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MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE held in the CORRAN HALLS, OBAN on WEDNESDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2018

Present: Councillor Elaine Robertson (Chair)

Councillor Mary-Jean Devon
Councillor Kieron Green
Councillor Jim Lynch

Councillor Roderick McCuish
Councillor Andrew Vennard

Attending: Alistair McGregor, Chief Executive ACHA
Fergus Murray, Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation
Stuart McLean, Area Committee Manager
Stewart Clark, Marine Operations Manager
Jennifer McGhee, Tobermory High School
Alex Craik, Oban High School
Brian Murphy, ACHA

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated by:

Councillor Jamie McGrigor
Councillor Julie McKenzie

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were intimated.

3. MINUTES

(a) Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee 12th September 2018

The minute of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee held on the 12th September 2018 was approved as a correct record.

(b) Special Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee 9th October 2018

The minute of the Special Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee held on the 9th October 2018 was approved as a correct record.

(c) Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group 14th November 2018

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

(d) **Oban Common Good Fund 22nd November 2018**

The minute of the Oban Common Good Fund held on the 22nd November 2018 was noted.

4. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

The Chair confirmed that she would allow time for further public or Councillor question time after item 7. Oban Parking Update, as she recognised that members of the public would likely have specific questions relating to that item.

Marri Malloy raised concerns that a concession ticket for the train service from Oban could not be purchased before 9am in the morning and when she raised this with Scotrail was advised that the time constraints were set by Argyll and Bute Council.

The Chair and Councillor Roddy McCuish agreed to look into this item and seek clarification on who sets the timings and how or if it can be changed.

5. PERFORMANCE REVIEW - AREA SCORECARD

The Committee gave consideration to the Area Scorecard for financial quarter 2 of 2018-2019.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee:-

1. Noted the performance presented on the Scorecard and supporting commentary.
2. Noted they would contact the Amenities Manager or refer to the Roads and Amenities control HUB regarding the request for a breakdown of waste collection incidents within Oban, Lorn and the Isles.
3. Agreed the removal of the Community Emergency Plan measures from the Scorecard and Quarterly Performance reports from FQ3 2018/19 onwards.
4. Agreed that should the situation with Community Emergency Plans change the Civil Contingencies Manager would submit a report updating the Committee.
5. Agreed that upon receipt of the Quarterly Performance Report they would contact either the Performance and Improvement Officer or the responsible named officer with any queries and;
6. Noted that work was ongoing and to respond to the Performance 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 12th December 2018, submitted)

6. ACHA ANNUAL UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to an annual update presentation for the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area by Argyll Community Housing Association.

Councillor Devon on behalf of Tobermory High School thanked Mr McGregor for ACHA's donation to their mini bus fund.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the presentation and;
2. Noted the ongoing hard work by the association, not only in the housing sector but also the wider community.

(Ref: Presentation by Chief Executive, ACHA dated 12th December 2018, submitted)

7. OBAN PARKING UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to an update following the implementation of the Traffic Regulation Orders and further measures currently being explored to improve parking in Oban.

Decision 1

Motion

To move the recommendation 'that Members note and consider the report' as outlined in the submitted report.

Proposer: Councillor Roddy McCuish, Seconder: Councillor Kieron Green

Amendment

To move the recommendation outlined in the submitted report and call a public meeting for further consultation and discussion of the item.

Proposer: Councillor Jim Lynch, Seconder: Councillor Mary Jean Devon

On a show of hands vote the motion was carried 4 votes to 2 and the committee resolved accordingly.

Decision 2

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee agreed to ask Roads and Amenity Services to organise an Oban parking information day that would seek to clarify and promote the agreed, existing parking strategy within Oban.

(Ref: Report by Traffic and Development Manager dated 12th December 2018, submitted)

(Ref: Notice of Motion by Councillor McCuish and seconded by Councillor Green, dated 12th December 2018, submitted)

(Ref: Notice of Amendment by Councillor Lynch and seconded by Councillor Devon, dated 12th December 2018, submitted)

8. OBAN BAY SINGLE HARBOUR AUTHORITY UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to a progress update report on the Oban Bay Single Harbour Authority proposal.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee considered and noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Marine Operations Manager dated 12th December 2018, submitted)

9. LORN ARC UPDATE

The Committee noted an update paper on the Lorn Arc TIF, the latest budget position as at the end of October 2018 and proposals to look at the future operation of the Lorn Arc, which would be considered at the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee.

The Chair noted that the regular updates issued by Economic Development in respect of Kirk Road were very helpful and well received by the community.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee noted and considered the paper and recommendations going to Policy and Resources Committee on 13th December 2018.

(Ref: Report by Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation dated 12th December 2018, submitted)

10. NEW SCHOOLS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT, OBAN HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to a progress update report on the Council's Schools redevelopment project in partnership with hubNorth Scotland Ltd to build a new secondary school in Oban.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee considered and noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Special Projects Manager dated 12th December 2018, submitted)

11. SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORTS

(a) Oban High School

The Assistant Head Teacher of Oban High School took the Committee through a progress update report on the schools achievements for the 2018 session.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the report; and
2. Commended the work being done by the school.

(Report by Head Teacher, Oban High School dated 12th December 2018, submitted)

(b) Tobermory High School

The Head Teacher of Tobermory High School took the Committee through a progress update report on the schools achievements for the 2018 session.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the report; and
2. Commended the work being done by the school.

(Report by Head Teacher, Tobermory High School dated 12th December 2018, submitted)

(c) Tiree High School

The representative from Tiree High School had submitted apologies for the meeting therefore no update was provided.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee agreed the report be continued to next meeting of the Area Committee to allow for an appropriate officer to present the update report.

(Report by Head Teacher, Tiree High School dated 12th December 2018, submitted)

12. CHARITY AND TRUST FUNDS

The Committee gave consideration to a report setting out the proposed method for distribution of the charities and trust funds in the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee:

1. Agreed to the proposed distribution as outlined in the report to Kilmore and Kilbride, Miss Christina McKays Trust, James McKechnies Trust, Miss Mary A McNivens Trust and Dugald McPhail Memorial Fund.
2. Agreed that the Archibald Dow Bequest, the John of Lorn Bequest and the Miss Agnes Angus Bequest be discussed at a future Area Committee Business Day and then brought back to the Area Committee for a decision.
3. Agreed to ask that officers investigate the possibility of the Coals for the Poor – Oban fund being granted to those that are facing fuel poverty and use other sources of energy.
4. Agreed that Live Argyll should submit a proposal for how the McCaig Trust funds are spent in advance of the monies being made available.
5. Agreed that no monies should be granted from either the Mrs Mellors Bequest or the MacDougall Trust until the re-organisation of the charities is finalised.
6. Agreed to request that the Miss M M Cameron fund and Miss Flora Lucas Bequest be transferred to Bowman Court.
7. Agreed to ask that officers investigate the possibility of including residents of Iona as potential receipts of the MacKinnon Ledigham Bequest.

(Ref: Report by Finance Manger dated 4th December 2018, submitted)

13. OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

The Committee considered the Oban, Lorn and the Isles workplan for December 2018 to June 2019 inclusive.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee noted the Oban, Lorn and the Isles workplan.

(Ref: Oban, Lorn and the Isles Workplan dated 12th December 2018, submitted).