

**MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE held
in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on WEDNESDAY, 3 AUGUST 2016**

Present: Councillor Rory Colville (Chair)

Councillor John Armour	Councillor Robin Currie
Councillor Anne Horn	Councillor Donnie MacMillan
Councillor Douglas Philand	Councillor Sandy Taylor

Attending: Shona Barton, Area Committee Manager
David Clements, IOD Programme Manager
Ishabel Bremner, Economic Development Manager
Stuart Watson, Traffic and Development Manager
Antonia Barid, Community Development Officer
James Lafferty, Project Officer, Campbeltown THI
Bill Halliday, Team Leader
Richard Hay, Urban Animaion

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Donald Kelly and John McAlpine.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Colville declared a non-financial interest in Agenda Item 9, with specific reference to the recommendations contained at (iii)(a) and (vi)a by reason of him being Chair of South Kintyre Development Trust who had submitted representation to these proposals. He left the room and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

Councillor Horn declared a non-financial interest in Agenda Items 7(a) Third Sector Grants – August Tranche and 7(b) Monitoring of grants to the third sector 2015/16 with specific reference to the application from PACT MAK and the project monitoring form from Tarbert After School Care as she is a Member of the Committee of both these organisations.

3. MINUTE OF THE MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 JUNE 2016

The minute of the previous Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee held on 1st June 2016 was approved as a correct record.

4. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

Councillor Horn raised a question over the reductions in the Amenity Services budget with specific reference being made to the reduction in grass cutting in some of our amenity areas and in some of our cemeteries. The Committee agreed that a request would be made for a report to the Business Day meeting of the MAKI Area Committee in September which would outline the reductions which have taken place

in amenity grass cutting in the MAKI Area and asked that the Head of Roads and Amenity Services be invited for this item. The Committee agreed to email the Area Committee Manager with anything specific they would like discussed at this meeting.

Councillor Horn referenced correspondence which has taken place over the last week or so in relation to the funding which was agreed by P&R Committee to help support the L&WW and which has still to be received by the Group.

She advised that the LWW have been advised that it may take up to a further 3 months before the funding comes through. She noted that one of the Board members of the LWW has recently resigned and there is a general feeling that they are not being supported by the Council. It was also noted that the information that has been requested by the Council in relation to the funding appeared to have been provided timeously. The Area Committee Manager agreed to pursue the matter with Development and Infrastructure Services and to circulate information to members in due course.

5. AREA SCORECARD - FQ1 2016-17

The Committee considered a report presenting the Area Scorecard, with exceptional performance for financial quarter 1 of 2016/17 (April-June 2016).

The Chair raised a concern in relation to the mental health issues which are ongoing at the Mid Argyll Hospital. Councillor Philand provided an update on the current staffing issues and the temporary closure of the intensive care ward.

Councillor Philand raised a concern in relation to missing information and targets on the scorecard and suggested that this be updated. Councillor Armour asked that the dog fouling fines be looked at too. The Area Committee Manager agreed to contact the Head of Roads and Amenity Services to seek an update on the recommendation which had been put to Council in September 2015.

Decision

The Committee noted the exceptional performance presented on the scorecard.

(Ref: Report by IOD Programme Manager dated 3rd August 2016, submitted).

6. CAMPBELTOWN BELL

A report providing information on a display of the HMS Campbeltown Bell, was considered by the Committee.

Decision

The Committee noted the ongoing work in relation to securing the permanent display of the HMS Campbeltown bell in the Burnet Building, Campbeltown.

(Ref: Report by Acting Executive Director of Community Services dated 4th July 2016, submitted).

Councillor Horn, having declared a non-financial interest in Agenda Items 7(a) Third Sector Grants – August Tranche and 7(b) Monitoring of grants to the third sector

2015/16 with specific reference to the application from PACT MAK and the project monitoring form from Tarbert After School Care, stayed in the room and took no part in the discussion of these groups.

7. THIRD SECTOR GRANTS

(a) August Tranche

A report detailing recommendations for the award of Third Sector Grants (including Events and Festivals) to Third Sector organisations for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands, was considered.

