

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE held in the CORRAN  
HALLS, OBAN  
on WEDNESDAY, 16 JANUARY 2013**

**Present:** Councillor Louise Glen-Lee (Chair)

Councillor Mary-Jean Devon                      Councillor Duncan MacIntyre  
Councillor Iain Angus MacDonald          Councillor Elaine Robertson  
Councillor Alistair MacDougall

Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager  
Sandy Mactaggart, Executive Director of Development and  
Infrastructure  
Robert Pollock, Head of Economic Development and Strategic  
Transportation  
Peter Cupples, Finance Manager  
Fergus Murray, Development Policy Manager  
David Torrance, AECOM

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Councillor Roddy McCuish  
Councillor Fred Hall  
Stephen Quinn, Area Team Leader – Building Standards

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)**

Councillor Elaine Robertson declared a non financial interest in relation to the report on Third Sector Grants – Dunollie application which is dealt with at item 3 of this Minute because her husband manages Dunollie Estate, left the room and took no part in the discussion on this item.

**3. THIRD SECTOR GRANTS - CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS**

The Committee were invited to consider the Third Sector Grants applications detailed in the submitted report.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed the recommendations in the report.

(Ref: Report by Community Development Manager dated 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013, submitted).

#### **4. LORN ARC PROJECT**

The Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation gave a presentation on the Lorn Arc with input from the Executive Director Development and Infrastructure and the Development Policy Manager.

They spoke about the investment options, the economic and financial appraisal that was now underway and the next steps in assessing and considering the business case.

##### **Decision**

The Committee thanked the Development and Infrastructure representatives for their work on the business case, welcomed the progress to date, noted the next steps in the development of the business case, agreed to participate in a Members' workshop, and asked that the Lorn Arc presentation be brought to a future Community Planning Group.

(Ref: Presentation by Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation dated 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013, submitted).