NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE will be held in the PILLAR HALL, VICTORIA HALLS, HELENSBURGH on TUESDAY, 11 JUNE 2013 at 9:30 AM, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director - Customer Services

BUSINESS

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    COMMITTEE
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HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE

Councillor Maurice Corry  Councillor Vivien Dance
Councillor George Freeman (Vice Chair)  Councillor David Kinniburgh
Councillor Robert Graham MacIntyre  Councillor Aileen Morton
Councillor Ellen Morton  Councillor Gary Mulvaney
Councillor James Robb  Councillor Richard Trail (Chair)
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1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Aileen Morton, Ellen Morton, Maurice Corry, Gary Mulvaney and Chief Superintendent Barry McEwan.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor V Dance, as a result of comments arising from discussion of the identity of the owners of land, declared a non financial interest in part 3.8 of item 8 and took no part in the discussion of that item.

Councillor J Robb declared a non financial interest in part 3.9 of item 8 by reason of a family member being a member of the group and took no part in the discussion of this item.

Councillor R Macintyre declared a financial interest in part 3.18 of item 8 by reason of being a member of the groups committee and took no part in the discussion of this item.

3. MINUTE OF MEETING 12 FEBRUARY 2013

The Minute of the Area Committee of 12th February 2013 were approved as a correct record subject to the following amendments:-

At item 4, paragraph 2; an “E” should be inserted between “Councillor” and “Morton”
At item 4, paragraphs 3 and 4; the words “Nesbit” should be replaced with “Nisbet”

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

5. NEW SCOTTISH POLICE SERVICE

Having received apologies from the Chief Superintendant this item was continued to the June Area Committee.

6. ROADS CAPITAL RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 2012-2015 - YEAR 1 REVIEW AND YEAR 2 PROGRAMME

Councillor R Macintyre expressed his apologies for being late and joined the meeting at this stage.


Decision

The Committee noted the information contained in the report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Service dated 28th March 2013 – submitted and tabled)

7. AREA SCORECARD - FQ3 2012-13

Members heard from the Project Officer on the Area Scorecard with exceptional performance for financial quarter 3 of 2012 -13.

Decision

The Committee noted the exceptional performance presented on the Scorecard and asked that more information on the nature of the complaints regarding Waste Collection be submitted to a future meeting.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Improvement and HR – submitted)

8. THIRD SECTOR GRANT APPLICATIONS 2013

Councillor V Dance, as a result of comments arising from discussion of the identity of the owners of land declared a non financial interest in the Helensburgh Community Woodlands Group item, left the meeting and took no part in the determination of that item.

Councillor J Robb, having declared a non financial interest in the Helensburgh Amateur Athletics, left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or
determination of that item.

Councillor R Macintyre, having declared a financial interest in the Rosneath Peninsula Highland Games, left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or determination of that item.

The Community Development Officer spoke on the recommendations for the award of Third Sector Grants

Decision

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(Reference: Report by the Community Development Manager dated 2nd April 2013 – submitted)
9. ADULT PROTECTION - BIENNIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATION - BILL BRACKENRIDGE, REBECCA BARR

The Committee considered a report by the Independent Chair of the Argyll and Bute Adult Protection Committee on the Adult Protection Biennial Report.

Decision

Noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Independent Chair of the Argyll and Bute Adult Protection Committee, submitted)

10. APPOINTMENT TO ARGYLL COMMUNITY HOUSING ASSOCIATION (ACHA) - LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Members heard from the Head of Governance and Law on the elected Member representation on the Helensburgh and Lomond ACHA Local Area Committee.

Decision

The Committee agreed to continue this item to the June Area Committee.

(Reference: Report by the Area Governance Manager dated 19th March 2013 – submitted)

11. HELENSBURGH PIER CAR PARK - CHORD PROJECT

Members heard from the Technical Officer on the request by the Helensburgh CHORD project design team to extend the dates of the contractors site compound during the construction phase.

Decision

The Committee:-

1. Approves the request for an extension in the time period from the Helensburgh CHORD project team for the provision of the contractor’s compound during the period of the construction phase including the initial mobilisation period. Programme dates 8th April 2013 – 30th August 2014.
2. Agrees that no charge be made for use of this area of the car park through this period.

(Reference: Report by the Technical Officer – submitted)

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 Paragraphs 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.
12. SEASONAL LEASE, OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, HERMITAGE PARK

Members heard from the Asset Manager on the offer received in respect of the Pavilion and outdoor recreational facilities at Hermitage Park, Helensburgh which was recently advertised for lease for the 2013 summer season.

Decision

The Committee agreed to the recommendations contained in the report by the Executive Director of Customer Services.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director of Customer Services dated 26th March 2013 – submitted)

13. GARELOCHHEAD LIBRARY

Members heard from the Asset Manager on the current status of the former Garelochhead Library and the investigations being undertaken with regard to options on the future use or development of the property.

Decision

The Committee agreed to the recommendations contained in the report by the Executive Director of Customer Services.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director of Customer Services dated 28th March 2013 – submitted)
REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE HELENSBURGH – THOUARS TWINNING COMMITTEE

1. SUMMARY

1.1 Request for financial assistance from the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee Twinning Budget 2012/13 has been received from the Helensburgh Twinning Committee towards the costs of hosting the 30th Anniversary visit to Helensburgh in July 2013.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Members are asked to note the request and agree to grant the sum of £833 from the Twinning Budget for 2013/14 towards the costs of this initiative.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Helensburgh – Thouars Twinning Association was set up in 1983 with Dumbarton District Council to link the town of Thouars, France with Helensburgh. The Twinning Agreement was re-signed with Argyll and Bute Council in 1999. Accordingly, the Association is due to celebrate 30 years of effective twinning between the towns in 2013 and the Committee is keen to make sure the visit is a special, memorable event.

3.2 The Argyll and Bute Council budget available for 2013/14 is £833 to financially support twinning initiatives.

4. DETAILS

4.1 Over the last 30 years the twinning between Helensburgh and Thouars has proven to be successful with visits between the two towns, which has assisted French and Scottish young people with work experience in another country and is of great benefit to those who are learning languages.

