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MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE held in the TIMBER PIER BUILDING, DUNOON on TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2018

Present: Councillor Jim Anderson (Chair)

Councillor Jim Anderson	Councillor Jean Moffat
Councillor Jim Findlay	Councillor Alan Reid
Councillor Audrey Forrest	
Councillor Yvonne McNeilly	

Attending: Alistair McGregor, Chief Executive ACHA
Stuart McLean, Area Committee Manager
Jonathan Miles, Rothesay Pavilion Project Manager
David Mitchell, Head Teacher Dunoon Grammar School
Louise Nicol, Head Teacher Rothesay Academy
Rosemary McMillan, ACHA

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated by:

Councillor Gordon Blair
Councillor Bobby Good
Councillor Len Scoular

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were intimated.

3. MINUTES

(a) Bute and Cowal Area Committee 4th September 2018

The minute of the Bute and Cowal Area Committee held on the 4th September 2018 was approved as a correct record.

(b) Special Bute and Cowal Area Committee 23rd October 2018

The minute of the Special Bute and Cowal Area Committee held on the 23rd October 2018 was approved as a correct record.

(c) Cowal Transport Forum 26th September 2018

The minute of the Cowal Transport Forum meeting held on 26th September 2018 was noted.

(d) **Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group 6th November 2018**

The minute of the Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group held on 6th November 2018 was noted.

4. SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORTS

(a) **Dunoon Grammar School**

The Head Teacher of Dunoon Grammar School took the Committee through a progress update report on the schools achievements for the 2018 session.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the report; and
2. Commended the work being done by the school.

(Report by Head Teacher, Dunoon Grammar School dated 4 December 2018, submitted)

(b) **Rothesay Academy**

The Head Teacher of Rothesay Academy took the Committee through a progress update report on the school's achievements in the 2018 session.

The Head Teacher of Dunoon Grammar School thanked the education services on behalf of the school for their continued support and encouragement.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the report and;
2. Commended the work being done by the school.

(Ref: Report by Head Teacher of Rothesay Academy dated 4th December 2017, submitted)

5. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Kenny Matheson on behalf of Dunoon Community Council requested:

1. That the Bute and Cowal Area Committee write to the administration to raise concerns regarding the condition of the Dunoon Pier.

The Chair responded that this item was currently ongoing as it is tied in with the current ferry tendering exercise.

2. That the Bute and Cowal Area Committee look into why Dunoon Community Hospital currently only has one ward open.

The Chair agreed to take this item forward and would respond to Mr Matheson.

3. That the Bute and Cowal Area Committee ask the Health and Social Care Partnership for a response regarding individuals in the Cowal Area being unable to receive care packages at home.

The Area Committee agreed to raise this concern with the Elected Member representatives on the Health and Social Care Partnership Board. Councillor Forrest also agreed to investigate the individual case that had been highlighted and respond to the constituent and her fellow ward councillors.

6. NEW SCHOOLS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE FOR DUNOON PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Committee gave consideration to a progress update report on the Council's Schools redevelopment project in partnership with hubNorth Scotland Ltd for the refurbishment/part new build of Dunoon Primary School.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee:

1. Considered and noted the contents of the report and;
2. Noted the recent success of the Special Projects Team at the Argyll and Bute excellence awards.

(Ref: Report by Special Projects & Quality Improvement Manager dated 4th December 2018, submitted)

7. PERFORMANCE REVIEW - AREA SCORECARD

The Committee gave consideration to the Area Scorecard for financial quarter 2 of 2018-2019.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee:-

1. Noted the performance presented on the scorecard and supporting commentary.
2. Agreed to the removal of the Community Emergency Plan measures from the Scorecard and Quarterly Performance reports from FQ3 2018/19 onwards.

3. Agreed that should the situation with Community Emergency Plans change the Civil Contingencies Manager, Susan Donnelly would submit a report updating the Committee.
4. Agreed that upon receipt of the Quarterly Performance Report the Area Committee contact either the Performance Management and Improvement Officer or the Responsible Named Officer with any queries and;
5. Noted that work was ongoing and to respond to the Performance Management and Improvement Officer with requests or comments regarding the layout and format of the Report and Scorecard.

(Ref: Report by Performance and Improvement Officer dated 4th December 2018, submitted).

8. ACHA ANNUAL UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to an annual update presentation for the Bute and Cowal area by Argyll Community Housing Association.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the presentation and;
2. Thanked Argyll Community Housing Association for the way in which the recent demolition of properties on Bute was handled.

