

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN COMMON GOOD FUND held in the LORN HOUSE, OBAN
on WEDNESDAY, 5 JUNE 2019**

Present: Councillor Elaine Robertson (Chair)
Councillor Kieron Green Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor
Councillor Jim Lynch

Attending: Melissa Stewart, Area Governance Officer
Marri Malloy, Chair of Oban Community Council
Linda Battison, Oban Lorn Tourism Alliance (Item 4 only)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted from Dugald Cameron.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Elaine Robertson declared a non-financial interest in Oban and Lorn Tourism Alliance, item 4 of agenda, due to her ongoing involvement with the Group. She left the room after hearing from Linda Battison about the application, and took no part in the discussion or in the decision making.

Councillor Jamie McGrigor declared a non-financial interest in the Argyllshire Gathering, item 9(b) of the agenda, due to his ongoing involvement with the Group. He left the room during the discussion and took no part in the decision making.

Councillor Jim Lynch declared a non-financial interest in Oban FM, item 9(f) of the agenda, as a Director of the organisation. He left the room during the discussion and took no part in the decision making.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Oban Common Good Fund held on 26th March 2019 were approved as a correct record.

E1 4. CONTINUED APPLICATION - OBAN LORN TOURISM ALLIANCE

Linda Battison of Oban Lorn Tourism Alliance attended to provide additional information in support of the application presented at the March Meeting at the request of the Trustees.

Having declared a non-financial interest Councillor Robertson left the room duration discussion on the merits of the application and Councillor McGrigor took the Chair.

The Trustees resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the press and public for the following 14 items of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 respectively of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

Decision

The Trustees agreed to award up to £2500 subject to match funding being obtained.

Councillor Robertson returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

E1 5. ACTUAL INCOME EXPENDITURE REPORT

A financial statement detailing the current position Oban Common Good Fund was presented in order for the Trustees to set their budget for the coming year.

Decision

The Trustees agreed to set a budget of £47,000 in respect of financial year 2019/20.

(Ref: Financial Statement by David McGregor, Simmers & Co dated 5th June 2019, submitted).

E1 6. DRAFT ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Trustees considered a report on the annual accounts, provided by Simmers & Co.

Decision

The accounts were noted and it was agreed that the list of Trustees required to be updated.

E1 7. UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Area Governance Officer providing the Trustees with verbal updates regarding the applications for L Smith, E Grant (Taynuilt Drumming), Phoenix Cinema, Bid 4Oban, Grab Trust, Police Youth Volunteers, Highlands and Islands Music and Dance and Oban and District Guides.

Decision

The Trustees noted the update provided.

(Ref: Report by Area Governance Officer dated 5th June 2019, submitted)

8. END OF PROJECT MONITORING

(a) Oban Gaelic Choir

The Trustees noted the end of project report.

(b) Roses Charitable Trust

The Trustees noted the end of project report.

E1 **9. NEW APPLICATION SUMMARY**

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

E1 **10. ARGYLL AND BUTE FAMILY MEDIATION**

The Trustees considered the application from the Argyll and Bute Family Mediation.

Decision

The Trustees agreed to award £1300 to Argyll and Bute Family Mediation covering the cost of Staff Hours to deliver training and for preparation and printing of training material and course work.

Having declared a non-financial interest Councillor McGrigor left the room for the duration of the following item.

E1 **11. ARGYLLSHIRE GATHERING**

The Trustees considered the application from the Argyllshire Gathering.

Decision

The Trustees agreed to delegate authority to the Area Governance Officer, in consultation with the Chair, to release up to £4000 subject to:

- (a) Production of the constitution and latest approved/audited accounts;
- (b) Receipt of confirmation of the total project costs; and
- (c) Clarification of other funding applications made

Councillor McGrigor returned to meeting.

E1 **12. CAMANACHD ASSOCIATION**

The Trustees considered the application from the Camanachd Association.

Decision

As the Camanachd Association had received a material award from the Oban Common Good Fund in 2018, the Trustees agreed to continue consideration of the application to the Development Day on 12th June 2019, in order to allow the Camanachd Association to submit their constitution and latest annual audited/approved accounts and to provide details of any extenuating circumstances in support of the application.

E1 **13. GLENCRUITTEN CATHEDRAL OF TREES**

The Trustees considered the application from Glencruitten Cathedral of Trees.

Decision

The Trustees agreed to award the £3000 to Cathedral of Trees to set up a Community Hub Workshop and Store.

E1 14. OBAN BOWLING CLUB

The Trustees considered the application from Oban Bowling Club.

Decision

The Trustees agreed to award £1500 to the Oban Bowling Club to promote 150th Anniversary of Club events.

Councillor Jim Lynch left the meeting for the duration of the following item.

E1 15. OBAN FM

The Trustees considered the application from Oban FM.

Decision

The Trustees agreed to fund the purchase of a new Public Address System for £4779.75 and requested that the Area Governance Officer explore legal options to ensure that the equipment could be returned to the community, if necessary, and that this arrangement be delegated to the Area Governance Officer, in consultation with the Chair to implement or otherwise to come back to Trustees for further consideration.

Councillor Lynch returned to the meeting.

E1 16. OBAN GAELIC CHOIR

The Trustees considered the application from Oban Gaelic Choir.

Decision

The Trustees agreed to award £800 towards the cost of the return transport from Oban to Edinburgh.

E1 17. OBAN WINTER FESTIVAL

The Trustees considered the application from Oban Winter Festival.

Decision

The Trustees agreed to award up to £4,000 in match funding to the Oban Winter Festival to purchase a marquee, lights, and costumes at the Winter Woods Event, to be released upon confirmation of exact costs and on submission of the latest approved/audited accounts.

E1 **18. OBAN VIKINGS**

The Trustees considered the application from Oban Vikings.

Decision

The Trustees agreed to award £3600 to the Oban Vikings to purchase team uniforms, shoulder pads and helmets, plus promotion for the new American Football Team, with the condition that the Oban Common Good Logo appears on the uniforms/helmets.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the Oban Common Good Fund will be held on Tuesday 20th August 2019 at 10am in Room 2 Municipal Buildings, Oban.