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**MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE held  
in the CAMPBELTOWN GRAMMAR SCHOOL, HUTCHEON ROAD, CAMPBELTOWN, PA28  
6JS  
on WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH 2019**

**Present:** Councillor Robin Currie (Chair)

Councillor John Armour	Councillor Douglas Philand
Councillor Rory Colville	Councillor Alastair Redman
Councillor Donald Kelly	Councillor Sandy Taylor
Councillor Donald MacMillan	

**Attending:** Shona Barton, Area Committee Manager  
David Logan, Special Projects & Quality Improvement Manager  
Mark Calder, Project Manager – Transformation (By Skype)  
James Lafferty, Project Officer, Campbeltown  
Ruaridh McGregor, Corporate Affairs Manager (West), Scottish Water  
Michelle Armour, Team Leader - Adult Services in Kintyre, HSCP

The Chair ruled and the Committee agreed to take the agenda items out of sequence to facilitate officer commitments. The following items are minuted as they were taken at the meeting.

**1. APOLOGIES**

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

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**3. MINUTES**

The Minute of the meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee, held on Wednesday, 5 December 2018 was approved as a true record.

**4. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME**

Members expressed their dissatisfaction at the lack of attendance from Partners and Stakeholders, with specific reference being made to Transport Scotland, who had provided an update by email prior to the meeting and had advised that they would continue to engage with the Council through their quarterly liaison meetings. Discussion was had in relation to a number of issues including crossing points at Inveraray, Tarbert and Campbeltown and Transport Scotland's annual capital programme. The Area Committee Manager agreed to write to Transport Scotland expressing the concerns of the Area Committee and asking for attendance by an appropriate officer at a future Area Committee meeting to address local issues.

Further discussion was had in relation to ongoing issues within the Health and Social Care Partnership, with Members expressing concern over the level of priority given

to issues raised at Area Committee level. The Area Committee Manager agreed to make contact with the Chief Executive to highlight the concerns of the Committee.

Councillor Philand requested that the Area Committee Manager seek information on how budget decisions taken in respect of youth and adult learning; environmental warden services; the road safety unit and music tuition will impact on the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area.

#### **5. NEW SCHOOL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE - CAMPBELTOWN GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

The Committee gave consideration to a report highlighting the progress on the Council's Schools Redevelopment Project in partnership with hubNorth Scotland Ltd (hubNorth) to build a new secondary school in Campbeltown.

##### **Decision:**

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee agreed to note the progress made on the Council's Schools Redevelopment Project.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Customer Services, dated 6 March 2019, submitted.)

#### **6. ANNUAL UPDATE - SCOTTISH WATER**

The Committee gave consideration to a verbal update from the Corporate Affairs Manager for Scottish Water on a number of issues previously highlighted by the Area Committee. These included water capacity in Islay, Jura and Campbeltown; issues with the Machrihanish to Campbeltown water main; odour complaints at Meadowburn, Campbeltown; proposals for capital investment works in Tarbert and the anticipated closure of Barmore Road as part of this work.

Discussion took place in respect of the Capital Works Programme, with the Corporate Affairs Manager agreeing to forward this to Members by email. Further discussion was had in relation to the damaged outfall pump at Clachan; odour issues in Inveraray and measures being investigated to address these issues. The Corporate Affairs Manager agreed to provide further information on the Inveraray issues to Ward 3 Members. Mr McGregor also agreed to set up a site meeting between the Ward 1 Members and the Operational Manager in relation to the odour issues at Meadowburn, Campbeltown. The importance of the public reporting issues to Scottish Water was also highlighted.

##### **Decision:**

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee agreed to note the information provided.

#### **7. KINTYRE CARE CENTRE UPDATE**

The Committee gave consideration to a verbal update from the Team Leader for Adult Care in Kintyre, who outlined recent issues within Kintyre Care Centre which had resulted in a moratorium being placed on admissions to the Centre. Ms Armour advised of the progress of actions which had seen the moratorium lifted on 28

February 2019 and allowed the Centre to operate on a phased admissions basis. She further advised of the ongoing work to consider progress and any outstanding actions with a view to the Centre being able to operate to full capacity. Discussion was had in relation to staffing; training needs and the need to ensure that Members are advised timeously of any future issues to ensure that the flow of information is carefully managed. The Team Leader agreed to feedback the comments to the Locality Manager for Adult Services.

**Decision:**

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee agreed to note the information provided.

**8. MAKI AREA COMMITTEE - DATES OF MEETINGS 2019/2020**

The Committee gave consideration to a report outlining the scheduled meetings in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area from August 2019 to June 2020.

**Decision:**

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee agreed:

1. to endorse the agreed cycle of Area Committee meetings as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
2. that venues for meetings would be - Lochgilphead (September 2019); Inveraray (December 2019); Campbeltown (March 2020) and Jura (June 2020).

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Customer Services, dated 6 March 2019, submitted.)

**9. AREA SCORECARD - FQ3 2018/2019**

The Committee gave consideration to a report presenting the Area Scorecard for Financial Quarter 3 2018/19 (October – December 2018), and highlighted an error in the commentary for LEAMS – MAKI Kintyre (Cleanliness Monitoring Systems) which had been presented at the last Area Committee meeting for Financial Quarter 2 2018/19, which had since been amended in Pyramid.

**Decision:**

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee agreed:

1. to note the performance presented on the Scorecard and supporting commentary;
2. to note the amendment to the LEAMS-MAKI commentary in Pyramid;

3. that upon receipt of the Quarterly Performance Report, they will contact either Sonya Thomas or the Responsible Named Officer with any queries; and
4. noted that work is ongoing and that responses should be directed to Sonya Thomas with requests or comments regarding the layout and format of the Report and Scorecard.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Customer Services, dated 6 March 2019, submitted.)

## **10. FESTIVE LIGHTING**

The Committee gave consideration to a report updating on the delivery of festive lighting across Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands in 2018. The report also highlighted the community handover arrangements now that the Council is ceasing to provide this non-statutory service.

Following concerns from Members in regard to the handover arrangements and electrical safety assessments, the Project Manager – Transformation advised that he would shortly be meeting with all relevant groups to go through the handover arrangements. He also provided Members with assurances in regard to the safety assessments which have been carried out on all fixtures and equipment.

### **Decision:**

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services, dated 6 March 2019, submitted.)

## **11. CAMPBELTOWN CONSERVATION AREA REGENERATION SCHEME (CARS) PROGRESS REPORT**

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing an update on the progress of Campbeltown Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) Round 6.

### **Decision:**

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee agreed to note the progress that has been made on the Campbeltown CARS Round 6.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services, dated 6 March 2019, submitted.)

## **12. MAKI WORK PLAN**

The Committee gave consideration to the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee Workplan.

### **Decision:**

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee noted the contents of the Workplan.

(Ref: Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee Workplan, dated 6 March 2019, submitted.)

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