Prior to the commencement of ordinary business, the Chairman welcomed everybody to the new Council Chamber, and thanked all involved in the refurbishment works.

The Chairman also advised the meeting that the restaurant on the North Pier had received an award from the Automobile Association as the best fish restaurant in Scotland.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

   Councillor Allan Macaskill

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

   Councillor Elaine Robertson declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application refs. 03/02116/DET, 04/01316/COU and 04/01319/DET, dealt with in items 5(d), 5(k) and 5(l) respectively of this minute, because of her husband’s position in a firm of solicitors with an interest in these matters.

   Councillor Sidney MacDougall declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application ref. 03/02116/DET, dealt with in item 5(d) of this minute, because of his business association.

   Councillor Ian Gillies declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application ref. 04/00176/MIN, dealt with in item 5(f) of this minute, because of his employer’s interest in this matter.
3. CORPORATE SERVICES

(a) MINUTE OF OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8TH SEPTEMBER 2004

The Committee approved as a correct record the Minute of the meeting held on 8th September 2004.

(b) MINUTE OF SITE INSPECTION MEETING HELD AT 12 NOON ON TUESDAY 31ST AUGUST 2004 IN RESPECT OF PLANNING APPLICATION REF. 03/02347/DET

The Committee approved as a correct record the Minute of the site inspection meeting held on 31st August 2004 in regard to planning application ref 03/02347/DET

(c) MINUTE OF SITE INSPECTION MEETING HELD AT 12.30 PM ON TUESDAY 31ST AUGUST 2004 IN RESPECT OF PLANNING APPLICATION REF. 04/00548/OUT

The Committee approved as a correct record the Minute of the site inspection meeting held on 31st August 2004 in regard to planning application ref 04/00548/OUT

(d) MINUTE OF SITE INSPECTION MEETING HELD AT 2.30PM ON TUESDAY 31ST AUGUST 2004 IN RESPECT OF PLANNING APPLICATION REF. 03/02302/OUT

The Committee approved as a correct record the Minute of the site inspection meeting held on 31st August 2004 in regard to planning application ref 03/02302/OUT

4. COMMUNITY SERVICES

(a) APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT GRANTS SCHEME

The Committee considered applications from voluntary organisations for financial assistance under the Education Development Grants Scheme as follows:

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<td>Oban Guides Association</td>
<td>Proposed alterations to guide hall to provide disabled access</td>
<td>£5,090</td>
<td>Grant of £500</td>
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(Ref: Report by Community Learning & Regeneration Manager, submitted)
(b) APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE LEISURE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS SCHEME

The Committee considered applications from voluntary organisations for financial assistance under the Leisure Development Grants Scheme as follows:

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<tr>
<td>Oban Saints 17’s Football Club</td>
<td>Assistance with start up costs</td>
<td>£4,312</td>
<td>Grant of £835</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tiree Windsurfing Club</td>
<td>Tiree Windsurfing Club collaborates with CMF.Co in the local organisation and promotion of the renowned Tiree Wave Classic event.</td>
<td>£42,000</td>
<td>Grant of £1,500</td>
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(Ref: Report by Community Learning & Regeneration Manager, submitted)

(c) APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE SOCIAL WELFARE GRANTS SCHEME

The Committee considered applications from voluntary organisations for financial assistance under the Social Welfare Grants Scheme as follows:

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<tr>
<td>CAB (Oban, Lorn &amp; the Isles)</td>
<td>Support to ongoing work</td>
<td>£18,183</td>
<td>It was agreed that consideration of this application be continued to the next meeting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Appin Parish Church</td>
<td>To install suitable access to the Church to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act</td>
<td>£1,800</td>
<td>Grant of £500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oban Guides Association</td>
<td>Proposed alterations to Guide Hall, Soroba Road, Oban, to provide disabled access</td>
<td>£5,090</td>
<td>Grant of £500</td>
</tr>
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(Ref: Report by Area Manager, Social Work dated 10th September 2004, submitted)

5. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

(a) LIST OF BUILDING WARRANTS APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES SINCE THE LAST MEETING

The Committee noted a list dated 15th September 2004 of Building Warrants and
Relaxation of the Building Standards Regulations in respect of which approvals had been issued since the last meeting.

(Ref: List of approvals dated 15th September 2004, submitted)

(b) *LIST OF DELEGATED DECISIONS ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES SINCE THE LAST MEETING*

The Committee noted a list dated 15th September 2004 of applications for planning permission in respect of which delegated decisions had been issued since the last meeting.

(Ref: List of approvals dated 15th September 2004, submitted)

(c) *LIST OF APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE*

The Committee dealt with planning applications as follows:

(d) **03/02116/DET: J ADAMS: ERECTION OF A HOUSE - MELFORT HOME FARM, MELFORT**

It was agreed that consideration of this application be continued to the next meeting.

(Ref: Report by Head of Planning dated 18th August 2004 and Supplementary Report No.1 dated 21st September 2004, submitted)

(e) **04/00138/DET: DR M MACKAY-JAMES: DEMOLITION OF FORMER WOOD STORE AND ERECTION OF A DWELLINGHOUSE - FORMER WOOD STORE, GLENCRUITTEN ESTATE, OBAN**

After consideration of Supplementary Report No.1 dated 13th September 2004, it was agreed that consideration of this application be continued to the next meeting to allow the applicant to provide details on use of the building and traffic generation.

