

**MINUTES of MEETING of ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD  
on THURSDAY, 23 APRIL 2015**

**Present:**

Councillor Len Scoullar (Provost)

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

**Attending:**

Sally Loudon, Chief Executive  
Douglas Hendry, Executive Director – Customer Services  
Cleland Sneddon, Executive Director – Community Services  
Pippa Milne, Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services  
Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law  
Jane Fowler, Head of Improvement and HR  
Peter Cupples, Finance Manager  
Matt Mulderrig, Development Policy Manager  
David Logan, Quality Improvement Officer  
Michael Casey, Schools Development Project Manager

The Head of Governance and Law advised of an urgent Motion, submitted under Standing Order 14, by Councillor Robin Currie and seconded by Councillor Trail in relation to an affordable warmth manifesto for the Highlands and Islands. The Provost ruled and the Council agreed that this be taken as an urgent item due to the need to confirm the Council's endorsement, if so minded, by a certain date. The Provost advised that this would be considered after item 15 of the agenda.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Michael Breslin, Donald Kelly, Roderick McCuish, Duncan MacIntyre and Ellen Morton.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Councillor James McQueen declared a non-financial interest in item 7 of the agenda due to his involvement with Dunoon Boxing Club.

Councillor Sandy Taylor declared a non-financial interest in item 7 of the agenda due to his involvement with Kilmartin House. He claimed the benefit of the dispensation as contained at section 5.16 of the Standard Commission's Guidance and Dispensation Note dated December 2010 to enable him to speak and vote.

Councillors Bruce Marshall, Sandy Taylor and Richard Trail declared a non-financial interest in item 10 of the agenda due to the fact they are Members of the ACHA Board. They each claimed the benefit of the dispensation as 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. MINUTES**

(a) **ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2015 AT 11AM**

The Minutes of the Meeting of Argyll and Bute Council held on 12 February 2015 were approved as a correct record.

(b) **SPECIAL ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2015 AT 2PM**

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of Argyll and Bute Council held on 12 February 2015 were approved as a correct record.

(c) **SPECIAL ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL HELD ON 19 MARCH 2015**

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of Argyll and Bute Council held on 19 March 2015 were approved as a correct record subject to the following amendment –

Under item 2 (Declarations of Interest) the second paragraph be amended to read –

“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”.

### **4. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES**

(a) **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 MARCH 2015**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 12 March 2015 were noted.

(b) **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 19 MARCH 2015**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 19 March 2015 were noted.

Arising from item 7 (Revised Redundancy Policy and Procedures), the Council noted the revisions to the Policy.

Arising from item 15 (b) (Assessment of External Financial Request), the Council noted that this would be considered as part of the decision taken at item 7 of the agenda (Capital Planning Pack).

Arising from item 17 (Castle Lodge Gate House) the Council noted that this would be considered as part of the decision taken at item 7 of the agenda (Capital Planning Pack).

- (c) **SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 2 APRIL 2015**  
The Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 2 April 2015 were noted.

- (d) **ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 APRIL 2015**  
The Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee held on 13 April 2015 were noted.

## 5. LEADER'S REPORT

A report outlining the key activities undertaken within the role of Council Leader since 23 January 2015 was considered.

### Decision

The Council –

1. Noted the content of the report.
2. Noted that additional documentation was available in a Leaders Report Pack through the Leadership Support Officer.

(Reference: Report by Leader of the Council dated April 2015, submitted)

## 6. POLICY LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- (a) **REPORT BY POLICY LEAD COUNCILLOR FOR PPSL**  
The Council considered a report from the Policy Lead Councillor for Planning, Protective Services and Licensing. The report outlined activities undertaken by the Policy Lead Councillor in his role in the period between 16 April 2014 and 16 April 2015.

### Decision

The Council noted the content of the report.

(Reference: Report by Policy Lead Councillor for Planning, Protective Services and Licensing dated April 2015, submitted)

- (b) **REPORT BY POLICY LEAD COUNCILLOR FOR GAELIC**  
The Council considered a report from the Policy Lead Councillor for Gaelic. The report outlined the work undertaken by the Policy Lead Councillor in his role between 1 October 2014 and 31 March 2015.

### Decision

The Council noted the content of the report.

