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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE** will be held in the **QUEEN'S HALL, DUNOON** on **TUESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2010** at **10:00 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Nigel Stewart
Director of Corporate Services

BUSINESS

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2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. MINUTES

(a) Minute of Meeting of 1st December 2009 (Pages 1 - 6)

4. PRESENTATION ON HELP'S RECENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME

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(a) Dunoon Grammar School: Standards and Quality Report 2008-2009 (Pages 7 - 16)

6. CORPORATE SERVICES

(a) Verbal Report on Dunoon - Gourock Ferry Service

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E5 (d) Sale of Ground to Scottish Water at 3 Different Locations (Pages 55 - 60)

E3 (e) Sale of Land at Sandhaven, Dunoon - report to follow

E6 (f) Tearoom, Arden Craig Gardens, Rothesay - report to follow

E7 (g) Cabman's Rest, The Pier, Rothesay - report to follow

The Committee will be asked to pass a resolution in terms of Section 50(a)94) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public for items of business with an "E" on the grounds that it is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 7a to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

The appropriate paragraph is:-

E1 – E7 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.

BUTE & COWAL AREA COMMITTEE

Councillor Robert Macintyre
Councillor Alister McAlister
Councillor James McQueen
Councillor Ron Simon
Councillor Dick Walsh

Councillor Bruce Marshall (Chair)
Councillor Alex McNaughton
Councillor Len Scoullar (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Isobel Strong

Contact: Shirley MacLeod, Area Corporate Services Manager

MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE held in the EAGLESHAM HOUSE, MOUNT PLEASANT ROAD, ROTHESAY on TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2009

Present: Councillor B Marshall (Chair)

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

Attending: Shirley MacLeod, Area Corporate Services Manager
Martin Gorringe, Operations Manager, Marine & Airports
Roy Alexander, Estates Surveyor
Martin Turnbull, Area Community Learning and Regeneration Manager

Inspector Gordon Anderson, Strathclyde Police
Mags Watson, Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Chief Inspector Mosley.

The Chairman ruled and the Committee agreed, in terms of Standing Order 3.2.2 that a report regarding the Third Marquess of Bute's Silver Wedding Dowry Fund, dealt with at item 6e of this minute, be taken as a matter of urgency due to the need to progress the matter in December of each year.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

(a) MINUTE OF AREA COMMITTEE OF 6TH OCTOBER 2009

The Minute of the Area Committee of the 6th October 2009 was approved as a correct record.

4. PRESENTATION BY MAGS WATSON, THE PRINCE'S SCOTTISH YOUTH BUSINESS TRUST

Members heard an informative presentation by Mags Watson of the Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust.

Members asked question on businesses in the Bute and Cowal Area and thanked Mags Watson for her presentation.

5. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

(a) LEISURE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

The Committee considered and determined Leisure Development Grants as follows:-

Leisure Development Grants	Project Costs	Grant Awarded
Dunoon & Cowal Business Association	£2,000	£1,000

(Reference: Report by Area Community Learning and Regeneration Manager dated November 2009 – submitted)

6. CORPORATE SERVICES

(a) VERBAL REPORT ON DUNOON - GOUROCK FERRY SERVICE

The Committee heard a verbal update from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the Gourock/Dunoon Ferry Service. She advised that the invitation to tender will be issued before the end of the year with the new service in place by June 2011. The process will be open, transparent and non discriminatory, with a town centre to town centre, unrestrictive service with subsidy for the passenger traffic.

Decision

The Committee noted the detail provided on this matter.

(b) ADOPTION OF TELEPHONE BOXES

Members heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the invitation from BT for communities to consider adopting red telephone kiosks within the local area.

Decision

The Committee:-

- i. Have no objections to communities adopting red telephone kiosks as long as they are allowed to relocate them to a location of the communities choice.
- ii. Agreed to ask BT if the red telephone kiosk at Ettrick Bay can be given to the Landscape Partnership once the telephone is no longer required.

(Reference: Report by the Area Corporate Services Manager dated 12th November 2009 – submitted)

(c) **COMMEMORATION OF LOUIS BRAILLE**

Members heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the request made to the Council to mark the bi-centenary of the birth of Louis Braille.

Decision

The Committee agreed that the Area Corporate Services Manager would write to both secondary schools in the area, Dunoon and Rothesay Libraries and Rothesay Pavilion requesting if they have a room that can be named after Louis Braille and would bring an update report to the next Area Committee meeting.

(Reference: Report by the Area Corporate Services Manager dated 10th November 2009 – submitted)

(d) **SAFER STREETS INITIATIVE**

Members heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager and Strathclyde Police Inspector Anderson on the Safer Streets Initiative Bid 2009/10.

Decision

The Committee:-

- i. Noted the contents of the report by the Director of Corporate Services.
- ii. Requested that the follow up report sent to the Scottish Government also comes to the Area Committee.

(Reference: Report by the Director of Corporate Services dated 6th October 2009 – submitted)

(e) **THIRD MARQUESS OF BUTE'S SILVER WEDDING DOWRY FUND**

Members heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the application to the Wedding Dowry Fund.

