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MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE held in the TIMBER PIER BUILDING, DUNOON on TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2016

Present: Councillor Alex McNaughton (Chair)
Councillor Gordon Blair Councillor Bruce Marshall
Councillor Robert Macintyre Councillor James McQueen
Councillor Isobel Strong Councillor Len Scoullar
Councillor Dick Walsh

Attending: Graeme Forrester, Area Committee Manager
Fergus Murray, Head of Economic Development
Ishabel Bremner, Economic Growth Manager
David Mitchell, Head Teacher Dunoon Grammar School
Kevin McIntosh, Contracts Manager
Michael Casey, Schools Development Project Manager
Bill Haliday, Team Leader Housing Services
Kenny Mathieson, Dunoon Community Council
Brian Chennell

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Michael Breslin whilst in attendance during items 1 and 2 of the meeting, intimated apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were intimated.

3. MINUTES

(a) Bute and Cowal Area Committee - 2 August 2016

The minute of the Bute and Cowal Area Committee held on the 2nd August 2016 was approved as a correct minute.

Councillor MacIntyre sought confirmation that the decisions at item 7. Health and Social Care Update had been implemented.
Councillor MacIntyre was advised that the matter was brought to the attention of the Integration Joint Board.

(b) Cowal Transport Forum 2 September 2016

The minute of the Cowal Transport Forum held on the 2nd September 2016 was noted.

4. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Kenny Mathieson provided suggestions on the recent consultation on the Bute and Cowal parking proposals.

Mr Mathieson was advised that these proposals would be passed to Roads and Amenities services.

Brian Chennell provided the Committee with four written questions on the Dunoon 5-a-Side pitches.

Mr Chennell was advised that this matter is currently under consideration by the Council and that his written questions would be forwarded to the relevant Council officer.

The Area Committee Manager read out a public question submitted via email by Ian Shaw regarding use of school facilities for licenced events.

The Area Committee Manager advised the Committee that this was possible and that a response would be sent to Mr Shaw.

5. ISLE OF BUTE JAZZ FESTIVAL

Councillor Robert MacIntyre notified the Committee that the Board of the Isle of Bute Jazz Festival had taken the decision to not run the event in 2017.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the verbal update.

(Ref: Verbal update by Councillor Robert MacIntyre dated 4 October 2016, submitted)

6. ACTIONS FOR GROWTH - BUTE AND COWAL ECONOMY

The Committee considered a report on the proposed Bute and Cowal Economic Development Action Plan 2016/21 aligned to the overarching Strategic Argyll and Bute Economic Development Action Plan.

Decision

The Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the report and;
2. Agree the recommendations at 3.1 of the submitted report.

(Ref: Report by Economic Growth Manager dated 4 October 2016, submitted)

7. DUNOON GRAMMAR SCHOOL - PROGRESS UPDATE

The Head Teacher of Dunoon Grammar School took the Committee through a progress update report on the schools achievements for the 2015/2016 session.

Decision

The Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the report and;
2. Commended the Head Teacher on the excellent outcomes achieved by Dunoon Grammar School.

(Ref: Report by Head Teacher dated 4 October 2016, submitted)

8. UPDATE ON DELIVERY OF ROADS REVENUE BUDGET

The Contracts Manager took the Committee through a report which provided an update on the delivery of the Roads Revenue Budget at the end of quarter 1 for the financial year 2016/2017.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Contracts Manager dated 4 October 2016, submitted)

9. KIRN SCHOOL PROJECT

The Schools Development Project Manager took the Committee through a report on the progress of the new schools redevelopment project in partnership with Hub North Scotland Ltd to build the new Kirn Primary School and to refurbish/ part new build Dunoon Primary School.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Schools Development Project Manager dated 4 October 2016, 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 Paragraph 8&9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

10. 43 ARDBEG ROAD

The Team Leader, Housing Services took the Committee through a report on a property at 43 Ardbeg Road, Rothesay.

Decision

The Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the report and;
2. Agreed the recommendations at 3.1 of the submitted report.

(Ref: Report by Team Leader, Housing Services dated 4 October 2016, submitted)

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