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MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE held in EAGLESHAM HOUSE, ROTHESAY on TUESDAY, 4 AUGUST 2015

Present: Councillor Robert E Macintyre (Chair)

Councillor Michael Breslin	Councillor Bruce Marshall
Councillor Alex McNaughton	Councillor James McQueen
Councillor Len Scoullar	Councillor Isobel Strong
Councillor Dick Walsh	

Attending: Graeme Forrester, Area Committee Manager
Audrey Baird, Community Development Officer
Jayne Lawrence-Winch, Area Manager – Adult Care
Allen Stevenson, Head of Adult Services, East
Douglas Blades, Public Transport Officer
Andy Milne, SURF
Ishabel Bremner, Economic Development Manager
Ross McLaughlin, Development Manager
Billy Dickson, Building Standards Surveyor
Peter McDonald, Project Manager Development and Infrastructure
John Gordon, Regeneration Project Manager
James McMillan, Senior Duty Officer
Fergus Murray, Head of Economic Development

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated by:
Councillor Gordon Blair

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Breslin declared a non-financial interest in item 16, Care at Home-
New Model of Care, due to a personal friendship.

The Chair ruled and the Committee agreed to take item 14. Integration of Health and
Social Care out of sequence to facilitate officer attendance.

This item was taken after Item 5. Area Plan Scorecards.

3. MINUTES

(a) BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE - 2 JUNE 2015

The Minute of the Bute and Cowal Area Committee held on 2 June 2015
was approved as a correct record.

(b) BUTE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM - 12 JUNE 2015 (FOR NOTING)

The Minute of the Bute Community Safety Forum held on 12 June 2015
was noted.

(c) COWAL TRANSPORT FORUM 19 JUNE 2015 (FOR NOTING)

The minute of the Cowal Transport Forum held on the 19th June 2015 was
noted.

(d) **FORWARD DUNOON AND COWAL 23 JUNE 2015 (FOR NOTING)**
The minute of the Forward Dunoon and Cowal Group held on the 23rd June 2015 was noted.

(e) **COWAL COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM 23 JUNE 2015 (FOR NOTING)**
The minute of the Cowal Community Safety Forum held on the 23rd June 2015 was noted.

4. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

A representative from Bute Community Council raised that there had been an ongoing issue with the length of time of Officer responses to queries. Councillor Scoullar informed the Committee that he had written to the Chief Executive on behalf of Bute Community Council to raise the issue and it was agreed by Bute Community Council and the Committee that this item was now appropriately resolved.

Craig Borland, Editor of The Buteman, requested Members' comments on the proposed changes to the Ward Boundaries in Bute and Cowal by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland.

Councillor Walsh responded that the decisions regarding local government boundaries are taken at national level. He further explained that within Argyll and Bute Council a Short Life Working Group had been set up and their recommendations had been presented at the most recent Policy and Resources Committee.

Councillor Marshall stated that it was his opinion that the situation had not been well handled and felt that an appropriate consultation process had not been put in place.

Councillor Strong raised concerns regarding the proposed new structure of the boundaries in particularly the effect this may have on appropriate representation for residents in West Cowal.

Councillor Breslin noted that the constraints on the number of ward representatives are contained in an order which specifies that a ward may have no less than three and no more than four representatives.

A member of the public requested an update on the situation at the West Kirk, Rothesay as she is affected by the situation due to living in close proximity to the building.

The Area Committee Manager explained that as this is currently an exempt item a public update could not be given at this point.

5. AREA PLAN SCORECARDS

The Committee considered a report containing the Area Scorecard for FQ1 2015-2016.

Decision

The Committee noted the exceptional performance presented on the Scorecard. (Ref: Report by IOD Programme Manager dated 4 August 2015, submitted).

6. INTEGRATION OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

The Head of Service East – Adult Care took the Committee through a Progress update report on the integration of Health and Social Care which incorporated the new integrated management structure that is currently being implemented.

