

MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE held in the STUDIO THEATRE - CORRAN HALLS, OBAN on WEDNESDAY, 8 AUGUST 2012

Present: Councillor L Glen-Lee (Area Leader)

Councillor M J Devon	Councillor Roderick McCuish
Councillor Fred Hall	Councillor Duncan Macintyre
Councillor Alasdair MacDougall	Councillor Elaine Robertson
Councillor Iain MacDonald	

Attending: Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager
Hugh Blake, Senior Estates Surveyor
Ryan McGlynn, Lighting Technician
Laura Macdonald, Community Development Officer
Martin Gorrige, Marine Operations Manager
Arthur McCulloch, Principal Engineer
James Hamilton, Maintenance Manager

Louise Fraser, Oban Phoenix Cinema
Islay McColl, Oban Phoenix Cinema
Alison Chadwick, West Highland Yachting Week
David Waltho, West Highland Yachting Week
Eric Chapman, West Highland Yachting Week
Stewart McLennand, Tiree Music Festival
Daniel Gillespie, Tiree Music Festival

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor L Glen-Lee declared a non financial interest in part 3.5 of item 6a by reason of her son being a member of the group and took no part in the discussion of this item.

Councillor R McCuish declared a non financial interest in part 3.12 of item 6a by reason of being a member of the groups committee and took no part in the discussion of this item.

Councillor E Robertson declared a non financial interest in part 3.2 and 3.7 of item 6a by reason of being a member of the groups committees and took no part in the discussion of these items. She also declared a non financial interest in item 10a by reason of her husband being a member of one of the groups involved in the matter.

3. CUSTOMER SERVICES

(a) MINUTES OF MEETING WEDNESDAY, 13 JUNE 2012 OF OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE

The Minute of the meeting held on 13th June, 2012 was approved as a true and correct record.

The Area Governance Manager advised that the surplus car parking income at Ganavan could be used for repairs to Ganavan Car Park if Members were so minded.

The Area Governance Manager further advised that the Head of Roads and Amenity services is looking at the lines and the Traffic Regulations at Gallanach, he is also in discussion with Strathclyde Fire and Rescue to see if they have any issues and will then undertake the work.

(b) MINUTES OF MEETING THURSDAY, 21 JUNE 2012 OF OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE

The Minute of the meeting held on 21st June, 2012 was approved as a true and correct record.

4. AREA COMMITTEE RECOGNITION OF LOCAL ACHIEVEMENTS

The Committee agreed that those mentioned below would be presented with the Lorn Medal, an Oban Area Achievement Medal, when available, in recognition of their achievements.

(a) OBAN PHOENIX CINEMA

Councillor E Robertson recognised Louise Fraser and Islay McColl's hard work in upgrading the Oban Phoenix Cinema.

(b) WEST HIGHLAND YACHTING WEEK

Councillor MacDougall recognised Alison Chadwick, David Waltho and Eric Chapman's continued hard work in organising the West Highland Yachting Week. Members congratulated them in increasing the number of competitors when other events are suffering.

(c) TIREE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Councillor McCuish recognised Stewart McLennand and Daniel Gillespie for their continued hard work in organising the Tiree Music Festival.

5. OBAN COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

Members heard an informative presentation from Laura MacDonald on the Oban Community Action Plan. Councillor MacDonald congratulated them for a wonderful model and hoped other Community Councils follow.

Decision

The Committee:-

- i. Agreed the Oban Community Action Plan be put on the Area Community Planning Group's agenda.
- ii. Asked that a representative from the Economic Development Department goes to the Stakeholders Day.

6. COMMUNITY SERVICES

(a) THIRD SECTOR GRANTS SCHEME

Councillor E Robertson, having declared a non financial interest in part 3.2 and 3.7, left the meeting and took no part in the discussion of that item.

Councillor E Glen-Lee, having declared a non financial interest in part 3.5, left the meeting and took no part in the discussion of that item.

Councillor R McCuish, having declared a non financial interest in part 3.12, left the meeting and took no part in the discussion of that item.

Members considered a report which detailed the recommendations for the award of Third Sector Grants (including Events and Festivals) to Third Sector organisations for Oban, Lorn and the Isles.

