

**MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE held in
the COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD, PA31 8RT
on WEDNESDAY, 4 AUGUST 2010**

Present: Councillor Donald MacMillan (Chair)

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

Attending: Alison Younger, Area Manager, Customer Services
Stewart Clark, Contracts Manager
Margaret Fyfe, Development Manager
Hugh Blake, Estates Surveyor
David Logan, QIO Special Projects
Peter Bain, Area Team Leader, Development Management

Gary Scott, Islay and Jura Community Enterprises
Diana Buller, Islay and Jura Community Enterprises

Rebecca Lewis, Ali Energy

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor J Semple and Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - 2 JUNE 2010

The Minutes of the Area Committee on 2nd June were approved as a correct record subject to the following:

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At question one William McDonald be substituted for Donald Ewen Darroch

At question two William McDonald be substituted for Dick Mayes.

Page 4 – Public and Councillor Question Time

At the last line of the last question Councillor Horn asked that they maintain a “full” register of users.

Councillors Kelly, McAlpine and Philand joined the meeting at 10.40am

4. ISLAY AND JURA COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES (IJCE)

Members heard an informative presentation from Gary Scott and Diana Buller from the Islay and Jura Community Enterprises regarding the Mactaggart Leisure Centre on the Isle of Islay.

Members asked questions on how additional projects were funded, measures on Anti-Social Behaviour, Service Level Agreement funding, the financial situation ahead, if the off shore energy was a source of income and the SRDP funding.

Decision

The Committee agreed to recommend that the Islay and Jura Community Enterprises be asked along to the Strategic Community Planning Group to present this presentation.

5. ALIENERGY

Members heard an informative presentation from Rebecca Lewis from Ali Energy on fuel poverty within Argyll and Bute. Rebecca explained that fuel poverty was if more than 10% of your household income was spent on fuel. Rebecca spoke on how she was trying to reach vulnerable people with leaflets, road shows and articles in local newspapers.

Members asked questions on the criteria of fuel poverty, publicity and difficulties with other bodies carrying out the same function.

The Chair thanked Rebecca for her presentation.

6. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

Councillor Colville enquired about having Southend Toilet opened and it was agreed Stewart Clark would bring this item to the next Business Day.

Councillor Currie expressed his concerns over the charging criteria on the Jura to Islay Ferry and it was agreed that all Members be kept informed of the outcome from the Transport Management Group meeting.

7. CAMPBELTOWN GRAMMAR SCHOOL - ACHIEVEMENT REPORT 2009

The Committee noted the report. Councillor Colville requested that the Rector be questioned as to what links the School was making with vocational training and Skykon.

8. UPDATE ON LOCHGILPHEAD JOINT CAMPUS.

Members heard an update from the QIO Special Projects Officer on the progress in relation to the operation of Lochgilphead Joint Campus and the Mid Argyll Sports Centre.

Decision

The Committee:-

1. Noted the contents of the report.
2. Agreed that this item no longer needed to be a standing item on the committee agenda.

(Reference: Report by the QIO Special Projects Officer – submitted)

9. ROAD ISSUES

The Committee considered a report by Stewart Clark, Contacts Manager providing an update on road related issues in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands. Stewart Clark further updated Members on works being undertaken by Transerve.

Decision

The Committee:-

1. Noted the contents of the Report.
2. Agreed that Stewart Clark would contact Transerve advising them the Committee welcome the spend on the A83 but:
 - a. Ask if the road could be opened at 5am in Arrochar to allow people to catch the first Islay ferry.
 - b. Express concerns and poor scheduling of closures for busy summer period and
 - c. The impact on residents and businesses in Kintrye who face 3 weeks of night closures.
3. Agreed the Area Committee write directly to Transerve Scotland in similar terms.
4. Asked that a report on the meeting between Scottish Water and the Executive Director of Development & Infrastructure Services regarding the Port Ellen Road come to the next Area Business Day Meeting.

(Reference: Report by the Operations Manager dated 13th July 2010 – submitted)

10. GRANTS TO THIRD SECTOR 2010/2011

Councillor McAlpine intimated his apologies and left the meeting at this stage.

The Committee considered a report detailing the recommendation for the award of Third Sector Grants to organisations within Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands.

	Organisation	Grant Awarded 2009/10	Amount Requested 2010/11	Total Running Costs	Recommendation
2.1	Kintyre Music Club	£0.00	£500.00	£6,500.00	£500.00
2.2	Kintyre Amenity Trust	£0.00	£500.00	£561.25	£280.00
2.3	Tarbert Enterprise	£7,500.00	£2,000.00	£26,150.00	£2,000.00

	Company				
2.4	Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service	£6,000.00	£5,000.00	£84,499.00	£4,500.00
2.5	Lanterns @ 10	£1,175.00	£2,000.00	£8,650.00	£1,000.00
2.6	Argyll and Bute Regional Environmental Education Forum (ABREEF)	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£10,620.00	£1,000.00
2.7	Islay Pipe Band	£893.00	£1,450.00	£2,900.00	£800.00
2.8	Coisir Og Ghailidh Ile	£0.00	£1,000.00	£6,500.00	£800.00
2.9	South Kintyre Sports Council	£0.00	£2,150.00	£3,150.00	£800.00
2.10	Multiple Sclerosis Centre Mid Argyll	£1,400	£3986,88	£5666.88	£1,500

Decision

The Committee unanimously approved the recommendation in the supplementary report in regard to the above applications and noted that this was the fund fully committed for the year.

(Reference: Report by the Community Development Manager – submitted)

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 Paragraphs 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

11. SALE OF PORTNAHAVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL, ISLAY.

Members heard from the Estates Surveyor on the sale of Portnahaven Primary School, Isle of Islay.

Decision

The Committee agreed to accept the 2nd offer with the proviso that the other offer received be agreed in the event of this offer to purchase being withdrawn for any reason.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director of Customer Services dated 4th August 2010 – submitted)

12. SALE OF FORMER SWIMMING POOL, ST CLAIR ROAD, ARDRISHAIG

Members heard from the Estates Surveyor on the sale of the former swimming pool site at St Clair Road, Ardrishaig.

Decision

The Committee agreed to accept the offer with the proviso that the subjects be

re-marketed in the event of this offer to purchase being withdrawn for any reason.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director of Customer Services dated 4th August 2010 – submitted)

13. SALE OF SCHOOL AND SCHOOLHOUSE AT GLENBREACKERIE

Members heard from the Estates Surveyor on the sale of the former school and schoolhouse at Glenbreackerie.

Decision

The Committee agreed to accept the 1st offer and that in the event of this sale falling through, to conclude a sale to the 3rd offer.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director of Customer Services dated 2nd August 2010 – submitted)

14. SALE OF DELL ROAD OFFICES, CAMPBELTOWN

Members heard a verbal report from the Estates Surveyor on the sale of the Offices at Dell Road, Campbeltown.

Decision

The Committee noted the information provided.

15. PORT ASKAIG GARAGE - PORT ASKAIG PIER

Members heard a verbal report from the Estates Surveyor on the garage at Port Askaig, Isle of Islay.

Decision

The Committee:-

1. Noted the information provided.
2. Agreed a report come to the next Area Committee meeting.