Decision

The Committee agreed to £400 from the Wedding Dowry Fund to be presented to the couple on their wedding day by Councillor Len Scoullar.

7. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Councillor MacAlister asked Inspector Anderson if there was a reason why the Police in Dunoon are making a register of taxi owners who have more than 3 vehicles. Inspector Anderson advised that it was to do with Licensing and was force wide.

Councillor McNaughton expressed his concerns over the turn off at Cairndow on the A83, and Inspector Anderson advised he would discuss this with the new

Traffic Inspector and Shirley MacLeod advised that she would contact the Head of Roads and Amenity Services.

Councillor Strong asked Inspector Anderson if he could make an observation on the lighting at the zebra crossing at the Pier side before she spoke to the Roads Department.

8. OPERATIONAL SERVICES

(a) UPDATE ON KILBRIDE ROAD & MILTON BURN FLOOD PREVENTION SCHEMES

Members heard an update report from the Operations Manager on the Milton Burn Flood Prevention Scheme.

The Committee:

- i. Noted the contents of the report by the Principal Engineer.
- ii. Agreed that the three local Members would hold an urgent meeting with the Principal Engineer to progress the issue.
- iii. Agreed that a report would come to the February Area Committee detailing funding and timescales of the scheme.
- iv. Agreed that Operational Services would progress the installation of the weir and chamber as a matter of urgency.

(Reference: Report by the Principal Engineer dated 15th November 2009 – submitted)

(b) UPDATE REPORT ON DUNOON STADIUM PITCH

Members heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the issues surrounding the sports pitches at Dunoon Stadium.

Decision

Members noted the contents of the report by the Bute & Cowal Streetscene Manager.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Roads & Amenity Services dated 11th November 2009 – submitted)

(c) UPDATE ON RIVERSIDE TOILETS

Members heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the additional information regarding manning levels, current maintenance arrangements and concerns regarding the swing gate entry system.

Decision

Members noted the contents of the report by the Bute & Cowal Streetscene

Manager and asked for an additional report regarding the manning levels and opening times to be submitted to the December Business Day.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Roads & Amenity Services dated 12th November 2009 – submitted)

(d) **SCOTTISH WATER MONITORING**

Members heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the inspections of Scottish Water Sites.

Decision

The Committee:-

- i. Noted the contents of the report.
- ii. Asked for more detail in the next report to the Area Committee on how many defects are remedied and by whom, if the Council are doing the work is it being recharged to the utilities or are they carrying out the work.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Roads and Amenity Services dated 5th December 2009 – submitted)

(e) **CAR PARKING INCOME - YEAR TO DATE UPDATE**

Members heard from the Operations Manager on the Car Parking Income and the delay in commencing projects previously approved.

Decision

The Committee:

- i. Noted the contents of the report.
- ii. Agreed that a follow up report would come to the December Business Day with the added income from the Fairground, Contractors, and with the figures showing this years actual not budget income.
- iii. Agreed that a report on the spend allocation from last years spend on what has been accomplished and what remains outstanding be brought to the December Business Day meeting.

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 Paragraphs 9 and 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

(a) **SITES AT INNELLAN, DISPOSAL TO SCOTTISH WATER**

Members heard from the Estates Surveyor on the disposal of additional ground adjacent to sites 2 and 3 at Innellan.

Decision

The Committee agreed to recommendation 2.1 contained in the report by the Director of Corporate Services.

(Reference: Report by the Director of Corporate Services dated 1st December 2009 – submitted)

(b) **OPERATION OF ROTHESAY HARBOUR**

Members heard from the Operations Manager, Marine and Airports on matters relating to the safe operations for all marine traffic at Rothesay Harbour, and were advised by the Area Corporate Services Manager of the need to ensure public and marine safety at the harbour at all times.

Decision

The Committee:-

- i. Agreed that the vessel in question be allowed use of the preferred berth for a 3 month trial period, this to take place in Spring/Summer when the harbour is busy, and only on the basis that the vessel owner carries all risks for the purpose of the trial being carried out, with no liability on the Council.
- ii. Agreed that the vessel will only occupy the berth on a limited time basis to ensure there is no monopoly of the berth.
- iii. Agreed that berthing dues need to be significant to reflect the vessel size.
- iv. Agreed that the Council will put in a management system to ensure the effective supervision of the harbour during the trial period.
- v. Agreed that all financial liabilities are settled in advance of the trial commencing.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Roads and Amenity Services dated 12th November 2009 – submitted)

ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL**BUTE AND COWAL
AREA COMMITTEE****CORPORATE SERVICES****3 FEBRUARY 2010**

**DUNOON GRAMMAR SCHOOL: STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT
2008-2009****1. SUMMARY**

A report on the performance of all Argyll and Bute pupils in the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) examination results was presented to the Strategic Policy Committee on 19 November 2009.

This report, presented by the Head Teacher, Mr Stewart Shaw, outlines the major achievements of the school in 2008/9 and includes the SQA examination results for pupils who sat examinations in May/June 2009. The results are based on pre-appeal data.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Area Committee are asked to note the continuing improvement in the performance of pupils and the commitment of staff in their examination successes and in the wider aspects of achievement across the school.

