

# BID4OBAN Ltd MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## Minutes of Meeting via Skype

	<p><b>Chair:</b> Tony Cave  <b>Present:</b> A Spence, F Murray, R McCuish, J Forbes, A Spence, K MacCorquodale  <b>Minutes:</b> K McDonald</p>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>Lead</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> – R McCuish McAulay Cup Final	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b> – Proposed: T Cave Seconded: J Forbes	
<b>3</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> - None	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Finance Statement to 31<sup>st</sup> January</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher than anticipated levy collections for first three months, 66% of total.</li> <li>• Debt meeting scheduled for the end of February in Campbeltown.</li> <li>• Meeting with D MacGregor to produce cashflow projection.</li> </ul>	AS AS
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Chief Executive update to 12<sup>th</sup> April</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debt meeting with A&amp;B which has resulted in collection of £5000 unpaid debt from previous years.</li> <li>• Tourism Focus Group held with AITC in The View</li> <li>• Meeting held with A&amp;B reference Gibraltar Street. This was followed up with the first a meeting of business that will be impacted, community council, Tesco and design team. A public consultation will take place in May with design proposal options.</li> <li>• Meeting held with Durty Events that are bringing Craggy Island Triathlon in October which will be run on Kerrera with competitors staying in Oban.</li> <li>• Durty Events are also organising ITERA Adventure Race Event. This will bring 200 competitors to Oban During August. We are supporting by way of publicity, asking A&amp;B to hold a Civic Reception at Corran Halls. This has been applied for. The Race will end on the A Thursday and Friday as it is a 6/7-day event.</li> <li>• Meetings held with Tom Murphy regarding town cleaning and recruitment in place for the additional summer street cleaner.</li> <li>• Baskets sent to Inverness last week and they will be returned either last week in May or first week in June as per previous year.</li> <li>• Meeting with Aileen Cullen regarding re ballot. The proposal needs to be with A&amp;B for 27<sup>th</sup> May.</li> <li>• Attending AITC Conference tomorrow</li> </ul>	AS
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Events and Tourism update by Karen MacCorquodale</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summit at The View was well received</li> <li>• Private Facebook group launched as emails are not being read</li> <li>• 10 minute podcasts to inspire and drive to website</li> <li>• Website has been added to and improved with digital mapping and clickable links to businesses</li> <li>• Accommodation can be booked from website</li> <li>• Working with The List to pull in Events</li> <li>• Tickets for Oban International Shanty Festival on sale today</li> <li>• Planning meeting at end of the year, Google Docs used to share in the meantime</li> <li>• Monthly newsletter to be informative and light and get the good news out there</li> </ul>	

7	<p><b>Grant Application Oban Sportive</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application received. Previously successful event with many staying overnight, Graham Obree will be giving a talk the night before the event.</li> <li>• Road closure applied for</li> <li>• Proposal agreed</li> </ul>	AS
8	<p><b>Grant Application Oban Pride</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large event that has grown over the last few years. They have been actively engaging with businesses and given the amount of people this brings to the town we should be supporting. They work with OHS and community groups. Approved to maximum of £5000</li> </ul>	
9	<p><b>Grant Application Lorn Drama Festival</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long standing event that was last run in 2019</li> <li>• In terms of compliance with vulnerable persons, the drama festival organises groups to come to the event and all groups attending must have a duty of care for their participants.</li> <li>• Event has grown from 4 nights to 5 nights. Grant approved</li> </ul>	
10	<p><b>Grant Application Macaulay Association</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application should include more detail.</li> <li>• It is a large event that attracts a large crowd to Oban on the day.</li> <li>• Andy will provide feedback to them with a copy of what the Camanachd Association produced.</li> <li>• MacAulay sixes are the biggest in Scotland and they do a lot of work in schools to promote shinty</li> <li>• Shots of teams should have BID banners and clearly be in Oban, banners should be highly visible</li> <li>• Approved if application is resubmitted up to £3k max</li> </ul>	
11	<p><b>Fergus Murray update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Levelling up bid to UK Government features Oban for low carbon, hydrogen and Dunbeg corridor</li> <li>• New drone hub at Oban Airport</li> <li>• A&amp;B Love Local Card useful in other areas of Argyll</li> <li>• Extra funding for covid support and energy</li> <li>• Wardens will be appointed throughout the area</li> <li>• Gibraltar Street design to make best use of signage. Funding from Tesco looks promising</li> <li>• AITC – council tourism strategy features extending the season, adventure tourism, food and drink strategy, seaweed and algae at SAMS and investment in Oban</li> <li>• Planning with private sector as renewables and aquaculture all need housing</li> </ul>	
12	<p><b>AGM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AGM to be held tomorrow Wednesday at the Rockfield Centre</li> <li>• Adoption of accounts</li> <li>• Presentation on activities and re-ballot this year</li> <li>• Appeal for Directors</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One waste unit for campervans coming but needs site.</li> <li>• Town WIFI extension is in place in the Harbour Building, BT should have work completed soon</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Oban Directory is no longer live, Oban.org has used some of the information and is working on making the map interactive</li><li>• Information on all BID projects need to get to businesses and we need to blow our own trumpet</li></ul>	
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**Meeting closed at 7.15pm**  
**Next Meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022**