(Reference: Report by Policy Lead Councillor for Gaelic dated April 2015, submitted)

(c) **REPORT BY POLICY LEAD COUNCILLOR FOR ISLAND AFFAIRS**

The Council considered a report from the Policy Lead Councillor for Islands. The report outlined the work undertaken by the Policy Lead Councillor in relation to islands in the period between September 2014 and March 2015.

**Decision**

The Council noted the content of the report.

(Reference: Report by Policy Lead Councillor for Islands dated 9 April 2015, submitted)

Councillor James McQueen having previously declared an interest in the following item of business left the room and took no part in the consideration of this item.

**7. CAPITAL PLANNING PACK 2015-16 TO 2019-20**

The Council considered a package of papers in relation to capital and asset management planning.

**Decision**

The Council –

1. Approved the recommendations contained within the Capital Plan Summary Report.
2. Approved the Corporate Asset Management Strategy.
3. Approved the Corporate Asset Management Plan.
4. Approved the Service Asset Management Plans.

(Reference: Capital Planning Pack 2015/16 to 2019/20, submitted)

Councillor McQueen rejoined the meeting.

**8. COUNCIL CONSTITUTION REVIEW**

The Council considered a report containing proposed changes to the Council Constitution as part of the annual review of the document.

The Head of Governance and Law advised the Council of some amendments to the recommendations as contained within the report.

## **Motion**

The Council –

1. To note for the purposes of standing order 1.3.2,13.1 and 14.1 that the requirements for written notification shall also be satisfied by an email of the motion or notice being submitted by individual members via their Council email account.
2. To amend the Scheme of Delegation to delete the second sentence of paragraph 1.3.2[2] and to invite the Council to appoint a Chair and Vice Chair of the Strategic Committees for Community Services and Environment Development and Infrastructure.
3. To delete the delegation contained at paragraph 2.5.3[b] as from the date of adoption of the new statutory guidance on area capacity evaluations and to note that such applications shall be included within those matters delegated to the Executive Director Development and Infrastructure Services and to be subject to the same provisions as for other local applications.
4. To note the proposed update to the Terms of Reference of the Community Services Committee at section 2.3 to clarify the full remit of the service.
5. To note that there will be a need to update the Constitution further when the IJB becomes operational to create a series of delegations for the Chief Officer in respect of functions currently delegated to the Executive Director of Community Services.
6. To delete the words “safe guarders and” from delegation 4 within the detail for the Executive Director of Customer Services as the appointment of safe guarders is now dealt with by a national agency.
7. To appoint Councillor Robin Currie as Chair of the Community Services Committee and Councillor Mary Jean Devon as Vice-Chair.
8. To appoint Councillor Ellen Morton as Chair of the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee and Councillor Robert G MacIntyre as Vice-Chair.

Moved Councillor Dick Walsh, seconded Councillor Gary Mulvaney.

## **Amendment**

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7. To appoint Councillor Robin Currie as Chair of the Community Services Committee and Councillor Richard Trail as Vice-Chair.
8. To appoint Councillor Ellen Morton as Chair of the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee and Councillor Isobel Strong as Vice-Chair.

Moved Councillor James Robb, seconded Councillor Iain MacLean.

### **Decision**

On a show of hands vote the Motion was carried by 20 votes to 9 and the Council resolved accordingly.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services dated 23 April 2015, submitted)

## **9. POLITICAL MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS: POLITICAL COMPOSITION, POLICY LEADS AND APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES**

A report updating the Council on current political management arrangements in respect of the political composition of the Council and with regards to revisions to Policy Leads and their portfolios was considered. The report also dealt with appointments to Committees and other bodies.

