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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE** will be held in **EAGLESHAM HOUSE, MOUNT PLEASANT ROAD, ROTHESAY** on **TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2009** at **10:00 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Nigel Stewart
Director of Corporate Services

BUSINESS

- 1. APOLOGIES**
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
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 - (a) Minute of Area Committee of 6th October 2009 (Pages 1 - 8)
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 - (a) Verbal Report on Dunoon - Gourock Ferry Service
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9. EXEMPT ITEMS

- E1** (a) Sites at Innellan, Disposal to Scottish Water (Pages 47 - 50)
- E2** (b) Operation of Rothesay Harbour (Pages 51 - 52)

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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 paragraph of Part I of Schedule 7a to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

The appropriate paragraph is:-

E1 - 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.

E2 - Paragraph 6 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority)

BUTE & COWAL AREA COMMITTEE

Councillor Robert Macintyre
Councillor Alister McAlister
Councillor James McQueen
Councillor Ron Simon
Councillor Dick Walsh

Councillor Bruce Marshall (Chair)
Councillor Alex McNaughton
Councillor Len Scoullar (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Isobel Strong

Contact: Shirley MacLeod, Area Corporate Services Manager

**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE held in the QUEEN'S HALL,
DUNOON
on TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 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	

Attending: Shirley MacLeod, Area Corporate Services Manager
George Craig, Contracts Manager Argyll & Bute
Allan MacDonald, Streetscene Manager
Mark Steward, Marine & Coastal Development Manager
Martin Gorringer, Marine and Airports Manager
Jim Anderson, Performance Manager
Lorna Whyte, Facility Services Manager
Caroline Sheen, Estates Surveyor
Paul Farrell, Roads Engineer

Marion Bowman, The Lachlan Trust
Donald MacLauchlan, The Lachlan Trust

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor J R Walsh.

The Chairman ruled, and the Committee agreed, in terms of Standing Order 3.2.2, that a report by the Head of Roads & Amenity Services in regard to the Rothesay Harbour, dealt with at item 7 (g) of the agenda, be taken as a matter of urgency due to the need to comply with tight timescales for progression of these matters.

Councillor Marshall spoke on the recent Scotland in Bloom Awards advising that Rothesay had been awarded 2nd place in the Rosebowl Competition and Kilmorygan won a silver in the large village award.

Councillor McNaughton spoke on the Cammanachd Cup and wished to forward the Committee's congratulations to Kyles Athletic who played outstandingly well in the final.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor L Scoullar declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 9b by reason of being a member of the church.

3. MINUTES

(a) MINUTE OF PLANNING HEARING 08/02011/OUT OF 30TH JULY 2009

The Minute of the Planning Hearing 08/02011/OUT of 30th July 2009 was approved as a correct record.

(b) MINUTE OF PLANNING HEARING 08/00489/DET OF 30TH JULY 2009

The Minute of the Planning Hearing 08/00489/DET of 30th July 2009 was approved as a correct record.

(c) MINUTE OF SPECIAL AREA COMMITTEE OF 30TH JULY 2009

The Minute of the Special Area Committee of 30th July 2009 was approved as a correct record.

(d) MINUTE OF AREA COMMITTEE OF 4TH AUGUST 2009

The Minute of the Area Committee of the 4th August 2009 was approved as a correct record.

4. PRESENTATION ON OLD CASTLE LACHLAN

Members heard an informative presentation from Marion Bowman and Donald MacLauchlan on Castle Lachlan.

Decision

Members agreed to support the project in principle.

5. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

(a) LOCH FYNE ICZM PLAN

Members heard an updated report on the proposed Final Loch Fyne Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan to be adopted as supplementary planning guidance.

Decision

The Committee:

- i. Agreed to the proposed Final ICZM Plan in light of the Consultation Report and feedback from public stakeholders meetings.
- ii. Recommend to the Executive Committee that the proposed final Loch Fyne ICZM Plan is approved and adopted as supplementary planning guidance.

(Reference: Report by the Marine & Coastal Development Manager – submitted)

6. CORPORATE SERVICES

(a) VERBAL REPORT ON DUNOON - GOUROCK FERRY SERVICE

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

Decision

The Committee noted the detail provided on this matter.

(b) CAPITAL RECEIPTS

Members heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager regarding the clarification of unspent Capital Receipts.

Decision

The Committee agreed to transfer the unspent receipt allocated to street signage in Cowal and Dunoon to allow some additional work on pedestrian crossings and ramps to be carried out during this financial year.

(Reference: Report by the Area Corporate Services Manager dated 1st September 2009 – submitted)

(c) COWAL EUROPE

Members heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager on Cowal Europe.

Decision

The Committee agreed to continue this item to the December Area Committee.

7. OPERATIONAL SERVICES

(a) PRESENTATION ON THE QUEEN'S HALL/RIVERSIDE

Members heard an informative presentation by the Performance Manager and the Facility Services Manager on the achievements and operations of the Queen's Hall/Riverside.

Members asked questions and it was agreed that Councillor Strong would feedback to Members regarding swimming lessons for school children.

(b) CLEANLINESS INDEX MONITORING SYSTEM (CIMS) FOR STREET CLEANSING

Members heard from the Area Streetscene Manager on the Cleanliness Index Monitoring System for Street Cleansing and Validation Reports carried out by the Council and Keep Scotland Beautiful up to October 2008.

Decision

The Committee:

- i. Noted the contents of the Keep Scotland Beautiful report and the actions of Operational Services.
- ii. The Area Streetscene Manager will circulate a copy of the letter sent by the Department to dog owner to Members.

(Reference: Report by the Streetscene Manager – submitted)

(c) **SCOTTISH WATER MONITORING**

Members heard from the Contracts Manager Argyll & Bute regarding the inspections of Scottish Water sites.

Decision

The Committee:

- i. Noted the contents of the report.
- ii. Agreed to accept bi monthly reports regarding Scottish Water inspections.

