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1 November 2013

NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **OBAN COMMON GOOD FUND** will be held in the **SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE BUILDING, ALBANY STREET, OBAN** on **FRIDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2013 at 10:30 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Shirley MacLeod
Area Governance Manager

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The Committee will be asked to pass a resolution in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public for items of business with an “E” on the grounds that it is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part I of Schedule 7a to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

The appropriate paragraph is:-

Paragraph 6 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority).

OBAN COMMON GOOD FUND

Councillor Fred Hall

Councillor Alistair MacDougall

Shirley MacLeod

Councillor Iain MacDonald

Councillor Elaine Robertson

Contact: Danielle Finlay, Area Governance Assistant - 01631 567945

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN COMMON GOOD FUND held in the CORRAN HALLS, OBAN
on WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST 2013**

Present: Councillor Elaine Robertson (Chair)

Councillor Iain A MacDonald
Councillor Fred Hall
Councillor Alistair MacDougall
Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law
Marri Malloy, Oban Community Council
Dugald Cameron, Church of Scotland

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Andy Newiss, R A Clements Associates.

The Chair ruled and the Group agreed, in terms of Standing Order 3.2.2 that an application regarding Dunollie Project Ltd dealt with at item 8(d) of this Minute, be taken as a matter of urgency due to the need for decisions to be made in advance of forthcoming planned events.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Fred Hall declared a non financial interest in relation to the application on Oban Fireworks Group which is dealt with at item 6(a) of this Minute because he is a member of the Group. He left the room and took no part in the decision.

Councillor Elaine Robertson declared a non financial interest in relation to the urgent application on Dunollie Project Ltd which is dealt with at item 8(d) of this Minute because her husband is a factor of Dunollie Estate and there might be a perception that she had some connection with the applicants. She left the room during discussion of this item and took no part in the decision.

3. MINUTES

(a) MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29TH MAY 2013

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 May 2013 were approved as a correct record.

The Head of Governance and Law made reference to item 5 of this Minute regarding the Investment Activity and advised that the Head of Strategic Finance would bring this report to the November meeting.

4. ACTUAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

A financial statement detailing the current position of investment transaction for the period 1st April – 14 August 2013, was considered.

Decision

The trustees noted the information provided and noted the amendment on page 3 – Grant Budget which should read £19,413 instead of £24,413, given the need for the underwrite to be given to the Gathering

(Ref: Financial statement by Andy Newiss, R A Clements dated 14th August 2013, submitted).

5. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) OBAN PIPE BAND

The trustees received a thank you letter from Oban Pipe Band for the money distributed from the Oban Common Good Fund for the Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival held in May 2013.

(b) LORNE CAMPBELL

The trustees received a thank you letter from Lorne Campbell for the presentation of a Quaich at the last meeting in May, for his valued work within the community over the years.

Councillor Fred Hall, having declared a non financial interest in item 6(a), left the meeting and took no part in the discussion of this item.

6. OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS

(a) OBAN FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The trustees continued the application from Oban Fireworks Group following on from the meeting on 29th May where the Common Good Fund set aside £1,000, subject to details of the full funding package to be confirmed and to revisit the figure.

Decision

The trustees agreed to disperse £1,393 to the group.

7. CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

(a) OBAN WAR AND PEACE MUSEUM

The trustees considered an updated application from Oban War & Peace Museum providing information on their finances, and their annual interest for their loan and accounts.

This follows on from their application at the meeting in May asking for a further payment to reduce their previous loan.

Decision

The trustees agreed to disperse £2,500 to the group.

(b) HOGMANAY IN OBAN

The trustees considered an updated application from Hogmanay in Oban which provides more detail on their full project costs.

This follows on from their application which went to the meeting on

29 May asking for a grant to help with a stage, lights, generator, acts and security.

Decision

The trustees agreed to award the group with £3,000 with a further underwrite of £2,000 if required, subject to receiving their accounts prior to the event.

8. NEW APPLICATIONS

(a) HOMESTART LORN

The trustees considered an application from Homestart Lorn to celebrate their 25th Anniversary by planning 4 main events. The 4 events are a fun day, Ceilidh, lunch and the official Mull launch.

Decision

The trustees agreed to underwrite up to £650, excluding the official Mull Launch as it is outwith the Burgh of Oban, and write to the Group to ask for clarification on whether money had been received from McQueens Trust.