3. DETAILS

The details are included in the attached report from the school.

4. IMPLICATIONS

Policy:	None
Financial:	None
Personnel:	None
Equal Opportunities:	None

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Dunoon Grammar School

Standards and Quality Report

Session 2008-09

Foreword

It is my pleasure, as the new head teacher of Dunoon Grammar School to present the Standards and Quality Report for Session 2008-9. This session has once again been a very busy one for staff and pupils and this report reflects the hard work of all within the school. I have been very impressed by the maturity and politeness of the vast majority of our pupils and the positive relationships existing between staff and pupils. I hope that in reading it you will appreciate that much is being done to develop our young people to become successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge my gratitude to staff, parents and pupils for all that they do to ensure that the good name of Dunoon Grammar School is maintained and enhanced within our community and further afield. The report follows the format of the new style of HMIE reports.

W Stewart Shaw

Purpose

This report, on the Standards and Quality of the work within Dunoon Grammar School, informs the reader about the school's major activities, achievements and key priorities overtaken in session 2008-09. It also lists the improvement priorities for session 2009-10.

How evidence was gathered

Evidence for this report has been gathered from various sources:

- The Local Authority Review of the School
- The school improvement plan
- Published statistical information
- Internal school evaluations

1. The School

Dunoon Grammar School is a non-denominational secondary school which serves the Peninsula of Cowal. It takes pupils from our 11 associated primaries: Dunoon, Kirn, St Muns, Sandbank, Strone, Lochgoilhead, Strachur, Kilmodan, Tighnabruaicn, Inellan and Toward. In September 2008 the school roll was 1008.

For session 2008-09 the teaching complement was 72 full time equivalent. There is support staff comprising teachers from Cowal Network Support Team, administration and clerical staff, technicians, librarian, classroom assistants and ASN support. We are also supported by a School Social Worker and Campus Police Officer.

2. Particular Strengths of the school identified in the school review

- The head teacher's engagement with the whole school community in the development of values and vision to take the school forward.
- The number of friendly and confident learners who engaged well with staff and visitors to the school.
- The clear and obvious commitment of most staff to the school and its learners. This was evidenced for example in the large number of extra curricular activities and in the good staff attendance at whole school events.
- The very good facilities offered by the new school environment.
- A very supportive parent body.
- An extremely helpful and committed support staff, classroom and ASN assistants.

3. Examples of Good practice

- Development of interdisciplinary studies recognising the Scottish Dimension of the Curriculum - Finalists in the Homecoming category of the Scottish Education Awards – the History/Business management and Computing initiative showcased on ACE and Learning & Teaching Scotland websites.
- The contribution to the local community of pupils and staff.
- The development of global citizenship through the well-established German Exchange and Costa Rica Trip as well as the Malawi interdisciplinary study.
- The cross-sectoral work of departments to support links between our partner primaries and the school, especially in English and Art.
- The charitable work of pupils, supported by staff.

4. Learning and Achievement

Pupils in S6 have produced the best performance the school has had in recent years for 3+ and 5+ Higher results. It is gratifying to note that these are better than both Argyll & Bute and nationally. S4 results were not as good as in previous years but we achieved better than predicted by our CAT scores and performed well in relation to schools of similar background. In S5, our 5+ Higher is better than last year's performance but still not reaching Argyll & Bute figures. (See Appendix 1)

The local authority review noted that “The learning experience overall was very varied. There were some examples of excellent and innovative teaching that effectively engaged learners. Many lessons had poor pacing and a lack of engaging structure.”

In addressing these we have retrained Staff in teaching and learning techniques from the national *Assessment is for Learning* programme using one of Scotland's leading educational trainers, Mr I Smith. We issued all staff with his book "Asking Better Questions".

During the course of the session 10 members of staff undertook Cooperative Learning training which brings our total trained to 13. Our target is to train all staff by August 2010. During the course of next year 50% of our staff will be forming Teacher Learning Communities to further embed our active learning strategies. A further major strategy is to engage staff to reflect on learning using the recent HMle publication "Opening up Learning to engage in Leading Learning".

Wider achievement opportunities are provided by all departments and the school intends to produce a booklet detailing these. The wide range of extra-curricular activities within the school enhances pupils' learning experiences.

5. Curriculum and Meeting Learning Needs

Our pupils study a suitably broad range of subjects which meets their needs very well. Staff have made a good start to planning what needs to be done to introduce the national programme *Curriculum for Excellence*. They have started to match up their existing courses to the guidelines provided by Learning and Teaching Scotland, and have endeavoured to work collaboratively between departments to add relevance to what is being taught. Some departments have been particularly innovative and creative in developing cross-curricular initiatives. The school has been increasing the range of courses available at S3-5. It has introduced Skills for Work courses in collaboration with Argyll College in S3 and 4. Some departments have moved from presenting at Standard Grades to Intermediate 1/2. We have extended Core PE into S5. In addition, working together with our primary partners and The Local Authority *Determined to Succeed* Educational Support Officer the school developed a transition unit of work to improve continuity and enhance our already extensive liaison programme. Staff often design course-inputs from invited guests, many of whom are local, to make courses more relevant.

