

**MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE held in
the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on WEDNESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2013**

Present:

Councillor Anne Horn (Chair)

Councillor Rory Colville	Councillor Donald Kelly (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Robin Currie	Councillor John McAlpine
Councillor Douglas Philand	Councillor John Semple
Councillor Sandy Taylor	

Attending:

Patricia O'Neill	Central Governance Manager
Stewart Clark	Roads Performance Manager
Allen Stevenson	Lead Officer – Adult Protection
Rebecca Barr	Area Manager – Adult Protection
Ann Devine	Principal, Lochgilphead Joint Campus
Ellie Donald & Morven Reid	Lochgilphead Joint Campus
Dr Sarah-Jane Munoz	University of the Highlands & Islands
Shelagh Cameron	East Kintyre CC
Catherine Forbes	Carradale Community Care
Mark Benton	Scottish Ambulance Service - Area Service Manager
Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie,	Strathclyde Police - Area Commander MAKI
Gordon Ramsay	Transport Scotland
Helen Bradley	Jacobs Consultancy UK
Graham McQuaker	Jacobs Consultancy UK
Caroline Sheen	Estates Surveyor
Martin Gorringe	Marine Operations Manager

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Chief Inspector Baillie who had returned to post in the MAKI area.

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

Councillor Donald MacMillan
Christina West – NHS Scotland
Maryanne Stewart - AVA

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. MINUTES

The Minute of the previous meeting held on 5 December 2012 was approved as a true record.

4. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

The Chair invited questions from Members and the public in attendance.

A member of the public submitted a question in regards the inclusion of a safe crossing provision in Ardrishaig within the report by Jacobs Consultancy, who had been commissioned by Transport Scotland to undertake the survey work for the project. He advised on the continuing community support for the safe crossing provision and proffered his thanks for the support received from Councillor Philand.

Decision:

Members agreed:

1. That representation would be made on behalf of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee to Transport Scotland to reinstate the proposal of a safe crossing in Ardrishaig.
2. That the Central Governance Officer would liaise with the Chair to draft a response.

5. CARRADALE COMMUNITY CARE

The Committee heard a presentation by Dr Sarah-Anne Munoz of the Centre for Rural Health and Shelagh Cameron of the Working Group East Kintyre Community Council on their proposal to improve rural care services.

Decision

Members agreed:

1. To note the presentation.
2. That an updated report would come to a future MAKI Area

- Committee meeting.
3. That the Central Governance Manager would instigate contact between Carradale Community Care and the Social Enterprise Team to enable relevant information and advice to be disseminated.

6. ARGYLL AND BUTE ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE - BIENNIAL

The Committee heard a presentation by Rebecca Barr, Area Manager Adult Protection and Allen Stevenson, Lead Officer for Adult Protection on the latest biennial report on Adult Protection.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the presentation and contents of the report.

(Reference: Argyll and Bute Adult Protection Biennial report 2010-2012, submitted)

7. SCOTTISH AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Committee heard an update from Mark Benton, Area Service Manager Argyll and Clyde on the Scottish Ambulance Service.

Discussion followed in regards the proposed changes to work-shift patterns in Lochgilphead and Tarbert.

Decision

The Committee agreed

1. To note the update.
2. That a report would be provided by the Scottish Ambulance Area Service Manager and distributed to Committee Members and local Community Councils.
3. That the Scottish Ambulance Area Manager would be invited to future MAKI CPG meetings and his contact details would be included on the distribution list.

8. LOCHGILPHEAD JOINT CAMPUS SCHOOL

The Committee heard a presentation and report by Ann Devine, Principal of Lochgilphead Joint Campus on the recent achievements of students and the staff dedication and commitment. In addition, two of the pupils Ellie Donald and Morven Reid – gave Members a short presentation on their overview of the recently implemented Curriculum for Excellence.

The Chair thanked Ann Devine, Ellie and Morven for their informative

presentations. In return, Ann Devine expressed her thanks on behalf of her staff and pupils for the continuing support provided to the Joint Campus by Ward 3 Members.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the presentation and the contents of the report.

(Reference: Report by Principal of Lochgilphead Joint Campus, submitted)

9. ROADS ISSUES

The Committee considered a report providing updates on outstanding road-related issues in the MAKI area.

