

**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE held in the QUEEN'S HALL,
DUNOON
on TUESDAY, 6 MAY 2008**

Present: Councillor B Marshall (Chair)

Councillor A MacAlister	Councillor L Scoullar
Councillor R Macintyre	Councillor R Simon
Councillor A McNaughton	Councillor I Strong
Councillor J McQueen	Councillor J R Walsh

Attending: Shirley MacLeod, Area Corporate Services Manager
Eilidh Headrick Area Committee Services/Information Officer
David Eaglesham, Area Team Leader Development Control
Donnie McLeod, Streetscene Manager
Kenny Wallace, Team Leader, Adult Services
Cath McLoone, Area Manager, Resources
Martin Turnbull, Area Community Learning and Regeneration
Manager

Chief Inspector Mosley, Strathclyde Police.

1. APOLOGIES

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

(a) MINUTE OF AREA COMMITTEE OF 1ST APRIL 2008

The minute of the Area Committee of 1st April 2008 was approved as a correct record with an amendment to the reason of Councillor Scoullar's Declaration of Interest to read "personal knowledge of the main objector" as opposed to "personal knowledge of the applicant".

4. COMMUNITY SERVICES

(a) EDUCATION AND LEISURE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

The Committee considered and determined Education and Leisure Development Grants as follows:-

Leisure Development Grants	Project Costs	Grant Awarded
Bute Agricultural Society	£12,250	£1,000 (underwrite)
Bute Bowling Association	£2,520	£800

Cowal Junior Rugby Football Club	£3,564	£1,520
Cowal Europe Association	£10,400	£1,000
Innellan Public Hall	£41,000	£3,000
Lochgoilhead Fiddle Workshop	£51,195	£1,250

(Reference: Report by the Area Community Learning and Regeneration Manager dated May 2008 – submitted)

(b) PUBLIC CONSULTATION FEEDBACK ON OLDER PEOPLES SERVICES

Members heard from the Team Leader, Adult Services on the feedback from the public consultation on the proposals for older people's services.

Decision

The Committee agreed:-

- i. To note the contents of the surveys undertaken and comments received from public and stakeholders about the future of older people's services and take these into account in the tender process.
- ii. Asked for confirmation of the response from Cowal Community Care Forum.
- iii. Asked that prior to any financial decisions being made on the matter that Bute & Cowal Area Committee be consulted on proposals.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Service dated 25th March 2008 – submitted)

(c) JOINT LOCALITY MEETINGS - JOINT FUTURE

The Committee heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the nomination of Members to four locality groups which meet to consider health and social care issues.

Decision

The Committee agreed:-

- i. To note the contents of the report.
- ii. To nominate Councillor Marshall for the Cowal Joint Service Development Group.
- iii. Asked for clarification on the Bute Joint Service Development Group from James Robb, Head of Service, Adult Care, and thereafter agreed to nominate Councillors Scoullar and Strong to the Group on a rotational basis.

(Reference: Report by the Director of Community Services dated 27th March 2008 – submitted)

5. OPERATIONAL SERVICES

(a) STREETSCENE – IMPACT IN BUTE AND COWAL

Members heard from the Streetscene Manager on the likely effect of Streetscene within Bute and Cowal.

Decision

The Committee agreed:

- i. To note the contents of the report.
- ii. To have regular progress reports presented to the Business Day Meeting.
- iii. To assist in setting up local groups.
- iv. To have good communication and dialogue with the Streetscene Manager and assist with resources from Usable Capital Receipts.

(Reference: Report by the Streetscene Manager dated 6th May 2008 – submitted)

6. CORPORATE SERVICES

(a) VERBAL REPORT ON DUNOON - GOUROCK FERRY SERVICE

The Committee heard an update from Councillor Walsh on the Gourock/Dunoon Ferry Service.

Decision

The Committee noted the detail provided on this matter.

(b) AREA CAPITAL RECEIPTS

The Committee heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the estimated level of capital receipts.

Decision

The Committee agreed:-

- i. To note the contents of the report and the conditions attached.
- ii. To have a further report on the allocated money that has not been spent brought to the next Area Committee.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Strategic Finance dated 22nd April 2008 – submitted)

(c) USABLE CAPITAL RECEIPTS

The Committee heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the usable Capital Receipts for the Bute & Cowal Area.

Decision

The Committee agreed:-

- i. To note the contents of the report.
- ii. Agreed to the recommendations for Capital Receipt expenditure, but agreed that in relation to the letter from Swamp Soccer, this will be approved in principal, subject to a formal application which meets all the agreed criteria being submitted, to a guarantee of match funding from HIE Argyll & the Islands, and to clarification that Swamp Soccer will be self financing after this year.
- iii. A further report will be made regarding recommendations for future application procedures.

(Reference: Report by the Area Corporate Services Manager dated 28th April 2008 – submitted)

(d) EXTRACT FROM THE ECONOMY PPG

The Committee heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the current position regarding twinning in Argyll and Bute and the information booklet prepared by Alyn Smith MEP regarding European budgets available for people to create links.

Decision

The Committee agreed:-

- i. To note the contents of the report.
- ii. That a report be brought to a future Business Day outlining a process to plan future visits to Amberg Sulzbach and Korcula, to consolidate and build on existing links with European Communities which local schools have, and to explore the potential to bring the European Peoples's Festival to Dunoon in 2012.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Democratic Services and Governance – submitted)

7. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

The Committee were asked questions from Mr Moonan on toilet provision at Kirm and paying for special collections, and received advice from the Streetscene Manager. Mr Moonan also asked about Councillors attendance in the Kirm area. Mrs Gabriel from Dunoon Community Council said that their Community Council cover the Kirm area and Councillors attend their meetings if Mr Moonan had any

question to either come along to the meeting or she would forward the information to Councillors. Mr Moonan asked for confirmation that the Area Committee support the Town Centre to Town Centre (through the railhead) link for ferry services and Members agreed this was the case.

Members asked question of Chief Inspector Mosley, Strathclyde Police on teenagers using the new play park facility and Chief Inspector Mosley gave advice on this. Chief Inspector Mosley also updated Members on test purchases of alcohol, house break ins in Lochgoilhead, dog fouling, vandalism and said that the Police were currently running a Marine Safe Campaign.

8. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

(a) OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION 07/01171/OUT, EUAN MACLACHLAN, MID LETTERS, LETTERS WAY, STRACHUR

Decision

A PAN 41 Hearing to be held prior to the determination of this application.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Planning Services dated 28th April 2008 – submitted)

(b) PLANNING APPLICATION 08/00402/DET, WELCHS PARKS, MANOR PARK, VICTORIA ROAD, HUNTER'S QUAY, DUNOON

Decision

The application be continued to the June Area Committee meeting to allow Hunter's Quay Community Council the opportunity to submit their comments.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Planning Services dated 28th April 2008 – submitted)

(c) PLANNING APPLICATION 08/00550/DET, MR N BANCKS, LAND SOUTH EAST OF CLADY HOUSE, SHORE ROAD, SANDBANK

Decision

A PAN 41 Hearing to be held prior to the determination of this application with a site familiarisation visit for members prior to the Hearing.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Planning Services dated 28th April 2008 – submitted)

(d) **DELEGATED DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AND BUILDING CONTROL DECISIONS**

The Committee noted Delegated Development Control and Building Control Decisions made since the last meeting.

9. EXEMPT ITEMS

(a) **ENFORCEMENT REPORTS**

Members noted the quarterly enforcement report.