

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM held in
the OBAN COMMUNITY FIRE STATION, SOROBA ROAD, OBAN
on MONDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2013**

Present: Iain MacKinnon (Chair)

Stephen Doogan, Area Governance Officer
Mandy Sheridan, ABC Council
Sue Stefek, ABC Council
John Heron, ABC Council
Murray Humphries, LochWatch Loch Awe
Martin Hill, Scottish Fire and Rescue

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:-

Councillor Louise Glen-Lee
Councillor Alistair MacDougall
Carol Keeley, ABC Council
June Graham, ABC Council
Jim Smith, ABC Council
Robert Cowper, ABC Council
Iona MacPhail, ACHA
Laura Stephenson, Argyll and Bute CHP

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of 26th August were approved as a correct record.

Since the last meeting, Martin Hill advised that Scottish Fire and Rescue are about to start a further initiative for targeting cars that are parking on narrow streets.

3. UPDATES FROM PARTNERS

(a) POLICE SCOTLAND

The Group agreed to defer this item to the next meeting as there was no one present from Police Scotland.

(b) SCOTLAND FIRE AND RESCUE

Martin Hill updated the Group on the recent success of the Bonfire Strategy. He advised that Scottish Fire and Rescue had visited local primary schools and gave a presentation to primary 6 & 7 on safety awareness and they also took part in a poster competition for the fireworks display.

He updated the Group on the recent Protection and Prevention meeting he had attended. Martin advised that there had been no incidents on Bonfire Night and that this is regarded as a success since the message is getting across. He noted that both Scottish Fire and Rescue and Police Scotland are continuing to send community safety leaflets out through the Tesco Home delivery service. This is another successful example of partnership working, Martin spoke about the Festive Strategy and advised that they will be targeting people for safety. He highlighted about an article which appeared in the Oban Times last year in relation to the elderly where a woman who received a home fire safety visit spoke to the paper about her experience; and he intends to do something similar this year as this had previously worked well.

He advise the Group of the existence of a Partnership/Task Force group which has been set up to look at wilful fire raising across Scotland and he agreed to bring more information on this to the next meeting.

He advised that they will be holding a Fire Fighter for the day event where they will be inviting a selected number of people into the station to run workshops on what Scottish Fire and Rescue carry out on a day to day basis and there will be the opportunity to experience in a diluted sense some of the training which fire-fighters have to undergo so that the breadth of the role of a fire fighter can be better understood.

The Area Governance Officer agreed to take this information to the other Community Safety Forums for their information.

(c) LOCHWATCH LOCH AWE

Murray Humphries updated the Group on the success of the press launch for the new safety boat which took place in September.

He advised the boat season is now over until March and that they have recently received secured funding from the MacQueen's Charitable Trust for a new radar unit for the boat.

(d) ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

Sue Stefek updated the Group on the Winter Festival as it is currently underway. She advised that Hogmanay in Oban is going well and they are meeting next week to discuss final proposals.

She advised that there is now a Gas Safety Website up and running on Argyll and Bute Council's website for advice.

She informed the group that there are still private water supply grants available for people to improve their systems.

Mandy Sheridan advised there her Area Manager Janice Ritchie has now left and Alex Taylor will be taking over from her.

She advised that she has been meeting with Nicola McGillvary from OASIS and they have recently received funds to employ an additional worker for Children and Families to help with addictions.

4. UPDATES FROM SUB-GROUPS

(a) ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The Group agreed to defer this item to the next meeting as there was no one present from Police Scotland.

(b) VULNERABLE PERSONS

It was agreed that the Area Governance Assistant would try to contact NHS again to establish what the position is here in relation to not having received a report for over a year now.

(c) ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

The Group agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

5. BIKER'S ROAD MAP

The Area Governance Officer indicated that he was seeking information for Police and fire services in order to coordinate a map of the serious and fatal accidents, this is to be developed into an Argyll wide resource and published to locations where road users such as bike or car clubs are located as well as the more obvious garages.

6. SEXUAL HEALTH

The Group agreed to defer this item to the next meeting as Laura Stephenson from Argyll and Bute CHP could unfortunately not attend this meeting.

7. OBAN TO CONNEL BACK ROAD

John Heron agreed to circulate all the information to the Group relating to the recent traffic audit, and bring a response to the next meeting.

The Group agreed to invite a Planning Officer to the next meeting to give information on the number of planning sites granted permission and granted dominant.

8. AOCB

John Heron informed the Group that if anyone has any information on road accidents to get in touch with him and let him know.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be held on Monday 24th February 2014

at 2pm in Oban Community Fire Station.

