



# **OBAN, LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015  
2pm  
Menzies House, Oban,**

## **Present**

Mr Andy Birnie, **Chair** (AB)  
Mr Alister MacIntyre **Vice Chair** (AMI)  
Mrs Lorraine Anne Drysdale (LD)  
Cllr Neil MacIntyre (NMI)  
Brian Murphy, Local Manager (BM)  
Amanda MacKenzie, Administration Officer (AMK)

1.	<b>Apologies</b>  Mr Stafford Day (SD), Mrs Mary MacAulay (MMA)	Action
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>  No conflict of interest declared.	
3.	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015</b>  Page 4 – double “at” to be removed.  Proposed – AMI Seconded - LAD	
4.	<b>Correspondence</b>  Email received regarding OLI AC members attending Lomond Area Committee. Staff are not yet in place at Lamont House and it is proposed this is held off until the next Lomond AC meeting to be held	

	in the new offices.	
5.	<p><b>Chairs Report</b></p> <p><b>At their meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2015, the Board of Management:</b></p> <p>Archie Blair has resigned from the AHFA Board due to work commitments.  Stafford Day has stepped down as chair of the Policy Committee and has been replaced by Douglas Prophet.  The Board agreed recommendations contained within a review of AHFA's business plan.</p> <p>The Chief Executive provided a presentation which covered the following issues:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 2015 Annual Return on the Charter (ARC) has been completed and will be considered by the Board</li> <li>• Helensburgh new build at Duchess Court completed and opened.</li> <li>• Connel new build will be opened on 8th May</li> <li>• Chair and CEO public roadshow have now started – first one held in Lomond</li> <li>• The 2015 pay award has been accepted by staff/ trade unions</li> <li>• ACHA has left the SFHA and is now a member of Glasgow and West of Scotland Forum of Housing Associations.</li> </ul> <p>The Board noted the monthly Investment update presented by the Director of I&amp;R.  The Board approved moving forward with a development site at Jutland Court Helensburgh.  The Board approved the request to extend the Bonawe (Oban) local Lettings initiative for a further 12 months.</p> <p>Date of next meeting- 18h June 2105.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Update from Committee Members on Local Issues</b></p> <p>Dunollie blue bins - NMI advised a lot of things ongoing. In some areas there is a mess because there are so many bins, other areas there is not enough of one kind. NMI doesn't see the issue going away. There are bigger bins available, but this doesn't suit those who wouldn't want to walk yards to use the bins – unfortunately there is not one solution that is fit for all areas. Also issues in some areas for</p>	

	<p>access with cars in front of bin locations. Further service cuts with the Council also over the next few years.</p> <p>Road at Glenshellach closed – AB sees it as a positive thing. No bus service as yet for Catalina Avenue.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Development of Local Membership Strategy</b></p> <p>Tenant and registered groups remain negligible. No groups for OLI.</p> <p>Community groups and halls locally were discussed.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Community Action Fund Awards</b></p> <p>OLI funds available of £2,500</p> <p>No requests for OLI have been received.</p> <p>NMI raised the Community Pay Back Scheme and advised they are generally working in the local areas. NMI suggested it would be good if they could have a wee pot aside for funds for materials such as gravel for drains etc. BM advised that the Community Action Fund is only available for charities, but if a charity applied, for instance carrying out works and requested funds for materials with the Council's pay back scheme providing the labour.</p> <p>BM advised ACHA worked with the payback scheme in Longsdale and cleared a large section of ground which was an excellent job with joint working.</p> <p>BM advised flagged up some issues in Dunbeg to the Community Pay Back Scheme and believe the works were carried out over the weekend.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Estate Management Action Plan Applications</b></p> <p>The 2015/16 budget for Oban, Lorn and the Isles Estate Management Action Plans is £12,015. For Islay: £4,405.</p> <p>Works previously approved are ongoing. Quotes have been requested for works including fencing in Mull.</p> <p>With regards to previous request of small plaques to advise ACHA</p>	

	carried out these works, after reviewing the previous projects, they have all been fencing around tenanted properties within multi-tenured estates. It is therefore felt that plaques on the fencing may not be suitable as they would highlight the tenants' homes as socially rented.	
10	<p><b>AGM Arrangements</b></p> <p>Proposed date for AGM is Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of July.</p> <p>It was proposed to remain with status quo of previous years and hold OLI Area Committee meeting at 10am and return for AGM at 2pm.</p> <p>The longest standing members are AMI and MMA who both previously stood down in 2012.</p>	
11	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>Dog fouling - concerns raised that there isn't a dog warden for the town. Discussed fines etc.</p> <p>Islay housing – BM provided an update on ACHA's plans.</p>	
15	<p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015 @ 10am, Menzies House. AGM to follow at 2pm.</p>	