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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE** will be held in **CONNEL VILLAGE HALL, CONNEL** on **TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2015** at **10:30 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director of Customer Services

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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 paragraphs are:-

- E1 **Paragraph 8** The amount of any expenditure proposed to be incurred by the authority under any particular contract for the acquisition of property or the supply of goods or services; and
- E1 **Paragraph 9** Any terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods or services.

OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE

Councillor Mary-Jean Devon	Councillor Duncan MacIntyre
Councillor Iain MacDonald	Councillor Alistair MacDougall
Councillor Neil MacIntyre	Councillor Iain MacLean
Councillor Roderick McCuish (Chair)	Councillor Elaine Robertson (Vice-Chair)

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MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE held in the SEIL ISLAND COMMUNITY HALL on WEDNESDAY, 12 AUGUST 2015

Present: Councillor Roddy McCuish (Chair)

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

Attending: Fergus Murray, Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation
 Graeme Forrester, Area Committee Manager
 Ishabel Bremner, Economic Development Manager
 Laura MacDonald, Community Development Officer
 Lorraine Paterson, NHS Highland

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

The Chair, on behalf of the Area Committee, welcomed the return of Councillor Duncan MacIntyre.

The Chair ruled and the Committee agreed to take the agenda items out of sequence in order to facilitate Officers' attendance.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Robertson declared a non financial interest in relation to the Third Sector Grant Applications for Crossroads (North Argyll) and MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust which were dealt with at item 6(a)(3) and (6) of this Minute, because she is the Chair of Crossroads and her husband is the factor of Dunollie Estate. Cllr Robertson also declared a non financial interest in relation to item 11 – Oban CHORD update report on meeting held with Oban Bay Marine Ltd on 9th July, as her husband is a member of OBM.

Councillor McCuish declared a non financial interest in relation to the Third Sector Grant Application for the GRAB Trust which was dealt with at item 6(a)(8) of this Minute, because he is a Director of the Board.

3. MINUTES

(a) OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE - 10TH JUNE 2015

The Minutes of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee held on 10th June 2015 were approved as a correct record.

In relation to item 3(a), Councillor Robertson confirmed that the issue at Dalrigh is still ongoing and ACHA are in the process of searching through their title deeds. She advised that she went to visit Mr Johnston again and will update the Committee on any progress.

Councillor Robertson gave an update on item 3(a)(g), advising that the Oban Community Action Group on Dog Fouling have now had two meetings since the last Area Committee meeting in June and confirmed that efforts by the Group have made a remarkable difference in the town.

8. STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP

A report providing the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee with a progress report on the action undertaken to establish the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), was considered.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director – Community Services dated 9th July 2015, submitted).

Councillor Devon joined the meeting at 11:05am.

4. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

The Community Development Officer asked a question on behalf of Brian Marden. He asked if anything was going to be done about the growing number of potholes in Cnoc a Challtuinn.

John Gordon raised a concern about car parking in Oban. He asked where will be free to park in Oban if charges are applied at Lochavulian Car Park, stating that there will be no where for people who live outside of town and for tourists to park if they would like to use the bus, train or ferry. Councillor McCuish advised Mr Gordon that there will be a consultation process for everyone to feed into with their comments. The Area Committee Manager agreed to distribute information on the parking review consultation round all Community Councils when this information has become available.

John Gordon raised an issue in regard to the sewage system at Balvicar. He advised that in 2007 a new system was put in place by Scottish Water which cost £11.7M and hasn't worked for many years. Mr Gordon asked for the Council's support in furthering this matter.

Mr John Reid asked a question in relation to the sourcing of materials and associated costs in respect of the CHORD projects throughout Argyll and Bute. Mr Reid was particularly concerned over the cost of granite, which he believed would need to be sourced from India and China. He expressed concern over whether this was economically friendly. Mr Reid advised that he was aware that

a tender was about to be accepted by the Council in this regard and that the works were scheduled to begin in October in Oban. He requested that the Area Committee put forward a recommendation to all Councillors asking them to give consideration to using cheaper, locally sourced materials. The Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation confirmed that the only tender we are involved with granite specified is Oban public realm phase 2. He advised that the Council have followed specific procurement rules on the identification of materials and their quality. He confirmed that no country of manufacture is specified and to do so would breach the Public Contract Regulations.

Mr Murray advised that in terms of delivery times contractors need to provide a project plan of delivery including delivery of materials on site and this is considered as part of the tender process and the council has not identified any concerns with project timescales.

Councillor Neil MacIntyre asked if the Council would be purchasing a machine to clean the streets in Oban as he has noticed already that Stafford Street is dirty and the paving is stained. He advised that Helensburgh have their own machine and feels Oban needs their own machine with all the upcoming works that are to be done in the town. The Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation agreed to take this back to the Head of Roads and Amenity Services. Councillor MacLean asked that the Area Committee look at the terms of the Council's street cleaning policy.

Councillor MacLean asked if the Council were looking into purchasing furniture for Stafford Street with another company. The Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation confirmed that the Council is not taking any offers forward at present but are looking at other options and allowing the private sector to explore different options that could be considered by the Area Committee in the future.

Councillor MacLean asked when the bins at Stafford Street would be deployed and if they had a cigarette part. The Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation confirmed that the bins had arrived and are hoping to deploy them as soon as possible and advised that he was unsure about the cigarette part but would check this out and advise Councillor MacLean.

Councillor D MacIntyre asked how we can publicise the use of the space at Stafford Street as he recently seen the pipe band playing at the station and felt the space at Stafford Street would be a better venue. He suggested that this space be used for pipe bands at the Mòd in October. The Chair suggested that the Community Development Officer email her network to make them aware of this use of space.

Councillor Robertson asked if the new paving at Stafford Street and George Street is chewing gum resistant. The Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation agreed to look into this.

Graeme Bruce raised an issue about business units in Oban. He advised that 18 months ago he lost the bid on a vacant unit which is now being used to store cars. He asked for this to be looked into.

Linda Houston from BIDs advised the Committee that she is in the process of reviewing the current 5 year plan for BIDs and asked if the North Pier Maritime development has been delayed, noting that there is an exempt item on this agenda regarding a short term lease. The Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation advised he is limited on what he can answer but works should be completed by the end of September.

Ms Houston also raised a question in relation to the Food and Drink Festival which is coming to Oban on 3rd and 4th November, she asked what Oban can offer for this festival and asked if social media could play a part in this.

Rita Gatner from the Press and Journal asked a question in relation to Oban Airport Business Park. She asked if any businesses had shown interest in the site and if it has been marketed in any way. The Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation confirmed that there are a number of businesses which have stated an interest but that a marketing campaign would also be undertaken. Ms Gatner also asked what type of businesses the Council are looking for. Mr Murray advised they are looking for businesses that complement the airport or link to class 4 type office development.

John Gordon asked if anything had been done for Seil and Easdale Community Council's contingency plan for the bridge coming into Easdale as if this was to fall down then Easdale, Luing and Seil Island would be cut off from the mainland.

The Area Committee Manager read out a question which was emailed in by Duncan Martin of Oban Community Council. Mr Martin asked if it would be possible to create a by-law which would require all those in charge of dogs to show the Warden that they had the means to collect their dog poo. The Area Committee Manager agreed to follow this up with the relevant service and contact Mr Martin directly.

5. AREA SCORECARD - FQ1

The Committee considered a report which presented the Area Scorecard with exceptional performance for financial quarter 1 of 2015-16 (April to June 2015).

Decision

The Committee noted the exceptional performance presented on the Scorecard.

(Ref: Report by IOD Programme Manager dated 12th August 2015, submitted).

6. THIRD SECTOR GRANTS

Councillor Robertson, having declared a non financial interest in Crossroads (North Argyll) and MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust, left the room and took no part in the discussion of those organisations.

Councillor McCuish, having declared a non financial interest in the GRAB Trust, left the meeting and took no part in the discussion of this organisation. Councillor Robertson took the Chair for consideration of that element of the item.

(a) **THIRD SECTOR GRANTS 2015/16**

A report detailing recommendations for the award of Third Sector Grants (including Events and Festivals) to Third Sector organisations for Oban, Lorn and the Isles was considered.

Decision

The Committee:

1. Agreed to award the grant recommendations as follows:-

Ref No	Organisation	Total Project Cost	Recommendation 2015
1	Atomeag Piseag	£4,200	No award recommended
2	Craignure Village Hall	£7,947.09	No award recommended
3	**Crossroads (North Argyll)	£8,000	£1,860
4	*Friends of Oban Community Playpark	£3,160	£500
5	**Isle of Mull Riding for the Disabled Association	£3,010	£1,176
6	**MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust	£2,831	£800
7	*Oban Winter Festival	£21,450	£2,000 and if any monies are returned then agreed to give a further £1,000
8	The GRAB Trust	£6,720	£1,000

2. Agreed those organisations that have received funding for 2 years or more should not be awarded more than the amount they received in 2014/15 unless increased developmental aspects are detailed in the application;
3. Agreed, where possible, and if appropriate, new applications should receive all or most of the amount requested (up to 50% total project costs), unless a very large amount of funding is sought.

(Ref: Report by Community Planning Manager dated 20th July 2015, submitted).

(b) **MONITORING OF GRANTS TO THE THIRD SECTOR 2014/15**

A report highlighting how the funding from grants to the Third Sector was

spent in 2014/15, was considered.

The report details that the total Third Sector Grants budget made available by the Council for allocation in Oban, Lorn and the Isles for 2014/15 was £35,000 and this sum was awarded to 26 organisations.

Decision

The Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the report; and
2. Noted that organisations that do not submit an end of project monitoring report are not eligible for funding from this grant scheme in future years.

(Ref: Report by Community Planning Manager dated 13th July 2015, submitted).

7. OLI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN

A report seeking approval of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee on the proposed Oban, Lorn and the Isles Economic Development Action Plan (EDAP) 2015/16, was considered.

Decision

The Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the report;
2. Agreed to amend the Economic Development Action Plan as appropriate and approve this as a working document for 2015/16; and
3. Agreed to discuss the Forestry Sector at the September Business Day.

(Ref: Report by Economic Development Manager dated 12th August 2015, submitted).

9. SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2016/17

The Committee considered a report which outlined the framework of the main holiday dates for Schools in 2016/2017 for the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area.

Decision

The Committee:

1. Agreed to endorse the final pattern of school holidays and in-service days for session 2016/17; and
2. Agreed that once this is confirmed, the details of school holidays and in-service days for 2016/17 should be circulated to schools and all relevant organisations.

(Ref: Report by Head of Education dated 29th July 2015, submitted).

10. LORN ARC UPDATE

A report updating the Committee on the progress in delivering the Lorn Arc Tax Incremental Financing Programme and its capital infrastructure investment projects led by Development and Infrastructure Services, was considered.

Decision

The Committee:

1. Noted the current progress with the Lorn Arc Programme; and
2. Agreed to discuss this item further at the September Business Day.

(Ref: Report by Oban Lorn Regeneration Project Manager dated 16th July 2015, submitted).

Councillor Robertson, having declared a non financial interest in Oban CHORD – Update report on meeting held with Oban Bay Marine Ltd on the 9th July, left the meeting and took no part in discussion of this item.

11. OBAN CHORD - UPDATE REPORT ON MEETING HELD WITH OBAN BAY MARINE LTD ON THE 9TH JULY 2015

A report updating the Committee on the meeting held with OBM Ltd on the 9th July 2015, was considered.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Oban Lorn Arc Regeneration Project Manager dated 20th July 2015, submitted).

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 8&9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

12. CHORD PROGRAMME - ACTIONS FROM INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The Committee considered a report highlighting an area for action, in relation to project governance, following an Audit Review of the CHORD Programme in February 2015.

Decision

The Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the report; and
2. Agreed to discuss this item further at the September Business Day.

(Ref: Report by CHORD Programme Manager, dated 29th June 2015, submitted).

13. WHITE BUILDING, NORTH PIER, OBAN - SHORT TERM LET

A report advising the Committee of an approach to lease the former Day Care Centre on the North Pier on a short term basis, was considered.

Decision

The Committee agreed to postpone making any decisions until they have further information.

