

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE held via MICROSOFT
TEAMS
on WEDNESDAY, 9 JUNE 2021**

Present: Councillor Elaine Robertson (Chair)

Councillor Mary-Jean Devon
Councillor Kieron Green
Councillor Jim Lynch
Councillor Roderick McCuish

Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor
Councillor Julie McKenzie
Councillor Andrew Vennard

Attending: Stuart McLean – Committee Manager
Mark Calder – Project Manager
Laura MacDonald – Community Development Officer
Kathryn Wilkie – Ae[Ae[Ae[12 Tf1 0 0 1 143.06 575.62 Tm[)]]TJETQqCq106.82

(c) Oban Common Good Fund - 9 March 2021

The minutes of the Oban Common Good Fund held on Tuesday 9 March 2021 were noted.

(d) Oban Common Good Fund - 25 May 2021

The minutes of the Oban Common Good Fund held on Thursday 25 March 2021 were noted.

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Questions from Ross Wilson, Vice-Chair - Oban Community Harbour Development Association (OCHDA)

Questions related to item 8 on the agenda – Oban Bay Single Harbour Authority Update and were presented by Mr Wilson. Mark Calder, Project Manager, responded on behalf of the Head of Roads and Infrastructure Services.

Appraisal of Options

Question 1: Which of the 5 options listed in December 2019 are still under consideration and what is the timescale for completion?

Response: At this point the Council's policy position on this matter is as set out in the December 2019 report to the Harbour Board. For the avoidance of doubt, what that means is that the Council has taken no view on which of the five options is preferable, therefore all options are under consideration. Once OCHDA have submitted the required information an options appraisal of all options will be concluded. This options appraisal will be used to provide recommendations to Members.

Question 2: Is there a workplan for this and who is involved in the appraisal?

Response: There is no specific work plan. Council officers continue to work with OCHDA to enable the options appraisal to be concluded. This will be appraised by the appropriate council officers and a recommendation provided to Elected Members.

Question 3: In view of the public interest in this, will the Council announce its preferred option at another public meeting?

Response: Progress will be reported to the appropriate council committee.

Question 4: Which of these options is preferred by the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Members?

Response: The Committee Manager confirmed it would not be for Officers to comment on this question other than to say that it would not be prudent at this time for Elected Members to express their position on this matter as they are yet to be furnished with all the information on all the available options that would allow them to reach an informed decision.

Development of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Question 5: In view of the 18 months since the development of the MoU should have started, is there a workplan for the development of the MoU?

Question 6: Exactly what stage has the development of the MoU reached and what needs to be done and by whom?

Response: The relevant Executive Director and Head of Service are working with OCHDA to develop the MoU to a form which is agreeable to both parties – this is the subject of ongoing discussion and correspondence. An outline MoU was supplied to OCHDA in March this year. It is important to understand that a MoU is a high level document which forms the basis of an ongoing relationship.

Question 7: What deadlines are the Council working to regarding their outstanding 'deliverables'?

Response: At this point we do not consider that we have any outstanding 'deliverables'. The Project Manager confirmed that OCHDA and council officers can have a further discussion around how and what deliverables can be agreed.

Questions from Phil Hamerton, OCHDA Management Committee member

Questions were read out by Mr Hamerton. Mark Calder, Project Manager, responded on behalf of the Head of Roads and Infrastructure Services.

Formal Approach to the Council

Question 8: What additional material is required from OCHDA in order for Argyll and Bute Council to acknowledge that the approach for the offer of a lease is 'formal'?

Response: There has been

relevant stakeholders in this discussion over the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between OCHDA and the Council?

Response: The Chair of the Harbour Board and the Executive Director will consult with each other regarding the appropriate attendees at this meeting. We would hope that all infrastructure providers/operators, and users be represented as stakeholders.

Response from Committee

The Chair confirmed that in relation to the stakeholder meeting it was her understanding that those in attendance would be Harbour Board Members, Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee Members, council officers and representatives from OCHDA.

