
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

**OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES AREA
COMMITTEE**

**DEVELOPMENT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

13 MARCH 2019

FESTIVE LIGHTING UPDATE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members on the delivery of festive lighting across Oban, Lorn and the Isles in 2018, as well as the community handover arrangements now that the Council is ceasing to provide this non-statutory service.
- 1.2 Overall the outlook is very positive, with successful community delivery for 2018 in both locations, meaning that there should be no impediment to future community delivery.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to:

- Note the contents of this report.

FESTIVE LIGHTING UPDATE

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This report provides Members with an update on the delivery of festive lighting across Oban Lorn and the Isles in 2018. Events were community led, with the aid of grant support from the Council.
- 2.2 As per the Budget decision of February 2016, the Council is no longer in a financial position to deliver festive lighting. Community handovers are at various stages, with some complete and some still in progress.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to:

- 3.1 Note the contents of this report.

4.0 DETAIL**4.1 DELIVERY OF FESTIVE LIGHTING 2018**

- 4.1.1 Festive lighting in Oban, Lorn and the Isles was delivered as follows:

| Town/village | Delivery mechanism | | Comments |
|--------------|--------------------|---|--|
| | Council | Community | |
| Oban | | BID4Oban delivered the switch on event with the help of local contractor Oban Electrical Services | This was aided by a grant of £9,000 from ABC |
| Tobermory | | Tobermory Christmas Lights Committee | This was aided by a grant of £3,000 from ABC |

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| | | delivered this event, utilising a mix of local electricians for the install | |
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4.2 FINANCIAL POSITION

- 4.2.1 The estimated balance of the OLI festive fund is noted in the table below. The total costs are not fully reconciled in the ledger because timesheets require to be verified and final invoices are awaited from suppliers/sub-contractors. The exact balance will be available after the end of the financial year.

| Area | 2017/18 spend | 2018/19 budget | 2018/19 spend (or committed) | Balance |
|------|---------------|----------------|--|-----------|
| OLI | 25,802 | 26,100 | 13,500 grants (this includes 1,500 payment to Tobermory from previous year) Repairs TBC | c. 10,000 |

- 4.2.2 The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee, at its meeting of 7 March 2018, will consider a paper on festive lighting which includes a suggested guide for area committees to use in order to establish their pro-rata allocation of the remaining funds.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The project to transition from Council-led to community-led festive lighting across Argyll and Bute is approaching a successful conclusion. Lighting events were delivered successfully in Oban, Lorn and the Isles in 2018 by communities.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy – none (ref Budget February 2016).
- 6.2 Financial – EDI is considering a model for the disbursement of remaining funds
- 6.3 Legal – there is a template agreement for groups to sign up to which make the roles and responsibilities of both parties clear.
- 6.4 HR – none
- 6.5 Equalities – none
- 6.6 Risk – there is a risk that in future years community partners may approach the Council to fund their events due to a lack of independent

revenue streams or external funding.

6.7 Customer Service – none

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