4.2 In recognition of the anniversary event, the Association wishes to promote the twinning links locally, with a specific emphasis on increasing the number of young people and young families who participate in the twinning links.
4.3 Particular initiatives being undertaken this year for the anniversary visit include visits to Cruachan, Inveraray, Loch Lomond, Stirling, Bo’ness and Edinburgh, and a visit to the Rosneath Highland Games. The climax of the visit will be an official dinner in the Victoria Halls, followed by a street party the day after. It is assistance towards the cost of these activities which is being sought by the Committee in this request.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy: Consistent with Council’s policy to support twinning links between Helensburgh and Thouars

Financial: Utilising the Twinning Budget 2013/14

Personnel: None

Equal Opportunities: None

For further information contact: Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager

Telephone 01360 707134, shirley.macleod@argyll-bute.gov.uk

10th May 2013.
Dear Belinda

As Secretary of the Helensburgh and District Twinning Association, I am once again, on behalf of the committee, applying for the Argyll and Bute Twinning Grant for the forthcoming visit to Helensburgh in July 2013.

This year sees the 30th Anniversary of the Twinning between the Towns of Thouars in France and Helensburgh and District. We are expecting 40 adults and 10 children to visit us this time. As in previous years the visiting group will stay with Scottish host families for the ten days of the visit.

We have put together a very varied programme for this years visit. We are especially proud to show them Scotland at its best with visits to Cruachan, Inveraray, Loch Lomond, Stirling, Bo’ness and Edinburgh. Also this year the visit will include the Rosneath Highland Games which will be a memorable occasion for them all to attend. We have a Ceilidh planned, as we have learned from previous visits that our French friends are always very willing to participate in Scottish dancing. The climax of the visit will be the official dinner in the Victoria Halls for the 30th celebrations and an informal street party the day after.

This is the first time the whole group will be travelling by air and not by coach. So we will be hiring a coach to transport them during these trips.

We have been fund raising continually for the visit in many ways, bag packing and mainly running the Tea Bar at the locally held ‘Food and Craft Fair’.

As you can see, we have a very full programme for this visit. If it is possible to have any help with money from the Argyll and Bute Twinning Budget, we would be most grateful. If you require a breakdown of our expenses, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Sue

Sue Hume
Secretary, Helensburgh and District Twinning Assoc.
1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 Primary education in the Helensburgh and Lomond area is provided in 11 primary schools and Parklands School. Pre-school education is provided in nursery classes within four of these schools and by commissioned providers in the area.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Area Committee accept this report as an accurate detail of work undertaken in schools in the area.

3.0 DETAIL

3.1 See attached Report

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 See 2.1

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Policy - None
5.2 Financial - None
5.3 Legal - None
5.4 HR - None
5.5 Equalities - None
5.6 Risk - None
5.7 Customer Service - None
6.0 APPENDICES

6.1 Report on Helensburgh and Lomond schools

Executive Director of Community Services: Education


For further information contact: Fiona Campbell, Quality Improvement Officer, Colgrain Education Office, Redgauntlet Road, Helensburgh, G84 7TZ or Carol Evans, Head of Service, Oban Education Office, Dalintart Drive, Oban, PA34 4EF
Teaching and Learning 3 -12 across Helensburgh and Lomond Schools
Introduction

Within the Helensburgh and Lomond area, eleven primary schools and Parklands School provide education for 5-12 year olds. Pre-five units within some primary schools along with commissioned providers offer pre-school education for 3-5 year olds.

Teaching and Learning: Helensburgh and Lomond

ALL THAT JAZZ!! At Rosneath Primary

A very welcome visitor to Rosneath Primary School – Becky from “Ultimate Arts” – took each class for a Jazz ‘n’ Jive session. The joint was jumpin’ all day and parents and friends came along to be entertained at 2.30pm. Becky commented on the children’s enthusiasm and teamwork. She said ALL classes were absolutely fantastic and most importantly had FUN, FUN, FUN!

Primary 3 Big Draw, Colgrain Primary

On Thursday 24th January, P3 at Colgrain School had a visit from Eileen Ramsay as part of their Big Draw week. Eileen spoke about how drawing could be observational, imaginative and used to communicate ideas. Pupils had a chance to draw to music, draw what they did in the morning and their favourite activity – drawing an ice-cream sundae from Eileen’s description. It left them all feeling very hungry! In class, they’ve had some super drawing stations, based on ideas from the Big Draw Pack. They LOVE drawing!

Toyota Dream Car Art Ceremony

Pupils from John Logie Baird Primary recently entered the Dream Car Art Competition. Charlie Sutherland came 1st in her age group and was awarded an ipad mini at Toyota UK London. The children had a great day. Charlie’s Dream Car will now be sent to the World Competition. Good luck!
Excited pupils from Hermitage Primary School thought that Christmas had arrived again when they returned from their Easter holidays. In just two weeks an exciting imaginative play area had grown up in a previously disused section of the grounds. As part of a larger redevelopment the playground has been extended to include an imaginative play area. There are zones devoted to storytelling, drama, music and a fabulous Viking long ship. Here you can see that the Primary Seven pupils approve wholeheartedly.

John Logie Baird Pre-5 Responsible Citizens.

Recently the children at John Logie Baird Pre-5 Nursery have been learning about caring for others. They are becoming Responsible Citizens by planting Daffodil bulbs to sell and raise money for Marie Curie. Marie Curie is a charity dedicated to the care of people with terminal illnesses. This is also being reinforced through the PATHS Initiative where the children are encouraged to be thoughtful and kind. There is a beautiful tree in the foyer full of compliments shared in the nursery.

GARELOCHHEAD’S GONE WITH THE WIND!