In a majority of lessons observed by the Local Authority Quality Improvement Team reported that tasks and resources were matched to the needs of learners. Across the school, teachers and support staff ensure that the learning needs of most children are well met. They give good support to those who are having difficulties with any aspects of their work. Staff in the Pupil Support Department are very effective in identifying pupils who have additional support needs. They plan the support for these young

people carefully. Procedures are in place to ensure that all teachers are aware of strategies to support individual children with additional support needs.

6. Staff working with others to support young people's learning

Parents are very supportive of the school, especially The Parent Council and the Pipe Band committee. Through the website, letters, our newsletter and the local press the school is providing better communication to parents and the community. The school has good working relationships with our partner agencies to support our most vulnerable pupils. Partnership agreements have been drawn up indicating working agreements between the school and these agencies. Many local businesses take pupils for work experience. Former pupils, business people and professionals support the Careers programme by participating in our "I can do anything" conference. Well-established links with our Partner Primary Schools supports all young people at transition. An extended support programme for our most vulnerable pupils is provided in conjunction with the Area Network Support Team.

7. Staff and Young People Improving their Community

The school has developed a number of links with the community. As a result of the local authority review, direct links with the Council's Community Learning and Regeneration team are better established. Links have been made with voluntary organisations such as Envirokirk and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme to enhance pupil learning. Regular parent surveys are now being undertaken to help inform our improvement agenda. Year Group Councils and the School Council give pupils an opportunity to express their views. As yet, however, pupils do not see these councils as having impact. The school Eco-committee and the Young Enterprise Team made inroads to raise the profile of the need to improve the environment. The school bands, choirs and individual pupils are regularly invited to perform at events within the community. The school has a good reputation for the high standards of public performances such as concerts, musicals, and pantomimes. The school is playing a major part in supporting the redevelopment of the Burgh Hall.

Over the year, staff have been working hard to improve the way they evaluate the work of the school. Senior managers have begun a programme of observing lessons, giving constructive feedback, and engaging staff to reflect on young people's learning. This has to be consistently embedded onto practice. Teachers set targets for pupil's attainment in S3-6, and in the best cases monitor their

progress. This has to be more systematically undertaken by all staff. Most departments have conducted surveys to gauge pupils' views about their learning experiences and in light of these have made adjustments to their curriculum. Pupils commendably take responsibility for charitable fund raising, supporting local, national and international causes.

8. High expectations of All Young People.

Staff set high expectations for pupils and encourage them to work to the best of their ability. Many provide supported study sessions for pupils undertaking SQA examinations throughout the year and during the Easter holidays. Staff, however, must engage more regularly with pupils individually to discuss how to improve their learning.

Motivational conferences are regularly held to support pupils learning.

The local authority review identified that “staff behaviour management skills were less well developed and this resulted in a slower, less challenging learning experience. The school should ensure that appropriate staff training on behaviour and classroom management is put in place and followed through by the senior leadership team.”

As a result we have undertaken a programme of training in Assertive Discipline Techniques, introduced a Duty Rector Support System, a work-out zone within Pupil Support (Behaviour) and various strategies to support individual pupils with behavioural challenges.

9. Planned Improvements

Through consultation with pupils, staff and parents the school has produced its shared vision, values and aims statement. Priorities for improvement are identified in the school's Strategic Improvement Plan.

The key areas of focus for session 2009-10 are:

Priority 1: A Curriculum for Excellence

Priority 2: Learning & Teaching

Priority 3: Self Evaluation

Priority 4: Pupil Support

Priority 5: Leadership

Appendix1: Attainment Figures

SQA Results 2009

	School	Argyll and Bute	Scotland
In S4 5+ Standard Grades 1-6	92	92	91
5+ Standard Grades 1-4	80	81	77
5+ Standard Grades 1-2	34	35	35
In S5 1+ Higher Grades A-C	46	45	40
3+ Higher Grades A-C	21	23	23
5+ Higher Grades A-C	7	9	10
In S6 3+ Higher Grades A-C	37	35	31
5+ Higher Grades A-C	24	23	20
1+ Advanced Higher	10	16	13

**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL
CORPORATE SERVICES**

**BUTE AND COWAL
AREA COMMITTEE
2nd February 2010**

CRUACH MOR AND CLACHAN FLATS WIND FARM TRUSTS.

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 This report updates Members on the work of both the Cruach Mhor and Clachan Flats Farm Trusts.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 Members are asked to note these updates, which are the most recent of the annual updates required by the Area Committee on the work of the Trusts.

3.0 DETAIL

3.1 The detail of this report is contained at Appendix 1.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

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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Date: 22nd January 2010

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Clachan Flats (Cairndow) Windfarm Trust

Report to: Bute & Cowal Area Committee

Report from: Morven Short, Secretary/Treasurer

Date: 18th January 2010

The initial meeting of the Trust was held on 7th January 2009 to explain the background to the formation of the Trust and how it will operate.

