ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL CUSTOMER SERVICES

BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE 7th June 2011

Commemorative Plaque in Dunoon Castle Gardens.

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides Members with information regarding a commemorative plaque sited within the Castle Gardens, Dunoon.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 Members are asked to note this information and to consider the request that the plaque be removed.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 A number of years ago the Council were approached by the British Film Council requesting that a commemorative plaque be sited in Dunoon's Castle Gardens in remembrance of Eric Campbell, a silent film actor who, they claimed, had been born in Dunoon.
- 3.2 The plague was duly provided and sited in the Castle Gardens.
- 3.3 It has recently come to light, following an approach made by the actor's niece, that Eric Campbell was not, in fact, born in Dunoon, but was born in England. He did have an expressed affinity for the Dunoon area, but registration searches have confirmed that he was not born in the town.
- 3.4 Given that the plaque specifically mentions Eric Campbells' birth as being in Dunoon, (see Appendix 1 attached), Members are asked to consider the request made by his family that the plaque be removed.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

4.1 Members are asked to note the content of the submitted information.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None Financial: None

Personnel: None Equal Opportunities: None

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