

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN COMMON GOOD FUND held in the CORRAN HALLS, OBAN  
on FRIDAY, 20 MARCH 2015**

**Present:** Councillor Elaine Robertson (Chair)  
Councillor Neil MacIntyre Councillor Iain A MacDonald

**Attending:** Graeme Forrester, Area Committee Manager  
Andy Newiss, R A Clement Associates  
Dugald Cameron, Church of Scotland

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Alistair MacDougall and Marri Malloy, Chair of Oban Community Council.

The Chair ruled and the Trustees agreed to take the application dealt with at item 8(h) of this Minute as an urgent item so it falls within this financial year.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Dugald Cameron declared a non financial interest in item 8(d) of this Minute as he is a member of Oban Gaelic Choir. He stayed in the room and took no part in the discussion of this item.

**3. MINUTES**

**(a) OBAN COMMON GOOD FUND - 28 NOVEMBER 2014**

The Minutes of the previous Oban Common Good Fund held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were approved as a correct record.

The Chair asked if any correspondence had been received from Soroba Young Families Group. The Senior Area Committee Assistant confirmed that nothing further had been received.

**(b) SPECIAL OBAN COMMON GOOD FUND - 14 JANUARY 2015**

The Minutes of the Special Oban Common Good Fund held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were approved as a correct record.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

**(a) OBAN WINTER FESTIVAL**

The Trustees received a thank you letter from Oban Winter Festival for the award that the Oban Common Good Fund gave them.

**Decision**

The Trustees noted the information contained in the letter.

**(b) OBAN HIGH SCHOOL NEW YORK EXPERIENCE**

The Trustees received a thank you letter from Oban High School Music Department for the award that the Oban Common Good Fund gave them for their New York experience trip scheduled for April 2015.

**Decision**

1. The Trustees noted the information contained in the letter; and
2. The Senior Area Committee Assistant agreed to email a copy of the Oban Common Good Fund logo to the High School so they can add this to the banner which they will be showcasing on the Tartan Day Parade.

**(c) OBAN SAILING CLUB**

The Trustees considered a letter from Oban Sailing Club requesting to use the original grant money which was awarded for a single dinghy to now be used against purchasing 5, good quality, second hand dinghies, two of which will be named to recognise the support of the Fund.

**Decision**

The Trustees agreed to the request from Oban Sailing Club.

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 FORMS**

**(a) OBAN COMMUNITY PLAY PARK**

The Trustees received an End of Project Monitoring report from Oban Community Playpark.

**Decision**

The Trustees noted the information contained in the report.

**(b) OBAN WINTER FESTIVAL**

The Trustees received an End of Project Monitoring report from Oban Winter Festival.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015 was considered.

#### **Decision**

The Trustees noted the information provided.

(Ref: Financial Statement by Andy Newiss, R A Clement Associates dated 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014, submitted).

### **7. OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS**

The Trustees noted the outstanding commitments to date and noted that there are now no outstanding commitments to the Oban Common Good Fund.

### **8. NEW APPLICATIONS**

#### **(a) APPLICATION SUMMARY**

The Trustees noted the application summary for all new applications.

#### **(b) WEST HIGHLAND YACHTING WEEK**

The Trustees considered an application for financial assistance from West Highland Yachting Week for a 3 year funding grant.

#### **Decision**

The Trustees agreed to award the sum of £2,000 towards race entry fees and write to representatives of West Highland Yachting Week and advise them that a 3 year funding grant would take the Oban Common Good Fund beyond this Administration.

#### **(c) HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS MUSIC AND DANCE FESTIVAL**

The Trustees considered an application for financial assistance from Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival.

#### **Decision**

The Trustees agreed to disperse £2,000.

#### **(d) OBAN GAELIC CHOIR**

The Trustees considered an application for financial assistance from

Oban Gaelic Choir.

**Decision**

The Trustees agreed to disperse £2,000.

(e) **LORN LADIES SHINTY CLUB**

The Trustees considered an application for financial assistance from Lorn Ladies Shinty Club.

**Decision**

The Trustees agreed to disperse £1,400.

(f) **OBAN COMMUNITIES TRUST**

The Trustees considered an application for financial assistance from Oban Communities Trust.

There was a discussion regarding the current status of the acquisition of the former Rockfield Primary School by Oban Communities Trust

**Decision**

The Trustees agreed to disperse £5,000, subject to acquisition of the former Rockfield Primary School.

(g) **THE ARGYLLSHIRE GATHERING**

The Trustees considered an application for financial assistance from the Argyllshire Gathering.

**Decision**

The Trustees agreed to disperse £1,500.

(h) **OBAN FENCING CLUB**

The Trustees considered an application for financial assistance from Oban Fencing Club.

**Decision**

The Trustees agreed to disperse £500.

## **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

It was agreed that the Senior Area Committee Assistant would circulate possible dates for consideration to the Trustees for the next meeting and workshop in May.

The Trustees had a discussion on the Oban Common Good Fund logo and suggested that a new logo be made. The Area Committee Manager agreed to look into this and report back to the Trustees.