NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE will be held in the PILLAR HALL, VICTORIA HALLS, HELENSBURGH on TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2014 at 9:30 AM, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director - Customer Services

BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. MINUTES

(a) Minute of previous Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee - 12 August 2014 (Pages 1 - 8)

(b) Minute of previous Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee - 9 September 2014 (Pages 9 - 10)

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

5. ROADS REVENUE BUDGET 2014-2015 - 1ST QUARTER - UPDATE
Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure (Pages 11 - 22)

6. UPDATE ON PARK AND RIDE INVESTIGATION
Report by Strategic Transportation Manager (Pages 23 - 32)

7. LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN
A verbal update by the Economic Development Manager.

8. HISTORIC PLAQUES
Report by Executive Director – Customer Services (Pages 33 - 38)
The Committee will be asked to pass a resolution in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public for items of business with an “E” on the grounds that it is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part I of Schedule 7a to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

The appropriate paragraphs are:-

E1, E2 and E3

**Paragraph 8** The amount of any expenditure proposed to be incurred by the authority under any particular contract for the acquisition of property or the supply of goods or services.

**Paragraph 9** Any terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods or services.

HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE

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

Shona Barton – Area Committee Manager
Contact: Theresa McLetchie – Telephone: 01436 657621
MINUTES of MEETING of HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CEREMONIES ROOM, HELENSBURGH on TUESDAY, 12 AUGUST 2014

Present: Councillor Gary Mulvaney (Chair)

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

Attending: Pippa Milne, Executive Director, Development and infrastructure Services
Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager
Shona Barton, Area Committee Manager
David Clements, Programme Manager
Stuart Clark, Contracts Manager
Helen Ford, Project Manager – Helensburgh CHORD
Audrey Baird, Community Development Officer
Alistair McGregor, Chief Executive, ACHA
David Rae, ACHA

1. APOLOGIES

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

Councillor Freeman

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTE OF THE HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE - 10TH JUNE 2014

The Minute of the previous meeting held on 10 June 2014 was approved as a true record.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chair invited questions from any members of the public who were in attendance.

Mr McFall introduced himself to Members and asked what was being done in relation to the sewage leaks between Claddoch and Craigendoran Pier.
Discussion in relation to a recent visit by the Ward 11 Members ensued, with it being identified that due to pressure within the burst pipe, raw sewage was spilling out on to the beach. Councillor E Morton confirmed that she had been advised by Scottish Water that a replacement pipe was on the 2015-18 programme of works, but with the urgency of the situation she had been advised that this would be carried out in 2015, subject to funding.

Decision:

1. Members agreed that immediate action should be taken in regard to notifying the Council’s Environmental Health team of the problem;
2. That a strongly worded email be sent from the Director of Development and Infrastructure Services to SEPA and Scottish Water with information to be provided also to the Scottish Ministers and to the Director of Public Health outlining the issues and the continuing problems and advising that no action is being undertaken to fix the problem; and
3. That they are kept updated in terms of the actions undertaken.

5. ACHA

The Committee heard a presentation by Alastair McGregor, Chief Executive of ACHA, which outlined the investment programme in Helensburgh and Lomond from transfer to 31 March 2014; the new build programme; updates in regard to Welfare Reform and the bedroom tax and key elements from the Housing (Scotland) Bill.

Discussion took place in relation to ongoing issues, with reference made to the challenges surrounding common works, the arrangements for veterans in relation to the new Housing Options Scheme and the policy with regard to evictions. Mr McGregor agreed to provide further information to Members by email in regards to the proposed start date for works at Maitland Court and in relation to a specific case of Japanese Knotweed.

Decision

Members agreed to note the presentation.

(Ref: Presentation by Chief Executive of ACHA, submitted.)

6. AREA SCORECARD - FQ1

Members considered a report outlining performance in exception for financial quarter 1 of 2014-15. Discussion was had in relation to the car park income, with Members agreeing that it would be useful if an indicator was incorporated into future Scorecards to show the trend in relation to whether the revenue from enforcement within the town centre covers the costs of the wardens employed following the Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement (DPE). The Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services confirmed that following the review of DPE after year 1 work would be undertaken to identify an appropriate
Members noted that in terms of dark street lamps there was no data. The Contracts Manager confirmed that this was because the inventory of street lamps had not yet been completed. He advised that once the task had been completed, targets would be identified. Members requested that the information be collated and brought to the Business Day meeting in September for further discussion.

**Decision**

Members agreed to note the report.