### **Decision**

1. Noted the revised arrangements, as set down in appendices 1 & 2 to –
  - a) Reduce the number of policy leads and ensure a better strategic fit with departments/senior officers
  - b) Achieve an overall budget saving in members’ remuneration

- c) Continue the current arrangements wherein a councillor holds more than one eligible senior role, only one Senior Councillor Payment is made at the higher rate.
2. Agreed that as the revised remits will give rise to changes in the membership of external bodies associated with the revised portfolios that members agree to this being delegated to the Director of Customer Services in consultation with the Leader and Depute Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition and to advise Elected Members of these consequent changes.
3. Agreed, as a consequence of the revised Policy Lead portfolios and appointments, and the need to satisfy balance, to delegate to the Director of Customer Services in consultation with the Leader and Depute Leader of the Council and the Leader of the opposition to notify the required changes to the Strategic Committee appointments based on committee memberships of 16 members based on a 12:4 split and to advise elected members of these consequent changes.
4. Agreed to appoint 10 members to the new single Harbour Authority to be Chaired by Councillor Ellen Morton, Chair of the EDI Committee, Vice Chair Robert G MacIntyre and to appoint 8 other members on the basis of 5 administration members and 3 opposition members. As far as is practically possible the appointed members should have regard to the relevant area representation. The Leader of the Administration and Leader of the main opposition Group to notify the Executive Director of Customer Services of the names of the appointed members.
5. Noted the appointment of shadow spokespersons from the SNP group as set out in appendix 2.

[Appendices 1 and 2 are appended to the end of this minute]

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services dated 9 April 2015, submitted and Notice of Motion by Councillor Dick Walsh, seconded by Councillor Gary Mulvaney, tabled)

## **10. ARGYLL COMMUNITY HOUSING ASSOCIATION CONSULTATION REQUEST**

The Council considered a report inviting Members to comment on a proposal from Argyll Community Housing Association to reduce the Councillor representation on their Board from 5 to 3.

### **Decision**

The Council noted the report and agreed to take no action.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services dated 8 April 2015, submitted)

## **11. SCHEME OF REMUNERATION FOR COUNCILLORS**

The Council considered a report in respect of remuneration arrangements for Councillors for 2015-16.

### **Motion**

1. To note the increased payments as detailed in the report by the Executive Director and noted that the arrears due would be paid in the May pay run.
2. To agree the increase in remuneration of Policy Leads by 1% for 2015/16 and that those payments are backdated to be consistent with national decisions on payments determined by statutory instrument.

Moved Councillor Dick Walsh, seconded Councillor Gary Mulvaney.

### **Amendment**

To take no action.

Moved Councillor George Freeman, seconded Councillor Neil MacIntyre.

### **Decision**

On a show of hands vote the Motion was carried by 17 votes to 5 and the Council resolved accordingly.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services dated 23 March 2015, submitted)

## **12. REVIEW OF CHARITABLE TRUSTS HELD BY ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL**

The Council considered a report which sought final approval to the reorganisation of charitable trust funds as outlined in the report by the Executive Director and to make payment to the recipient charities of the Charity Reorganisation Scheme which have been approved by OSCR.

### **Decision**

The Council gave final authorisation of the actions outlined in the report and provided authority to make payment to the recipient charities as detailed and have the trusts wound up and removed from the OSCR register namely:-

- (1) Miss Catherine McCaig Trust SC025066. Approve the payment of the remaining funds to the Hope Kitchen Trust SCO041770 and then to wind up the Trust and remove it from the OSCR register.
- (2) Misses MacGillivray Trust SC019593. Approve the payment of the remaining funds to the Hope Kitchen Trust SCO041770 and then to wind up the Trust and



remove it from the OSCR register.

- (3) Miss Evangeline MacDonald Trust SC025066. Approve the payment of the remaining funds to the Hope Kitchen Trust SCO041770 and then to wind up the Trust and remove it from the OSCR register.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services dated April 2015, submitted)

### **13. REVIEW OF SCHEME FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS - SHORT LIFE WORKING GROUP**

The Council considered a report which set out the current position with regards to extension of the electoral franchise and in light of this requested them to consider if there was a requirement to continue the SLWG to further consider this matter.

#### **Motion**

That Council:

- (a) Note the current position on the extension of the electoral franchise to 16-17 year olds and the feedback from other Councils.
- (b) Agree that in light of the information provided within this report there is no further requirement to continue the work of the SLWG.
- (c) Agree the recommendation not to extend the electoral franchise for Community Council Elections at this time but to give effect to it from and after the next review of the Scheme in 2017; to have effect at the next full election.
- (d) Note the request from Arrochar and Tarbet Community Council to change the name of the Community Council and to agree to consult on this at the next scheduled review providing there are no changes to their current boundary from the impending Boundary Commission Review.

