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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD** on **WEDNESDAY, 7 APRIL 2010** at **9:30 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Nigel Stewart Director of Corporate Services

BUSINESS

1. PRESENTATION TO TEACHERS AND PUPILS FROM LOCHGILPHEAD JOINT CAMPUS AND TARBERT ACADEMY A presentation to teachers and pupils from Lochgilphead Joint Campus and Tarbert Academy.

The projects undertaken were:

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

- 2. APOLOGIES
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
- MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2010 The Minutes of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles Area Committee meeting held on the 3 February 2010. (Pages 1 - 6)
- 5. ADULT CARE PERFORMANCE A short presentation by Allen Stevenson, Service Manager – Adult Care.

6. REPORT ON LOCHGILPHEAD JOINT CAMPUS

A report by Ms Anne Devine, Principal, detailing recent educational achievements at Lochgilphead Joint Campus. (Pages 7 - 12)

- 7. GETTING IT RIGHT FOR CHILDREN IN MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS A report by Donna Carvill, Area Children's Service Manager. (Pages 13 - 48)
- 8. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME
- 9. ROAD ISSUES AND A83 KENNACRAIG TO CAMPBELTOWN ROAD CONDITION Reports by Stewart Clark, Contracts Manager – West Argyll. (Pages 49 - 70)
- 10. POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SKATE PARK AND BMX PARK AT BENGULLION ROAD, CAMPBELTOWN A report by the Head of Roads and Amenity Services. (Pages 71 - 72)
- E1 11. DISCRETIONARY EXPENDITURE ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT INITIATIVES (FORMERLY RURAL TRANSPORT GRANT) A report by Douglas Blades, Public Transport Officer (to follow). (Pages 73 - 80)
- E1 12. DISPOSAL OF GROUND AT TORRAN MHOR, FORD A report by Jennifer Crawford, Estates Surveyor. (Pages 81 - 84)
- E1 13. PORT ASKAIG GARAGE PORT ASKAIG PIER A report by Donald Kelly, Chief Solicitor. (Pages 85 - 86)
- E1 14. SALE OF GROUND AT CAMPBELTOWN GRAMMAR SCHOOL SCOTTISH AND SOUTHERN ENERGY A report by Roy Alexander, Estates Surveyor. (Pages 87 - 90)

E1 15. MID ARGYLL SWIMMING POOL

A report by Malcolm MacFadyen detailing the latest position of the Council's dealing with MACEL regarding the Mid Argyll Swimming Pool. (Pages 91 - 98)

The Committee will be asked to pass a resolution in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public for items of business with an "E" on the grounds that it is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7a to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

The appropriate paragraphs are:-

Paragraph 6 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority).

Paragraph 9 Any terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods or services.

Paragraph 13 Information which, if disclosed to the public, would reveal that the authority proposes-

- (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
- (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.

MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE

Councillor Rory ColvilleCouncillor Robin CurrieCouncillor Anne HornCouncillor Donald KellyCouncillor John McAlpineCouncillor Douglas Philand

Councillor Alison Hay Councillor Donald MacMillan (Chair) Councillor John Semple

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Agenda Item 4

MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE held in the TOWN HALL, CAMPBELTOWN on WEDNESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2010

Present:	Councillor Donald MacMillan (Chair)		
	Councillor Rory Colville Councillor Robin Currie Councillor Alison Hay Councillor Anne Horn	Councillor Donald Kelly Councillor John MacAlpine Councillor Douglas Philand	
Attending:	Councillor Anne Horn lain Jackson, Risk and Governance Manager Douglas Hendry, Director of Operational Services Jim Robb, Head of Adult Services Anne McColl-Smith, Service Commissioning Manager Allen Stevenson, Service Manager – Mental Health Jim Anderson, Performance Manager Marius Huysamer, Facilities Manager Paul Ashworth Sports & Physical Development Manager Rod Clayton, Area Manager (MAKI) Stewart Clark, Senior Engineer, Roads and Amenity Services Fergus Murray, Development Policy Manager Adrian Jackson-Starke, Statutory Plans Officer Stephen Colligan, Policy and Strategy		

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies of absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor John Semple.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2 DECEMBER 2009

The Minutes of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee meeting were approved as a true record, subject to the following amendment:-

Page 8, Item 14 – Rural Transport Fund

Douglas stated that it was called HITRANS and he would provide details to Members about the scheme.

4. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

(Q)Jackie Fulton, member of the public, asked whether a cost analysis of the impact on the social work service if the grant funding is removed from the

Home-start service is removed had been undertaken, as yet.

- (R) lain Jackson replied that questions on the budget were being centrally collated and that her question would be sent to the relevant section and a response would be sent to her. He also confirmed that Members would receive a copy of the information she had brought in support of her question.
- (Q) Councillor Kelly enquired if the recent inclusion of Dunoon Primary school onto the Scottish Government approved funding list would have a detrimental effect on Campbeltown Grammar schools application.
- (S) Douglas Hendry replied that it would not. He explained that there would be a further tranche of funding next year and his opinion was that Campbeltown Grammar school was well placed to receive funding.

5. ROAD ISSUES

The Committee considered a report from the Head of Road and Amenity Services detailing the status of the Capital budget and list of schemes.

Stewart Clark expanded on the difficulties experienced in the Winter maintenance programme with the exceptionally severe conditions. Discussion ensued with regards to road prioritisation and complaints received from local communities. A review of the gritting programme was ongoing.

Councillor Currie enquired if Members would have any input into the review to determine how the road prioritisation was determined.

Councillor Hay requested more clarity in detailing the locale of roads within the report and enquired on the completion of the 20s Plenty Scheme in Ardrishaig.

Stewart envisaged imminent completion, barring any priorities which may arise. Councillor Hay advised that the Community Council be made aware of any further delay.

Councillor Currie expressed concerns in regard to the remedial works to be completed by Kiely Brothers.

Stewart responded that the work necessitated hot-lay material and this required reasonable weather conditions. As soon as there was a suitable 'weather window' this would be undertaken.

Councillor Kelly expressed concerns on the methodology and budget allocation for pot holes repairs throughout Argyll and Bute. He strongly recommended that the Council lobby the Scottish Government for additional funding to remediate this inherent problem.

Councillor Hay advised that Transerv were compiling a programme of works on the A83.

Action: lain Jackson would write to Transerv and request a meeting to discuss their proposed programme of works on the A83.

Councillor Colville expressed his thanks to Council staff who, he felt, had

excelled in their gritting operation in the recent severe weather.

Councillor McAlpine stressed the importance of sourcing a depot suitable for storing salt and grit supplies in North Kintyre.

(Ref: Report by the Head of Roads and Amenity Services, dated 3 February 2010 – submitted).

6. FACILITIES AND THE LEISURE SERVICE IN MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS

Jim Anderson, Performance Manager, Marius Huysamer, Facilities Manager and Paul Ashworth, Sports and Physical Development Manager gave a presentation and verbal update on the Facilities and Leisure Service throughout Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands.

Councillor Hay enquired on the integration of public and private pools and the status of GP referrals to the Mid-Argyll Pool.

Jim Anderson replied that offers of advice and staff support had been made directly to the Mid-Argyll Pool Board. In regard to GP referrals, they had not been asked to proffer any help in developing this programme.

Councillor Currie expressed his dismay at the lack of support made available to the Mactaggart Leisure Centre on Islay.