*(Reference: Report by Executive Director, Customer Services, dated 12 August 2014, submitted)*

7. **THIRD SECTOR GRANTS**

Members considered a report outlining the recommendations for the award of Third Sector Grants (including Events and Festivals) to Third Sector organisations in Helensburgh and Lomond. Discussion took place in relation to the rationale for grant allocation.

**Motion:**

That the Area Committee defer decision on the grants until September and if necessary convene a Special meeting of the Area Committee to allow the Chair, in his capacity as Depute Policy Lead for Strategic Finance, time to hold discussions with the Leader of the Council and the Head of Strategic Finance with a view to seeking approval for the Area Committee to have the ability to carry forward money not allocated from the Third Sector Grants budget to the following financial year.

Moved by Councillor E Morton, seconded by Councillor R G MacIntyre.

Following discussion, the Area Committee agreed to vote on whether to defer the decision on all grants as per the Motion or whether to proceed with determining the grants on an individual basis.

On a show of hands vote, 4 Members voted in terms of the Motion and 5 Members voted to proceed with determining the grant applications on an individual basis.

**Decision:**

1. Members agreed the following:
   (i) Artmap Argyll - Defer consideration of this application as per the terms of the motion proposed previously;
   (ii) Gibson Community Centre Committee - Defer consideration of this application as per the terms of the motion proposed previously;
   (iii) To grant the application from Helensburgh and Lomond Autism/Aspergers Society in the sum of £1,500;
(iv) To grant the application from Helensburgh Savoy Musical Club in the sum of £1,125;
(v) To grant the application from The Royal British Legion – Helensburgh and District Branch in the sum of £407; and
(vi) Following a show of hands vote by 5 votes to 4 to grant the application from the West of Scotland Military Wives Choir in the sum of £645.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director Community Services, dated 12 August, 2014, submitted)

8. **ROADS REVENUE BUDGET 2013 TO 2014 - 4TH QUARTERLY UPDATE/YEAR END**

Members considered a report providing an update of the Roads Revenue budget position at the end of the financial year 2013/14. The Contracts Manager advised that a report outlining the budget position for financial quarter 1 of the financial year 2014/15 would be brought to the Area Committee Meeting in October.

**Decision:**

Members agreed to note the report.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director, Development and Infrastructure, dated 12 August 2014, submitted)

9. **ROADS UPDATE**

Members considered a report outlining roads-related issues in the Helensburgh and Lomond Area with particular regard to the progress of the Capital Programme and Revenue works.

Discussion took place on the protocol for roadside grass cutting, the money allocated for footpath repairs and the ongoing utility works within the town centre. The Contracts Manager outlined the protocol that Utility companies must adhere to on roads maintained by Argyll and Bute Council and agreed to provide an email update to Members in relation to this and any future utility works.

**Decision:**

Members agreed to note the report.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director, Development and Infrastructure, dated 12 August 2014, submitted)

10. **NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13**

In terms of Standing Order 13 the following Notice for Motion had been received
for consideration at this meeting.

**Motion:**

The Area Committee instructs officers to repair the existing skate board facilities on the pier head at Helensburgh or arrange for replacement equipment if required.

The Area Committee agreed, and if required recommends to the Council that, the associated cost be vired from the Helensburgh CHORD Project budget.

Moved by Councillor Robb, seconded by Councillor Trail

**Amendment:**

The Area Committee notes:-

- That the skateboard equipment on the Pierhead was installed a number of years ago following the actions of a group of local young people, supported by the Helensburgh Lions’ Club and the Council;
- That the wooden equipment was recently declared as being beyond repair and had to be removed;
- That the remaining equipment is still usable but requires repair/replacement, the cost of which has not been confirmed by Council officers;
- That the play area adjacent to the skate park is in an even poorer condition;
- That the Lions Club has been in touch and offered support if another group of young people wished to redevelop the skateboard space;
- That the equipment at the Kirkmichael skate park has endured better and is still available;
- That the Skateboard park is due to be relocated as part of the Pierhead Masterplan;
- That the Pierhead project is now moving forward with the recruitment of a Project Manager underway.

In light of these facts the Area Committee requests that a report be brought back by the appropriate officers to a future meeting to cover:

- How local young people want to see skateboarding facilities and other play equipment developed;
- What the financial implications would be;
- How this fits in to the redevelopment of the pierhead area.

Moved by Councillor E Morton, seconded by Councillor Mulvaney.

**Decision:**

On a show of hands vote the Amendment was carried by 5 votes to 4 and the Area Committee resolved accordingly.

11. **HELENSBURGH CHORD**

   (a) **CHORD ARTWORK PROPOSALS - PROGRESS UPDATE**

   Members considered a report which outlined the progress to date in delivery of the Artwork element of Helensburgh CHORD town centre improvement works funded through the main CHORD budget allocation and
the S75 Artworks fund.

