

**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE held in the CASTLE HOUSE,
DUNOON
on TUESDAY, 7 JANUARY 2014**

Present: Councillor Robert Macintyre (Chair)

Councillor Gordon Blair	Councillor Bruce Marshall
Councillor Michael Breslin	Councillor Len Scoullar
Councillor Alex McNaughton	Councillor Dick Walsh
Councillor James McQueen	

Attending: Cleland Sneddon, Executive Director of Community Services
Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager
Morag Brown, Business Improvement Manager
Donnie Kelly, Legal Services Manager
Martin Gorringe, Marine Operations Manager
Paul Convery, Planning/Development Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Isobel Strong.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A report providing members with details outlining the next stages in taking forward the Proposed Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan Representations to Examination in accordance with the Planning etc (Scotland) Act was considered. The previously agreed target for adopting the new plan is October 2014.

Decision

1. Members noted the process and next stages in progressing the Proposed Local Development Plan to the examination stage as set out in the report; and
2. Members noted the extensive period of consultation which has been undertaken in developing the Proposed Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan, and additionally noted the extent of opinion and representation which has been made at this stage of the process in regards specific sites in Cowal and agreed the Area Committee's recommended response in the Schedule 4 forms in Appendix 1.

(Ref: Report by the Planning and Development Officer dated 7 January 2014 – submitted)

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

4. BYELAWS AND OTHER HARBOUR RELATED MATTERS

The Legal Services Manager spoke with regards to his report advising Members on the informal consultation on the proposed new bye-laws at Rothesay Harbour.

Members noted that this matter was being considered as an Exempt item and that the detail of the consideration of the item should not therefore be discussed outwith the confines of the meeting.

Decision

1. Members noted the terms of the report and agreed that the Legal Services should proceed as suggested therein;
2. Members asked the Legal Services Manager to advertise the consultation process in the Buteman and to ensure that there is a 28 day consultation period;
3. Members asked the Legal Services Manager to include on the letter to consultees details of all those to whom it was being sent; and
4. Members asked that the letter to consultees seek opinion and feedback on the formation of a Rothesay Harbour Users Group to operate as an advisory body to the Harbour Authority.

(Ref: Report by the Legal Services Manager dated 23 December 2013 – submitted)