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

(d) **ABBEYHILL CONSTRUCTION CONSENT**

Members heard from the Contracts Manager Argyll & Bute regarding the Abbeyhill housing Development, Dhailing Road, Dunoon.

Decision

The Committee:

- i. Noted the contents of the report.
- ii. Agreed that an updated cost of the works to complete the unfinished development be forwarded to the Chair.
- iii. Requested that an officer from Operational Services come to the October Business Day to explain the process around Construction Consents.

(Reference: Report by the Network Manager dated 8th September 2009 – submitted)

(e) **CAR PARKING INCOME AND PRIORITISATION ON SPENDING**

Members heard from the Contracts Manager Argyll & Bute regarding the car parking income and prioritisation on spending.

Decision

The Committee:

- i. Agreed their preferred options would be 4.4 and 4.8 providing both can be progressed within budget.
- ii. Asked that Neil Brown provide the year to date spending/budget to the Area Committee in December.
- iii. Asked that George Craig discuss with Scottish Water the rock disposal from the quarry.

(Reference: Report by the Network Manager – submitted)

(f) **PROGRAMME FOR PROVISION OF DROPPED KERBS**

Members heard from the Contracts Manager Argyll & Bute regarding the proposed programme for provision of dropped kerbs during 2009/10.

Decision

The Committee:

- i. Noted the contents of the report.
- ii. Agreed to the transfer to the unspent Capital receipts to pedestrian crossing dropped kerbs.

(Reference: Report by the Operations Manager – submitted)

(g) **ROTHESAY HARBOUR**

Members heard from the Marine and Airports Manager on the safe operations of all marine traffic at Rothesay Harbour.

Decision

The Committee:

- i. Recognises that as Harbour Authority that they have overall responsibility for ensuring the safe operations at Rothesay harbour under Port Marine Safety Code.
- ii. Acknowledge that a full Risk Assessment and appropriate consultation has taken place with all relevant users of Rothesay Harbour.
- iii. Agreed to issue a Notice to Mariners to ensure that safe working practices continue for all users of Rothesay Harbour.
- iv. Agreed that Operational Services will report back to the December Area Committee on any significant issues arising from the management of the harbour in light of the new management rules being agreed.
- v. Agreed that Council Officers make urgent contact with the owner of MV Seahorse to discuss all identified options to provide a suitable berth for the vessel and report back to the December Area Committee on progression of these discussions.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Road and Amenity Services dated 14th August 2009 – submitted)

8. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Chief Inspector Mosley advised on current staffing levels and the situation with the Inspectors posts. He also advised that the new Traffic Inspector will be based in Dunoon and they are running an initiative on cracking down on noisy exhausts.

Mr Baker expressed his concerns over the recent Community Council Elections and received advice from the Area Corporate Services Manager.

Anne Gabriel, Dunoon Community Council also expressed her concerns over posters she had received for the Community Council Election.

Councillor Marshall asked George Craig about the extent of the work carried out on the Kames High Road and it was agreed George Craig would bring a paper to the October Business Day.

Councillor McNaughton expressed his concerns over the Stronafian road signs and Paul Farrell advised there was a scheme being proposed.

Councillor Macintyre submitted his apologies and left the meeting at this stage.

9. EXEMPT ITEMS

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public for the following items of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

(a) SHOP PREMISES, 31 ARGYLL STREET, DUNOON

Members heard from the Estates Surveyor on the lease of the shop premises at 31 Argyll Street, Dunoon.

Decision

The Committee:

- i. Agreed to recommendation 3.2.2 of the report by the Director of Corporate Services.
- ii. Noted that the consent of the Scottish Ministers would be required along with the approval of the Council's Executive Committee.

(Reference: Report by the Director of Corporate Services dated 22nd September 2009 – submitted)

(b) **PROPOSED LEASE OF GROUND, THE MEADOWS, ROTHESAY**

Members heard from the Estates Surveyor on the proposed lease of ground at the Meadows, Rothesay.

Decision

The Committee

- i. Agreed with the recommendation contained in the report by the Director of Corporate Services.
- ii. Noted that the consent of the Scottish Ministers would be required along with the approval of the Council's Executive Committee.

(Reference: Report by the Director of Corporate Services dated 11th September 2009 – submitted)

(c) **ARTHURLIE, 20 MOUNT PLEASANT ROAD, ROTHESAY**

Members heard from the Estates Surveyor on the sale of the attic flat at Arthurlie, 20 Mount Pleasant Road, Rothesay.

Decision

The Committee agreed with the recommendation contained in the report by the Director of Corporate Services.

(Reference: Report by the Director of Corporate Services dated 1st October 2009 – tabled)

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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL
COMMUNITY REGENERATION**

**BUTE & COWAL
AREA COMMITTEE
November 2009**

Leisure Development Grant Scheme

**Applications by Voluntary Organisations for Leisure Development Grants
2009/2010.**

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report outlines a request from a voluntary organisation for funding from the Leisure Development Grant scheme 09/10.
- 1.2 The Leisure Development Grant area allocation for 09/10 is **£18,670**. Applications considered and agreed at the May 09 and August 09 meetings of the Bute and Cowal Area Committee amounted to £17,370 leaving a balance of **£1,300**.
- 1.3 Should the Bute and Cowal Area Committee agree the application being presented the balance in the Leisure Development Grant budget will be **£300**.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee is asked to:

- Consider the Leisure Development Grant application being presented.

3. DETAIL

3.1 Voluntary Organisation Applications – Leisure Development Grants

The purpose of Leisure Development Grants is to aid events; sports and arts organisations to provide a development opportunity that will impact on and have a positive effect on community life in Argyll and Bute.

A summary of the group's application is contained within the Officer's Report attached.