**Decision:**

1. Members agreed to note the report; and
2. Agreed that a further CHORD Artwork Progress Report be brought to the Area Committee meeting in October.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director, Development and Infrastructure, dated 12 August 2014, submitted)

**(b) CHORD PROGRESS UPDATE**

Members considered a report which outlined progress to date in the delivery of the Helensburgh CHORD town centre Public Realm Improvement works. It was noted that £150k in additional funding had been received from Sustrans for the provision of additional cycle ways in the Helensburgh area. The Programme Manager advised that this work would be overseen by Strategic Transportation Officers from the Council and that a report would be submitted to the October Area Committee detailing the timescales and plans.

Discussion took place on the drainage improvements in West Clyde Street, the arrangements made for the existing memorial benches in Colquhoun Square, the issue in William Street in regards to cycle traffic, the ongoing problems with chewing gum on the pavements and the access arrangements at St Andrews Kirk, with the Project Manager agreeing to hold discussions with funeral directors in this regard.

**Decision:**

1. Members agreed to note the progress report;
2. That a further progress report be brought to the October Area Committee;
3. Agreed to allow the Contractor to continue to use the compound on the Pier car park until the completion of the CHORD works and to continue to make no charge for the use of this area;
4. Requested that a paper be brought to the Committee’s Business Day in September providing information on the work being undertaken to obtain a machine for the removal of chewing gum; and
5. Requested that a paper be brought to the Area Committee meeting in October detailing how the Sustrans money is to be spent in terms of cycle paths.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director, Development and Infrastructure, dated 12 August 2014, 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
the appropriate paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Governments (Scotland) Act 1973.

(c) **RISK REGISTER**

Members considered the risk description, impact, rating, mitigating actions and current status.

**Decision**

Members agreed to note the information provided.

(Ref: Risk Register provided by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services, submitted)

(d) **HIGHLIGHT REPORT**

Members considered a report outlining the key stages of the project plan with the original and revised start and completion dates, including budget management information.

**Decision:**

1. Members agreed to note the report;
2. Requested to be kept informed in terms of completion dates; and
3. Agreed to recommend to Policy and Resources Committee that the first two hours of parking in Sinclair Street car park in Helensburgh will be free from the 1st September – 31st December 2014 to compensate for the loss of on street parking (approximately 47 spaces) during the phase 3 and 4 CHORD public realm works.

(Reference: Report by CHORD Project Manager, dated 14 July 2014, submitted)
MINUTES of MEETING of HELENBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE held in the PILLAR HALL, VICTORIA HALLS, HELENBURGH on TUESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 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 McIntyre

Attending: Shona Barton  Area Committee Manager
Audrey Baird  Community Development Officer

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence intimated.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. THIRD SECTOR GRANTS (CONTINUED APPLICATIONS)

Members gave consideration to a report which outlined the recommendations for the award of Third Sector Grants (including Events and Festivals) to Third Sector organisations in the Helensburgh and Lomond area.

The Chair detailed discussions held with both the Leader of the Council and the Head of Strategic Finance in regards the ability for the Area Committee to carry forward unallocated funding from the Third Sector grants budget to the following financial year. He confirmed that the Head of Strategic Finance had advised that there was no policy in place which would allow the Area Committee to formally carry forward any funding residue to the subsequent financial year, but he advised that this could be achieved by way of a recommendation to the Policy and Resources Committee requesting this.

The Community Development Officer advised that the Artmap Argyll application had been withdrawn and, therefore, only the Gibson Community Centre application remained for Members further consideration.

Decision

Members agreed:-
1. To grant the application from Gibson Community Centre in the sum of £2,154.00.
2. That a recommendation be forwarded to the Policy and Resources Committee requesting authority for the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee to carry forward the Third Sector funding residue of £1,006 to the next Financial Year.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director, Community Services, dated 12 August 2014).
1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The main purpose of this report is to advise Members of the roads revenue budget position for the 1st Quarter of financial year 2014/15.

1.2 The overall roads maintenance budget for the 2014/15 year (excluding winter maintenance and coastal protection) is £4,145,227. Spend at the end of the first quarter of the financial year is £1,103,886; this equates to a 27% spend, with 73% remaining for the last three quarters.
2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 This report is the first of four reports which will provide Members with information on road maintenance revenue activities being delivered in 2014/15.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That the Committee notes this report.

4.0 DETAILS

Members were presented with four reports for each quarter of the 2013 to 2014 financial year which provided information on the roads maintenance revenue budget. This first of four reports provides financial information on roads maintenance spend for the first quarter of the 2014 to 2015 financial year.