Jim Anderson replied that the Service Level agreement was managed by a different section and he would be happy to pass on any information regarding to this.

The Chair thanked Jim, Marius and Paul for their informative presentation and wished them every success in the future.

7. FYNEVIEW REVIEW

The Committee considered a report by the Service Commissioning Manager.

The report detailed the usage of the Fyne View Respite House by service users during the contract year 2009/2010 and the financial status.

Members discussed the impact of the contract cessation with Fyne View and the

proposed savings.

Concerns were raised with regard to the alternative respite care facilities being proposed and potential visiting difficulties which carers may face.

The Chair congratulated Anne MacColl-Smith on her report.

The Committee agreed to note the terms of the report.

(Ref: Report by Anne MacColl-Smith, Service Commissioning Manager and Joanna Hynd, Service Manager, dated 18 January 2010 – submitted)

8. OLDER PERSON'S REDESIGN OF SERVICE - UPDATE

The Committee heard a verbal update by the Service Commissioning Manager and the Service Manager – Mental Health.

A full Business Case would be prepared and would be compiled by the end of June. The Special Project team were responsible for this remit throughout each locality and service provider.

Councillor Hay enquired if the Area Committee would see the completed report.

Douglas Hendry, Director of Community Services, replied that the Project Team would present the report to the Executive Committee.

The Committee agreed to note the verbal update.

9. SOCIAL WORK ISSUES

The Committee considered a report by the Area Manager Operations detailing the current status of the Area Social Work teams in MAKI.

Councillor Colville enquired if there were any financial implications in regard to late discharges.

Jim Robb, Head of Adult Services, replied that there were no financial issues within the Care Home budget.

Councillor Currie stated that on Jura the progressive care team were scheduled to have 2 meetings per year. To date, only 1 meeting had been organised.

Jim Robb requested clarification on who the organiser was and he would arrange suitable officer attendance.

The Committee agreed to note the report.

(Ref: Report by the Area Manager Operations, dated 20 January 2010 – submitted).

The Chair ruled, and the Committee agree to adjourn for lunch at 1.20p.m. and reconvene at the Aqualibrium Centre.

Councillor McAlpine left the meeting at 1.20p.m.

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

The Committee considered reports from the Area Children's Service Manager which had been tabled.

The Committee agreed to defer this item to the next Area Committee meeting to be held on 7 April. Members were requested to submit any questions to the officer prior to the meeting.

11. LANDSCAPE CAPACITY STUDY - NORTH AND SOUTH KINTYRE

The Committee considered a report by the Development Policy Manager detailing proposals for areas located within National Scenic Areas and Areas of Panoramic Quality as defined by the Argyll and Bute Local Plan.

Adrian Jackson-Starke gave an overview of the report background which had been commissioned to tackle the Reporter's concerns.

Existing documentation had been utilised as a starting point. The strategy and methodology used giving consideration to a landscape sensitive to any change.

Fergus Murray reiterated that the report process had been long with many onerous issues to address. He stated that the report was not a policy document, but a technical document study.

Discussion followed with Members debating many issues in the report.

Fergus informed Members of a meeting scheduled with the Head of Planning for 26th February.

The Committee agreed to the following recommendation:

The Council approves the technical Landscape Capacity Study for North and South Kintyre on the basis that it be used in the consideration of future planning applications with a flexibility around the red and orange boundary areas indicated in the study.

Moved by Councillor Hay; Seconded by Councillor Colville.

Councillor Kelly, having moved an amendment which failed to find a seconder, required his dissent from the foregoing decision to be recorded

(Ref: Report by Development Policy Manager, dated 3 February 2010 – submitted).

12. LOCAL AREA PLAN

The Committee considered the existing Area Plan and discussion took place regarding the content.

The Committee agreed that further discussion and input would take place at the next MAKI Area Committee meeting to be held on 7 April.

13. PORT ASKAIG GARAGE, PORT ASKAIG PIER

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Legal and Protective Services detailing the status of the ongoing dispute regarding the garage situation on Port Askaig Pier.

The Committee agreed to note the report and a further update will be provided for the next MAKI Area Committee to be held on 7 April.

(Ref: Report by the Head of Legal and Protective Services, dated 6 January 2010 – submitted).

Agenda Item 6

ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL

MID-ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND ISLAY AREA COMMITTEE

CORPORATE SERVICES

7 APRIL 2010

LOCHGILPHEAD JOINT CAMPUS: ACHIEVEMENT REPORT 2009

1. SUMMARY

A report on the performance of all Argyll and Bute pupils in the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) examination results was presented to the Strategic Policy Committee on the 19 November 2009.

This report, presented by the Principal, Ms Anne Devine, outlines the major achievements of the school in 2008/9 and includes the SQA examination results for pupils who sat examinations in May/June 2009.

2.RECOMMENDATIONS

The Area Committee are asked to note the strong performance of pupils and the commitment of staff in their examination successes and in the wider aspects of achievement across the school.

3. DETAILS

The details are included in the attached report from the school.

4. IMPLICATIONS

Policy:	None
Financial:	None
Personnel:	None
Equal Opportunities:	None
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Lochgilphead Joint Campus

REPORT FOR AREA COMMITTEE, APRIL 2010

Attainment and Achievement

Again, pupils excelled in SQA Higher examinations, with results well above local and national averages :

August 2009	Lochgilphead High School	Argyll & Bute	Scotland
1+ Higher A-C	57	44	40
3+ Higher A-C	31	23	23
5+ Higher A-C	17	9	10

At Standard Grade, performance was steady but the improvement in the attainment of 5+ Credit grades slipped.

August 2009	Lochgilphead High School	Argyll & Bute	Scotland
5+ Foundation or be	etter 95	94	88
5+ General or better	83	82	74
5+ Credit	35	36	33

Head Girl, Jade Peace achieved three Advanced Higher passes at A, band 1 and is now studying Natural Sciences at Trinity College, Cambridge.

10 pupils in S4 achieved ASDAN awards at Silver level through their completion of the xl programme. Four students have subsequently embarked on a Personal Development course at Intermediate 1 and have already achieved a John Muir award in collaboration with Forest Schools.

Curriculum for Excellence

In common with schools across Scotland, we have been working hard to implement Curriculum for Excellence in collaboration with our colleagues in associated Primary schools and pre-school centres.

Improvements and developments include :

Pre-5 to Primary 1	Active learning introduced across the early years Planning with experiences and outcomes to ensure smooth progression Visits to pre-school centres to provide consistent induction experience Focus on development of literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing Forest Schools curricular input
Primary	Interdisciplinary learning introduced successfully at all stages Courses matched to experiences and outcomes Pupil Profiles introduced P7 pupils attended Science and ICT lessons in the High School Outdoor learning promoted through Forest Schools
Secondary	Preparation for new S1 course completed Personal Learning Plans to be introduced in August 2010 All teachers' planning adapted to include delivery of outcomes in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing Significant investment in ICT to prepare for implementation of GLOW Outreach programme of subject teacher visits to associated Primary schools implemented

Campus Ethos

After a lengthy period of consultation, our core values have been incorporated into the Campus Logo and Vision and increasingly underpin our policies and procedures.



The Campus Vision is displayed in every classroom as is the Code of Conduct which is also based on the four core values.

Eco-schools

The campus achieved its first Green Flag in October 2009. Ongoing targets include : increasing re-cycling and energy saving; improving the campus grounds; promoting biodiversity.

