

**Argyll and Bute Council**  
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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

A meeting of the **ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD** on **THURSDAY, 26 JANUARY 2017** at **10:30 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry  
Executive Director of Customer Services

## **BUSINESS**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (IF ANY)**

**3. MINUTES**

(a) Argyll and Bute Council held on 24 November 2016 (Pages 1 - 18)

(b) Special Argyll and Bute Council held on 7 December 2016 (Pages 19 - 20)

**4. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES**

\* (a) Community Services Committee held on 8 December 2016 (Pages 21 - 26)

Hard copies of the Local Housing Strategy are available in the Members Room

\* (b) Policy and Resources Committee held on 15 December 2016 (Pages 27 - 36)

The above minutes are submitted to the Council for approval of any recommendations on the items which the Committee does not have delegated powers. These items are marked with an \*.

**5. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2016** (Pages 37 - 98)

Presentation by Elaine Garman, Public Health Specialist and Report by Director of Public Health

**6. LEADER'S REPORT** (Pages 99 - 110)

Report by Leader of the Council

## **7. POLICY LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

- (a) PPSL, Planning Services, Historic and Sustainable Development (Pages 111 - 116)
- (b) Island Affairs (Pages 117 - 120)

## **8. POLITICAL MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

- (a) Minute of Short Life Working Group on Political Management Arrangements held on 15 November 2016 (Pages 121 - 122)
- (b) Minute of Short Life Working Group on Political Management Arrangements held on 12 December 2016 (Pages 123 - 124)

## **9. THIRD SECTOR ASSET TRANSFER, CAR PARK AND PUBLIC CONVENIENCES, CARRADALE HARBOUR (Pages 125 - 150)**

Recommendation by the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee of 7 December 2016

## **10. THIRD SECTOR ASSET TRANSFER - BALEMARTINE PLAYING FIELD (Pages 151 - 176)**

Recommendation by the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee of 9 December 2016

## **11. THIRD SECTOR ASSET TRANSFER - FORMER PUBLIC TOILETS - DERVAIG (Pages 177 - 208)**

Recommendation by the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee of 9 December 2016

## **12. PROPOSED VARIATION OF PATH AGREEMENTS TO FACILITATE TRANSFER OF THE DALRIADA TRUST TO THE BLARBUIE FOREST ENTERPRISE (Pages 209 - 210)**

Recommendation by the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee of 14 December 2016

## **13. TACKLING DOG FOULING (Pages 211 - 214)**

Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services

## **14. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13**

Moved by Councillor Marshall, seconded by Councillor Strong

That Argyll and Bute agree to ban the use of sky lanterns and helium balloon release from Council owned and property in an effort to make the countryside safer for grazing livestock, prevent harm to wildlife at sea and on land and to protect the environment.

The Council is asked to delegate to the Director of Development and Infrastructure the authority to put in place arrangements to support his principle.

## **15. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13**

Moved by Councillor Devon, seconded by Councillor Horn

### **Preamble bullet points:**

- Auto-immune anti-NMDA Receptor Encephalitis, or NMDA, is a disease which is often misdiagnosed as a mental health issue because it presents in the same way as other conditions such as bipolar or schizophrenia.
- The reason it is misdiagnosed is because NMDA is not being taught within the UK medical curriculum – which means that healthcare professionals are failing to recognise it.
- If left untreated, or not treated correctly, NMDA can lead to behavioural changes, confusion, cerebellar symptoms, reduced consciousness and death.
- Incorrectly diagnosing NMDA as a mental health condition means that, as well as going without the correct treatment, sufferers are often sectioned under the Mental Health Act and admitted to mental health institutions/secure care.
- As well as causing unnecessary distress to sufferers and their families, this adds needless pressure to mental health care services as well as budgets.
- All of this is unnecessary because NMDA, when recognised and correctly diagnosed, is easily treated using standard inexpensive medications which are readily available through the NHS – and, with appropriate treatment, the disease is generally reversible with a good prognosis.
- There are people living in Argyll and Bute who are suffering through misdiagnosis of NMDA and therefore are not receiving the appropriate treatment they need in order to recover and live a full life. Because this is affecting people in our communities, through this motion I hope that Argyll and Bute Council can contribute to raising awareness of NMDA and I am asking the council to do the following:

People with NMDA need and deserve to have their condition diagnosed correctly so they get the right treatment and have every chance of making a good recovery. In order for this to happen, the General Medical Council should include NMDA in its UK Medical Curriculum for health care professionals. Therefore, Argyll and Bute Council agrees to:

- Write to the appropriate Scottish and UK Government Ministers responsible for health issues seeking their support in calling for Auto-immune anti-NMDA Receptor Encephalitis (NMDA) to be added to the UK Medical Curriculum as soon as possible;
- Write to the UK General Medical Council requesting that it includes NMDA, its diagnosis and its treatment in the UK Medical Curriculum as soon as possible.

**COUNCIL**

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