

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN COMMON GOOD FUND held by MICROSOFT TEAMS
on MONDAY, 18 MARCH 2024**

Present: Councillor Kieron Green (Chair)
Councillor Jim Lynch Councillor Luna Martin

Attending: Melissa Stewart, Governance Officer

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated by Councillor Andrew Kain, Provost Margi Campbell, Fr James MacNeil and Marri Malloy.

It was agreed that in Councillor Kain's absence that Councillor Green would Chair the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Jim Lynch declared a non-financial interest in Items 5(d) and Item 8 of these minutes as he is a member of Highlands and Islands Music & Dance Festival. Councillor Lynch left the meeting during consideration of the item and did not participate in the decision making.

The Chair proposed, and the Trustees agreed, that the agenda be taken out of sequence, leaving item 6(a) of the agenda to be discussed at the end of the meeting, to allow Councillor Lynch to take part in discussions on other items of business prior to leaving the meeting. The minute reflects the order of business as taken at the meeting.

The Trustees noted that given the Declaration of Interest made by Councillor Lynch the meeting would not be quorate in respect of items 5(d) and 8 of these minutes and resolved that for these items only they would agree a temporary delegation to the Governance Officer to participate as a decision maker. The decision is recorded on that basis.

3. MINUTES

(a) **Minutes of Oban Common Good Fund Meeting held 13 November 2023**

The minutes of the Oban Common Good Fund held on 13 November 2023 were approved as a correct record.

(b) **Minutes of Special Meeting of Oban Common Good Fund held on 12 December 2023**

The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Oban Common Good Fund held on 12 December 2023 were approved as a correct record.

The Trustees resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the press and public for the following items of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

4. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

A financial statement detailing the current position of investment transaction for the period up to 26 February 2024 was considered.

Decision

The Trustees noted the income and expenditure report.

(Ref: Report by Simmers & Co for period ending 26 February 2024, submitted)

5. END OF PROJECT MONITORING

(a) Adventure Oban

The Trustees were invited to consider the End of Project Monitoring from Adventure Oban.

Decision

The Trustees noted the end of project form.

(Ref: End of Project Monitoring Form, submitted)

(b) Atlantis Leisure

The Trustees were invited to consider the End of Project Monitoring from Atlantis Leisure.

Decision

The Trustees noted the end of project form.

(Ref: End of Project Monitoring Form, submitted)

(c) Family Mediation

The Trustees were invited to consider the End of Project Monitoring from Family Mediation.

Decision

The Trustees noted the end of project form.

(Ref: End of Project Monitoring Form, submitted)

Councillor Lynch left the meeting.

(d) **Highlands and Islands Music & Dance Festival**

The Trustees were invited to consider the End of Project Monitoring from Highlands and Islands Music & Dance Festival.

Decision

The Trustees requested further information regarding the use of the underspend of £320.

(Ref: End of Project Monitoring Form, submitted)

(e) **Lorn & Oban Health Options**

Councillor Lynch rejoined the meeting at this point.

The Trustees were invited to consider the End of Project Monitoring from Lorn and Oban Healthy Options.

Decision

The Trustees noted the end of project form.

(Ref: End of Project Monitoring Form, submitted)

(f) **Oban War Memorial Centenary Group**

The Trustees were invited to consider the End of Project Monitoring from Oban War Memorial Centenary Group.

Decision

The Trustees noted the end of project form.

(Ref: End of Project Monitoring Form, submitted)

6. NEW APPLICATIONS

(a) **Oban Communities Trust**

The Trustees considered the application from Oban Communities Trust.

Decision

It was recognised that the Oban Communities Trust had carried out extensive fundraising over the last few months to keep the centre running, therefore it was unanimously agreed to award £4000 to this project.

(Reference: application submitted by Oban Communities Trust)

7. CONTINUED APPLICATION

(a) Oban Community Council

Oban Community Council provided an update on Phase 1 of their project .

Decision

The Trustees noted the update and agreed that the application be further continued with the applicant being invited to bring back a further update to the August 2024 meeting.

Councillor Lynch left the meeting.

8. HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS MUSIC & DANCE FESTIVAL

The Trustees considered the application from Highlands and Islands Music & Dance Festival.

Decision

The Trustees agreed to award the amount of £4000 for the project.

(Reference: Application submitted by Highlands and Islands Music & Dance Festival)