The Roads Operations Budget is proposed in line with the Roads Maintenance and Management Strategy and the Roads Maintenance and Asset Management Plan (RAMP). As Members are aware, the available revenue budget is currently insufficient to allow all of the required works to be fully undertaken. Roads revenue expenditure is closely monitored by separating types of work into different ‘activities’. This report is based upon financial information which has been collated through the ‘Total’ costing system. Winter maintenance and coastal protection costs have been excluded from this report.

Appendix 1a shows the overall roads revenue maintenance budget for each area. The overall roads maintenance budget for the 2014/15 year (excluding winter maintenance and coastal protection) is £4,145,227 as indicated in the table.

Appendix 1b provides information on percentage spend for each area. Spend at the end of the first quarter is £1,103,886 which equates to a 27%, of the available budget.

In Appendix 1c the budget spent for each activity has been divided by the estimated unit rate for that activity to give the amount of work that would be expected to have been achieved within that budget spend. Roads Operations is now in the process of comparing actual quantities of works carried out in each area with spend for particular activities; this process involves careful correlation of quantities input by inspectorial staff in the WDM system with corresponding costs in the Total costing system. Early results are encouraging and this process will form the basis for future reporting of area unit rates.
Appendix 1d shows graphically how some of the main work activities have progressed in the first quarter of the year in financial terms. Budget profiles are set for each budget line and are used to manage actual expenditure against available budget. Graphs show ‘target’ spend versus ‘actual and re-profiled’ spend. The last two graphs indicate the overall position.

5.0 CONCLUSION

This report provides Members with a financial update on the roads revenue maintenance budget for the first quarter of the financial year 2014 to 2015. It indicates an average spend of 27% at the end of the first quarter. Further quarterly reports will continue to be presented to Members at future Area Committees.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Policy Works assessed and carried out under the current Roads Asset Management and Maintenance Plan.

6.2 Financial The available Roads revenue budget is below that required in terms of the RAMP.

6.3 Legal None

6.4 HR Roads revenue maintenance works are delivered by both Roads Operations and Amenity Operatives.

6.5 Equalities None

6.6 Risk Deterioration of road network if budget not spent effectively.

6.7 Customer Services Maintains service level commitment set out in Service Plan.

Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure

Policy Lead Cllr Ellen Morton
Head of Roads & Amenity Services
15 September 2014

For further information contact: Stewart Clark, Roads Performance Manager, Tel: 01546 604893

APPENDICES

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# Roads Revenue Maintenance Budget 2014 to 2015

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## Roads Revenue Maintenance Budget 2014 to 2015

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* Combined Area Budgets - See Appendix 1a for list of activities included.

** Remaining 'central budget' - Bridges, cattle grids and illuminated bollards
### Roads Revenue Maintenance Budget – Helensburgh and Lomond

**End of 1st Quarter Spend and Estimate of Percentage of Target Achieved**

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Lomond All Activities - Monthly

Total Costs are actual costs up to and including current month with remaining months shown as a projection.
- Total Costs
- Budget

Lomond All Activities - Cumulative

Total Costs are actual costs up to and including current month with remaining months shown as a projection.
- Current total Costs
- Cumulative Budget
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Update on Park and Ride Investigation

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As the Council do not own any sites that can deliver a park and ride site alternative option sites are being pursued to identify whether it is achievable or not to deliver additional car parking. Once a site is identified as feasible and the landowner is content to sell a funding package will require to be secured to purchase the site and implement the construction works.

Based on the revised Pier Head Master plan it is anticipated there will be a loss of approximately 190 car park spaces from the existing site. There will be a slight betterment in car park spaces after the CHORD works are complete (approximately 10 spaces).

In financial year 2011/12 SPT funded a study to consider option sites and the study concluded that the best option site to develop at that time was a car park and ride at Craigendoran Pier. The site was progressed to desk top feasibility with outline layouts and cost estimates of circa £800k-£1.3M to develop a park and ride site.

As the above site is not within the Councils land ownership control the structural integrity and condition of the site requires to be confirmed so that it can be evaluated prior to the Council considering purchase. Intrusive geotechnical investigation requires the land owner’s permission and a source of funding for the intrusive investigation (estimated to cost £39k) requires to be identified. The report details the further discussions that have taken place with the land owner and concludes that the above option site is not recommended to be taken forward at this present time.

Roads and Amenity services have investigated the potential to deliver through delineation additional parallel parking along Station Road. Station Road is only adopted to the end of the existing houses with the last section of Station Road connecting to Craigendoran station under the same landownership as that of Craigendoran Pier (Refer to Appendix 1). Roads and Amenity services have confirmed that it is possible to form additional parking along Station Road and have estimated that approximately 50 car park spaces could be created.