	Organisation	Total Grant Requested	Officers Recommendations	Chair & Vice Chairs Recommendations
1.	Dunoon & Cowal Business Association	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000

4. IMPLICATIONS

Policy	The recommendations within this report reflect the Council's commitment to the Voluntary Sector, Leisure Development and Community Learning and Regeneration in Argyll and Bute.
Financial	Grant awarded will be met from the relevant allocation within the Community Service's revenue budgets for Leisure Development Grants in 2009/2010.
Personnel	There are no implications for the Council.
Equal Opportunities	None
Legal	The Council is required to ensure that applicants comply with the requirements to Scheme 9, Part 10 of the Children's Act 1989 regarding registration and inspection of service provision. Organisations with substantial access to young people have to meet the requirements of POSCA.

Martin Turnbull
Area Community Learning and Regeneration Manager
Bute and Cowal
November 2009

For further information please contact Martin Turnbull, Area Community Learning and Regeneration Manager, Cowal Area Office, Edward Street, Dunoon, PA23 7PH. Tel: 01369 704669.

ASSISTANCE TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS
ASSESSMENT FORM for Social Welfare Grants, Education and Leisure
Development Grants

1 Details

Name of Assessing Officer	Liz Marion		
Have you contacted the organisation to assess this application?	Yes		
Have you checked the Auditor is independent and qualified?			
Applicant:	Dunoon & Cowal Business Association	Scheme:	Leisure Development
Project Title:	Cowal International Youth Soccer Festival	a) Total cost of project	£2,000
		b) How much is funded from group resources?	£1,000
		c) How much is coming from other agencies	0
		d) Grant requested from A & B Council?	£1,000
		Grant Recommended:	£1,000
Reason for grant	Preliminary marketing and research for main project due to take place July 2010.	Grant awarded last year (2008/09)	Nil

2 Financial Check – Have you checked the Organisation is:

a)	Fully constituted	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
b)	Has submitted a bank statement	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
c)	Has submitted audited/signed accounts	New organisation with no audited accounts at present – *see additional information	
d)	<u>Leisure and Education Development Grants:</u> If over £2000 have you sent this grant to finance?	N/A	
e)	<u>Social Welfare Grants:</u> Has the grant been registered with the Lochgilphead Office.	N/A	
f)	If relevant, has the grant passed the financial check?	N/A	
g)	Have you checked that the organisation is within 50% of the costs for Social Welfare, Education or Development grants?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
h)	Have you checked that the Council is meeting its obligations under Best Value in awarding this grant, for example, if the grant is awarded will the work definitely go ahead?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

3 General Criteria

Do you concur with the organisation in their assessment of need? Please supply a very brief summary:

Dunoon and Cowal Business Association are planning a Cowal International Youth Soccer Festival in July 2010. This is aimed at increasing opportunities for young people to take part in football activities and to meet young people from other countries in Europe. The festival will attract many visitors to the Cowal Area and will increase investment in the area.

The grant requested in this application is to allow the Dunoon and Cowal Business Association to carry out initial activities to arrange main activity. The funding would be used for research, meetings and marketing for the main event.

The grant would allow Dunoon and Cowal Business Association to establish the level of involvement and local partnership working that can be achieved. The initial research will

strengthen the funding applications that are being prepared for the main event. There is a need to publicise the event with foreign groups as soon as possible to measure the level of participation from these groups. I feel that this grant would give a firm basis for the project.	
Is the activity non-political?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the project consistent with Council priorities?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the project have open membership?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have sponsorship agreements been checked?	N/A
How many people overall will benefit from this grant?	2,000
Is the organization well established?	New organisation established March 09
Have you identified any training needs for the organisations committee or volunteers?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the organisation have volunteer training in place?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have you confidence in their ability to deliver a service?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

4 Policy and Procedures

If the Organisation works with a child/children under 18 or a vulnerable adult/s do they meet the following criteria?

a) Clear recruitment policies	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
b) Ongoing training and support for volunteers	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
c) A code of conduct for staff and volunteers	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
d) A Code of Good Practice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
e) An Equal Opportunities Policy	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
f) A Policy for Managing Confidential Information	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
g) Grievance Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
h) A Disciplinary Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<p>Additional Information</p> <p>For the purposes of this grant there will be no involvement with children under 18 or vulnerable adults.</p> <p>For the main project there will be a need for the relevant policies to be in place and the Association is working towards this at present. Given commitment to have these in place for the event.</p> <p>*Although this organisation is fairly new they have put together a robust business plan and action plan for the project and I am confident that if funding is procured they will be able to deliver the project.</p> <p>The grant they are seeking at present is for start up costs and additional funding will be sought for the main project from a number of funders.</p>

Specific Criteria

- Attracting inward investment
- Sustaining and developing indigenous business
- Improve skills and qualifications of workforce
- Increased opportunities for young people to take part in a range of football related activities.

Signed: Liz Marion

Assessment Officer

Date: 15th October 2009

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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL
CORPORATE SERVICES**

**BUTE AND COWAL
AREA COMMITTEE
1st December 2009**

BT's INVITATION TO "ADOPT" RED TELEPHONE BOXES

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 The Council has been notified of an invitation from BT to consider adopting red telephone kiosks within the local area. Responses to the consultation must be received by 23rd January 2010.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 Members are asked to consider the request made by BT and make suitable replies to the company in regard to identified telephone boxes in the Bute and Cowal area.

3.0 DETAIL

3.1 The Council has been approached by BT in regard to the company's scheme of having local communities "adopt" red telephone kiosks in their areas. The scheme has been devised following representation made by communities about the traditional phone boxes, which are seen as a British cultural design icon.

3.2 Where communities agree to adopt the boxes, BT will remove all telephony, leaving the kiosk to be put to whatever use the community wishes.

3.3 The cost of adopting a kiosk is only £1 per unit.

3.4 BT are asking for communities to consider this scheme before they move forward with any further requests for the removal of Public Call Boxes in the future, but the invitation paper is not clear on the future of those boxes where there is no local appetite to adopt them.

