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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

A meeting of the **OBAN LORN & THE ISLES LOCAL AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held in the **MCCAIG SUITE, CORRAN HALLS, OBAN** on **WEDNESDAY, 10 MARCH 2010 at 10:30 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Nigel Stewart  
Director of Corporate Services

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## **OBAN LORN & THE ISLES LOCAL AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**

Councillor Duncan MacIntyre  
Councillor Gordon Chalmers  
Councillor Donald MadDonald  
Councillor Donald McIntosh  
Brian Barker  
Jane Connon Fowler  
Kenneth Macdonald  
Gregg McMillan  
Eileen Wilson  
Iain MacDonald  
David Whiteoak  
Kenneth Macdonald

Councillor Roderick McCuish  
Councillor Mary-Jean Devon  
Councillor Neil Mackay  
Councillor Elaine Robertson  
Glen Bland  
Margaret Fyfe  
Eleanor MacKinnon  
David Price  
Gregg McMillan  
Nicola Welsh  
Nicky Archibald  
Leslie McInnes

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**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES LOCAL AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in the MCCAIG SUITE, CORRAN HALLS, OBAN on WEDNESDAY, 13 JANUARY 2010**

**Present:** Councillor Duncan MacIntyre (Chair)

Councillor Gordon Chalmers	Councillor Mary-Jean Devon
Councillor Donald MacDonald	Councillor Donald McIntosh
Councillor Neil Mackay	Councillor Roderick McCuish
Councillor Elaine Robertson	

**Attending:** Kenneth Macdonald, Area Corporate Services Manager  
 Jane Gillies, Committee Services Assistant  
 Robert Pollock, Head of Economic Dev. & Strategic Transportation  
 Ishabel Bremner, Economic Development Manager  
 Judy Wilson, Strathclyde Police  
 Eileen Wilson, Community Planning Officer  
 David Price, Avich & Kilchrenan Community Council  
 Tim Boardman, Glenorchy & Innishail Community Council  
 Leslie McInnes, West Highland Housing Association  
 Eleanor MacKinnon, ABVC  
 Julie Edward, Strathclyde Police  
 Gregg McMillan, Strathclyde Fire & Rescue  
 Ian MacIntyre, Development Services

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Douglas Hendry, Link Director

**2. MINUTES OF INAUGURAL MEETING**

The minute of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009 was approved as a correct record.

**3. CORPORATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN - 2010 TO 2013**

Robert Pollock gave a presentation on Argyll and Bute Council's Economic Development Action Plan (EDAP), which has a national strategy. The area needs to identify key actions to improve local economy. A report is to go the Council in March 2010 with the draft action plan for the area. Robert highlighted an issue over the profile of the area saying that decision makers may be unaware of locations throughout the area and that the Community Planning Group must promote Argyll and Bute as part of Scotland's future.

Robert's presentation stimulated discussion with the group and prompted several questions covering the effect of climate trends, tension over prioritising projects, score-carding process and support for community groups.

A discussion on renewables followed and it was suggested that the voluntary sector should feature more clearly within the plan. It was

suggested that a conference / seminar be set up to look at renewables to ensure that communities benefit from this. The Council has good relationships with some utilities and Audrey Martin is leading on formalising this.

A discussion followed on the development of Business Gateway and it was hoped that there would be no competition between the areas as each area has a distinct offering. A Business Gateway adviser will cover each sub-area and the islands. Workshops will be held on e-commerce, how to survive, ICT, cutting costs, etc.

All agreed that a Business Gateway presentation be arranged for a future meeting.

This prompted a question on funding support for broadband access. Businesses should work with the Council / HIE partnerships to secure possible funding. Balancing between small and large businesses could create problems but this should be covered in the plan as schemes are about making communities benefit.

Planning gain / Section 75 Agreements (recommendation of community benefit by planning approval, either financial investment or security) are a way of improving the area.

Community Planning starts at community level. The various groups must define outcomes which tie in with the draft plan at Local Area level. There will be ongoing annual contact with Robert Pollock during this process.

Local Area Groups report to Thematic groups, who then report to the Management Committee. There is nothing in place at present for provision of funding, but if the structure is in place correctly resources may be made available at a later date.

The Chairman thanked Robert for his presentation and advice. It was agreed that the membership list for the Local Area Community Planning Group be circulated to all members of the group. It was further agreed that when the agenda is set others can be invited where relevant.

#### **4. OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMUNITY PLAN**

Ken Macdonald explained the reason for the broad headings in the Area Community Plan table which is to be set by April 2010. Discussion took place regarding these headings, including the order, and it was agreed that this would form the main agenda item for the next meeting.

The Chairman requested that individual area plans (i.e. fire brigade, police, voluntary sector, etc.) to be passed to Ken in Corporate Services for circulation to others within the group prior to the next meeting in order to have consistency.

A conference is to be held in the Corran Halls on 30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010, led by Community Regeneration.

Agenda for next meeting to be:

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2010
3. Area Community Plan
4. Conference Update

It was agreed to invite the Access Manager to a future meeting to address "Public Access to Countryside"



AREA PLAN FOR OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES

Vibrant Communities						
Economy - creating an attractive, well connected, modern economy						
Ref	Outcome	Actions to achieve outcome	Success measures	Key dates	Lead	Risks
	Developing Oban to fulfil its role as the regional centre for the West Highlands and Islands	Design and procurement of the construction of the Oban Development Road	PID approved Obtain planning approval Obtain land entry Full Business Case submitted Funding secured Contract tendered Construction commenced Construction completed	Jun-09 Oct-11 Oct-13 Nov-13 2013/ 2014 2014 2016	Peter Ward/ Arthur McCulloch	Officer resource required Failure to submit by April 2011 or failure to obtain approval or call in by Scottish Government Will require CPO Funding to be identified. Funding bid fails Tender exceeds estimates Contractor defaults To be identified
	Increased business activity in Oban, Lorn and the Isles	Delivery of business support measures through Business Gateway	Number of new businesses started within the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area	Mar-10	Ishabel Bremner	Contractor defaults To be identified
	Improvements to transportation infrastructure	Improvements to A848 Salen - Tobermory Road (Upgrading existing single track road to high quality dual track)	Obtain planning approval Obtain land entry Funding secured Full Business Case developed Contract tendered Construction commenced Construction completed	Jul-10 Jul-12 Jul-14 Mar-14 Sep-14 Jan-15 Mar-16	Peter Ward/ Arthur McCulloch	Validity of existing application under question. (Planning system has changed). May be called in by Scottish Government. Objections by Will require CPO Funding to be identified. Funding bid fails Tender exceeds estimate Contractor defaults















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<p><b>Main campaigning theme</b> Service delivery challenges</p>	<p><b>Topic</b> Work with service delivery organisations and Community Planning Partners on Service Design and Delivery</p>	<p><b>Area topic</b> Work in partnership with Registered Social Landlords, the private sector and voluntary sector to ensure provision of housing which is energy efficient, well insulated has a low environmental impact, and works to eradicate fuel poverty.</p>	<p><b>Commentary</b> Supporting of RSL's in upgrading of existing properties.</p>
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**OBAN LORN & THE ISLES LACPG - Area Community Plan**

<i>Community Engagement</i>						
Unique Ref No	Community Engagement Outcomes	Actions to achieve outcome	Success measures	Key Dates	Lead	Risks
	Extend Community Planning Structures					
	Increase involvement of communities					
	Build capacity					
	Sharing skills and resources					



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