During 2014 Scottish Gas Network (SGN) have dismantled the Gasometer site in Helensburgh Town Centre. Outline feasibility layouts for additional 57 car parking spaces have been undertaken (Refer to Appendix 2) and Estates are in discussion with SGN regarding a valuation of the site and confirmation of the site’s geotechnical condition/integrity. This is anticipated to be completed by the end of October. The site would be advantageous due to its close proximity to the town centre and early discussions with SPT regarding potential funding source have been positive.
2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 This report considers the present option sites within Helensburgh that could potentially be taken forward to provide additional car parking and recommends which sites should continue to be pursued.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the option site of Craigendoran Pier is not taken forward at this present time.

3.2 It is recommended that Roads and Amenity Services takes forward the delineation of parallel parking along Station Road to provide approximately 50 spaces at an appropriate time and in tandem with proposals for the Pier Head in Helensburgh.

3.3 It is recommended that Estates continue to pursue Scottish Gas Network for a valuation of the site and confirmation of the site’s geotechnical condition/integrity.

4.0 DETAILS

4.1 Option Site Craigendoran Pier

In financial year 2011/12 SPT funded a study to consider option sites and the study concluded that the best option site to develop at that time was a car park and ride at Craigendoran Pier. The site was progressed to desk top feasibility with outline layouts (77-156 car park spaces) and cost estimates (£800k-£1.3M).

As the above site is not within the Councils land ownership control the structural integrity and condition of the site requires to be confirmed so that it can be evaluated prior to the Council considering purchase. Intrusive geotechnical investigation requires the land owner’s permission and a source of funding for the intrusive investigation (estimated to cost £39k) requires to be identified.

Council officers have met with the landowner to discuss the above. The landowner highlighted the area of land to the east beyond station road which is also under their ownership. The landowner confirmed a previous developer had taken out an option over the land for potential housing development. The landowner would be happy to allow the intrusive investigations to be carried out and the results shared but did
express concerns over how attractive a future housing development would be if the main entrance to the site is adjacent to a park and ride site. Council officers also discussed with the landowner the potential for the length of Station Road (from the last house on Station Road to Craigendoran Station entrance) to be adopted by the Council. This would allow for the full length of Station Road to be delineated for car parking. Council officers did suggest that measures including signalisation of Station Road/East Clyde Street and full parking delineation of Station Road would potentially make the access to the land to the east beyond Station Road more attractive to developers. The landowner confirmed as there was no monetary benefit to them in doing this they were not interested in considering this option.

In light of the above discussions and the costs of £39k funding that would need to be sourced to fund for intrusive investigations it is recommend that the option site of Craigendoran Pier is not taken forward at this present time.

4.2 Roads and Amenity services have investigated the potential to deliver through delineation additional parallel parking along Station Road. Station Road is only adopted to the end of the existing houses with the last section of Station Road, connecting to Craigendoran station, under the same landownership as that of Craigendoran Pier.

Roads and Amenity services have confirmed that the width of the existing carriageway on Station Road between Craigendoran Avenue and the end of the public road limit is 10.5 metres narrowing to 10.0 metres. A 1.0 metre access strip could be delineated plus 2.5 metre parking bay still allowing for a minimum of 6.5 metres wide carriageway which would be acceptable for the passage of two way traffic. It is estimated that the above delineation would provide approximately 50 parallel car parking spaces restricted to the north side of the road next to the railway line. The cost estimate for the above is approximately £5,000. The above is within Argyll and Bute Council’s land ownership/control to deliver.

At present as there is adequate parking taking place on the private section of Station Road it is recommended that the above is taken forward at an appropriate time and in tandem with proposals for the Pier Head in Helensburgh.

There are also further enhancements that would make the above 50 parallel parking spaces more attractive. There is an area of verge adjacent to the railway line that would be advantageous to implement as a new footway along Station Road however this is currently under the land ownership of Network rail and cost estimates for construction of this are in the region of £55k (not including the land purchase value also). There is also the potential of the signalisation of Station Road/East Clyde Street and this has been estimated to be in the region of £50k to deliver. The scheme was previously proposed by a developer's traffic consultant and is outline design only. There are a number of residential properties that will exit onto the A814/Station Road at mid junction and this detail will require to be addressed with the residents and may restrict the opportunity to deliver this piece on infrastructure.