Draft Constitution and draft Standing Orders were issued to the nominated representatives on the Trust, to be considered and agreed at a formal inaugural meeting. This meeting was held on 3rd March 2009. Office Bearers were appointed: Ernie McPherson, Cairndow community representative as Chair and Morven Short, Cairndow Community Council representative as Secretary/Treasurer. Other Board members were confirmed as Glyn Toplis, Cairndow Community Council representative; Councillor Bruce Marshall, Argyll & Bute Council representative and Martin Mathers, Community Relations Manager, ScottishPower Renewables representative.

The Constitution and Standing Orders were approved at the 3rd March meeting.

At a meeting of the Trust on 21st April 2009 it was agreed to open a bank account with the Royal Bank of Scotland. With completion of the formation of the Trust, arrangements were put in place to have the funds transferred from Argyll & Bute Council and on 8th June 2009 a deposit of £15,000.64 was made.

An event to launch the Trust was held in Cairndow Village Hall on June 6th 2009.

A meeting, to consider the first two grant applications received, was held on 17th August 2009. Cairndow Community Childcare was awarded a grant of £3,500 for revenue costs to cover a funding shortfall for their 2009/10 financial year and this was paid out on 25th August 2009.

An application from Cairndow Bowling Club for up to £1850 was approved in principle but payment was deferred pending back-up information and quotations being submitted. On submission of the required information, a grant of £1588.58 was paid on 8th October 2009.

An application from Strachur Primary School for funding assistance to cover transport costs so that pupils could attend two environmental events, one at Hunters Quay and one at Ardentenny was approved by way of electronic mailing among the Trust members, due to time constraints. On the basis of the detailed information provided by the Head Teacher, it was agreed unanimously that the projects would benefit the children from Cairndow that attend the school, as such extra-curricular activities are limited for the village's children due to geographic location. £500 was paid to the school on 15th September 2009.

Total grant payout for 2009 therefore amounts to £5,588.58, leaving a bank balance at 30th December 2009, including £2.56 interest received, of £9,414.62.

A further payment in to the Trust funds, amounting to £7000.64, via Argyll & Bute Council, was made in January 2010.

CRUACH MHOR WIND FARM TRUST
REPORT FOR YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2009

This report is made to the Bute and Cowal area Committee of Argyll and Bute Council of the activities of the Cruach Mhor Wind Farm Trust for the year ending 31st March 2009. At the end of the year the Trustees in office were Councillor Alex McNaughton, elected member and chairman, Tom Mowat and Danuta Steedman nominees of the Colintrave and Glendaruel Community Council and Councillor Bruce Marshall.

The index linked payment received from Scottish Power during the year was £24758.76. Interest was received from the Royal Bank of Scotland on the current account of £164.27 and on the Bank's special reserve account of £3089.98. During the year seventeen grant applications were approved totalling £22750.00. These included grants to Kilmodan Primary school, Glendaruel Hall Creche, the Colintrave and Glendaruel Gun Club, the Indoor Bowling Clubs, the Colintrave village Hall, the Dunans Charitable Trust, the local Newsletter, Friends of Kilmodan and Colintrave Church and others.

At the close of the year the balance of funds as shown in the attached financial statement stood at £69313.43 held in a current account with a balance of £4313 43 and in the Bank's special reserve account £65000.

During the year consideration was given to the needs of the Cowal Way and the Colintrave and Glendaruel Development Trust, both of which were anticipating development expenditure and the probable need for considerable grant support from the Wind Farm Trust. Their intentions were noted and would be dealt with when applications were submitted.

This report prepared by Tom Mowat, Secretary and Treasurer.

Waulkmill,
Glendaruel,
Argyll

23rd January 2010

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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL
CORPORATE SERVICES**

**BUTE AND COWAL
AREA COMMITTEE
2nd February 2010**

COMMEMORATION OF LOUIS BRAILLE.

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report gives Members information regarding a recent request made to the Council to mark the bi-centenary of the birth of Louis Braille.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Members are asked to consider the request made by the Royal National Institute of Blind People, that the bi centenary of the birth of Louis Braille be marked appropriately by the Council.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 Members considered a report at the Area Committee meeting held in December 2009 regarding a written request from the Royal National Institute of Blind People that the Council mark the bi- centenary of the birth of Louis Braille (1809-52).
- 3.2 The RNIB has indicated that naming a street or building in Argyll and Bute after Braille would celebrate this world-famous invention, and highlight the Council's commitment to helping people with a disability achieve their full potential.
- 3.3 The Area Committee agreed to investigate the possibility of naming a room or an area in perhaps one of the local libraries, one of the secondary schools or perhaps in Rothesay Pavilion after Braille to mark the bi-centenary of his birth.
- 3.4 Following approaches made to the Culture and Libraries Manager, the manager of the Pavilion, and the Head Teachers of both Rothesay Academy and Dunoon Grammar School, each has said that there is no clearly identified area in any of their facilities which would particularly lend itself to being named in this way. Both Head Teachers have said that they could perhaps name a reading area within their libraries after Braille, and the manager of the Pavilion has indicated that a room in the

refurbished Pavilion could be named in this way, but clearly it will be some time until the refurbishment is due to be carried out and completed.

