

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN COMMON GOOD FUND held in the CORRAN HALLS, OBAN
on FRIDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2014**

Present: Councillor Elaine Robertson (Chair)
Councillor Alistair MacDougall Councillor Iain A MacDonald

Attending: Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager
Andy Newiss, R A Clement Associates
Marri Malloy, Oban Community Council
Dugald Cameron, Church of Scotland

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Neil MacIntyre.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interested intimated although Marri Malloy confirmed that in relation to item 9(a) of this Minute, she was involved in writing the constitution for the Soroba Young Families Group in 2005 where her name is printed, but since then has had no involvement with the Group.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Oban Common Good Fund held on 15th August 2014 were approved as a correct record.

The Chair recorded her thanks to Andy Newiss for kindly extending his accountancy contract with the Fund until 31st March 2015 to allow for the tendering process to be completed.

The Group had a discussion about the workshop which is scheduled to take place next year. It was agreed to hold the workshop on Friday 22nd May 2015. The Area Governance Manager agreed to speak to the Head of Governance and Law as to whether the 30 mile per hour signs demote the burgh of Oban and agreed to bring this item to the workshop discussion in May.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) OBAN SAILING CLUB

The Trustees received a thank you letter from Oban Sailing Club for the award that the Oban Common Good Fund gave them to purchase their new dinghy and invited Trustees along to the Sailing Club for an official launching.

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

5. END OF PROJECT MONITORING REPORTS

(a) HOGMANAY IN OBAN

The Trustees received an End of Project Monitoring report from Hogmanay in Oban.

Decision

The Trustees noted the information contained in the report.

(b) FRIENDS OF OBAN HOSPICE

The Trustees received an End of Project Monitoring report from Friends of Oban Hospice.

Decision

The Trustees noted the information contained in the report.

(c) LORNE HIGHLAND GAMES

The Trustees received an End of Project Monitoring report from Lorne Highland Games.

Decision

The Trustees noted the information contained in the report.

(d) WEST HIGHLAND TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Trustees received an End of Project Monitoring report from West Highland Tennis Championships.

Decision

The Trustees noted the information contained in the report.

6. ACTUAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

A financial statement detailing the current position of investment transaction for the period 1st April to 28th November 2014 was considered.

Decision

The Trustees noted the information provided.

(Ref: Financial Statement by Andy Newiss, R A Clement Associates dated 19th August 2014, submitted).

7. OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS

The Trustees noted the outstanding commitments to date and noted that the final figure is still to be received from Oban Community Council regarding the underwrite they were given for the World War One Event.

8. CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

The Group had a discussion on the layout of the agenda and asked that future agendas have a table at the start of the exempt agenda items, providing details of the grant each applicant wishes to apply for.

(a) HOGMANAY IN OBAN

The Trustees further considered an application from Hogmanay in Oban which was carried forward from the August meeting.

Decision

The Trustees agreed to award £2,000, and asked that any money which is not needed for the event be returned to the Fund.

9. NEW APPLICATIONS

(a) SOROBA YOUNG FAMILY GROUP PROJECT

The Trustees considered an application from Soroba Young Family Group Project.

Decision

Unfortunately this application did not meet the criteria so therefore the Trustees agreed to write to Soroba Young Families Group asking them to resubmit their application with further information on what the grant would be used for and to remind them to ensure that the resubmitted application meets the criteria of the Common Good Fund.

(b) OBAN LORN SHINTY CLUB

The Trustees considered an application from Oban Lorn Shinty Club.

Decision

The Trustees agreed to disperse £2,000.

The Chair updated the Trustees on a letter she received from the P7 pupils at Dunbeg and Lochnell Primary Schools looking for a grant towards an outdoor education week in March 2015.

The Area Governance Manager confirmed that this query does not meet the Oban Common Good Fund criteria as it is outside the burgh of Oban.