3.5 The specific boxes in Bute and Cowal included in the adoption invitation are:

PCO at Lochhead Cottages, Ormidale, Glendaruel
Opposite the School at Glendaruel
Two boxes identified at Glendaruel (location not clear)

Ardlamont, Kames, Tighnabruaich
Post Office, Otter Ferry
Kiosk No 6 at Kilfinan
Sub Post Office, Clachaig
PCO Innellan (no location given)
Lodge Gates, Invercholain
PCO Strathlachlan
Nr Petrol Pump, St Catherines

3.6 Previous consultations from BT on the matter of removal of phone boxes have resulted in Members raising the following generic issues with the company:

- In remote and rural communities facilities to contact emergency services **MUST** be retained
- Before pay phones are removed from the area the mobile phone network coverage must be improved to provide 100% effective cover
- In light of the diminishing number of public pay phones in communities in general, the Government should be exploring the provision of a network of emergency phones which would enable local communities to always be able to contact the emergency services.

4 CONCLUSIONS

4.1 Members will wish to consider the potential impact of removal of phone boxes from some of our remote and rural locations, and may wish to consider the merit in retaining empty phone boxes rather than working facilities, particularly for older members of communities, and in locations where mobile phone coverage is not universal.

Policy: In line with Council Policy to support vibrant communities.

Financial: None

Personnel: None

Equal Opportunities: None

For further information contact: Shirley MacLeod, Area Corporate Services Manager
01369 707130

Date: 12th November 2009

**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL
CORPORATE SERVICES**

**BUTE AND COWAL
AREA COMMITTEE
1st December 2009**

COMMEMORATION OF LOUIS BRAILLE.

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report gives Members information regarding a recent request made to the Council to mark the bi-centenary of the birth of Louis Braille.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Members are asked to consider the request made by the Royal National Institute of Blind People, that the bi centenary of the birth of Louis Braille be marked appropriately by the Council.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 The Council Leader has received a written request from the Royal National Institute of Blind People that the Council mark the bi-centenary of the birth of Louis Braille (1809-52). Louis Braille invented the famous system of raised dots, still very much in use today, which allowed blind people to read and write again. Braille made one of the biggest contributions ever to the field of disability, and Braille has been compared to the invention of the printing press for sighted people.
- 3.2 The RNIB has indicated that naming a street or building in Argyll and Bute after Braille would celebrate this world-famous invention, and highlight the Council's commitment to helping people with a disability achieve their full potential.
- 3.3 The Council Leader has asked that each Area Committee consider this request in regard to the possibility of naming a public building, or a street after Braille to mark the bi-centenary of his birth.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

Members are asked to consider this request which would support the Council's policy of supporting persons with disability.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Policy: In line with Council's policy on Inclusion.

Financial: None

Personnel: None

Equal Opportunities: None

For further information contact: Shirley MacLeod, Area Corporate Services Manager.

Tel 01369 707134

Date: 10th November 2009

ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEES

CORPORATE SERVICES

DECEMBER 2009

EXTRACT OF MINUTE OF EXECUTIVE 15 OCTOBER 2009

7. SAFER STREETS INITIATIVE

A report setting out information in regard to the Safer Streets Initiative Bid 2009/2010 was considered.

Decision

1. Endorsed the approach that the money be utilised to provide support for additional high visibility policing during December 2009; and
2. Agreed to recommend to the Community Safety Partnership that the additional allocation of £12,121 be distributed equally between the four decentralised Area Committee areas for discussion and agreement with Area Committees.

(Reference: Report by Director of Corporate Services dated 6 October 2009, submitted)

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SAFER STREETS INITIATIVE

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report sets out information in regard to the Safer Streets Initiative Bid 2009/10.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 To endorse the approach that the money be utilised to provide support for additional high visibility policy during December 2009.

3. DETAIL

3.1 Members have become aware that Scottish Ministers have agreed to provide funding for a fourth year for the Safer Streets Initiative. This Initiative seeks to achieve the following objectives

- Reduce crime and in particular violent crime.
- Tackle alcohol related disorder.
- Divert young people from crime and anti social behaviour.
- Reduce the fear of crime – increasing community re-assurance.
- Improve road, fire and home safety.
- Strengthen partnership working

3.2 The Council has received guidance for the bidding process for this year which requires the bid to be submitted by the end of October 2009 with a decision being made on 20 November 2009. The funding can be applied for the period November to March 2010.

3.3 The practice has been and it is required by Government that the Community Safety Partnership agree the final funding bid.

3.4 In previous years the funding has been set at a higher level of than that proposed this time. Argyll and Bute Council's allocation amounts to £12,121 which is just over half that previously given in the previous year and just over a third of what was given the year before.

- 3.5** In the past the Council sought to provide a holistic bid which included other items of activity however given the funding available it would appear that to gain the maximum benefit from the additional funding and to target the busy December period it is suggested that the Community Safety Partnership be invited to focus the spend on the month of December.
- 3.6** The additional funding has in the past been utilised to support additional police overtime and my view on this is that this should be the proposal to be put to the Community Safety Forum. However it has been suggested to me that some of the funding should be provided to the Oban Hogmanay Group to help support the policing costs for this event. It is my view that to focus the resources on one evening only would not be the best use of the available funding nor do I believe that the fund was designed to support the costs of policing such events.
- 3.7** It has also been suggested that the provision of taxi marshals for the Oban Hogmanay event would also be good use of the funding and whilst there is greater strength in that argument the reality is that the Council does not have taxi wardens and would not be in a position to recruit, train and deploy them within the timescale.
- 3.8** In previous years the police have allocated the money to each of the principal towns and on this basis there would be just over £2,000 per town to support additional overtime which would provide a fairly limited increase of activity but nevertheless will provide welcome additional reasons to the benefit to public safety by high visibility policing.
- 3.9** Given the comments from Councillors, Members instructions are requested as to whether they would wish an element of the bid to include support for the policing costs of Oban Hogmanay Group or whether the previous policy of supporting additional uniformed police patrols during the month of December should be the basis on which they bid goes forward.

