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MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD on WEDNESDAY, 1 MARCH 2017

Present:

Councillor Rory Colville (Chair)

Councillor John Armour
Councillor Robin Currie
Councillor Donald Kelly

Councillor Donald MacMillan
Councillor Douglas Philand
Councillor Sandy Taylor

Attending:

Shona Barton, Area Committee Manager
Jim Smith, Head of Roads and Amenity Services
James Lafferty, Project Officer – THI Campbeltown

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Anne Horn.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Rory Colville declared a non-financial interest to Agenda item 4, by reason that he is Chair of South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT). He left the room and took no part in the discussion thereon.

Having noted that there was no officer in attendance to present Agenda item 3, the Chair ruled and the Committee agreed to vary the order of business. The following items are recorded in the order that they were considered.

Having previously declared an interest in the following item, Councillor Colville left the room and took no part in discussion of this item. In his absence, the Vice Chair, Councillor MacMillan assumed the role of Chair.

The Committee 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 Paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. CAMPBELTOWN CONSERVATION AREA REGENERATION SCHEME (CARS) - GRANT RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD AND PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee gave consideration to a report seeking approval of the allocation of grant funding from the Campbeltown Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme for building repair projects.

Decision:

The Committee agreed to the recommendations, as set out at section 3.0 of the report.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services, dated 1 March 2017, submitted.)

Councillor Colville re-entered the meeting and resumed his position as Chair.

The press and public were allowed back into the meeting.

4. GRASS CUTTING PROPOSALS

The Committee gave consideration to a report proposing to adjust the specification of grassland maintenance in response to the representations made following the implementation of changes in 2016/17.

Decision:

The Area Committee agreed to:

1. approve the amended grass cutting proposals detailed in the report subject to the cyclical cuts being implemented at 14 cuts per year across all areas to be managed within existing budgets; and
2. recommend to the Environmental Development and Infrastructure Committee that a report is submitted providing detail on the external amenity contracts across all areas.

Councillor Currie, having moved an amendment which failed to find a seconder required his dissent from the foregoing decision to be recorded.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services, dated 1 March 2017, submitted.)