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MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL KINTYRE & ISLAY AREA COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY on WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY 2002

Present: Councillor Donnie MacMillan (Chair)

Councillor Alison Hay	Councillor John Findlay
Councillor Alastair McKinlay	Councillor Robin Currie
Councillor Dugie McKinnon	Councillor Donald Kelly
Councillor Bruce Robertson	

Attending: Deirdre Forsyth, Area Corporate Services Manager
Richard Kerr, Senior Planning Officer
Ian Fawcett, Area Amenity Services Manager
Angus Smith, Area Social Work Manager
Felicity Kelly, Community Education
Donnie McLeod, Area Manager, Transportation & Property Services
Willie Young, Principal Leisure Officer
Hugh Blake, Estates Surveyor
Andy Ewan, Principal Library & Information Services Officer
Bruce Campbell, Senior Environmental Health Officer
Inspector David Sutherland, Strathclyde Police
Chief Inspector Harry Miller
Joy Stewart, Women's Aid
Pamela McDonald, Women's Aid
Jackie Fulton, Homestart Kintyre

1. URGENT ITEM

The Chairman decided in terms of Section 50B (4) (b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, and the Committee agreed in terms of Standing Orders that item 16 which was not specified in the agenda should be considered as a matter of urgency because of the short period for consultation with the public.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Alastair Blair.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor McKinnon declared an interest in Planning Application 02/00604/LOU, took no part in the proceedings relating to that item and left the room.

Councillor Currie declared a non pecuniary interest in item 18.

4. MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF 5 AND 24 JUNE 2002

The Committee agreed the minutes of their meetings of 5 and 24 June 2002.

5. PRESENTATIONS

Presentations were made by

- (a) Inspector Sutherland on Traffic Statistics
- (b) Chief Inspector Miller, Joy Stewart and Pamela McDonald on Women's Aid and
- (c) Jackie Fulton on the expansion of Homestart into Mid Argyll and Islay.

These were all informative and helpful to the work of the Committee.

EDUCATION

6. Drumlemble Primary School

Councillor Kelly expressed the Area Committee's congratulations to Drumlemble Primary School on reaching the finals of the Scottish Youth One-Act Play Festival. He was also concerned that this and other small schools still had the closure axe hanging over them. He pointed out that it was clear from their achievement that Drumlemble Primary School pupils were not socially disadvantaged.

It was agreed that a letter would be sent on behalf of the Area Committee congratulating the school on their achievement.

DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

7. Planning Application Reports

The Committee considered and dealt with applications for planning as detailed in the list attached to the minute. (Appendix 1).

8. Delegated Decisions

The Committee noted decisions issued by the Director of Development and Environment Services dated 3 July 2002.

9. Local Spending on Improved Waste Management Services - European Funding

The report suggesting 3 projects and asking for further ideas was discussed.

Decision

To agree the 3 projects in the report and that a further report would be submitted to the next meeting updating the figures and including the projects agreed for Gigha, Campbeltown Waste Watchers and mainland rural areas.

10. People's Network - Lochgilphead Library Learning Centre and Tarbert Library Learning Access Point

The Principal Librarian reported that as part of the roll out of the people's Network, PC's will be installed in Lochgilphead and Tarbert.

Decision

The Committee agreed the report and requested that they be kept informed about the launch arrangements.

GRANTS

11. Leisure Development

A report was submitted by Director of Development and Environment Services dated 3 July 2002 describing applications which had been received for grants. The sum remaining for distribution amounted to £2,097.

Decision

The following grants were agreed on the normal terms and conditions.

ORGANISATION	PROJECT COST	GRANT
Lochgilphead Millennium Group	£7,500	£500
Mid Argyll Dance Group	£1,970	Guaranteed to support to £500
Mull Theatre	£219,000	£500
Campbeltown Activity Group	£4,908	£597
Stephanie Peach	£500	nil
Louise Evans	£250	nil
Rhona Barr	£420	nil
Hazel Barr	£420	nil
Iain K W Hill	£420	nil
Alasdair Hill	£420	Nil
TOTALS	£235,808	£2,097

12. Social Welfare

A report was submitted by Director of Housing and Social Work Services dated 3 July 2002 describing applications which has been received for grants.

