

MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE held in the MCCAIG SUITE, CORRAN HALLS, OBAN on WEDNESDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2019

Present: Councillor Elaine Robertson (Chair)

Councillor Mary-Jean Devon
Councillor Kieron Green
Councillor Jim Lynch

Councillor Julie McKenzie
Councillor Andrew Vennard

Attending: Jim Smith, Head of Roads and Amenity Services
Jennifer McGhee, Head Teacher – Tobermory High School
Lauren McElroy, Health and Social Care Partnership
Matt Mulderrig, Development Policy and Housing Strategy Manager
Stuart McLean, Committee Manager

The Chair ruled, and the Committee agreed, to a variation in the order of business. The minute reflects the order in which items were discussed.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Roderick McCuish and Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTES

(a) Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee 11 September 2019

The minutes of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee as held on Wednesday 11 September 2019 were approved as a correct record.

(b) Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group 13 November 2019

The minutes of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group as held on Wednesday 13 November 2019 were noted.

4. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

Question from Neil MacKay

Mr Mackay asked why there had been three local Councillors attending the recent stakeholder meetings to discuss the future of Mossfield Stadium?

Response from the Committee

Councillor Robertson stated that she and Councillor Lynch had attended purely as observers and Councillor McCuish attended in his capacity as a representative of the McAulay Cup Association.

Question from Neil MacKay

Mr Mackay asked that following the recent achievements of Robert MacIntyre as European Rookie of the Year in the PGA and the Oban Gaelic Choir on winning the Lovat and Tullibardine Shield would the Area Committee consider reinstating the Cultural and Sporting Award in recognition of these local outstanding accomplishments?

Response from the Committee

The Committee agreed that this was worth exploring as there is a wealth of talent across Oban, Lorn and the Isles, that is not always brought to the attention of the Area Committee.

Councillor McKenzie mentioned that two local police officers, Shaun Conway and Scott Deakin, had also received the Scottish Police Bravery Award, following their actions at a dangerous and threatening incident. Councillor McKenzie suggested that the Chair, on behalf of the Area Committee, should write to these officers to commend them on this award.

5. AREA SCORECARD FQ2 2019/20

The Committee gave consideration to a paper presenting the Area Report and Scorecard for Financial Quarter 2 of 2019-2020 (July 2019 – September 2019) which illustrated the agreed performance measures.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee agreed;

1. to note the performance presented on the Scorecard and supporting commentary;
2. they would welcome the detailed Car Parking information be included in future Area Committee Performance Reports;
3. that upon receipt of the Quarterly Performance Report the Area Committee contact either the Responsible Named Officer or Sonya Thomas with any queries; and
4. to note that work was ongoing and to respond to Sonya Thomas with requests or comments regarding the layout and format of the Report and Scorecard.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Customer Support Services, dated 11 December 2019, submitted)

6. SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORTS

(a) Tobermory High School

The Head Teacher of Tobermory High School took the Committee through a progress update report on the schools achievements for the 2019 session.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee agreed to note the contents of the report and commend the outstanding efforts of the teaching staff and pupils.

(Reference: Report submitted by Head Teacher, Tobermory High School, dated 11 December 2019, submitted)

7. ARGYLL AND BUTE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Committee gave consideration to the Health and Social Care Partnership Annual Performance Report.

Discussion took place in respect of the Locality Planning Groups, Conversation Cafés and the need for involvement of service users in developing and refining services.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee agreed to note and reflect on the contents of the report.

(Reference: Report by Chief Officer with Responsibility for Health and Social Care Partnership, dated 27 November 2019, submitted)

8. OBAN BAY - SINGLE HARBOUR AUTHORITY

The Committee gave consideration to a report regarding Oban Bay and the potential creation of a Single Harbour Authority.

Decision

The Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Committee agreed:

1. to note the contents of the Harbour Board Report; and
2. that the Committee Manager would confirm with the Head of Roads and Amenity Services the comments made on the proposals, specifically timescales, policing, the area to be covered, number of contacts and potential asset transfer.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure Services, dated 11 December 2019, submitted)

9. MOSSFIELD STADIUM UPGRADE PROPOSALS

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing an update following a stakeholder group meeting on 24 October 2019.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee agreed:

1. to note that a positive stakeholder group meeting had taken place and that a common set of areas for improvement had been agreed;
2. that scoping work would progress on the areas for improvement noted at paragraph 3.4 of the report following the stakeholder group meeting;

3. to note that there was presently no identified funding mechanism for any improvement to Mossfield Stadium, and that decisions on funding would need to be made once the areas for improvements are costed and the resource implications for the Council are clear; and
4. to note the Committee decision of 11 September 2019 that no resources are committed until such time as robust consultation with a stakeholder group had been undertaken.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure Services, dated 11 December 2019, submitted)

10. HOUSING SERVICES ACTIVITY UPDATE - STRATEGIC HOUSING INVESTMENT PLAN (SHIP) - ANNUAL UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided an update on the Housing Services activity within the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee agreed to note the content of the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with Responsibility for Development and Infrastructure Services, dated 11 December 2019, submitted)

11. ARGYLL COMMUNITY HOUSING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL UPDATE

There was no Officer present to speak to the report.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee agreed to continue the presentation to the next meeting.

(Reference: Presentation by Regional Manager, ACHA)

12. APPOINTMENT TO OBAN & LORN COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE BOARD (ATLANTIS LEISURE)

The Committee gave consideration to a report requesting the appointment of an Elected Member as the Councils second representative on the Oban & Lorn Community Enterprise (OLCE) Board.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee agreed to continue the report to the next meeting.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with the responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support, dated 19 November 2019, submitted)

13. DRAFT OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

The Draft Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee Workplan, as of December 2019, was submitted to the Committee for noting.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee agreed to note the Workplan.

(Reference: Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee Workplan, dated 11 December 2019, submitted)

14. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13

Councillor Elaine Robertson, seconded by Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor had given notice of the following motion:-

Robert MacIntyre - European Tour Rookie of the Year

That the Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Committee commend and congratulate Oban golfer Robert MacIntyre who was crowned the 2019 European Tour Rookie of the Year.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee agreed the terms of the Motion.

15. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13

Councillor Elaine Robertson, seconded by Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor had given notice of the following motion:-

Motion

To commend and congratulate Oban Gaelic Choir for securing the Lovat and Tullibardine Shield at this year's Royal National Mod which was held in Glasgow's Royal Concert Hall.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee agreed the terms of the Motion.