(Ref: Report by Estates Surveyor dated 30th July 2015, submitted).

14. FORMER SALEN RESOURCE CENTRE, ARDMOR ROAD, SALEN, ISLE OF MULL

A report advising the Committee of the two offers of purchase received in respect of the former Salen Resource Centre, Ardmor Road, Salen, Isle of Mull, was considered.

Decision

The Committee agreed the recommendations at 3.1 of the report.

(Ref: Report by Estates Surveyor dated 17th July 2015, submitted).

MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN COMMON GOOD FUND held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, OBAN on THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST 2015

Present: Councillor Elaine Robertson (Chair)
Councillor Neil MacIntyre Councillor Alistair MacDougall

Attending: Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager
David McGregor, Simmers & Co

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Iain Angus MacDonald and Marri Malloy, Chair of Oban Community Council.

The Chair welcomed David McGregor of Simmers and Co, who replaces Andy Newiss of R A Clement Associates to his first meeting of the Oban Common Good Fund.

The Chair ruled and the Trustees agreed to take the agenda items out of sequence in order to allow David McGregor to observe discussions of the applications for Hope Kitchen and Oban Tennis and Squash Club and thereafter leave the meeting for the remaining items. This was to enable him to give advice on a specific aspect and to allow him to observe the manner of the business in which the fund is conducted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTES

(a) Oban Common Good Fund Workshop - 21st May 2015

The Minutes of the Oban Common Good Fund Workshop held on 21st May 2015 were approved as a correct record.

(b) Oban Common Good Fund meeting - 21st May 2015

The Minutes of the previous Oban Common Good Fund held on 21st May 2015 were approved as a correct record.

4. UPDATE ON WORKSHOP

The Area Governance Manager gave an update to the Trustees on actions carried out since the Oban Common Good Fund Workshop meeting on 21st May.

A new application form model template was considered by the Trustees. The Area Governance Manager confirmed that this could be sent to applicants to help them fill

out their application and that this information will also be added to the Councils Website.

The Area Governance Manager advised that changes had been made to the application criteria at paragraph 3, to include the word “normally” in the following paragraph:

“Subject to 1 and 2 above, applications will be considered from individuals and properly constituted voluntary or charitable organisations for funding towards ‘one-off’ projects. Applications for routine operational costs / core funding will not normally be considered. Regular applications from organisations will only be considered where such applications form part of a defined development plan or growing project.”

The Area Governance Manager also advised that changes had now been made to the distribution policy at point 10, advising that Trustees welcome applications of up to £1,000.

The Trustees noted that a box for applicants email addresses was now on the application form and a new standard acknowledgement letter has been completed which will allow us to contact them within 2 working days of the meeting to let them know the outcome of their application.

The Area Governance Manager confirmed that the website had now been updated which included details of awards which have been made so members of the public are aware of where the money is going.

The Trustees considered an updated End of Project Monitoring form which had more information for applicants to fill out.

The Trustees had a discussion on the new logo which had been created. The Area Governance Manager noted comments made by members of the fund and agreed to email a couple of new examples of the logo for members to agree for use.

The Trustees found the workshop on 21st May very useful and agreed to hold another one in 2017.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) GRAB TRUST

The Trustees received a thank you letter from the GRAB Trust, thanking the Oban Common Good Fund for the £3,000 which they used to purchase a replacement van for use at the Lorn and Oban Re-use initiative (LORI) based at the Moleigh Site, Oban.

Decision

The Trustees noted the information contained in the letter.

6. ACTUAL INCOME EXPENDITURE REPORT

A financial statement detailing the current position of investment transaction for the period 1st April 2015 to 24th May 2015 was considered.

Decision

The Trustees noted the information provided.

(Ref: Financial Statement by David McGregor, Simmers and Co dated 27th August 2015, submitted).

7. OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS

The Trustees noted the outstanding commitments to date and noted that there are no outstanding commitments to the Oban Common Good Fund.

8. NEW APPLICATIONS

(a) **APPLICATION SUMMARY**

The Trustees noted the application summary for the continued and new applications.

(b) **HOPE KITCHEN**

The Trustees considered an application from Hope Kitchen.

Decision

The Trustees agreed to disperse £3,000.

(c) **OBAN TENNIS AND SQUASH CLUB**

The Trustees considered an application from Oban Tennis and Squash Club.

Decision

The Trustees agreed to disperse £2,500 subject to receiving more information on income.

David McGregor of Simmers and Co left the meeting and took no part in the discussion of the remaining applications.

(d) **OBAN WINTER FESTIVAL**

The Trustees considered an application from Oban Winter Festival.

Decision

The Trustees agreed to disperse £2,000 plus a £1,000 underwrite for lighting of the tower.

(e) **LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE - MOD NAISEANTA RIOGHAIL AN OBAIN**

The Trustees considered an application from the Local Organising

Committee – Mod Naisenta Rioghail An Obain.

Decision

The Trustees agreed to disperse £500.

9. CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

(a) SOROBA YOUNG FAMILY GROUP

The Trustees considered an amended application and letter from Soroba Young Family Group.

Decision

The Trustees agreed to write to Soroba Young Family Group asking them to provide further information which they have not yet supplied in relation to their application.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Oban Common Good Fund meeting is scheduled for Thursday 19th November 2015 at 10:30am in the Corran Halls, Oban.

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM held in
the COMMUNITY FIRE STATION, SOROBA ROAD, OBAN
on FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST 2015**

Present: Iain MacKinnon (Chair)

Alan Moore, Police Scotland
Robert Cowper, Argyll and Bute Council
Martin Hill, Scottish Fire & Rescue
Derek Wilson, Scottish Fire & Rescue
Pamela Hoey, Argyll and Bute Council
Bruce Emslie, NHS
Walter Burton, Oban Rotary Club
Louise Glen – Oban Times

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Councillor Roddy McCuish, Argyll and Bute Council
David Bleazard, Outside Edge
Fiona Scott, Argyll and Bute Council
June Graham, Argyll and Bute Council
Sue Stefek, Argyll and Bute Council
Carol Keeley, Argyll and Bute Council
Matthew Corns, Argyll and Bute Council
Alison MacKenzie, Argyll and Bute Council
Iona MacPhail, ACHA
Murray Humpries, Loch Watch

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Safety Forum held on 29th May 2015 were approved as a correct record.

3. PARTNER UPDATES

(a) POLICE SCOTLAND

Police are continuing with their Summer campaigns Anti-Social Behaviour within the Oban town centre between 10pm and 2am, they are working with analysts on the number of calls and targeting the problem areas.

The Road Safety campaign continues which focuses on education and fatality reduction. Sunday is the main day for motor cyclists to be on the road, police are meeting up with where they congregate to deliver their road safety awareness.

A change in Personnel – there is a new Area Commander Chief Superintendent Grant Manders. Constable Darren Miller is the new police officer based at Dalmally, he has moved up from Glasgow with his family.

There are 7 interviewees for the post in Craignure.

Oban Police office had additional resources over the summer, through secondments this is to be continued throughout the winter months.

The local police have been involved with local events, the Skerryvore Decade which was a big event held at Mossfield Park and the Argyllshire Gathering was held on Thursday and went without a hitch. Up and coming events include the Cammanachd Cup Final at Mossfield Park, The Royal Mod and Winter Festival.

Crime

Thefts in rural areas continue to be a concern, the loss of metal, machinery and outbuildings, resources have been put in place and are now included within the work plan. The use of media to highlight thefts in rural areas, advising locals to be mindful keeping their equipment and outbuildings secure, has resulted in a vast reduction.

Ongoing drugs detection resulting in reports to Procurator Fiscal. The new detective inspector is focusing on the detection and destruction of drugs in the area.

Rural Watch signs have been appearing on the Island of Mull, Officer Jamie Toal of Tobermory is promoting the return of Rural Watch, funding has been secured for more signage to make people in these areas more aware.

(b) **SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE**

With effect from 1st June 2015, the fire service has had 45 turnouts to auto fire alarms. An initiative on Unwanted Fire Alarm calls is in progress where the fire service are engaging with local hotels and other establishments where their alarms are connected to fire station.

There has been attendance at the motor cycle accident in Tyndrum and the Road Traffic Accident at the Atlantic Bridge, Clachan Seil.

Attendance to a car fire at Tesco carpark and one at Calmac carpark, also to a chip shop who had a fire in the air duct. 4 grass fires and 2 fires extinguished on arrival.

61 Home Safety visits have been carried out, fire service are working with partners renewing initiatives to keep these visits up.

Grass Fires and Road Safety initiatives will continue.

The winter strategy will be starting which will look at the winter festival and bonfires.

Fire Service are working with Argyll and Bute Council's Road Safety Officers to deliver the "Cut it Out" Road Safety initiative this is delivered to 6th year pupils in schools throughout Argyll and Bute. Figures have proved that the highest risk group in Road Traffic Accidents is 16 – 24 year olds.

Sessions on the "Cut it Out" initiative have been delivered to 91 pupils in Oban High School and 72 in Lochgilphead High School. A visit to Campbeltown High School will take place next Friday.

During the Scottish Cabinets' recent visit to Oban the Justice Secretary had the opportunity to visit the community fire station where he met officers along with the Road Safety officer from Argyll and Bute Council and discuss the "Cut It Out" initiative.

Talks are continuing with the Ambulance Service with regards to sharing the Community Fire Station facility, this is very much in the co-sharing proposal stage.

Martin Hill announced that he will be leaving Oban in 3 weeks and handed over to Derek Wilson who will be Oban's new Station Commander to introduce himself.

Derek Wilson will be moving to Oban on 21st September, he has been working with the fire service for 15 years in the Dumfries and Galloway area and has a long background in working in rural communities.

Iain MacKinnon thanked Martin Hill for his past input to the Community Safety Forum and wished him well in his new area.

(c) **ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**

Environmental Health

No report

Children and Families

Pamela Hoey explained that Children and Families in Oban area support children who are in residential care at Shellach View, they oversee the adoption and fostering for the whole of Argyll and Bute and child protection.

At the moment there are 39 looked after children. The breakdown figures for these are:-

4 in Argyll and Bute Residential Houses
7 in Foster Care
10 in Kinship Care
2 on External Placements
16 – Looked after at home.

There are presently 2 children on the Child Protection Register.

Shellach View recently had an inspection by the Care Commission where they scored 5, which was a positive result.

(d) **NHS**

Bruce Emslie advised that the NHS have no initiatives ongoing at the moment.

(e) **LOCHWATCH LOCH AWE**

No report

4. AOCB

Robert Cowper explained that following the last meeting where the new Community Safety Strategic Partnership was tabled and endorsed the new reporting mechanism would fall into place with immediate effect. He thanked everyone for their past input to the Community Safety Forums.

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES
AREA COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY SERVICES

20TH OCTOBER 2015

TIREE HIGH SCHOOL

1. SUMMARY

The attached appendices are reports on Tiree High School which are presented to the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee for noting.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That Members note the content of the appended reports.

If you require further information, please contact Ms Myra McArthur, Head Teacher of Tiree High School on myra.mcarthur@argyll-bute.sch.uk

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Tìree High School
(Pre-5 Unit, Primary & Secondary
Departments)
**Standards & Quality
Report**
Session 2014-2015



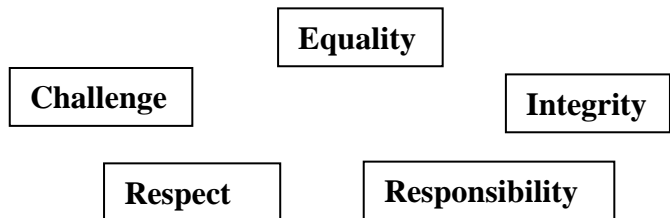
Pre 5 visit the local Heritage centre

**Tìree High School
Aiming for Excellence**

In the context of 'Curriculum for Excellence'¹ and supported by our values of Respect, Integrity, Responsibility, Equality and Challenge, our aims are:

1. To continue the development of courses using teaching and learning methods which enable all pupils to achieve to the best of their ability
2. To continue to provide varied and enriching opportunities for pupils to develop and practise skills outwith the classroom
3. To place a high value on developing positive, responsible and caring attitudes which allow pupils to leave school confident of finding a meaningful place in society

The values we hold in Tìree High School



¹ Visit www.hmie.gov.uk/documents/publication/hgiosjte

Progress of School Improvement Plan

Session 2014/2015 showed continued progress and improvement across the school and considerable development towards Tíre High School's Curriculum for Excellence.