Funding sources for the above enhancements would need to be identified and the necessary approval and purchase of land given by Network Rail for the footway.
4.3 During 2014 the Gasometer site in Helensburgh town centre has become an option site as Scottish Gas Network have decided to undertake demolition works of the gasometer. As the site is not within the Council’s ownership control the Council estates section have been pursuing the integrity/condition of the site to ensure it is suitable for use as car parking and in order for a cost evaluation to be prepared should the Council wish to pursue a purchase from the land owner. Outline designs for potential car park layouts have been undertaken and the preferred layout providing 57 additional car park spaces is detailed in Appendix 2. It is recommended that Estates continue to pursue Scottish Gas Network for a valuation of the site and confirmation of the site’s geotechnical condition/integrity. Once a detailed valuation and cost estimate for the car park are known a source for funding will require to be identified.

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 As the Council do not own any sites that can deliver a park and ride site alternative option sites are being pursued to identify whether it is achievable or not to deliver additional car parking.

5.2 Once a site is identified as feasible and the landowner is content to sell a funding package will require to be secured to purchase the site and implement the construction works.

5.3 It is recommended that the option site of Craigendoran Pier is not taken forward at this present time.

5.4 It is recommended that Roads and Amenity Services takes forward the delineation of parallel parking along Station Road to provide approximately 50 spaces at an appropriate time and in tandem with proposals for the Pier Head in Helensburgh.

5.5 It is recommended that Estates continue to pursue Scottish Gas Network for a valuation of the site and confirmation of the site’s geotechnical condition/integrity.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Policy Consistent with the Council’s Local Transport Strategy in seeking to benefit the travelling public within Argyll and Bute

6.2 Financial Funding will require to be secured at delivery stage.

6.3 Legal Land negotiations and evaluations will require to be undertaken prior to consideration of purchase.

6.4 HR None

6.5 Equalities None.

6.6 Risk Land for an option site cannot be purchased by the
Council and funding for delivery of project cannot be secured.

6.7 Customer Services None

Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Pippa Milne
Policy Lead Councillor Duncan MacIntyre
12/09/14

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Limit of Station Road Public Adoption
Appendix 2 – Outline Car park Layout Gasometer Option Site
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Council has been advised that two historic plaques have been discovered in offices at Sinclair Street, Helensburgh. The plaques are of historical interest to the Helensburgh area and the Heritage Trust has expressed an interest in acquiring these plaques, with the intention of putting them on public display at some point in the future.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Area Committee is asked to agree the loan of the two historic plaques to the Heritage Trust and to delegate authority to the Director of Customer Services to draw up such legal agreement as is required.

3.0 DETAIL

3.1 Two historic plaques were discovered in a cupboard in offices at 48 Sinclair Street, Helensburgh. The plaques have historical value to the Helensburgh area and the Heritage Trust has expressed an interest in acquiring the plaques with the intention of displaying these in the future.

3.2 The Heritage Trust has asked if the plaques could be gifted to them by the Council. It is suggested, in order to maintain Council ownership of the plaques that they are loaned to the Heritage Trust and that a loan agreement is drawn up between the Council and the Heritage Trust. This agreement would allow the plaques to be stored and displayed by the Heritage Trust, but the Council would still maintain ownership rights to them.

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 As outlined above, in order to allow the plaques to be gifted to the Heritage Trust and to allow them to be put on public display, it is suggested that the Area Committee agree to a loan agreement being drawn up between the Council and the Heritage Trust.
5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Policy  The recommendation is in accordance with the Council guidelines in relation to the management of such requests.

5.2 Financial  None

5.3 Legal  A legal agreement will require to be drawn up to facilitate the loan of the plaques.

5.4 HR  None

5.5 Equalities  None

5.6 Risk  Legal agreement will ensure Council ownership is maintained.

5.7 Customer Service  None

Executive Director of Customer Services
Policy Lead Councillor Robin Currie
22 September 2014

For further information contact: Shona Barton 01436 657605

APPENDICES
Appendix 1 - Photographs
This tablet is placed here by a grateful community in memory of this hospital who were accidentally killed in Helensburgh on the same day, 6 October 1925.
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SANITARY INSPECTOR AND INSPECTOR OF CLEANSING OFFICE 1ST FLOOR
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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines progress to date in the delivery of the Artwork elements of Helensburgh CHORD town centre public realm improvement works funded through the main CHORD budget allocation and the S75 Artworks fund of £100,000, the latter approved by Members on the 8th April 2014.

There will be approximately 15 artworks displayed on the plinths in Colquhoun Square, of which the five funded through the main CHORD budget are currently being fabricated and are due to be installed in October this year. The remaining 10 funded by the S75 monies, will be procured by means of community-led and open submission process. The community-led process is well underway with two pieces already approved by the Artwork Panel, (Hermitage Academy - John Muir pieces, the Lions Clubs – replica of their mini-bus).