The target of improving the grounds will be helped tremendously by the funding acquired by the PTA to build an adventure / play area.

An interest in environmental issues is promoted by all staff and we were delighted by the success of two pupils in S2 in the Argyll and Bute Beach Forum logo competition.

Creativity

- Pupils at all stages are given opportunities to perform and Christmas was particularly busy with two nativity plays, the P6/7 pantomime and the High School concert.
- > Molly Francis, P6 won the gold medal for solo singing at the Mod.
- A staff / pupil choir was formed this year and the pupils will be performing in the Mid Argyll Music Festival – the first choir entry from the High School in many years.
- The Advanced Higher Art exhibition has now become an annual event showcasing the impressive talent of the senior students, and was very well attended by the community.
- Dance is flourishing on the campus with the newly established Street Dance club and the popular Line Dancing group.

Health and Wellbeing

- The Campus Fun Run will now take place annually and this year will raise money for Sports Relief as well as providing an appropriate end to a week of health activities in the Primary school.
- Excellent partnerships have been developed between school, health and Active Schools, enabling us to take a progressive and holistic approach to health promotion e.g. introducing relaxation techniques to pupils preparing for exams.

Enterprise, Citizenship and Community

- Pre-5 pupils recently enjoyed a visit from Constable Trish Collins as part of their Keeping Safe topic.
- Nine pupils from the Primary school were highly commended in the Road Safety Calendar competition.
- Several fundraising events across the Primary jumble sale, cake sale and non-uniform day, Harvest Service – raised £700 for Mary's Meals.
- A collaborative project between S5 pupils and Scottish Natural Heritage culminated in a photography exhibition in the Dochas Gallery, with proceeds in excess of £1000 also being donated to Mary's Meals.
- P3 P7 pupils participated in a World of Work event which involved parents giving a talk about their job – and answering some very interesting questions,
- S3 pupils performed very well in the Make your Mark challenge, with their business idea taking them through to the Scottish final in the Glasgow Science Centre.
- Young Enterprise has been revived, with an enthusiastic group of S5/6 students coming up with a great product and successfully raising funds by organising a sponsored car wash, a community ceilidh and a Race Night, supported all the way by their business advisers Roddy Morrison and David Renwick.
- More than £1200 was raised across the campus in response to the earthquake in Haiti.
- Axl developed a link with Ardfenaig House and their visit to distribute copies of a puzzle book was greatly appreciated. The pupils provided refreshments and entertainment and enjoyed meeting the residents.

Education Awards

We are very proud of the work that is done every day on the campus and were delighted to receive two nominations in the Argyll and Bute Community Services Education Awards. To be acknowledged as the winner for innovative practice (P7 Battle of Culloden interdisciplinary project) and highly commended for health promotion (Fun Run) was a wonderful encouragement to all staff and pupils.

Action Plan

2009 - 2012

Locality: Islay

Name of Manager: Donna Carvill

National Outcome 4: Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens

Strategic Priorities	Local Area Actions	Lead Agency &	Timescales
		Partner Agencies	Year 1, 2 & 3
 Improve the education outcomes for children and young people who are looked after and ensure that they have an individual support plan in 	Hold a meeting to discuss priorities from the GIRFEC Review of inter agency support for LAAC. Discuss school, care and health plans and system to ensure all partners know who LAAC are,	Donna Carvill, Gordon Higgins and Islay's Children	2 following review
place	Develop local partnership links to tackle truancy	School/Police/ Social Work	1 and 2
2. Ensure all young people leaving care have a pathway plan	Incorporate local TC&AC programme in local ICSP	Donna Carvill and TC&AC Group	1 ongoing
 Focus on the needs of young people in transition and preparing for independence and inter-agency co-ordination at all 	Hold a local meeting to examine how best to extend support to young people with disabilities accessing adult services	Liling Payne/Social Work/Health/Other Partners	1 and 2
transition stages	Schools and NST developing Primary to secondary transitions and S2 to S3	Schools/NST	1 ongoing

National Outcome 5: Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed

Strategic Priorities	Local Area Actions	Lead Agency &	Timescales
		Partner Agencies	Year 1, 2 & 3
4. Further develop Integrated Family Support Services	Hold a meeting to discuss and agree on a local approach and structure	All partner Services	2 April 2010
	Continue to support Homestart	MAJIK/ Early Years	
5. Enhance Parenting Support Services and provision of Child Development Services	Continue use of play@home Continue to develop parenting programme	Early Years Early Years/Health	1 ongoing 1 ongoing
6. Establish Family Literacy and Numeracy Support Services and Resource	Continue Rhyme Time Support local toy library	Early Years/CL&R Early Years	1 ongoing 1 ongoing

National Outcome 6: We live longer healthier lives

Strategic Priorities	Local Area Actions	Lead Agency &	Timescales
		Partner Agencies	Year 1, 2 &3
7. Expand and further embed the development of Health and Wellbeing	Hold meeting with Sports and Leisure Strategy staff to discuss local developments	Islay's Children/ Muriel Kupris	1 or 2
	Develop links with local Health and Well being group and incorporate programme in to local ICSP	Donna Carvill	
	Develop HPS through Curriculum for Excellence	Schools and partner services	
8. Achieve agreed completion rates for child health weight intervention programme and implement Child Smile Programme	Staff have been trained in X Programme. Still at development stage. Monitor progress Continue Child Smile programme	Health/Active Schools/Education Health	

9. Establish a strategy for promoting positive mental health and well being of children and young people	Hold meeting to develop a local response to service review "Getting It Right for Our vulnerable Young People (Mental Health)" and to identify gaps in meeting local need	Islay's Children	2 after GIRFEC review reports
	Develop Breakthrough Programme/Drop in/ Young People's questionnaire	Health	1 and 2
	Develop Book and Toy service for Pre 5 children misusing alcohol	To be decided	To be decided

National Outcome 7: We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society

Strategic Priorities	Local Area Actions	Lead Agency &	Timescales
		Partner Agencies	Year 1, 2 &3
10. Further development of services for children affected by disability	Hold meeting to consider report on Review of Services for Children with Disabilities	Islay's Children	1 or 2
usubility	Develop respite and sessional staff support for Jura	Social Work	1
	Develop ideas for swimming pool/garden	Education	1
11. Maximise services to support uptake of benefits and improve access to employment	Develop links with local MCMC group and incorporate their activities in to this plan	ACSM	2
opportunities	Discuss local provision by social work benefits worker, Careers Scotland and work placement opportunities	Social Work/ Education/ Careers Scotland/Local Employers	1

servic	sure equality of access to es, irrespective of gender, eity, locality or disability	Hold meeting to discuss bus service/better neighbourhood schemes/leaflets inn multi language/ shared training opportunities		1 and 2
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National Outcome 8: We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk

Strategic Priorities	Local Area Actions	Lead Agency &	Timescales
		Partner Agencies	Year 1, 2 &3
13. Develop a strategy to improve academic attainment and achievement of vulnerable	Hold discussions to develop a shared definition of vulnerable children	Islay's Children	1 and 2
children and young people	Continue joint working through school Joint Support Team/developing ISP/ information sharing with police	Schools/Partner Services	1
14.To ensure Argyll and Bute's children grow up feeling safe and protected from harm	Hold meeting to develop a local response to the new CPC Inter Agency Business Plan	Donna Carvill/ Islay's Children	1 and 2
	Continue to support Inter Agency Child Protection Training	Islay's Children and Alex Honeyman	1,2 and 3
	Continue schemes including talks by police to schools/bullying/stranger danger/PSE P7-9/Personal Safety/Home Safety Schemes	Police/Schools/Social Work/Health	1 ongoing