Curriculum for Excellence (CfE):

Broad General Education (BGE) Pre5 - S3

Senior Phase: S4-S6

Pre-5 Education

- Continuing developments to outdoor learning opportunities resulted in the Garden Project where children focussed on growing produce and constructed their own



scarecrows to help protect their crops.

The children enjoyed watching their caterpillars grow and were excited to see the adult butterflies released when they emerged.

- Wellbeing indicators are now in use routinely in discussion with children and with their parents.
- Revised structure for reporting to parents is working effectively with planned programme of parental conversations throughout the year. Feedback from parents is very positive with all saying they prefer the dialogue to a written report.
- As part of our ongoing parental consultation, questionnaires have now been issued for most of the Care Standards. This has resulted in amendments to our procedures in light of feedback received.
- Following the introduction in December 2013 of Gaelic Medium sessions in our Pre-5 unit, there has been considerable development and provision of Gaelic resources for our youngest children. The children about to enter P1 in August have experienced 18 months of Gaelic Medium Education (GME) and the uptake of GME in P1 is higher than previously seen with 12 of the 15 new P1 children entering the GME stream.
- As part of whole school improvements in Curriculum Development, Pre 5 staff attended training events and adopted *Plan Do Review* ladders as the first step towards Floorbook use, making planning more integral with new topics sparked by pupil responses.

Broad General Education (S1-S3)

- To include more opportunity for pupil choice in the curriculum and to provide more opportunities for wider skill development, an activities afternoon has been built into the secondary curriculum. Activities are organised in blocks of 6-8 weeks and pupils choose from 2 or 3 options in each block. Activities provide opportunity to develop skills less frequently experienced through subject curriculum. Feedback from pupils has been very positive and teachers report that young people engage more positively with the learning and take more responsibility for achieving goals.

- A number of new interdisciplinary learning (IDL) were introduced in both Primary and Secondary departments during session 2014-2015. Learning tasks are created and amended depending on the interests, abilities and mix of age and stage within a teaching group. Feedback from each IDL task is taken to colour future planning. The Tiree Tour was reintroduced this session and we were pleased to receive very positive feedback and appreciation from our 'Tourists'. The tour was heavily oversubscribed this year with the bus full and as many people again wishing to take part. The growing skill and confidence of our young people is evident in these learning tasks.



Tiree Tour



Senior pupils prepare Food Heaven or Hell for staff



Mr Rossiter tucks into Food Hell



Restaurant 'Italiano Tiree' – exclusively open for one day only



Skills are being developed throughout the curriculum and we follow a Plan, Do, Review method to undertake challenges. Skill development is tracked and recognised through ASDAN certification. All pupils in S3-6 received ASDAN Awards at Silver or Gold level in 2015. All pupils are more aware of the importance of skill development, when and how they are developing skills, how they can use their skills in future and in different contexts and they have better language to describe the skills developed.

Curriculum for Excellence: Senior Phase

- All subject courses at Higher (H) were successfully completed and students presented for examination in all available subjects.
- New courses have been prepared in several subjects at Advanced Higher (AH).
- In light of feedback from 2013-2014, adaptations were made to delivery of National 5 (N5) and National 4 (N4) courses. Presentations were made at these levels across the curriculum.

On-Track

- To fulfil Curriculum for Excellence requirements for supporting children's learning, daily opportunities for young people to discuss their learning with a key member of staff were introduced for all pupils from Primary 1 to Secondary 6 in August 2014. All young people have regular discussions with the teacher while other pupils in the group undertake a range of planned activities covering aspects of health and wellbeing, literacy and religious and moral education.

Feedback from most of the young people and staff has been positive. Primary pupils from the earliest stages are able to describe their learning, talk about their strengths and areas for development and set targets for themselves. They appreciate the attention given by the teacher and enjoy their learning conversations.

Most Secondary students recognise the value of the On-Track sessions and value the opportunity to have a discussion about their learning and progress. Aspects of feedback have given us areas to consider for improvement.

Skillsbook

- The Argyll & Bute Skillsbook resource was rolled out to all Secondary and upper Primary pupils from August 2014. Young people record their achievements, set targets, and receive feedback from staff using this resource. They can access their Skillsbook pages from home and parents have been informed so that they can access Skillsbook with their own child. Pupils have opportunities to enter information during their ON-Track sessions but can access at any other times as they wish.

Skills for Work

- At all stages in the school more emphasis has been placed on skills for work from Pre 5 visits to local workplaces and visits from various people in their work role to work experience placements in the senior phase.
- In computing classes vocational contexts have been introduced in learning about databases e.g. Travel Agency and in maths pupils learn about income tax and payslips as they develop their understanding of mathematical processes. In Gaelic



Pre 5 welcome the firefighters

lessons, N4/5, H and AH courses all have World of Work units. New Gaelic booklets based on jobs have been used with Higher class and career posters are on display.

- In Music a Career Wall displays opportunities for career development.

Outdoor Learning

- During session 2014-2015, considerable improvement was made in increasing the level of outdoor learning across the school.
- Pre 5 children learned about growing things and how to help protect their plants and animals during their garden project.
- Primary children studied invertebrates by finding them in the school grounds and also learned about erosion of the machair by visiting our beaches.

- S1-3 pupils completed a task over a number of weeks where they studied 'The land beneath our feet'. The local Countryside Ranger was very helpful working alongside students during this project. This task involved working with local Discover Tiree representatives who challenged the young people to design, construct and install a sign for visitors to the island. The sign has now been installed at Balevullin beach to inform and advise about beach use.



Tourist sign installed at Balevullin Beach



- S1-3 pupils also undertook an RME project which was supported by the local minister and Church of Scotland Youth Worker when they visited local sites of religious significance e.g. standing stones, 'pulpit rock' and St Patrick's Chapel

- Swimming which previously has been an occasional activity was introduced to the core PE curriculum. With no pool on Tiree, swimming lessons took place in the loch. This was only possible with the cooperation of Wild Diamond Surfing who lent wetsuits and supported the activity and Tiree Development Trust who funded a swimming instructor to support our PE teacher. Almost all pupils from P1 to the senior stages took part in the swimming activities. We see all of our young people developing greater confidence and many, greater skill in the water.



S1-3 Water Polo 'Tiree Style'

- Core PE activities have involved many more outdoor experiences with considerably more challenge. One of the choices for activities afternoons involved trying out new



physical challenges. Pupils spent afternoons playing golf and shinty and also tried all terrain biking.

The challenging cross-country course brought great efforts from all participants and was greatly enjoyed by the large team of volunteer community helpers on the day.



- S1/2 pupils spent a week enjoying outdoor activities at Ardentenny where they took part in canoeing, gorge walking and mountain biking



- S5 students faced the Winter Mountain Challenge in Glencoe in February where difficult weather conditions increased the challenge significantly.

Wider Achievement

- For the second time in succession both 1st and 2nd prizes in the Chief Executives Art Competition came to Tíree and we welcomed Sally Loudon to the school to present the awards to our pupil recipients.



- Our S1/2 pupils were all required to form a team to enter the hockey competition at the Youth Games and excelled themselves by coming in as runners up in their competition.

- **Charity Fund-Raising**
The school continued to support a range of charities during the session with various activities raising funds for Comic Relief, Children in Need, Marie Curie Cancer Care, RNLI, Musgrove Leukemia Group, Trussell Trust



Red Nose Day

Mod Success

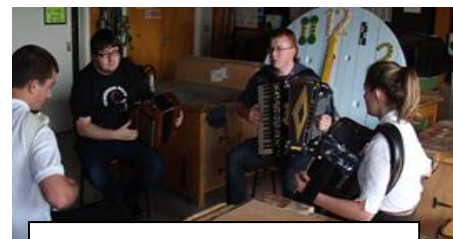
Three of our primary pupils entered singing competitions at Mòd Dhailriada in Lochgilphead:

Rowan Zeinu won her class: Solo Singing Girls 11-12 and was awarded the Donnie Campbell Memorial Cup for highest marks between two competitions. Finlay MacKinnon was third in his class: Solo Singing Boys, 9-10 years. Innes MacKinnon's score placed him in the middle of his class: Solo Singing 8 years and Under.

In Secondary Kathleen MacKinnon came first in the Royal National Mod's literary section for 16-18 year olds.

Working with Partners

We were fortunate to welcome the winning performers from BBC radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the year who ran a series of workshops for our young people. It was particularly heartening to see as one of the winners a former pupil, Ian Smith on accordion.



Ian's accordion workshop

Bookbug

Gaelic Bookbug sessions have been running in the school for some time ably led by a community volunteer. Stories are enjoyed by children and adults alike and sessions are proving to be very popular.

The Scottish Referendum

Funding provided by Tìree Development Trust allowed our senior pupils to attend the Big Debate in The Glasgow Hydro prior to the Independence Referendum. This was a great experience for our students which otherwise would not have been possible.

BBC Alba

This session the FilmG group planned and scripted their film around the school, highlighting the differences and unique qualities and aspects of education in Tìree's remote rural school. The final product was an informative and interesting 'pupil view' of their school.



School Profile 2014/2015

School Name Tiree High School
School Address Isle of Tiree, Argyll PA77 6XA
Head Teacher Myra McArthur

Overview

Measure	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	% change in Roll over 5 years ^{AA}
Roll (as at census)	46	39	28	21	25	-45.7%
Clothing and Footwear Grant (number of pupils)						
Clothing and Footwear Grant (% of number of pupils) ⁵						
Clothing and Footwear Grant (%) - Authority Average ^A	6.9%	7.6%	8.5%	9.5%	15.6%	
Free School Meals (number of pupils)		no data				
Free School Meals (% of number of pupils) ⁵		no data				
Free School Meals (%) - Authority Average	10.2%	0.0%	13.1%	12.0%	10.8%	
Free School Meal - National Average for Secondary Schools (%)	14.4%	15.2%	15.4%	15.5%	not yet collated	

Attendance, Absence and Exclusions¹

Measure	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	Range of Attendance (%) over 4 years ^B
Attendance:						3.7%
Attendance (% of school roll)	92.6%	91.7%	88.9%	91.6%	90.8%	
Authorised Absence (% of school roll)	3.3%	2.7%	6.2%	5.2%	5.8%	
Unauthorised Absence (% of school roll)	4.0%	5.6%	4.9%	3.2%	3.1%	
Attendance Number of Pupils (%) - Authority Average	92.5%	93.3%	93.1%	93.1%	92.9%	
Attendance Number of Pupils (%) - National Average	93.1%	not collated	93.6%	not collated	not yet collated	

Measure	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
Exclusions:					
Exclusion Openings	26	0	0	0	14
Exclusion Incidents	3	0	0	0	3
Number of Pupils ⁵		0	0	0	
Exclusion Incidents per 1000 pupils	65.2	0	0	0	120.0
Exclusion Incidents per 1000 pupils - Authority Average	61.1	51.5	51.4	37.2	22.9
Exclusion Incidents per 1000 pupils - National Average	40	not collated	32.8	not collated	not yet collated

SQA Performance³

Intermediate 1 *	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14
Number of Entries		13		
Number of passes Grade A-C		10		
% of number passes Grade A-C	100.0% ⁵	76.9%	66.7% ⁵	
% of number passes Grade A-C Authority Average	79.8%	78.9%	79.5%	72.8%
% of number passes Grade A-C National Average ⁴	77%	78%	79%	73.5%

Intermediate 2 *	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14
Number of Entries	24	23	13	
Number of passes Grade A-C	24	20	7	
% of number passes Grade A-C	100.0%	87.0%	53.9%	
% of number passes Grade A-C Authority Average	81.1%	79.1%	80.5%	70.7%
% of number passes Grade A-C National Average ⁴	82%	82%	83%	78.1%

National 4 **	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14
Number of Entries	No National 4 presentations across 10/11 - 12/13			
Number of passes				
% of number passes				
% of number passes Authority Average				100.0%
% of number passes National Average ⁴				93.9%