4. IMPLICATIONS

Policy	In line with the Council's policy of keeping our streets and communities safe.
Financial	Additional one-off funding of £12,121 approximately to be re-allocated to activities.
Legal	None.
Personnel	None.

For further information contact Charles Reppke on extn. 4192.

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Safer Streets 2009/10 – Application Summary Sheet**Name of Community Safety Partnership** (lead local authority)

Argyll and Bute Community Safety Partnership

Senior responsible officer with oversight of activity

Name: Charles Reppke

Address: Argyll and Bute Council, Council Offices, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT

Telephone Number: 01546 604192

Lead community safety contact with operational responsibility for activity

Name: Superintendent Raymond Park

Address: Lochgilphead Police Office, Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead

Telephone Number:

Objectives of the Safer Streets programme have been recognised by the Community Safety Partnership as a priority issue in the local area.

Yes

The Argyll and Bute Community Safety Strategy and Strategic Assessment 2009-2012 established priorities which are being actively addressed by Community Safety Partners and converge with the Safer Streets programme objectives.

Argyll and Bute Community Safety Partnership Priorities relevant to the Safer Streets programme are:

Ensuring Neighbourhoods and Towns are Safe from Violence, Anti Social Behaviour and Disorder

Outcomes

- reduced anti social behaviour, disorder and alcohol related disorder in towns
- young people diverted from anti social behaviour, disorder and alcohol related disorder
- reduced fear of anti social behaviour and disorder

Tackling Vandalism and Criminal Damage within Communities and Towns and Ensuring the Environment is Respected and Valued

Outcomes

- reduced vandalism and criminal damage within public spaces
- improved public confidence in agencies ability to reduce and respond to criminal damage within public spaces

Improving Road Safety and Promoting Safe Driving

Outcomes

- reduced road traffic collisions
- increased awareness of road safety issues and development of responsible driving habits

These priorities contribute to outcomes in the Argyll and Bute Single Outcome Agreement and National Outcomes:

Vibrant Communities – safe supportive communities with positive culture and sense of pride in the area (SOA)

National Outcome 9 – we live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger

National Outcome 11 – we have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others

Outline headings of proposed activities. An activity summary form should be completed for each activity.

Town Centre High Profile and Visible Policing to deter and tackle crime and anti social behaviour

Targeting Off Sales and Licensed Premises to address alcohol related disorder and violence

Targeting youth and adult street drinkers to tackle anti social behaviour and violence

Enhanced cctv surveillance of 'hot spots' to deter and detect offenders

Targeting drink driving behaviour to deter and detect offenders

Total amount sought (not to exceed maximum allocation)

£12,121

Contact details of other relevant partner(s) involved in delivering the proposed initiative

Name: Sergeant Keith Philip, Strathclyde Police

Address: c/o Council Offices, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT

Telephone Number: 01546 604157

Name: Robert Cowper

Address: Scotcourt House, 45 West Princes Street, Helensburgh, G84 8BP

Telephone Number: 01436 658831

Other information (if applicable)

The Argyll and Bute Community Safety Strategic Assessment 2009 identifies key Community Safety priorities for the Community Safety Partnership.

Argyll and Bute is a safe place to live in and visit with a low crime rate. There are, nevertheless, issues which impact on community safety. The four crimes, by type, where offending rates are numerically the highest are Breaches of the Peace, Vandalisms, Assaults (minor) and Road Traffic related offences. Many of these offences are concentrated in the main towns within Argyll and Bute which reflects the fact that these areas are the largest population centres. Consumption of alcohol is a significant factor in relation to Breach of the Peace offences and Minor Assaults. The strategic assessment also shows that much of the violence within Argyll and Bute occurs in town centres and is closely linked to the night time economy.

The six main towns in Argyll and Bute are Oban, Lochgilphead, Campbeltown, Dunoon, Rothesay and Helensburgh.

Safer Streets 2009/10 – Activity Summary Form**Name of Activity:** High Visibility and Additional Policing in Argyll and Bute Towns**Summary of Proposed Activity**

Each of the distinct geographical areas within Argyll and Bute have their own plan containing local priorities established as a result of the Argyll and Bute Strategic Assessment 2009 and individual service plan priorities. The Safer Streets programme funding will allow significant additional activity to be delivered in each geographical area within Town Centres during the festive period.

The main outcomes of the Town Centre Action Plans are to:

- Reduce crime including violent crime
- Tackle alcohol related disorder
- Divert young people from crime and antisocial behaviour
- Reduce the fear of crime and anti social behaviour by increasing community reassurance
- Improve road safety by reducing drink driving incidents
- Ensure efficient exodus of night time economy users from town centres and minimise disruption to town centre residents

The following additional activities will be incorporated into Town Centre Action Plans:

Oban

The Argyll and Bute strategic assessment identifies George Street, Tweeddale Street, Stevenson Street, George Street and Queens Park Place as the streets where most offences take place. Police data in a report in 2008 called 'Violence in Strathclyde Force Area' revealed that one third of all violent crime in Oban occurred within a 200 metre radius of the junction between Tweeddale Street and Stevenson Street.

- High Visibility Police Patrols between 1900 and 0300 hours with focus on the streets identified above
- Visits to off sales and licensed premises
- Extra Police attention at taxi ranks to monitor and address disorder and reduce risks for night time economy users
- Proactive enforcement of the Argyll and Bute public drinking byelaws in respect of persons drinking in public places

Lochgilphead

The town centre plan will focus on disorder in the proximity of licensed premises within Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig. Particular attention will be paid to Lochnell Street and Campbell Street.