Councillor Roderick McCuish requested that a meeting with all stakeholders take place in the next two weeks as a matter of urgency so that Area Committee Members can become more informed about the situation. Councillor Andrew Vennard, in his role as Vice-Chair of the Harbour Board, supported this proposal.

The Project Manager confirmed that there was ongoing sets of meetings ensuring engagement and ongoing discussions with OCHDA as well as a formal meeting to be arranged as agreed by the Harbour Board.

Questions from Duncan Martin – Oban Community Council

What is the position with the season so far with regards to the management of caravans and campervans at Ganavan and can card payment parking meters be installed instead of cash only ones?

Response from Project Manager

A Staycation Officer had been engaging with community groups and Members are updated each week regarding visitors to Argyll and Bute. Mr Duncan was invited to address any specific issues to the Project Manager directly who would also explore what options are viable for card only machines and will update Mr Duncan and Committee Members accordingly.

Councillor Mary-Jean Devon stated that the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee had recently agreed some changes and the Committee Manager confirmed a copy of the relevant report and decision would be forwarded to Mr Duncan for information.

Questions from Marri Malloy – Oban Community Council

What is the council's position, from an environmental health perspective, in response to people emptying their cassette toilets at the back of the public toilets and why are traffic warden not issuing tickets at Ganavan?

Response from Project Manager

The department is in the process of recruiting environmental health wardens for each administrative area. In respect of parking tickets the Project Manager would take these comments back to colleagues in Roads to look into.

Question from Alison McNab - Friends of Ganavan

In relation to the Ganavan Potential Development Area PDA 4023 in the new Local Plan would the two Area Committee members who declared an interest at the last vote on Ganavan be doing the same at the full council meeting on June 24 2021? We are not asking how you will vote but just want to know about what the numbers will be from our Area on the day.

Response from Committee

The Chair confirmed it was herself and Councillor McCuish who had to declared an interest but that particular meeting was on different aspect and area of Ganavan and she shall not be declaring interest at the Council meeting. Councillor McCuish agreed that he would have nothing to declare about the carpark and he intended to vote at the Council meeting.

Question from Ian Stevenson

The Committee Manager read out the below question on behalf of Mr Stevenson.

I would like to formally request that the subject of signage and if required a revision of the TRO for Gallanach Road prohibiting overnight parking / camping in campervans is raised. I am extremely frustrated by the delay in finding a solution to this ongoing problem.

Response from Project Manager

Mr Calder stated that he understood in relation to the passing place signs that the issue was that these signs are not prescribed within the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 (TSRGD) legislation and therefore would not be enforceable. It is possible to ask Scottish Ministers to approve a non-prescribed sign but even if they were minded to do so, this would then create another demand for enforcement that would not be possible.

Response from Committee

Councillor Jim Lynch stated he understood that the signs ssibleo1 0 01 79.4643m[)]Tcalrescri-3

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee;

1. considered and noted the report; and
2. agreed that the Chair would request a meeting with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Harbour Board, council officers and OCHDA to discuss the progress of the proposed transfer of the Council's existing powers and responsibilities in Oban Bay.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure Services dated June 2021, submitted)

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8.

The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided an update on the progress of the Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) process, background on the current backlog of TROs and impact of the statutory Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTRO) and Traffic Notices on progression of permanent TROs.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee considered and noted the update on Traffic Regulation Order progress.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Infrastructure Services dated May 2021, submitted)

9.

The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided an update on the progress made to date in the delivery of the Oban University Town project.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee;

1. considered the report regarding the update on Oban as a University Town; and
2. expressed appreciation to Officers in progressing the project.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth dated May 2021, submitted)

10.

The Committee gave consideration to a progress and statistical update report on the Primary Schools in Oban, Lorn and the Isles for the 2020/2021 session.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee;

1. considered the content of the report; and
2. thanked the Education Team for all the good work undertaken; and
3. thanked Kathryn Wilkie, Education Officer, for her commitment and input into Education Services over many years and wished her a long and happy retirement.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education Services dated 7 June 2021, submitted)

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 20/21	Total Cost	Project	Amount Requested	Award
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The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee noted the Workplan.

(Reference: Draft Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee Workplan, submitted)