National 5 **	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14
Number of Entries	No National 5 presentations across 10/11 - 12/13			30
Number of passes Grade A-C				21
% of number passes Grade A-C				70.0%
% of number passes Grade A-C Authority Average				82.0%
% of number passes Grade A-C National Average ⁴				81.3%

SQA Performance

Higher	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14
Number of Entries	32	29	11	
Number of passes Grade A-C	21	28	9	
% of number passes Grade A-C	65.6%	96.6%	81.8%	66.7% ⁵
% of number passes Grade A-C Authority Average	75.9%	76.2%	77.6%	76.9%
% of number passes Grade A-C National Average ⁴	77%	79%	79%	77.6%

Advanced Higher	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14
Number of Entries		8	5	
Number of passes Grade A-C		8	5	
% of number passes Grade A-C	66.7%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0% ⁵
% of number passes Grade A-C Authority Average	75.5%	85.2%	79.3%	79.0%
% of number passes Grade A-C National Average ⁴	81%	82%	84%	81.5%

School Leaver Destination Returns (SLDR)***

Measure	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
Number of Total Leavers	9	14	8		
Number of Young People entering Higher Education (%)	33.3%	42.9%	37.5%	0.0%	
Number of Young People entering Further Education (%)	11.1%	21.4%	0.0%	0.0%	
Number of Young People entering Training (%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Number of Young People gaining Employment (%)	55.6%	28.6%	62.5%	100.0% ⁵	
Number of Young People gaining Voluntary Work (%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Number of Young People entering Activity Agreements (%)	0.0%	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	
Number of Young People - Unemployed Seeking (%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Number of Young People - Unemployed Not Seeking (%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	Data not yet collated
Number of Young People - Unknown (%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Total number of young people in a Positive Destination (%)	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0% ⁵	
Total number of young people in Other Destination (%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Total number of young people in a Positive Destination (%) Authority Average	89.8%	90.1%	92.5%	91.0%	
Total number of young people in Other Destination (%) Authority Average	10.2%	9.9%	7.6%	9.0%	
Total number of young people in a Positive Destination (%) National Average	88.9%	89.9%	91.4%	92.3%	
Total number of young people in Other Destination (%) National Average	11.1%	10.1%	8.6%	7.7%	

Footnotes

^A Clothing and Footwear Grant (CFG) is not shown as a National Average as each authority set their own criteria and therefore cannot be compared accurately. Please note that 2014-2015 data for CFG and Free School Meals (FSM) is to date (start of January 2015) and therefore may change as the year progresses.

^{AA} Please note the % change in Roll over 5 years shows the percentage change in roll figures from 2010/2011 to 2014/2015 and is not an average.

^B Please note that Attendance and Exclusion data can only be compared over a 4 year period as academic session 2014/2015 is not yet complete and therefore the data for these years may change. The 4 year percentage change compared 4 full years. The range is the difference between the highest and lowest attendance rate for the 4 years.

* 2014/2015 is the last academic year that Intermediate 1 and Intermediate 2 qualifications will be offered as part of the SQA diet of examinations. They have been superseded by National 4 and National 5. Standard Grade qualifications were offered for the last time in 2012/2013 and were superseded by National 4 and National 5.

** 2013/2014 was the first year National 4 and National 5 Qualifications were offered as part of the SQA diet. Therefore no performance data is available prior to this date.

¹ Attendance, Absence and Exclusion information is now collected on a biennial basis and was **not** collected for 2011/2012 or 2013/2014 academic year.

² Authorised absence includes bereavement, short – term exceptional domestic situations, religious observance, weddings of immediate family. Unauthorised absence includes truancy, unexplained absence and most family holidays during term time. Attendance and absence is outlined in Management Circular 3.03.

³ SQA Performance data was collected on 19th November 2014 for all data. The data was collected from SEEMiS Vision. Information previously provided in the SQA Authority Analysis 2014 report for Committee differs slightly to information provided here in order to ensure consistency of approach in collating data for comparative purposes. Data has been anonymised to protect individuals where there are fewer than five entries.

⁴ Results up to and including 2012/13 national percentages were sourced from the Annual Statistics Report 2013 (available only as whole percentages). National percentages for 2013/14 came from Attainment Statistics (December) 2014. Both documents produced by SQA.

⁵ Data has been anonymised to protect individuals.

*** SLDR data is published by Skills Development Scotland (SDS) on behalf of The Scottish Government. The year runs from 1st August to 31st July each year and the data was collected on the 1st Monday in October each year. The data shown in this profile is the initial data collected.

- Higher Education includes HNC, HND and Degree courses
- Further Education includes Access, NPAs and Highers
- Training includes Employability Stage Funds 2 and 3 (previously called Get Ready for Work)
- Employment includes Modern Apprenticeships and any employment over 16 hours per week
- Voluntary includes Barnardos, Oxfam, Red Cross and community based volunteering
- Activity Agreements are for young people who are furthest removed from employment/training/education that are receiving mentoring support from a Trusted Professional
- Unemployment includes those young people who can't work through ill health, are caring for others or are pregnant

National Averages for FSM, Attendance and Exclusions have been taken from Summary Statistics for Schools in Scotland, No.4 | 2013 Edition, 11th December, 2013 (amended 11th February 2014).

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

OBAN LORN & THE ISLES
AREA COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY SERVICES

20 OCTOBER 2015

REZONING REQUEST FOR KERRERA

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 In 19 June 2015 Park Parent Council made a formal request to the council to consider rezoning their current catchment area to include the island of Kerrera.

1.2 The island of Kerrera is currently within the catchment area of Rockfield / St Columbas primary campus and Rockfield Parent Council have indicated their support for this proposal.

1.3 The proposal to vary the catchment area of a school is a relevant proposal in terms of Schedule 1 of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010. The 2010 Act has recently been amended by the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014. The amendments which came into force on 1st August 2014 include a requirement for a report from Education Scotland in the case of every proposal requiring consultation. Guidance has been prepared by the Scottish Government to support implementation of the amendments. In September 2014 Argyll and Bute Council Community Services Committee:

- a) Noted the amendments to the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, the revised timeline and process for the public consultation.
- b) Approved the process by which future requests to alter the catchment area of a school be considered.
- c) Agreed that any proposal received from a Parent Council being taken forward to a public consultation would require to have the support all parent councils affected by the proposal.
- d) Agreed that subsequent requests for altering the catchment area of a school following either a decision to refuse a request to do so or a decision following the publication of the consultation report not to proceed with such an alteration will only be considered if there has been a material change of circumstances from those originally considered.

1.4 Recommendations

It is recommended that the Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Committee Area:

- a) Agrees that the report should be presented to the Council in November 2015 to request that officers carry out a full consultation on the proposed change of the catchment area of Park Primary School, as defined in the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.

- b) Notes that on completion of the consultation period a report will be presented to Council detailing the results of the consultation for consideration.

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

OBAN LORN & THE ISLES
AREA COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY SERVICES

20 OCTOBER 2015

REZONING REQUEST FOR KERRERA

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 A request to rezone the catchment areas of Park Primary School to include the island of Kerrera was received on the 19 June 2015.
- 2.2 The Council's policy on responding to rezoning requests reflects the legislative process as laid out in the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010. The Council's policy requires a request from the parent council to vary the catchment area to be supported by the parent council of the school impacted by the boundary change. The request from Park Parent Council is supported by Rockfield Parent Council.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Committee Area:

- a) Agrees that the report should be presented to the Council in November 2015 to request that officers carry out a full consultation on the proposed change of the catchment area of Park Primary School, as defined in the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.
- b) Notes that on completion of the consultation period a report will be presented to Council detailing the results of the consultation for consideration.

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 The proposal from Park Parent Council to increase their catchment area to include the island of Kerrera qualifies as a permanent change to a school as defined in the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.
- 4.2 As detailed in the September 2014 Argyll and Bute School Catchment Area Policy, the proposal to vary the catchment area of a school is a relevant proposal in terms of Schedule 1 of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.

Therefore if the Council makes such a proposal it requires

- to prepare an educational benefits statement which demonstrates the educational benefit for children from the area in question attending Park

rather than Rockfield Primary. Care is required in framing this requirement to avoid reputational risk to either school.

- prepare and publish a proposal paper
- give notice of the proposal to relevant consultees and invite representations
- to hold and give notice of a public meeting
- to involve Education Scotland

The consultation requires to be run over a period of not less than 6 weeks of school term time (ie the length of the consultation period cannot include holiday periods).

- 4.3 If Council were mindful to agree the changes to the boundary of Park Primary School these changes could be made in time for commencement of the 2016/17 academic year.
- 4.4 There are currently 4 pupils of primary school age on Kerrera who are currently attending Park Primary School, having transitioned from the pre 5 unit at Park in June 2015. These pupils are currently receiving school transport to Park PS and an additional vehicle has been provided as there was no spare capacity on the existing mini bus
- 4.5 The island of Kerrera is served by two ferries, the north and south of the island having no road connection between them. The ferry servicing the south of the island sails from the slip two miles south of Oban at Gallanach. Gallanach is in the catchment area of Park PS. The north of Kerrera is served by a ferry sailing from the marina into the north pier in Oban town centre. The north pier is also within the catchment area of Park PS.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy - if the proposal is adopted it will result change to the defined primary school catchment boundaries
- 5.2 Financial - If, following the consultation, the Council agrees to the change to the school catchment areas then the cost would be £19k, the cost of the additional vehicle which has been required to transport these pupils. There will also be costs to the service in carrying out a public consultation.
- 5.3 Legal - as per the Schools (Consultation)(Scotland) Act 2010
- 5.4 HR - there are no HR implications
- 5.5 Equalities – an equalities impact assessment will be carried out as part of the consultation.
- 5.6 Risk – There are potential reputational risks arising from the requirement to draft an education benefits statement demonstrating educational benefits for pupils from the area in question attending Park rather than Rockfield Primary School.

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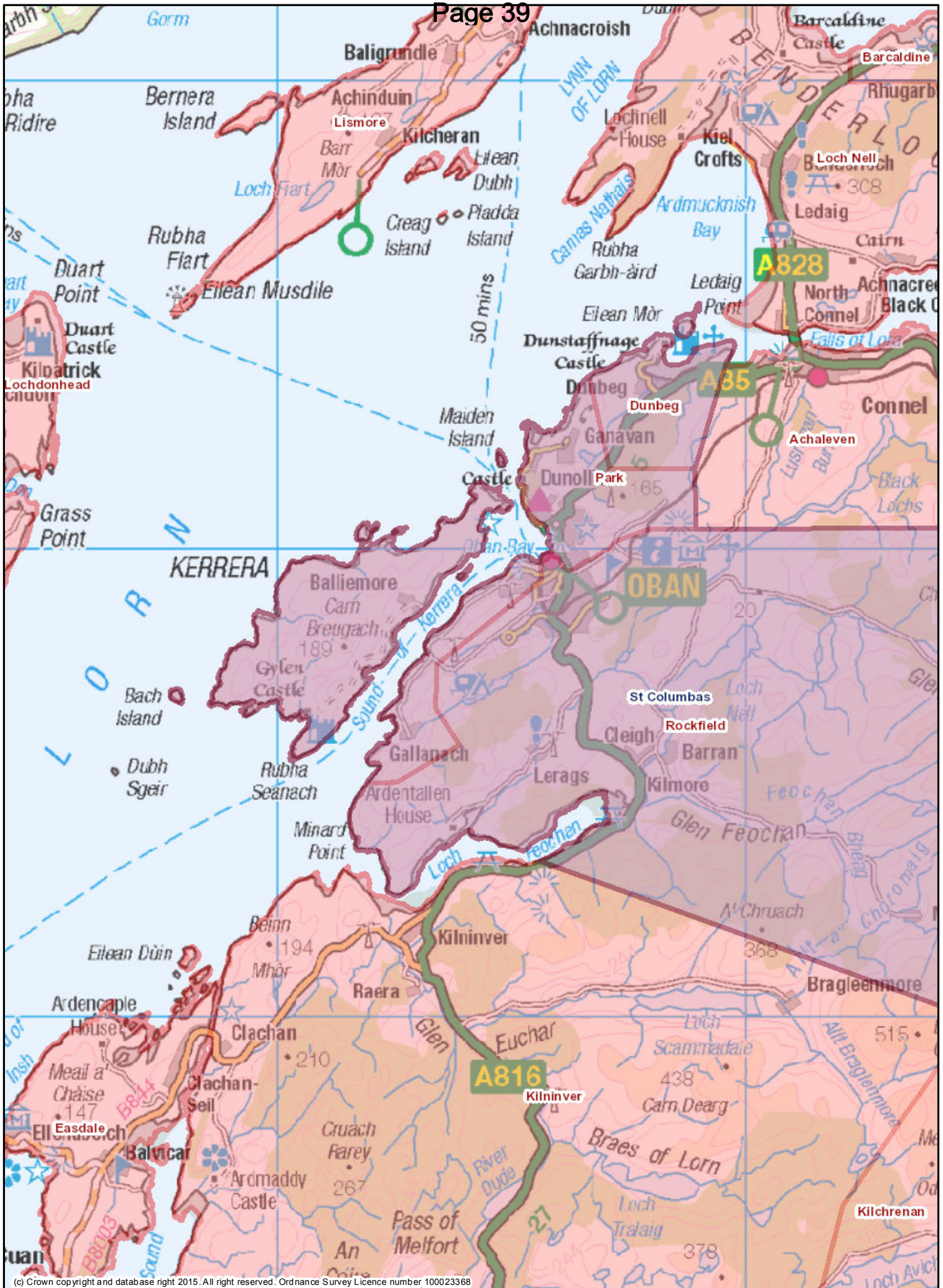
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Appendix 1
Kerrera catchment area