- High Visibility Police Patrols between 1900 and 0300 hours on Friday and Saturday evenings
- Foot/cycle patrols to provide public reassurance

- Visits to licensed premises and off sales
- Police Officers will monitor the dispersal of patrons from licensed premises and prevent loitering
- Proactive enforcement of the Argyll and Bute public drinking byelaws in respect of person drinking in public places

Campbeltown

The Argyll and Bute strategic assessment identifies hotspot activity concentrated around Main Street. While the majority of disorder offences occur on Saturdays and Sundays incidents of disorder are also noticeable on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays within Campbeltown. Special attention will be paid to Main Street as a location identified for incidences of serious assault.

- High Visibility Police Patrols between 1900 and 2200 hours to address disorder including youth drinking, loitering and obstructing access to common closes and shops, vandalism and littering
- Between 2300 and 0300 hours High Visibility Police Patrols to prevent and address disorder by adults under the influence of alcohol including entering licensed premises while drunk, urinating in public, street drinking and violence
- Proactive enforcement of the Argyll and Bute public drinking byelaws in respect of person drinking in public places
- Additional cctv camera deployed at Main Street and monitoring of alcohol related disorder and vandalism in this specific area

Dunoon

The main locus for alcohol related disorder and crime in Dunoon is Argyll Street particularly the vicinity between Alfred Street and the Ferry Terminal, Moir Street and Eton Avenue.

- High Visibility Police Patrols between 1900 and 0300 hours to address alcohol related disorder
- Additional foot patrols within the town centre shopping areas at weekends to provide public reassurance
- Proactive enforcement of the Argyll and Bute public drinking byelaws in respect of person drinking in public places
- Vehicle checks and road blocks to identify offenders and deter driving whilst under the influence of alcohol

Rothesay

The Argyll and Bute strategic assessment identifies the main hotspot areas within Rothesay for alcohol related offences as the area in or around High Street (between Victoria Street and Montague Street), Bridge Street and King Street. There is a strong public perception that youth drinking and disorder is a relevant issue in Rothesay. Within the Bute area vandalism accounts for the second highest number of offences by type.

- High Visibility Police Patrols between 1900 and 0300 hours on Friday and Saturday nights to address alcohol related disorder and violence
- Additional foot patrols to provide public reassurance
- Proactive enforcement of the Argyll and Bute public drinking byelaws in respect of person drinking in public places

Helensburgh

The 2008 Citizens Panel revealed that resident concerns about anti social behaviour peaked within the Helensburgh and Lomond area albeit mostly of a minor nature. Hotspot activity is located along the seafront at West Clyde Street between William Street and Sinclair Street and as far north as King Street. Licensed premises are concentrated in this area within close proximity of each other.

- High Visibility Foot Patrols between 1900 and 0400 hours on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays including visits to licensed premises
- Proactive enforcement of the Argyll and Bute public drinking byelaws in respect of person drinking in public places
- Vehicle checks and road blocks to identify offenders and deter driving whilst under the influence of alcohol

Analytical Report

An analytical report is attached to this application which contains analysis and data on crime patterns during festive periods. This report provides an evidence base in support of this activity and data to inform the Safer Streets evaluation report.

Financial Information

£12,121 to implement Town Centre Action Plans

Tackling alcohol consumption and alcohol related anti social behaviour, violence and other offending behaviour is a key priority for Argyll and Bute Community Safety Partnership. The Community Safety Strategy 2009-2012 contains a number of outcomes and actions in response to these issues based upon a balanced Prevention, Intervention and Enforcement (PIER) approach. Activities and action funded or resourced by Community Safety Partners, and to which the Safer Streets initiative is complimentary, include:

Argyll and Bute Drive Safe Initiative led by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue to promote road safety and safe driving

Argyll and Bute Council Deployable CCTV cameras for rapid deployment in identified hotspots

Strathclyde Police school campus officers in Oban, Rothesay and Dunoon addressing Community Safety issues via education inputs on alcohol, drugs and violence

Argyll and Bute Council Community Regeneration Service and Partner Agencies delivery of School holiday and Festive Period diversionary and youth outreach activities for young people

Argyll and Bute Dialogue Youth promotion and management of the Young Scot Card as a

pass approved proof of age card for the purchase of alcohol throughout Argyll and Bute

How the activity will be governed, monitored and evaluated

The Council's Planning and Performance Management Framework is the underlying framework for governing, monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the Community Safety Strategy and all resultant activities/initiatives and for ensuring integration with wider local and national priorities. The key features of this are:

- Integration of plans
- A risk based approach to planning
- Measurable costed action plans
- Scorecards to manage performance

Town Centre Action Plans will be monitored via the tasking and coordination process during the period of delivery.

A post initiative analytical report will be obtained on crime patterns during the period of the activity to evaluate the success of the measures taken. An evaluation report will then be submitted to the Argyll and Bute Community Safety Partnership and to the Scottish Government

This will contain data on the following indicators:

- Recorded crimes of violence – serious assaults/assaults
- Recorded number of Breach of the Peace offences
- Recorded number of detections for consumption of alcohol in a public place in breach of public drinking byelaws
- Number of visits to Licensed premises
- Recorded number of drink driving offences

ANNEX D

Safer Streets 2009/10 – Evaluation Report Form

For Scottish Government to evaluate the impact that Safer Streets funding has had in your area it is a condition of the grant that you submit a **short** evaluation report.

Please complete an evaluation report for each Safer Streets funded activity by Friday 23 April 2009 and send it to Mary.MIStewart@scotland.gsi.gov.uk. A signed hard copy should also be posted to Mary Stewart, Community Safety Unit, 1W St Andrews House, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG

The completed evaluation for each activity should be no longer than 4 pages.

Section 1: Project Details		
Local authority		
Activity Title		
Short summary (100 words) of activity carried out		
Were there any significant changes to the work we agreed to fund? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please provide details below.		
Project Start Date	Project End Date	Grant Claimed
Report completed by		Designation or Job Title
Telephone	Email	

Section 2: Making a Difference

2.1 How did this Safer Streets activity contribute to one or more of the outcomes in the [National Performance Framework](#) and any relevant local outcomes and indicators to help individuals and communities feel and be safer, by reducing alcohol-related violence and disorder?