15. To increase in proportion of looked after children living with family or in community settings	Hold meeting to consider local response to GIRFEC review of inter agency support to LAAC (Carer recruitment/kinship care/early intervention)	Islay's Children	2 following review

National Outcome 9: We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger

Strategic Priorities	Local Area Actions	Lead Agency &	Timescales
		Partner Agencies	Year 1, 2 &3
16. Develop prevention and early intervention measures and reduce anti–social behaviour	1 st locality youth justice meeting held in March 2009. Hold 2 nd to agree on key priorities for future action	Gordon Higgins/ LloydWells/ Locality Partners	1
17.Reduction of young people referred to the Reporter offence grounds	Participate in full implementation of GIRFEC Develop "screening" for children/young people to be referred to SCRA	Islay's Children Islay's Children	2 2
18.Develop services which address alcohol and drug misuse	Discuss outcomes of proposed research project focussing on young people from the council's 10 secondary schools	Islay's Children	1 ongoing
	Hold meeting to discuss how best to provide drug and alcohol education to young people (alternative approaches)	Islay's Children	2

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Action Plan

2009 - 2012

Locality: Kintyre

Name of Manager: Donna Carvill

National Outcome 4: Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens

Strategic Priorities	Local Area Actions	Lead Agency &	Timescales
		Partner Agencies	Year 1, 2 &3
1. Improve the education outcomes for children and young people who are looked	Introduce a system that monitors all awards gained at school	Schools/ CL&R/ All relevant agencies	2
after and ensure that they have an individual support plan in place	Hold a meeting to discuss priorities from the GIRFEC Review of inter agency support for LAAC (including a discussion on how to ensure all agencies know who LAAC Children are).	Donna Carvill, Gordon Higgins and Kintyre's Children	2 following review
2. Ensure all young people leaving care have a pathway plan	Incorporate local TC&AC programme in local ICSP	Donna Carvill and TC&AC Group	1 ongoing
3. Focus on the needs of young people in transition and preparing for independence and inter-agency co-ordination at all	Hold a local meeting to examine how best to extend support to young people with disabilities accessing adult services	Liling Payne/Social Work/Health/Other Partners	1 and 2
transition stages	Review Transition Teacher's Post	Kintyre's Children	1
	Develop home to pre school support	Early years/ Pre 5	1 and 2

Develop local area action plan for schools transition including specific course in High School
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National Outcome 5: Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed

Strategic Priorities	Local Area Actions	Lead Agency &	Timescales
	1	Partner Agencies	Year 1, 2 &3
4. Further develop Integrated Family Support Services	Hold a meeting to discuss and agree on a local approach and structure	All partner Services	2 April 2010
	Continue to support Home start	Early Years/MAJIK	1 ongoing
5. Enhance Parenting Support Services and provision of Child	Continue use of play@home	Early Years	1 ongoing
Development Services	Recommence the training on the parenting programme and develop new courses	Early Years/CL&R/Health	1 ongoing
	Continue Baby Massage Service	Health/Early Years	1 ongoing
6. Establish Family Literacy and Numeracy Support Services and Resource	Continue Rhyme Time/	Early Years/CL&R	1 ongoing

National Outcome 6: We live longer healthier lives

Strategic Priorities	Local Area Actions	Lead Agency &	Timescales
		Partner Agencies	Year 1, 2 &3
7. Expand and further embed the development of Health and Wellbeing	Hold meeting with Sports and Leisure Strategy staff to discuss local developments	Kintyre's Children/Muriel Kupris	1 or 2
	Develop links with local Health and Well being group and incorporate programme in to local ICSP	Donna Carvill	1 and 2
	Support the development of the Youth Café	Youth Café Steering Group	1 and 2
	Develop stronger links between KADAS and Aquilibrium	Donna Carvill/ KADAS	1 and 2
8. Achieve agreed completion rates for child health weight intervention programme and implement Child Smile Programme	Staff have been trained in X Programme. Still at development stage. Monitor progress	Health/Active Schools/Education	1 and 2

9. Establish a strategy for promoting positive mental health and well being of children and young people	Hold meeting to develop a local response to service review "Getting It Right for Our vulnerable Young People (Mental Health)" and to identify gaps in meeting local need	Kintyre's Children	2 after GIRFEC review reports
	Develop Counselling service for schools	KADAS/ Schools	2
	Consider programme of physical health activities, access to suitable premises and links to emotional health	Kintyre's Children	1 and 2

National Outcome 7: We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society

Strategic Priorities	Local Area Actions	Lead Agency &	Timescales
		Partner Agencies	Year 1, 2 &3
10. Further development of services for children affected by disability	Hold meeting to consider report on Review of Services for Children with Disabilities	Kintyre's Children	1 or 2
usubility	Continue to support Six Circle group	Six Circle/ CL&R	1 ongoing
	Develop Young Carers Group	Social Work/ Kintyre's Children	1 and 2
11. Maximise services to support uptake of benefits and improve access to employment opportunities	Develop links with local MCMC group and incorporate their activities in to this plan	ACSM	2
12. To ensure equality of access to services, irrespective of gender, ethnicity, locality or disability	Requires further consideration		2 and 3

National Outcome 8: We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk

Strategic Priorities	Local Area Actions	Lead Agency &	Timescales
		Partner Agencies	Year 1, 2 &3
13. Develop a strategy to improve academic attainment and achievement of vulnerable	Hold discussions to develop a shared definition of vulnerable children	Kintyre's Children	1 and 2
children and young people	Hold meeting to consider needs of young carers and other vulnerable children and young people	Kintyre's Children	2
14.To ensure Argyll and Bute's children grow up feeling safe and protected from harm	Hold meeting to develop a local response to the new CPC Inter Agency Business Plan	Donna Carvill Kintyre's Children	1 and 2
	Continue to support Inter Agency Child Protection Training	Kintyre's Children and Alex Honeyman	1,2 and 3
	Develop stronger links with police	Kintyre's Children	1
	Develop "bullying Buddy System and	Schools and	2

	awareness raising in schools	partners	
15. To increase in proportion of looked after children living with family or in community settings	Hold meeting to consider local response to GIRFEC review of inter agency support to LAAC	Kintyre's Children	2 following review

National Outcome 9: We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger

Strategic Priorities	Local Area Actions	Lead Agency &	Timescales
Γ		Partner Agencies	Year 1, 2 &3
16.Develop prevention and early intervention measures and reduce anti–social behaviour	1 st locality youth justice meeting held in March 2009. Hold 2 nd to agree on key priorities for future action	Gordon Higgins/lain McLean/Locality Partners	1
17.Reduction of young people referred to the Reporter offence grounds	Participate in full implementation of GIRFEC Develop "screening" for children/young people to be referred to SCRA	Kintyre's Children Kintyre's Children	2 2
18. Develop services which address alcohol and drug misuse	Discuss outcomes of proposed research project focussing on young people from the council's 10 secondary schools	Kintyre's Children	1 ongoing
	Hold meeting to discuss how best to provide drug and alcohol education to young people (alternative approaches) – 1	Kintyre's Children	2

day event on GOPR		
Review Addictions team services to young people affected by substance and alcohol misuse	Social Work/ partners	

