

**MINUTES of MEETING of ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER,
KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on THURSDAY, 19 MARCH 2015**

Present: Councillor Len Scoullar (Chair)

Councillor Gordon Blair	Councillor Iain Stewart MacLean
Councillor Rory Colville	Councillor Donald MacMillan
Councillor Robin Currie	Councillor Alex McNaughton
Councillor Vivien Dance	Councillor James McQueen
Councillor Mary-Jean Devon	Councillor Bruce Marshall
Councillor George Freeman	Councillor Aileen Morton
Councillor Anne Horn	Councillor Gary Mulvaney
Councillor Donald Kelly	Councillor Douglas Philand
Councillor David Kinniburgh	Councillor Elaine Robertson
Councillor John McAlpine	Councillor James Robb
Councillor Roderick McCuish	Councillor Isobel Strong
Councillor Iain Angus MacDonald	Councillor Sandy Taylor
Councillor Alistair MacDougall	Councillor Richard Trail
Councillor Neil MacIntyre	Councillor Dick Walsh
Councillor Robert G MacIntyre	

Attending: Sally Loudon, Chief Executive
Douglas Hendry, Executive Director – Customer Services
Pippa Milne, Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services
Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law
Stephen Barrett, Interim Head of Strategic Finance
Christina West, Chief Officer Health and Social care
Jane Fowler, Head of Improvement and HR
Louise Long, Head of Children and Families
Peter Cupples, Finance Manager

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Michael Breslin, Maurice Corry, Duncan MacIntyre, Robert E Macintyre and Ellen Morton.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Roddy McCuish declared a non-financial interest in item 4 of the agenda at this point due to him being a former Member on the Rockfield Primary Board.

Councillor Neil MacIntyre declared a non-financial interest in item 4 of the agenda at this point due to him having a family Member who had submitted a bid.

Councillors Sandy Taylor and Richard Trail declared a non-financial interest directly before consideration item 4 of the agenda due to their membership on the ACHA Board. They claimed the benefit of the dispensation contained at Section 5.16 of the Standard Commission's Guidance and Dispensation Note dated December 2010 to enable them to speak and vote.

3. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE OPTIONS APPRAISAL - INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

The Council considered a report which provided an update on work being done towards the implementation of the new Health and Social Care Partnership. In particular the report presented the work undertaken to develop a new integrated management structure through a robust options appraisal process.

Motion -

It is recommended that the Council;

- a) Note work has been undertaken by the Chief Officer for Health and Social Care to develop a new integrated management structure through a robust options appraisal process.
- b) Endorse model 4 as the preferred option relating to a new management structure to deliver improved outcomes relating to health and social care.
- c) Delegate authority to the Chief Executives of Argyll and Bute Council and NHS Highland and the Integration Joint Board to implement the new management structure.

Moved Councillor Douglas Philand, seconded Councillor Dick Walsh.

Amendment

It is recommended that the Council;

- a) Note work has been undertaken by the Chief Officer for Health and Social Care to develop a new integrated management structure through a robust options appraisal process.
- b) Endorse model 4 as the preferred option relating to a new management structure to deliver improved outcomes relating to health and social care but with one Head of Adult Care to cover all of Argyll and Bute and further consideration of the line responsibilities of the Head of Strategic Planning and Performance, the role of the Chief Social Work Officer and the role of the responsible financial officer at the next Council meeting.
- c) Delegate authority to the Chief Executives of Argyll and Bute Council and NHS Highland and the Integration Joint Board to implement the new management structure.

Moved Councillor James Robb, seconded Councillor Richard Trail.

Decision

On a show of hands vote the Motion was carried by 21 votes to 10 and the Council resolved accordingly.

(Reference: Joint report by Chief Officer – Health and Social care and Executive Director – Community Services dated March 2015, submitted)

The Provost advised that he had written to the Mayor of Thours expressing the Council's sympathy in respect of the recent terrorist attacks. He advised that he had received a reply to his letter and he read this reply to the Council.

The Provost announced that the Council had received a COSLA Gold Award of Excellence in Securing a Workforce for the Future for its redesign of the Children and Families Service.

He invited Councillor Mary Jean Devon, who had attended the ceremony, to speak. Councillor Devon expressed the Council's thanks to the Head of Children and Families and, with the Provost, presented the award to her on behalf of the Council.

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 8&9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

Councillors Roddy McCuish and Neil MacIntyre, having previously declared an interest in the following item of business, left the meeting and took no part in the consideration of this item.

Councillors Sandy Taylor and Richard Trail declared a non-financial interest in the following item of business due to their membership on the ACHA Board. They claimed the benefit of the dispensation contained at Section 5.16 of the Standard Commission's Guidance and Dispensation Note dated December 2010 to enable them to speak and vote.

4. FORMER ROCKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Council considered a recommendation by Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee from their meeting on 11 February 2015 in respect of the disposal of the former Rockfield Primary School, Stevenson Street, Oban.

Motion

To agree the recommendations at paragraph 3.1 as detailed in the report by the Executive Director – Customer Services.

Moved Councillor Elaine Robertson, seconded Councillor Mary Jean Devon.

Amendment

To continue the item to a future meeting of the Council to obtain further information in relation to the proposed options.

Moved Councillor George Freeman, seconded Councillor Bruce Marshall.

Decision

On a show of hands vote a substantial majority voted in favour of the Motion and the Council resolved accordingly.

(Reference: Recommendation by Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee held on 11 February 2015 and report by Executive Director – Customer Services dated 2 February 2015, submitted)