Decision

The Committee:

Noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Integration Project Manager dated 4 August 2015, submitted)

7. THIRD SECTOR GRANTS

(a) THIRD SECTOR GRANTS 2015/16 - AUGUST TRANCHE

The Community Development Officer provided the Committee with a report detailing the recommendations for the award of Third Sector grants in Bute and Cowal

Decision

1. The Committee noted the contents of the report; and
2. The Committee agreed the recommendations as follows:

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 13/14	Grant 14/15	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommendation
1	Achievement Bute	New	New	£8,800	£4,000	£1,925
2	Bullwood Nature Trail	New	New	£1,810	£905	£900
3	*Bute Association Bowling	N/A	£950	£3,516	£1,500	£500
4	Buteshire History Society Natural	New	New	£2,800	£1,000	£1,000
5	Cowal Dog Training Club	N/A	N/A	£1,387	£693	£650
6	Sandbank Parent and Toddler Group	N/A	£125	£440.00	£220	£125
7	Sandbank Citizens Club Senior	£200	£200	£2,600	£1,100	£900
		Total Recommended				£6000
		Balance				£0.00

(Ref: Report by Community Development Officer dated 4 August 2015, submitted)

(b) MONITORING OF GRANTS TO THE THIRD SECTOR 2014/15

The Community Development Officer provided the Committee with a report detailing how funding from grants to the Third Sector was spent in 2014/2015.

A discussion took place between Members and the Community Development Officer regarding potential issues surrounding overpayment of funding to organisations. Members were satisfied that appropriate measures are in place to reclaim any overpayment.

Decision

The Committee:

Noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Community Development Officer dated 4 August 2015, submitted)

- (c) **THIRD SECTOR GRANT 2014/15 - ARDENTINNY COMMUNITY TRUST**
The Community Development Officer provided the Committee with a report detailing an unspent funding award that was received by Ardentinny Community Trust and informed Members that the Chair of the organisation will return the unspent funding.

Decision

The Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the report; and
2. Agreed the recommendations at 2.0 of the report.

(Ref: Report by Community Development Officer dated 4 August 2015, submitted)

- 8. SCHOOL HOLIDAY SESSION 2016/2017**
Members considered a report which provided holiday dates for Schools in 2016/2017 for the Bute and Cowal area.

Decision

The Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the report.
2. Agreed the recommendations at 2.0 of the report.

(Ref: Report by Head of Education dated 4 August 2015, submitted)

- 9. COWAL BUS SERVICE 480**
The Public Transport Officer provided the Committee with a report detailing information on development work which is ongoing in relation to the supported bus network in Cowal including service 489 which runs between Toward and Glenfinart and service 480 which runs between upper Kirn and Dunoon Ferry Terminal.

A discussion was held between the Public Transport Officer and Members regarding the implications of any proposed service changes to several routes in the Cowal Area. Members thanked the Public Transport Officer for his efficient handling of complicated issues.

Decision

The Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the report; and

2. That a further report detailing the outcome of the survey of users be brought to the October Area Committee .

(Ref: Report by Public Transport Officer dated 4 August 2015, submitted)

10. STRATEGIC URBAN REGENERATION FUND

The Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation presented an update report of the work of the Strategic Urban Regeneration Forums (SURF), and the Director of SURF provided an update on the progress of SURF, who were engaged in October 2014 by HIE, to produce a feasibility study to assess the potential for developing a sustainable 'Alliance for Action' regeneration initiative focussed on the town of Rothesay. Members were advised that this project is currently the subject of public consultation, with public meetings scheduled for the 2nd and 27th of September, and a review will be carried out in October to assess public interest in continuing with the proposed project.

Decision

The Committee:

Noted the contents of the report

(Ref: Report by the Projects and Renewables Manager dated 4 August 2015, submitted).

