

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE held in the
CORRAN HALLS, OBAN
on WEDNESDAY, 12 APRIL 2017**

Present: Councillor Roddy McCuish (Chair)

Councillor Elaine Robertson	Councillor Neil MacIntyre
Councillor Alistair MacDougall	Councillor Julie McKenzie
Councillor Mary-Jean Devon	Councillor Kieron Green
Councillor Iain MacLean	

Attending: David Logan, Special Projects and Quality Improvement Manager
Graeme Forrester, Area Committee Manager
Kevin McIntosh, Contracts Manager
Shaun Davidson, A&B Health and Social Care Partnership
Laura Macdonald, Community Development Officer
John Macpherson, Education Officer
Alison MacKenzie, Principal Officer - Early Years
Murray Hamilton, Principal Teacher of Health and Wellbeing
Ailsa Close, Finance Director, Argyll College

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Elaine Robertson declared a non-financial interest in relation to the Supporting Communities Fund Application for Dunollie Projects Ltd., which is dealt with at item 13(Ref. No. 12) of this Minute, because her spouse is Factor for Dunollie Estate.

3. MINUTES

(a) Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee - 8th February 2017

The minute of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee held on 8th February 2017 was approved as a correct record.

(b) Oban Common Good Fund - 10th February 2017 (for noting)

The Minute of the Oban Common Good Fund held on 10th February 2017 was noted.

(c) Special Oban Common Good Fund - 10th March 2017 (for noting)

The Minute of the Special Oban Common Good Fund held on 10th March 2017 was noted.

(d) **Special Common Good Fund - 20th March 2017**

The Minute of the Special Oban Common Good Fund held on 20th March 2017 was noted.

4. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Mr Leady queried whether there had been progress made regarding the Back Road at Connel which he had previously raised. The Area Committee Manager advised that this matter would be passed to the Head of Roads and Amenity Services.

Grant Nicholson questioned if a new school would be built at Dunbeg in advance of any housing development. The Chair advised that this matter had been raised with the Head of Education by the parent council.

Allan McKie questioned the provision of care in the community, stating that seven employees had recently resigned from a local care service provider. The Chair advised that he expected the matter would be taken forward by the members of the Committee who also serve on the Health and Social Care Partnership.

Duncan Martin queried the timeline for implementation of traffic orders. The Chair advised that the Council had recently reviewed parking provision in the area and that statutory elements of the process provide set periods for notice and representation.

Neil MacKay queried arrangements for appointments to the Council's Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee, noting that three members from Ward 4 sit on this Committee.

Councillor Devon raised questions regarding benches and dropped kerbs in the area recently re-developed as part of the Council's CHORD investment, and powers to remove abandoned cars, and received expressions of support from members for Friends of Calgary Bay who aim to install a fence to protect machair at the Bay.

Councillor MacLean queried fencing in Glenschellach where developments are ongoing, and the provision of flowers in planters within the CHORD area. The Chair advised that the fencing will be raised with the Council's Biodiversity Officer, and that he has raised the planters with the Council's Amenity Services.

5. ARGYLL COLLEGE

Ailsa Close made a presentation setting out the work undertaken by Argyll College locally and across the area, and the planned further developments of the College, in addition to the submitted document contained within the agenda pack.

Decision

The Committee noted the information provided and thanked Ailsa for attending.

(Ref: Presentation by Ailsa Close, Argyll College, dated 12th April 2017, submitted).

Councillor MacIntyre left the meeting.

6. AREA SCORECARD

Graeme Forrester, Area Committee Manager, spoke to a scorecard report submitted by the Council's Improvement and Human Resources department.

Decision

The Committee noted the performance presented on the scorecard.

(Ref: Report by Improvement and Organisational Development Programme Manager (Planning and Performance Management), dated 12th April 2017, submitted).

7. SPORTS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

The Principal Teacher of Health and Wellbeing advised the Committee of the possible opportunity of attracting sporting grants for the area initially from the Scottish Rugby Union.

Decision

The Committee noted the information provided.

(Ref: Verbal update by Principal Teacher of Health and Wellbeing, dated 12th April 2017, submitted).

Councillor MacIntyre returned to the meeting.

8. PRIMARY SCHOOLS REPORT

The Committee considered a report setting the work of primary schools in the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area in academic year 2016-17, with particular focus on newly introduced measures of achievement, information on grants and free school meals, and early years provision.

