

**BID4Oban Board Meeting Minutes of Meeting**  
**Oban Community Fire Station**  
**21<sup>st</sup> August 2018, 6.15pm**

<b>Present</b>	Ian Clunie (IC), Roddy MacCuish (RM), John Forbes (JF), Fergus Murray (FM)	
<b>In Attendance</b>	Andrew Spence (AS), Kay McDonald (KM)	
<b>Apologies</b>	Alex Needham, Nicki Archibald, Gregor MacKinnon	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Action</b>
1818	Declarations of interest - None	
2818	<b>Previous Minutes</b> - Minutes for June & July approved by JF and IC. Minutes April & May outstanding.	
3818	<b>Matters Arising</b> - Chris Jay has resigned and been removed from the Board at Companies House. Grant funding paid to Rockfield. Sleeper service trying to arrange meeting in Oban to discuss link from Oban to Crianlarich.	AS
4818	<b>Finance</b> -Expenditure during July - £33000. Prediction for year is a deficit of £30700 with £30 000 in reserves. Reserves should not go below £20000. Bad debt being recovered, debt down from £34000 at Sept 2017 to £20000 July 2018. Deposits paid for fireworks but will be in next years accounts as after 31/10. An application has been made to Heart of the Community fund for £6000 for fireworks.	AS
5818	<b>CEO Update</b> - BIDs supported debate on Oban Bay (OBMG) but involvement has been limited. Meetings have been held with A & B about cleanliness, weeding and bins and a meeting with the Area Committee has been requested to discuss next years activities and support of BIDS. A business day may be a better environment, AS awaiting invitation. BID Scotland cease to exist on 31 <sup>st</sup> August, AS will attend a Scottish Towns Partnership meeting to find out what they do including regeneration of town centres which could be used in areas of Oban.	AS to attend
6818	<b>Event Grants</b> - Oban & Lorn Shinty Club have appealed for support to send children to a shinty camp, supports social inclusion, gives back to community and could enable them to bring youth tournament to Oban. Advise of other funders and award of £700 approved.	AS to advise
7818	<b>Business Frontage</b> - Oban Phoenix Cinema - £1370, Go Bananas - £450, Mathesons - £1500, St Saviour - £262, Tommy's - £487, Button Nose - £108, Millstone - £1300, Guide Assoc. Hall - £1500. AS has written to Dunollie Estate as hall next to Guide Hall is in a poor condition. The new owners of The View (formally Skipennish)	

7818 cont.	would like a grant which would not usually be awarded but the building badly needs attention. This will improve a town centre eyesore. If the levy is paid in advance an award is recommended.	
8818	<b>Motorfest</b> - Bigger and better this year on the day after the Camanachd Cup Final. TTRO in place for Station Square from 8am to 6pm. Invites went out to car clubs throughout the year. Oban FM, emergency services and a mountain bike stunt team will also be there. The taxi companies will not be in the square and have all received letters.	
9818	<b>BID4Oban &amp; Council Projects</b> - Quotes are in for lighting the Black Lynn. Adrian Jackson-Stark will contact AS with an update from SUSTRANS who have money for safe routes to school. AS will put together an agenda for Area Committee.	AS to take forward
10818	<b>Cruise Group Update</b> - Meetings are arranged with cruise companies including Cunard for a visit by the Queen Victoria. Shore Excursion companies are increasingly approaching the cruise group and guides and it is hoped that the guides will be self-financing by 2019, ahead of schedule. HIE wish to use Oban as a pilot on marketing the town to smaller ships. The Port of Oban Cruise Group would be able to become a private company in the future.	
11818	<b>BID4Oban Term 2 Year 2</b> - Entrance of town could be improved without huge cost and support from Economic Development. Contractors would be available to tidy up the entrance from the south. McCaig's Tower is to be done with Stuart McCracken investigating what can come down at the viewpoint. Traders are looking for an upgrade to the CCTV with Scottish Towns Partnership perhaps funding part of the project. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Love Oban Pictures with Oban spelt out in 6ft letters for selfies, advertising on back and built locally and vandal proof.	
12818	<b>Vice Chair</b> - A Vice Chair should be appointed at the next meeting.	
13818	<b>AOB</b> - No minutes are available for April/May. AS responded to an increase in the office lease and has been advised that if approved by the area committee the lease will not be increased and capped for two years. RM asked Rockfield about lighting the building which may be part of future plans. AS will be absent from the end of November until January and suggested no board meeting in December. IC enquired about notice for a cycling event and was advised ASAP. FM advised about a Destination & Origin traffic survey over an	

	extended period and a meeting on the 19 <sup>th</sup> of September on the future of Oban and infrastructure. Lorraine from The Perle Hotel would like to join the board.	
	<b>Directors discussions - None</b>	