With a current proposal in the school’s local area, P6/5 decided to investigate wind farms further. Most people have an opinion of some sort on the topic and even in P6/5 everyone had their own personal thoughts and feelings. The class decided to visit Whitelee Windfarm in East Renfrewshire to learn more. Whitelee Windfarm is the UK’s largest onshore windfarm. Pupils discovered that the windfarm has 215 turbines which can power over 300,000 homes. During the day they carried out experiments and had the opportunity to stand underneath a turbine. The pupils were amazed at seeing the turbines up close and listened to how quiet they actually were! The class found learning about renewable energy production and how it helps tackle climate change fascinating.
Primary 1 pupils at Cardross Primary enjoyed an afternoon of toy testing as part of their toys topic this term. Wendy Hamilton of Grasshopper Toys devised the afternoon, allowing the pupils to experiment and test a range of scientific and traditional toys. Some of the P1 favourites were the space rocket, eco house and the spy pens. All pupils were then given a special goodie bag from the Grasshopper toyshop. It was a truly memorable afternoon and the pupils and staff at Cardross are very grateful for the generosity and learning experience given by Grasshopper toys.

Year of Faith

St Joseph’s Primary School along with St Mun’s, St Columba’s and St Andrew’s Primary Schools in the authority have been working collaboratively to create a special amalgamated Year of Faith prayer for Catholic Education during this national Year of Faith. Prayer, once completed will be used in ALL these catholic schools throughout the authority at assembly etc. It is hoped to have this on the SCES( Scottish Catholic Education Service) website.

Hermitage Art Show success!

Talented Young Artists from Primary Seven at Hermitage Primary School gathered at the Victoria Halls on Tuesday 19th March to show off their art at an Exhibition for parents and invited guests. The pupils produced pieces of contemporary art around the theme of transition and the result was a very colourful and imaginative exhibition which included a piece of art from all seventy three children in Primary Seven. The exhibition was opened by successful sculptor and artist Jason Pyper Davis who was very impressed by the vast array of skills and ideas on display. Head teacher, Lorna Jackson commented “Every year the children produce the most amazing work and their ability to translate their own thoughts and feelings into pieces of art never ceases to amaze me”. Staff, parents and guests were treated to drinks and nibbles served by Primary Seven pupils while they mingled to discuss and view the art.
Butter Fingers!

As part of this term’s food and farming work, P6/5 in Garelochhead have been investigating dairy products and the journey they make to reach our plates. They have been looking at dairy farming and the milk industry in Scotland. They also tasted many of the different types of milk and discussed the similarities and differences. Pupils then went on to making their own butter. They found it really interesting to see the cream separate into curds and buttermilk. The butter was put into the fridge overnight and in the morning pupils tried hot toast with butter. P7/6 loved the taste of the butter too.

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French Cafe

Primary 6 at John Logie Baird Primary School enjoyed sharing their learning with parents and guests at their recent French Cafe. The Children all wore blue, white and red for the event and each had a special role to play whether it was manager, waiter or chef. The guests were treated to a menu of croissants, baguettes, petit pain aux chocolat and a selection of cakes and drinks. Both children and guests had to speak only in French. The butter was put into the fridge overnight and in the morning pupils tried hot toast with butter. P7/6 loved the taste of the butter too.

Enterprise:

P6 Finance Assembly

P6 children of St Joseph’s displayed their excellent learning on their ‘Finance’ topic at assembly recently. The children staged a drama for the whole school where ‘mum’ took along her child to speak to the ‘bank manager’ about the advantages of saving with a credit union. This of course helped re-launch the ‘Supersavers’ scheme in school, one of which will be displayed in each classroom. They also demonstrated their excellent knowledge of ‘financial facts’, showed photographs of their recent visit to the Dumbarton Credit Union and finished up with a wonderful rendition of Abba’s ‘Money, Money, Money’.

Mrs Connolly and her class really 'set the bar' for assemblies in school – it was a real treat for everyone!
Cardross Primary pupils held a Raise the Flag Day!

Cardross Primary pupils held a Raise the Flag Day! It was a joint celebration for the school’s recently awarded Green Flag and a fundraising event for Jeremiah, an African child sponsored by the school.

The day started with an African assembly with all pupils singing rehearsed African songs. The P1 pupils performed an African dance. All pupils were dressed in bright African colours. Pupils were split into their four house groups to participate in; a science water filtration lesson, African cookery and food tasting, the making of African tribal masks and finally tie-dying. After the inter-house lessons the school came together for a raise the flag assembly. Mrs Girling and The Eco Committee presented the assembly along with Mrs White, a former Cardross Teacher, who was on hand to help Mrs Girling raise the green flag. Cardoss Primary are exceptionally proud of the global citizenship and ecological awareness of their pupils and the contribution they and their parents, have made in helping the school to gain this recognition.

Parklands Red Nose Day

Parklands School celebrated Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March with pupils either wearing something red or having crazy hair or even both. £68 was raised from donations from pupils and staff and a great day of fun and games was had by all.

Community Links:

OLYMPIC SILVER MEDALIST VISITS KILCREGGAN PRIMARY

Luke Patience who competed in the 470 class at the 2012 Summer Olympics and won a silver medal visited Kilcreggan Primary. Luke spent the afternoon talking to pupils and staff about his training, sponsorship and winning a silver medal. Mrs Pender, the Primary 3/2 class teacher taught Luke to dinghy sail when he first took up sailing, so this visit had an extra special meaning for her. At the end of his visit Luke was presented with a Kilcreggan Primary School polo shirt.
Outdoor Learning/Forest Schools:

OUTDOOR LEARNING IS GREAT FUN!
ROSNEATH HEAD TO ARDEONAIG, PERTHSHIRE

Primary 7 children from Rosneath Primary School recently had a week away at Ardeonaig Outdoor Centre. They had rain, sleet, snow and sunshine – just a typical Scottish week! Pupils had such a great time taking part in so many outdoor activities involving challenges, teamwork, problem solving, exploring – and we were delighted to complete a John Muir Award. Pupils even think they might have come across the famous “Big Foot” while hiking up Drummond Hill!

Luss Primary School pupils win ITV Animal Honours award

Luss Primary School has received national recognition for their environmental project to save Loch Lomond’s native powan fish. The pupils were invited to appear on The British Animal Hours 2013 Show hosted by Paul O-Grady on the 18th of April. Nominees in a variety of categories were suggested by the public and winners chosen by a jury of thirty animal experts, charities and celebrities. The powan has been under threat since another species of fish, the ruffe, was introduced accidentally to Loch Lomond about twenty-five years ago. Funding from Scottish Natural Heritage started local schools hatching powan eggs and returning baby fish to the water. Working in partnership with the Loch Lomond Fisheries Trust and the Loch Lomond National Park Authority the Luss pupils have raised and released hundreds of this rare whitefish, which in Scotland only occur in Loch Lomond and Loch Eck, to try to save the species from extinction.