Decision:

Members agreed

1. To note the report.
2. That the Roads Performance Manager would provide updates in regards to Keills Road, Jura
3. That the Roads Performance Manager would provide an update on the Business Plan for the 200k allocation in relation to unadopted roads
4. That the Roads Performance Manager would provide details of the Works Programme for the CHORD project in Campbeltown

(Reference: Report by Head of Roads and Amenity Services, dated 16 January 2013, submitted).

10. JACOBS REPORT - A83

The Committee heard an update by Transport Scotland on the Jacobs report on A83.

Decision

Members agreed to note the update by Transport Scotland.

11. USEABLE CAPITAL RECEIPTS

The Committee heard a report detailing the current position in regards previously agreed capital receipts funding for local projects.

Decision

Members agreed to defer any decision until the MAKI Area Committee

scheduled for June, 2013 when further information would be forthcoming from Ardrishaig Community Council.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director of Customer Services, dated 17 January 2013, submitted)

12. FERRY SERVICE - NEW QUAY CAMPBELTOWN

The MAKI Area Committee received a verbal update from M Gorringe, Marine Operations Manager, on the proposed Ferry Service between Campbeltown and Ayrshire via Arran and the associated implications in respect of the New Quay, Campbeltown.

It was highlighted that CalMac, as operators of the service, were seeking to publish the ferry timetable by 21st February and a draft timetable was presented to Members.

Discussion ensued in relation to the requirement for full consultation and assessment of the impact of the proposed service, both economic and otherwise on the Kintyre area.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee agreed to make an urgent recommendation to Council that the proposed new Ferry service between Campbeltown and Ayrshire via Arran is deferred for a year to enable full evaluation and consultation to be undertaken in relation to the proposals.

(Reference: Verbal Report by Marine Operations Manager).

13. SCOTTISH FERRIES PLAN

The Committee considered a report providing a review of the recently published Ferries Plan and how it impinges on the MAKI area.

In response to Members questions a verbal update was provided in relation to Tayinloan Pier.

Action

The Marine Operations Manager agreed to provide an update on Tayinloan Pier to the March Business Day.

Decision

Members agreed:-

1. That the Chair and Councillor Semple would liaise with the Central Governance Manager to establish if a Short Life Working Group could be convened to support further discussion and evaluation of the Ferries Plan.
2. That Marine Operations Manager would provide an update on Tayinloan

Pier to the March Business Day.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Service, dated 18 January, 2013, submitted)

14. GM DUNCAN BEQUEST

Councillor Philand left the meeting at 1.25p.m.

Members heard a report outlining the current arrangements for the distribution of the G. M. Duncan bequest and outlining proposals for the trustees of the bequest to consider for the future operation.

Decision

The Committee agreed:

To note the report and delegate administration changes to Ward 1 Members.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director – Customer Services, submitted).

15. CHILDREN'S CHAMPION

The Committee considered a report which outlines recommendations to develop the role of Children's Champions across Argyll and Bute.

Decision

Members agreed:

1. To note the report
2. To propose Councillor John McAlpine as the Children's Champion for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands

Councillor McAlpine accepted the nomination as Children's Champion for the MAKI Area.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Community Services, 26 November 2012, submitted).

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public for the following 2 items of business on the grounds that they were likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 8; and 8 respectively of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

16. GRANT OF SERVITUDE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO FORESTRY COMMISSION

Members considered a report seeking authority to conclude the grant of servitude right of access to the Forestry Commission over part of the access road to the former Lochgilphead Primary School. In addition, the granting of a

license to the Forestry Commission to permit wood fuel delivery to turn within the grounds of the former school.

Decision

Member agreed to recommendations 2.1; 2.2; 2.3 and 2.4 of the report by the Executive Director of Customer Services.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director - Customer Services, 21 December 2012, submitted)

17. SALE OF GARAGE 4, THE ARCHES

Members considered a report advising of offers received in respect of Garage 4, The Arches, Inveraray.

Decision

The Committee agreed to recommendation 2.1 detailed within the report by the Executive Director of Customer Services.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director - Customer Services, 21 December 2012, submitted)