

**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE held in the CASTLE HOUSE,
CASTLE GARDENS, DUNOON
on TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2011**

Present: Councillor B Marshall (Chair)

Councillor A MacAlister
Councillor J McQueen
Councillor R Simon

Councillor L Scoullar
Councillor I Strong

Attending: Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager
Allan Macdonald, Area Streetscene Manager
Paul Convery, Planning/Development Officer
Paul Farrell, Roads Engineer
David Clements, Performance Manager
Jennifer Crawford, Estates Surveyor
Lorraine Prentice, Childrens Services

Janet McKellar, Dunoon Community Development Trust
Vicky Neville, Forestry for People Ranger

Chief Inspector Mosley, Strathclyde Police

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of the following:-

Councillor R Macintyre
Councillor A McNaughton
Councillor J McQueen

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. FORESTRY FOR PEOPLE RANGER POST

Members heard an informative presentation from Vicky Neville, Forestry for People Ranger, on the activities she will be carrying out in the Bishops Glen/Morag Fairy Glen.

4. MINUTES

(a) MINUTE OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETING OF 2ND AUGUST 2011

The Minutes of the Meeting of 2nd August 2011 were approved as a correct record.

(b) **MINUTES OF SPECIAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING OF 6TH SEPTEMBER 2011**

The Minutes of the Meeting of 6th September 2011 were approved as a correct record.

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES

(a) **DUNOON GRAMMAR SCHOOL REPORT**

Members heard an informative presentation from Stewart Shaw, Head Teacher of Dunoon Grammar School on the major achievements of the school in 2010/11 including the SQA examination results for pupils who sat examinations in May/June 2011.

Decision

The Committee noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by the Head Teacher Dunoon Grammar School – submitted)

6. DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

(a) **BUTE & COWAL HEADSTONES**

Members heard from the Area Streetscene Manager on the position regarding headstone safety in the Bute & Cowal area.

Decision

Members noted the information contained in the report and the remedial actions proposed.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services – submitted)

(b) **MILTON BURN FLOOD PREVENTION SCHEME**

Members heard a verbal update from the Area Governance Manager on the Milton Burn Flood Prevention Scheme.

Decision

The Committee noted the detail provided.

(c) **WINTER SERVICE POLICY 2011-2012**

Members heard from the Roads Engineer on the Winter Service Policy document for season 2011-12.

Decision

The Committee:-

- i. Noted the updated policy prior to submission to the Executive.
- ii. Asked that salt bins be strategically placed throughout the area to allow the public and contractors access to grit.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services dated 12th September 2011 – submitted)

(d) **CASTLE TOWARD**

Members heard from the Planning/Development Officer on Historic Scotland's listing review of Castle Toward and the implications of the proposed change.

Decision

The Committee agreed to continue this report for further consultation with Local Members on the matter.

(Reference: Report by the Development Policy Manager – submitted)

(e) **DUNOON PIER**

Members heard from the Planning/Development Officer on Historic Scotland's proposal to relist Dunoon Pier from a Category B Listed Building to a Category A Listed Building and the implications of this change.

Decision

The Committee agreed to the relisting of Dunoon Pier.

(Reference: Report by the Development Policy Manager – submitted)

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UNIT

(a) **AREA PLAN AND SCORECARD**

Members heard from the Performance Manager on the proposal to monitor local performance through a redesigned Area Scorecard, linked to the Corporate Plan and Service Plans and set aside the existing Area Plan.

Decision

The Committee agreed:-

- i. To set aside the existing draft Area Plan.
- ii. To participate in the development of a new Area Scorecard to better reflect local issues within an Argyll and Bute context.

(Reference: Report by the Performance Manager – submitted)

8. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Chief Inspector Mosley asked Members to contact him if they have any problems they wish a police response to.

Chief Inspector Mosley advised the Committee that the number of fatal road accidents was down as well as reports of drinking offences, there was an increase in scrap metal crimes and domestic violence which the Police were keeping a close eye on.

Councillor R Simon asked about speeding cars in the Ashgrove area in Kirn and about cars parking at the double yellow lines at the shops and Chief Inspector Mosley said he would look into the matter.

Chief Inspector Mosley advised that the Traffic Warden was being redeployed to Glasgow Airport. Chief Inspector Mosley also advised that the Police will be talking to MOT centres regarding noisy exhausts on cars.

Jennifer Woodward from Sandbank Community Council asked about the log lorries coming through Sandbank and parents being concerned when they are walking their children to school. Chief Inspector Mosley advised there was little they could do unless they were driving without due care and attention but said he would look into the matter.

Jennifer Woodward wished to comment on the good job Scottish Water have done in Sandbank and Councillor Marshall said he would let them know.

Councillor Marshall wished to advised the Committee that Bencorrum Brae would be closed for a week commencing 10th October.

9. EXEMPT ITEM

EXEMPT PARAGRAPH

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50A(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 9 respectively of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

(a) SALE OF GROUND FOR ACCESS SPUR AT CARRICK FARM

Members heard from the Estates Surveyor on the sale of ground for an access spur at Carrick Farm.

Decision

The Committee agreed to point 2.1 of the report by the Executive Director of Customer Services.

(Reference: report by the Executive Director of Customer Services dated 6 September 2011 – submitted.