

DUNOON WOODEN PIER

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report asks the Bute and Cowal Area Committee to determine their membership of the partnership to be set up with the Dunoon Pier Community Trust or any other organisation which has a relevant interest in the future of Dunoon Wooden Pier.
- 1.2 This report further advises the Bute and Cowal Area Committee of actions undertaken to identify partnership members from the Dunoon Pier Community Trust or any other organisation which has a relevant interest in the future of Dunoon Wooden Pier.
- 1.3 This report further sets out proposals for the arrangement of a first meeting of the partnership

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2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Area Committee note the decision of full Council at its meeting of 25th June 2015;
- 2.2 That the Area Committee determine which three members of the Area Committee are appointed to sit on the Dunoon Wooden Pier partnership;
- 2.3 That the Area Committee note that the chair of the partnership shall be appointed by the full Council;
- 2.4 That the Area Committee note the actions which have been carried out by officers to identify membership of the partnership from the Dunoon Pier Community Trust;
- 2.5 That the Area Committee agree the proposed actions for arranging a first meeting of the partnership.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 The Bute and Cowal Area Committee agreed at its meeting on 7th April 2015, a motion recommending to full Council that a sub-committee of the Area Committee be established to work in partnership with the Dunoon Pier Community Trust to ensure that the historic Dunoon pier is brought back into use in a manner that reflects the community's views on what the pier should be used for.
- 3.2 Council considered this recommendation at its meeting on 25th June 2015, and agreed a motion in the following terms:
 - 'That members of the Council :-
 - 1. Note that Dunoon Pier is an A listed structure which is recorded in Historic Scotland's Buildings at Risk Register;
 - 2. Note that Dunoon Pier Project forms part of the Council's wider Dunoon Waterfront Project and that the works are currently ongoing in relation to Phase 1 on the redevelopment programme;

3. Note that there is currently no business case, budget or implementation programme for the Phase 2 works;
4. Note that the Council does not currently consider the wooden pier in Dunoon to be surplus to its requirements, is not listed on the Council's surplus property list and therefore is not currently considering any form of third sector asset transfer;
5. Note the advice in the report that there is a potential for conflict of interest in the event that members of the Dunoon Pier Community Trust (DPCT) are appointed to a sub-committee which may have the responsibility of appraising a third sector asset transfer;
6. Note the decision of the Bute and Cowal Area Committee at their meeting held on 7th April 2015;
7. Agree to promote a partnership arrangement between the Bute and Cowal Area Committee and the Dunoon Pier Community Trust or with such other organisations or groups as may be identified as having a relevant interest in the future of Dunoon Pier and associated matters;
8. Agrees that the partnership will consist of three members appointed from the Bute and Cowal Area Committee and three representatives from the DPCT, or any other organisation or group identified as having a relevant interest in the future of Dunoon Pier;
9. Agrees to the following terms of reference for the partnership:
 - a. The purpose of the partnership is to identify issues and work towards solutions for the future of Dunoon Pier and to promote the pier buildings as an asset for the people and communities of Dunoon and Cowal to the benefit of the economic, cultural and leisure life of the area.
 - b. The partnership will be chaired with the chair being appointed by the full Council.
 - c. The partnership may invite attendance from subject matter experts as required by the agenda to support the development of the partnership.
 - d. The partnership should meet quarterly, on a schedule to be agreed at the first partnership meeting.

e. The partnership is an advisory group and is not responsible for policy making for any of the constituent partner organisations.

f. The minute of the partnership will be published within 20 working days of each meeting with a draft agenda circulated to the attendees five working days ahead of each meeting.'

- 3.3 The Bute and Cowal Area Committee are required to appoint three from their number to sit on the partnership which is promoted by Council.
- 3.4 In addition to the three members appointed from the Bute and Cowal Area Committee, the partnership body, as promoted by the decision of Council, will include three representatives from the Dunoon Pier Community Trust or any other organisation or group identified as having a relevant interest in the future of Dunoon Pier. In order to identify these non-Area Committee members of the partnership, an invitation has been sent to the Dunoon Pier Community Trust seeking the nomination of representatives. In addition, in accordance with the decision of Council to bring within the partnership other organisations or groups which have a relevant interest in the future of the pier, invitations to propose representatives for the partnership have been extended to the wider community, through correspondence issued to the Bute and Cowal caucus of Community Councils and to other relevant groups as identified by officers engaged in the regeneration of Dunoon.
- 3.5 Arrangements for a first meeting of the partnership body will be made by officers to take place at a suitable location in Dunoon. In accordance with the decision of Council, the partnership will at this meeting be asked to agree a schedule of quarterly meetings to take place thereafter.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The Area Committee is asked in this report to determine which members of the Committee will sit on the partnership body promoted by Council, to note actions taken to identify other members of the partnership body, and to note the actions taken to make arrangements for the first meeting of the partnership body. The decision asked to be taken by the Area Committee and the actions undertaken by officers which are reported in this paper are necessary to ensure that the decision of Council to promote the partnership arrangement are efficiently and effectively progressed.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Policy: Council has determined to promote a partnership arrangement

regarding Dunoon Wooden Pier, and the recommendations contained in this report will, if agreed, progress that decision.

Financial:	Support arrangements for the promoted partnership arrangements will impact financially upon the Council for provision of meeting space, attendance of officers as required, and preparation of agendas and minutes.
Legal:	None
HR:	None
Equalities:	None
Risk:	None
Customer Service:	Invitations to propose representatives being issued to the wider local community through the local caucus of Community Councils and directly to organisations identified by those engaged in regeneration in Dunoon, enables the inclusion in the partnership body of all with a relevant interest in the future of Dunoon Pier.

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