- 3.5 The Culture and Libraries Manager has indicated that he does not foresee any suitable space within facilities in either Rothesay or Dunoon, but has suggested that if a commemorative plaque were to be commissioned either of the libraries might be a good location for displaying this.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

Members are asked to consider this information in light of the request made by the Royal National Institute of Blind People.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Policy: In line with Council's policy on Inclusion.

Financial: None

Personnel: None

Equal Opportunities: None

For further information contact: Shirley MacLeod, Area Corporate Services Manager.

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Date: 11th January 2010

**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL
CORPORATE SERVICES**

**BUTE AND COWAL
AREA COMMITTEE
2nd February 2010**

POTENTIAL TWINNING VISIT BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM KORCULA.

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report gives Members updated information regarding the potential twinning visit of officials from Korcula to Bute and Cowal in August 2010.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the information provided in relation to ongoing consideration of the possibility of a return twinning visit by officials from Korcula to Bute and Cowal in August 2010.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 Members will recall that in May 2009 a visit was made to Korcula, Croatia for the purpose of re-invigorating the twinning link between Korcula and the Bute and Cowal area which was put in place by Sir Fitzroy MacLean. At the conclusion of that visit it was agreed that a return visit by the Croatians to Bute and Cowal would take place, potentially during 2010.
- 3.2 The Area Chair has subsequently suggested that the return visit should take place during August, at the time of the Cowal Highland Gathering, in order to provide a high spectacle visit and experience for the Croatian visitors.
- 3.3 Provisional information regarding potential itineraries etc was provided at the November Business Meeting, at which time Members asked for detailed costings associated with the potential visit to be provided.
- 3.4 It is anticipated that the travel costs for the Croatians between Korcula and Glasgow airport will be borne by themselves.

3.5 Other costs associated with the visit, which will require to be met by the Council, can be summarised as follows:

- i) Provision of a car and driver to transport the visitors around the area. It is hoped that use could be made of the Council car, driven by a Council Officer, for the 5 day duration of the visit. Agreement for this will require to be sought in the first instance from the Provost, who has always shown willingness for this vehicle to be used on corporate occasions when possible, but it must be borne in mind that the Provost may have need of the vehicle himself during the time of the visit. If the vehicle is able to be used there will be a cost associated with this use in terms of overtime payments to be made to the driver, which is likely to amount to an absolute maximum of **£300**.
- ii) Hotel accommodation for three guests from Croatia for 4 nights in the Creggans Inn, Strachur. Included in the estimate for this is the cost of provision of a late night supper on the night of arrival (26th August), leading to an estimated total cost of **£1150** (12 nights at £75, plus £250 allowance for evening meals for 5 persons).
- iii) Lunch costs for lunch to be provided on visits to Bute (Friday 27th August) and Mid Argyll areas (Sunday 29th August) and at Cowal Highland Gathering (Saturday 28th) for three visitors plus three representatives from Argyll and Bute - **£450** (18 meals @ £25).
- iv) Cost of reception dinner to be hosted at Chatters Restaurant, Dunoon, on the evening of Sunday 29th August for a maximum of 15 people including community representatives - **£750**
- v) Cost of Gifts for Croatians- total **£250**

3.6 Total costs of visit- **£2,900**

3.7 It is understood that early discussions in regard to the potential for funding for the visit to be made available from the Provost's fund have taken place and been generally positive.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

4.1 Members are asked to consider the cost implications of the proposed visit and the potential for these to be met through use of the Provosts Fund.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None
Financial: Costs to be covered are detailed above.
Personnel: None
Equal Opportunities: None

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Date: 22nd January 2010

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ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL**BUTE AND COWAL
AREA COMMITTEE****2nd February 2010**

BUTE AND COWAL AREA PLAN

1. SUMMARY

Members agreed the draft Bute and Cowal Area Plan at the business meeting held in January 2010, subject to final detailing by identified Lead Officers. This finalisation has now been completed

2. RECOMMENDATION

1. That Members approve the Bute and Cowal Area Plan as outlined in Appendix 1 and agree that this plan be recommended for approval by Council in February 2010 as part of the Council's budget setting process.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Bute and Cowal Area Plan is an integral part of the Council's Planning and Performance Management Framework and was agreed in detail in 2009 as part of the review of the Corporate Plan. Review of the plan over recent months has resulted in stream lining of some outcomes and action, and a clearer identification of success measures within the plan.
- 3.2 In adopting the Planning and Performance Management Framework there has been a fundamental shift in how the Area Plans are to be viewed – rather than an aspirational document it is intended that, for the area delivery priorities, the content should be restricted only to those items which are fully developed, costed and focused. All actions must have clear success measures associated with them, allowing ongoing monitoring of the plan to be undertaken via the Council's Pyramid performance management system.
- 3.3 Where the priority requires a revenue spend to be made services are being asked to confirm whether they will be making an allocation of this spend within their service budgets. Where they are not then the area committee needs to consider making an "Area Development Bid" for the sum required. Where a bid is to be made the Area Committee are asked to identify where they would propose reducing

spend in another area to meet the funding required.

- 3.4 Where the priority requires a capital spend then items can only be included where an Outline or Initial Business case has been undertaken.