Moved Councillor Dick Walsh, seconded Councillor Gary Mulvaney.

#### **Amendment**

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- (b) Agree that in light of the information provided within this report there is no further requirement to continue the work of the SLWG.
- (c) Agree the recommendation not to extend the electoral franchise for Community Council Elections at this time but to give effect to it from and after the next review of the Scheme in 2017; to have effect at the next full election.
- (d) Agree the change of the Community Council name as requested and to regard this as de minimis and therefore not require a review of the Scheme.

Moved Councillor George Freeman, seconded Councillor Robert G MacIntyre.

#### **Decision**

On a show of hands vote the Motion was carried by 16 votes to 12 and the Council resolved accordingly.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services dated 23 March 2015, submitted)

#### **14. ARGYLL AND BUTE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN - ACTION PROGRAMME**

The Local Development Plan Action Programme was before the Council for adoption. The Action Programme is an integral part of the Local Development Plan which must be adopted by the Council, kept under review and republished bi-annually.

##### **Decision**

The Council –

1. Noted and adopted the Local Development Plan Action Programme and agreed its submission to the Scottish Government.
2. Noted the intention to produce a “Key Sites” Action Programme in consultation with Members and coordination with the Council’s Economic Development Service later in the year.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated 20 February 2015, submitted and Local Development Plan Action Programme, available online)

#### **15. PROPOSED ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY**

The proposed Argyll and Bute Council Historic Environment Strategy was before the Council for approval.

##### **Decision**

The Council –

1. Noted the content of the proposed Argyll and Bute Council Historic Environment Strategy.
2. Agreed the content of the proposed Strategy and Action Plan and agreed that the Strategy be taken to public consultation.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated April 2015, submitted)

#### **16. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 14**

The following Notice of Motion was before the Council for consideration –

To invite the Council to endorse the affordable warmth manifesto for the Highlands and Islands in the following terms

**AFFORDABLE WARMTH MANIFESTO FOR THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS**

To support other like minded organisations to bring the long-standing, energy pricing unfairnesses being applied to Highland & Island households to a rapid and conclusive end.

The context for this campaign is that the Highlands and Islands of Scotland experience the harshest climatic conditions in the UK and record levels of fuel poverty (71% of all households in the Western Isles according to a recent survey). Mains gas – which is by far the cheapest heating fuel – is simply unavailable for most Highlanders and Islanders, offering them no chance therefore of accessing the additional, money-saving ‘dual fuel’ discounts which are widely available across the rest of the UK. Moreover, there is far greater, area-wide dependence on the use of electricity for heating as well as lighting but the standard unit price charged is 2p a kw/hr more than in most other parts of the UK and 6p and more for the various ‘economy’ tariffs on offer. On top of all this there is also a far greater reliance in off-gas areas on using domestic heating oil and solid fuel which pushes up household heating costs further still. As a result, domestic energy bills in off-gas areas are, on average, around £1000 more per annum than the £1369 pa dual fuel national average (2014). To cap it all, customers on prepayment meters (often the least well off) not only have to pay additional standing charges but also discover that their notional right to change to a cheaper electricity supplier has become impracticable .

Such energy pricing unfairnesses are unacceptable wherever they occur in the UK

1. Standing charges and the price of a standard unit of electricity should be exactly the same wherever you live in the UK. The total costs of transmitting and distributing electricity across all parts of the UK, including the Highlands & Islands of Scotland and other ‘high cost’ areas, should be shared equally by all UK consumers and the standard unit charge equalised accordingly. Those on pre-payment meters should have the same charges and choices as all other customers.

2. There should be no delay in equalising the standard electricity price in the Highlands and Islands. Priority action should be taken by the Government of the day – either before or immediately after the General Election - to ensure that the existing mechanisms of the Hydro Benefit Replacement Scheme and Common Tariff Obligation (which have consistently failed to create the expected level playing field) receive sufficient financial investment to bring electricity prices in the Highlands & Islands down to precisely the same average levels as are applied in the rest of the UK.

