

BID4OBAN Ltd MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Tuesday 17th September 2019
6.15 – 8.15 PM. Oban Community Fire Station
Minutes of Meeting

Item		Lead
Chair: Tony Cave		
	Present: G MacKechnie, G MacKinnon, F Murray, I Clunie, A Spence Apologies: R MacCuish, N Archibald, J Forbes Minutes: K McDonald	
1919	Declarations of Interest - None	
2919	Minutes of previous meeting: 18th June Proposed: G MacKinnon, Seconded: I Clunie	ALL
3919	Matters arising Oban Winter Festival have been awarded £4000, money will not be released until an application has been received.	
4919	Finance Report: June, July, August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major expense £15K towards equipment for Black Lyn project £5750 received Common Good Fund. BID will be responsible for maintenance contract. Ranald Hotel and Lorne Bar have new lighting with other businesses nearby interested. • Recovery of expenses around Majestic and Hebridean Cruises • 3rd & 4th Quarter Council Support due £9k • Recovery rate about 97%. Finance Dept in Campbelltown have been very helpful 	
5919	Chief Executive Update to 11th September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Business Breakfast • Kirstin Macdonald A&B future projects – will arrange meeting to discuss • Oban Disability Forum • OAUT – Freshers week – very successful, good attendance • DYW – Meeting and update • Meeting A&B Planning reference town signage • Finance Meeting Campbelltown outcomes TBC • Meeting Economic Development Ref Town project Award of £44k • Attended Mid-Argyll Chamber of Commerce - • Scotland’s Towns meeting Inverness – Future of BIDs in Scotland 	AS
6919	Town Centre Fund Progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BID4Oban awarded £44K to refurbish and install town notice boards and signs. • Agreement to be signed when work streams submitted • Meeting with Tom Murphy to discuss installation • Awaiting further quotes • Alternative to some A-Frames • Removal of A-Frames IS NOT A BID PROJECT. IT IS AN A&B POLICY!! • Unsightly bin areas a problem around town • Approval process started • Awaiting quotes for advertising support 	AS

7919	Black Lyn Progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work commenced 20th August and will be complete by end September • Work includes Black Lyn, Rockfield Tree • Business improvement grants for Lorn Bar and Ranald Hotel to have illumination installed. • Part funding received from OCGF 	AS
8919	Motorfest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15th September – very successful with 66 cars in attendance. Capacity for 90 cars. No complaints received. • Road closures booked • Taxi Companies written to • Clan bikes on display again 	AS
9919	Oban Live Alternative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to support to host a series of events throughout summer 2020 • Early discussions with venues • Meeting to be scheduled for late October to discuss advertising opportunities with licenced trade venues • Proposal to have series of themed events across Oban • Equivalent funding to Oban Live should be made available • Ganavan has had a marquee for concerts in the past 	AS
10919	Oban Live 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oban Live have advised they want to return to Oban 2021 • They are going to commit to a three-year run • They are looking for a commitment from BID4Oban to become a partner for three years like memorandum of understanding we have with OLTA 	AS
11919	Year of Coasts and Waters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festival planned for Oban 2020 • Initial meetings held and provisional date 29th May • Oban & Inverness are the only two towns to be selected • Organised by the Royal Society of Edinburgh – talks already held with AITC, OLTA, SAMS, NLB and Scottish Sea Farms • Cultural, heritage, music etc. Friday aimed at school children and Saturday at families • BID will offer support and help as required • May help alleviate loss of Oban Live next year, Mod returning to Oban in 2023 	AS
12919	OLTA Proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to work with and support OLTA 	AS
13919	Mid-Argyll Chamber of Commerce proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended breakfast meeting • Proposal to work together for the great benefit of Argyll in general – strong business voice to work with council and attract different streams of funding • Potential business breakfast to be held in Oban • BID to be members and support with membership fee to reflect businesses represented by BID 	AS & FM
14919	BID4Oban – 2020 and beyond future direction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General discussion to gain ideas for 2020 – Scottish Government will be giving money to town centres. Need to look to Oban’s future for next 20 years. Oban has many aging visitors who would benefit from 	ALL

	<p>shelters and increased toilet facilities which could also generate income. Oban would be ideal as a conference venue during winter months but needs promoted as such. Wet weather attractions are also needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What will the BID look like in two years' time? Levy has not been raised and admin costs have been reduced. • What role should we be taking in the community etc – business groups and council need to plan bigger, bolder projects and services. North Pier carpark and building have facilities for holding events and the usage of the carpark needs reviewed. Side lanes at Regent Hotel will be one of the future lighting projects, talks underway, will lead people from pontoons to George St. Towns need to keep constantly improving to compete in tourism, civic pride is also needed. Parking is a constant issue with a meeting organised by Community Council tomorrow. Paying for long term parking is very difficult and promises by council to improve this have not been kept. Cheaper rates for commuters and tradespeople would be useful. 	
15919	<p>Additional Directors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We must resolve this issue as a matter of urgency – Michael Acey is to be invited to attend the next board meeting • Board members from some of the larger businesses would be good or from areas such as solicitors, accountants or representatives from trade businesses would be useful. • We are in danger of meetings not being quorate. 	
16919	<p>AOB</p> <p>Kirsten MacDonald will be invited to do a presentation on Strategic Development</p> <p>Oban Times have received a complaint about the change of date for the Reindeer Parade and have approached BID for a comment.</p>	
	<p>Enclosure (s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes June Board Meeting • June, July & August Finance plus commentary • Chief Executive Summary & Update 	