MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN COMMON GOOD FUND held in the MEETING ROOM 1, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, OBAN on FRIDAY, 31 AUGUST 2012

Present: Councillor Elaine Robertson (Chair)

Councillor Alistair MacDougall
Councillor Fred Hall
Councillor Iain Angus MacDonald

Attending: Charles Reppke, Head of Governance & Law
Andy Newiss, Associate Member
Rita Campbell, Press

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair outlined the proposed changes to the administrative process for the Common Good Fund which were intended to address some perceptions that the Fund information was not as accessible as it might be.

The Chair outlined the proposals for a webpage, publishing of agendas and minutes on the modern.gov system and plans to invite observers to attend the Fund meeting in future.

The Trustees will also give consideration as to whether additional advisers from other disciplines should be invited to attend meetings. This would be considered at a future meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hall declared a non financial interest in the Bid4Oban but regarded it as not significant.

4. MINUTES

(a) **MINUTES OF MEETING OF OBAN COMMON GOOD FUND HELD ON 28 MARCH 2012**

The minutes of Oban Common Good Fund meeting held on 28th March 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The Group noted the contents of a letter of thanks received from Eilidh MacInnes of Eilidh MacInnes School of Dance, following receipt of the donation of £500 which had enabled them to travel to Disneyland Paris to take part in the International Highland Dance Festival.

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31.3.12

The Group noted and approved the Trustee's Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2012. Trustees asked that Bruce West come to a future meeting to check the interest statement for Trust Funds.

7. FINANCIAL UPDATE 1.4.12 TO 21.8.12

The Group noted the current financial position and the commitments for future financial years

8. CARRIED FORWARD APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Group noted that no applications for financial assistance had been carried forward to this meeting.

Rita Campbell left the meeting at this stage.

9. NEW APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

(a) **CAMANACHD CUP FINAL - 2012**

The Group considered an application from the Camanachd Association requesting a grant of £3000 to support the promotion and delivery of the 2012 Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup Final at Mossfield Stadium, Oban on Saturday 15th September.

Decision

The Group agreed to award the sum of £3000

(b) **OBAN LAURINBURG EXCHANGE - TRAVEL COSTS**

This application was withdrawn.

(c) **OBAN LAURINBURG EXCHANGE - CEILIDH**

The Group considered an application from Oban Laurinburg Exchange requesting a grant of £1000 towards the financing of a Ceilidh to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Exchange Programme.

Decision

The event had now taken place and so no grant could be made.

(d) **LORN MEDALS**

The Group was asked to consider a request by the Oban, Lorn and Isles Area Committee for financial assistance towards the costs associated with the presentation of Lorn Achievement Medals.

Decision

Agreed to the principle of the proposal and agreed to seek more information on the proposed criteria and costs.

(e) **BID4OBAN**

The Group was asked to consider an application by the BID 4 Oban Steering Group requesting a grant of £3000 towards interim funding to meet the pre-implementation costs of the BID Project, prior to the new BID Company commencing its activities from 31 October 2012.

Decision

Agreed to award the sum of £3000

(f) **OBAN TRADERS**

A late application for grant for replacement of the Oban Christmas lights was considered.

Decision

Agreed to a grant of £8,000 and an underwrite of £2,000 in the event that there is a shortfall in funding as at the date of payment for the lights.

10. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The date of the next meeting is Friday 16th November at 11am.