Notice of motion under Standing Order 13:

That the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee:

- a. Recognises and values the dedication and commitment of the volunteers and management who stage the Cowal Highland Gathering which contributes to the economic viability and sustainability of the local community and is a significant and prestigious cultural event for the whole of the Argyll and Bute area.
- b. Is committed to promoting equality and ensuring that all youngsters who reside in Argyll and Bute have equity of opportunity to achieve their aspirations, ambitions and potential.
- c. Agrees to recommend to the council that the management of the Cowal Highland Gathering be advised that the current discriminatory practice in the Highland Dancing competitions whereby Helensburgh and Lomond dancers are excluded from the Argyllshire Championships ceases from 2013 onwards as a condition of the continuation of all funding, both "in kind" and through the SLA, provided by Argyll and Bute council.
- d. Agrees to recommend to the council that the management of the Cowal Highland Gathering be advised that the definition of Argyll and Bute in all of the competitions at the event from 2013 onwards reflects the current boundary of the local authority as a condition of the continuation of council funding.
- e. Agrees that this motion be considered by the council at its next meeting on the 23rd August 2012.

Signed: Jules

Councillor Vivien Dance.

Signed

Councillor Maurice Corry