

**MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE held
in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on MONDAY, 26 JUNE 2017**

Present: Councillor Robin Currie (Chair)

Councillor John Armour	Councillor Donald MacMillan
Councillor Rory Colville	Councillor Douglas Philand
Councillor Anne Horn	Councillor Sandy Taylor
Councillor Donald Kelly	

Attending: Shona Barton, Area Committee Manager

1. APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were intimated by Councillor Alastair Redman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**3. MINUTE OF THE MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5 APRIL 2017**

The Minute of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee meeting held on 5 April 2017 was approved as a true record.

Councillor Anne Horn joined the meeting at 2.06pm.

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4. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

Councillor Kelly advised that the issue of the smell of raw sewage was still affecting properties in the Meadowburn area of Campbeltown, and enquired as to the progress of discussions with Scottish Water in this regard. The Area Committee Manager advised that she had raised this issue with the Regional Communities Manager of Scottish Water, who had undertaken to deal with the issue and report back. Mrs Barton advised that she had not received any further update in this regard. Discussion was had in relation to the powers of the Council where odour issues were deemed a nuisance. The Area Committee Manager agreed to take this matter forward with the Council's Regulatory Services Manager and to set up a site meeting between Ward 1 Members and Scottish Water.

Councillor Philand advised that he had received a number of complaints from constituents relating to the quality of cuts at Ach nabreac Cemetery in Lochgilphead. Discussion took place in relation to similar issues in a number of other cemeteries in the area, with photos being circulated to evidence the complaints. The Chair, Councillor Currie asked Members to forward the photos to the Area Committee

Manager who agreed to raise the issues with the Head of Roads and Amenity Services, and request that he provide a response to all Members by email.

Councillor Horn raised a number of issues which included the ancillary work required at the football pitch in Tarbert; the cessation of warden support at the sheltered housing complex's in Bowmore and Port Ellen; the deterioration of the footpath at Daal Terrace in Port Charlotte and the possibility of ACHA taking on the school house in Clachan. Discussion was also had in relation to the deterioration in the standard of the toilet facilities in Tarbert; the roads on Jura and the issues faced by the recycling project Re-jig. The Area Committee Manager advised that she would contact the relevant officers in relation to these issues and request that where appropriate, meetings be arranged to progress issues. Mrs Barton confirmed that she would advise Members of the outcome of discussions by email.

Councillor Kelly enquired about the grass cutting sub-contract for ACHA housing and communal areas. Discussion was had in respect of the financial implications of the contract with Members keen to hear from the Head of Roads and Amenity Services in this regard. The Area Committee Manager agreed to make contact with Mr Smith and invite him to attend the Business Day meeting on 2 August 2017 to provide clarity in this regard.

Councillor Armour spoke of a machine that is used in the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area for lifting cut grass and asked whether it would be possible to get a similar machine in the MAKI area. Councillor Armour also enquired about the expected date of delivery of the mechanical street sweeper for Campbeltown. The Area Committee Manager agreed to address these issues with the Head of Roads and Amenity Services and confirm the position to Members by email.

5. 2017-18 AREA COMMITTEE DATES, ETC

The Committee gave consideration to a report outlining the schedule of meetings in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area from August 2017 to July 2018.

Decision:

The Committee:

1. agreed to endorse the cycle of Area Committee meetings as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
2. agreed that future meetings would take place in Campbeltown, Tarbert, Inveraray and Islay.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Customer Services, dated 26 June 2017, submitted.)

6. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

The Committee gave consideration to a report outlining local bodies/organisations within the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area which require elected member appointment.

Decision:

Members agreed that the following appointments be made:-

Organisation	Elected Member	Term of Appointment
Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) Local Area Committee	Councillor Donald MacMillan	Till next Local Government Elections
West Highland Housing Association	Councillor Anne Horn	Till next Local Government Elections
Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group	Councillor Robin Currie Councillor Donald MacMillan Councillor John Armour	Till next Local Government Elections
Mid Argyll Locality Planning Group	Councillor Dougie Philand	Till next Local Government Elections
Kintyre Locality Planning Group	Councillor Anne Horn	Till next Local Government Elections
Islay and Jura Locality Planning Group	Councillor Robin Currie	Till next Local Government Elections
Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust	Councillor Anne Horn	Till next Local Government Elections
Killean and Kilchenzie Church Preservation Society	Councillor Rory Colville	Till next Local Government Elections
Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel	Councillor John Armour Councillor Rory Colville Councillor Donald Kelly Councillor Robin Currie Councillor Anne Horn Councillor Alastair Redman (on a Rotational Basis)	Till next Local Government Elections
Islay and Jura Community Enterprise Ltd	Councillor Robin Currie Councillor Anne Horn Councillor Alastair Redman	Till next Local Government Elections
Urras Achadh An Droighinn/The Auchindrain Trust	Councillor Donald MacMillan	Till next Local Government Elections
Kilmartin Museum Company Limited	Councillor Sandy Taylor	Till next Local Government Elections
Kintyre Youth Fund	Councillor John Armour Councillor Rory Colville Councillor Donald Kelly	Till next Local Government Elections
Mid Argyll Partnership (MAP)	Councillor Currie Councillor Horn	Till next Local Government

	Councillor Redman Councillor MacMillan Councillor Philand Councillor Taylor	Elections
Argyll and Bute Renewables trust (formerly Windfarm Trust)	Councillor Anne Horn Councillor Sandy Taylor	Till next Local Government Elections
Campbeltown Ferry Committee	Councillor John Armour Councillor Anne Horn	Till next Local Government Elections

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