(Ref: Presentation by Chief Executive, ACHA dated 4th December 2018, submitted)

9. ROADS AND AMENITY SERVICES UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to a briefing paper which provided an update on operational matters within the roads and amenity services department in Bute and Cowal.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee:

1. Noted the contents of the report and;
2. Expressed disappointment at the lack of officer representation at the meeting.

(Ref: Briefing note by Head of Roads and Amenity Services dated 4th December 2018, submitted)

10. CHARITY AND TRUST FUNDS

The Committee gave consideration to a report setting out the proposed method for distribution of the charities and trust funds in the Bute and Cowal Area.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee:

1. Agreed the distribution of the Charities and Trust Funds as outlined in appendix 1 of the report and;
2. Agreed to request whether further amalgamation of the funds was viable and delegate to the Area Committee Manager to raise this with the Finance department.

(Ref: Report by Finance Manger dated 4th December 2018, submitted)

11. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to a progress update briefing paper on the Health and Social Care Partnership.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Briefing note by Interim Head of Service HSCP dated 4th December 2018, submitted)

12. BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

The Committee gave consideration to the Bute and Cowal Workplan for December 2018 to June 2019 inclusive.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee noted the Bute and Cowal Workplan.

(Ref: Bute and Cowal Workplan dated 4th December 2018, submitted)

13. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13

The Committee considered the following Notice of Motion submitted under Standing Order 13 which was proposed at the meeting by Councillor Jim Anderson and seconded by Councillor Alan Reid –

Motion

That the existing Dunoon-Gourock ferry service is no longer fit for purpose.

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee therefore:

(a) Agrees that the Chair will write, as a matter of urgency, to the Scottish Government asking that they invite tenders for a subsidised passenger service between Dunoon-Gourock.

(b) Agrees that the tender documents should specify that vessels be provided which can cope with the weather conditions expected on the Upper Clyde in winter. The successful bidder can choose to carry vehicles on a commercial basis, but will only receive a subsidy for carrying passengers.

Moved by: Councillor Jim Anderson, Seconded by: Councillor Alan Reid

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee unanimously agreed the contents of the submitted notice of motion.

(Ref: Notice of Motion by Councillor Jim Anderson and seconded by Councillor Alan Reid, dated 4th December 2018, submitted)

14. ROTHESAY PAVILION

The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided members with an update on progress with the Rothesay Pavilion Adaptive Restoration and Extension Works project following completion of the funding package in September 2017 and the award of the construction contract to Messrs CBC Ltd (CBC) in November 2017.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee considered and noted the progress update provided in the report.

(Ref: Report by Rothesay Pavilion Project Manager dated 4th December 2018, submitted)

The Council resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the press and public for the following items of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 8&9 respectively of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

(a) Rothesay Pavilion Exempt Appendix

The Committee gave consideration to an exempt financial information appendix pertaining to the Rothesay Pavilion.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee:-

1. Considered and noted the in depth review and reconciliation of the

financial and non-financial performance of the project following the new Rothesay Pavilion Project Manager appointment on 23rd July 2018, as set out within the Exempt Appendix 1 to the report.

2. Agreed that due to the significant level of financial support that the Council has committed to the Rothesay Pavilion Project and the lack of information available, that the report by the Rothesay Pavilion Project Manager be referred to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee for consideration in order to expedite a possible formal review of the project.
3. Agreed that due to the significant level of financial support that the Council has committed to the Rothesay Pavilion Project to recommend that a Bute and Cowal Area Committee elected member (or a substitute) and the Rothesay Pavilion Project Manager (or substitute) be appointed to attend all Rothesay Pavilion Charity Board meetings in their entirety.
4. Agreed that the Area Committee Manager would highlight the discussion held with the Chief Executive and appropriate Senior Officers.

(Ref: Appendix by Rothesay Pavilion Project Manager dated 4th December 2018, submitted)

15. SITE TO REAR OF ROTHESAY PAVILION, ROTHESAY, ISLE OF BUTE DISPOSAL TO APPLE TREE NURSERY

The Committee gave consideration to a report on a proposal regarding land at the rear of Rothesay Pavilion.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee agreed to continue this item to the March meeting of the Area Committee to allow for further clarification;

- On the impact of this decision on the Rothesay Pavilion and any future development thereof and;
- On early years provision within Rothesay.

(Ref: Report by Estates Surveyor dated 4th December 2018, submitted)

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