



18 June 2015

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

A meeting of **ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD** on **THURSDAY, 25 JUNE 2015** at **10:00 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry  
Executive Director of Customer Services

## **BUSINESS**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (IF ANY)**

**3. MINUTES**

Argyll and Bute Council – 23 April 2015 (Pages 1 - 18)

**4. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES**

- \* (a) Policy and Resources Committee held on 14 May 2015 (Pages 19 - 26)
- (b) Community Services Committee held on 4 June 2015 (Pages 27 - 34)
- \* (c) Special Policy and Resources Committee held on 22 June 2015 (to follow)

The above minutes are submitted to the Council for approval of any recommendations on the items which the Committee does not have delegated powers. These items are marked with an \*.

**5. LEADER'S REPORT**

Report by Leader of the Council (Pages 35 - 50)

**6. POLICY LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

- (a) Policy Lead update on Sustainable Economic Growth and Education and Life Long Learning (Pages 51 - 68)

**7. ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS CHAMPION UPDATE**

Report by Executive Director – Customer Services (Pages 69 - 76)

**8. END OF 2014/15 FINANCIAL YEAR REPORTS**

- (a) Earmarked Reserves  
Report by Interim Head of Strategic Finance (Pages 77 - 102)
- (b) Revenue Budget Monitoring  
Report by Interim Head of Strategic Finance (Pages 103 - 116)
- (c) Capital Plan Monitoring  
Report by Interim Head of Strategic Finance (Pages 117 - 150)
- (d) Annual Treasury Report  
Report by Interim Head of Strategic Finance (Pages 151 - 162)
- (e) Annual Efficiency Statement  
Report by Interim Head of Strategic Finance (Pages 163 - 168)
- (f) Strategic Housing Fund Annual Report  
Report by Interim Head of Strategic Finance (Pages 169 - 176)
- (g) Unaudited Financial Statements  
Report by Interim Head of Strategic Finance (Pages 177 - 296)

**9. COUNCIL DISCRETIONS UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME 2015**

Report by Executive Director – Customer Services (Pages 297 - 316)

**10. VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES**

Report by Executive Director – Customer Services (to follow)

**11. MAXIMUM RECOMMENDED FARESCALE FOR COUNCIL SUPPORTED BUS SERVICES**

Report by Executive Director – Customer Services (Pages 317 - 322)

**12. CAMPBELTOWN COMMON GOOD FUND**

Report by Executive Director – Customer Services (Pages 323 - 326)

**13. COMMISSION ON LOCAL TAX REFORM**

Report by Executive Director – Customer Services (Pages 327 - 340)

**14. CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER**

Report by Executive Director – Community Services (Pages 341 - 344)

- 15. REZONING REQUEST BY ACHAHOISH PARENT COUNCIL**  
Report by Executive Director – Community Services and recommendation by Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee held on 3 June 2015  
(Pages 345 - 362)
- 16. PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE ARGYLL AND BUTE CORE PATHS PLAN**  
Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services  
(Pages 363 - 380)
- 17. FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT - NATIONAL PRIORITISATION OF ACTIONS**  
Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services  
(Pages 381 - 386)
- 18. UPDATE FROM SHORT LIFE WORKING GROUP - ARGYLL ISLANDS TASK FORCE**  
Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services  
(Pages 387 - 394)
- 19. AGREEMENT WITH MACC TO FORM A CONSORTIUM TO BID FOR MACHRIHANISH TO BE A UK SPACEPORT**  
Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services  
(Pages 395 - 400)
- 20. GOUROCK-DUNOON FERRY SERVICE FUTURE CONTRACT**  
Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services  
(Pages 401 - 404)
- 21. DUNOON WOODEN PIER**  
Recommendation from Bute and Cowal Area Committee held on 7 April 2015  
(Pages 405 - 434)
- 22. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13**

**The Flag of Scotland** (The Saltire)

Whereas the Mid Argyll community previously benefitted from the regular flying of the Saltire on the Front Green of Lochgilphead, its removal prior to 2014 Referendum continues to cause considerable consternation, as evidenced by a local petition, community council business, representations to local Members and newspaper articles. This concern however, is not restricted to Mid Argyll, but is reflected across Argyll and Bute.

The Council's Flag Flying policy sets out which flags are to be flown, from which flag staffs or poles on which flag days; including the Saltire on six days per year, and the Council flag on the day of a Council meeting.

Whereas it has been suggested that the continuous use of the Saltire diminishes the significance of flag flying on appointed days, this is clearly at odds with other Councils, at least 19 of which fly the Saltire, businesses and governmental agencies which hold no such fear.

**Motion:**

That the Council Flag Flying Policy be amended so that the Flag of Scotland be flown on Council flag staffs (poles) on all days other than those specified in the Flag Flying Policy for

the flying of the Union flag and the Council flag.

Moved Councillor Sandy Taylor, seconded Councillor Dougie Philand

- E1 23. NPDO SCHOOLS PROJECT - REFINANCING**  
Report by Executive Director – Customer Services (Pages 435 - 440)
- E2 24. INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY - HUB CO SUB DEBT**  
Report by Interim Head of Strategic Finance (Pages 441 - 452)
- E3 25. HEBRIDEAN AIR SERVICES LTD CONTRACT AWARD**  
Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services (Pages 453 - 458)
- E4 26. A814 HELENSBURGH - LOMOND CYCLEWAYS PROPOSED COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER**  
Report by Executive Director – Customer Services (Pages 459 - 472)

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 paragraphs are:-

- E1,E2,E3 Paragraph 8** The amount of any expenditure proposed to be incurred by the authority under any particular contract for the acquisition of property or the supply of goods or services.
- 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.
- E4 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.

## **COUNCIL**

### **ALL MEMBERS**

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