Halloween Party at Colgrain Primary

On the 1st of November 2012, Colgrain Primary school had two Halloween parties. One was to entertain the infant children and the other was for the upper school. The parent council had arranged a DJ and all the children played party games. They also sold hot dogs, popcorn and lots of sweets and drinks. They also had a costume contest. The winners in the upper school were a Dead Bride and Dr Killjoy. The winners in the infant school were a vampire, and a cat. All the kids had a blast.
Eco Learning- Eco Schools:

The aim of the Eco-Schools programme is to make environmental awareness and action an intrinsic part of the life and ethos of the school for both pupils and for staff and to engage the wider community.

The Eco-Schools programme can help schools and pupils to:

- Improve the school’s environment
- Reduce litter and waste
- Reduce energy and water use
- Devise efficient ways of travelling to and from school
- Promote healthy lifestyles
- Encourage active citizenship
- Build strong partnerships with community groups
- Develop international and global links

All of Helensburgh and Lomond schools have been awarded at least a Bronze award and currently have the following awards:

Green Flag: Arrochar Primary, Cardross Primary, Colgrain Primary, Garelochhead Primary, Hermitage Primary, Kilcreggan Primary, Luss Primary, Rhu Primary, St Joseph’s Primary.

Silver: John Logie Baird Primary, Parklands, Rosneath Primary.

Climate Week Challenge

Four Primary 4/5 pupils from Arrochar Primary School reached the Climate Week Challenge final. The pupils were set the challenge to create the ultimate eco-home. Over 200,000 participants took part in Britain’s biggest Climate Challenge environmental competition. This year, the judge was Robert Swan O.B.E. He is one of the world’s most pre-eminent polar explorer and environmental leader.

The children designed a fabulous dome house, made out of multi-coloured recycled glass. This challenge was set to develop creativity, innovation, enterprise and team working skills. The pupils definitely achieved this.

The group of pupils also included a written report along with their design, detailing all the eco-friendly items in their house, such as hydro turbines, recycling water with their own water mill. Heat would be supplied from their green house.
The children, parents and staff of St. Joseph’s Primary were delighted to see their Green Flag finally erected this week. A very enthusiastic Eco Group were very pleased as they are very committed in their mission to make all things ‘Eco-Friendly’ at St Joseph’s. Each year the Eco Committee encourage all children and staff to audit the school for ‘green’ capacity and from this audit produce their own ‘Eco Plan’ for the school. This year the school is looking to reduce litter, waste minimisation, biodiversity and, in addition, will be spearheading a community litter pick this session. As ever, the children and staff were ably supported by parents in this venture with two parents purchasing the flagpole for the school. Another relative made it a family affair by helping to install the flagpole in the school grounds. It’s onwards and upwards for St. Joseph’s and their Eco Committee as we head towards another term and more ‘Eco’ opportunities to develop in the school.

Parental links:

Parent planning meeting at Rhu

P1 and 2 at Rhu, had a very exciting start to the term when they discovered a giant egg in the playground. After the mysterious creature hatched, the children decided to make a study of dinosaurs. The children were asked what they knew about dinosaurs and what they might like to learn. In order to involve parents, a letter was sent inviting them to a planning meeting. To accommodate working parents a reply box was provided and an opportunity to email suggestions was given. On the day of the meeting parents were left with the same questions to browse over. While tea and coffee was made for our visitors, they brain stormed all their ideas in peace. A successful session finding new pathways to explore was then held.
CAST projects:

In Helensburgh and Lomond, the Creative Arts in Schools Team (CAST) have had pleasure in providing the following during the last academic year:

Big Draw: authority wide project involving inspirational artists visits to most primaries accompanied by in depth resources and planning tools.

Creative Learning Network CPD: provided six twilight cpd opportunities covering music, drawing, character creation, film making and drama for Helensburgh and Lomond teachers.

TAC Writing: running The Argyll Collection primary writing competition with successful third place prize winner from Rhu Primary.

MOD projects:

Helensburgh and Lomond schools have benefitted from three successful bids to the Ministry of Defence £3M Support Fund for State Schools with Service Children. This fund is now in its third of four years. Argyll and Bute were awarded £147,320 in session 2011-2012, £20,000 in session 2012-2013 and £64,000 for session 2013-2014. The funding has provided: training for staff in the Seasons for Growth and Maths Recovery programmes; resources for active maths; extra staff to help pupils in the classroom; resources for the HMS Heroes group set up in John Logie Baird Primary School; and support for a Steering Group. Feedback so far on the work supported by the MOD fund is very positive and it is hoped to place a further bid for the last round next year.

Lynda Fisher, Director of the MOD’s Children and Young People Directorate, said:

“We know that moving from one school to another can be a challenging time for the children of serving personnel and this £3m fund has been set up to help mitigate some of the effects of moving away from familiar surroundings. The money will allow schools to provide measures to ensure children of Service families do not suffer any disadvantage by moving to or through different school systems. It was pleasing to see the interesting and varied projects that local authorities, academies and schools with Service children are already putting in place to help cope with the potential impact caused by deployment.”
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Appointment confirmed in last 2 years
1. SUMMARY

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1.2 The total Third Sector Grants budget made available by the Council for allocation in Helensburgh and Lomond for 2012/13 was £35,000. The total of £35,000 was awarded to 24 organisations.

1.3 Awards were distributed in Helensburgh and Lomond at Area Committee meetings in April and August. Organisations have up to three months from the end of the Project to complete and return the project reports.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the report.

2.2 Organisations that do not submit an end of project monitoring report are not eligible for funding from this grant scheme in future years.

