

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE held in the CORRAN  
HALLS, OBAN  
on WEDNESDAY, 15 JANUARY 2014**

**Present:** Councillor Alistair MacDougall (Chair)

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| Councillor Elaine Robertson     | Councillor Roderick McCuish |
| Councillor Iain Angus MacDonald | Councillor Mary-Jean Devon  |
| Councillor Duncan MacIntyre     | Councillor Louise Glen-Lee  |

**Attending:** Sally Loudon, Chief Executive  
Shirley MacLeod, Governance and Law Manager  
Moya Ingram, Strategic Transportation Manager  
Linda Houston, Oban Regeneration Project Manager  
Graham Whitefield, Geographic Information Systems Manager  
Adrian Jackson-Stark – Planning Officer  
Mark Calder, Communications Officer

## **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Fred Hall.

The Chair ruled and the Committee agreed to take the agenda items out of sequence in order to let the public ask questions for Oban CHORD at item 6, which was taken as item 5 in this minute. The Chair also agreed to include public question time on the agenda.

In relation to item 3 of the agenda (Tobermory Street Naming), the Chair intimated that in terms of Standing Order 16.1 no motion which seeks to alter or revoke a decision of the Council or has that effect will be considered within a period of 6 months of the original decision. In terms of Standing Order 16.2.2 it would be competent to review as decision before the end of the 6 month period, provided the Chair was satisfied that a material change of circumstances had occurred.

The Chair ruled that he was satisfied that a material change of circumstance had occurred.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Elaine Robertson declared a non financial interest in relation to the Local Development Plan (ISS12 – Ganavan) and (ISS316 – Kerrera) which was dealt with at item 6 of this Minute, because her husband is the factor of Dunollie Estate. She stayed in the room as there was no discussion relating specifically to these sites.

Councillor Elaine Robertson asked for her declaration to be noted at item 4 of this Minute, but as this is only a holding report requiring no decision to be made

she would not leave the room.

### **3. TOBERMORY STREET NAMING**

A report containing more detail on previous individual representations received, which will allow the Area Committee to decide whether the names agreed at the December 2013 Area Committee should be confirmed or any of the alternative suggestions adopted, was considered.

#### **Outcome**

1. Members gave their support to name the public road from Back Brae to Oakfield and Bad-Daraich House, Memorial Road rather than Oakfield Road; and
2. Members gave their support to name the private lane from the entrance to Oakfield and Bad-Daraich House to Tenera, Pattullo Lane rather than Bad Daraich Lane.

(Ref: Report by Geographic Information Systems Manager dated 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014, submitted).

### **4. KERRERA STAG**

A holding report updating Members on the Kerrera STAG position was considered.

The Strategic Transportation Manager advised the Committee that following publication of the STAG report, it has been agreed with Transport Scotland that Argyll and Bute Council will undertake a business case into the north-south link road options for Kerrera.

She also advised that prior to undertaking the Business Case, it is proposed that the Deputy Leader of the Council will visit Kerrera in January with Senior Officers, and following this a special briefing meeting for local Councillors will be arranged to seek clarification on political views regarding future options for Kerrera.

#### **Outcome**

The Committee noted the information provided and thanked the Strategic Transportation Manager for the update.

(Ref: Report by Head of Roads and Amenity Services dated 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014, submitted).

### **5. OBAN CHORD**

A report to update Members on the progress that has been made and actions taken since the CHORD workshop took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013.

## **Outcome**

The Committee noted the information provided and thanked the Oban Regeneration Manager for her work in moving this forward to the next stage.

(Ref: Report by Oban Regeneration Project Manager dated 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014, submitted).

## **6. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

A report providing members with details outlining the next stages in taking forward the Proposed Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan Representations to Examination in accordance with the Planning etc (Scotland) Act was considered. The previously agreed target for adopting the new plan is October 2014.

### **Decision**

1. Members noted the process and next stages in progressing the Proposed Local Development Plan to the examination stage as set out in the report;
2. Members noted the extensive period of consultation which has been undertaken in developing the Proposed Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan, and additionally noted the extent of opinion and representation which has been made at this stage of the process in regards specific sites in Oban Lorn and the Isles and agreed the Area Committee's recommended response in the Schedule 4 forms in Appendix 1 and in the supplementary paper issued on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2104; and

(Ref: Report by the Planning and Development Officer dated 7 January 2014 – submitted).

## **7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

John MacGregor asked the Oban Regeneration Project Manager if you have to make a profit on a Business Case?

The Oban Regeneration Project Manager advised that a Business Case is not always about making a profit, the Business Case has to show that the asset is able to be maintained, and that it depends on the- objectives of the project to start with.

David Millar advised the Committee he is delighted to see the housing plans for Dunbeg and asked if decisions have been made in regard to the roads and Infrastructure. Members discussed this with Mr Millar and agreed that a holistic approach to development must always be taken?

Kate Winton from Oban Community Council asked the Committee why Atlantis Leisure can't heat their pool at least once a week so people with disabilities can come along and use the pool instead of travelling to Fort William at the cost to the NHS. She asked if this could be looked at and could it be facilitated for the

future as more people will be moving into Oban for the new development plan.

The Area Governance Manager agreed to raise this issue with Councillor Hall, who is on the Board at Atlantis Leisure and come back to Kate with a solution.

Marri Malloy from Oban Community Council asked how we improve getting teachers into the area and asked what has happened to key housing in Oban?

Councillor McCuish advised that the key housing has disappeared with legislation when the housing stock got changed to RSL.