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MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD on WEDNESDAY, 5 APRIL 2017

Present:

Councillor Rory Colville (Chair)

Councillor John Armour
Councillor Robin Currie
Councillor Anne Horn
Councillor Donald Kelly

Councillor Donald MacMillan
Councillor Douglas Philand
Councillor Sandy Taylor

Attending:

Shona Barton, Area Committee Manager
David Clements, Programme Manager
Michael Casey, Schools Development Project Manager
Kevin McIntosh, Contracts Manager
Fergus Murray, Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation
Pauline Inglis, Education Officer
Sandra Clarke, Education Officer
Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer
Arthur McCulloch, Principal Engineer
Feargal De Buiteleir, CARS Officer
James Lafferty, Project Officer, THI Campbeltown (by Lync)

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Currie declared a non-financial interest in relation to the Supporting Communities Fund application from Ionad Chaluim Chille Ile; Councillor Horn declared a non-financial interest in relation to the Supporting Communities Fund application from PACT MAK; and Councillor Philand declared a non-financial interest in relation to the Supporting Communities Fund application from Heads Up which are all dealt with at Item 9 of this Minute.

3. MINUTES

(a) Minute of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee Meeting held on 1 February 2017

The Minute of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee meeting held on 1 February 2017 was approved as a true record.

(b) Minute of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Special Area Committee Meeting held on 1 March 2017

The Minute of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Special Area

Committee meeting held on 1 March 2017 was approved as a true record.

4. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

The Chair invited questions from the Members and the public in attendance at the meeting.

Councillor Armour reiterated that the ongoing street lighting issues had still not been resolved in the Glebe Street and Witchburn areas of Campbeltown. He highlighted that these had been recorded in the Casebook system. The Area Committee Manager affirmed that she had drawn attention to this issue with officers in Roads and Amenity Services and would endeavour to get resolution.

Councillor Kelly pointed out that the issue of the smell permeating from the raw sewage was still affecting properties in the Meadowburn area of Campbeltown. The Area Committee Manager agreed to take this issue to Scottish Water.

Councillor Horn advised that the issues with the street lighting in Carradale had still not been resolved. She also advised that flooding at Balmore Road in Tarbert was still a problem, but that the residents continue to have discussions with Scottish Water.

5. INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD - QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORTS

The Committee gave consideration to the Integration Joint Board's Performance and Exception report for financial quarter 2 - 2016/17.

Decision:

Members agreed to note the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Integration Joint Board, dated 30 November 2016, submitted.)

Councillor Sandy Taylor joined the meeting at 10.35a.m.

6. AUCHINLEE CARE HOME

The Committee gave consideration to a verbal update from the Locality Manager, who provided information in relation to the future of Auchinlee Care Home in Campbeltown. Mr Dreghorn advised that agreement has been reached to develop a partnership agreement to cover the next 12 months which would allow arrangements to be made for the existing residents. An assurance has been given that existing residents should not be required to leave the area. This will be facilitated by prioritising vacancies in the Kintyre Care Centre and also by looking to develop provision at Lorn Campbell Court.

It was noted that the issues of residential care in the Kintyre area would be discussed at the forthcoming Care Summit in Oban.

Decision:

Members agreed:-

1. to note the contents of the verbal update; and
2. requested that a report be brought to a future meeting of the Area Committee outlining progress made.

7. AREA SCORECARD - FQ3

The Committee gave consideration to a report presenting the Area Scorecard, with exceptional performance for financial quarter 3 of 2016-17 (October – December 2016).

Decision:

Members agreed to note the performance presented on the scorecard.

The Chair advised Members that David Clements was retiring from the Council and thanked him on behalf of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee for the hard work and informative reports he had prepared for Members review.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Customer Services, dated 5 April 2017, submitted.)

8. NEW SCHOOLS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT - CAMPBELTOWN GRAMMAR SCHOOL UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to a presentation and report highlighting the progress of works in relation to the new schools redevelopment project at Campbeltown Grammar School.

Decision:

Members agreed to note the presentation and content of the report.

(Ref: Report by Acting Executive Director of Community Services, dated 5 April 2017, submitted.)

9. PRIMARY SCHOOLS - PERFORMANCE AND ATTAINMENT - ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee gave consideration to a report outlining the primary school profiles for the Mid Argyll, North Kintyre, South Kintyre, Islay and Jura areas. The report outlined the achievements of various schools in relation to Health and Wellbeing; Numeracy; Literacy; Expressive and Creative Arts and various interdisciplinary learning projects throughout the area. The report also contained information on early learning and childcare.

Decision:

Members agreed to note the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Acting Executive Director of Community Services, dated 5 April 2017, submitted.)

10. SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FUND 2017/18

The Committee gave consideration to a report which detailed recommendations for the award of the Supporting Communities Fund (previously Third Sector Grants) to Third Sector organisations in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area.