3. DETAILS

3.1 Detailed below is a summary of the information received from the end of project monitoring reports.
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<td>Updated action plan</td>
<td>£1,075</td>
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<td>Action plan updated. Circulated to approximately 1,700 people in the area.</td>
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<td>Established pattern continues to be successful. Social activities promoted social benefit and cohesion.</td>
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<td>Long distance race along newly refurbished 3 Lochs way.</td>
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<td>The main activity was the organization of a 30km relay running race over most of the Three Lochs Way. The Trust worked with other organisations to deliver the event.</td>
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<td>The Games were a success with visitors and participants from 14 other countries. There were 45 stall holders of which 16 were local.</td>
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<td>Summer programme of activities for young people</td>
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<td>Four weeks of activities in July. The service helped to fill the gap in this type of provision and some of the participants would not otherwise be able to take part without Council financial input.</td>
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<td>Bicentenary celebrations of the paddle steamer Comet, including Steamboat event, sailing competition, and a publicity costs</td>
<td>£15,800</td>
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<td>Raised awareness of Henry Bell and his achievements. An exhibition was held and a DVD produced which will be distributed at beginning of June. The award exceeds 50% actual costs.</td>
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<td>Fiddler on the Roof was successful and led to increased club membership.</td>
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<td>Riding for the Disabled Association - Gareloch Group</td>
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<td>Horses had to be stabled for longer due to bad weather. A competition was attended.</td>
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<td>100 pensioners have benefited from social events and outings including 79 members taking part in the Summer Outing.</td>
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4. CONCLUSION

4.1. All organisations have been sent an end of project report, and to date 21 out of 24 reports have been received. The Community Development Team will continue to pursue organisations who have not yet submitted their end of project report for 2012/13.

4.2. The project monitoring form has a section asking for comments on the grant process. Not all applicants have completed this section but of those received the comments have largely been very positive. The majority note that the process is simple, straightforward, clear and concise. Thanks are noted for the support received from staff and elected members. As a result of feedback the end of project monitoring report will now be sent out with the award letter and contract. Groups that have submitted constitutions in the last 2 years will not have to do so in future years unless there are changes, as these documents are now saved electronically.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None
Finance: The report sets out the expenditure from the Helensburgh and Lomond area 2012/13 budget for the allocation of Third Sector Grants.
Personnel: None
Legal: None
Equal Opportunities: The grant allocation is consistent with the Equal Opportunities policy of Argyll and Bute Council.

Margaret Fyfe
Community Development Manager
3 June 2013

For further information please contact: Liz Marion, Community Development Officer (Bute and Cowal), Tel No 01369 707166
1 SUMMARY

1.1 This report submits a request from Rhu and Shandon Community Hall to access the balance of grant funding of £875 previously allocated to them.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 Members consider the request by Rhu and Shandon Community Hall to utilise the balance of available grant funding previously allocated to them.

3 DETAIL

3.1 Rhu and Shandon Community Hall were previously allocated grant funding from area capital receipts of £8000. The funding was to assist with remedial work on the roof. The project has been completed with grant being claimed of £7125 leaving a balance of £875 unclaimed.

3.2 There are 2 further projects that are being developed by Rhu and Shandon Community Hall. These are an upgrade to the heating system and an upgrade to the kitchen. A funding package from a variety of sources is being developed for both projects. It is likely there will be a funding gap and a request has been submitted for the Council to consider reallocating the £875 previously allocated for remedial work on the roof to either of the 2 projects in development.

3.3 If the Committee is agreeable to this request the balance of grant funding of £875 would be released when a full funding package was in place, a firm estimate of costs was available and works to the value of the grant completed for the particular project that Rhu and Shandon Community Hall eventually decided to proceed with.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 There is a balance of grant funding previously allocated to Rhu and Shandon Community Hall. The report outlines a request to access and utilise the funding.
5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Legal - None
5.2 Policy - None
5.3 Finance - Allocate existing grant funds
5.4 HR - None
5.5 Risk - None
5.6 Equal Opportunity - None
5.7 Customer Services - None

For further information please contact Bruce West, Head of Strategic Finance
01546-604220
1 Background
1.1 This paper presents the Area Scorecard exceptional performance for financial quarter 4 2012-13 (January – March 2013).

2 Recommendations
2.1 It is recommended that the Area Committee notes the exceptional performance presented on the Scorecard.

Jane Fowler
Head of Improvement and HR

For further information, please contact:

David Clements
Improvement and Organisational Development Programme Manager
(Planning and Performance Management)
01465 604205
### Streetscene

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### Helensburgh & Lomond Area Scorecard

**FQ4 12/13**

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APPOINTMENT TO ARGYLL COMMUNITY HOUSING ASSOCIATION LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

1. SUMMARY

On 9th April 2013 it was reported to the Area Committee that Councillor E Morton, due to work load and other diary commitments, was resigning from the ACHA Local Area Committee with immediate effect. This created a vacancy on the outside body which the Committee are invited to fill.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Area Committee appoint an elected member to represent the Council on the ACHA Local Area Committee

3. DETAIL

3.1 The Area Committee considered a report on 9th April 2013 notifying them of Councillor E Morton’s resignation although did not agree to fill this vacancy at this time, instead resolving to continue consideration of this item to the June Area Committee meeting.

3.2 The ACHA Area Committee meets bi-monthly, with the next Helensburgh and Lomond meeting (the AGM) taking place on 4 July 2013.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 Given the importance of retaining the presence of an elected Member on this local Area Committee, Members are asked to consider appointing an elected Member to the ACHA Local Area Committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS
Policy - This is in keeping with Council commitment to work in partnership with other agencies and organisations
Financial – The Council will meet the costs associated with attendance at outside body meetings
Legal - None
HR - None
Equalities - None
Risk - None
Customer Service - None

Executive Director of Customer Services
17 May 2013

For further information contact: Melissa Stewart, Area Governance Officer, Kilmory, Lochgilphead – 01546 604331
1. SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to invite the Area Committee to consider the request made by the Chairperson of Hermitage Academy School Parent Council to appoint one of the Area Committee Members to become a co-opted member of the Parent Council.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Area Committee consider the request from Hermitage Academy School Parent Council and decide what, if any, arrangements they wish to put in place.

