

**MINUTES of SPECIAL MEETING of COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE held in the
COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on MONDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2016**

Present: Councillor Robin Currie (Chair)

Councillor Gordon Blair	Councillor Julie McKenzie
Councillor Rory Colville	Councillor Aileen Morton
Councillor George Freeman	Councillor Elaine Robertson
Councillor Kieron Green	Councillor Isobel Strong
Councillor Neil MacIntyre	William Hamilton – Teacher Representative
Councillor Roderick McCuish	

Attending: Donald MacVicar – Head of Community and Culture
Alan Martin – Ernest and Young
Ann Marie Knowles – Acting Executive Director of Community Services
Charles Reppke – Head of Governance and Law

The Chair welcomed William Hamilton – Teacher Representative to his first Community Services Committee meeting.

The Chair ruled, and the Committee agreed, that the business dealt with at item 4 of this Minute be dealt with as a matter of urgency by reason of the need to take action to resolve the issues.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Anne Horn and from William Stewart Shaw, Church Representative.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none intimated.

*** 3. CHARITABLE LEISURE & LIBRARIES TRUST - FULL BUSINESS CASE**

The Committee heard a presentation from Alan Martin of Ernst and Young (EY) and gave consideration to a Full Business Case, prepared by EY, for the creation of a charitable trust to deliver leisure and library services in Argyll and Bute. The Business Case explored the service transformation options available to the Council for its Leisure and Libraries Services.

It was highlighted to the Committee that under the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) guidance mandates the best option for a Board of Directors/Trustees is for a new trust to be comprised of seven individuals, including four independent members (one of which to be a Trade Union representative) and three Elected Members in order to create an independent board.

Decision

The Committee agreed to;

- 1) approve the Full Business Case prepared by Ernst and Young;
- 2) approve that the next steps to implementation of a Charitable Trust be taken forward within the proposed governance arrangements; and
- 3) recommend to Council approval of the Charitable Leisure and Libraries Trust Full Business Case.

(Reference: Report by Acting Executive Director – Community Services dated 18 October 2016, submitted; and Full Business Case for a Charitable Leisure and Libraries Trust by Ernst and young, submitted)

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

4. RIVERSIDE SWIM AND HEALTH CENTRE, DUNOON REFURBISHMENT PROGRAMME

The Committee considered a report relating to the Riverside Leisure Centre in Dunoon which comprises a six lane swimming pool, gym and fitness facilities, café and spa area. The report highlighted that it has been over thirteen years since the last major investment in the facility and which now requires essential maintenance in order to sustain the building, obtain improved energy efficiency and meet customer expectations.

Decision

The Committee endorsed the recommendations contained within the report.

(Reference: Report by Acting Executive Director – Community Services dated 21 November 2016, tabled)