(Ref: Report by Head of Planning dated 13th September 2004 and Supplementary Report dated 13th September 2004, submitted)

(f) **04/00176/MIN: WEST COAST AGGREGATES LTD: EXTRACTION OF AGGREGATES - SITE, SOUTH OF WEST HYNISH, ISLE OF TIREE**

It was agreed that the application be continued to a rescheduled public hearing to be held on Tiree on Thursday 21st October 2004.

(Ref: Report by Head of Planning dated 23rd July 2004 and Supplementary Report No.1 dated 16th August, submitted)
It was agreed that consideration of this application be continued to the next meeting.

(Ref: Report by Head of Planning dated 14th September 2004, submitted)

Withdrawn.

Approved, subject to (a) conditions set 1-3 as set out in the Supplementary Report No.1 dated 14th September 2004 by the Head of Planning; and (b) condition no.4, subject to the deletion of the word ‘outer’ and the insertion of the word ‘all’ after ‘attached to’ in line 2.

(Ref: Report by Head of Planning dated 13th August 2004 and Supplementary Report No.1 dated 14th September 2004, submitted)

It was agreed that consideration of this application be continued to the next meeting.

(Ref: Report by Head of Planning dated 17th October 2004, submitted)

Approved.

(Ref: Report by Head of Planning dated 13th September 2004, submitted)

Approved, subject to (a) the conditions set out in the report dated 13th September 2004 by the Head of Planning; and (b) the conclusion of a Section 75 Agreement to
secure the permanent retention of four car parking spaces and the provision of pedestrian access as set out in the aforesaid report.

(Ref: Report by Head of Planning dated 13th September, submitted)

(m) 04/01476/OUT: ALAN ROBERT REILLY: SITE FOR THE ERECTION OF A DWELLINGHOUSE - LAND 450M SOUTH WEST OF ARDCONNEL FARM, CONNEL

Approved as a minor departure from current adopted policy, subject to the conditions set out in the report dated 9th September 2004 by the Head of Planning.

(Ref: Report by Head of Planning dated 9th September 2004, submitted)

(n) 04/01539/DET: MR & MRS S ASHER: ERECTION OF A HOUSE AND GARAGE - LAND ADJACENT TO THE CRAFT SHOP, NORTH CONNEL

It was agreed that consideration of this application be continued to the next meeting.

(Ref: Report by Head of Planning dated 14th September 2004, submitted)

(o) REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES IN REGARD TO OBAN ACTION PLAN

The Committee considered a report dated 15th September 2004 by the Head of Planning in regard to the content, objectives, management process and timescale for a major consultation exercise for the production of a strategy and action plan for Oban Bay, Oban Town Centre, the proposed new development road and the Dunbeg development corridor.

Decision:

Members agreed:

(a) to endorse the principle of the preparation of an Oban Action Plan;

(b) to form an Oban Action Plan Steering Group, to include all the Members of the Area Committee, to be chaired by Councillor Banks; and

(c) that the Steering Group report back once the matters itemised in paragraph 3.6 in the report have been addressed.

(Ref: Report by Head of Planning dated 15th September 2004, submitted)

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

(a) CONSIDER MATTER RAISED BY OBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONTINUED FROM THE MEETING ON 8TH SEPTEMBER 2004
Members considered a request from Oban Community Council for views regarding plans to adopt an Environmental Strategy and set up an Environmental Task Force for the town.

It was agreed to instruct officers to extract environmental issues from the development plan and consider a strategic approach to dealing with them. It was not felt appropriate to nominate Members to an environmental task force as this could lead to a conflict of interest.

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public from the following item of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

7. ACQUISITION / DISPOSAL / LEASING OF PROPERTY

(a) REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES IN REGARD TO SALE OF FORMER DALAVICH SCHOOL

Members considered, and approved, a report dated 5th October 2004 by the Director of Corporate Services in regard to an offer received following the marketing for sale of the former Dalavich Primary School.

(b) REPORT BY RESOURCE MANAGER, ADULT SERVICES, IN REGARD TO OFFICE PREMISES, OBAN

Members considered a joint report dated 23rd September 2004 by the Resource Manager Adult Services and the Estates Surveyor in regard to renewal of the lease for office premises at the Corran Esplanade, Oban.

Decision:

It was agreed to authorise the Director of Corporate Services to negotiate and conclude suitable terms and conditions to renew the lease for a term of 5 years, with an option to break at 3 years, on the basis of no increase in the existing rental.

(Ref: Joint Report dated 23rd September 2004 by the Resource Manager Adult Services and the Estates Surveyor, submitted)

(c) CONSIDER LETTER DATED 6TH SEPTEMBER 2004 FROM QUARRIERS

Members considered a letter dated 6th September 2004 from the Manager of the Quarriers North Argyll Carers Centre regarding an increase in rental.

Decision:

It was agreed that consideration of this request be continued to the next meeting.

(Ref: Letter dated 6th September 2004 from the Centre Manager, submitted)
8. **DEEDS AND DOCUMENTS**

(a) **REPORT BY CHIEF SOLICITOR IN REGARD TO FORMAL DEEDS AND DOCUMENTS ISSUED SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

The Committee noted a list of formal deeds and documents issued between 19\textsuperscript{th} May and 20\textsuperscript{th} September 2004.

(Ref: Report by Chief Solicitor dated 20\textsuperscript{th} September 2004, submitted)