11. ACTIONS FOR GROWTH - BUTE AND COWAL ECONOMY

The Economic Development Manager took the Committee through a report which provided an update on the preparation of the Bute and Cowal Economic Development Action Plan (EDAP) for 2015/16.

The Head of Economic Development emphasised to the Committee that this is a working document and that Economic Development plan to go out to communities for consultation and feedback and compile a programme of actions.

Decision

The Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the report.
2. Agreed the recommendations as outlined at 3.2 of the report.

(Report by the Economic Development Manager dated 4 August 2015, submitted)

12. UNSIGHTLY BUILDINGS

The Development Manager spoke to a report providing an update on unsightly buildings in the Bute and Cowal Area. It was noted that 29 properties are currently monitored and Members advised the Development Manager of additional buildings which they would like added to the list.

Decision

The Committee:

Noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Area Team Leader – Development Control dated 4 August 2015, submitted)

13. WINDFARMS - ANNUAL REPORT

The Area Governance Manager spoke to a report on the work of both the Cruach Mhor and Clachan Flats Wind Farm Trusts.

Decision

The Committee:

Noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Area Governance Manager dated 4 August 2015, submitted)

14. ROYAL HOTEL, ROTHESAY

The Head of Economic Development took the Committee through a report on the progress with the Royal Hotel, Rothesay.

Decision

The Committee:

Noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Projects and Renewables Manager dated 4 August 2015, submitted)

15. ADULT CARE UPDATE FOR BUTE AND COWAL

The Area Manager for Adult Care provided the Committee with a newly revised update on adult care which incorporates all aspects of Adult Care across Bute and Cowal.

Decision

The Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the report; and
2. Requested that a further updated report be brought to the September Business Day.

(Ref: Report by Area Manager – Adult Care dated 4 August 2015, submitted)

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 8&9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

Councillor Breslin declared a non-financial interest in item 16. Care at Home - New Model of Care due to a personal friendship. Councillor Breslin remained in the room for consideration of this item.

16. CARE AT HOME - NEW MODEL OF CARE

The Area Manager for Adult Care spoke to a report regarding a new model of care for Care at Home services.

Decision

The Committee:

1. Requested a revised report be presented to the October Area Committee.

(Ref: Report by Performance Improvement Officer, dated 4 August 2015, submitted)

17. WESTCHURCH PROGRESS UPDATE

The Committee considered a report updating them on the progress with West Kirk, Rothesay.

Decision

The Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the report;
2. Noted the Council's statutory responsibilities; and
3. Noted that a special meeting of the Area Committee may be convened to determine the matter.

(Ref: Report by Built Heritage Conservation Officer dated 4 August 2014, submitted)

18. ROTHESAY PAVILION

(a) PROJECT UPDATE

The Project Manager, Development and Infrastructure provided the Committee with an update report on the major repair and upgrading project for the Rothesay Pavilion.

Decision

The Committee:

Noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Project Manager, Development and Infrastructure dated 4 August 2015, submitted)

(b) TRANSFER OF GRAND PIANO

The Project Manager, Development and Infrastructure took the Committee through a report which outlined the proposed transfer of the Yamaha Grand Piano in the Rothesay Pavilion.

Decision

The Committee:

Agreed the recommendations as outlined at 3.1 and 3.2 of the submitted report.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Community Services dated 4 August 2015, submitted)

19. DUNOON QUEENS HALL TENDER ESTIMATE

The Regeneration Project Manager took the Committee through a report which provided an update on the tender estimate for the Dunoon Queens Hall.

Decision

The Committee:

Noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Regeneration Project Manager dated 4 August 2015, submitted)

20. CHORD PROGRAMME - ACTIONS FROM INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The Regeneration Project Manager took the Committee through a report which outlined the Actions from Internal Audit Report for the CHORD Programme

Decision

The Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the report and;
2. Requested a further updated report to October Area Committee.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services dated 4 August 2015, submitted)