Decision

The Committee noted the content of the report.

(Ref: Report by Education Officer, dated 12th April 2017, submitted).

9. NEW SCHOOLS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT - OBAN HIGH SCHOOL

The Committee considered report advising of progress on the Council's Schools Redevelopment Project in partnership with hubNorth Scotland Ltd. to build a new secondary school in Oban, and advising of award nominations for the project.

Decision

The Committee noted the content of the report.

(Ref: Report by Special Projects and Quality Improvement Manager, dated 12 April 2017, submitted).

10. ROADS REVENUE BUDGET AND ROADS ACTIVITIES 2016/17 - 3RD QUARTER UPDATE

The Committee considered a report from the Contracts Manager, providing information on the road maintenance revenue budget and activities being delivered.

Decision

The Committee noted the report.

(Ref: Report by Contracts Manager dated 12 April 2017, submitted).

11. STREET CLEANING

The Committee considered a briefing note from the Head of Roads and Amenity Services confirming the operational arrangements in place for street cleansing in Oban, stating the staffing arrangements in place and that a mechanical sweeper lost in the fire at the Mill Park Depot remains to be replaced, with members noting that if the existing provision cannot meet requirements, alternative and innovative arrangements should be considered.

(Ref: Briefing Note by Head of Roads and Amenity Services dated 12 April 2017, submitted).

12. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

The Committee received a report setting out Partnership scorecard information, and verbal updates of figures included. The A&B Health and Social Care Partnership officer advised that successes of the staff involved with the Partnership should be recognised while considering performance of the Partnership.

Decision

The Committee noted the report.

(Ref: Report by A&B Health and Social Care Partnership dated 12 April 2017, submitted).

13. ABC SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FUND

Councillor Robertson, having declared a non-financial interest in Dunollie Projects Ltd, left the meeting and took no part in the discussion of this organisation.

The Committee gave consideration to a report which detailed recommendations for the award of the Supporting Communities Fund (previously Third Sector Grants) to Third Sector organisations in the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area.

Decision

Members agreed to award the grants as undernoted:-

Ref No	Organisation	Amount Requested	Grant
1	1 st Oban Boys Brigade	£1,460	£750
2	Appin Community Development Trust	£2,800	£2,550
3	Argyll & Bute Youth Forum	£694	£0
4	Argyll Riding for the Disabled Driving Group	£1,950	£1,000
5	Aros Hall	£4,000	£3,100
6	Bridge of Orchy Village Hall	£3,045	£0
7	Clan MacLean Association	£3,272	£3,100
8	Coisir Ceann an Tuirc (Argyll Male Voice Gaelic Choir)	£400	£0
9	Coisir Gaidhlig Taigh an Uillt (Taynuilt Gaelic Choir)	£280	£0
10	Curam Thiriodh Ltd	£4,000	£1,000
11	Developing Potential – Oban Link Club	£3,260	£0
12	Dunollie Projects Limited	£2,233	£2,000
13	Feis na h-Apainne	£3,000	£1,500
14	GalGael Trust	£4,000	£0
15	Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival	£2,000	£1,000
16	Hope Kitchen	£4,000	£0
17	Isle of Kerrera Community Trust	£4,000	£3,600
18	Lorn and Oban Healthy Options	£3,392	£3,050
19	Luing Community Trust	£4,000	£2,000
20	Mull Safe and Sound	£500	£500
21	Newstart Oban	£500	£250
22	Oban Lorne RFC	£1,000	£1,000
23	Oban Youth Cafe	£700	£700
24	Salen SWRI	£300	£150
25	Tiree Piping Society	£2,488.50	£2,250

(Ref: Report by Community Development Officer dated 12 April 2017, submitted).

14. PUBLIC TELEPHONE KIOSK - APPLICATION FROM COMMUNITY HEARTBEAT TRUST

The Committee considered a report setting out details of a request to BT by the Community Heartbeat Trust to adopt the telephone kiosk at the Old Post Office, Tioran, Isle of Mull.

Decision

The Committee agreed the recommendation in the report.

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public for the following items 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.

E1 15. SNACK BAR SITE - FIONNPHORT

The Committee considered a report from the Property Services Manager.

Decision

The Committee agreed the recommendation at paragraph 3.1.1. of the report.