ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

Duchess Wood Committee

DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

23th August 2016

Routine Maintenance & Budget Update

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The tree cutting at West Highland Line, the works have now been completed.
- 1.2 Litter bins have been getting emptied as normal over the last three months.

 Knotweed, first treatment has been completed and over coming next two weeks the second treatment will be carried out.
- 1.3 The tree at West Highland Line cost £1100 therefore funds available for works within Duchess Wood stands at £10,426.40. There is still works at Strathclyde Court garage still outstanding.
- 1.4 Strathclyde Court Garages, works are still outstanding and tender is set up for the works to be carried in autumn once leaves are of the trees.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee note the report.

3.0 DETAILS

- 3.1 Litter Bins were emptied as normal over the summer period and will continue to be emptied over the next three months.
- 3.2 Tree works on the boundary between Duchess Wood and West Highland Railway has been completed at cost of £1,100.00 by QTS.
- 3.3 Knotweed should be treated for the second time this year over next two weeks.

 Areas include Car Park area, entrance at Rhu Road Higher, rear Duchess Park and top of playing field.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 General maintenance has been completed on target and the tree work at the West Highland Line has been completed. Works at Strathclyde Court is still outstanding however it is planned for the autumn.
- 4.2 Budget for the wood is presently standing at £10,426.40.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy None
- 5.2 Financial The works Strathclyde Garages works will reduce it further once works have been completed.
- 5.3 Legal None
- 5.4 HR None
- 5.5 Equalities None
- 5.6 Risk There is still a Health and Safety issue with regards trees at Strathclyde Court Garages.
- 5.7 Customer Services –None

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