

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE held in the  
CRAIGNURE VILLAGE HALL, MULL  
on WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE 2013**

**Present:** Councillor Roddy McCuish (Chair)

Councillor Mary-Jean Devon	Councillor Louise Glen-Lee
Councillor Fred Hall	Councillor Duncan MacIntyre
Councillor Iain Angus MacDonald	Councillor Elaine Robertson
Councillor Alistair MacDougall	

**Attending:** Malcolm MacFadyen, Head of Facility Services  
Peter Bain, Head Teacher of Oban High School  
Craig Biddick, Head Teacher of Tobermory High School & 4 Pupils  
Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager  
Linda Houston, Oban CHORD Project Manager  
Shaun Paul Davidson, Area Manager – Adult Care  
Alan Millar, Performance Manager – Waste  
Don McAllister, Quality Improvement Officer  
Margaret Burnip, Monitoring Officer  
Laura MacDonald, Community Development Officer

**1. APOLOGIES**

No apologies for absence were intimated.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Louise Glen-Lee declared a non financial interest in relation to the Third Sector Grant Application for Oban Phoenix Cinema which was dealt with at item 17 of this Minute, because she is a Director on the Board. She left the room and took no part in the discussion of this item.

**3. MINUTES**

**(a) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE OBAN LORN AND THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE - 10 APRIL 2013**

The Minutes of the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013 were approved as a correct record.

**(b) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE SPECIAL OBAN COMMON GOOD FUND - 26 APRIL 2013 (FOR NOTING)**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2013 were noted.

(c) **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE OBAN LORN AND THE ISLES COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM - 8 MAY 2013 (FOR NOTING)**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013 were noted.

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions taken at public question time.

**5. PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT**

A report presenting the work of primary schools within the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area was considered.

The area consists of 26 primary schools, from Appin in the North to Kilninver in the South of the area. Island Primary Schools are situated on Mull, Iona, Tiree, Coll, Colonsay, Seil, Luing and Lismore. Nursery provisions exist in most of the schools in the area and Gaelic Medium education is provided in Salen, Tiree, Rockfield and Strath of Appin.

**Decision**

The Committee accepted the report as an accurate overview of work undertaken in primary schools across the area.

(Ref: Report by Quality Improvement Officer dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013, submitted).

**6. TIREE HIGH SCHOOL**

A report presenting the progress and Curriculum for Excellence in Tiree High School was considered.

**Decision**

The Committee noted the content of the appended report.

(Ref: Report by Head Teacher of Tiree High School dated 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013, submitted).

**7. NEW OBAN HIGH SCHOOL**

A report providing updates on the progress with respect to the Oban High School replacement project was considered.

**Decision**

The Committee noted the report and noted that at a meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013, the Council adopted the proposed methodology for the short listing of potential sites and public consultation.

(Ref: Report by Head of Facility Services dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013, submitted).

## **8. TOBERMORY HIGH SCHOOL**

A report presenting the progress and Curriculum for Excellence in Tobermory High School was considered.

The Head Teacher was accompanied by four 6<sup>th</sup> Year pupils who were encouraged to respond to any questions raised by the Committee.

### **Decision**

The Committee noted the contents of the appended report and the information provided verbally by the Head Teacher and the attending pupils.

(Ref: Report by Head Teacher of Tobermory High School dated 12<sup>th</sup> June, submitted).

## **9. ISLE OF MULL JUNIOR MOD**

The Isle of Mull Junior Mod submitted their apologies.

## **10. TOBERMORY PARENT COUNCIL**

It was noted that the Area Leader had given an undertaking to meet with the Parent Council and therefore there was no presentation at the meeting.

## **11. AREA SCORECARD**

A report presenting the Area Scorecard and exceptional performance for financial quarter 4 2012-13 (January-March 2013) for the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area was considered.

### **Decision**

The Committee:-

- i. Noted the exceptional performance presented on the Scorecard; and
- ii. Agreed to bring more up to date information on the Area Scorecard to the December Area Committee
- iii. Asked that accurate detail on the adult care statistics be provided urgently by email to the elected Members by the Service Manager.

(Ref: Report by Improvement and Organisational Development Manager dated 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013, submitted).

## **12. INTRODUCTION TO OBAN CHORD PROJECT MANAGER**

The Chair introduced the new Oban CHORD Project Manager, Linda Houston, to the Committee.

## **Decision**

The Committee agreed to have another CHORD Workshop in early August with the new CHORD Project Manager.

### **13. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER, SOROBA ROAD**

A report discussing improving traffic flow on the A816 Soroba Road by prohibiting the right turn into Miller Road was considered.