Decision:

The Committee agreed to the following:

	Third Sector Grants	Project Costs	Grant Awarded
3.1	Bridge of Orchy Community Association	£2,100	£1,050
3.2	Crossroads (North Argyll)	£11,260	£0
3.3	Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mor (CELM): The Lismore Historical Society	£13,100	£0
3.4	Girl Guiding Argyll	£4,520	£128
3.5	Hope 2 Oban	£2,028	£270
3.6	Lorn Volleyball Club	£1,260	£630
3.7	MacDougall of Dunollie	£2,100	£800 (underwrite)
3.8	North Argyll Volunteer Car Scheme	£22,168	£0
3.9	Oban & Lorn Riding for the Disabled Group	£1,943.52	£971
3.10	Oban & Lorn Sports Festival	£7,600	£800
3.11	Spotlight Musical Theatre Group	£1,848	£900
3.12	The GRAB Trust	£1,200	£600 Toward the volunteer transport only

The Committee further agreed organisations that have received funding for two years or more take a reduction from the amount they received in 2011/12 and a

third round of funding to spread the remaining balance be brought o the October Area Committee.

(Reference: Report by Laura Macdonald, Community Development Officer dated 19th July 2012 - submitted).

7. DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

(a) UPDATE ON MULL LANDSLIPS - AGENDA ITEM 7C

Members heard from the Principal Engineer on the severe rainfall flooding event of 5th July 2012 and its effects on the B8035 road, the actions already taken and those planned, to allow the road to be returned to full traffic use.

Decision

The Committee:-

- i. Noted the contents of the report by the Principal Engineer.
- ii. Asked for a report on the funding and budget allocation for the works to be submitted to the September Business Day.

(Reference: Report by the Principal Engineer dated 31st July 2012 – submitted)

(b) REPORT ON PENNYGHAEL BRIDGE, MULL - AGENDA 7D

Members heard from the Principal Engineer on the expected increase in forestry traffic over Pennyghael Bridge and that the Business Case is being updated to take account of this information to permit an informed decision to be taken about the future of the bridge.

Decision

The Committee:-

- i. Noted the contents of the report by the Principal Engineer.
- ii. Asked that the Head of Roads & Amenity Services attend the October Area Committee to provide an updated in regards why the funding was taken out of the Capital Programme without consultation, and to expedite development of the Business Case.

(Reference: Report by the Principal Engineer dated 31st July 2012 – submitted)

(c) OBAN TOWN CENTRE LIGHTING - AGENDA ITEM 7B

Members heard from the Lighting Technician on the street and decorative lighting in an around Oban Town Centre. Members also heard from the

Maintenance Manager on the lighting at McCaigs Tower.

Decision

The Committee:-

- i. Agreed Councillors Robertson, MacIntyre and Sandy McArthur from Oban Town Tourism are invited to the meeting with Blachere to discuss options for decorative lighting.
- ii. Agreed a report on Christmas Lighting and lighting at McCaigs Tower be submitted to a Special Area Committee in September.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director of Development & Infrastructure dated 6th August 2012 – submitted)

(d) QUARTERLY UPDATE ON MARINE ISSUES - AGENDA ITEM 7A

Members considered a report updating on current marine issues in the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area.

Decision:

The Committee:-

- i. Noted the contents of the report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services.
- ii. Asked for Argyll & Bute Council's response to the Ferry Review to be circulated to Members.
- iii. Asked that a report on the PAS System on Mull be submitted to the September Business Day.

(Reference: Report by Marine Operations Manager dated 19th July 2012 - submitted).

8. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME - AGENDA ITEM 9

Mr Barry Wilson asked numerous questions on the Luing Ferry situation and received advice from Members and the Marine Operations Manager.

9. MEMBERS UPDATES TO AREA COMMITTEE - AGENDA ITEM 8

Members took the opportunity to provide a brief update on recent meetings and events they have attended since the last Area Committee.

10. EXEMPT ITEMS

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 Paragraphs 6 & 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

(a) **CARDINGMILL BAY MOORING OWNERS ASSOCIATION - TRANSFER OF ACCESS LICENSE**

Councillor E Robertson, having declared a non financial interest, left the meeting and took no part in the discussion of this item.

Members heard from the Senior Estates Surveyor on the transfer of the access license previously granted to the Cardingmill Bay Mooring Owners Association to Oban Bay Community Berthing Ltd.

Decision

The Committee agreed to continue this report to the October Area Committee for further information to be provided.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director of Customer Serviced dated 31st July 2012 – submitted)

(b) **LAND AT GLENSHELLACH, OBAN**

Members heard from the Senior Estates Surveyor on the investigations into the potential acquisition of Land at Glenshellach following the decision of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee.

Decision

The Committee:-

- i. Noted the contents of the report.
- ii. Asked for the Executive Director of Customer Services and the Executive Director of Development & Infrastructure Services to attend the next Area Committee meeting to answer questions relating to this item.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director of Customer Services dated 30th July 2012 – submitted)