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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**OLI Area Committee****DEVELOPMENT &
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES****20TH OCTOBER 2015**

Kerrera Update

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1** The Island of Kerrera is situated immediately to the west of Oban and is home to some 30 + residents. Access to the Island is by a short ferry journey and the southern section of the island has a short network of tracks that are adopted and maintained as public roads. The island community have been seeking to have a road built linking the north and south of the island. Planning permission is in place for the road but no detailed design has been completed. This report provides an update relating to a survey the council have carried out to assist the island community take forward grant applications once they have been identified.

2.1 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1** It is recommended that Members note the report.

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

OLI Area Committee

**DEVELOPMENT &
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

20TH OCTOBER 2015

Kerrera - Update

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report sets out the position regarding a community led initiative to provide a link road connecting the communities of Kerrera. The council have carried out a topographical survey and provided the information to the community that will assist any future bid application process.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members note this report.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 A Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) report by Transport Scotland was published in June 2013 which identified long term options for ferry service provision to the island of Kerrera.
- 3.2 The STAG report identified that despite the island of Kerrera being served by 3 ferry services residents are concerned that current services do not meet the needs of islanders and are not financially sustainable.
- 3.3 The STAG report recommended that the existing vehicle ferry route is retained with a north-south link road constructed on the island to negate the requirement for 3 separate ferry services. Transport Scotland would be responsible for upgrading the shore infrastructure to enable a non-tidal operation of the ferry service however costs associated with the road infrastructure will not be the responsibility for transport Scotland as this will have to be provided locally.
- 3.4 Various meetings have taken place with residents of the island, council officers and Members. In December 2013 it was noted that there was a willingness to expand the Island population and work towards securing external funding for road infrastructure improvements to drive down costs to the Council. Dunollie Estate have also advised that they would be prepared to allow the ground for the road to be acquired by the community so that they can apply for any grant funding. In addition, any acceptable road material that can be gathered on site to reduce costs associated with construction would be contributed by the Estate.
- 3.5 Residents view the provision of a road as a lifeline link due to concerns regarding existing access for emergency services and medical staff to the island.

- 3.6 Planning Permission is in place for a link road albeit there is limited information to support the permission with the road being indicated by a line on a plan. To assist with the bidding process and to make the bid application more robust council officers arranged for a topographical survey along the route corridor which has been completed and made available to the community group. This will provide the island community more robust information to include in any future bid application.
- 3.7 While the topographical survey has been carried out no funding has been identified to undertake detailed design, legal processes (to confirm the availability of the land and onsite construction materials). These next stages would be required to produce a firm cost estimate. However, the likely cost is estimated to be in excess of £500k. There is also currently no available external funding available to bid for as the Coastal Communities Fund is currently closed to new bids although this may change in 2016.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 This report sets out the position regarding a community lead initiative to provide a link road connecting the communities of Kerrera. It is understood that the community still intend to take forward a grant application to fund a link road. The council has provided a topographical survey which will assist any bid application process. The community need to take the necessary steps in terms of detailed design and cost estimate in advance of any future grant application. Whilst the council would be happy to provide high level advice it does not have funding in place to take forward the design.

5. IMPLICATIONS

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| 5.1 | Policy | None |
| 5.2 | Financial | None directly arising from this report |
| 5.3 | Legal | None |
| 5.4 | HR | None |
| 5.5 | Equalities | None |
| 5.6 | Risk | None known |
| 5.7 | Customer Services | None |

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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

Oban Lorn and the Isles (OLI)
Area Committee

DEVELOPMENT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

20th October, 2015

**OBAN CHORD - OBAN NORTH PIER MARITIME QUARTER - Interim Step Ashore
options for 2015/16 and,**

OBAN CHORD – PUBLIC REALM PHASE 1&2 UPDATE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this paper is ask members to determine which option should be taken forwards for an interim step ashore facility for 2015/16 as part of the North Pier Maritime Quarter.

The report will outline the estimated cost options for delivering the interim 2015/16 step ashore solution as stated at the OLI Business Day of 9th September 2015.

To update on Oban Public Realm Phase1 – Stafford Street and to note that the Phase 2 Public Realm works will commence on the 4th January, 2016

Recommendation that the OLI members:

- Instruct officers to proceed with one of the four proposed options outlined in point 4.1.; and
- Note the contents of this paper.

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

Oban Lorn and the Isles (OLI)
Area Committee

DEVELOPMENT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

14th October, 2015

OBAN CHORD - OBAN NORTH PIER MARITIME QUARTER- Interim Step Ashore options for 2015/16 and, OBAN CHORD – PUBLIC REALM PHASE 1&2 UPDATE

2.0 INTRODUCTION

This report informs OLI members of the options considered for the Oban CHORD 2015/16 Interim Step Ashore Facility. Update on Oban Public Realm Phase1 – Stafford Street works and advises Members of the 4th January 2016 intended start date for Phase 2 Public Realm.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the OLI Members:

- Instruct officers to proceed with one of the four proposed options outlined in point 4.1.
- Note the contents of this paper

4.0 DETAILS

4.1 Interim step ashore options for 2015/16

At the April OLI Area Committee, it was agreed that officers would consider proposals to look at various options to address factors affecting maritime visitors trying to come ashore in Oban. The challenges mainly for cruise agents were access, capacity, and security.

Option 1: A fixed piled landing platform with an attached bridge put in place alongside the North Pier. As reported, at that meeting the timescales to deliver this were extremely tight. In June the council engineers were appointed to explore this option. The estimated cost was found to be circa £400k (including 50% Optimism Bias) but excluding civils.

Option 2: An alternative option also considered was the assembly of a flexible access pontoon/bridge with two landing platform breakwaters at close proximity to the Oban Times Slip, estimated cost £450k excluding civils and VAT.

Given the advancement of time, it is unlikely that either option could be delivered for summer 2016 due to the timeframe required to secure the necessary statutory consents and Marine Scotland licences.

Option 3: At the September OLI Business Day, it was shown that it is possible to enhance the Oban Times Slip within the timescale to deliver a 2015/16 interim solution, by widening the pavement at the entrance to the Oban Times Slip, circa £25 - 30k (including 50% Optimism Bias) and by increasing the width of the Oban Times Slip, thus allowing both the day trippers and the cruise passengers to comfortably utilise the slip at the same time, cost circa £150k, including civils. This would be used for one summer season until the permanent berthing facility opened for business.

During late August and September, various meetings were held on site at the North Pier with industry experts in marine engineering. Several versions of a permanent berthing facility solution were examined and discussed. These discussions informed what would be debated at the workshop on the 24th September. The workshop identified a definitive deliverable scheme to be located on the North side of the North Pier. The selection rationale was based on viable engineering, capital cost, revenue implications for maintenance, and cost and capacity for expansion. The workshop thus provided a further option for Members' consideration, outlined below as option 4.

Option 4: Positive discussions with OBM Ltd over the summer, and an engineering and cost based identification of the North side of the Pier as the appropriate siting of the facility, now allow for a fourth option that can further facilitate the delivery of a permanent berthing facility from summer 2017. As such, Members should consider replicating for the 2016 season the interim solution utilised during the 2015 season, the proposal for which was as set out below. Continuation of this solution for the 2016 season would be cost neutral and would provide a working facility for the period up to provision of the permanent solution.

“ 2015 Solution – Improve the existing Oban Times slipway by removing the central fencing to enable both sides to be used for the safe stepping ashore for cruise passengers arriving on the Queen Mary in May and The World in October, thus doubling capacity and maintain security by using the existing fencing at 90 degrees at the top of the slip. Set up a meet and greet area with a waiting area fenced off and secure on the north pier – The Oban Harbour Master needs one day to adjust the fencing and place the existing meet and greet facility on the North Pier. There is no

need for additional staff resource or a project plan. The full existing process is in place to cover these events. The existing committee are in full contact with the relevant partners and suppliers, and work with Marine Operations at all times. Officers will endeavour to extend this arrangement for other cruise liners arriving this summer.”

To date approximately £3,500 has been spent out of the approved development budget of £45,000.

4.2 Oban Public Realm Phase One – Stafford Street

Work started on site 19th January, 2015 and was completed and opened up to the public on the 9th July 2015. An Official opening event has been organised for the 7th October, 2015. A few snagging works remain outstanding, which we are working with the contractor to close out as soon as possible:

- Bins – awaiting delivery of replacement bins as there are design and capacity issues with the granite bins supplied to site. Delivery expected within the next 3 weeks.
- Coloured Lighting – Specialist lighting sub-contractor to address software issues with LED lighting.
- Planting – planting sub-contractor to rectify planting issues
- Low wall adjacent the Whiskey Shop – awaiting design options for fixed seating adjacent to low wall.

In line with good practice, a Stage 3 Road Safety Audit of Phase One, Stafford Street will shortly be commissioned.

4.2 Oban Public Realm Phase Two

Argyll & Bute Council invited tenders from suitably experience suppliers for construction, completion, testing and commissioning of works as part of Oban Bay Regeneration – Public Realm Works Phase 2 within the Oban CHORD programme. The works will be carried out under the terms and conditions of the NEC3 Engineering and Construction Contract April 2013, using Option A: Priced contract with activity schedule.

Following the tender evaluation period 7th July – 3rd August and a 10 Day standstill period, Land Engineering (Scotland) Ltd were awarded the contract, dated 24th August for the delivery of the Oban Bay Regeneration Public Realm Works Phase 2. The Tender Price is within the budget allocation:

Land Engineering made a presentation to Members on the 21st September, at which a reshcheduled on-site start date of Monday 4th January, 2016 with expected

completion by Summer 2016 was presented. The tender for the contract indicated a start on site in October, however, after the contractor's expert civil engineers considered what the work involved they determined that it would be sensible to start in the New Year.

There are a number of benefits to this approach:

- There will be no disruption during the Royal National Mod or in the lead up to Christmas, traditionally a busy trading time.
- The contractor will not be leaving an excavated site when they go off-site for the Christmas shutdown.
- It is better to carry out the excavation work in January/February as this work is not weather dependent. Had they started in October the site would have been excavated pre-Christmas, with the building work then due to start in January, which could have been adversely affected by the weather.
- The contractor will be on-site continually from the start of the works to completion.

When the work begins the contractor will be aiming to complete the shopfront side of George Street ,and Station Square first, with the seaward side going ahead last.

The work around shopfronts is being planned to minimise disruption, with small sections being completed quickly then handed back to the public, rather than working on large sections of street which would obviously take more time.

