

**MINUTES of MEETING of HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE held in the PILLAR HALL, VICTORIA HALLS, HELENSBURGH on TUESDAY, 14 JANUARY 2014**

**Present:** Councillor Gary Mulvaney (Chair)

Councillor George Freeman	Councillor Ellen Morton
Councillor Maurice Corry	Councillor Aileen Morton
Councillor Vivien Dance	Councillor James Robb
Councillor David Kinniburgh	Councillor Richard Trail
Councillor Robert G MacIntyre	

**Attending:** Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law  
Audrey Martin, Development Projects & Renewables Manager  
Fergus Murray, Development Policy Manager  
Mark Lodge, Statutory Planning Officer  
Ellen Potter, NVA  
Angus Farquhar, NVA

The Chair opened the meeting and congratulated, audience member Cardross Community Councillor Tony Davey on his award in the New Year's Honour's List.

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies intimated.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Corry declared a non financial interest in item 3 of the agenda (Local Development Plan) specifically in relation to the objection raised in respect of the housing aspect of the Rhu Marina Site and Councillor Trail declared a financial interest in item 3 of the agenda (Local Development Plan), specifically in relation to the Sawmill Field Site.

Due to the nature of business on the agenda it was agreed that agenda item 4 (Kilmahew/St Peters Project) would be taken first.

**3. KILMAHEW/ST PETERS PROJECT**

Members considered a report outlining the request for development funding in respect of the Kilmahew/St Peter's Project which aims to transform the derelict site of the former St Peter's Seminary buildings and the surrounding woodlands of Kilmahew which has lain abandoned for more than thirty years.

Angus Farquhar of NVA gave a short presentation outlining the monies already secured in terms of the project.

**Motion:**

Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee strongly support the application and endorse the work carried out by NVA. Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee ask the Council to give the project its full support and to grant the £25,000 applied for following the budget meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Morton, seconded by Councillor Vivien Dance.

**Amendment:**

Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee strongly support the application and endorse the work carried out by NVA. Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee ask the Council to earmark the £25,000 applied for at the Council meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014.

Moved by Councillor James Robb, seconded by Councillor Richard Trail.

**Decision:**

The Motion was carried by 8 votes to 2 and the Committee resolved accordingly.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services, dated 14 January 2014.)

**4. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

In light of the declarations of interest previously intimated the Chair advised that the Members would consider the business of this item as follows:-

1. Rhu Marina Site
2. Sawmill Field Site; and
3. Remainder of the document.

Members considered a report outlining the next stages in taking forward the Proposed Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan Representations to Examination in accordance with the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006.

Councillor Maurice Corry left the room during discussion on the Rhu Marina Site.

**Rhu Marina Site****Decision:**

1. Members unanimously agreed to the recommendations at section 2 of the report.

Councillor Corry re-entered the room for further discussions.

Councillor Trail left the room during discussion on the Sawmill Field Site.

**Sawmill Field Site**

**Decision:**

1. Members unanimously agreed to the recommendations at section 2 of the report.

Councillor Trail re-entered the room for further discussions.

**Remainder of the document****Decision:**

1. Members unanimously agreed to the recommendations at section 2 of the report subject to the following amendments:

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In terms of the business and industrial land supply the need for this land was confirmed by studies which were carried out by Ryden Property Consultants on behalf of Scottish Enterprise. The issue was considered by reporters at the last local plan inquiry, who confirmed the allocation of the site for business and industry (see core document-----, chapter -----)

Page 23 – second paragraph

Delete sentence – “This study has been selectively referred to by a number of Objectors, none of whom have submitted any other form of landscape analysis from qualified landscape architects to counter the content of the commissioned study.”

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The addition of a sentence outlining the integrated affordable housing position.

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