

**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE held in the EAGLESHAM
HOUSE, ROTHESAY
on TUESDAY, 3 MARCH 2009**

Present: Councillor B Marshall (Chair)

Councillor A MacAlister	Councillor L Scoullar
Councillor R Macintyre	Councillor R Simon
Councillor A McNaughton	Councillor I Strong
Councillor J McQueen	Councillor J R Walsh

Attending: Shirley MacLeod, Area Corporate Services Manager
Stewart Turner, Head of Roads and Amenity Services
Neil McKay, Planning Manager
Alan Kerr, Network and Environment Manager
Paul Farrell, Technical Officer
Wendy Bownlie, Principal, Rothesay Joint Campus

Chief Inspector Mosley, Strathclyde Police

1. APOLOGIES

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

(a) MINUTE OF AREA COMMITTEE OF 3 FEBRUARY 2009

The Minute of the Area Committee of 3rd February 2009 was approved as a correct record with the insertion of "international" before Sheep Dog Trials on the second line at Item 4.

(b) MINUTE OF TRAFFIC ORDER HEARING OF 4 FEBRUARY 2009

The Minute of the Traffic Order Hearing of 4th February 2009 was approved as a correct record.

4. COMMUNITY SERVICES

(a) ROTHESAY JOINT CAMPUS ACHIEVEMENT REPORT 2008

Members heard an informative presentation from Wendy Brownlie, Principal of Rothesay Joint Campus on the major achievements of the school in 2007/08 including the SQA examination results for pupils who sat examinations in May/June 2008.

Decision

The Committee noted the continuing improvement in the performance of pupils and the commitment of staff in their examination successes and in many other aspects of achievement across the school.

(Reference: Report by the Principal, Rothesay Joint Campus – submitted)

5. OPERATIONAL SERVICES

(a) CAR PARK SURPLUS INCOME

Members heard from the Head of Roads and Amenity Services on the £20,000 surplus parking income available for allocation.

Decision

Members approved the projects identified in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.6 of the report by the Network and Environment Manager.

Councillor McQueen asked that his dissatisfaction in regard to the low amount of money being spent in the Dunoon Ward be recorded in the minutes.

(Reference: Report by the Network and Environment Manager – submitted)

6. CORPORATE SERVICES

(a) VERBAL UPDATE: DUNOON - GOUROCK FERRY SERVICE

The Committee heard an update from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the Gourock/Dunoon Ferry Service.

Decision

The Committee noted the detail provided on this matter.

7. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Mr John Morris spoke on the failure by the Council to deal with the collapse of the boundary wall between his property and Dunclutha and the encroaching vegetation from Dunclutha. Members advised Mr Morris that they would get somebody from Amenity Services to clear the vegetation and Councillor Simon advised that an Officer from the Council was coming to visit the site with a view to getting the wall attended to.

Councillors McNaughton and Walsh expressed their concerns over the mechanical sweeper not being sent to outlying areas and asked if the street sweeping programme had been altered. Stewart Turner, Head of Roads & Amenity Services gave advice on these matters.

Councillor Macintyre asked about cars parking on the promenade in Rothesay and was advised that this item would be put on the Business Day agenda.

Chief Inspector Mosley gave an update to the Committee, and Members asked questions on speeding cars, the number of Constables retiring, and safety issues for staff leaving businesses that open late, and Chief Inspector Mosley advised Members.

Aileen MacNicol from the Dunoon Observer asked for clarification on which car park is to be provided with motor cycle standing areas and Alan Kerr, Network and Environment Manager, advised that it was Moir Street.

8. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

(a) PLANNING APPLICATION 08/00662/DET, ECOS CONSTRUCTION LTD., 113 MARINE PARADE, KIRN, DUNOON

Councillor Macintyre intimated his apologies and left the meeting while this item was being discussed.

Decision

The planning application be approved subject to conditions contained in the report by the Head of Planning Services and with the inclusion of an additional condition to provide a revised parking layout with additional spaces, turning provision and appropriate landscaping at the Argyll Terrace entrance to the newly provided Children's Home.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Planning Services dated 16th February 2009 and 24th February 2009 – submitted and tabled)

(b) PLANNING APPLICATION 08/01826/OUT, MR HUGH GIBB, LAND SOUTH WEST OF KYLES VIEW, STRONAFIAN, ARGYLL

Councillor R Simon intimated his apologies and left the meeting while this item was being discussed.

Decision

The outline planning application be approved subject to conditions contained in the report by the Head of Planning Services.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Planning Services dated 20th February 2009 – submitted)

(c) PLANNING APPLICATION 08/01979/VARCON, MR & MRS C.R. CHISHOLM, HERONLEA, HIGH ROAD, SANDBANK, ARGYLL

Decision

The application be continued to the April Area Committee to allow Operational Services to provide information on visibility, sight lines, to address road safety issues, particularly in relation to the proximity to the proposed new entrance to the Industrial Estate.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Planning Services dated 20th February 2009 – submitted)

(d) **DELEGATED DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AND BUILDING CONTROL DECISIONS**

The Committee noted Delegated Development Control and Building Control Decisions made since the last meeting.