

**MINUTES of the SPECIAL MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE held in the  
on WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2020**

**Present:** Councillor Elaine Robertson (Chair)

Councillor Mary-Jean Devon	Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor
Councillor Kieron Green	Councillor Julie McKenzie
Councillor Jim Lynch	Councillor Andrew Vennard
Councillor Roderick McCuish	

**Attending:** Jim Smith – Head of Roads and Infrastructure Services  
Stuart Mclean – Committee Manager

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were intimated.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Elaine Robertson declared a non-financial interest in item 3 – Ganavan Sands Car Park, in relation to her husband's interest in the Dunollie Estate, this was on perception rather than reality. She remained in the meeting but took no part in the discussion of the item.

Councillor Roderick McCuish declared a non-financial interest in item 3 – Ganavan Sands Car Park. He remained in the meeting but took no part in the discussion of the item.

At this point in the meeting Councillor Sir Jamie Mcgrigor took over as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

**3. GANAVAN SANDS CAR PARK**

The Committee gave consideration to a report which set out options available for the current and future use of the Ganavan Sands car park.

**Motion**

The Oban, Lorn and Isles Area Committee agrees to:

1. Instruct officers, in light of pressures resulting from increased tourism locally from COVID-19, to introduce a TRO prohibiting parking on the section of the Ganavan Road from the War Memorial to the entrance to the carpark at Ganavan, excepting new parking bays from the Moorings to Camas Ban, subject to engagement with residents of neighbouring properties, while taking consideration of potential traffic displacement that this may cause within the wider area;
2. Note the capital and revenue costs, outlined in paragraphs 3.4.2 and 3.4.3, and that no available budget is available to take this forward, nor has any other funding been identified;
3. Request a report be submitted to the Area Committee in December 2020 that will examine the costs of developing the required infrastructure (outlined within paragraph

3.4.2) and the required revenues costs (outlined within paragraph 3.4.3) within the Town Centre and the installation of CCTV at Ganavan;

4. Request a report be submitted to the Area Committee in December 2020 that will outline the management and enforcement regime for the summer 2021 at Ganavan Car Park; and
5. Amend the hours of charging at the Ganavan Car Park to be 24 hours, retaining the existing 2 hour free parking, subject to a rigorous TRO consultation process with the wider community in advance of formal approval.

Moved by Councillor Julie McKenzie, seconded by Councillor Kieron Green.

### **Amendment**

The Oban, Lorn and Isles Area Committee agrees:

1. To agree that it would be more beneficial and advantageous to utilise land already in the ownership of the Council and which is not at present generating income, for the purposes of campervans/caravans;
2. To note that having all campervans/caravans in 1 area with the necessary facilities would avoid displacement to other parts of the town;
3. To note that Lochavuillin carpark has the capacity to accommodate these larger vehicles and already has the majority of the services required;
4. To note the cost of installing a waste disposal and the provision of extra recycling facilities would be covered by the income generated by the overnight stays of the said campervans/caravans; and
5. To agree the existing TRO (for Oban) be updated to reflect the implementation of the 6 metre rule, from a health and safety aspect, and that overnight parking of campervans/caravans be restricted to a designated area within the town. This would avoid any displacement to other parts of Oban and would cancel the need for a consultation with a financial saving to the Council.

Moved by Councillor Mary-Jean Devon, seconded by Councillor Jim Lynch.

### **Motion**

Councillor Green  
Councillor McKenzie  
Councillor Vennard

### **Amendment**

Councillor Devon  
Councillor Lynch  
Councillor Mcgrigor

### **Decision**

On there being an equality of votes as the Motion received 3 votes and the Amendment received 3 votes, the Chair gave his casting vote to the Amendment and the Committee resolved accordingly.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibilities for Roads and Infrastructure Services dated 7 October 2020, submitted).