4. IMPLICATIONS

Policy Sets Area priorities for future years. Subject to yearly review.

Financial Considered as part of the Council's budget process in February 2010

Personnel

Equal Opportunities

Legal

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Leading Rural Area

Council Strategic Objectives

Bute & Cowal Area Priorities

Outstanding Environment

Environment – promoting our cultural, social and natural heritage and protecting our unique area

Improved Civic Pride in our Towns and Communities

Vibrant Communities

Social Change – affecting demographic change, caring for vulnerable people and lifelong learning

Safe, Strong, Secure Communities
Improved Health, Well Being and Social Inclusion

Forward Looking

Organisational Development – improving, innovative, proactive and successful

Economy – creating an attractive, well connected, modern economy

Town which are Strong Centres of Economic Activity and have Strong Community Identity
Effective Transport Infrastructure and Services

Effective Community Engagement

Underpinned by our values and ways of working

AREA PLAN FOR BUTE & COWAL

Outstanding Environment						
Environment - promoting our cultural, social and natural heritage and protecting our unique area						
Ref	Outcome	Actions to achieve outcome	Success measures	Key dates	Lead	Risks
	Improved civic pride in our towns and communities	Improved visual amenity and cleanliness of towns and villages by implementation of Streetscene.	Dog Fouling - Number of Complaints Dog Fouling - Number of Fines Issued Streetscene Officer Service - Number of Fines Issued Cleanliness Index Monitoring System - CIMS Local Environment Audit and Management System - LEAMS Beautiful Scotland success in Kim and Botheasy extended to other areas	Quarterly Quarterly Quarterly Quarterly Quarterly Quarterly	Alan MacDonald Alan MacDonald Alan MacDonald Alan MacDonald Alan MacDonald Alan MacDonald	Area development bid Area reduction
		Working with communities with a view to obtaining external funding, prepare a programme of environmental improvements to the Area, including the recommendations in the Land Use Consultants Report.	Service Development Officer to develop programme of improvements	Summer 2010	Alan MacDonald	Budget not secured
		Develop play area partnerships and funding opportunities.	Formal partnership formed for West Bay and Sandbank 2009. This represents 50% of Council play areas in Bute & Cowal area.		Alan Kerr	Lack of Community interest to form Partnerships.
		Events and Festivals marketed by encouraging the growth in walking, sports, arts, literary, food and music festivals and events including local involvement.	Number of Events and festivals supported through leisure development grants, the capital fund and external funding through partnership working.		Shirley MacLeod	Grant budget reduced; partnerships dissolved
		Sustained level of sponsorship from Council of strategic area events	Sustainability Number of key events		Pat McCann	Reduction of cultural budget in 2010/11
		Advice on external funding for events and festivals.	Number of events and festivals provided with information/advice	Quarterly	Arlene Cullum Shirley MacLeod	Ongoing staff resource required
		Bute and Cowal Page Central Events Diary on Council website updated promptly	Number of events publicised in this way			

Outstanding Environment

Environment - promoting our cultural, social and natural heritage and protecting our unique area

Ref	Outcome	Actions to achieve outcome	Success measures	Key dates	Lead	Risks	Area development	Area reduction
	People feel safe, strong and secure in their community	Assess subject to flooding will be protected by implementation of the Milton Burn Flood Prevention Scheme	Pipeline section within supermarket carpark completed.	2009/10	Arthur McCulloch	Access to land, traffic flows and management of flows, ground conditions, underground public utility apparatus, weather, funding, market conditions, legal processes, SEPA.		
Design phases completed.			2010					
Work commenced.			09 and 10					
	Assess and develop flood and coastal protection measures throughout Bute and Cowal	Assess and develop flood and coastal protection measures throughout Bute and Cowal	Schemes completed.	2010/11	Alan Kerr	Capital budget reduced. Other schemes take priority. Cost benefit assessment make scheme impractical to proceed. Change in legislation		
			Consultants appointed December 2009 to assist with scheme preparation and will also take forward Ardernside Road and Sandhaven Sandbank. Glenacree has been added to list of year 1 schemes programmed to be designed late February 2010.	2011/12				

Vibrant Communities							
Economy - creating an attractive, well connected, modern economy							
Ref	Outcome	Actions to achieve outcome	Success measures	Key dates	Lead	Risks	
	Promoting effective use of all our transport infrastructure and services	Development of marine access pontoons at Arrochar and Loch Goll	Provision of Pontoons at Arrochar	2010	Douglas Blades	Funding bid fails, Commitment of Partners	Area development bid Area reduction
		Provision of Pontoons at Loch Goll		2011	Douglas Blades		
		Provision of Pontoons at Loch Goll	Audit to identify where opportunities exist	2010	Douglas Blades	Unable to identify community/private sector partners	
		Facilitate progression of projects	Percentage increase in proactive lining achieved from base year, Budget not increased, use this year as base and monitor for next year.	2010	Alan Kerr	Depends on roads RTD budget, Availability of lining companies.	
		Safety of roads network is improved	Percentage increase in scrub clearing achieved from base year, Budget not increased, use this year as base and monitor for next year.	2010			
		Development of Local Transport Forum	Review of Traffic Management Schemes:- Dunoon Streets Various- updated at Business meeting, proposals amended. Cromlech Road / Queens Road- included in Dunoon Streets Order Argyll Rd/ Clyde Street- included in Dunoon Streets Order Kim Marine Parade- included in Dunoon Streets Order Marine Parade North Side of Kim Brae Westside- included in Dunoon Streets Sandbank High Road and Bancorm Brae- to be included in traffic assessment for proposed developments at Dunlochan Argyll Road parking bay opposite Fhavern & Shuna Gars- with Headquarters for formal issue Argyll Road parking bay opposite Fhavern & Shuna Gars- with Headquarters for formal issue Group Established Action Plan Developed Number of Improvements to Rural Transport Provision	2009	Alan Kerr	Depends on Roads Network Budget and external temporary traffic orders.	
				2010	Rowan Simpson		