Decision

The Committee agreed to award the grant recommendations as follows:-

Ref No	Organisation	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommendation 2016
1	3rd Argyll (1st Islay) Scout Group	£2,160	£1,160	£300
2	Argyll District Scouting	£4,265	£1,165	£300
3	Bowmore Lunch Bunch	£3,695	£1,160	£650
4	Kintyre Link Club	£1,603	£802	£700
5	Mid Argyll Arts Association	£3,250	£1,500	£1,000
6	Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce	£6,433	£1,433	£1,000
7	PACT MAK	£2,025	£1,000	£750
8	South Kintyre Senior Citizens Committee	£2,520	£720	£410
9	Templar Arts and Leisure Centre	£12,000	£4,000	£1,000

(b) Monitoring of grants to the third sector 2015/16

A report highlighting the positive outcomes for communities in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands through the allocation of the Council's Third Sector Grant funding in 2015/16, was considered.

The report advises that the total third sector grants budget made available by the Council for allocation in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands for 2015/16 was £36,764 which included a carry forward of £1,764 and 36 organisations benefited from an award.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report and the Committee thanked the Community Development Officer and her team for all their

hard work.

(Ref: Report by Community Development Officer dated 3rd August 2016, submitted).

8. CHARITY AND TRUST FUNDS

A report setting out the proposed method for the distribution of funds for the charities and trust funds in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area was considered.

Decision

The Committee agreed that this report would be brought back to the November Business Day to allow for further discussion with the appropriate Officers.

(Ref: Report by Finance Manager dated 3rd August 2016, submitted).

9. PARKING REVIEW UPDATE

A report providing a summary of the parking review process to date and the issues raised through the member workshop and informal public consultation, was considered. The report also provides an overall programme for the implementation of any changes to the current arrangements and the associated statutory consultation process.

Councillor Colville, having declared a non-financial interest, asked that points (iii) & (vii) of this item be taken separately and at this point he left the room and Councillor MacMillan took the Chair.

Motion

The Committee agree the recommendations in the report as outlined at (iii)(a) and (vi)(a).

Moved by Councillor MacMillan seconded by Councillor Currie.

Amendment

In light of the discussions and considering possible road safety issues that the Committee agree to set consideration of these recommendations aside to allow officers to come back with further information and possible solutions.

Moved by Councillor Taylor seconded by Councillor Armour.

Decision

On a show of hands vote the Amendment was carried by 4 votes to 2 and the Area Committee resolved accordingly.

Councillor Colville re-entered the room and re-took the Chair.

Members considered the remaining recommendations contained within the report.

Decision

Members approved the following proposals:-

1. Inveraray
Liaise with Transport Scotland regarding the reintroduction and enforcement by Argyll and Bute Council of the Traffic Regulation Order for time restrictions on Main Street.
2. Lochgilphead
To formalise coach and HGV parking in Lorne Street Car Park and to introduce overnight charges in this section of the car park.
3. Campbeltown
One way systems on the following streets:
Burnside Street – direction of travel from Lorne Street to Longrow;
Burnbank Street – direction of travel from Longrow to Kinloch Road;
Cross Street / Union Street (south) – direction of travel from Main Street to Longrow;
Union Street (north) – direction of travel from Longrow to Bolgam Street;
Longrow South – direction of travel from Main Street to Burnbank Street.
Parking:
No parking at any time (double yellows) from Martins Garage to Well Close;
Parking on both sides of Longrow & Longrow South (excepting above) but restricted to 1 hour.
Pedestrian Zones:
Harvey's Lane and Cross Street from Cross Street/Union Street Junction to Burnside Street to be pedestrianised.

(Ref: Report by Traffic and Development Manager dated July 2016, submitted).

10. SHORELINE PROJECT, BOWMORE

Richard Heggie from Urban Animations gave a presentation to the Committee on the Shoreline Project in Bowmore.

Discussion took place on phase one of the affordable housing, the Business/Workshop units, the support available from the Council's Economic Development Teams and the proposed footpath from the development to the town centre.

Decision

The Committee noted the information provided.

(Ref: Presentation by Urban Animations dated 3rd August 2016, submitted).

Councillor Horn left the meeting at 11:55am.

11. ITEM TRACKER

The Committee gave consideration to the item tracker.

Decision

The Committee noted the item tracker for August 2016.

(Ref: Item Tracker, dated 3rd August 2016, submitted).

The Council resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the press and 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&13 respectively of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

E1 12. **CAMPBELTOWN CONSERVATION AREA REGENERATION SCHEME (CARS) - DECKING PROJECT - MAIN STREET/LONGROW SOUTH/UNION STREET**

The Committee considered a report in relation to the Campbeltown Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) Decking Project.

Decision

The Committee agreed the recommendations at 3.1 of the report.

(Ref: Report by THI Project Officer dated 3rd August 2016, submitted).