

# ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

## MINUTE OF MEETING OF BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE HELD IN THE QUEEN'S HALL, DUNOON ON 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 1998

Present Councillor Fraser Gillies in the Chair

Councillor J. Allison	Councillor E. MacTaggart
Councillor S. Gray	Councillor S. MacQueen
Councillor R. Macintyre	Councillor G. Mason
Councillor R. MacNamara	Councillor R. Rees
	Councillor J.D. Walsh

Attending George B McKenzie, Area Manager, Corporate & Legal Services  
Alan Lothian, Area Manager, Transportation  
Phillip O'Sullivan, Area Planning Manager  
Ron Gould, Head of Support Service, Education.  
Shirley MacLeod, Senior Environmental Health Officer

Ken Cadenhead, Managing Director, Western Ferries Ltd.

**1 Apologies for absence** An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Terry Markwick.

**2. Declarations of Interest** Councillor R MacNamara declared an interest in one of the matters be considered under Agenda Item 6.1.

### **3. Corporate & Legal Services**

#### 3.1 Minutes of meetings

The Area Committee approved as a true and correct record the minutes of the following meetings:

- (i) Area Committee of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1998, subject to the addition of Councillor G. Mason's name to the sederunt of the meeting.
- (ii) Hearings Sub Committees of 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January 1998
- (iii) Minutes of Dunoon Pier Centenary Group of 19<sup>th</sup> Jan and 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 1998.

#### 3.2 Planning Appeals

The Area Committee noted;

- (i) Reports from the Head of Legal Services concerning Planning Appeals
- (ii) The following Planning Appeal decisions;
  - (a) Dunoon Ceramics, Dunoon.
  - (b) Site of Former St Cuthbert's Church, Dunoon.

#### 4. Transportation and Property.

##### 4.1(a) Proposed Ferry Service, Ardyne - Ardmaleish, Bute.

The Chairman welcomed the Managing Director of Western Ferries, Ken Cadenhead, to the meeting and invited him to give a short presentation to the committee on his Company's proposals for a ferry service from Ardyne to Ardmaleish.

Mr Cadenhead briefly outlined Western Ferries service history to the Cowal Peninsula and said that in view of his Company's success in the area and the unitary authority status of the area, service provision to Bute was a logical expansion of the Company's ferry services.

He then detailed the proposals, stating that the service would run on the shortest route from Ardyne to Ardmaleish and negotiations were taking place for both terminals.

The shortest crossing had been chosen to provide a greater frequency of service and if everything went according to plan the service would come into operation in 1999/2000.

The Company had a vessel which could be placed immediately on service, but a new vessel may be provided for the route.

He said that Western Ferries were looking to greater partnership arrangements with the Local Authority and would continue to strive for high levels of excellence in their service provision, and he mentioned the new ferry for the Islay/Jura crossing which was a clear indication of this successful partnership.

He closed by stressing that Bute deserved better ferry provision and hoped that Western Ferries could meet that demand within the timescale already mentioned.

He then answered questions from the members of the Area Committee advising them;

1. He saw the service linking into the existing timetable at Hunter's Quay and would perhaps mean an almost 24 hour service to Bute.
2. He acknowledged the new service may affect the Colintraive/Rhubodach crossing in traffic and jobs but the new service would provide an alternative circular route and alternative employment opportunities.
3. He also acknowledged that the route would help coaches and HGV's whose destination was Dunoon in that they would no longer have to go by Strachur and Loch Eck. He did comment that this, in itself, may encourage more coach and tourist traffic to Bute and Cowal because of the circular touring opportunity created.
4. He hoped that bus links could be developed for foot passengers and confirmed that concessionary fares would be operated on the ferry link.

The Chairman thanked Mr Cadenhead for attending the meeting and clearly outlining his Company's proposals for this new ferry service and said that he personally looked forward to its introduction at the earliest opportunity.

##### 4.1(b) Proposed Ferry Service, South Cowal - Bute

A report was submitted by the Area Manager concerning the infrastructure improvements which would be required at Ardyne and Ardmaleish to accommodate

traffic using the service and answered some questions from members on the budgetary implications of associated works.

#### Decision

The Area Committee noted the report.

(Reference; Report by Area Manager, Transportation - submitted)

#### 4.2 Dunoon Pier Centenary Celebrations

The Committee considered a report by the Director of Transportation and Property about the funding of the proposed Dunoon Pier Centenary Celebrations.