The work will also start at the roadside of the footway and work in, meaning access is maintained at all times. Any work directly around shopfronts will be take place outside trading hours, again keeping the disruptive element of the work to an absolute minimum.

Land Engineering will have a site office in the centre of town, exact location to be confirmed, where people can drop in for updates on the project from the dedicated community liaison officer.

Land Engineering will be on site doing some investigation work and pre-planning before Christmas but the work does not officially start until January.

When works start on site, Andrew Collins will email Elected Members, and all stakeholders including Bid4Oban, Community Council etc, at the end of each week, updating on progress along with the the following week's schedule of works. The council will be providing people with regular weekly updates on the website and through the local press.

Over the next couple of weeks, leaflet drops will be issued to all businesses and residents in the works area and on lamp posts, train station etc. etc.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The North Pier Maritime Quarter projects are by their very nature complex and challenging projects to deliver, however, over the last couple of months discussions with stakeholders and suppliers are assisting in their development.

Oban Public Realm Phase1 – works to to complete Stafford Street snagging are ongoing

Oban Public Realm Phase 2 - works to commence on the 4th January, 2016.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 POLICY

The delivery of the CHORD Programme fits with the Council's Corporate Plan, Plan, SOA and approved Local Development Plan policy for town centre regeneration.

6.2 FINANCIAL

The aim is to deliver the above project from the Oban CHORD budget allocation.

6.3 LEGAL

Each of the CHORD projects requires differing levels of legal resources to ensure their timely delivery. Legal resources have been allocated to fit project needs.

6.4 EQUALITY

An Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken for Oban CHORD.

6.5 CUSTOMER SERVICE

None

6.6 RISK

Risk registers have been completed for all projects and are updated on a regular basis.

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October 2015

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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE****DEVELOPMENT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES****20 OCTOBER 2015**

ROADS REVENUE BUDGET - 2015 to 2016 – 1st QUARTER UPDATE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Members of the roads revenue budget position at the end of the 1st Quarter of financial year 2015/16.
- 1.2 This report follows-on from the report presented earlier in the year at the February Area Committee, which provided information on road maintenance revenue activities being delivered in 2014/15.
- 1.3 2015/16 Budget - The overall roads maintenance budget for this financial year, 2015/16 year (excluding winter maintenance and coastal protection budgets) is £3,912,227. The allocated budget for the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area is £1,090,418, of which, £283,572 has been spent at the end of the 1st Quarter – or 26%. This is where we would expect the spend to be at this point in the financial year. The remainder of the budget will be managed over the rest of the financial year.

ROADS REVENUE BUDGET - 2015 to 2016 – 1st QUARTER UPDATE

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 This report follows-on from the report presented earlier in the year at the February Area Committee, which provided information on road maintenance revenue activities being delivered in 2014/15.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That the Committee notes this report.

4.0 DETAILS

4.1 Members were presented with three reports earlier in the 2014 to 2015 financial year which provided information on the roads maintenance revenue budget. This report provides end-of-year financial information on roads maintenance spend for the 2014 to 2015 financial year-end and for the 1st Quarter of the 2015 to 2016 financial year.

4.2 The roads revenue budget has been reduced year-on-year for the last several years. Figures in this report show a reduction from £1,150,200 for the 2014 to 2015 financial year to £1,090,418 for this financial year for the Helensburgh and Lomond Area. The Roads Operations Budget is proposed in line with the Roads Maintenance and Management Strategy and the Roads Maintenance and Asset Management Plan (RAMP). The RAMP identifies the level of works required in the Well Maintained Highways document (national document) that was current in 2004. Whilst funding levels don't allow this level of activity to be delivered, works are prioritised to ensure the safety of the travelling public.

4.3 Roads revenue expenditure is closely monitored by separating types of work into different 'activities'. This report is based solely upon financial information which has been collated through the 'Total' costing system. Budgetary figures provided in the Appendices to this report represent the final year-end for the last financial year and the 1st Quarter spend for the present financial year. Winter maintenance and coastal protection costs have been excluded from this report.

4.4 Appendix 1 shows the overall roads revenue maintenance budget for 2014 to 2015 for each area. The overall roads maintenance budget for the 2014/15 year (excluding winter maintenance and coastal protection) was £4,145,227 as indicated in the table.

- 4.5 Appendix 2 shows spend for all activities in the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area for year 2014 to 2015. It indicates clearly where savings have been made; it also shows which activities we were able to increase our expenditure on. Savings have been made on traffic sign replacements whilst there was an increased expenditure on scrub cutting. Members will note a high expenditure against 'Emergency incidents' last year i.e. a spend of £200,578 against a budget of only £17,000; this relates to costs associated with land slips in both the Lorn mainland and Mull during the autumnal storms of 2014.
- 4.6 Appendix 3 shows the overall roads revenue maintenance budget for 2015 to 2016 for each area. The overall roads maintenance budget for the 2015/16 year (excluding winter maintenance and coastal protection) is £3,912,226 as indicated in the table.
- 4.7 Appendix 4 provides information on percentage spend for Q1 in 2015 to 2016 for each Area. Spend at the end of Q1 was £1,037,925; this equates to 27% of the original budget.
- 4.8 Appendix 5 shows spend for all activities in the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area for the first quarter in year 2015 to 2016. It indicates a spend of £283,572 for the end of Q1, or 26% of the budget of £1,090,418.
- 4.9 Appendix 6 shows what level of service can be provided for each activity, the unit rate (cost) has been estimated for undertaking units of work i.e. a square metre of patching or a metre of ditch cleaned. In this report the budget spent for each activity has been divided by the estimated unit rate for that activity to give the amount of work that would be expected to have been achieved within that budget spend in the Helensburgh and Lomond Area.
- 4.10 Appendix 7 shows graphically how some of the main work activities progressed throughout the 2014 to 2015 year in financial terms. Budget profiles are set for each budget line and are used to manage actual expenditure against available budget. Appropriate action has been taken over the financial year to achieve a level of satisfactory performance, whilst ensuring that we work within the available budget. Graphs show 'target' spend versus 'actual' spend.
- 4.11 Appendix 8 provides information in similar format to Appendix 7 for the 1st Quarter of this financial year – 2015 to 2016.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 This report provides Members with a financial update on the roads revenue maintenance budget for the last financial year 2014 to 2015. It indicates that the roads maintenance revenue budget was overspent by 12% in the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area and 7% overall.
- 5.2 This report also provides Members with a financial update on the roads revenue maintenance budget for the first quarter of the financial year 2015 to 2016. It indicates an average spend of 26% in the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area and 27% overall.
- 5.3 Further quarterly reports will continue to be presented to Members at future Area Committees.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1	Policy	Works assessed and carried out under the current Roads Asset Management and Maintenance Plan.
6.2	Financial	The available Roads revenue budget is below that required in terms of the RAMP.
6.3	Legal	None
6.4	HR	Roads revenue maintenance works are delivered by both Roads Operations and Amenity Operatives.
6.5	Equalities	None
6.6	Risk	Deterioration of road network if budget not spent effectively.
6.7	Customer Services	Maintains service level commitment set out in Service Plan.

Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure

Head of Roads & Amenity Services Jim Smith

28 August 2015

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APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 - 2014/15 - Roads Revenue Budget
- Appendix 3 - 2014/15 - Year-end spend – Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area
- Appendix 4 – 2015/16 - Roads Revenue Budget
- Appendix 5 – 2015/16 - Year-end spend
- Appendix 6 – 2015/16 - Year-end spend – Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area
- Appendix 7 – 2015/16 – Q1 – Estimate of works carried out
- Appendix 8 – 2014/15 – Spend profiles
- Appendix 9 – 2015/16 – Spend profiles

APPENDICES

Roads Revenue Maintenance Budget 2014 to 2015

Activity	Activity Description	Mid Argyll	Kintyre	Islay	MAKI	Lorn	Mull	OLI	Bute	Cowal	B&C	Lomond	Central	Total
0501	Patching	130,000	140,000	60,000	330,000	179,000	88,000	267,000	92,000	205,000	297,000	214,875		1,108,875
0502	Potholing	28,000	26,000	118,000	172,000	172,000	86,000	258,000	26,000	42,000	68,000	55,000		553,000
0701	Bridges				0			0			0		225,000	225,000
0801	Cattle Grids				0			0			0		30,000	30,000
1001	Footways/Kerbs	2,500	2,500	2,500	7,500	4,500	3,000	7,500	22,000	26,000	48,000	29,000		92,000
1401	Drainage/Culverts	9,000	17,000	18,000	44,000	54,000	20,000	74,000	6,000	14,000	20,000	63,000		201,000
1402	Drainage/Ditches	43,000	45,000	66,000	154,000	91,000	58,000	149,000	29,000	69,000	98,000	72,000		473,000
1601	Scrub/Tree Maintenance	12,000	12,000	12,000	36,000	22,000	9,000	31,000	8,000	20,000	28,000	26,000		121,000
1701	Roads Markings/Studs	6,500	14,000	14,000	34,500	19,000		19,000	4,500	28,000	32,500	24,000		110,000
2201	Traffic Signals				0			0			0		30,000	30,000
2301	Traffic Signs	6,000	6,000	6,000	18,000	18,000	23,000	41,000	4,500	9,000	13,500	10,000		82,500
2311	Illuminated Bollards				0			0			0		5,000	5,000
2401	Vehicle Safety Fence	8,500	1,000	1,000	10,500	2,000	1,000	3,000	852	1,500	2,352	1,500		17,352
2411	Street Name Plates	400	400	400	1,200	700	500	1,200		900	900	700		4,000
3201	Emergency Incidents	4,000	4,000	4,000	12,000	12,000	5,000	17,000		9,000	9,000	7,000		45,000
3202	Summer Standby	7,000	7,000	7,000	21,000	7,000	5,000	12,000		13,000	13,000	19,000	13,000	78,000
	Roads	256,900	274,900	308,900	840,700	581,200	298,500	879,700	192,852	437,400	630,252	522,075	303,000	3,175,727
1501	Grass Cutting	23,000	23,000	23,000	69,000	42,000	18,000	60,000	6,500	37,000	43,500	44,000		216,500
1503	Weed Spraying	4,000	4,000	4,000	12,000	14,000	6,000	20,000	8,000	4,000	12,000	20,000		64,000
	Amenity	27,000	27,000	27,000	81,000	56,000	24,000	80,000	14,500	41,000	55,500	64,000	0	280,500
0503	Road Master	82,000	61,000	47,000	190,000	56,000	93,000	149,000	33,000	99,000	132,000	52,000		523,000
1801	Gully Emptying	13,000	13,000	3,500	29,500	38,000	3,500	41,500	9,000	45,000	54,000	41,000		166,000
	Fleet	95,000	74,000	50,500	219,500	94,000	96,500	190,500	42,000	144,000	186,000	93,000	0	689,000
		378,900	375,900	386,400	1,141,200	731,200	419,000	1,150,200	249,352	622,400	871,752	679,075	303,000	4,145,227

Roads Revenue Maintenance Budget 2014 to 2015

Budget and Spend for Q4 – Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area

Activity Description		2014 / 15 Budgets	Spend to date	Budget Remaining	Percentage Budget Spent
0201	Resurfacing				
0301	Anit Skid Treatment				
0501	Patching	£267,000	£214,517	£52,483	80%
0502	Potholing	£258,000	£275,252	-£17,252	107%
0801	Cattle Grids	£0	£7,523	-£7,523	n/a
1001	Footways/Kerbs	£7,500	£6,849	£651	91%
1301	Remedial Earthworks	£0	£462	-£462	n/a
1401	Drainage/Culverts	£74,000	£80,416	-£6,416	109%
1402	Drainage/Ditches	£149,000	£97,285	£51,715	65%
1601	Scrub/Tree Maintenance	£31,000	£78,871	-£47,871	254%
1701	Roads Markings/Studs	£19,000	£34,640	-£15,640	182%
2001	Boundary Fences/Walls	£0	£1,855	-£1,855	n/a
2301	Traffic Signs	£41,000	£5,978	£35,022	15%
2401	Vehicle Safety Fence	£3,000	£0	£3,000	0%
2411	Street Name Plates	£1,200	£0	£1,200	0%
3201	Emergency Incidents	£17,000	£217,578	-£200,578	1280%
3202	Summer Standby	£12,000	£15,225	-£3,225	127%
Roads		£879,700	£1,036,450	-£156,750	118%
1501	Grass Cutting	£60,000	£58,097	£1,903	97%
1503	Weed Spraying	£20,000	£14,741	£5,259	74%
Amenity		£80,000	£72,838	£7,162	91%
0503	Road Master	£149,000	£150,256	-£1,256	101%
1801	Gully Emptying	£41,500	£26,803	£14,697	65%
Fleet		£190,500	£177,059	£13,441	93%
		£1,150,200	£1,286,347	-£136,147	112%

