

**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.