

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN COMMON GOOD FUND held by MICROSOFT TEAMS
on TUESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2022 (RECONVENED ON MONDAY, 28 NOVEMBER
2022)**

Present: Councillor Andrew Kain (Chair)
Councillor Kieron Green
Councillor Jim Lynch
Councillor Luna Martin(22 November meeting only)

Attending: Melissa Stewart, Governance Officer (22 November meeting only)
Shona Barton, Governance Manager (28 November meeting only)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Marri Malloy and Provost Margi Campbell.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Jim Lynch declared a non-financial interest Item 7g as he is a member of the Bid4Oban Board. He left the meeting during discussions with Bid4Oban and again when the application was considered.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING

(a) **Minutes of Oban Common Good Fund - 3 August 2022**

The minute of the Oban Common Good Fund 3 August 2022 were approved as a correct record.

4. AUDITED ACCOUNTS 2021/22

The Trustees considered the audited annual accounts of the Oban Common Good Fund for 2022/22.

Decision

The Trustees approved the annual accounts.

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

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

Councillor Lynch, having declared an interest in the application by Bid4Oban, left the meeting at this point and took no part in the discussion.

The Trustees had invited Mr Andrew Spence, Bid4Oban, to attend the meeting to speak to the funding application submitted. The Trustees heard from Mr Spence and took the opportunity to raise any questions.

Mr Spence left the meeting and Councillor Lynch re-joined.

E1 5. **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

A financial statement detailing the current position of investment transaction for the period 1st April 2022 – 31st October 2022 was considered.

Decision

The Trustees noted the income and expenditure report.

(Ref: Report by Simmers & Co for period ending 31 October 2022, submitted)

E1 6. **END OF PROJECT MONITORING**

(a) **Oban Bowling Club**

The Trustees were invited to consider the End of Project Monitoring Form from the Oban Bowling Club..

Decision

The Trustees noted the end of project report.

(Ref: End of Project Monitoring Form, submitted)

(b) **Oban Community Council**

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

Decision

The Trustees noted the end of project report.

(Ref: End of Project Monitoring Form, submitted)

(c) **Oban Winter Festival**

The Trustees were invited to consider the End of Project Monitoring Form from the Oban Winter Festival.

Decision

The Trustees noted the end of project report.

(Ref: End of Project Monitoring Form, submitted)

E1 7. NEW APPLICATIONS

(a) Family Mediation Argyll and Bute

The Trustees considered the application submitted by Family Mediation Argyll and Bute.

Decision:

It was unanimously agreed to award the full amount applied for of £1780.30.

(Reference: application submitted by Family Mediation Argyll and Bute)

(b) MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust

The Trustees considered the application submitted by MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust.

Decision:

It was unanimously agreed to award the MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust the full grant applied for of £885.00.

(Reference: Application by MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust, submitted)

(c) Oban Gaelic Choir

The Trustees considered an application submitted by Oban Gaelic Choir.

Decision:

The Trustees unanimously agreed to pay £250 towards expenses incurred by the Oban Gaelic Choir at the event in St John's Cathedral on 25th November 2022.

(Reference: Application by Oban Gaelic Choir submitted)

(d) Oban High School Pipe Band

The Trustees considered an application made by Oban High School Pipe Band.

Decision:

The Trustees unanimously agreed a contribution of £1300.

(Reference: Application by Oban High School Pipe Band submitted)

(e) **Oban Mountain Rescue**

The Trustees considered an application made by Oban Mountain Rescue.

Decision:

The Trustees continued the application as they did not feel that they had sufficient information on which to base their decision and asked the Governance Officer to contact the Group regarding their financial commitments.

(Reference: Application by Oban Mountain Rescue submitted)

(f) **Oban Winter Festival**

The Trustees considered an application made by the Oban Winter Festival.

Decision:

After careful consideration by the Trustees the application was rejected as it did not meet the application distribution policy or criteria.

(Reference: Application by Oban Winter Festival, submitted)

(g) **Bid 4 Oban**

Councillor Jim Lynch left the call as he had earlier declared a non-financial interest in the application by Bid4Oban.

The Trustees heard earlier in the meeting from Andrew Spence of Bid4Oban regarding the development plan and expenditure of this year's Christmas Lights. The infrastructure to allow installation of lights has exceeded its lifespan and capital investment to allow the catenary wiring to be replaced and extended is necessary. The new wiring if maintained properly should last between 15 – 20 years and should reduce the annual costs of festive lighting.

Decision:

After careful consideration the Trustees unanimously agreed to award Bid4Oban £10,000 towards the capital investment.

(Reference: application submitted by Bid4Oban)

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Trustees agreed to hold their next meeting on Thursday 30th March at 2.00pm by TEAMS.

9. OBAN COMMON GOOD FUND MEETING RECONVENED

The Trustees reconvened on 28th November 2022 to consider the continued application from Oban Mountain Rescue, having now received the further information that was requested regarding their financial commitments.

Decision

The Trustees agreed to award the full amount of £4737.06 towards the purchase of five radio receivers.