3. DETAIL

3.1 In April 2009 the Area Committee considered a report by the Area Corporate Service Manager following a request received from the Parent Council inviting the Council to appoint a representative to participate in their meetings.

3.2 At that meeting it was agreed to appoint 3 Councillors who would each serve for a one year period and each of whom would have a substitute member in the event that they were unable to attend. Should the Committee agree to appoint a representative to the Parent Council at this time, they may wish to consider putting in place a similar arrangement.

3.3 The previous appointments lapsed as of April 2012 and the Chairperson of the Parent Council has recently been in touch to establish who the current representative is. The advice was that this would require to be a decision reached by the Area Committee and a report was requested to invite the Committee to take this forward.
4. CONCLUSION

4.1 In light of the contact by the Chairperson of the Parent Council it is obvious that they valued the input from having Councillor representation on the Parent Council and the Committee are invited to consider the request to make an appointment.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy - Accords with the Council’s commitment to work in partnership with other organisations and agencies.

Financial – Members will be entitled to claim any associated expenses connected to appointment to an outside body

Legal - None
HR - None
Equalities - None
Risk - None
Customer None
Service -

Executive Director of Customer Services
17 May 2013

For further information contact: Melissa Stewart, Area Governance Officer, Kilmory, Lochgilphead – 01546 604331
1. **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to invite the Committee to consider appointing a representative to serve as a member on the Bute, Cowal, Helensburgh & Lomond Joint Locality Management Group.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That the Area Committee appoint an elected Helensburgh Lomond Member to become a member of the Joint Locality Management Group.

3. **DETAIL**

3.1 The Terms of Reference for the Bute, Cowal, Helensburgh and Lomond Joint Locality Management Group set out a remit to provide a local governance and accountability forum for all local services (health and council) across the area. The group can make decisions or escalate recommendations to the CHP Management Team or Joint Managers Group as required. They also have an important role in terms of being involved at the earliest stage of service planning.

3.2 The Group, which is chaired by the Locality Manager and attended by Clinical Directors (or local GPs), Clinical Service Managers, Scottish Ambulance Service, Public Health/Community Nursing/Senior Charge Nurse/Mental Health/Substance Misuse/ICT Team Leads, Council Staff and Councillors meet quarterly, with video conference being made available.

3.3 The Bute and Cowal Area Committee will consider appointments to the group from both Bute and Cowal at their June Area Committee meeting. There is one vacancy remaining for a Councillor to be appointed to represent the Helensburgh and Lomond area.

4. **CONCLUSION**
4.1 The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee are invited to appoint an elected member to serve on the Bute, Cowal, Helensburgh & Lomond Joint Locality Management Group to provide Councillor representation for this area on the Group.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy - In keeping with the Council’s commitment to work in partnership with other agencies and organisations
Financial – VC should be available to link into meetings although expenses will be payable if for any reason VC is unavailable
Legal - None
HR - None
Equalities - None
Risk - None
Customer Service - None

Executive Director of Customer Services
20 May 2013

For further information contact: Melissa Stewart, Area Governance Officer, Kilmory, Lochgilphead (01546 604331)
APPOINTMENT OF A “CHAMPION” FOR THE HELENSBURGH HEROES PROJECT.

1. SUMMARY

1.1 Following a recent presentation to the Area Committee business meeting Members agreed to consider appointing a “champion” for the Helensburgh Heroes Project and further agreed that this matter should be considered at the June Area Committee meeting.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Area Committee appoint an elected member to work in a “champion’s” role in relation to the Helensburgh Heroes Project.

3. DETAIL

3.1 At the business meeting held on 14th May 2013 Members of the Helensburgh Lomond Area Committee benefited from a most informative presentation by Mr Phil Worms, Director of the Helensburgh Heroes Project. The project is now at the stage where the Business Case is in place and 3 major financial applications are currently ongoing.

Mr Worms highlighted the core issues which included seeking to provide a central community hub offering opportunities not available elsewhere, together with the provision of a safe, inclusive community environment for young people. He added that a key issue would be the stimulus for the local economy and that it was anticipated that some 42 full time employees would be taken on with NVQ type opportunities available to them. A premises has now been identified and the proposed layout options were provided to Members in a short film at the conclusion of the presentation.

3.2 Members were in agreement that the project was at an advanced stage and asked that an officer of the Council be identified as a key link/liaison officer for the project in terms of being able to provide best guidance/advice and “signposting” within Council structures and services. Following discussions with the Head of Community and Culture he has agreed that Jeannie Holles, Community Learning Standards Officer will fulfil this role.
3.3 Members further agreed that the potential for a local elected Member to take on a “Champion’s” role for the project should be considered at the June Area Committee. It was envisaged that such a role would be beneficial specifically in regard to having political support and awareness raising for the project, which Members felt will have a key economic and educational benefit for Helensburgh and the Lomond area.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 Given the importance of the Helensburgh Heroes Project for the economic and educational benefit of the Helensburgh and Lomond area Members are asked to consider appointing a political “Champion” to work with the project in carrying out awareness raising and promotion of this key future development.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy - This is in keeping with Council commitment to work in partnership with other agencies and organisations
Financial – The Council will meet the costs associated with attendance at outside body meetings
Legal - None
HR - None
Equalities - None
Risk - None
Customer None
Service -

Executive Director of Customer Services
3rd June 2013

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MINUTES of MEETING of DUCHESS WOOD LOCAL NATURE RESERVE COMMITTEE held in the BRAEHOLM RSR, 31 EAST MONTROSE STREET HELENSBURGH, G84 7HR on MONDAY, 13 MAY 2013

Present: Councillor Aileen Morton (Chair)

Stuart McCracken – Argyll and Bute Council
Charlie Cairns – Lower Clyde Green Space
Stewart Campbell – Chair, Friends of Duchess Wood
Alastair MacBeth – Secretary, Friends of Duchess Wood
Morevain Martin – Argyll Voluntary Action
David Chandler – Argyll and Bute Council
Simon Mills – Head Teacher, Lomond School
Morag Bain – Youth Representative
David Graham – The Conservation Volunteers
Belinda Ruthven – Argyll and Bute Council

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and general introductions were made.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were intimated from Iain Wilkinson - Luss Estates

2. MINUTE

The minute of meeting 25 January was approved as a correct record.

