

**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE held in the QUEEN'S HALL,  
DUNOON  
on TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2003**

**Present:** Councillor J R Walsh (Chair)

Councillor Currie	Councillor T B Marshall
Councillor R Macintyre	Councillor J McQueen
Councillor G McKinven	Councillor L Scoullar
Councillor B Chennell	

**Attending:** George McKenzie, Area Corporate Services Manager  
Eilidh Headrick, Area Committee Services/Information Officer  
Alan Lothian, Area Transportation Manager  
Colin Elliott, Area Service Manager, Social Work  
Susanne Gilbride, Area Housing Manger  
Alan Turnbull, Assistant Amenity Services Manager  
Philip O'Sullivan, Senior Development Control Officer  
Charlie McFadyen, Senior Building Control Officer  
Martin Turnbull, Area Community Education Officer  
Hugh Blake, Estate Surveyor  
Moirra Logan, Solicitor

Bill Martin, Scottish Water  
Caroline Jones, Scottish Water  
Robert Kerr, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency  
Jillian Dowley, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency

**1. Apologies**

An apology for absence was tendered on behalf of Councillor Strong

The Chairman advised the meeting that there was an additional item of business concerning priorities for the Area Strategy/Corporate Plan which he intended to include as Item 6(c) on the agenda of the meeting. The members accepted this proposal.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Marshall declared an interest in Minute Item 9 (a) as he was the Chairman of the Group mentioned in the report.

**3. Scottish Water**

(a) Dunoon Wastewater Treatment System - update

Caroline Jones and Bill Martin of Scottish Water gave a presentation on the revised proposals for wastewater treatment in Sandbank, Innellan and Dunoon. They highlighted the fact that the proposals for Sandbank included the inclusion of Hunter's Quay and Kirn and said that detailed studies still had to be carried out prior to any decisions being taken on the form of treatment. They then spoke about Innellan and said that a £1.4M scheme had been approved for a complete upgrading of the existing facilities based on a series of septic tanks. The Dunoon scheme was then described in detail with a proposed treatment facility at Bullwood Quarry, which had become the chosen location after consultation on other sites. Bill Martin said that the final scheme would be determined on a population basis and may include Kirn and Hunter's Quay but this would be subject to their final scoping and modelling exercises which should be completed by the end of the year. Caroline Jones told the meeting that when the schemes were in final form a wide ranging public consultation would take place and Scottish Water envisaged a public presentation in the community on their proposals.

Robert Kerr of SEPA then outlined the legislative measures which governed Scottish Water's discharges into the waters around this area and said that their proposals would be studied in detail when submitted and advertised for public comment.

There then followed a lengthy question and answer session between the representatives of Scottish Water, SEPA the Area Committee and members of the public attending the meeting which raised concerns and addressed issues of siting and the need for secondary treatment systems.

The Chairman thanked the representatives of Scottish Water and SEPA for attending the meeting and said that he hoped they would return early in the new year with their detailed proposals.

#### **4. Minutes**

(a) Minute of Area Committee of 23rd October 2003

The Area Committee approved as a correct record the minute of the meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2003

#### **5. Corporate Services**

(a) Area Budget - Update

The Chairman advised the meeting that this item had been deferred to the next meeting when an accurate update on the Area Budget would be presented along with further Capital Receipt spending proposals.

#### **6. Development Services**

(a) Report on Building Control Performance Monitoring and Six Monthly Service Plan Progress

A report was submitted detailing Building Control Performance Monitoring for the period to

Decision

The Area Committee noted the information contained in the report and commended the Senior Building Control Officer and his department for their outstanding performance.

(Reference; Report by the Building Control Manager dated 6<sup>th</sup> October 2003 – submitted.)

(b) Delegated Development & Building Control Decisions

The Committee noted delegated Development and Building Control decisions made since their last meeting.

(c) Area Strategy/Corporate Plan Development

A report was submitted asking the Area Committee to identify the 5 area priorities for the Bute and Cowal area having regard to the Current Area Strategy for submission and inclusion in the Corporate Plan Development process.

### Decision

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) the list of projects and strategy heading areas, as contained in the report and shown below be submitted on behalf of Bute & Cowal Area Committee

	Project	Enable	Do it ourselves	In Partnership	Don't do to ourselves – Influence others
1.	Dunoon Pier & Rothesay Link Span		√	√	
2.	Queen's Hall, Dunoon & Rothesay Pavilion		√	√	
3.	Roads, Bridges, Footpaths Improvements		√	√	
4.	Environmental, Sport Recreational Leisure and Infrastructural Improvements		√	√	
5.	Educational, Social Work, Housing Infrastructural Improvements		√	√	

- (ii) The Strachur Settlement and Community Asset programme submitted by Councillor Currie be included in the Area Strategy for Bute and Cowal.

(Reference; Report by Area Corporate Services Manager dated November 2003 – submitted)

## **7. Operational Services**

- (a) Ardenraig Gardens, Rothesay - Briefing Note

A briefing note on Arden Craig Gardens was submitted for information along with a note of meeting which had taken place on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2003 in Rothesay to consider this matter.

The Area Committee noted the information contained in both reports and agreed that a paper should come to the Committee at the earliest opportunity detailing the funding necessary for the remedial works needed to the greenhouses at Arden Craig Gardens.

## **8. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Hearing - The Hearing will commence at 12 noon**

Andrew Rendall, 1 Grand Marine Court, Rothesay – Taxi Driver's Licence

The Applicant did not appear at the hearing. Inspector Wallace of Strathclyde Police appeared on behalf of the Chief Constable.

In the absence of the applicant the Chairman opened the hearing and advised the members that the first matter they had to dispense with was the relevancy of the applicant's spent conviction. Having heard from Inspector Wallace on the matter of the spent conviction the committee unanimously agreed it was relevant and would be taken into consideration in determining the application.

The Committee then moved on to determine the application and the Chairman advised that it was an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence. Inspector Wallace was then asked to speak to the observation from the Chief Constable and give his reasons why he considered that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold such a licence. The members, through the Chairman, then asked some questions concerning the observation and conviction of the Inspector and Moira Logan, Solicitor. Inspector Wallace when asked by the Chairman said he had nothing further to add.

### Decision

The Area Committee refused the application by Andrew Rendall for a Taxi Driver's Licence on the grounds that he was not a fit and proper person to hold a licence in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

## **9. Exempt Items**

### **Exclusion of Press and Public**

The Area Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 and 9, Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

- (a) Lease of Land - Kilmun

Councillor Marshall declared an interest in this item of business, as he was the Chairman of the Group mentioned in the report, and left the meeting while the matter was discussed.

The Committee agreed to the lease of land at Kilmun in terms of the recommendations in the report by the Director of Corporate Services with an additional comment at Para 2.3 'that the ground should be maintained to Argyll and Bute standards.'

(b) Sale of Former Argyll Training Workshop, Union Street, Rothesay

The Committee agreed to the sale of the former Argyll training Workshop, Union Street, Rothesay on the terms contained in the report by the Director of Corporate Services

(c) Proposed Lease - 25 Argyll Street, Dunoon

The Committee unanimously agreed to the lease of the property at 25 Argyll Street, Dunoon to Mrs Jean Black & Mrs Susan John, Alnabaie, Colintrave in terms of their offer, the terms of the lease to be as recommended in the report by the Director of Corporate Services.

(d) Castle Toward

The Area Committee heard and updated report by Hugh Blake on the measures being taken on the marketing of Castle Toward. The committee endorsed his department's proposals and agreed that a full report would be submitted to a future meeting.