

MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE held in the MCCAIG SUITE, CORRAN HALLS, OBAN on THURSDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2011

Present: Councillor Duncan MacIntyre (Chair)

Councillor Gordon Chalmers Councillor Mary-Jean Devon
Councillor Roderick McCuish Councillor Neil Mackay
Councillor Elaine Robertson

Attending: Charles Reppke, Head of Governance & Law
Jane Gillies, Area Governance Assistant
Chief Inspector Brian Auld, Strathclyde Police
Joanne Casey, AECOM
Nicola Debnam, CHORD Programme Manager
David Clements, Performance Manager
Laura Macdonald, Community Development Officer
Callum Robertson, Roads Asset Manager
Hugh Blake, Estates Surveyor

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Councillor Donald McIntosh

Prior to commencement of ordinary business, Councillor MacIntyre intimated the death of Mary MacKenzie, wife of Oban Times Editor Stewart MacKenzie, and that the Committee would adjourn to allow Members to attend her funeral if they so wished.

Councillor McCuish thanked the Area Committee on behalf of his family for the cards and flowers received following their recent bereavement.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. PRESENTATION BY STRATHCLYDE POLICE - CHIEF INSPECTOR BRIAN AULD

Chief Inspector Brian Auld provided an excellent presentation on policing throughout the area, detailing reductions in criminal offences in many areas, continuing the momentum of his predecessors.

It was agreed that the Police would provide a bi-annual presentation to the area committee.

4. CHORD - OFFICER'S/CONSULTANT'S PRESENTATION - JOANNE CASEY (AECOM) / NICOLA DEBNAM (ABC)

Joanne Casey, AECOM, provided a presentation on the CHORD project detailing progress to date with the main emphasis being a desire for action in the short term whilst discussions and progress continue on the longer term priorities.

5. TIREE ARRAY OFFSHORE WIND DEVELOPMENT

The Chairman intimated that Members had been invited to an information event in the afternoon, which would be open to the public from 3pm to 7pm

6. CUSTOMER SERVICES

(a) MINUTES OF MEETING OF OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON 17 AUGUST 2011

The minute of Oban Lorn and the Isles area committee meeting held on 17 August 2011 was approved as a correct record.

(b) MINUTES OF MEETING OF OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2011

The minute of Oban Lorn and the Isles area committee meeting held on 2 September 2011 was approved as a correct record.

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S

(a) AREA PLAN AND SCORECARD - DAVID CLEMENTS

The Committee considered a report by the Performance Manager in regard to the Area Plan and Scorecard.

Decision:

The Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Committee agreed to:

- a) set aside the existing draft Area Plan and
- b) participate in the development of a new Area Scorecard to better reflect local issues within an Argyll and Bute context.

(Ref: Report by Performance Manager, Chief Executive's Unit, submitted)

8. COMMUNITY SERVICES

(a) THIRD SECTOR GRANTS SCHEME - LAURA MACDONALD

The Committee dealt with applications for funding as follows:

Ref	Organisation	Narrative	Amount Requested 2011/12	Total Project Costs	Decision
2.1	Soroba Youth Club	Hire of premises, excursions, art projects for youth club in Soroba	£1,055	£2,110	No grant

2.2	HOPE Kitchen	To increase kitchen provision to 3 nights per week and drop-in every day	£1,000	£2,310	Grant of £1,155
2.3	Oban War and Peace Museum	Celebration lunch and mini awards celebration	£520	£1,040	Continued to the next meeting for further consideration
2.4	Alzheimer Scotland Oban and Lorn Branch - Singing for the Brain Project	To widen access for people outside Oban to attend group activities	£1,000	£2,750	Application withdrawn

It was further agreed that representatives from HOPE Kitchen be invited to meet with Members at the next area committee business meeting

(Ref: Report by Community Development Manager, submitted)

(b) **ADULT SUPPORT AND PROTECTION - PRESENTATION BY BILL BRACKENRIDGE, INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF THE ARGYLL AND BUTE APC**

Continued to next meeting to be held on 14th December 2011.

(c) **OBAN HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT - PETER BAIN**

In the absence of Mr Peter Bain, Head Teacher, it was agreed to continue this matter to the next meeting to be held on 14th December 2011.

9. DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

(a) **WINTER SERVICE POLICY 2011-2012**

The Area Committee considered the Winter Service Policy document for season 2011-12 by the Executive Director of Development & Infrastructure.

Decision:

Agreed to recommend to the Executive approval of the revised policy to allow Operational Plans to be finalised towards the mobilisation of resources by 1st November 2011

(Ref: Report by Executive Director dated 12th September 2011, submitted)

10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public for the following items 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.

11. ACQUISITION / DISPOSAL / LEASING OF PROPERTY

(a) PUBLIC TOILETS, MAIN STREET, TOBERMORY

The report advised the Committee of the offers received in respect of the former public toilets at Main Street, Tobermory which had been advertised for sale.

Motion

To agree the recommendation contained within the report by the Executive Director of Customer Services dated 20th September 2011.

Moved by Councillor MacIntyre, seconded by Councillor Mackay

Amendment

That the Area Committee recommend to the Executive that the offer from Aros Hall be accepted as the community led proposal will lead to better recreational facilities for local people and visitors; better protection for a historic monument; an enhanced scenic environment; a safer road for drivers and pedestrians; better access for disabled drivers and ultimately increased tourism to the area, the value of this exceeding the highest offer.

Moved by Councillor Devon, seconded by Councillor Chalmers

Decision:

The amendment was carried by 4 votes to 2 and the Committee resolved accordingly.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Customer Services dated 20 September 2011, submitted)