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## MINUTES of MEETING of HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE held in the PILLAR HALL, VICTORIA HALLS, HELENSBURGH - PILLAR HALL, VICTORIA HALLS, HELENSBURGH on MONDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2012

**Present:** Councillor Vivien Dance (Chair)  
Councillor George Freeman Councillor Andrew Nisbet  
Councillor Daniel Kelly Councillor William Petrie  
Councillor David Kinniburgh Councillor Al Reay  
Councillor Gary Mulvaney Councillor James Robb

**Also Present:** Iain Jackson – Area Governance Manager  
Belinda Ruthven – Area Governance Assistant  
Allen Stevenson – Service Development Manager  
Ian MacFadyen - Area Manager Resources  
David Forshaw – Finance Officer  
Iain Welsh – Project Manager  
Hugh Blake – Senior Estates Surveyor

### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated from Councillor Ellen Morton

The Chairman ruled, and the Committee agreed, in terms of Section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 in terms of standing order 3.2.2 that Item 11 (c) **Former Cemetery House, Old Luss Road, Helensburgh**, which was not specified in the agenda, should be considered as a matter of urgency as a decision will need to be made prior to the next Area Committee meeting.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest

### 3. MINUTE OF MEETING 20 DECEMBER 2011

The minute of meeting 20 December was approved as a correct record subject to change at Item 3 line 3 to read:

Noted that the Social Work spokesperson, Councillor Andrew Nisbet, would brief members on the contingency measures for vulnerable people.

### 4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

### 5. COMMUNITY SERVICES

(a) **ADULT CARE CHARGING POLICY - ALLEN STEVENSON**

Allen Stevenson, Ian McFadyen and David Forshaw updated members on progress in relation to the implementation and subsequent findings of the review of the new charging scheme introduced by the Council on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011.

### **Decision**

1. Agreed to note the content of the report and the intention of Adult Care Managers to update the Community Based Care charging scheme with the intention of implementing the changes identified in Section 3 of the submitted report.
2. Agreed to note that this report has been considered and endorsed at the Council Budget Working Group on 17 January 2012.
3. Agreed to congratulate the officers on the reactive and proactive approach which had been taken to respond to the needs of the clients.

(Ref: Report by Service Development Manager, dated 20 February 2012, submitted)

## **6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UNIT**

Councillor Kelly joined the meeting at this point.

### **(a) EMERGENCY PLANNING UPDATE - JANE FOWLER**

Members were asked to note a report by the Head of Improvement and HR on some of the issues identified during the severe weather and prolonged power cuts during early January 2012.

### **Decision**

1. Agreed to note the identified issues contained within the report and to request that members be more directly involved in future planning for infrastructure improvements to improve resilience in the event of severe weather.
2. Agreed to disseminate the information contained in the report to the local community councils in order to gain their views and feedback on issues directly affecting their communities.
3. Agreed to continue discussion of the paper at the April meeting of the Helensburgh and Lomond Business Day to address strategic issues.

(Ref: Report by Head of Improvement and HR, dated 20 February 2012, submitted)

## **7. VALE OF LEVEN MONITORING GROUP MINUTE**

Members were asked to note the contents of the Minute from the Vale Monitoring Group meeting 28 November 2011

### **Decision**

Agreed to note the Minute.

(Ref: Minute of Meeting of Vale Monitoring Group dated 28 November 2011, submitted)

## **8. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13**

Councillor Robb had previously noted his intention to withdraw this item.

## **9. CUSTOMER SERVICES**

### **(a) HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE - PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2012 - 2013**

Members considered a report by the Area Governance Officer, in which they were asked to approve the meeting dates for the remainder of the calendar year.

### **Decision**

Agreed to approve the recommendations contained within the report.

(Ref: Report by Area Governance Officer, dated 20 February 2012, submitted)

## **10. DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public for the following four items of business on the grounds that they were 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.

**Paragraph 9** Any terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods or services.

### **(a) KIDSTON PARK, PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS - IAIN WELSH**

Councillor Vivien Dance declared a financial interest in relation to Planning Application Reference (11/00887/PP) on the basis that she was the Co Director of a Company which provides consultancy services to the applicant. She left the room during discussion of the item and accordingly took no part in the decision making process.

Councillor Reay was unanimously appointed Chair for the following item.

Members were asked to consider the contents of a report by the Amenity Asset Manager in which they were asked to approve the selection of the recommended option for play area improvement to enable expedient award of the contract.

### **Decision**

2.1 Agreed to the recommendations at 2.1 of the submitted report.

2.2 Agreed that the Area Committee recommends to the Council that the £50,000 held by the Council in respect of planning consent 11/00887/PP be applied to the purchase of play equipment for this project, if it becomes available.

2.3 Agreed that the Area Committee instructs Officers to bring back a report containing detailed proposals for the car park which addresses potential anti-social behaviour and further remedial works.

(Ref: Report by Amenity Asset Manager, dated 20 February 2012, submitted)

Councillor Dance returned to the room at this point and resumed the Chair.

## **11. CUSTOMER SERVICES**

### **(a) PROPOSED LEASE OF AMUSEMENT SITE, HELENSBURGH PIER-HUGH BLAKE**

Members were asked to consider a report by the Senior Estates Surveyor, regarding the proposed lease of the amusement site on Helensburgh pier.

### **Decision**

Agreed with the recommendations contained within the submitted report.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director, Customer Services, dated 20 February 2012, submitted)

### **(b) KIDSTON PARK - HUGH BLAKE**

Members were asked to note the contents of a report by the Senior Estates Surveyor, regarding the proposed eatery development and acquisition of the solum of the former public road at Kidston Park.

### **Decision**

Agreed to note the contents of the submitted report.

(Ref: Report by Senior Estates Surveyor, dated 20 February 2012, submitted)

(c) **FORMER CEMETERY HOUSE, OLD LUSS ROAD, HELENSBURGH**

Members were asked to consider a report by the Executive Director of Customer Services relating to the Former Cemetery House, Old Luss Road, Helensburgh

**Decision**

Agreed to the recommendations contained within the submitted report.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director, Customer Services, dated 20 February 2012, submitted)

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