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MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE held in CASTLE HOUSE, DUNOON on TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2015

Present: Councillor Robert E MacIntyre (Chair)

Councillor Gordon Blair	Councillor Michael Breslin
Councillor Bruce Marshall	Councillor Alex McNaughton
Councillor James McQueen	Councillor Len Scoullar
Councillor Isobel Strong	

Attending: Graeme Forrester, Area Committee Manager
Lorna Pearce, THI Project Officer
Douglas Blades, Public Transport Officer
Mireille Robertson, ICT
Jackie Connelly, Adult Care
Peter McLaren, Adult Care
John Gordon, Regeneration Project Manager
Kenny Matheson, Bute and Cowal CAUCUS
Gill Wollers, Dunoon Observer
Stewart Clark, Contracts Manager
Helen Ford, CHORD Project Manager

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated from:
Councillor Dick Walsh

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Michael Breslin declared a non financial interest at item 13. Care at Home – New Model of Care, due to being acquainted with a party potentially affected.

The Chair ruled and the Committee agreed to take item 10. Location of Dunoon Christmas Tree out of sequence to facilitate officer attendance. This item was taken after Item 5. Update on Delivery of Revenue Roads Budget.

3. MINUTES

(a) Bute and Cowal Area Committee - 4 August 2015

The minute of the Bute and Cowal Area Committee held on 4 August 2015 was approved as a correct record, subject to correction of item 2 to read 'Councillor Breslin declared a non-financial interest in item 16, due to being acquainted with a party potentially affected.'

(b) **Bute and Cowal Special Area Committee - 1 September 2015**

The minute of the Bute and Cowal Special Area Committee held on 1 September 2015 was approved as a correct record.

(c) **Cowal Transport Forum - 11 September 2015**

The minute of the Cowal Transport Forum held on 11 September 2015 was noted.

4. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

No public or Councillor questions were raised at this point.

5. UPDATE ON DELIVERY OF REVENUE ROADS BUDGET

The Contracts Manager took the Committee through a report which provided an update on the delivery of the revenue roads budget at the end of quarter 1 for financial year 2015/2016.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Contracts Manager dated 6 October 2015, submitted)

10. LOCATION OF DUNOON CHRISTMAS TREE

The Amenity Performance Manager provided the Committee with a report which detailed proposed plans for the relocation of the Christmas tree in Dunoon due to ongoing building works at the Argyll Street location.

Decision

1. The Committee noted the contents of the report;
2. Agreed the recommendations at 3.1 of the report;
3. Specified option 1 as the preferred location;
4. Delegated authority to the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services to determine the location subject to consultation with the PA23BID project.

(Ref: Report by the Amenity Performance Manger dated 6 October 2015, submitted)

6. STRATEGIC URBAN REGENERATION FORUM

The Project Officer on behalf of Development and Infrastructure services took the Committee through a report which provided a progress report on the work to date being carried out by Scotland's independent regeneration network (SURF) in the Bute area.

Decision

Members noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Projects and Renewables Manager dated 6 October 2015, submitted)

7. ACTIONS FOR GROWTH - BUTE AND COWAL ECONOMY

The Project Officer on behalf of Development and Infrastructure services provided the Committee with a verbal update on Actions for Growth – Bute and Cowal Economy with the following points noted:

- Business Gateway survey works are on-going
- Dunoon CARS scoping work going well
- CHARRETTE funding is also being applied for Dunoon as well as Bute
- Rothesay Townscape heritage is in the final stages
- The Ardyne masterplan is scheduled to go to the next Policy and Resources Committee.

Decision

1. Members noted the contents of the verbal update; and
2. Agreed for a further written report to come to November Business Day.

(Ref: Verbal update by Development and Infrastructure services dated 6 October 2015, submitted)

8. COWAL BUS SERVICE 480

The Public Transport Officer took the Committee through a report which detailed information on development work which has been carried out in relation to bus service 480 which runs between Upper Kirn and Dunoon Ferry Terminal.

Decision

1. Members noted the contents of the report; and
2. Agreed for a further report to come to the November Business Day.

(Ref: Report by Public Transport Officer dated 6 October 2015, submitted)

9. DUNOON WOODEN PIER

The Area Committee Manager provided Members with a report 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 and to further advise 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.

Decision

1. The Committee noted the contents of the report;
2. Agreed the recommendations at 2.0 of the report; and
3. Agreed to appoint Councillors Blair, Breslin and Marshall.

(Ref: Report by Area Committee Manager dated 6 October 2015, submitted)

11. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

The Area Committee Manager took the Committee through a report which sets out information on Holocaust Memorial Day which is held on 27 January each year and

asks that Members of the Area Committee provide support to any events which are taking place in the local area.

Decision

1. The Committee noted the contents of the reports; and
2. Agreed the recommendations at 3.1 of the report.

(Ref: Report by Area Committee Manager dated 6 October 2015, submitted)

12. IT INFRASTRUCTURE FOR DUNOON MEETINGS

The ICT Client Liaison Officer took the Committee through a report which provided an update in relation to the provision of IT infrastructure to support meetings of the Area Committee and business day. Provision has already been made at a number of meeting locations across Argyll and Bute but difficulties have been encountered in progressing with provision at Castle House, Dunoon due to particular IT challenges within the building.

Members were further advised of an option to accommodate Area Committee meetings at the refurbished Dunoon Pier building.

Decision

1. The Committee noted the contents of the report; and
2. Identified the Dunoon Pier as the preferred way forward.

(Ref: Report by ICT Client Liaison Officer dated 6 October 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 items of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 8&9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

13. CARE AT HOME - NEW MODEL OF CARE

The Performance improvement Officer took the Committee through an updated report which provided more detail on the commission of the Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services to work with our partner providers to identify issues within care at home services and trial solutions to address these in order to create the new model of care for Argyll and Bute.

Motion

Councillor Michael Breslin moved a Motion which was seconded by Councillor Bruce Marshall

Amendment

Councillor Len Scoullar moved an Amendment which was seconded by Councillor Alex McNaughton.

Decision

1. On a show of hands vote the amendment was carried by 5 votes to 3 and the Committee resolved accordingly.

(Ref: Report by Performance Improvement Officer dated 6 October 2015, submitted)

14. CHORD PROGRAMME - ACTIONS FOR INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The CHORD Project Manager took the Committee through a report which provided a further update at Members request on details of all the main findings and actions of the Internal Audit Review of the CHORD Programme in February 2014/15.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by CHORD Project Manager dated 6 October 2015, submitted)

15. QUEENS HALL WORK AROUND THE WAR MEMORIAL

The regeneration Project Manager took the Committee through a report advised members of a request from the local branch of Legion Scotland to vary the design and scope of works associated with the environmental improvements and public realm works as they affect the town's War Memorial located on the Pier Esplanade.

Decision

1. The Committee noted the contents of the report; and
2. Agreed the recommendations at 3.0 of the report.

(Ref: Report by Regeneration Project Manager dated 6 October 2015, submitted)

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