3. Moreover, off peak/economy rate electricity should also be made available to domestic consumers at exactly the same minimum unit cost wherever they live in the UK. To this end Ofgem should ensure that no electricity supplier can operate an effective monopoly in the Highlands & Islands and that customers can, in reality, switch easily and readily from one economy tariff to another and/or from one electricity supplier to another in order to make clearly explained savings on their energy bills and, in particular, the domestic heating element of those bills.

4. The currently unregulated domestic heating oil and LPG (bottled gas) supply market in the Highlands & Islands should be thoroughly investigated with a view to Government intervention (regulation and/or subsidy) that results in retail prices being brought down to UK averages. This is to ensure that the scarcity of suppliers in the Highlands & Islands cannot continue to mean that customers pay by far the highest prices in the UK - eg 20%+ more per litre of domestic oil than from the much more competitive Northern Ireland supply market.

Moved Councillor Robin Currie, seconded Councillor Richard Trail.

## **Decision**

The Council endorsed the terms of the Notice of Motion.

(Reference: Notice of Motion by Councillor Robin Currie, seconded Councillor Richard Trail, tabled)

The Council resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public for the following 4 items of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 12; 8; 8; and 9 respectively of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

**17. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSALS FOR ARGYLL AND BUTE**

The Council considered a report in respect of proposals by the Local Government Boundary Commission.

**Decision**

The Council agreed –

1. To set up a Short Life Working Group to consider the proposals in detail.
2. The Membership of the Short Life Working Group to be the Leader of the Council, Leader of the Opposition, 8 Members from the Administration and 4 Members from the Opposition with names to be notified to the Executive Director – Customer Services.
3. That the Short Life Working Group be Chaired by the Leader of the Council.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services dated 25 March 2015, submitted)

**18. ROTHESAY PAVILION FULL BUSINESS CASE**

The Council considered a report presenting the full Business Case for the redevelopment of Rothesay Pavilion.

**Decision**

The Council agreed the recommendations contained within the submitted report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated April 2015 and Full Business Case, submitted. Appendices A-G made available for perusal in the Members Room)

**19. NEW SCHOOLS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT - DUNOON PRIMARY SCHOOL - AFFORDABILITY POSITION AND ISSUE OF NEW PROJECT REQUEST TO HUBNORTH SCOTLAND LTD**

A report was considered which provided an updated affordability calculation in respect of the proposed refurbishment/remodelling of Dunoon Primary School. The report

also provided information with regard to the process to lodge a New Project Request with the Scottish Futures Trust and hubNorth Scotland Ltd.

### **Decision**

The Council agreed the recommendations as contained within the submitted report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Community Services dated 23 March 2015, submitted)

## **20. NPDO SCHOOLS AFFORDABILITY REPORT**

The Council considered a report summarising progress in relation to the Council's NPDO project to the end of March 2015 and, in particular, provided an update on the current financial position of the Project.

### **Decision**

The Council –

1. Noted the report.
2. Agreed that the Special Projects Team continue discussions to achieve gains from the NPDO Project and will report back on progress.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services dated April 2015, submitted)

**POLITICAL MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

<b>Policy Lead Remit</b>	<b>SRA</b>	<b>Policy Lead</b>	<b>Depute</b>	<b>Executive Director</b>	<b>Heads of Service</b>
<b>Island Affairs</b>	no	Len Scoullar (Provost)		Pippa Milne	Fergus Murray
<b>Health &amp; Social Care Integration</b>	yes	Mary Jean Devon	a) Children & Families - Jimmy McQueen b) Adult Care - Elaine Robertson and Dougie Philand	Cleland Sneddon	Louise Long Jim Robb
<b>Strategic Finance (IT Services, Improvement, HR, Customer Support, Facility Services, Governance and Law)</b>	no	Dick Walsh (Leader)	Gary Mulvaney	Sally Loudon Douglas Hendry	Steve Barrett Judy Orr Jane Fowler Charles Reppke Malcolm MacFadyen
<b>Roads, Infrastructure, Amenity Services and Special Projects</b>	yes	Ellen Morton	Robert G MacIntyre	Pippa Milne	Jim Smith Fergus Murray
<b>Sustainable Economic Growth (Economic Development, European Affairs, Renewables and Strategic Tourism)</b>	yes	Aileen Morton	Maurice Corry	Pippa Milne	Fergus Murray
<b>Transportation (strategic local, Ferries, Piers, Harbours and Airports)</b>	yes	Alistair MacDougall		Pippa Milne Douglas Hendry	Fergus Murray Jim Smith Malcolm MacFadyen
<b>Strategic Housing, Gaelic, Community &amp; Culture</b>	yes	Robin Currie	Roddy McCuish	Cleland Sneddon	Donald MacVicar
<b>Education, &amp; Lifelong Learning</b>	yes	Rory Colville		Cleland Sneddon	Ann Marie Knowles