Roads Revenue Maintenance Budget 2015 to 2016

Activity	Activity Description	Mid Argyll	Kintyre	Islay	MAKI	Lorn	Mull	OLI	Bute	Cowal	B&C	Lomond	Central	Total
0501	Patching	80,783	80,782	80,782	242,347	144,874	72,437	217,311	51,109	119,254	170,363	82,567	0	712,588
0502	Potholing	39,788	39,788	39,788	119,364	133,518	66,759	200,277	21,904	51,110	73,014	35,387	0	428,042
0701	Bridges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	212,000	212,000
0801	Cattle Grids	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28,000	28,000
1001	Footways/Kerbs	2,033	2,033	2,033	6,099	4,067	2,033	6,100	3,003	7,007	10,010	14,790	0	36,999
1401	Drainage/Culverts	15,600	15,600	15,600	46,800	46,867	23,433	70,300	14,700	34,300	49,000	58,900	0	225,000
1402	Drainage/Ditches	50,363	50,363	50,363	151,089	100,907	50,453	151,360	25,380	59,220	84,600	70,950	0	457,999
1601	Scrub/Tree Maintenance	2,100	2,100	2,100	6,300	10,867	5,433	16,300	5,349	12,481	17,830	20,570	0	61,000
1701	Roads Markings/Studs	10,400	10,400	10,400	31,200	20,800	10,400	31,200	7,176	16,744	23,920	17,680	0	104,000
2201	Traffic Signals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21,000	21,000
2301	Traffic Signs	6,133	6,133	6,133	18,399	8,933	4,467	13,400	5,382	12,558	17,940	13,260	0	62,999
2311	Illuminated Bollards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,500	4,500
2401	Vehicle Safety Fence	8,333	8,333	8,333	24,999	16,667	8,333	25,000	7,500	17,500	25,000	25,000	0	99,999
2411	Street Name Plates	300	300	300	900	600	300	900	270	630	900	900	0	3,600
3201	Emergency Incidents	30,000	30,000	30,000	90,000	7,000	3,500	10,500	3,150	7,350	10,500	10,500	0	121,500
3202	Summer Standby	3,000	3,000	3,000	9,000	6,000	3,000	9,000	2,700	6,300	9,000	9,000	12,000	48,000
	Roads	248,833	248,832	248,832	746,497	501,100	250,548	751,648	147,623	344,454	492,077	359,504	277,500	2,627,226
1501	Grass Cutting	28,373	28,373	28,373	85,119	49,653	24,827	74,480	15,960	37,240	53,200	53,200	0	266,000
1503	Weed Spraying	3,933	3,933	3,933	11,799	12,193	6,097	18,290	3,363	7,847	11,210	17,700	0	59,000
	Amenity	32,306	32,306	32,306	96,918	61,846	30,924	92,770	19,323	45,087	64,410	70,900	0	325,000
0503	Road Master	64,667	64,667	64,667	194,001	121,333	60,667	182,000	48,750	113,750	162,500	71,500	0	610,000
1801	Gully Emptying	17,667	17,667	17,667	53,001	42,667	21,333	64,000	35,100	81,900	117,000	116,000	0	350,000
	Fleet	82,334	82,334	82,334	247,002	164,000	82,000	246,000	83,850	195,650	279,500	187,500	0	960,000
		363,473	363,472	363,472	1,090,417	726,946	363,472	1,090,418	250,796	585,191	835,987	617,904	277,500	3,912,226
			%age split		30%			30%			23%	17%		

Roads Revenue Maintenance Budget 2015 to 2016

Spend for Q1 – All Areas

	COMBINED AREA BUDGETS *												
	Mid Argyll	Kintyre	Islay	MAKI	Lorn	Mull	OLI	Bute	Cowal	B & C	H & L	**Bridges / Cattle grids etc.	Total
Area Budget	£343,472	£343,471	£343,475	£1,090,418	£726,946	£363,472	£1,090,418	£250,796	£585,191	£835,987	£617,904	£277,500	£3,912,227
Actual Spend - End of Q1	£65,051	£84,712	£165,754	£315,517	£162,452	£121,120	£283,572	£36,392	£166,213	£202,605	£70,183	£166,048	£1,037,925
Remaining Budget	£278,421	£258,759	£177,721	£774,901	£564,494	£242,352	£806,846	£214,404	£418,978	£633,382	£547,721	£111,452	£2,874,302
Percentage Spend	19%	25%	48%	29%	22%	33%	26%	15%	28%	24%	11%	60%	27%

* Combined Area Budgets - See Appendix 4 for list of activities included.

** Remaining 'central budget' - Bridges, cattle grids, traffic signals, summer stand-by and illuminated bollards

Roads Revenue Maintenance Budget 2015 to 2016

Budget and Spend for Q1 – Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area

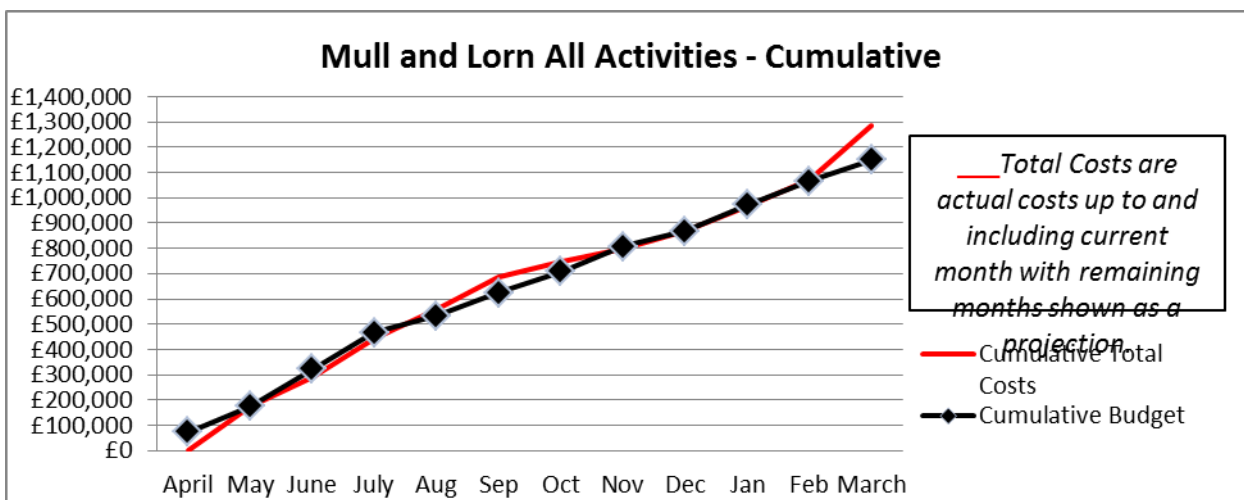
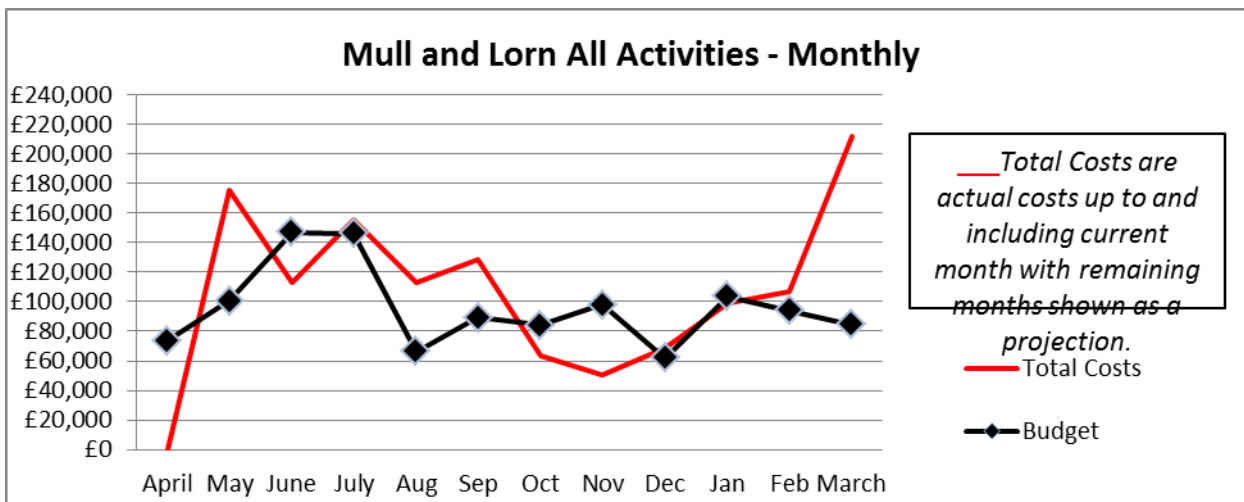
Activity	Activity Description	OLI Area Budget	Spend to date	Budget Remaining	Percentage Budget Spent
0501	Patching	217,311	57,713	159,598	27%
0502	Potholing	200,277	109,511	90,766	55%
0801	Cattle Grids	0	4,805	-4,805	n/a
1001	Footways/Kerbs	6,100	78	6,022	1%
1401	Drainage/Culverts	70,300	10,331	59,969	15%
1402	Drainage/Ditches	151,360	39,387	111,973	26%
1601	Scrub/Tree Maintenance	16,300	10,709	5,591	66%
1701	Roads Markings/Studs	31,200	0	31,200	0%
2201	Traffic Signals	0	451	-451	n/a
2301	Traffic Signs	13,400	1,332	12,068	10%
2401	Vehicle Safety Fence	25,000	0	25,000	0%
2411	Street Name Plates	900	0	900	0%
3201	Emergency Incidents	10,500	1,740	8,760	17%
3202	Summer Standby	9,000	3,751	5,249	42%
	Roads	751,648	239,807	511,841	32%
1501	Grass Cutting	74,480	2,878	71,602	4%
1503	Weed Spraying	18,290	0	18,290	0%
	Amenity	92,770	2,878	89,892	3%
0503	Road Master	182,000	39,966	142,034	22%
1801	Gully Emptying	64,000	921	63,079	1%
	Fleet	246,000	40,886	205,114	17%
		1,090,418	283,572	806,846	26%

