

MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE held in the EAGLESHAM HOUSE, ROTHESAY on TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2017

Present: Councillor Jim Anderson (Chair)

Councillor Gordon Blair	Councillor Jim Findlay
Councillor Audrey Forrest	Councillor Jean Moffat
Councillor Len Scoullar	Councillor Alan Reid

Attending: Graeme Forrester, Area Committee Manager
Michael Casey, Schools Redevelopment Project Officer
Rona Gold, Community Planning Manager
Douglas Whyte, Team Leader – East
John Gordon, Programme Manager - CHORD

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Bobby Good and Yvonne McNeilly.

The Chair ruled and the Committee agreed that the business dealt with at item 12 of this Minute be dealt with as a matter of urgency to ensure the currency of the information contained in the report as the next meeting of the Area Committee would be in December.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTES

(a) Bute and Cowal Area Committee - 19th June 2017

The Minute of the Bute and Cowal Area Committee held on 19th June 2017 was approved as a correct record.

(b) Rothesay Common Good Fund - 29th June 2017 (for noting)

The Minute of the Rothesay Common Good Fund held on 29th June 2017 was noted.

(c) Rothesay Common Good Fund - 7th August 2017 (for noting)

The Minute of the Rothesay Common Good Fund held on 7th August 2017 was noted.

Councillor Scoullar advised the reason this application was refused due to it not being a Rothesay Project.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the public.

5. NEW SCHOOLS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT - KIRN PRIMARY SCHOOL AND DUNOON PRIMARY SCHOOL

A report providing the Committee with progress on the Council's Schools Redevelopment Project in partnership with hubNorth Scotland Ltd (hubNorth) to build a new primary school in Kirn and the refurbishment/part new build of Dunoon Primary School, was considered.

Mr Casey gave a presentation to the Committee on the progress with both Kirn and Dunoon Primary Schools.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report and presentation; and thanked Mr Casey and his Team for all their hard work with these projects.

(Ref: Report by School Redevelopment Project Manager dated 11th August 2017, submitted).

6. DEVELOPMENT OF AREA SCORECARD

The Committee considered a report from the Head of Improvement and HR on the development of the Area Scorecards.

Decision

The Committee:-

1. Noted the new look Council scorecard;
2. Noted the roles and responsibilities of elected Members with regard to performance monitoring, review and scrutiny, as set out in the PIF;
3. Noted the plans for the future development of Area Scorecards; and
4. Noted the next report would come to the December Area Committee.

(Ref: Report by Head of Improvement and HR dated 5th September 2017, submitted).

7. MONITORING OF GRANTS TO THE THIRD SECTOR

A report highlighting the positive outcomes for communities in Bute and Cowal through the allocation of the Council's Third Sector Grant funding in 2016/17 was considered.

The report advises that a total of £39,170 was awarded to 32 organisations in 2016/17

Decision

The Committee agreed the recommendations in the report.

(Ref: Report by Community Planning Manager dated 11th August 2017, submitted).

8. TORLOCHAN TRAVELLING PERSON SITE, BY SANDBANK

The Committee considered a report from the Housing Strategy Manager on Torlochan Travelling Person Site, by Sandbank.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report and agreed to encourage ACHA to consult with local community groups to identify a community use for the site and, if no such suitable use can be found, agree in principle to support the mothballing of Torlochan site, subject to any future evidence of unmet need in the area.

(Ref: Report by Housing Strategy Manager dated 5th September 2017, submitted).

9. OUTSIDE APPOINTMENT - HISTORIC KILMUN

The Committee considered a report by the Area Committee Manager on appointments to outside bodies/organisations within the Bute and Cowal area.

Decision

Organisation	Purpose	Elected Member
Historic Kilmun / Argyll Mausoleum	Formed to restore, interpret and open to the public Argyll Mausoleum at Kilmun Church	Councillor Forrest
Benmore and Kilmun Community Development Trust	To benefit the community of the Kilmun ward.	Councillor Reid
Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park Community Partnership	Offers support, advice and training as well as help in delivering new Community Action plans as they become needed	Councillor Reid Councillor Blair

(Ref: Report by Area Committee Manager dated 15th August 2017, submitted).

10. QUEENS HALL, DUNOON

The Committee heard a presentation from the CHORD Programme Manager in regard to the Queens Hall in Dunoon.

He spoke about the refurbishment works which have been carried out, new layout plans and the community benefits.

Decision

The Committee noted the information provided.

(Ref: Presentation by Programme Manager – CHORD dated 5th September 2017, submitted).

11. FOR NOTING

(a) B&C WORKPLAN

The Committee considered the Bute and Cowal Workplan for September.

Decision

The Committee noted the Bute and Cowal Workplan and noted that a report on Public Conveniences would be added to the workplan to come to the December Area Committee.

(Ref: Bute and Cowal Workplan dated 5th September 2017, 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 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

E1 12. QUEENS HALL COMMERCIAL UPDATE

A report providing the Committee with an update on the commercial position of the project was considered.

Decision

The Committee agreed the recommendations at 2.1 and 2.2 of the report.

(Ref: Report by CHORD Programme Manager dated 5th September 2017, submitted).