

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE held in the  
CORRAN HALLS, OBAN  
on WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2018**

**Present:** Councillor Elaine Robertson (Chair)  
Councillor Kieron Green Councillor Roderick McCuish  
Councillor Andrew Vennard

**Attending:** Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager  
Stuart McLean, Area Committee Manager  
Laura MacDonald, Community Development Officer  
Inspector Mark Stephen, Police Scotland  
Mike Casey, Schools Redevelopment Project Manager  
Adrian Jackson-Stark, Lorn Arc Regeneration Project Manager  
Kirsteen MacDonald, Regeneration Project Manager

The Chair of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee introduced the new Area Committee Manager Stuart McLean and the Senior Area Committee Assistant Andrea Moir who will be providing Governance support to the Committee going forward.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated by:  
Councillor Mary-Jean Devon  
Councillor Jamie McGrigor  
Councillor Jim Lynch

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Robertson declared a non-financial interest at item 7. Supporting Communities Fund (project 7 Crossroads North Argyll in respect of recommendations 2.1,2.2 and 2.3 and recommendation 2.4) due to her involvement with Crossroads North Argyll and her husband's involvement in the Dunollie Trust.

**3. MINUTES**

**(a) Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee - 13th December 2017**

The minute of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee held on 13th December 2017 was approved as a correct record subject to one change at page 2 paragraph 3 of the minute 'Iona to Kerrera'.

**(b) Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Planning Group - 14th February 2018 (for noting)**

The minute of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Planning Group held on the 14th February 2018 was noted.

(c) **Oban Common Good Fund Meeting held on the 2nd March 2018 (for noting)**

The minute of the Oban Common Good Fund held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 was noted.

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mrs Anderson addressed the Committee with concerns over what she felt was discrimination against Catholic education due to 4 pupils no longer being provided with appropriate school transport to St Columba's primary school.

The Committee discussed the current catchment area and the immediate issue affecting the 4 primary 7 children and requested that a letter be drafted highlighting the concerns by the local community with endorsement by the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee.

The Area Governance Manager informed the Committee that the children had no statutory entitlement to transport but officers had investigated what options were available to accommodate the children but a resolution had not been found.

It was noted that Mrs Anderson would be attending the Community Services Committee due to be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and would raise the issue with the Committee.

Mr Leddie informed the Area Committee that the back road at Connel had been resurfaced but the culvert on the left hand side is blocked and requested that this be cleaned out.

**5. POLICE SCOTLAND**

Inspector Mark Stephen provided the Committee with a verbal update which included general information on crime rates, anti-social behaviour and ways in which Police Scotland were tackling it including follow up calls to victims of crimes – Inspector Stephen informed the Committee that they are receiving positive feedback when re-contacting victims of crimes.

Inspector Stephen also updated the Committee on the ongoing progression of the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers and the work being undertaken by the Youth Engagement Officer in the Oban area, as well as the ongoing work to influence driver behaviour. A new driver intervention scheme had been introduced to provide drivers aged 17-25 with additional support and guidance to help them stay safe on the road.

**Decision**

The Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the verbal update
2. Noted the importance of joint inter agency working and;
3. Thanked Inspector Stephen for attending the Area Committee.

(Ref: Verbal update by Police Scotland representative date 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018, submitted)

## **6. REFUSE AND RECYCLING SOROBA**

The Committee considered a report on the current issues surrounding refuse and recycling collections in Soroba and how this can be resolved by identifying space for additional bins to be stored.

### **Decision**

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Head of Roads and Amenity Services dated 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018, submitted)

## **7. SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FUND**

The Committee gave consideration to a report recommending the projects that are to be put forward for a public vote for the award of the Supporting Communities Fund in Oban, Lorn and the Isles for 2018/2019.

The Committee agreed to consider all organisations at table 1 with the exception of project 7. Cross Roads North Argyll in respect of recommendations 2.1 to 2.3.

### **Decision**

The Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the report and;
2. Agreed the recommendations at 2.1 to 2.3 of the submitted report.

