

**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE held in the EAGLESHAM
HOUSE, MOUNTPLEASANT ROAD, ROTHESAY
on TUESDAY, 5 APRIL 2011**

Present: Councillor B Marshall (Chair)

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

Attending: Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager
Stephen Doogan, Area Governance Officer
Jim Smith, Head of Roads & Amenity Services
Douglas Blades, Public Transport Officer
Liz Marion, Community Development Officer
Fiona Johnston, Quality Improvement Officer
Mark Lodge, Statutory Planning Officer
Paul Convery, Planning/Development Officer
Caroline Sheen, Estates Surveyor
Inspector Gordon Anderson, Strathclyde Police

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of the following:-

Councillor Ron Simon
Councillor J R Walsh
John Duncan, Area Children's Manager
Chief Inspector Mosley, Strathclyde Police

The Committee wished to forward their best wishes to Councillor Walsh on his recent illness and wished him a speedy recovery.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

The Chairman ruled and the Committee agreed, in terms of Standing Order 3.2.2 that reports regarding the 485 Bus Service, Site at Collumshill Terrace and the Proposed Lease Extension (Dunoon & District Angling Club), dealt with at items 4(e), 9(b) and 9(c) of this minute, be taken as matters of urgency due to decisions being needed before the scheduled Area Committee meeting in June.

3. MINUTES

(a) MINUTES OF AREA COMMITTEE OF 1ST FEBRUARY 2011

The Minutes of the meeting of the Area Committee held on 1st February 2011 were approved as a correct record.

4. CUSTOMER SERVICES

(a) VERBAL REPORT ON DUNOON - GOUROCK FERRY SERVICE

The Committee heard a verbal update from the Area Governance Manager on the Gourock/Dunoon Ferry Service. She advised that the tender process was underway and the outcome would be known in May.

Decision

The Committee noted the details provided on this matter.

(b) CRUACH MHOR AND CLACHAN FLATS WIND FARM TRUSTS

Members heard from the Area Governance Manager on the work of both the Cruach Mhor and Clachan Flats Wind Farm Trusts.

Decision

The Committee noted the details provided on this matter.

(Reference: Report by the Area Governance Manager dated 10th March 2011 – submitted)

(c) PA23 BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Members heard from the Area Governance Manager on a request made by the PA23 Business Improvement Steering Group for a Member of the Bute and Cowal Area Committee to be a member of the Steering Group.

Decision

The Committee unanimously decided Councillor Marshall should be the Member of the Bute & Cowal Area Committee to be the member of the Steering Group.

(Reference: Report by the Area Governance Manager dated 25th March 2011 – submitted)

(d) AREA PLAN

Members heard from the Area Governance Manager on the progress made by services in delivering the agreed Bute & Cowal Area Plan.

Decision

The Committee agreed:-

- i. To note the progress made by services in financial year 2010/11 in delivering the agreed Area Plan for Bute and Cowal.
- ii. The Area Governance Manager would make the required

- changes to the Area Plan and circulate this to Members.
- iii. A scorecard which reflects the amendments to the plan will be submitted to the June Area Committee for discussion and agreement.
- iv. A report on the Kiosk at the Meadows in Rothesay should come to the June Area Committee.

(Reference: Report by the Area Governance Manager – submitted)

5. COUNCIL SUPPORTED BUS SERVICE 485 : PROPOSAL TO TERMINATE MOST JOURNEYS AT GLENFINART

Members heard from the Public Transport Officer on the Council's supported bus Service 485 and the proposal to terminate most of these journeys at Glenfinart due to the unsuitability of the Sligrachan terminus turning area and the minimal use made of the service beyond Glenfinart.

Decision

The Committee agreed that with the exception of two journeys on schooldays only, all journeys on Council funded bus service 485 which currently terminate at Sligrachan will in future terminate at Glenfinart.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Facility Services – tabled)

6. COMMUNITY SERVICES

(a) PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORTS

The Committee heard from the Quality Improvement Officer on the achievements of the primary schools in Bute and Cowal in school session 2009/10.