					Donald MacVicar
<b>PPSL, Planning Services, Historic and Sustainable Environment</b>	yes	David Kinniburgh	Alex McNaughton	Pippa Milne	Angus Gilmour Charles Reppke Fergus Murray

To note that the existing appointments as Chair/Vice Chair of each of the Area Committees remain unchanged

**Appendix 2**

<b>Argyll and Bute Council Group - SNP Spokespersons</b>			<b>2015</b>
<b>Business, Energy &amp; Tourism</b> (Infrastructure, Investment & the Environment)			
	Economic development, town centres, BIDs Sustainable Energy Strategic transport and public transport; air, rail and ferry services CHORD, TIFF /Lorn ARC Waste Disposal and Roads Maintenance Services	<b>ED&amp;I</b> <b>Pippa Milne</b> Jim Smith Fergus Murray	<b>Sandy Taylor</b>
<b>Education and Life-long Learning</b>			
	Education, educational attainment, school standards, quality and improvement, school infrastructure and staffing, behaviour inc. bullying Skills training and employment; youth employment, skills and employment training Further education (Argyll College and UHI) Catering and School Transport Services	<b>Communities</b> <b>Cleland Sneddon</b> Anne-Marie Knowles Malcolm MacFadyen	<b>Isobel Strong</b>
<b>Health and Social Care</b> (Adult Care & Children and Families)			
	Adult care and support & carers Protection of vulnerable groups Addiction Services Autism, Learning Disability Children's rights, children's services, early years Adoption and fostering, child protection, looked-after children Children's hearings, youth work, youth justice, criminal justice social work	<b>H&amp;SC</b> <b>Partnership</b> <b>Communities</b>  <b>Cleland Sneddon</b>	<b>Anne Horn</b>

<b>Rural Affairs, Food &amp; Environment</b>			
	Environment, inc. physical and marine environment Agriculture, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture Rural Argyll and Bute, farming, crofting and food and drink Sustainable development, biodiversity & natural heritage Waste Management and Amenity Services	<b>ED&amp;I</b>  <b>Pippa Milne</b> Fergus Murray Angus Gilmour	<b>John Armour</b>
<b>Culture, Sport and Tourism</b>			
	Culture and the arts ( inc. Twinning) Libraries and museums Sports development, sports and communities halls and other facilities Events and festivals Built heritage and architecture Gaelic language	<b>Communities Cleland Sneddon</b>  Donald McVicar Jane Fowler Angus Gilmour	<b>W. Gordon Blair</b>
<b>Community Safety and Regulation</b>			
	Planning and Development Strategic Housing Regulatory Services Building Standards Civic Government and Liquor licensing Police and Fire and Rescue Services	<b>ED&amp;I</b>  <b>Pippa Milne</b> Angus Gilmour Donald McVicar	<b>Richard Trail</b>
<b>Building Strong Communities</b>			
	Community Planning Community empowerment and engagement Sustainable Islands The third sector and the social economy, A&B CAB and Bute Advice Welfare, measures against poverty and homelessness	<b>PPSL Communities</b>  Pippa Milne Angus Gilmour	<b>Iain                  Angus MacDonald</b>
	<i>Civil Resilience</i>		
	<i>Land Reform</i>		
<b>Finance &amp; Asset Management</b>			
	Strategic Finance Customer Services Audit Asset Management, inc. Estates Strategic IT, inc. Communication and Network Services	<b>Audit P&amp;R Douglas Hendry</b> H o SF Judy Orr	<b>Iain S. MacLean</b>



	Property Maintenance Service	Malcolm MacFadyen Charles Reppke	
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