

**MINUTES of MEETING of ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on MONDAY, 13 APRIL 2015**

Present: Councillor David Kinniburgh (Chair)

Councillor Vivien Dance	Councillor Donald MacMillan
Councillor Anne Horn	Councillor Alex McNaughton
Councillor Bruce Marshall	Councillor Elaine Robertson
Councillor Iain Angus MacDonald	Councillor Sandy Taylor
Councillor Alistair MacDougall	Councillor Richard Trail
Councillor Robert G MacIntyre	Councillor Dick Walsh

Also Present: Councillor Robin Currie

Attending: Iain Jackson, Governance and Risk Manager
Angus Gilmour, Head of Planning and Regulatory Services
Jim Smith, Head of Roads and Amenity Services
Lesley Sweetman, Performance and Business Manager
Audrey Martin, Projects and Renewables Manager

The Committee noted the absence of Policy Lead Councillors Ellen Morton and Duncan MacIntyre who would normally Chair the items on the agenda which fell under their Policy Lead remit. Mr Jackson noted that some of the items on the agenda came under the remit of Policy Lead Councillor David Kinniburgh and suggested that he take the Chair for the full meeting. The Committee agreed unanimously and Councillor Kinniburgh took the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Duncan MacIntyre, Iain MacLean and Ellen Morton.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bruce Marshall declared a non-financial interest in relation to item 10 of the agenda (Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust – Progress Report) as he is a member of the Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust Board and advised he would not be leaving the room during consideration of this item.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee held on 15 January 2015 were approved as a correct record.

**4. DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES PERFORMANCE REPORT
FQ3 2014/15**

The Committee considered a report presenting the Development and Infrastructure Services departmental performance report with associated scorecard performance for financial quarter 3 2014-15 (October to December 2014).

Decision

The Committee noted the performance report for financial quarter 3 2014-15.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated April 2015, submitted)

5. A83/TRANSPORT SCOTLAND UPDATE

The Committee considered a report which provided an update on a recent landslip on the A83 and of recent correspondence between the Council and Scottish Government.

Decision

The Committee noted the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated March 2015, submitted)

6. INTRODUCTION OF ROAD EQUIVALENT TARIFF (RET)

The Committee considered a report on the introduction of Road Equivalent Tariff (RET) on the ferry routes to the Isles of Bute and Mull. The introduction of RET was expected to bring an increase in traffic to the Islands.

Decision

The Committee noted the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated April 2015, submitted)

*** 7. FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY**

The Committee considered a report introducing a Policy Document which identified the Council's duties and powers in regard to flood risk management and outlined the way in which the Council would allocate funding to comply with its duties under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 and exercise its powers under the Act.

Decision

The Committee –

1. Noted the report.
2. Approved that the Flood Risk Management Policy be taken to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval as a Council Policy.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated March 2015 and draft Flood Risk Management Policy, submitted)

* **8. COAST PROTECTION POLICY**

The Committee considered a report presenting the draft Coast Protection Policy. The document, a formal Policy relating to the Coast Protection Act 1949, outlined coast protection principles, management arrangements and set out how priorities would be set in terms of allocating resources.

Decision

The Committee –

1. Noted and endorsed the report.
2. Approved that the Coast Protection Policy be taken to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval as a Council Policy.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated April 2015 and draft Coast Protection Policy and Strategy, submitted)

Councillors Horn and McNaughton left the meeting at this point.

9. PLANNING FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN ARGYLL AND BUTE

The Committee considered a report illustrating in summary how the Council are working towards achieving objectives to promote and achieve sustainable economic growth as set out in the National Planning Performance Framework and National Planning Strategy; and at a Local Level through the Single Outcome Agreement.

Decision

The Committee noted the content of the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated 11 March 2015, submitted)

10. ARGYLL AND THE ISLES COAST AND COUNTRYSIDE TRUST - PROGRESS REPORT

A report detailing the progress and future plans of the Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust was considered.

Decision

The Committee noted the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure dated March 2015, submitted)

11. ARGYLL COASTAL WATERS PROJECT UPDATE

A report providing an update on the current development phase of the Argyll Coastal Waters Project and information on maintenance arrangements was considered.

Decision

The Committee noted the content of the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated 13 April 2015, submitted)

12. FALLEN HEADSTONES

A report providing an update on the proposed development of a policy covering cemetery management was considered. The report was written in response to concerns raised at the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands Area Committee, held on 4 February 2015, over the safety and re-erection of fallen headstones in graveyards.

Decision

The Committee noted the content of the report and noted that a Policy would be brought forward for consideration in early 2016.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated March 2015 and recommendation from Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee held on 4 February 2015, submitted)

13. ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee Work Plan 2015/16 was before the Committee for consideration.

Decision

The Committee noted the work plan.

(Reference: Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee Work Plan 2015/16 as at April 2015, submitted)