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Action Plan

2009 - 2012

Locality: Mid Argyll

Name of Manager: Donna Carvill

National Outcome 4: Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens

Strategic Priorities	Local Area Actions	Lead Agency &	Timescales
		Partner Agencies	Year 1, 2 &3
 Improve the education outcomes for children and young people who are looked after and ensure that they have an individual support plan in 	Hold a meeting to discuss priorities from the GIRFEC Review of inter agency support for LAAC.	Donna Carvill, Gordon Higgins and Mid Argyll's Children	2 following review
place	Ensure all LAAC have an ISP and review on a regular basis	Schools/ Partners	1 ongoing
	Improve school attendance through joint work at Inter Agency Forum (Joint Campus)	Schools/ partners	1 ongoing
2. Ensure all young people leaving care have a pathway plan	Incorporate local TC&AC programme in local ICSP	Donna Carvill and TC&AC Group	1 ongoing
3. Focus on the needs of young people in transition and preparing for independence and inter-agency co-ordination at all transition stages	Hold a local meeting to examine how best to extend support to young people with disabilities accessing adult services	Liling Payne/Social Work/Health/Other Partners	1 and 2

	Continue to develop support in respect of Home – Pre School – Primary – Secondary – School leavers	Education/CL&R/Mid Argyll Youth Project/ Careers	
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National Outcome 5: Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed

Strategic Priorities	Local Area Actions	Lead Agency &	Timescales
		Partner Agencies	Year 1, 2 &3
4. Further develop Integrated Family Support Services	Hold a meeting to discuss and agree on a local approach and structure	All partner Services	2 April 2010
	Continue to support Homestart	Mid Argyll's Children/ MAJIK	1 ongoing
	Hold an open day to promote services	Mid Argyll's Children	2
5. Enhance Parenting Support Services and provision of Child Development Services	Continue use of play@home Continue to develop parenting programme following training	Early Years Early Years/CL&R/Health	1 ongoing 1 ongoing October 2009
6. Establish Family Literacy and Numeracy Support Services and Resource	Continue Rhyme Time/Book Start Develop Story of the Month	Early Years/CL&R Library Service/ partners	1 ongoing 2

Develop Youth Literacy Programme	CL&R	1 ongoing
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National Outcome 6: We live longer healthier lives

Strategic Priorities	Local Area Actions	Lead Agency ع	Timescales
	1	Partner Agencies	Year 1, 2 &3
7. Expand and further embed the development of Health and Wellbeing	Hold meeting with Sports and Leisure Strategy staff to discuss local developments	Mid Argyll's Children/Muriel Kupris	1 or 2
	Develop links with local Health and Well being group and incorporate programme in to local ICSP	Donna Carvill	1 and 2
	Continue developing HPS activities	Schools/ Health/CL&R	1 ongoing
	Continue to develop school holiday activities	CL&R/ Active Schools	1 ongoing

8. Achieve agreed completion rates for child health weight intervention programme and implement Child Smile Programme	Staff have been trained in X Programme. Still at development stage. Monitor progress	Health/Active Schools/Education	1, 2 and 3
9. Establish a strategy for promoting positive mental health and well being of children and young people	Hold meeting to develop a local response to service review "Getting It Right for Our vulnerable Young People (Mental Health)" and to identify gaps in meeting local need	Mid Argyll's Children	2 after GIRFEC review reports
	Develop Peer Mentoring	Schools/ health/CL&R	2
	Develop Drop In through "Winter Active"	Youth Project/CL&R	1 and 2

National Outcome 7: We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society

Strategic Priorities	Local Area Actions	Lead Agency &	Timescales
		Partner Agencies	Year 1, 2 & 3
10.Further development of services for children affected by disability	Hold meeting to consider report on Review of Services for Children with Disabilities	Mid Argyll's Children	1 or 2
ulousinty	Audit of services to improve transition support	Donna Carvill/ Mid Argyll's children	2
11. Maximise services to support uptake of benefits and improve access to employment opportunities	Develop links with local MCMC group and incorporate their activities in to this plan Involve Welfare Rights in open day	Donna Carvill/ Mid Argyll's Children Mid argyll's Children	2
12. To ensure equality of access to services, irrespective of gender, ethnicity, locality or disability	Improve access to education and training by travelling People Improve access to training by young people affected by disability	Social work/ Education Mid Argyll's Children	2 and 3 2 ongoing

National Outcome 8: We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk

Strategic Priorities	Local Area Actions	Lead Agency &	Timescales
		Partner Agencies	Year 1, 2 &3
13. Develop a strategy to improve academic attainment and achievement of vulnerable	Hold discussions to develop a shared definition of vulnerable children	Mid Argyll's Children	1 and 2
children and young people	Hold meeting to consider needs of young carers and improve care planning and joint work	Mid Argyll's Children	2
	Use school IAF hold monthly meetings to discuss individual children and 2 meetings each year to agree on a strategic overview	Joint Campus and all partners	1 ongoing
14. To ensure Argyll and Bute's children grow up feeling safe and protected from harm	Hold meeting to develop a local response to the new CPC Inter Agency Business Plan	Donna Carvill, and Mid Argyll's Children	1 and 2

	Continue to support Inter Agency Child Protection Training Support police experiential events	Mid Argyll's Children and Alex Honeyman Police/All partners	1 ongoing 1 ongoing
15. To increase in proportion of looked after children living with family or in community settings	Hold meeting to consider local response to GIRFEC review of inter agency support to LAAC Support children through IAF	Mid Argyll's Children Schools and partners	2 following review 1 ongoing

National Outcome 9: We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger

Strategic Priorities	Local Area Actions	Lead Agency &	Timescales
		Partner Agencies	Year 1, 2 &3
16. Develop prevention and early intervention measures and reduce anti–social behaviour	1 st locality youth justice meeting held in March 2009. Hold 2 nd to agree on key priorities for future action	Gordon Higgins/Caroline/Locality Partners	1
17.Reduction of young people referred to the Reporter offence grounds	Participate in full implementation of GIRFEC Develop "screening" for children/young people to be referred to SCRA	Mid Argyll's Children Mid Argyll's Children	2 2
18.Develop services which address alcohol and drug misuse	Discuss outcomes of proposed research project focussing on young people from the council's 10 secondary schools	Mid Argyll's Children	2
	Hold meeting to discuss how best to provide drug and alcohol education to young people in schools (alternative approaches)	Mid Argyll's Children	2

ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL

OPERATIONAL SERVICES

MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE 7 APRIL 2010

TITLE: ROADS ISSUES - MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & ISLAY

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides an update on outstanding roads-related issues in Mid Argyll, Kintyre & Islay.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 It is recommended that Members note this report.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 Additional Capital for Frost Damage
 - 3.1.1 As a result of the recent extreme winter weather conditions experienced over the Christmas and New Year period the public road network across Argyll & Bute has experienced severe damage. In order to maintain the network, £350,000 of capital money in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay has been accelerated from future years to be spent in 2009/10.
 - 3.1.2 During December 2009 and January 2010 the country experienced prolonged periods of extreme cold temperatures. This created conditions whereby ice formed in sub soils under roads and footways, resulting in frost heave.
 - 3.1.3 At the conclusion of the extreme weather a survey was undertaken throughout the area and a priority list of sites was prepared. Details of the various sites, along with location plans, are as indicated in the attached Appendix A.
 - 3.1.5 Works identified in Appendix A will be undertaken before the end of March; this is being provided through a partnership arrangement between the Roads Operations unit and external contractors who have previously worked with the Council on construction schemes this year.
- 3.2 Remedial works on Jura & Colonsay

Remedial works on Jura and Colonsay have been delayed by a few weeks due to concerns about low overnight road surface temperatures. These works will be carried out by Kiely Brothers during mid April of this year.