Decision

The Committee noted the excellent work being undertaken in the local primary schools and commended the pupils and staff for these outstanding achievements.

(Reference: Report by the Quality Standards Manager – submitted)

(b) GRANTS TO THIRD SECTOR 2010/11

The Community Development Officer spoke on the recommendation for the award of Third Sector Grants and the Committee considered and determined the Third Sector Grants as follows:-

Events and Festivals Grants	Project Costs	Grant Awarded
Bute Agricultural Society	£11705	£720 underwrite
Bute Connections	£12350	£900
Bute Youth Project	£42500	£3600 pending clearance by finance

CLASP (Cowal Local Action for Special Projects)	£11260	£3000 pending clearance by finance
Cowal Fiddle Workshop	£4200	£1080
Cowal Indoor Bowling Club	£1500	£720
Cowal Walking Festival Association	£11760	£1000
Dunoon and Cowal Youth Project	£22500	£6750 pending clearance by finance
Dunoon MOD 2012	£12200	£5490 pending clearance by finance
Girl Guiding Argyll	£4850	£160
Innellan & Toward Family Centre	£1140	£810
Isle of Bute Jazz Festival	£31950	£3000 pending clearance by finance
Kirn Gala Committee	£3665	£1280
Lochgoilhead Bowling Club	£1505	£682
Patchwork 2-5 Group	£1040	£470

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

7. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Inspector Gordon Anderson updated members on the activities Strathclyde Police have been working on in recent months. Inspector Anderson advised that due to the retirement of PC Stewart they have a new officer starting in May. He further advised that a civilian post will also be advertised. Strathclyde Police have been working with Trading Standards on tobacco test purchasing in the area. Inspector Anderson said that there are a pair of Sea Eagles on the Island and the Police are on the alert for Wildlife crime.

Councillor Scoullar asked how the new shifts were working and if there would be a new Campus Officer and Inspector Anderson gave advice.

8. DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

(a) MILTON BURN FLOOD PREVENTION SCHEMES

Members heard a verbal update from the Area Governance Manager on the Milton Burn Flood Prevention Scheme

Decision

The Committee noted the details provided.

(b) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN - MAIN ISSUES REPORT

Members heard from the Statutory Planning Officer and the Planning/Development Officer on the Main Issues Report, the first formal stage of the emerging Local Development Plan.

Decision

The Committee agreed:-

- i. To approve the Main Issues Report as a basis for public consultation and delegate the Development Policy Manager to submit the Main Issues Report to the Council's Executive for final approval and then the Scottish Ministers.
- ii. To delegate to the Development Policy Manager to undertake the Main Issues Report public consultation in line with the statutory requirements and the Participation Statement as set out in the latest version of the Development Plan Scheme.

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

9. EXEMPT ITEMS

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

(a) **ARDBEG AND PORT BANNATYNE SEWERAGE SCHEME, PUMPING STATION NO 1, SALE OF GROUND TO SCOTTISH WATER - MARINE ROAD, PORT BANNATYNE - REPORT TO FOLLOW**

Members heard from the Estates Surveyor on the sale of Ground at Ardbeg and Port Bannatyne.

Decision

The Committee agreed to point 2.1 i and ii of the supplementary report by the Executive Director of Customer Services.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director of Customer Services dated 5th April 2011 – tabled)

(b) **SITE COLLUMSHILL TERRACE, ROTHESAY**

Members heard from the Estates Surveyor on the interest received in respect of a site at Collumshill Terrace, Rothesay.

Decision

The Committee agreed to point 2.1(a) i and ii of the report by the Executive Director of Customer Services.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director of Customer Services dated 1st April 2011 – tabled)

(c) **PROPOSED LEASE EXTENSION, DUNOON AND DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB**

Members heard from the Estates Surveyor on a request received from the Dunoon & District Angling Club to extend their lease.

Decision

The Committee agreed to point 2.1 of the report by the Executive Director of Customer Services.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director of Customer Services dated 1st April 2011 – tabled)