

**MINUTES of MEETING of ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on THURSDAY, 6 JUNE 2019**

Present: Councillor Roderick McCuish (Chair)

Councillor John Armour	Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor
Councillor Gordon Blair	Councillor Aileen Morton
Councillor Bobby Good	Councillor Ellen Morton
Councillor Donald Kelly	Councillor Alastair Redman
Councillor Donald MacMillan	Councillor Andrew Vennard

Also Present: Councillor Elaine Robertson Councillor Sandy Taylor

Attending: Pippa Milne, Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services
Jim Smith, Head of Roads and Amenity Services
Fergus Murray, Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation
Stuart McLean, Area Committee Manager
Natasha Finlay, Technical Support Officer

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jim Findlay, David Kinniburgh, Jean Moffat and Alan Reid.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none intimated.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee held on 7 March 2019 were approved as a correct record.

4. FILM IN ARGYLL - SCREEN INDUSTRIES UPDATE REPORT

Consideration was given to a report providing an overview of the work of the Council in attracting inward investment into Argyll and Bute from the screen industries and the economic benefits that this brings to the area including the opportunities to promote and market the area.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee –

1. Noted the content of the report and the positive economic impact the screen industry has had on Argyll and Bute.
2. Congratulated the team and recognised their hard work in the development of the screen industries service provided by the Council.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated 11 April 2019, submitted)

5. DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES PERFORMANCE REPORT FINANCIAL QUARTER 4 2018/19

The Committee gave consideration to the Development and Infrastructure Services departmental performance report and associated score card for performance in financial quarter 4 2018-19.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee noted the performance report and associated scorecard for financial quarter 4 2018/19.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated June 2019, submitted)

6. UPDATE ON CUSTOMER SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS

The Committee gave consideration to a report updating them on the progress to date with work to improve customer service in Roads and Amenity Services. The work focused on improving proactive information, making better use of technology and streamlining the procedures for handling enquiries.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee –

1. Endorsed the report and the overall approach.
2. Agreed that a further report will come forward in six months.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated 29 May 2019, submitted)

7. APPLICATION FOR CENTENARY FIELDS STATUS, CAMPBELTOWN WAR MEMORIAL AND KINLOCH PARK

Consideration was given to a report advising the Committee of an opportunity for the Council to put forward a site for consideration by Fields in Trust as a Centenary Field. Centenary Fields status, protects in perpetuity, any green space which has a WW1 connection to honour the memory of First World War servicemen and also those, military and civilian, who played their part on the home-front to build a better life for the benefit of generations to come.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee approved the submission of Campbeltown War Memorial/Kinloch Park for consideration by Fields in Trust as a potential Centenary Fields site.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated 29 May 2019, submitted)

8. ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL OFFICER RESPONSE TO THE INQUIRY: FUNDING OF EU STRUCTURAL FUND PRIORITIES IN SCOTLAND, POST-BREXIT

The Committee gave consideration to a report updating them on an officer response to the inquiry 'Funding of EU Structural Fund Priorities in Scotland, Post Brexit' issued by the Scottish Parliament Finance and Constitution Committee.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee approved the response to the Scottish Parliament Finance and Constitution Committee outlined in full at Appendix A to the submitted report which was submitted as an officer response on 23 April 2019 subject to the Committees approval.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated 3 May 2019, submitted)

9. ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL OFFICER RESPONSE TO THE CROWN ESTATE SCOTLAND: RURAL ASSETS STRATEGY CONSULTATION

The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided an update on the officer response to the Crown Estate Scotland: Rural Assets Strategy Consultation.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee approved the response to the consultation, as outlined in Appendix A to the submitted report, subject to the inclusion of comments made in respect of fish farms in addition to what had been submitted as an officer response on 24 April 2019, subject to the Committees approval.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated 3 May 2019, submitted)

10. NORTHERN ROADS COLLABORATION JOINT COMMITTEE

A report that outlined the work currently being undertaken within the Scottish public roads sector to explore and develop opportunities for greater collaboration between roads authorities and that highlighted how this was being taken forward in the north of Scotland, was before the Committee for noting.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee noted the content of the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated June 2019, submitted)

**11. ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
WORK PLAN AS AT JUNE 2019**

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee Work Plan as at June 2019 was before the Committee for noting.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee noted the work plan as at June 2019.

(Reference: Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee Work Plan as at June 2019, submitted)