3.4 Islay - Port Ellen to Ardbeg Road

A survey has been carried out by an external consultant to investigate reasons for failure of the carriageway; their report is awaited.

3.5 Slip Site – B842 Conie Glen

Design work on the road realignment is currently ongoing with works on site expected to commence in April.

Telemetry has been set up to warn of any movement at the site.

3.6 B8024 Glenralloch Road

The contract works are progressing, although there has been some programme slippage over the winter. Road surfacing work is expected to commence shortly. Work is expected to be complete by the end of April.

3.7 A816 Millbrae

Work is progressing well and is still on programme for completion by the end of March.

3.8 Tarbert – Footway work forming nibs.

Work has been planned and now awaits commencement by an external contractor.

3.9 Ardrishaig – 20's Plenty

Signs have been erected and white lining by external contractor is now awaited.

3.10 B842 Carradale Road – passing place signs

This work, being undertaken by Streetscene teams, is ongoing.

3.11 Brenochoille Road

This road has now been re-graded by Forestry.

3.12 Surface Water Issues – Kintyre Park

A cctv survey has been carried out and details passed to Scottish Water.

3.13 Campbeltown Sewerage Scheme – Scottish Water

Works by Scottish water, to replace sewers in the centre of Campbeltown at St John St, Main Street and Kinloch Road, are due to start in May this year. This work is likely to continue until February 2011.

- **4. Policy:** The road network will be maintained in line with the 'Road Maintenance & Asset Management Plan' as closely as the available roads maintenance budget will allow.
- **5. Financial:** Expenditure of revenue and capital budget to maintain the network.
- 6. Personnel: Nil

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Graham Brown Operations Manager 7th April 2010

APPENDIX A

Area	Route	Location	Description
Mid Argyll	B841	Bellanoch (Crinan Road)	Overlay
	B8042	Kilberry Road (Near Loch Arial)	Machine patching and Overlay
	C62	Argyll St, Lochgilphead	Overlay
Kintyre	A83	Clachan (North - hill)	Overlay
	B842	Whitestone Bridge (North of Saddell)	Overlay
	B843	Machrihanish Road	Overlay
	Uc10	Dalsmirren Road (Various locations)	Reconstruction and overlay
	Uc59	RAF Machrihanish Road	Reconstruction and overlay
Islay	C14	Ardtalla Road (Beyond Ardbeg	Overlay
	Uc49	Claddich Road (Near Potnahaven)	Overlay

Priorty Locations for Forst Damage Sites

Notes.

1. This work is being undertaken by a combination of In-House squads and external contractors.

2. Other works of a smaller scale such as patching and potholing are continuing under revenue expenditure

Area	Route	Location	Estimated Cost	Total
Mid Argyll	B841	Bellanoch (Crinan Road)	£35,000	
	B8042	Kilberry Road (Near Loch Arial)	£25,000	
	C62	Argyll St, Lochgilphead	£25,000	£85,000
Kintyre	A83	Clachan (North - hill)	£35,000	
	B842	Whitestone Bridge (North of Saddell)	£25,000	
	B843	Machrihanish Road	£15,000	
	Uc10	Dalsmirren Road (Various locations)	£40,000	
	Uc59	RAF Machrihanish Road	£50,000	£165,000
Islay	C14	Ardtalla Road (Beyond Ardbeg	£70,000	
	Uc49	Claddich Road (Near Potnahaven)	£30,000	£100,000
				£350,000

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ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL

OPERATIONAL SERVICES

MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE 7 APRIL 2010

TITLE: A83 KENNACRAIG TO CAMPBELTOWN - ROAD CONDITION

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides an update on outstanding roads-related issues in Mid Argyll, Kintyre & Islay.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 It is recommended that Members note this report.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 Along with many other roads across Argyll & Bute, the A83 has suffered considerable damage as a result of the severe frosts experienced this winter.
- 3.2 The attached report, in Appendix A, identifies 5 locations on the A83, between Kennacraig and Campbeltown, which are considered to be showing the worst signs of deterioration.
- 3.3 Significant expenditure is required in at least three of the locations identified in the report. Once works have been carried out under the auspices of the 'frost damage budget' and next year's capital budget, it is likely that several hundred thousand pounds of funding will still be required to fully reinstate the carriageway at the locations highlighted.
- 3.4 The report is not exhaustive; there are numerous areas requiring remedial works, however, as mentioned previously, the report concentrates solely on the worst sections. Where funding is not forthcoming, the road will continue to be maintained in a safe condition using the roads maintenance revenue budget.
- **4. Policy:** The road network will be maintained in line with the 'Road Maintenance & Asset Management Plan' as closely as the available roads maintenance budget will allow.
- **5. Financial:** Expenditure of revenue and capital budget to maintain the network.
- 6. Personnel: Nil

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APPENDIX A

A83 Campbeltown Road – Kennacraig to Campbeltown Report on Sites Requiring Treatment

Introduction

This report has been produced at the behest of Councillor John Semple. Those sections of the A83 Campbeltown Road showing major signs of deterioration have been assessed and the likely cost for suitable treatment has been identified for each site. The sections considered are as follows:-

- North of Clachan
- North of Tayinloan
- Glenbarr
- Bellochantuy
- North of Campbeltown

It should be noted that there are numerous sections of the A83 requiring remedial works, however, the five sections identified are considered to be those showing the worst signs of deterioration.

A83 North of Clachan

This section lies mainly to the north of Clachan.



A83 North of Clachan

- The existing carriageway surface at this location comprises of old surface dressing over an oxidised bituminous surface. This surface is both potholing & wearing through to the lower layer. This deterioration will continue if left untreated.
- A 280m long critical section will be resurfaced from the 'frost-heave budget' this financial year – highlighted in red on the attached plan in Appendix A. This is approximately 10% of the overall area requiring treatment; the budget for this work is £25,000. The most critical section to be treated lies on the hill north of Clachan. Gradients and bends on this section increases stress on the surface and this has

accelerated surface deterioration. The area of proposed overlay cannot be patched as a permanent solution as the surface is too weak to tie into.

- The remaining 2,900m long section which requires treatment is highlighted in yellow on the plan in Appendix A.
- The remainder of the hill will be reassessed for inclusion in the 2010/11 capital programme. Approximate costs are expected to be in the region of £80,000
- The level sections to the north & south of Clachan hill are unlikely to be included in the 2010/11capital programme without excluding a large proportion of the proposals for the remaining network. Approximate costs are expected to be in the region of £180,000

A83 North of Tayinloan

This section has several drainage issues in addition to the poor surface condition.



A83 North of Tayinloan

- The overall section length requiring treatment is 5,200m highlighted in yellow on the plan in Appendix A.
- The existing surfacing is a mix of old surfacing and permanent and temporary repairs.
- Repairs have been carried out to the drainage along this section with further work required prior to carrying out surfacing work.

