

**MINUTES of MEETING of HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE held in the PILLAR  
HALLS, HELENSBURGH  
on TUESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2014**

**Present:** Councillor Gary Mulvaney (Chair)

Councillor George Freeman	Councillor Ellen Morton
Councillor Maurice Corry	Councillor Aileen Morton
Councillor Vivien Dance	Councillor James Robb
Councillor David Kinniburgh	Councillor Richard Trail
Councillor Robert G MacIntyre	

**Attending:** Tricia O'Neill, Central Governance Manager  
Sally Loudan, Chief Executive  
Geoff Urie, Head Teacher, Hermitage Academy  
Julie Fisher, Depute, Hermitage Academy  
Douglas Morgan, Depute, Hermitage Academy  
Stewart Clark, Contracts Manager  
Ishabel Bremner, Economic Development Manager  
Audrey Baird, Community Development Officer

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Aileen Morton declared a non financial interest to the third sector grant application received from the Friends of Duchess Wood, as the Chair of the Duchess Wood Local Nature Reserve, which the Friends are represented on and contribute to the work of. She claimed the benefit of the dispensation contained at Section 5.16 of the Standard Commission's Guidance and Dispensation Note dated December 2010 to allow her to speak and vote on this item

The Chair noted that Public Question Time had been omitted from the Agenda and agreed that this should be taken after item 3.

**3. MINUTES**

**(a) MINUTES OF HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE  
MEETING - 10/12/2013**

The Minute of the previous meeting held on 10 December 2013 was approved as a true record, subject to the following amendments:-

Item 10 – Decision should read as numbers 1 and 2, rather than 3 and 4.

(b) **MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE - 14/01/2014**

The Minute of the special meeting held on 14 January 2013 was approved as a true record, subject to the following amendment:-

Item 2 – Wording to be amended to read, Councillor Corry declared a non-financial interest in item 3 of the agenda (Local Development Plan) specifically in relation to the objection raised in respect of the housing aspect of the Rhu Marina Site. Councillor Trail declared a financial interest in item 3 of the agenda (Local Development Plan), specifically in relation to the Sawmill Field Site.

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Having noted that the members of the public who had been in attendance at the start of the meeting had left, there were no questions submitted.

**5. SECONDARY SCHOOLS - PERFORMANCE AND ATTAINMENT**

Members considered a report outlining the performance of Hermitage Academy during the period of 2013-14.

**Decision:**

1. Members agreed to note the report;
2. Agreed that information on the detrimental effects on school meals revenue since the opening of the Waitrose Store be provided to members; and
3. That a date for a visit to Hermitage Academy be agreed.

(Reference: Report by Geoff Urie, Head Teacher, Hermitage Academy, dated January 2014, submitted.)

**6. ROADS ISSUES - QUARTERLY ROADS BUDGET**

Members considered a report detailing the current level of expenditure of the Roads Operations Revenue Budget.

**Decision:**

1. Members agreed to note the report;
2. Further details on the Works Programme be circulated to Members.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director, Development and Infrastructure Services, dated 11 February 2014, submitted.)

**7. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN**

Members considered a report seeking approval from the Committee on the

proposed Helensburgh and Lomond Economic Development Action Plan (EDAP) for the period 2013-2018. The five-year timescale has been selected to align with the overarching EDAP and with the Local Development Plan.

It was agreed that wider consultation with all CPP Members was required in order to agree smart targets to go forward in 2014/15.

**Decision:**

1. Members noted the structure of the draft area EDAP for the five year period 2013 to 2018; and
2. Agreed to hold a workshop with Members of the Community Planning Partnership, on a date to be arranged, to update the action plan, with a view to creating SMART targets to go forward in 2014/15.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director, Development and Infrastructure Services, dated 11 February 2014, submitted.)

## **8. THIRD SECTOR GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Members considered a report detailing recommendations for the award of small grants to the third sector organisations from the Community Development budget for events to support the John Muir Festival and the opening of the coast-to-coast John Muir Way between 17-26 April 2014.

It was suggested that the EDAP should include reference to the Jon Muir Way.

**Decision:**

1. Members agreed to award all of the grant recommendations detailed in the papers submitted by the Community Development Manager;
2. Members requested further information on the events and arrangements in relation to the festival and the opening of the way; and
3. Congratulated the Community Development Manager for her commitment to promoting the event to ensure it is a success.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director of Community Services, dated 11 February 2014, submitted.)

## **9. AREA COMMITTEE MEETING CYCLE**

Members considered a report outlining the proposed cycle of meetings within the Helensburgh and Lomond area from April 2014 to April 2015.

**Decision:**

Members agreed to the outlined cycle of Area Committee, Community Planning Group and Business Day meetings as outlined in the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director of Customer Services, dated 11 February 2014, submitted.)