The Chair expressed his disappointment that there was no one present from the Roads department to speak to the report, and the Committee further noted their disappointment at the period of time which has elapsed to get this matter to the stage of commencing the TRO consultation process

## **Decision**

The Committee agreed:

- i. That a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) should be promoted to prohibit right turning from Soroba Road into Miller Road.
- ii. That an update on the matters of parking bays in Argyll Square and the de-trunking of Stafford Street be provided urgently to Members, and that if necessary a Special Area Committee meeting be held prior to the end of June 2013 should the timescales for these projects not be to the satisfaction of the elected Members.

(Ref: Report by Network and Environment Manager dated April 2013, submitted).

### **14. INTRODUCTION OF ADDITIONAL RECYCLING SERVICES**

A report updating the Committee on progress on the planned introduction of additional recycling services including alternate weekly collections in the Oban and Lorn area was considered.

## **Decision**

The Committee noted the report and the proposed timescales for the introduction of increased recycling services including alternate weekly collections in the Oban and Lorn area which is within the Waste PPP Contract area.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure dated 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013, submitted).

### **15. COLL PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

A report following discussions with Argyll and Bute Council and the Development Coll Group in September 2009 to have the An Cridhe Development provide public convenience facilities was considered.

## **Decision**

The Committee:-

- i. Agreed to hold the decision off until the consultation has been completed ; and
- ii. Agreed that a further report would come back to the August Area Committee following discussion with Coll Community Council, and that any agreed closure of the public toilets will only take place at the end of the summer season.

(Ref: Report by Streetscene Manager dated 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013, submitted).

## **16. USE OF THIRD SECTOR GRANTS**

A report highlighting how the funding from grants to the Third Sector was spent in 2012/13 was considered.

Information was taken from the end of year project monitoring reports received from those organisations who received funding through the Third Sector Grants scheme in 2012/13.

## **Decision**

The Committee:-

- i. Agreed to note the contents of the report; and
- ii. Agreed that organisations that do not submit an end of project monitoring report are not eligible for funding from this grant scheme in future years.

(Ref: Report by Community Development Officer dated 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013, submitted).

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

## **17. THIRD SECTOR GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS**

A report detailing recommendations for the award of Third Sector Grants (including Events and Festivals) to Third Sector organisations for the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area was considered.

The total Third Sector Grant budget made available by the Council for allocation in Oban, Lorn and the Isles for 2013/14 is £35,000. Nineteen applications were received for consideration at the April Committee and £21,411 was awarded leaving a balance of £13,589. Three applications were deferred for consideration at the June Area Committee.

## **Decision**

The Committee agreed all 3 Third Sector Grants listed below:-

- i. Loch Awe Improvement Association (£2,000);
- ii. Oban Phoenix Cinema (£2,750); and

iii. Sound of Mull Radio (£2,862)

(Ref: Report by Community Development Officer dated 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013, submitted).

**18. APPOINTMENT TO BID4OBAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A report asking the Committee to appoint one elected Member to the Board of Directors of BID4OBAN was considered.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to appoint Councillor Roddy McCuish to be on the BID4OBAN Board of Directors.

(Ref: Report by Area Governance Manager dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013, submitted).

**19. QUALITY ASSURANCE AND CONTRACT MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS - CARE AT HOME**

A report setting out a framework to deliver quality assurance and contract management following the outcome of the recent tender, was before the Committee for consideration.

**Decision**

The Committee noted the contents of the report and asked that a further report detailing residential and day care information be provided to the Area Committee.

(Ref: Report on Older Peoples Care at Home: Quality Assurance and Contract Management, submitted).

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50A(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 Paragraphs 6 and 13 respectively of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

**20. BRIDGE OF ORCHY WATER SUPPLY**

A report updating Members on the progress that has been achieved with respect to the plans for improvement and future maintenance of the Bridge of Orchy Water Supply was considered.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- i. Noted the current position; and
- ii. Agreed to bring back a further report which would be dealt with in public session.

(Ref: Report by Head of Facility Services dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013, submitted).

## **21. SNACK BARS**

### **(a) GANAVAN**

A report advising the Committee of the offer received in respect of the Snack Bar Site at Ganavan Sands Car Park, Ganavan, which was advertised for let over the summer 2013 season was considered.

#### **Decision**

The Committee: agreed to the recommendations contained in the report submitted by the Executive Director of Customer Services.

(Ref: Report by Asset Manager dated 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013, submitted).

### **(b) BUNESSAN & FIONNPHORT, ISLE OF MULL**

A report advising the Committee of two requests received in relation to possible mobile snack bar sites on the Isle of Mull, one site on the car park adjacent to Bunessan Pier and the other on the pier car park at Fionnphort, was considered.

#### **Decision**

The Committee:-

- i. Instructs the Executive Director of Customer Services to enter into lease arrangements with the identified potential operators for both sites on a trial basis for the summer 2013 period, subject to all necessary permissions being put in place.

(Ref: Report by Asset Manager dated 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013, submitted).