The following artwork elements were signed off by the Artwork Panel on the 20th August:

- **Open Submission Competition** - the commission will be launched on 25th September 2014, via a wide range of outlets including Creative Scotland; Artists Organisations’ mailing lists e.g. Glasgow Sculpture Studios, Cove Park, Glasgow Print Studio, Helensburgh Advertiser; the CHORD Outdoor museum website etc.
- **The Website template**.

The following artworks have been installed:

- John Muir Artwork and Bench on the esplanade.
- Stepping Stones on the esplanade.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Helensburgh and Lomond Members note the progress report.

That the Area Committee instructs the Helensburgh CHORD Project Manager to bring a progress report to the Helensburgh and Lomond December Area Committee.
HELENSBURGH CHORD – ARTWORK PROGRESS REPORT

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on the progress of Artwork elements of the Helensburgh CHORD town centre public realm improvement works funded through the main CHORD budget allocation and the S75 Artworks fund of £100,000, the latter approved by Members on the 8th April 2014.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That the Helensburgh and Lomond Members note the progress report

3.2 That the Area Committee instruct the Helensburgh CHORD Project Manager to bring a further progress report to the Helensburgh and Lomond December Area Committee.

4.0 DETAILS

4.1 It was agreed at the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee in June 2014 that the £100,000 section 75 Artworks monies would fund the following artworks:

- Additional 4 - 5 Plinth Artworks, based upon the design and materials guide that has been evolved in the fabrication of the first 5 Plinth Artworks funded by the CHORD artworks programme;
- Produce a record of the “History of Helensburgh” in 100 Objects as a Website;
- Produce a Design Guide as a downloadable PDF;
- Create 5 bronze plaques that relate to the historic ‘1845 text’
- Provide 14 additional stepping stones along the grassed area of the esplanade depicting the most popular children names in Helensburgh over the years
- Produce a 3m x 0.5m sandstone etching showing the evolution of the town map from 1800 to present day.

It was also agreed that Councillor Ellen Morton, Councillor Gary Mulvaney and Councillor Richard Trail would sit on the Artwork selection panel.
4.2 Progress against each of the above elements is outlined below:

**4.2.1 PLINTHS**
All of the five original plinths funded by the main CHORD funds are currently being produced and are due to be installed before the end of the year, slightly behind schedule. The five plinths are the *Lily Springs bottle* from the Lily Springs Spring House; four *Wee shoes* miniature crafted shoes by the town’s first shoemaker; *Stooky Bill* puppet used by John Logie Baird for the first ever transmitted televised image in 1926; *Comet – Bell’s Bell* replica of the original bell salvaged from the wreck of the Comet in 1820 and the *Butter Pats*.

The position with the additional plinths funded from the S75 monies are as follows:

- **Community-Led School Plinth** - John Muir. The bronze pieces are currently at the final stages of production, the aim is to have the artwork installed before the end of October 2014.
- **Community-Led Grey Matters Plinth** - WAVEparticle continue to develop 3 worked up proposals drawn from the nominations from Grey matters ‘object and story’ with one chosen for permanent display as a Grey Matters’ Plinth. The final selection will be presented to the Artwork panel in October for approval.
- **Community-Led nominated by Helensburgh Heritage Trust** – WAVEparticle are meeting the Trust on the 24 September to finalise their nomination which will come forward to the October Artwork panel meeting for approval.
- **Community –Led nominated by the Helensburgh Lions Club founded in 1964**, the longest serving Lions club in Scotland – replica of their first mini-bus which took people from the centre of Helensburgh to the Vale of Leven Hospital for over 40 years. Proposal approved by the Artwork Panel in August, currently at production stage.

**4.2.2 WEBSITE**
WAVEparticle prepared a brief identifying requirements to produce a template for a website for ‘Helensburgh in a 100 objects’ – this included researching website precedents including The British Museum “A History of the World in 100 objects”.

This template has been developed and can now be accessed as a work in progress via:

http://outdoor-museum.com

Template will shortly be populated with live material from the Grey Matters workshops and the Antiques Valuation Day, St Andrews Kirk on the 1 October, at which Christies will be present to value objects brought by the community.

The Website template was presented and approved by the Artwork panel in August.

**4.2.3 DESIGN GUIDE**
The Guide is currently being researched and produced, indicative 2nd draft will be presented to the Artwork panel on the 24 September 2014.
4.2.4 BRONZE PLAQUE TEXT FROM THE 1845 REPORT
The bronze plaques that relate to the historic ‘1845 text’ have been delivered to site with a comprehensive set of instructions for installation. The first three plaques will be installed in keeping with a small launch event, date to be confirmed, where they and the Hermitage Academy - John Muir plinth can be revealed for a photo shoot.