3. THE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

The Committee was provided with an informative presentation by David Graham, Healthy Communities Manager, The Conservation Volunteers, on the Green Gym programme. The various types of models and benefits of the scheme were outlined. These included improved mental and physical health, social inclusion and collaboration between health and environment. The Committee were in general agreement that Duchess Wood would provide an ideal location for the establishment of this kind of programme and that it offered the potential to progress some of the agreed actions in the management plan.

David advised that recent surveys had indicated that approximately 66% of their volunteers were first timers and that the retention rate was also high. There was also potential for them to attain awards.

Various options for financing the scheme were discussed and these will be further explored. David Chandler agreed to ensure that the matter was discussed at the forthcoming education meeting with a view to taking this forward

Action: David Chandler/David Graham/Funding Sub Group
4. MAINTENANCE UPDATE

The Committee was updated by Stuart McCracken, Argyll and Bute, that the spraying of Knotweed is due to commence in the next three or four weeks in the four previously identified areas and he advised that training sessions have been carried out over the winter.

Tree work adjacent to the Strathclyde Court garage area has now been contracted out due to the presence of asbestos.

Stuart advised that no final budget figures were currently available due to outstanding works on the culverts but gave assurances that once these were received, they would come to the next meeting. In the event that they are available prior to this, they will be emailed out to the Committee.

The Committee noted the efforts of the Employability team with thanks.

5. EDUCATION UPDATE

Councillor Morton advised that she had contacted Niall Urquhart, Stramash regarding the outdoor nursery and had received a favourable response. Mr Urquhart welcomed the opportunity to meet with the Committee, initially on site in the wood and subsequently to a meeting. Councillor Morton informed that no infrastructure would be required for this and little in the way of materials.

Several members indicated that they would be happy to meet with Niall on site in the first instance and a mutually convenient date for this will be arranged.

Action – Belinda Ruthven

David Chandler advised that Hermitage Academy was currently exploring involvement in Rural Qualifications and enquired as to the feasibility of the placement of poly tunnels in the wood, however, concerns were raised due to issues around security and vandalism.

There had not been much progress on the proposed event for local schools and it is anticipated that this will now be more likely to start at the commencement of the next term. Simon Mills advised the Committee that all facilities are available and that the focus will now be on the format of the event. David and Simon agreed to email suggested dates to Belinda Ruthven, in order that a planning meeting can be arranged.

Action – David Chandler/Simon Mills

6. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN - REVISED

The Committee discussed and noted the Implementation Plan and any amendments will be discussed further at the meeting of the sub group on May 21st.
Stuart McCracken agreed to investigate signage options for Rhu Road Higher to Duchess Wood Car Park and report back with his findings.
7. **FRIENDS OF DUCHESS WOOD REPORT**

The Committee noted the contents of the submitted report. Discussion was had around the proposed storage facility and the requirement if any, for planning permission. Stuart McCracken will liaise with the Planning Officers for clarification on this.

*Action: Stuart McCracken.*

8. **WINTER FESTIVAL**

The Committee was advised that the Helensburgh Winter Festival would take place from Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} November until Sunday 1\textsuperscript{st} December and that this would be a good opportunity to raise the profile of the Duchess Wood. Various suggestions were forthcoming as to how the Committee might support this event and Councillor Morton suggested that it might be beneficial for some volunteers to attend the next meeting of the Winter Festival committee. Details of the meeting will be emailed once dates are confirmed.

*Action: Councillor A Morton*

9. **TERMS OF REFERENCE - ROUTINE MAINTENANCE APPENDIX**

The Committee discussed and noted the Terms of Reference.

10. **COUNCIL WEBSITE**

A link from the Argyll and Bute Council website has now been provided and any suggestions for incorporation into this were welcomed. It was also agreed that roles rather than individual names should appear on the website.

*Action: Councillor A Morton*

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 12 August 2013 at 2.30pm Braeholm RSR.
MINUTES of MEETING of HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM
held in the CEREMONIES ROOM, HELENSBURGH
on FRIDAY, 17 MAY 2013

Present: Councillor Vivien Dance (Chair)

Jo Rains – Environmental Health Manager – Argyll and Bute Council
Robert Cowper – Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator, Argyll and Bute Council
Paul McCann – Housing Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Station Commander Tony Meechan - Scottish Fire and Rescue Service,
Morevain Martin – Argyll Voluntary Action
Sergeant David Quinn – Police Scotland
Morag Brown – IOD Programme Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Tom Murphy – Streetscene Area Manager
Belinda Ruthven – Area Governance Assistant, Argyll and Bute Council

1. APOLOGIES
Apologies were intimated from:-

Stephen Doogan – Area Governance Officer
Katie Burke – Scottish Youth Parliamentarian
Stuart McCracken – Argyll and Bute Council
Inspector Claire Miller – Police Scotland

2. MINUTES
The Minute of Meeting 22 February 2013 was approved as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Following a request at the February meeting for clarification on the legal obligations for private landlords regarding fire alarms, Station Commander Tony Meechan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service advised the Group that The Repairing Standard contained in the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 states that newly fitted alarms must be hard wired. He added that if there were battery operated alarms in existing tenancies that they would be suitable only in the short term.

Paul McCann, Housing Officer, requested further information on this and other matters and Tony was happy to provide this.

Jo Rains suggested that Jackie Middleton, Environmental Health Officer could also be approached for information regarding new tenancies.

Action: Station Commander Tony Meechan
4. **TELECARE PROVISION IN HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND**

The Group was provided with an informative presentation by Julie Hurnauth, Tunstall, on the Telecare and Telehealth provision in the Helensburgh and Lomond Area which promotes the delivery of assisted living and independence to individuals who would otherwise not be able to remain in their homes. Assistance can be provided to reduce environmental risks along with help to protect individuals from burglary, bogus callers and anti-social behaviour. Packages are tailored to the needs of the individual and referrals can be made through three access routes which Julie outlined.

