOOD FUND MEETING**

(a) **Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Oban Common Good Fund held on 11 November 2021**

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were approved as a correct record.

(b) **Minutes of the Oban Common Good Fund Meeting held on 23 November 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 were approved as a correct record.

The Council resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the press and public for the following 11 items of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 6 respectively of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

**E1 4. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

A financial statement detailing the current position of investment transaction for the period 1st April 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 was considered.

## **Decision**

The Trustees noted the income and expenditure report.

(Ref: Financial Statement by Simmers & Co dated 31 January 2022, submitted)

## **E1 5. OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS**

### **(a) Report by Governance Officer**

The Trustees considered a report that provided the up to date position of previously awarded payments but remain unpaid.

#### **Decision:**

The Trustees noted the report and agreed that the outstanding awards would not be carried over into the new financial year.

(Ref: Report by Governance Officer dated 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022, submitted)

### **(b) Update by LiveArgyll Community Sports Hub**

A update was received from Live Argyll, as request at the November meeting.

#### **Decision**

The Trustees noted the update provided.

## **E1 6. END OF PROJECT MONITORING**

### **(a) Bid4Oban**

The Trustees were invited to consider the End of Project Monitoring Form from Bid4Oban.

#### **Decision**

The Trustees noted the end of project report.

(Ref: End of Project Monitoring Form, submitted)

### **(b) Camanachd Association**

The Trustees were invited to consider the End of Project Monitoring Form from Camanachd Association.

#### **Decision**

The Trustees noted the end of project report.

(Ref: End of Project Monitoring Form, submitted)

(c) **Oban Community Playpark**

The Trustees were invited to consider the End of Project Monitoring Form from Oban Community Playpark

**Decision**

The Trustees noted the end of project report.

(Ref: End of Project Monitoring Form, submitted)

(d) **Oban Pipe Band**

The Trustees were invited to consider the End of Project Monitoring Form from Oban Pipe Band.

**Decision**

The Trustees noted the end of project report.

(Ref: End of Project Monitoring Form, submitted)

(e) **C Smith/Zumba Gold**

The Trustees were invited to consider the End of Project Monitoring Form from C Smith/Zumba Gold.

**Decision**

The Trustees noted the end of project report.

(Ref: End of Project Monitoring Form, submitted)

**E1 7. NEW APPLICATIONS**

(a) **Hebridean Pursuits Outdoor Learning**

The Trustees considered the application submitted by Hebridean Pursuits Outdoor Learning.

**Decision:**

It was agreed that clarification be obtained on the ratio of local people to people out with the town of Oban who would benefit from this award if granted. In the interim it was unanimously agreed that half the award applied for be paid out, with a delegation to the Governance Officer, in consultation with the Chair, to review the application based on the information provided.

(Ref: Application by Hebridean Pursuits Outdoor Learning, submitted)

(b) **Oban Celtic Shinty Club**

The Trustees considered the application submitted by Oban Celtic Shinty Club

**Decision:**

1. In noting that other funding opportunities had not yet been explored it was unanimously agreed to award Oban Celtic Shinty Club £5,000 in the hope that this would encourage match funding.
2. If, after seeking other funding opportunities, there remained a shortfall to allow the project to progress, the Trustees invited the Club to re-apply to the Oban Common Good Fund in the next financial year.

(Ref: Application by Oban Celtic Shinty Club, submitted)

**(c) Oban & Ganavan Heritage**

The Trustees considered the application submitted by Oban and Ganavan Heritage

**Decision:**

It was unanimously agreed to award Oban and Ganavan Heritage £3,456 subject to clarification that a bank account had been acquired.

(Ref: Application by Oban and Ganavan Heritage, submitted)

**(d) Oban High School Parent Council**

The Trustees considered the application submitted by Oban High School Parent Council.

**Decision:**

It was unanimously agreed to award Oban High School Parent Council £15,400.

(Ref: Application by Oban High School Parent Council, submitted)

**(e) Oban Sailing Club**

The Trustees considered the application submitted by Oban Sailing Club.

**Decision:**

It was unanimously agreed to award Oban Sailing Club £995.

(Ref: Application by Oban Sailing Club, submitted)

**8. CLOSING STATEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ELAINE ROBERTSON**

As this was the last scheduled meeting prior to the upcoming Local Government Elections, Councillor Robertson thanked her fellow Trustees, Observers and staff for their support over the last ten years. She spoke of the benefit in having the independent Observers and hoped that the next intake of Trustees would see the merit in their continued participation.

Councillor McGrigor thanked the Chair for her valued contribution to the meetings and added support for the continuance of the observer roles.