(b) OBAN WINTER FESTIVAL

The trustees considered an application from Oban Winter Festival to help fund their event.

Decision

The trustees agreed to disperse £2,500 to the group.

(c) OBAN HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

The trustees considered an application from Oban High School Parent Council for the purchase of two mini buses.

Decision

The trustees agreed that Oban High School Parent Council application did not appear to take account of all of the Common Good fund criteria including the normal level of grants awarded and asked that they be invited to resubmit further information and a revised grant request to the November meeting to provide more detail of the proposal and how it would be sustained.

Councillor Elaine Robertson, having declared a non financial interest in item 8[d], left the meeting and took no part in the discussion of this item. The Vice Chair Councillor Hall took the chair.

(d) DUNOLLIE PROJECT LTD

The trustees considered an application from Dunollie Project Ltd to help fund a brand new event for Oban.

Decision

The trustees refused the application on the basis that they did not believe that the application clearly demonstrated a wider benefit to the community of Oban.

Finlay, Danielle

From: Paul McGreal [paul@durtyevents.com]
Sent: 09 September 2013 17:05
To: paul@durtyevents.com
Subject: Craggy Island Tri - Thanks

Hi there

Many thanks for your enthusiastic support of the Craggy Island Triathlon a week or so ago. Apologies for the delay in response – I managed to squeak a few days off paddling in the Kerrera and Mull areas after the race and only got home last night.

It just not possible for events like Craggy to happen without the support of organisations such as yours – we greatly appreciate your help.

Craggy Island has quickly become a popular and established race on the calendar – it's now one of the biggest triathlons in Scotland, and will be back in 2014 once Duncan and I have sat down with a tide timetable!. It seems to have also become an important event for Oban – the town feels extremely supportive of it, which makes our lives that bit easier. I've recently sent out a survey to participants – it indicates that the event generated a lot of 'bed nights' for the town – fairly substantial economic impacts are derived as well as the reputational benefits gained from hosting events. Competitors (nearly 550 entries were received) came from across the UK, and even a handful from Europe.

Our hosting of the Scottish Cross Triathlon Championships brought additional profile – you might have noticed that we're on both the front and back pages of the Oban Times this week!. Over the course of the next week or so, online articles and race reports will start appearing – these will all raise the profile of the town, the event and the sponsors. We're also aware that a BBC Alba TV crew were following one of the competitors.

Thanks again,

Paul

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Finlay, Danielle

From: MacLeod, Shirley
Sent: 09 September 2013 15:05
To: Finlay, Danielle
Subject: FW: Award to Oban Camanachd Club

-----Original Message-----

From: JAMES LIND [<mailto:lind219@btinternet.com>]
Sent: 05 September 2013 23:32
To: MacLeod, Shirley
Subject: Award to Oban Camanachd Club

Dear Shirley,

As secretary of Oban Camanachd Shinty Club, I have been asked to write to you on behalf of our club and its members, to convey our grateful thanks for the very generous award of £1000.00 towards the purchase of safety helmets for our youth members. We are most grateful for this fantastic support from Oban Common Good Fund and we assure you that the money will be well spent to ensure the safety of our young players. Please extend our grateful thanks to the committee responsible for making this award

Many thanks,

Christine Lind
Secretary

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Oban War & Peace Museum

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1st September 2013

Application for Financial Assistance – Oban Common Good Fund
Your ref: SML/DF

Dear Ms MacLeod

Thank you for your letter of 20th August advising that the Oban Common Good Fund had agreed to award us a grant of £2,500 towards the further reduction of the outstanding loan of our premises.

Naturally we are disappointed that the Trustees were unable to meet the requested amount of £5,000 as agreed in principle in 2011. It is a great blow to the museum as we had hoped to be loan free by our 20th year of operation in 2014.

I would be grateful if you would convey our thanks to the Trustees for this grant and for their previous support of the museum.

Yours sincerely

Alison Palmer
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5th September, 2013

Ms S MacLeod
Oban Common Good Fund
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Dear Ms. MacLeod,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Home-Start Lorn I am writing to thank you very much indeed for agreeing to award us the sum of £650.00 to celebrate our 25th Anniversary events. This is very much appreciated and will help hugely.

To date we have not had any response for our request for funding from McQueen's Trust.

Yours sincerely,

Aileen Binner

Aileen Binner
CO-ORDINATOR

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