

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE held by
MICROSOFT TEAMS
on WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2022**

Present:

Councillor Andrew Kain (Chair)

Councillor Kieron Green

Councillor Amanda Hampsey

Councillor Jim Lynch

Councillor Luna Martin

Councillor Julie McKenzie

Councillor Andrew Vennard

Attending:

Stuart McLean, Committee Manager

Mark Calder, Project Officer, Development & Infrastructure Services

David Allan, Estates Officer, Commercial Services

Marri Malloy, Convenor Oban Community Council

Duncan Martin, Oban Community Council

Alan MacAskill, Connel Flying Club

Emily Woolard, Connel Flying Club

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and took the opportunity to acknowledge the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday, 8 September 2022.

The Committee took a short pause for a moment of remembrance.

There were no apologies for absence intimated.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTES

(a) Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee - 15 June 2022

The Minute of the previous meeting of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee, held on 15 June 2022, was approved as a correct record.

(b) Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group - 17 August 2022

The Minute of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group, held on 17 August 2022, was noted.

(c) Oban Common Good Fund - 3 August 2022

The Minute of the Oban Common Good Fund, held on 3 August 2022,

Mark Calder of the Councils Roads Department stated that a Parking Review is being progressed, where the use of technology, blanket orders and enforcement actions are being looked at in consultation with AECOM Professional Services. A report on the outcome of the Review would be considered by the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee in due course. It was agreed that Mr Calder would advise Mrs Malloy on progress made in this regard.

3. Question from Duncan Martin

Duncan Martin on behalf of Oban Community Council asked whether the recent changes to the bus services within Oban and surrounding area, was suggested by Officers within the Council?

specifically paragraph 3.17 which provided an update on the Dunbeg Bus Service. Mr Calder advised that a decision had been made to change the bus service based on patronage numbers and that subsequent feedback from customers had highlighted that the service was more important than these figures suggested. Mr Calder accepted that the communications around this change had not been as good as they should have been.

4. Question from Roddy McCuish

Roddy McCuish asked whether the financial el(p)-6(r) 0.078 JEmmuee45 528(f)28sked 1(a)

(Reference: Extract of Minute of Audit and Scrutiny Committee held on 23 June 2022 and report by Chair of the Community Asset Transfer Scrutiny Panel, Submitted)

9. DRAFT OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

The Committee were asked to note the Area Committee workplan for future meetings.

Decision

The members of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles noted the contents of the workplan.

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

10. JOHN OF LORN BEQUEST AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

- (a) **Report by Executive Director for responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support**
- (b) **Exempt Appendix**

11. COMMERCIAL SERVICES REPORTS

(a) Connel Flying Club - Lease at Oban Airport

Consideration was given to a report proposing the lease of an area of ground at Oban Airport to Connel Flying Club.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee agreed:

- a) to note the background to the current position outlined within the report by the Executive Director with responsibility for Commercial Services and the requirement for officers to seek Market Value when leasing assets owned by the council; and
- b) to agree that officers consider and thereafter engage with the Connel Flying Club regarding a lease agreement subject to the area to the north of the site being retained by the Council, the grassed area being included and this agreement being reflective of the Market Value of the site.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Commercial Services dated 15 August 2022, submitted)

(b) Connel Gliding Club - Lease at Oban Airport

Consideration was given to a report proposing the lease of an area of ground and buildings at Oban Airport to Connel Gliding Club.

Decision

- a) note the background to the current position outlined within the report by the Executive Director with responsibility for Commercial Services and the requirement for officers to seek Market Value when leasing assets owned by the council; and
- b) to agree officers engage with the Connel Gliding Club concerning the lease of ground and buildings at Oban Airport and that any lease should be reflective of the Market Value.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Commercial Services dated 15 August 2022, submitted)