- This area has scattered potholes that have been 'screeded', with a few short areas that would warrant overlay. Some areas on the Tayinloan straights will not hold patching as the existing bituminous surfacing is too weak.
- While the straights are in poor condition they can be maintained and will tend to deteriorate at a steady rate.
- Costs for resurfacing are likely to be in the region of £550,000. Some of this funding may be made available from next year's capital budget.

A83 Glenbarr

This section has been surface dressed in recent years although further patching is required.



A83 Glenbarr

- This 2,200m long section is highlighted in yellow on the plan Appendix A.
- The existing surface is generally surface dressing over old surfacing.
- The surface suffers from sporadic potholes with a few localised clusters. One main drainage issue has been highlighted north of the village access formalised drainage will be installed this coming financial year. There are also longitudinal ruts in the wheel tracks at the south of Glenbarr which carry water down the hill.
- Most of these repairs will suit permanent patching works. This work will be carried out under the revenue maintenance budget. Whilst this section requires limited surfacing work, it remains in a better condition than other sites mentioned in this report.

A83 Bellochantuy

This section has developed sections with significant pothole issues along the wheel tracks.



A83 Bellochantuy

- This 1,100m long section is highlighted in yellow on the plan Appendix A.
- The surface consists of surface dressing over old surfacing.
- Potholes have developed along the wheel tracks at several locations. These will suit repair by overlay or planing out ¼ carriageway & resurfacing with a mini paver.
- Again, as with Glenbarr, this site should remain in a better condition than other sites mentioned in this report. Work here will be carried out under the revenue maintenance budget.

A83 Kilchenzie to Campbeltown

This section has had regulating laid over several areas of major deterioration.



A83 North of Campbeltown

- The 4,900m long section is highlighted in yellow and red on the plan in Appendix A
- Of the overall section, at least 3,200m highlighted in red requires a variety of edge strengthening, regulating & overlay work.
- Most of this section lies on the haul route between Campbeltown and Machrihanish air base and will be subjected to particularly heavy stresses over the coming years.
- Regulating and surfacing works required for this 3,200m section of road, along with regulating and surface dressing for the remaining 1,700m is likely to cost in the region of £500,000.
- This work will have to be planned for future years when a suitable budget is available although it is likely that some works will be carried out from this forthcoming year financial year's capital budget.

Conclusions

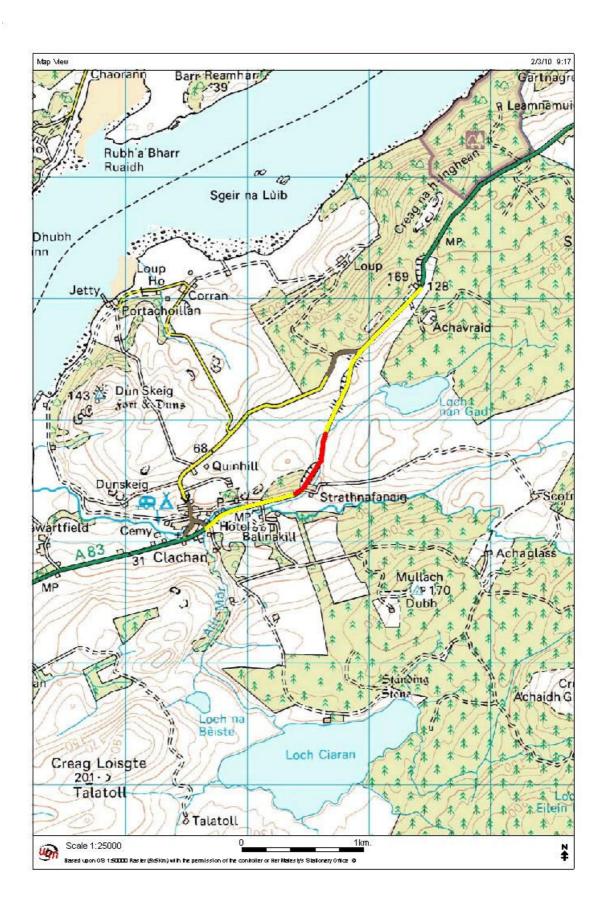
Of the five sites surveyed for this report, significant expenditure is required in at least three locations. Once works have been carried out under the auspices of the 'frost damage budget' and the next financial year's capital budget, it is likely that several hundred thousand pounds of funding will still be required to fully reinstate the carriageway at the locations highlighted.

Where funding is not forthcoming, the road will continue to be maintained in a safe condition using the roads maintenance revenue budget.

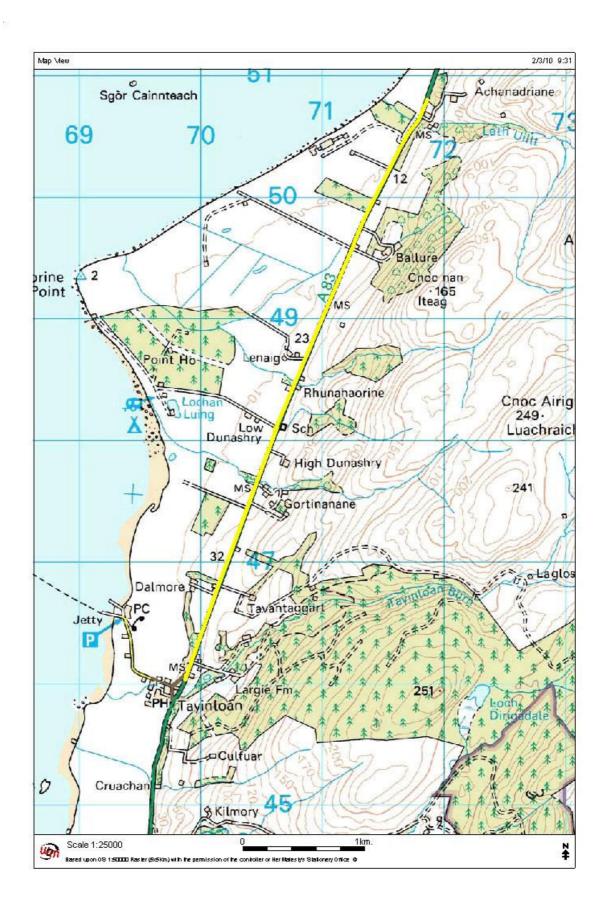
Many sections of the A83 are of sub-standard width, however, this report deals solely with the works required to return the carriageway to its previous condition prior to deterioration. Further significant funding would be required to carry out widening works.