Roads Revenue Maintenance Budget – Oban, Lorn and the Isles

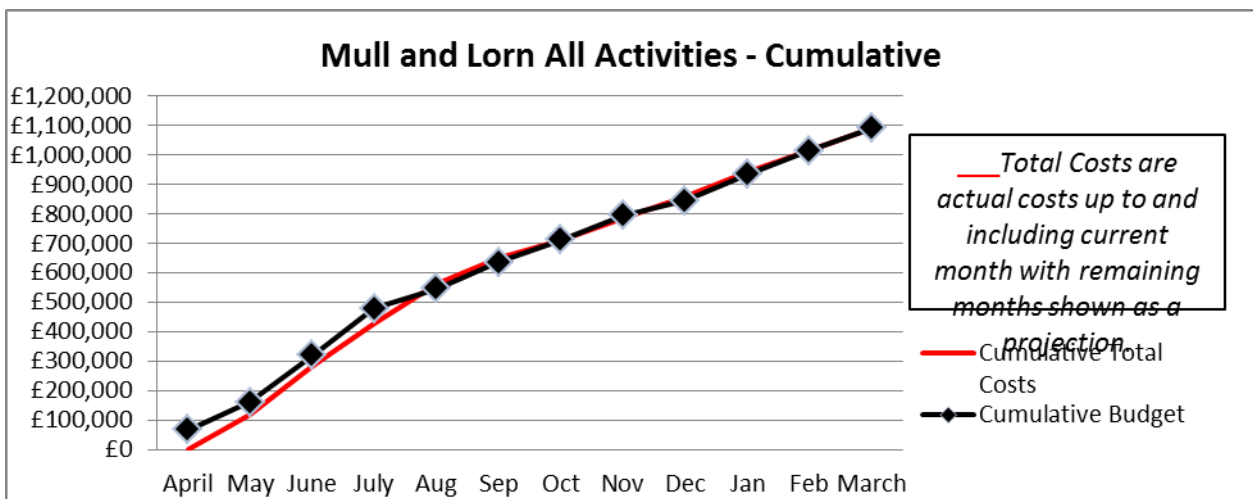
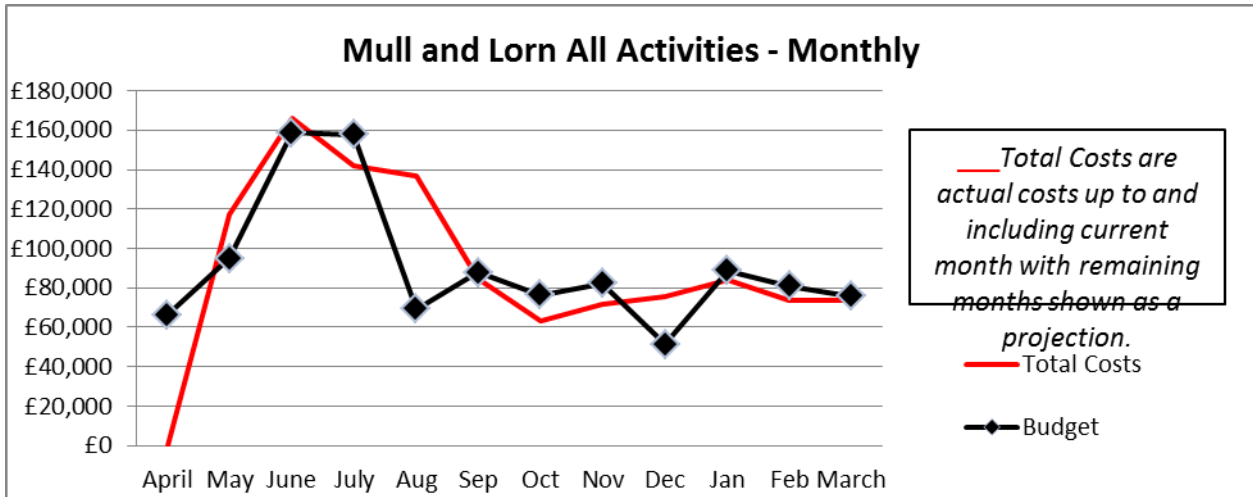
End of 1st Quarter Spend and Estimate of Percentage of Target Achieved 2015 /16

Funding	Activity	Unit	OLI 2015/16					Asset:-
			Spend to Date	Estimated Works Quantity	% of Asset Management Plan achieved	Target Unit Rate	Target Quantity (from Asset Management Plan)	Inventory Quantity
R10	0501 Patching	sq.m	£ 57,713.00	1892.23	5.44%	£ 30.50	34803.65	3,480,365.00
	0502 Potholing	n/a	£ 109,511.00					-
	1001 Footways Resurfacing	sq.m	£ 78.00	4.22	0.38%	£ 18.49	1116.45	67,040.50
	1401 Drainage Culverts	no.	£ 10,331.00	265.24	10.54%	£ 38.95	2515.33	6,621.00
	1402 Drainage Ditches	m	£ 39,387.00	22127.53	12.67%	£ 1.78	174616.14	787,760.55
	1501 Grasscutting	m	£ -	0.00	0.00%	£ 0.03	2767747.97	2,770,000.00
	1503 Weedkilling	sq.m	£ -	0.00	0.00%	£ 0.13	73952.00	126,537.00
	1601 Scrub / Tree Maintenance	n/a	£ 10,709.00					
	2301 Traffic Signs	no.	£ 1,332.00	15.21	5.59%	£ 87.56	272.30	1,561.50
	Totals		£ 229,061.00					

Year End Spend Profile - 2014/15



1st Quarter Spend Profile - 2015/16



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OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES

AREA COMMITTEE

CUSTOMER SERVICES

20th October 2015

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise Members of a request which has been received from the Oban Hospice Board for the Area Committee to appoint two Members of the Area Committee to sit on the Board.

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES

AREA COMMITTEE

CUSTOMER SERVICES

20th October 2015

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Area Committee note that a request has been received from the Oban Hospice Board for the Area Committee to nominate two of its Members to sit on the Board.
- 2.2 That the Area Committee appoint two Members of the Area Committee to sit on the Oban Hospice Board

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 A request has been received from the Oban Hospice Board for the Area Committee to nominate two of its number to sit as members of the Board.
- 3.2 The Area Committee has traditionally supported the principle of having elected Members work as part of the committees and frameworks of local organisations as it is an effective way of ensuring good communication and partnership working between the Area Committee and communities and organisations in the area. Many of the appointments which are made originate in a request directly from a community group for an elected Member to be appointed, as the groups see real benefit in having that strong and effective link directly to the Area Committee. For the elected Members who are appointed to these groups there is an opportunity to work directly and effectively within the groups and organisations, and to ensure that actions and priorities taken forward by them are effectively linked to the broad strategic direction which the Council and the Community Planning Partnership are taking forward.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Two positions on the Oban Hospice Board have been notified to the Area Committee and the Area Committee has been asked to consider making appointments to these positions.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Policy:	In keeping with the Council's commitment to work in partnership with other agencies and organisations
Financial:	Members' expenses in regards travel, etc, to attend meetings
Legal:	None
HR:	None
Equalities:	None
Risk:	None
Customer Service:	None

**Executive Director of Customer Services
24th September 2015**

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TOWN TWINNING

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council policy on town twinning was last reviewed in 2008, at which time it was resolved that the policy in relation to formal links remain unaltered. Following a recent request from Gorey to “rejuvenate” the existing link with Oban members asked that an informal discussion be held to explore the possible economic, social and cultural themes of benefit to both areas. This discussion has now taken place and details of such anticipated benefits are included in this report.

Members are asked to note the submitted information and consider whether the Area Committee should rejuvenate the existing twinning link with Gorey by developing economic, social and cultural themes of benefit to both areas.

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2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the information provided as a result of an informal discussion with Gorey with regard to town twinning and consider whether the Area Committee should agree to rejuvenate the existing twinning links by developing economic, social and cultural themes of benefit to both areas.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 The Council policy on town twinning was last reviewed by the Economy Policy and Performance Group, at the request of the Executive, in March 2008. At that time the PPG resolved that the policy in relation to formal links remain unaltered. They also resolved that if an Area Committee wished to establish any additional informal twinning link, they should do so without any staff or financial resource from the Council. Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee noted this recommendation in April 2008.
- 3.2 The formal links which are in place for Oban Lorn and the Isles are with Gorey, and also with Laurinburg in the United States, though the Laurinburg link is principally between Oban High School and the education authority in America.
- 3.3 The Council currently has a small revenue account for twinning activities which consists of approximately £5000. The agreed practice has been that £2500 is retained centrally and accessed to support the most active twinning link between Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee and Amberg Sulzbach and that the remaining £2500 be divided equally between the other 3 Area Committees.
- 3.4 Members will recall that in 2014 a request was made for a potential twinning visit to be made to Oban by Gorey Town Council in May as there were imminent changes about to take place in local government in Ireland, and the Gorey Town Council would cease to exist with effect 2nd

June 2014. Although the members of the Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Committee agreed to such a visit other pressures meant that it did not in fact go ahead. At the June 2015 Area Committee members considered a request from Gorey requesting that dialogue be undertaken with a view to rejuvenating the existing twinning link between the two areas and placing the arrangements on a sound basis for the future. The Area Committee agreed that informal dialogue should take place by a video conference link to explore this possibility.

3.5 The suggested VC meeting took place on Tuesday 15th September, and was attended by Cllrs Robertson and MacLean. The technology supporting the meeting generally worked quite well, though there were instances of loss of audio connection at times. A significant number of Gorey councillors attended the meeting, and all displayed a significant level of enthusiasm for continuing with the existing twinning link with Oban, Lorn and the Isles.

3.6 Particular opportunities which were raised included:

i) Potential benefits for Gorey- the opportunity to learn from OLI's tourism best practise and focus, and keen to link into/develop shellfish industry, significant learning opportunities from links with SAMS

ii) Potential benefits for OLI- lessons in regards to Gorey's significant population growth and from their focus on inward investment by new technology industries. The timing for this could be very positive given infrastructure improvement in the OLI area and considering how OLI attracts high tech industries to take up the opportunities provided by TIF.

iii) Commonality/joint project- business development and regeneration, can a project be put together which gives opportunity for the infrastructure investment that OLI is making through CHORD/TIF to be linked/enhanced by Gorey's success in attracting inward investment from high tech industries, and for Gorey, how do they develop their infrastructure as successfully as OLI is doing to enhance the offer made to the high tech industries locating there? There could be a possibility of a joint project being developed, building on both sets of experiences/challenges being able to be worked up and potentially funded. The work and practises of the Gorey Chamber of Commerce and BID4OBAN could be built into this to enhance the partnership basis of taking this forward.

iv) Underpinning this would be the background of Culture/Heritage/education links, some of which are already in place but in need of rejuvenation.

v) This work could be progressed on the basis potentially of setting up E bulletins/blogs/shared websites, and maybe generic email addresses for specific projects but also more generic links between the communities, and possibly an information sharing hub. Regularity of discussions by Video Conference could be put in place and the possibility of perhaps bi annual visits between the 2 communities could be explored.

3.7 Members are reminded of the budget position in regards to sustaining

existing twinning links (currently £833 per annum) in considering the possibility of further developing the existing twinning link with Gorey.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Following informal dialogue held with Gorey a number of potential economic, social and cultural projects which could be of benefit to both communities have been identified. Members are invited to note this information and to consider whether the Area Committee should agree to rejuvenate the existing twinning links with Gorey in light of this detail.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Policy:	Consistent with the Council's policy on twinning
Financial:	Links with Gorey can be provided within available budget , there is no budget provision for new links
Legal:	None
HR:	None
Equalities:	None
Risk:	None
Customer Service:	None

Executive Director of Customer Services

7th October 2015

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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

**Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area
Committee**

Customer Services

20 October 2015

Holocaust Memorial Day

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out information on Holocaust Memorial Day which is held on 27 January each year and asks that Members of the Area Committee provide support to any events which are taking place in the local area.

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

**Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area
Committee**

Customer Services

**** October 2015**

Holocaust Memorial Day

2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 A request has been received by the Council from the organisers of Holocaust Memorial Day asking that consideration is given to organising an activity for the day on 27 January 2016. This report sets out information on Holocaust Memorial Day.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Area Committee agrees:-

- (1) to note that Holocaust Memorial Day will take place on 27 January 2016; and
- (2) that Members offer their support for events which are taking place in the local area where appropriate, and promote the opportunity for communities to participate in the commemoration.

4.0 DETAIL

4.1 Holocaust Memorial Day takes place on 27 January each year, and is an opportunity for everyone to learn the lessons of the past; challenge ourselves to work to end discrimination and racism; and pledge to help create a safer, better future. In 2015 over 3,600 activities took place across the UK.

4.2 A request has been received by the Council from the organisers of the Day asking that consideration be given to organising an activity to commemorate the day on 27 January 2016. Similar requests have been received in the past, for example the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and The Big Lunch, in both of these cases Members agreed that the events would be promoted in their communities and support would be offered if appropriate.

4.3 It should be noted that a number of schools in Council area participate annually in commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day as part of their PSE curriculum. Any further information provided by the organisers of the Day will be circulated

to relevant services to allow for appropriate support to be provided.

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 This report sets out proposals to support Holocaust Memorial Day which is taking place on 27 January 2016.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Policy	None
6.2 Financial	None
6.3 Legal	None
6.4 HR	None
6.5 Equalities	None
6.6 Risk	None
6.7 Customer Service	None

Executive Director of Customer Services
Policy Lead Councillor Robin Currie
16 September 2015

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APPENDICES

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