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MINUTES of the SPECIAL MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE held in EAGLESHAM HOUSE, ROTHESAY on TUESDAY, 3 APRIL 2018

Present:

Councillor Bobby Good (Chair)
Councillor Gordon Blair
Councillor Audrey Forrest
Councillor Alan Reid
Councillor Jim Findlay
Councillor Jean Moffat
Councillor Len Scoullar

Attending:

Stuart McLean, Area Committee Manager
David Logan, Special Projects and Quality Improvement Manager
Stuart Watson, Traffic and Development Manager (via Lync)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated by:
Councillor Jim Anderson
Councillor Yvonne McNeilly

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Scoullar declared a non-financial interest in relation to Tilhill Forestry – Extraction of Timber at Auchenlochan – KCFC – Fyne Homes – Use of Council Access Road which was dealt with at item 3 of this minute, citing his appointment by Argyll and Bute Council to the board of Fyne Homes.

3. TILHILL FORESTRY - EXTRACTION OF TIMBER AT AUCHENLOCHAN - KCFC -FYNE HOMES - USE OF COUNCIL ACCESS ROAD

(a) Legal Update

This report was previously considered at the 6 March 2018 Bute and Cowal Area Committee meeting. The report provided an update on the on-going discussions between the Council, Kilfinan Community Forest Company and Tilhill Forestry regarding their use of a Council owned road for associated forestry activities.

The report also advised on the proposal for housing from Fyne Homes on the Council owned site adjacent to Tighnabruaich Primary School, which is accessed by the Council owned road which feeds onto the A8003.

Decision

The Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the report and;
2. Noted that there were no updates or changes to be added.

(Ref: Report by Special Projects and Quality Improvement Manager dated 6th March 2018, submitted)

(b) Roads and Amenities Update

The Traffic and Development Manager introduced a briefing note that highlighted the background to the Strategic Timber Transport Scheme and the Argyll Timber Transport Group. He also informed the Committee of the legal standing of the Timber Transport Management plan associated with the UC33 Auchenlochan backroad.

The Traffic and Development Manager advised the Committee of the following actions which would be taken forward:

- The Forestry section of the UC33 would be included as part of the monthly inspection of the A8003.
- Additional ad hoc inspections would be carried out by staff as and when they are in the area.
- Traffic counts by vehicle type would be conducted once timber haulage commences.
- Manual surveys would be carried out by local staff to ensure compliance with the Timber Transport Management Plan.

Decision

The Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the briefing paper.
2. Noted the actions being carried out by officers and;
3. Agreed an update report would be brought back to the June 2018 Bute and Cowal Area Committee meeting.

(Ref: Briefing note by Traffic and Development Manager, dated 3 April 2018, submitted)