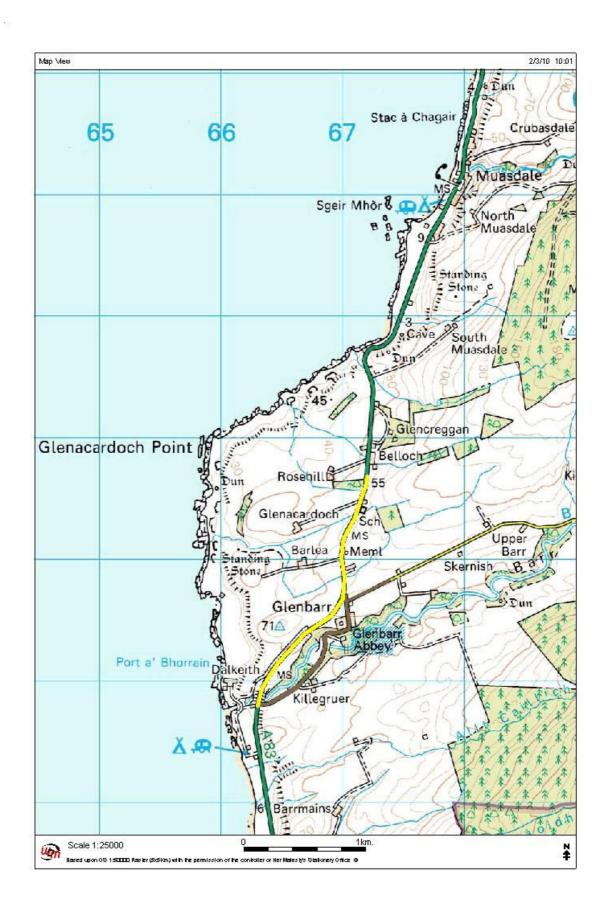
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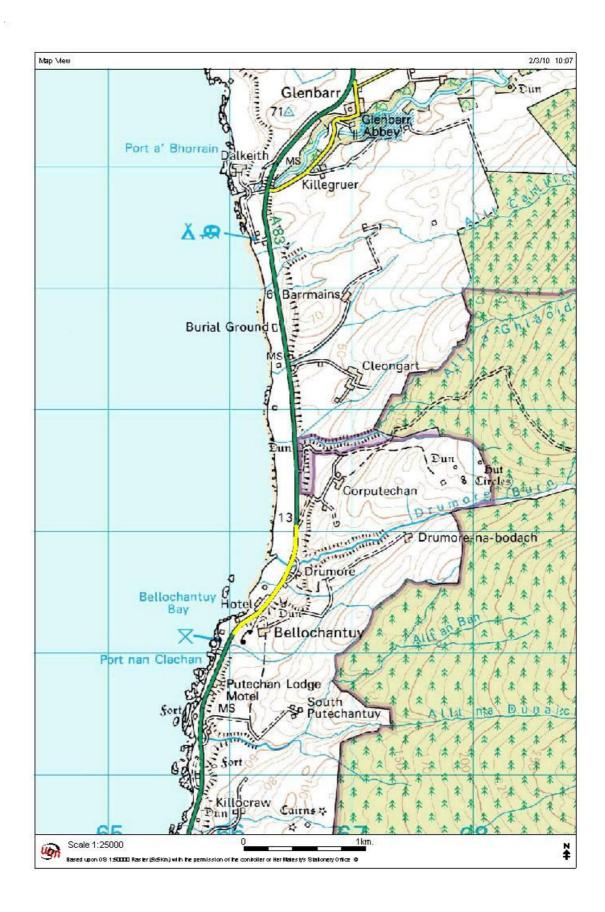


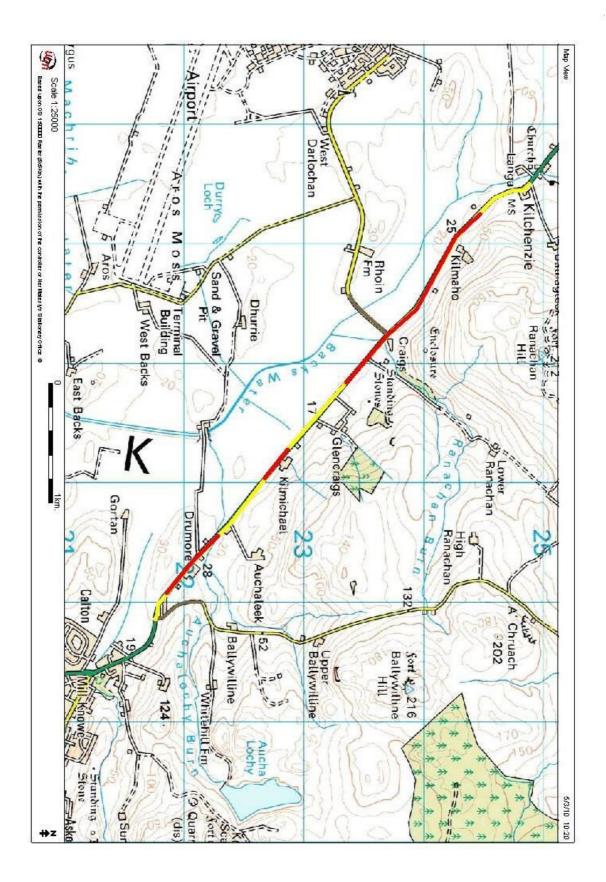
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MID ARGYLL KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE

7 APRIL 2010

OPERATIONAL SERVICES

POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF A BMX TRACK AT MEADOWS PLAYING FIELD BENGULLION ROAD, CAMPBELTOWN

1. SUMMARY

This report follows a discussion of the Executive Meeting on 28 January 2010 to refer this issue back to the Area Committee.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Area Committee agrees that any lease offered to the Founders Group should be on a self maintaining basis with relevant insurance cover to be provided by the Group themselves.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 On 28 January 2010 the Executive agreed to refer this issue back to the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Area Committee in order to investigate relevant options within the current area budget including the possibility of a lease to the Founders Group at less than market value which would be subject to Scottish Ministers consent.
- 3.2 Although perhaps not viewed as play in the traditional sense of swings and roundabouts, the activity on wheel parks is accepted by both Play Scotland and Play England within their definitions of play, therefore the site should be treated as would any other play area.
- 3.3 Construction costs aside, the estimated annual maintenance cost calculated for the proposed track is £2,360. This sum exceeds the entire annual play area budget for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay, therefore cost of maintenance cannot be accommodated within existing budgets. No play area has yet been identified for closure to allow a transfer of inspection resources and no alternative budget could be identified for repairs and maintenance of the proposed BMX track.
- 3.4 After consultation, the council's insurance advisors have confirmed that a piecemeal insurance arrangement would not adequately protect the council from liability and that, should a lease be agreed, the Founders Group would also require to provide Public Liability insurance sufficient to indemnify the council against any claim.
- 3.5 Guidance on community partnership working and adoption of play areas in Argyll & Bute Council areas is guided by the 2004 policy which has three strands.

1. The council form a partnership and signed minute of agreement with a constituted community group to improve an existing council owned and operated play area.

2. The council adopts equipped play areas provided a dowry of £20,000 or half the build cost of providing the area is paid to the council to provide for future maintenance. If this site is

developed by the community, it may pass into Argyll & Bute Council ownership and responsibility assuming any ground can be acquired at no cost to the council.

3. Argyll & Bute Council identify play areas that are beyond economic repair and/or are surplus to requirement. These sites should be identified for closure as part of a formal plan. The maintenance and inspection resources for any closed site would be available to be transferred to a new site. If this new site is developed by the community, it may pass into Argyll & Bute Council ownership and responsibility assuming any ground on which it is constructed can be acquired at no cost to the Council.

3 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 Partnership working has shown to be a positive way to achieve improvement to play areas which would otherwise not be possible by the council alone. It appears to work most positively where sites being developed are already in place, however examples for different strands of the policy being employed do exist.
- 3.2 At Bengullion Road, should a lease be offered to the Founders Group, all costs relating to the proposal would have to be met by the Founders Group, including provision of adequate public liability insurance cover.

4. IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Policy 2004 Policy on play area adoption
- 4.2 Financial None
- 4.3 Personnel None
- 4.4 Equalities Impact Assessment None
- 4.5 Legal Preparation of lease.

For further information or clarification of any matter contained within this report please contact Neil Brown on 01631 569160

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