

**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE held in the QUEENS HALL,
DUNOON
on TUESDAY, 1 JUNE 2010**

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
John Duncan, Area Children's Manager
Allen Stevenson, Service Manager, Mental Health
Julie Hempleman, Social Worker, Mental Health
Lorraine Todd, Pyramid Admin Assistant
Robert Cowper, Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator
Margaret Fyfe, Community Development Manager
Liz Marion, Senior Community learning & Development Worker
David Logan, QIO Special Projects
Ms Wendy Brownlie, Principal, Rothesay Joint Campus
Inspector Gordon Anderson, Strathclyde Police

1. APOLOGIES

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor McNaughton declared a non financial interest in item 4 (d) by reason of being a member of the Colintrave Village Hall Committee and took no part in the decision of that item.

3. MINUTES

(a) MINUTE OF AREA COMMITTEE OF 6TH APRIL 2010

The Minute of the Area Committee of the 6th April 2010 was approved as a correct record.

4. COMMUNITY SERVICES

(a) ADULT CARE PERFORMANCE

Allen Stevenson gave an informative presentation on the Adult Care Service Performance advising that they have 12 Key Performance Indicators and 3 Statutory Performance Indicators. Allen spoke on the Pyramid system showing Members the scorecards on this system. He also spoke on the improvements to Adult Care and the Challenges for 2010.

After Members asked questions the Chair thanked Allen for his presentation and asked him to provide a list of Officers and their responsibilities to Members. It was agreed that the next service update will be presented to the December 2010 Area Committee.

(b) ROTHESAY JOINT CAMPUS REPORT

Members heard an informative presentation from Wendy Brownlie, Principal of Rothesay Joint Campus on the major achievements of the school in 2008/09, including the SQA examination results for May/June 2009.

Decision

The Committee:-

- i. Noted the amendment to the report Summary to delete the wording Strategic Policy Committee and insert Executive Committee.
- ii. Noted the continuing improvement in the performance of pupils and the commitment of staff in their examination successes and in the wider aspects of achievement across the school.
- iii. Asked that the next update report be presented to the December Area Committee.

(Reference: Report by the Rothesay Joint Campus Principal – submitted)

(c) DELAYED DISCHARGE

Members heard an informative presentation by Julie Hempleman on Adult Care. Julie spoke on the assessment of older people being discharged from hospital advising that there is a review of how they are coping at home after 4 weeks. Julie also spoke on multi-disciplinary working, integrated care, improved service development integration and partnership planning.

Members asked questions and the Chair thanked Julie for her presentation.

(d) GRANTS TO THIRD SECTOR 2010/11

Councillor A McNaughton, having declared a non financial interest in this item, left the meeting and took no part in the discussion of Colintraive Village Hall.

Margaret Fyfe advised the Committee that the Education & Leisure Development Grants were now considered as Third Sector Grants and the Committee considered and determined the Third Sector Grants as follows:-

Events and Festivals Grants	Project Costs	Grant Awarded
Cowal Walking Festival Association	£11,532.00	£2,500.00
Bute Highland Dance Festival	£3,450.00	£500.00
Isle of Bute Jazz Festival	£33,000.00	£3,000.00
Kirn Gala Committee	£4,270.00	£2,000.00
Envirokirn Action Group	£3,300.00	£800.00

Colintraive Village Hall	£1,000.00	£500.00
Cowal Europe Association	£10,550/00	£1,000.00
Bute Bowling Association	£2,502.16	£800.00
Cowal Group SWRI	£1,880.00	£500.00

Third Sector Grants

Dunoon and Cowal Youth Project	£26,588.00	£12,500.00
Cowal Youth Information Project B-active Partnership	£1,710.00	£500.00
Bute Youth Project	£41,500.00	£6,000.00
Cowal Accordion and Keyboard Workshop	£3,085.00	£420.00
Lochgoilhead Fiddle Workshop/Fiddle Folk	£58,514.00	£1,500.00
Girl Guiding Argyll	£4,995.00	£500.00
Ballochgoy Summer Playscheme	£1,400	£600.00

(Reference: Report by the Community Development Manager – submitted)

(e) CASTLE TOWARD

Members heard from David Logan, QIO Special Projects, on the current situation in relation to the occupation of Castle Toward by Actual Reality Learning and Leadership Ltd, the position of the premises in relation to Health and Safety and the proposed sale of the property.

Decision

Members noted the information provided by the QIO Special Projects.

(Reference: Report by the QIO Special Projects – submitted)

5. CUSTOMER SERVICES

(a) VERBAL REPORT ON DUNOON - GOUROCK FERRY SERVICE

The Committee heard a verbal update from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the Gourock/Dunoon Ferry Service. She advised that the Tender Documents have still not been published but should be imminently, she would make sure Members receive them when they are available.

Decision

The Committee noted the detail provided on this matter.

(b) COMMEMORATION OF LOUIS BRAILLE

The Committee heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the commemoration plaque to be erected in either Rothesay Joint Campus or the Pavilion.

Decision

The Committee agreed:-

- i. To erect the Louis Braille plaque in Rothesay Joint Campus.
- ii. To invite the Bute Members to the school when the plaque is being unveiled.

(c) **ARGYLL & BUTE SAFER STREETS PROJECT 2009-10 EVALUATION REPORT**

Members heard from the Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator on the Safer Streets Initiative Report. Robert Cowper explained that the money was used to augment what the Police were already doing. Robert said that the project was run from 6th December 2009 to 3 January 2010 and the Argyll and Bute figures show a reduction in incidents from the previous year.

Decision

Members noted the information provided by the Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator.

(Reference: Report by the Local Authority Liaison Officer dated 12th March 2010 – submitted)

6. DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

(a) **CAPITAL ROAD RECONSTRUCTION 2011**

The Committee heard from the Contracts Manager on the Roads Capital Reconstruction Budget for Bute & Cowal during 2010/11.

Decision

The Committee noted the proposed schemes as identified in Appendix A of the report.

(Reference: Report by the Operations Manager – submitted)

(b) **FOOTPATH AT KILBRIDE ROAD**

The Committee heard from the Contracts Manager on the actions taken by the Roads Operations Unit regarding concerns expressed by Members with the regard to road safety at Kilbride Bridge, Kilbride Road, Dunoon.

Decision

The Committee:-

- i. Noted that a full written risk assessment has now been completed.
- ii. Noted that options to address the risk of pedestrian/vehicle conflict with a permanent solution will be developed and appraised and a preferred option identified subject to Outline

Business Case development. The Outline Business Case will be taken forward and appraised as part of the Department's Asset Sustainability Capital Planning programme for 2011/12.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director dated 1st June 2010 – submitted)

7. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

George Craig expressed his concerns about the advertising trailers that have appeared along Alexandra Parade in Dunoon. George explained that there is not provision within the Roads Scotland Act to enable the Roads Authority to enforce the legislation and asked that the Police deal with this. Inspector Anderson said he would speak to Chief Inspector Mosley and the Roads Inspector regarding this issue. Members discussed these trailers and agreed if the Police did not have powers to deal with them then a byelaw would be promoted.

Councillor Strong expressed her concerns over abandoned trailers at Port Bannatyne and explained that the Council were unable to do anything because they are in designated parking bays. Inspector Anderson advised that he would have a look at the trailers and see if they were in a dangerous condition and report back to the next Area Committee.