Decision

The following grants were agreed on the normal terms and conditions.

ORGANISATION	PROJECT COST	GRANT
Mid Argyll Friends of A.R.M.S.	£5,730	£2,180
TOTAL	£5,730	2,180

Islay and Jura Advice Centre

As agreed at the last meeting a report on the Advice Centre was circulated.

Decision

Angus Smith was asked to continue to look for funding opportunities to support the Islay and Jura Advice Centre.

13. Education Development

A report was submitted by Director of Education dated 3 July 2002 describing applications which had been received for grants.

Decision

The following grants were agreed on the normal terms and conditions.

ORGANISATION	PROJECT COST	GRANT
Maggie Donaldson	£600	£150
Kathleen Redman	£600	£150
Maureen Macintosh	£600	£150
Homestart	£1,151	£350
TOTAL	£19,151	£800

TRANSPORTATION AND PROPERTY SERVICES

14. Jura Ferry

The report detailed the work carried out so far and was noted. The Area Committee will receive regular reports on the position in regard to the Jura Ferry and its replacement.

15. Integrated Transport Islay and Jura

The note of the meeting held with Loganair on 25 June 2002 to discuss bus and ferry links to the evening plane from Glasgow to Islay was approved.

Decision

1. To approach the Health Trusts to advise them of the difficulties in providing a bus link from the evening flight to the Jura ferry and the subsequent effect this will have on patients.
2. To continue to investigate options to allow the bus service to link the air service to the ferry.

16. Proposals for Tendering Clyde & Hebrides Lifelong Ferry Services

The report detailing the Scottish Executive's consultation paper on Ferry Services was

circulated to the meeting with details of the timetable for consultation.

Decision

1. The "Mid Argyll" meeting would be held in Tarbert, on 19 August 2002 in the Village Hall, Tarbert
2. Local meetings on Islay, Jura, Colonsay and Gigha would be supported by Area staff, to allow communities to be consulted prior to the meeting in Tarbert on 19 August 2002 and the Area Committee on 4 September 2002.

CORPORATE AND LEGAL SERVICES

17. Street Naming - Lochgilphead and Cairnbaan

Reports were circulated relating to requests for street names and numbers for Baddens Phase IV, Whitegates Phase II and Cairnbaan.

Decision

It was agreed that

1. Baddens Phase IV would be named Meadows Road with the numbering to continue on from the existing houses.
2. Cairnbaan would be named Cairnbaan Lea and numbered as on the plan.
3. Whitegates Phase II – to continue consideration to the next meeting for proposals linking with local history.

EXEMPT SECTION

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public for the following items of business on the grounds that it is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 9 Schedule 7a to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

CORPORATE AND LEGAL SERVICES

18. Land at An-Creagan, Port Charlotte, Islay

Councillor Currie declared a non pecuniary interest in the following item

A verbal report from the Estates Officer linking with the letter circulated to the Committee was discussed.

Decision

The Committee agreed to sell the land at market value less a discount of 20% subject to planning permission being obtained and to the approval of the Scottish Ministers.

19. Lease of Land at Kintyre Park, Campbeltown

The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of a proposal received from Campbeltown Former Pupils Amateur Football Club who are interested in obtaining a fresh leasehold interest in respect of the Council owned Kintyre Park, Campbeltown, as shown on the attached plan. It is understood the club requires a lease of 25 years duration in order to obtain funding of proposals to undertake various upgrading works to the premises.

Decision

The Committee agreed to the renewal of the lease to Campbeltown Former Pupils Amateur Football Club on the terms and conditions contained in the report.

20. Proposed Sale of Land at Tarbert Carpark, Tarbert

This purpose of the report is to advise the Committee of the provisional terms agreed with the Lomond & Argyll Primary Care NHS Trust for the sale of an area of ground at Tarbert and an associated right of permanent access over the Car Park and to request the Committee's consent to proceed to conclude matters on the basis of the provisionally agreed terms.

Decision

The Committee agreed to the sale of land at Tarbert Car park to Lomond and Argyll primary Care NHS Trust on the terms and conditions contained in the report and to the granting of a permanent servitude right of access on the route shown on the plan attached to the report.