MINUTES of Special MEETING of OBAN COMMON GOOD FUND held by MICROSOFT TEAMS/SKYPE on THURSDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2021

Present: Councillor Elaine Robertson (Chair)

Councillor Kieron Green

Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor

Councillor Jim Lynch

Attending: Melissa Stewart, Governance Officer

Marri Malloy, Observer

At 2.00pm it was noted that not all of the Trustees or observer had managed to access the meeting via Microsoft Teams. The Trustees present agreed that the Governance Officer should re-send the invitation by Skype to allow those trying to connect to join. On issuing the updated invitation, all Trustees, Observers and support staff were able to join the meeting and the Trustees unanimously agreed that their preference was to hold future meetings by Skype due to the current difficulties some of them were experiencing with Teams.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies submitted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Marri Malloy declared a non-financial interest in item 3a of the agenda, as she is the Convenor of the Oban Community Council. Marri left the call as the item was considered by the Trustees.

The Chair proposed, and the Trustees agreed, that the agenda be taken out of sequence, leaving item 3a of the agenda to be discussed at the end of the meeting, to allow Marri to take part in discussions on other items of business prior to leaving the meeting. The minute reflects the order of business as taken at the meeting.

The Trustees resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public for the following 2 items of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 and 9 respectively of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

E1 3. NEW APPLICATIONS

(a) Oban Winter Festival

The Trustees considered the application submitted by the Oban Winter Festival.

Decision:-

It was unanimously agreed to make an award of £2000 towards the project.

(Ref: Application by Oban Winter Festival, submitted)

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E2 4. UPDATE ON CHURCH OBSERVER

The Trustees gave consideration to a report by the Governance Officer on the outcome of the nomination process for the vacant observer role on the Oban Common Good Fund.

Decision:-

It was agreed to invite both nominees to attend the meeting on 23rd November 2021 to observe and discuss various options directly with them.

(Ref: Report by Governance Officer, dated 4 November 2021, submitted)

E1 NEW APPLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

(b) Oban Community Council

The Trustees considered the application submitted by Oban Community Council.

Decision:-

It was unanimously agreed to make an award of £5000 towards the project.

(Ref: Application by Oban Community Council, submitted)

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