Councillor Robertson having declared a non-financial interest at project 7. and recommendation 2.4 of the submitted report left the room and took no part in the conversation.

Councillor McCuish took the chair for the remainder of this item.

### **Decision**

The Committee:

1. Agreed project 7 Crossroads North Argyll in respect of recommendations 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 and;
2. Agreed the recommendation at 2.4 of the submitted report.

(Ref: Report by Community Planning Manager, dated 14 March 2018, submitted.)

Councillor Robertson resumed the Chair.

The Chair ruled and the Committee agreed to take agenda items 12. Lorn Arc Update and 13. Oban Chord – North Pier – Maritime Visitor Facility naming proposal out of sequence to facilitate officer attendance. These items were therefore taken after item 7. Supporting Communities Fund of the agenda.

## **12. LORN ARC UPDATE**

The Committee considered an update report regarding the two projects in construction phase within the Lorn Arc programme. These projects are the North Pier in Oban and Kirk Road upgrade in Dunbeg.

**Decision**

The Committee considered and noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation dated 14 March 2018, submitted)

**13. OBAN CHORD - NORTH PIER - MARITIME VISITOR FACILITY NAMING PROPOSAL**

The Committee considered a report which outlined proposed names for the new Maritime Visitor Facility located on the North Pier and the rationale for selecting what is considered by officers the best option following consultation with partner Oban Bay authorities and internal users.

Mutual thanks for the OLI Area Committee Members and the Oban CHORD Project Manager was noted.

**Decision**

The Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the report and;
2. Agreed the recommendation at 3.1 of the submitted report.

(Ref: Report by Oban CHORD Project Manager dated 14 March 2018, submitted)

**8. NEW SCHOOLS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

A report providing the Committee with an update on the Council's Schools Redevelopment Project in partnership with hubNorth Scotland Ltd (hubNorth) to build a new secondary school in Oban was considered.

The Schools Redevelopment Project Manager also took the Committee through a presentation highlighting progress to date of the project through a series of photographs.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

1. Noted the contents of the report.
2. Noted the contents of the presentation.
3. Thanked Mr Casey and his team for all their hard work in delivering the project and wished him a happy retirement.

(Ref: Report and presentation by Schools Redevelopment Project Manager dated 14 March 2018, submitted)

**9. PERFORMANCE REVIEW – AREA SCORECARD**

The Committee considered the Area Scorecard for financial quarter 3 of 2017-2018.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

1. Noted the performance presented on the scorecard.
2. Agreed that option 1 Scorecard would be presented at Area Committee meetings.
3. Agreed that option 1 would be used when accessing Pyramid and;

4. Noted that work was ongoing and to respond to the Performance Management and Improvement Officer with requests or comments regarding the layout and format of the Report and Scorecard.

(Ref: Report by Performance and Improvement Officer dated 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018, submitted).

Councillor's Robertson and Green declared a non-financial interest at item 10. Civic Furniture due to them being Trustees of the Oban Common Good Fund which is cited as a beneficiary in the report.

They remained in the room for the duration of the item but Councillor McCuish took the Chair.

## **10. CIVIC FURNITURE**

The Committee considered a report to determine the future of excess civic furniture items that had been identified and the protocol which had been agreed for dealing with such items.

### **Decision**

The Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the report and;
2. Agreed the recommendations at 3.1 of the submitted report.

(Ref: Report by Area Committee Manager dated 14 March 2018, submitted)

Councillor Robertson resumed the Chair.

## **11. OLI AREA COMMITTEE DATES 2018/19**

The Committee considered a report which outlines scheduled meetings in the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area from August 2018 to July 2019.

### **Decision**

The Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the report and;
2. Agreed the recommendation at 2.1 of the submitted report.

(Ref: Report by Area Committee Manager dated 14 March 2018, submitted)

## **14. WORKPLAN**

The Committee considered the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Workplan for March.

### **Decision**

The Committee noted the Oban Lorn and the Isles Workplan.

(Ref: Oban, Lorn and the Isles Workplan dated 14 March 2018, submitted).