2.2 What did you learn from this project?

Section 3: Mainstreaming

3.1 How did the project contribute to or enhance partners' mainstream services to respond to local needs?

[delete: It may be helpful to describe how partners worked together to deliver the project, and feedback received from service users, the public or other local organisations.]

3.2 What positive impact has activity had on mainstream services? How have you been able to identify this?

[delete: please include any evidence of how Safer Streets activity has reduced the burden on organisations across the partnership or saved them money, for example, by reducing the number of police call outs or number of people reporting to A&E.] add something methods re: surveys, changes in police data

3.3 Do you think this activity should be mainstreamed? If so, what plans are in place to enable this to happen?

Declaration

I certify that I am authorised to submit this progress report on behalf of the local authority. The information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Position

Name (block capitals)

Date

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ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL
CORPORATE SERVICES

ARGYLL AND BUTE
COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM
26 OCTOBER 2009

EXTRACT OF MINUTE OF EXECUTIVE 15 OCTOBER 2009

7. SAFER STREETS INITIATIVE

A report setting out information in regard to the Safer Streets Initiative Bid 2009/2010 was considered.

Decision

1. Endorsed the approach that the money be utilised to provide support for additional high visibility policing during December 2009; and
2. Agreed to recommend to the Community Safety Partnership that the additional allocation of £12,121 be distributed equally between the four decentralised Area Committee areas for discussion and agreement with Area Committees.

(Reference: Report by Director of Corporate Services dated 6 October 2009, submitted)

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**MINUTES of MEETING of ARGYLL AND BUTE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM held in the
COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on MONDAY 26 OCTOBER 2009**

Present: Charles Reppke, Argyll & Bute Council (Chair)

Robert Cowper, Argyll & Bute Council
Sgt Keith Phillip, Local Authority Liaison Officer
Lynn Smillie, Argyll & Bute Council

Apologies: Councillor Dick Walsh, Argyll and Bute Council
Iain Jackson, Argyll and Bute Council
Ken MacDonald, Argyll and Bute Council
Shirley MacLeod, Argyll and Bute Council
Kate Connelly, Argyll and Bute Council
Laura MacPherson, Procurator Fiscal
Phil Risby, Community Council
Craig Harris, Procurator Fiscal
Raymond Flannagan, Argyll and Bute Council

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2009 were approved as a correct record.

2. SAFER STREETS 2009/10

A report on the Safer Streets Initiative Bid 2009/10 had been considered by the Executive Committee on 15 October 2009. The Executive Committee endorsed the approach that the money be utilised to provide support for high visibility policing during December 2009 and had recommended to the Community Safety Partnership that the funding be split between the four decentralised areas.

Decision

The Community Safety Forum -

1. Agreed the recommendation from the Executive Committee that the additional allocation of £12,121 be distributed equally between the four decentralised Area Committee areas for discussion and agreement with Area Committees.
2. Adopted the Safer Streets Initiative Bid for 2009/10 and noted that this would be submitted by Charles Reppke before the end of October 2009.
3. Noted that this would be discussed at the four Area Committees at their December meeting and that the local Chief Inspector of Strathclyde Police from each area would be invited to attend.
4. Noted that Keith Phillip, LALO, would liaise with Strathclyde Police to ensure appropriate representation by Strathclyde Police at the Area Committees in December 2009.

ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL**BUTE & COWAL AREA COMMITTEE****OPERATIONAL SERVICES****1st DECEMBER 2009**

MILTON BURN FLOOD PREVENTION SCHEME

1. SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise the Members of the status of the project.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members note the report.

3. DETAILS

The first section of the scheme was constructed in July 2009. At short notice, access was obtained to the supermarket car park when the store was closed for refurbishment. A contract was let to local firm Storie (Argyll) Limited and they successfully completed the installation of the flood relief pipe in the car park.

Discussions with the utilities companies for the works in John Street have been progressing and it is expected that the existing main sewer will need to be relocated to allow the new surface water pipe to be installed. This is expected to allow the gas pipe to remain in its current position. There will be numerous service pipes to be worked around.

Officers have met with the appropriate Scottish Government official to discuss the implementation of formal flood prevention project. It was made clear at this meeting that even though not all of the flood relief works can be afforded within the present budget, it is acceptable to undertake the works in stages. The next phase will be the installation of the weir and chamber in the supermarket car park together with the completion of the pipeline to the Clyde and the necessary raising/renewal/repairs to the existing burn walls and banks upstream.

The remaining downstream works will be implemented when budget allows, but the Council cannot remove this element from its future works programme under the terms of the Act. Even though there may be no date set for their completion and that most of the flood relief will be provided by the completion of the pipeline works the intention must remain to complete the entire project as approved by the Scottish Government.

The Estates section have been identifying affected owners and will be in discussions with them/their representatives now that detailed construction proposals have been identified. The supermarket and ACHA are the biggest landowners affected. It is expected that the car park will lose up to 15 spaces during

the works and that access to construct the chamber is most likely to be taken from the other side of the burn rather than through the car park itself.

Traffic Management – the lower section of John Street will need to be closed to allow that section of the pipeline to be installed. Diversionary routes will need to be in operation for a few months and chosen after consultation with affected parties.

The detailed design and check for the structures is progressing and will be completed during the period the scheme goes through the formal Advertising procedure as noted above.

4. IMPLICATIONS

4.1	Policy	None
4.2	Financial	All construction costs have a financial risk
4.3	Personnel	Significant officer time is required to develop the project
4.4	Equalities Impact Assessment	Not required
4.5	Legal	The powers to promote the scheme have to be obtained and access to the ground to undertake the full works will require to be secured.

