

**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE held in the
TIMBER PIER BUILDING, DUNOON on TUESDAY, 4 JUNE 2019**

Present: Councillor Bobby Good (Chair)

Councillor Jim Anderson
Councillor Jim Findlay
Councillor Audrey Forrest

Councillor Jean Moffat
Councillor Alan Reid
Councillor Len Scoullar

Attending: Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager
John Gordon, CHORD Programme Manager
Tina Sartain, Area Education Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated by:
Councillor Yvonne McNeille
Councillor Gordon Blair

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Jim Findlay declared a non-financial interest at item 9. Rothesay Pavilion citing he was a member of the Rothesay Pavilion Charity Committee. Councillor Findlay advised this was a council appointed position and remained in the room for the entirety of the item.

3. MINUTES

(a) Bute and Cowal Area Committee 5th March 2019

The minute of the Bute and Cowal Area Committee held on the 5th March 2019 was approved as a correct record subject to the reordering of the text at items 16 and 17 of the minute.

(b) Bute and Cowal Special Area Committee 24th April 2019

The minute of the Bute and Cowal Special Area Committee held on the 24th April 2019 was approved as a correct record.

(c) Rothesay Common Good Fund 5th March 2019

The minute of the Rothesay Common Good Fund held on the 5th March 2019 was noted.

(d) **Cowal Transport Forum 11th March 2019**

The minute of the Cowal Transport Forum meeting held on the 11th March 2019 was noted.

(e) **Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group 7th May 2019**

The minute of the Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group held on the 7th May 2019 was noted.

4. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

1. Alex McNaughton, Cruach Mor Wind Farm Trust, noted that the windfarm would be discussed at item 10. Cruach Mor and Clachan Flats Wind Farm Trust of the agenda and wanted to express the importance of the windfarm to Colintraive and Glendaruel citing it had really made a difference to the area.
2. Michael Breslin, South Cowal Community Council asked the Area Committee the following:
The chair of the area committee, as well as some of its members, have attended 2 meetings with the Scottish Government minister responsible for ferries, Paul Wheelhouse, and they have been told first hand that the route will be a passenger only service.
Given this certainty, when will the area committee do the following:
 - Change their current stated position to accept that the route will be passenger only.
 - Work with the Scottish Government and actively encourage them to source 2 new, reliable vessels for the route.
 - Take steps, in parallel with 2, to ensure that new, covered berthing facilities are in place to coincide with the arrival of the 2 new ferries.

Councillor Good informed Mr Breslin that Elected Members were aware of the concerns raised and would take the points raised away for further discussion at the Bute and Cowal Business Day scheduled to take place later in the day, but reiterated that ferry routes were part of Council Policy and therefore decisions on the route could not be made at area level.

3. Willie Lynch, Dunoon Community Council highlighted to the Committee that he felt an urgent independent enquiry was needed into the mismanagement of Cowal Community Hospital and agreed that he would forward on a previously issued letter to the Bute and Cowal Area Committee.

Councillor Good informed Mr Lynch that Elected Members would further discuss the concerns raised at the scheduled Business Day discussion.

4. Mr Lynch asked the Area Committee what the bid total for Cowal's capital spend was for this year.

The Area Governance Manager agreed to provide Mr Lynch with the agreed budget pack which will include a list of what is contained in the capital plan.

5. Mr Lynch asked the Area Committee if an update was available on whether there were plans to repair the pier.

Councillor Good informed Mr Lynch that no update was available at present but he was personally looking into potential funding sources and would request a report regarding repairs to the pier be brought to the Area Committee.

5. AREA SCORECARD FQ4 2018 - 2019

The Committee gave consideration to the Area Scorecard for financial quarter 4 of 2018-2019.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee:-

1. Noted the performance presented on the scorecard and supporting commentary.
2. Agreed that upon receipt of the Quarterly Performance Report the Area Committee contact either the Performance Management and Improvement Officer or the Responsible Named Officer with any queries.
3. Noted that work was ongoing and to respond to the Performance Management and Improvement Officer with requests or comments regarding the layout and format of the Report and Scorecard and;
4. Noted disappointment at the lack of appropriate Officer attendance to answer questions.

(Ref: Report by Performance and Improvement Officer dated 4 June 2019, submitted).

6. NEW SCHOOLS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE FOR DUNOON PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Committee gave consideration to a progress update report on the Council's Schools redevelopment project in partnership with hubNorth Scotland Ltd for the refurbishment/part new build of Dunoon Primary School.

It was noted that the Special Projects and Quality Improvement Manager had submitted apologies to the meeting and any queries or questions regarding the report would be fed back for a response.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee considered and noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Special Projects & Quality Improvement Manager dated 4 June 2019, submitted)

The Chair ruled and the Committee agreed to vary the order of business to facilitate officer attendance. Therefore item 7. Primary School Report 2018/19 – Bute and Cowal was taken after item 8. Locality Planning Group Option Appraisal October 2018 of the agenda.

7. LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP OPTION APPRAISAL OCTOBER 2018

The Committee gave consideration to a report that highlighted the new four model Locality Planning Group Arrangement and the requirement for elected member representation to the Bute and Cowal Locality Planning Group.

The Committee held a discussion around the importance of Elected Member representation on the Locality Planning Group and that the whole of Bute and Cowal be fairly represented.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee:-

1. Considered and noted the contents of the report.
2. Agreed that Councillor Audrey Forrest be the elected member representative on the Bute and Cowal Locality Planning Group and;
3. Agreed that Councillors Jim Findlay and Alan Reid be substitute Elected Member representatives for the Bute and Cowal Locality Planning Group.

(Ref: Report by Associate Director of Public Health dated 4 June 2019, submitted)

(a) Engagement Framework and Public Involvement

The Committee gave consideration to a report summarising the development of the Engagement Framework and its approval by the IJB. The report was provided by the HSCP to compliment item 8. Locality Planning Group Option Appraisal October 2018.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Health and Social Care Partnership dated 4 June 2019, submitted)

8. PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT 2018/19- BUTE AND COWAL

The Committee gave consideration to a progress and statistical update report on the Primary Schools in Bute and Cowal for the 2018/2019 session.

The Committee held a discussion with the Area Education Officer around school attainment figures, achievement levels, clothing grants, school meals, early years, health and wellbeing and individual school updates contained in the report.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee:-

1. Considered and noted the contents of the report and;
2. Thanked the Area Education Officer for her attendance and the quality of the comprehensive report.

(Ref: Report by Head of Education: Lifelong Learning and Support dated 4 June 2019, submitted)

9. ROTHESAY PAVILION PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided members with a progress update on the Rothesay Pavilion Adaptive Restoration and Extension Works project, being delivered by CBC Ltd (CBC).

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee considered and noted the progress update provided in the report.

(Ref: Report by Rothesay Pavilion Project Manager dated 25 April 2019, submitted)

10. CRUACH MOR AND CLACHAN FLATS WIND FARM TRUSTS

The Committee gave consideration to a report on the work undertaken by the wind farm trust set up at Cruach Mhor (Glendaruel) in accordance with consented developments, in order that Members may be brought up to date on the work undertaken by the Trust over the last year.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee noted the updates, which is the most recent of the annual updates required by the Area Committee on the work of the Trust.

(Ref: Report by Area Governance Manager dated 7 May 2019, submitted)

11. BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

The Committee gave consideration to the Bute and Cowal Workplan for June 2019 to June 2020 inclusive.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee noted the Bute and Cowal Workplan.

(Ref: Bute and Cowal Workplan dated 4 June 2019, submitted).