

**MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE held in
the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on WEDNESDAY, 7 APRIL 2010**

Present: Councillor Donald MacMillan (Chair)

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| Councillor Rory Colville | Councillor Donald Kelly |
| Councillor Robin Currie | Councillor John MacAlpine |
| Councillor Alison Hay | Councillor Douglas Philand |
| Councillor Anne Horn | Councillor John Semple |

Attending: Lynn Smillie, Area Corporate Services Manager
Anne Devine, Principal Lochgilphead Joint Campus
Allen Stevenson, Service Manager – Adult Care
Lorraine Todd, Performance Management Team
Alison McIlroy, Service Officer
Donna Carvill, Area Children's Service Manager
Stewart Clark, Contracts Manager – West Argyll
Douglas Blades, Public Transport Officer
Roy Alexander, Senior Surveyor
Donald Kelly, Chief Solicitor
Malcolm MacFadyen, Head of Facility Services
Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie, Strathclyde Police

Apologies: Councillor Alison Hay

**1. PRESENTATION TO TEACHERS AND PUPILS FROM LOCHGILPHEAD
JOINT CAMPUS AND TARBERT ACADEMY**

The Chair and Vice-Chair, on behalf of the Area Committee, presented Education Awards to the pupils and staff from both Lochgilphead Joint Campus and Tarbert Academy in recognition of their achievements in completing two specialised projects.

The projects in question were:-

Battle of Culloden from Lochgilphead Joint Campus
The Young Engineers Club from Tarbert Academy.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated by Councillor Hay. Councillor Semple would be attending the meeting at a later stage.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Colville declared a non financial interest in Item 10 of the Agenda – Potential Development of a New Skate park and BMX park at Bengullion Road,

Campbeltown.

4. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2010

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February were approved as a true record, subject to the following amendments:-

Page 3, Item 6 – Facilities and the Leisure Service in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands

It was noted that Councillor Currie had expressed his dismay at the lack of recognition afforded to the Mactaggart Centre for their support and input into the overall Leisure Service.

Page 4, Item 9 – Social Work Issues

It was noted that Councillor Currie had stated that Social Work had only attended 1 meeting this year. The Director of Community Services had assured the Area Committee that there would be representation from Social Work at the meeting scheduled for 14th May on Jura.

5. ADULT CARE PERFORMANCE

The Service Manager – gave a presentation to the Committee detailing the status and performance of Adult Care utilising Pyramid based information, outlining the challenges facing the Service, particularly Older People's Redesign and the 3-Year Service Plan.

(Ref: Report by Allen Stevenson, dated 7 April, tabled)

Decision:

1. To note the contents of the report; and
2. Service Manager would report back to the Area Committee providing updates on Home Care provision on Islay.

(Ref: Report by Service Manager, dated 7 April, submitted).

6. REPORT ON LOCHGILPHEAD JOINT CAMPUS

The Committee considered a report by the Principal of Lochgilphead Joint Campus, which outlined the major achievements of the school in 2008/9 including SQA examination results.

Decision:

The Committee thanked the Principal of Lochgilphead Joint Campus on the strong performance, achievements of the pupils and commitment of the staff.

(Ref: Report by Principal, Lochgilphead Joint Campus, dated 7 April 2010, submitted).

7. GETTING IT RIGHT FOR CHILDREN IN MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS

The Committee considered reports by Area Children's Service Manager regarding Action Plan for 2009-2012.

Decision:

1. The Committee agreed to note the reports.
2. Agreed that Area Children's Service Manager clarify the Adult Numeracy and Literacy and priorities in different areas.
3. Agreed that Area Children's Service Manager insert outcomes and success measures within the Action Plan in line with the Council's Planning and Performance Framework.

(Ref: Reports by Area Children's Service Manager dated 7 April 2010, submitted).

8. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

- Q. Councillor Semple enquired why Item 11 on the Agenda was an Exempt item.
- R. Area Corporate Services Manager advised that it was for the Area Committee to determine whether or not this item was an exempt item.
- Q. Councillor Kelly enquired why the Area Committee had not been consulted regarding the Campbeltown Regeneration School Estates. He found this unacceptable and had formally complained to the Chief Executive. He requested that a letter be sent to Dick Walsh on behalf of the Area Committee enquiring why the issue had not come to the Area Committee.
- R. Area Corporate Services Manager advised that the Area Committee should await the outcome of the Chief Executives's investigation.
- Q. Councillor Currie enquired why further discussion on the Area Plan was not tabled for discussion at the Area Committee meeting. In addition, he had requested that a representative from TranServ attend a meeting to provide an update on work on the A83.
- R. Area Corporate Services Manager confirmed that a representative from TranServ was scheduled to attend the Business Day meeting in May.
- Q. Councillor Philand enquired when the mobile CCTV would be situated in Ardrishaig and who had the final say in sanctioning this.
- R. Chief Inspector Baillie replied that the delay in implementing this was due to identifying a 24 hour power supply.
- Q. Councillor McAlpine requested an update on how the new Planning

system was working and enquired if a representative from Planning could attend provide Members with an update.