For further information, please contact

Name Arthur McCulloch
Job Title Principal Engineer
Date 15 November 2009

ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL**BUTE & COWAL AREA COMMITTEE
BUSINESS DAY****OPERATIONAL SERVICES****11th Nov 2009**

DUNOON STADIUM PITCHES

1. SUMMARY

This paper is to bring to Members' attention the issues surrounding the sports pitches at Dunoon Stadium

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are requested to note the contents of this report.

3. DETAILS

- 3.1 Members are advised that a survey of all the stadium pitches was carried out in spring of 2009 to identify what necessary works would be required to improve the playing surfaces of all 3 sports pitches.
- 3.2 The top park (Rugby/football park); was in very poor condition as a result of inadequate drainage and compacted top surface, verti-draining using specialised equipment (Koro drainage system that creates channels to allow gravel back-fill and in turn allows surface water to get to existing drainage) with a heavy dressing of sand and grass over seeding was recommended.
- 3.3 Lower Park (Black Park) and main Stadium pitch: Same diagnosis as above regarding the playing surface. It was suggested that the drainage to these pitches was adequate and playing surface would benefit from a sand slitting (same operation as above using sand) operation with heavy dressing of top dressing sand to improve surface and grass over seeding
- 3.4 A bid for £40,000 capital funding to upgrade pitches was successful and works to the Stadium pitch and Black park were completed in August prior to Cowal Games.
- 3.5 The company who were successful in being awarded the tender for the Koro works had hoped to be on site to carry out works to the Top park in early September, they advised in mid-Sep that due to the wet spell throughout August they were behind schedule and would be looking at early-mid Oct before arriving in Cowal (meaning the pitch would effectively be out of use from Oct-Dec) , The decision was then taken and agreed by the rugby club that this work would be put back to the spring of

2010 to allow rugby fixtures to be fulfilled and better recovery period to pitch in spring.

3.6 The works to the 2 pitches in August has been well received by the clubs with positive comments regarding draining of parks during recent inclement spells of weather.

3.7 We have recently appointed a new Groundsman at the stadium (Kenny Wilson) who has agreed to a flexible work pattern to accommodate stadium users; this should alleviate the concerns of clubs and lead to a harmonised approach to the running of the facility.

4. IMPLICATIONS

4.1	Policy	None
4.2	Funding	Capital Funding
4.3	Personnel	None
4.4	Equalities Impact Assessment	None
4.5	Legal	None

For further information, please contact Allan Macdonald, Bute & Cowal Streetscene Manager (01369 708617)

Stewart Turner
Head of Roads & Amenity Services
11 Nov 2009

ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL**BUTE & COWAL AREA COMMITTEE****OPERATIONAL SERVICES****1st Dec 2009**

RIVERSIDE TOILET – MAINTENANCE ISSUES

1. SUMMARY

This follow up paper was requested by this Committee in September, the paper indicated the manning levels at the Riverside Toilets. This paper provides additional information regarding current maintenance arrangements and concerns regarding the swing gate entry system.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are requested to note the contents of this Report.

3. DETAILS

- 3.1 Concerns were raised that on occasions where large groups of youths were gathering at the toilets the swing gate was remaining open for a period of time, allowing the group to enter free of charge and to cause a nuisance within the toilets, An engineer has set the gate to close at 0.5 seconds from user passing the sensor at the entrance, the system will close only if the passageway is clear, but will remain open if someone remains in the sensor zone, this could lead to the issue of groups abusing the system and cannot be altered as this is a safety precaution.
- 3.2 The coin mechanism that often jammed meaning that the gate had to be left open (free entry) has been removed and replaced with a new one, the old mechanism will be refurbished and kept at the toilets as a backup.
- 3.3 A new toilet attendant has been appointed and he has not reported any serious misuse of the facility since taken up his post, the pool staff continue to make regular visits during their shifts.
- 3.4 The issue of the fire evacuation drill and gate not opening during tests has been resolved and the gate remains open during this period due to an over-ride to the toilet entry system in fire emergencies.
- 3.5 Some minor issues relating to vandalism to a cubicle will continue to be monitored by Property Services.
- 3.6 An annual maintenance contract has been set up by Property Services and the company who installed the system to ensure the entry system is properly monitored and maintained.

4. IMPLICATIONS

4.1	Policy	None
4.2	Financial	Funding from Revenue sources
4.3	Personnel	None
4.4	Equalities Impact Assessment	None
4.5	Legal	None

For further information, please contact Allan Macdonald, Area Streetscene Manager, Bute & Cowal (01369 708617).

Stewart Turner
Head of Roads & Amenity Services
12 Nov 09

ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL
BUTE & COWAL AREA COMMITTEE**OPERATIONAL SERVICES****5 DECEMBER 2009**

SCOTTISH WATER

1. SUMMARY

The information contained in this report relates to inspections of Scottish Water sites.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Area Committee are asked to:

1. Note the contents of this Report.
2. Confirm that the frequency of bi monthly reporting be accepted.

3. DETAILS

This report has been prepared as a result of a meeting between Scottish Water and the Leader of Argyll and Bute Council with other Bute and Cowal elected Members. The purpose of the meeting was to highlight concerns about Scottish Water's operations in the Bute and Cowal area.

Total number of Inspections completed since 1 April 2009	28
Number of inspections due to 31 March 2010. System generated.	6
Number of defects inspections charged to Scottish Water from area over last 2 months.	0

4. IMPLICATIONS

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| 4.1 | Policy | None. |
| 4.2 | Financial | None: Costs recovered via the agreed sample inspections. |
| 4.3 | Personnel | None |
| 4.4 | Equalities Impact Assessment | None |
| 4.5 | Legal | None |

For further information, please contact Martin Gannon, Roadspace Manager, Network and Environment Unit Roads & Amenity Services (01436 658855)

Stewart Turner
Head of Roads and Amenity Services
05 December 2009

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