4.2.5 THE STEPPING STONES
The stepping stones, depicting the most popular children names in Helensburgh over the years, have been installed along the grassed area of the esplanade.

4.2.6 TOWN MAP
Three Town Maps (1820 / 1900 / 2014) are in production, due for completion on the 30th September with installation immediately thereafter.

In addition to the above artworks, the artists are looking to create a flotilla arrangement with the decorative heads from the Comet Lighting columns to attract people from the Esplanade up into the Square; further details will be presented to the September Artwork panel meeting.

4.3 Budget - to date approximately £40,000 of the £100,000 S75 fund has been committed/spent.

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|                                | Management Fee - 12.5%            | £10,500 | £7,850 |
|                                | **Total**                        | **£10,500** | **£39,300** |

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4.4 Good progress is being made with the Community –Led Plinths, the Open Submission Plinths are behind schedule but aiming to have 10 of the 15 artworks installed before the end of the year. The Stepping stones are installed. The Town maps, the Bronze plaques and the John Muir plinth will be installed early October 2014.
4.5 There are essentially three risks associated with the successful delivery of the S75 artwork proposals; costs exceeding budget – project currently under budget as prices for Stepping stones and Bronze plaques returned under estimate; lower level of response to artworks for Plinths - competition to be launched on the 25th September but given the response to the community-led plinths the risk is deemed low and ensuring artworks are available to be installed without prejudicing the main works programme – to date this has not been an issue.

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 Overall steady progress is being made in delivering the various artwork elements, costs remain within budget and risks associated with the project are low to moderate. All the artworks are integrated into the physical CHORD area and all are on track to be completed before the CHORD work is completed. One new work utilising the Comet ship from previous lamp posts is underdevelopment.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Policy The delivery of this project fits with the Council’s Corporate Plan, Single Outcome Agreement and approved Development Plan key actions and policy for safeguarding our built heritage and town centre regeneration. The economic outcomes from this project will contribute to the Council’s Economic Development Action Plan at a strategic and area based level. Council’s Planning Officers have been consulted on the CHORD Artwork proposals and written consent has been given.

6.2 Financial The Council is in receipt of the £100,000 funds from the Section 75 Agreement with Drum development. The project management costs are included in the budget breakdown in section 4.3.

6.3 Legal None

6.4 HR None, the artwork proposals will be project managed by WAVEparticle, who will report to Helensburgh CHORD Project Manager and provide regular progress updates to the Helensburgh and Lomond Members.

6.5 Equalities None

6.6 Risk See section 4.5 above.

6.7 Customer Services None
Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure
16 September 2014

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1. SUMMARY

1.1 A request has been received from Helensburgh & District Round Table for permission to host a Fireworks Display in Helensburgh pier car park (behind the swimming baths and the site compound) and to utilise the main pier for the Fireworks Display.

1.2 They intend to section off the car park with the assistance of the police from 6.00 pm on the evening of Friday 7th November 2014 until the end of the display on Saturday 8th November 2014 with the area being cleared on the morning of Sunday 9th November 2014.

1.3 They have requested that the Council forego charging for the area being used.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Area Committee approve the request from Helensburgh & District Round Table to host the Fireworks Display in Helensburgh Pier Car Park on Saturday 8th November 2014.

2.2 That the Area Committee agree that no charge be made for use of the car park.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 This event has taken place at this location in previous years

4. IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None
Financial: If all charging is suspended, the granting of this request would result in an approx. loss of income of £300 - £500 to the Council.
Personnel: None
Equal Opportunity: None
Legal: None
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HELENBURGH PIER CAR PARK – WINTER FESTIVAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY

1. SUMMARY

1.1 A request has been received from the Helensburgh Winter Festival Committee for permission to host a Fireworks Display in Helensburgh pier car park (behind the swimming baths and the site compound) and to utilise the main pier for the Fireworks Display.

1.2 They intend to section off the car park with the assistance of the police from 8.00am until the end of the display (approximately 6.00pm) on Sunday 30th November 2014.

1.3 They have requested that the Council forego charging for the area being used.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Area Committee approve the request from the Helensburgh Winter Festival Committee to host the Fireworks Display in Helensburgh Pier Car Park on Sunday 30th November 2014.

2.2 That the Area Committee agree that no charge be made for use of the car park.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 This event has taken place in this location in previous years.

4. IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None
Financial: If all charging is suspended, the granting of this request would result in an approx. loss of income of £100 - £300 to the Council.
Personnel: None
Equal Opportunity: None
Legal: None
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