- R. Area Corporate Services Manager to request that a representative from Planning Services attend the May Business Day.

9. ROAD ISSUES AND A83 - KENNACRAIG TO CAMPBELTOWN - ROAD CONDITION

The Committee considered two reports by Stewart Clark, Contracts Manager - West Argyll, providing updates on outstanding road-related issues in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands including a tabled Appendix outlining proposals for Capital Reconstruction Programme for 2010/11.

Motion

Moved by Councillor Colville, seconded by Councillor MacMillan.

1. Agree to request the Executive to examine the road assessment procedure undertaken by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure as the current assessment does not reflect the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Plan Priorities for the A83.
2. Continue consideration of this report to a Special Area Committee meeting on 5th May 2010 in light of Executive decision on the roads assessment procedure.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Philand.

Agree tabled Appendix outlining proposals for Capital Reconstruction Program for 2010/11 for the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands

On a show of hands

Motion 4 votes

Amendments 4 votes

On votes being equal, the Chair gave his casting vote in favour of the motion.

Decision:

1. Agreed to request the Executive to examine the road assessment procedure undertaken by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure as the current assessment does not reflect the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Plan priorities for the A83.
2. Agreed to continue consideration of this report to the Special Meeting Area on the 5th May 2010 in light of the Executive decision on the roads assessment procedure.
3. Noted that a representative from Scottish Water would be attending the next Business Day on 5th May.
4. Agreed that the Contracts Manager provide the Committee and update on

the existing funding rationale.

(Ref: Reports by Stewart Clark, Contracts Manager dated 7 April 2010, submitted).

Councillor Colville having declared an interest in the following item, left the room and took no part in the decision.

10. POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SKATE PARK AND BMX PARK AT BENGULLION ROAD, CAMPBELTOWN

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Amenity Services detailing the potential development of a new BMX Track at Meadows Playing Field, Bengullion Road, Campbeltown.

Decision:

The Committee agreed that any lease offered to the Founders group would be offered on a self-maintaining basis with any relevant insurance cover to be provided by the group themselves.

(Ref: A report by the Head of Roads and Amenity Services, dated 7 April 2010, submitted).

The Area Committee, having had advice from the Area Corporate Services Manager, resolved not to exempt pages 73 to 78 of the following report and resolved the exclusion of Press and Public for page 79 in terms of Section 50(a)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6, Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

11. DISCRETIONARY EXPENDITURE ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT INITIATIVES (FORMERLY RURAL TRANSPORT GRANT)

The Committee considered a report by Public Transport officer, seeking approval to reduce discretionary expenditure on experimental bus services in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area within the terms of the Council Budget 2010/11.

Motion

Moved by Councillor Colville, seconded by Councillor Semple.

1. Agree to retain all services contained within items 4 and 5 of the report except for:
 - (a) Service 456 Thursday evening bus service between Jura and Islay requesting the Public Transport Officer takes up contractor

- proposal to provide a saving of £1440.00
- (b) Service 449 Lochgilphead-Campbeltown – Commuter Journeys to withdraw the evening service saving £14,300.45 and request the Public Transport Officer examine car sharing proposals for the accrued saving of £20,000 and report back to a future meeting of the Area Committee on proposals.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Philand, seconded by Councillor MacMillan.

Agree to retain all services contained within items 4 and 5 of the report except for:

- (a) Service 456 Thursday Evening bus service between Jura and Islay requesting the Public Transport Officer takes up contractor proposals to provide a saving of £1440.00

The Amendment was carried by 5 votes to 3.

Decision:

1. Agreed to retain all services contained within items 4 and 5 of the report except for Service 456 Thursday Evening bus service between Jura and Islay requesting the Public Transport Officer takes up contractor proposal to provide a saving of £1440.
2. Agreed that having not achieved the budget savings 2010/11 required by the Council that the Public Transport Officer present further saving proposals to the Special Meeting of the Area Committee on 5th May 2010.

(Ref: Report by Public Transport Officer, dated 7 April 2010, submitted).

The Chair ruled and the Committee agreed to adjourn the meeting until 5th May to continue consideration of the following items of business.

- 12. DISPOSAL OF GROUND AT TORRAN MHOR, FORD**
- 13. PORT ASKAIG GARAGE - PORT ASKAIG PIER**
- 14. SALE OF GROUND AT CAMPBELTOWN GRAMMAR SCHOOL - SCOTTISH AND SOUTHERN ENERGY**
- 15. MID ARGYLL SWIMMING POOL**