

BID4Oban Board Meeting
Minutes of meeting
held at Oban Community Fire Station on
19th June 2018 at 6.15pm

Present	Tony Cave (TC) – Chair, Ian Clunie (IC), Fergus Murray (FM), John Forbes (JF), Chris Jay (CJ), Gilbert MacKechnie (GM), Alison Chadwick (Oban Community Trust), Eleanor MacKinnon (OCT), Gordon MacNab (OCT), Ronnie Forbes (OCT)	
In Attendance	Andrew Spence (AS), Kay McDonald (KM)	
Apologies	Nicki Archibald (NA), Gregor MacKinnon (GM), Alex Needham (AN) Declarations of interest – None	
Item	Content	Action
1618	Presentation from Oban Community Trust on launch of Community Share Offer. Confirmed that BIDs can purchase shares. Information will be distributed to Directors for a decision in 2 weeks. NA, GM and AN are all in favour of support. MacQueen Bros will match any BID purchase up to £30 000.	Information. Further meeting required July 3 rd 2018
2618	Minutes of previous meeting not available.	TC to circulate
3618	<p>CEO Business Update</p> <p><u>Oban Live</u> was hugely successful, biggest ticket sales to date. BID support very visible and BID were recognised as the biggest single sponsor. In kind support, KM sold 12 000 tickets and the Fringe was very successful. Dates for next year will be announced shortly and camping facilities are to be expanded for next year.</p> <p><u>Flower Baskets</u> will be in place for tomorrow, they were held up by bad weather, in place for Oban Live next year. New troughs are in place at Combie St, High School and opposite Jacksons.</p> <p><u>Oban – A University Town</u> are making progress, identified that funding is needed for someone to drive the plan. AS has recommended Pauline Clifford.</p> <p><u>Walking Tours</u> are being sold by Visit Scotland. Variety Voyager are using the walking tours for 60 passengers each week. Meeting with Peter Wilson (Forth Group) to look at ways of attracting more ships, meeting people who plan itineraries 2 years in advance. A 3year development plan is needed. Oban Walking Tours website and finances are now</p>	<p>Action:</p> <p>None information</p>

	<p>in place with 12 guides. Channel 5 will be filming on the 15th July involving the Distillery, OHS Pipe Band and Walking Tours, A&B Economic Development provided drone footage for Channel 5 to use.</p> <p><u>Business Improvement Grants</u> Advertising in the Oban Times, on Facebook and AS is talking to businesses. Businesses in Stevenson Street getting quotes for whole area.</p> <p><u>Business Day</u> 60 people visited and were updated on what BID do. New advertising in Oban Times is successful and reaches wider area. Feedback that the industrial areas need more involvement. Work with Economic Development on signage.</p>	<p>AS to circulate footage</p> <p>AS will investigate lighting for Rockfield tree and Black Lynn</p>
4618	<p>Finance Report April levy was late for first time. Main expenditure: Oban Live - £15 000 Cruise Group - £3 500 Trainees - £1 800</p> <p>Bad Debt: External Sheriff Officers working well. Debt reducing substantially. WIFI: 1st proposal £11 600, 2nd proposal £22000. A&B applying for £15 000 funding from EU in September. 1st stage will cover pontoons and Esplanade. New users range from 400 per week to 864. Provision for webcam in McCaig's Tower in 2nd quote as income generator. Vote for 1st proposal unanimous.</p>	<p>Action:</p>
9218	<p>AOB: FM – Sleeper service needs to come to Oban. Invite Chief Exec. to Oban for reception. GM – Expansion of mini cruises from pontoons massive. Good coverage in P&J. TC – Bins on North Pier looking awful but temporary, last element to be completed. Bins a problem everywhere. Railings on Craigard Rd need painted and fixed. Lack of toilets at McCaig's Tower causing huge problems for residents.</p>	<p>Action:</p> <p>As required</p> <p>AS speaking to A&B</p>
	<p>Directors discussions: Directors discussed the lack of development of the roundabout at Dunbeg and the problems with traffic in Oban. FM suggested that Scottish Government need to help.</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed @ 8.10pm.</p>	
	<p>Meeting to discuss Oban Community Trust Funding 5.30pm 3rd July 2018 Next meeting: 21 August 2018 at 6.15pm in Oban Community Fire Station.</p>	<p>AS – Circulate invites</p>