Decision:

Members agreed to award the grants as undernoted:-

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 15/16	Grant 16/17	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommendation 2017
1	An Comunn Gaidhealach Meur Ìle	n/a	£750	£6,500	£2,500	£1,750
2	Argyll and Bute Youth Forum*	£250	n/a	£5,550	£694	£390
3	Argyll Drama Festival*	n/a	£360	£1,571.47	£785	£470
4	Cantilena Festival on Islay*	£1,400	£1,025	£22,736	£2,261	£820
5	Craignish Village Hall	n/a	£1,960	£27,233.35	£3,842	£2,950
6	The Dochas Centre	n/a	n/a	£9,033	£4,000	£3,000
7	Heads Up	n/a	£560	£21,908	£4,000	£2,700
8	Ionad Chaluum Chille Ìle	n/a	n/a	£8,925	£2,200	£1,500
9	Islay and Jura Community Enterprises Ltd	£640	£505	£30,293	£3,293	£405
10	Islay and Jura Youth Wind Band	£590	n/a	£3,500	£1,500	£1,000
11	Keeping it Local	New	New	£4,890	£2,445	£2,400
12	Kilmartin Community Initiative	New	New	£440	£220	£220
13	Kintyre Youth Forum	New	New	£3,600	£1,650	£1,600
14	Mid Argyll Community Enterprises	£800	£1,650	£2,486.95	£1,118	£1,060
15	Mid Argyll Pipe Band	£1,700	n/a	£5,050	£1550	£1,270
16	PACT MAK	n/a	£750	£2,040	£820	£615
17	Port Ellen Primary School Parent Council	New	New	£800	£400	£150
18	Re-JIG	New	New	£35,300	£4,000	£3,000
19	Tarbert Mooring and Berth Holders Association*	£1,840	n/a	£22,475	£3,984	£2,700
		Total available				£28,000
		Total recommendation				£28,000

(Ref: Report by Acting Executive Director of Community Services, dated 5 April 2017, submitted)

11. ROADS AND STREET LIGHTING REVENUE BUDGET - ROADS ACTIVITIES 2016/17 - 3RD QUARTER UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to a report outlining the roads revenue and street lighting budget positions at the end of the 3rd Quarter of financial year 2016/17.

Decision:

Members agreed to note the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services, dated 5 April 2017, submitted.)

12. CAMPBELTOWN FLOODING

The Committee gave consideration of a report outlining the current position with alleviating flood risk in Campbeltown.

Decision:

Members agreed to note the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services dated 5 April 2017, submitted.)

13. PUBLIC TELEPHONE KIOSK - APPLICATION FROM JURA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Committee gave consideration to a report outlining a request from Jura Community Council to adopt the telephone kiosk in the village of Craighouse and the consultation process which must take place prior to this request being agreed by BT.

Decision:

Members confirmed that they had no objections to the proposal for Jura Community Council to adopt the telephone kiosk at Knockrome, Craighouse, Isle of Jura.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Customer Services, dated 5 April 2017, submitted.)

14. TARBERT & LOCHGILPHEAD REGENERATION FUND

The Committee gave consideration to a progress report on the works undertaken to date on the Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund.

Decision:

Members agreed to note the content of the report.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services dated 5 April 2017, submitted.)

15. INVERARAY CONSERVATION AREA REGENERATION SCHEME (CARS) - UPDATE ON PROGRESS

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing an update on the progress that has been made on the Inveraray CARS project to date.

Decision:

Members agreed to note the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services, dated 5 April 2017, submitted.)

16. CAMPBELTOWN CONSERVATION AREA REGENERATION SCHEME (CARS) SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

(a) Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services

The Committee gave consideration to a report recommending an award of two grants from the Campbeltown Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) Small Grants budget and to a proposed change to the governance arrangements for the Small Grants Scheme.

Decision:

Members agreed:-

1. To approve the two grant awards from the Campbeltown CARS Round 6 Small Grants Scheme as detailed in Appendix 1; and
2. To the following change to the governance arrangements in respect of individual small grant awards up to £10,000
Authority is delegated to the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure in consultation with the Chair of the MAKI Area Committee and the Ward 1 Members to approve small grant awards from the Campbeltown CARS Fund up to the value of £10,000. All grants approved under this delegation will then be reported to the MAKI Area Committee.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services, dated 5 April 2017, submitted.).

The Chair on behalf of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee commended the hard work and effort undertaken by officers in both the Inveraray and Campbeltown Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS).

17. VALEDICTORY REMARKS

The Chair thanked all members of the Committee for their contribution over the term of this Council.

He commented that he had tried to be inclusive and gave special thanks to Councillor MacMillan in his capacity as Vice-Chair.

Finally, he offered thanks to the offices involved in providing administrative support to the Committee.