Ms Hurnauth highlighted the savings to Local Authorities and also referred to the joint working approach which currently exists. She informed that 90% of councils in Scotland are currently engaged with Tunstall Telecare.

Further discussion was had around the referral process and benefits of the service.

The Chair thanked Julie for her interesting presentation.

5. **RESILIENCE PLANNING IN HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND**

The Group was briefed by Morag Brown, IOD Programme Manager, on the Resilience Planning Initiative which was set up following the severe weather at the beginning of the year to address the issues that had arisen around resilience.

The Kintyre example was used initially to promote the project which involved the Council, partners and service providers alike and an updated user-friendly toolkit has been subsequently produced. Community Councils had been approached to ascertain the views of their respective communities and 47% of these have responded. Morag advised that it was proposed to revisit those who had not. The response in the Helensburgh and Lomond area had been particularly low and it is hoped that the reasons for this can be addressed. The importance of local knowledge was highlighted as crucial and Morag gave several examples of how this might work.

Sergeant Quinn suggested that this could be promoted by the police officers who attend the community council meetings on a regular basis. **Noted**

6. **NO COLD CALLING POSTERS**

Jo Rains, Environmental Health Manager, briefed the Group on the above initiative which is being undertaken by Trading Standards and supported by Police for the provision of posters and door stickers indicating that ‘cold calling’ is unwelcome in particular areas. The design of these has now been agreed and Trading Standards are now asking for funding from local safety groups. The potential for Cold Calling designated areas is currently
being explored and this would need agreement from the local community. Jo advised that the stickers appear on the Council Website and could be downloaded free of charge.

It was suggested that Colin Sutcliffe, Trading Standards Officer, and Mark Wilson, Community Liaison Officer, could be approached for further advice.

Any suggestions for areas of potential funding were welcomed.

7. NURSERY CRHYMES

Discussion of this item will be continued to the August Meeting as there was no officer available to speak to the report.

8. GREEN DOG WALKING INITIATIVE

Discussion of this item will be continued to the August Meeting as there was no officer available to speak to the report.

9. YOUTH PARLIAMENTARIAN

This item will be continued to a future meeting due to Katie Burke having previously noting her apologies due to her having exams on the day of the meeting.

10. CLEAN UP SCOTLAND INITIATIVE

Discussion of this item will be continued to the August Meeting as there was no officer available to speak to the report.

11. PARTNER UPDATES

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Station Commander Tony Meechan informed the Group that the spring strategy was now underway and that despite the recent weather, there was still the potential for grass fires. There had been recent visits to relevant outdoor parties and copies of the Muirburn Code issued to local farmers to highlight the danger. The Group noted the number of incidents in the Helensburgh and Lomond area had reduced but that this was not the same in the other areas of Argyll and Bute.

Activity in the local community still continues with talks and leaflet drops and over sixty various events had been attended by the Service. This promotion to raise awareness has now seen results as indicated by the 20% reduction in incidents.

Station Commander Meechan briefed the Group on the new structure of the Service and the chain of command currently in place. He added that several members of the Fire Board had recently visited the Western hub and that feedback following this had been positive and they were
confident of a smooth transition.

The Group were encouraged to forward any referrals and advised that the Risk Rating forms which would identify the appropriate recipients were now on the website and Tony advised that he had already followed up several of these following the last meeting.

**Streetscene**

Tom Murphy, Streetscene Area Manager, spoke of the recent acts of vandalism in Hermitage Park and also of the continuing issue of dog fouling. He explained that the reporting of these incidents was often anonymous and suggested that more details are requested at the point of contact along with a telephone number in order that the report could be followed up. Fly tipping is also a problem in the area and that this could be reported online through the Dumb Dumpers Campaign.

Sergeant David Quinn assured that Hermitage Park had now been added to the local policing plan and that late shift officers would carry out foot and possibly cycle patrols in that vicinity.

Tom advised that he had spoken with Stuart McCracken with a view to the wardens also patrolling in twos and it is hoped to trial this in the near future.

**Police Scotland**

Sergeant David Quinn briefed the Group on the set up of the new Single Force, and that the emphasis would be on the Community Policing Plan and that as with the Fire Service, there would be little impact on the current situation.

He gave assurances that support and increased presence by dedicated officers would be in place in the area during the high profile murder trial and that the public should be reassured by this.

There had been a reduction in retail crime and the Group was informed of the good working relationship that existed between the local officers and the Royal Navy Police. Good feedback on the mobile unit also continues with both the elderly and youth element engaging and that this should be encouraged.

12. **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Discussion of this item will be continued to the August Meeting as there was no officer available to speak to the report.

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Friday 23 August at 10.00am. Venue to be notified.
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VENUE FOR AREA COMMITTEE MEETING – AUGUST 2013

1. SUMMARY

This report invites the Area Committee to give consideration to a venue for the August 2013 Area Committee meeting given that the Victoria Halls is not available for use on 13 August 2013.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Area Committee should discuss and determine where the August 2013 meeting should be held.

3. DETAIL

3.1 The August 2013 meeting of the Helensburgh Lomond Area Committee, scheduled to take place on 13 August 2013, is without a venue as the normal meeting venue, the Victoria Halls, is not available.

3.2 The Area Committee have previously voiced the opinion that the Marriage Room is not a suitable venue to hold their Area Committee meetings and are therefore invited to consider whether it would be appropriate to take their meeting to outwith the town and into one of the villages represented by Wards 9, 10 and 11.

3.3 Area Committee meetings have previously been held in Rosneath, Cove, Luss, Garelochhead, Rhu and Cardross and each of these villages have suitable halls, although a comment has been made that there was low public turnout at each meeting.

3.4 Two suggestions have been received as to the venue for the meeting. The first suggestion is the Three Villages Hall in Arrochar, where the Area Committee have never held a meeting, and the second is in favour of Rhu on the basis of close proximity to the town and therefore limiting travel expenditure.

4. CONCLUSION
4.1 As the Victoria Halls is not available on 13 August 2013, the Area Committee is invited to discuss and agree alternative locations for the August Area Committee meeting.

5. IMPLICATIONS

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20 May 2013

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