#### Decision

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Transportation and Property Committee and Council that the event be underwritten to a maximum of £5000, to be met from the Piers and Harbours Revenue Account.

#### 4.3 Former Trading Standards Office, Dunoon Pier.

A report was submitted from the Head of Property Services advising the Committee on developments regarding the status of the former Trading Standards Office at Dunoon Pier, which had taken place since the earlier report submitted to the Area Committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1998.

#### Decision

The Area Committee noted the updated report and agreed;

- (i) The former Trading Standards Office at Dunoon Pier be leased to Dunoon Mod Committee for a period of 18 months at a nominal rental, subject to approval being granted by the Secretary of State in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.
- (ii) The Nation Mission of the Church of Scotland be approached to gauge their interest in the lease of suitable accommodation in the Dunoon Pier buildings.

(Reference; Report by Head of Property Services dated 1<sup>st</sup> April 1998 - submitted)

#### 4.4 Property Surplus to Requirements - Weighbridge House, Harbour Jetty, Dunoon.

The Area Committee considered a report by the Area Manager, Transportation advising the members of property at Dunoon Harbour Jetty which is surplus to his Department's operation requirements.

#### Decision

The Committee agreed that this property should be advertised for rent.

(Reference; Report by Area Manager, Transportation - submitted)

#### 4.5 National School Meals Week

A report was submitted from the Operational Manager, Catering Services concerning the launch of National School Meals Week from 27<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May in which it is hoped local schools will be participating requesting the attendance of a Member at any launch event.

#### Decision

The Area Committee agreed that the Chairman should represent the Area Committee at any launches in the Bute and Cowal Area.

(Reference; Report by Operational Manager, Catering Services - submitted)

### 5. Education

#### 5.1 Education Industry Links

The Area Committee heard a report by the Head of Education Support Services which outlined the range of Education Industry Link activities which had been undertaken in Argyll and Bute along with proposals for 1998/99.

#### Decision

The Area Committee noted with satisfaction;

- (a) The success of the Education Industry Links programme in 1997/98
- (b) The proposals for extending this programme in 1998/99
- (c) The increased level of sponsorship which has been attracted to promote Education Industry Link activities.

(Reference; Report by Director of Education - submitted.)

### 6. Development and Environmental Services.

#### 6.1 Planning Applications for Determination.

Councillor R. MacNamara declared an interest in the final application to be considered and left the meeting while the matter was being discussed.

The Committee considered and determined applications as shown on the list attached to this minute.

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LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED  
BY BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE  
AT THEIR MEETING ON 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 1998

MINUTE ITEM No 6.1

Application No.

- 98/00194/DET Mr A Cox, Erection of Dwelling, Cowal House, Kilbride Road,  
Dunoon.  
Decision  
Approved subject to the conditions and recommendations contained in the report by the Director of Development and Environmental Services. As the statutory notice for this application had not expired, final determination of the application was remitted to the Chairman, Vice Chair and Local Member in consultation with the Director of Development and Environmental Services.
- 98/00283/VARCON Scott McClure, Variation of Condition 2 of Permission  
97/00992/COU, 2-4 Ferry Brae, Dunoon.  
Decision  
Approved for a temporary period of 6 months subject to the conditions and recommendations contained in the report by the Director of Development and Environmental Services.
- 98/00320/DET Mr & Mrs Campbell, Extension to House, Fairlie,  
273 Argyll Street, Dunoon.  
Decision  
Approved subject to the conditions and recommendations contained in the report by the Director of Development and Environmental Services.
- 98/00145/DET George Hanson, Demolition of Church Spire and Erection of 6 Flats,  
Former Hall, Crichton Road, Rothesay, Isle of Bute  
Decision  
Approved subject to the conditions and recommendations contained in the report by the Director of Development and Environmental Services.
- 98/00282/CONAC George Hanson, Demolition of Church Spire, Crichton Road,  
Rothesay, Isle of Bute.  
Decision

Approved subject to the conditions and recommendations contained in the report by the Director of Development and Environmental Services.

West of Scotland Water, Erection of a Wastewater Treatment Works at Craigmore and associated Pumping Stations at Albert Pier and Ardbeg Point, Rothesay.

Decision

The Committee noted the report by the Director of Development and Environmental Services and agreed determination of these applications be extended to 30<sup>th</sup> September 1998.