Forward Looking						
Organisational Development - continuous improvement, innovation and culture change						
Ref	Outcome	Actions to achieve outcome	Success measures	Key dates	Lead	Risks
	Communities are involved at a local level in the Area Committee	Consult with local communities to identify needs and issues Utilise a range of methods and techniques to facilitate community engagement Extend capacity building work with local communities Council services identify staff, time, resources, training and funds to support engagement processes- one	Communities have agreed local priorities Appropriate methods are identified for all levels of involvement Communities have the capacity to engage effectively Resources are identified and committed to support community engagement at all levels		Martin Turnbull Martin Turnbull Martin Turnbull Martin Turnbull	Community engagement strategy needs to be finalised
						Area development bid
						Area reduction

AREA PLAN FOR BUTE AND COWAL AREA

Service Financial Summary	2007/8	2008/9	Revenue			Capital			Human resources					
	actual £000	budget £000	2009/10 £000	2010/11 £000	2011/12 £000	Comments	2009/10 £000	2010/11 £000	2011/12 £000	Comments	2009/10 FTE	2010/11 FTE	2011/12 FTE	Comments
Budgetary Reconciliation														
Area development bids														
Area service reductions														
Total			0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	

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ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL
BUTE & COWAL AREA COMMITTEE**OPERATIONAL SERVICES****2 FEBRUARY 2010**

MILTON BURN FLOOD PREVENTION SCHEME

1. SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise the Members of the status of the project.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members note the report.

3. DETAILS

Following on from the December 2009 Area Committee meeting, local members and officers met to discuss the project. The outcome of that meeting was to re-programme the scheme, assuming that access to the necessary ground will be achieved by voluntary agreement rather than through the powers obtained by the lengthy process contained in the Flood Prevention Act.

Accordingly a site investigation tender has been issued to obtain information on the ground below John Street. This is expected to be on site in February.

The tenders for the main works (retaining walls and bunds upstream of and at the supermarket, the draw-off chamber/weir at the carpark and the completion of the flood relief pipe in John Street) are now programmed for issue in spring with expected start on site in the summer. Works are likely to take a year and when completed, will deal with the majority of the flows in the burn up to the 1 in 100 year plus climate change flood event. Consideration can then be given as to whether any works would be required in future, downstream of the supermarket.

Estates colleagues have been in contact with the supermarket to set up a meeting to discuss compensation for the loss of car parking spaces during the works. The supermarket's approach to this is absolutely vital to progress with the scheme for the programme above.

The project will be taken through the Outline Business Case procedure.

4. IMPLICATIONS

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| 4.1 | Policy | None |
| 4.2 | Financial | All construction costs have a financial risk |

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| 4.3 | Personnel | Significant officer time is required to develop the project |
| 4.4 | Equalities Impact Assessment | Not required |
| 4.5 | Legal | The current programme assumes that access to the ground to undertake the project will be secured by voluntary means. If this is not successful, the scheme will need to be advertised through the Flood Prevention Act. |

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ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL
BUTE & COWAL AREA COMMITTEE**OPERATIONAL SERVICES****2 FEBRUARY 2010**

SCOTTISH WATER

1. SUMMARY

The information contained in this report relates to inspections of Scottish Water sites.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Area Committee are asked to:

1. Note the contents of this Report.
2. Confirm that the frequency of bi monthly reporting be accepted.

3. DETAILS

This report has been prepared as a result of a meeting between Scottish Water and the Leader of Argyll and Bute Council with other Bute and Cowal elected Members. The purpose of the meeting was to highlight concerns about Scottish Water's operations in the Bute and Cowal area.

Total number of Inspections completed since 1 April 2009	28
Number of inspections due to 31 March 2010. System generated.	2
Number of defects inspections charged to Scottish Water from area over last 2 months.	0
Number of defects repaired by Scottish Water.	0
Who repaired the defects	Not Argyll and Bute Council
No of defects repaired and recharged to Scottish Water by Argyll and Bute Council	0

4. IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Policy None.

4.2	Financial	None: Costs recovered via the agreed sample inspections.
4.3	Personnel	None
4.4	Equalities Impact Assessment	None
4.5	Legal	None

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25 January 2010

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