MINUTES of MEETING of COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD on THURSDAY, 12 MARCH 2020

Present: Councillor Yvonne McNeilly (Chair)

Councillor Jim Anderson
Councillor Kieron Green
Councillor Graham Hardie
Councillor Anne Horn
Councillor Jim Lynch
Councillor Donald MacMillan BEM
Councillor Iain Paterson
Councillor Alan Reid
Councillor Elaine Robertson
Margaret Anderson
William Stewart Shaw
William Hamilton
Alison Palmer

Attending: Douglas Hendry, Executive Director with responsibility for Education
Anne Paterson, Head of Education: Lifelong Learning and Support
Louise Connor, Head of Education: Learning and Teaching
Stuart McLean, Committee Manager
Chief Superintendent John Paterson, Divisional Commander, Police Scotland
Andrew Watt, Area Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Robert Tourish, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

The Chair extended a warm welcome to Andrew Watt, Area Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service who was attending his first meeting of the Committee.

The Chair presented a Quaich to Maureen Clark to mark her retirement and as a token of appreciation for over 25 years' service to Education. The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Maureen for her time and service put into her career and wished her well for a long, happy and healthy retirement.

The Chair advised that Frances MacLean, who could not be in attendance, was also retiring after 25 years of service to Education and would be in receipt of a Quaich. The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Frances for her time and service put into her career and wished her well for a long, happy and healthy retirement.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Rory Colville, Mary Jean Devon, Lorna Douglas and Julie McKenzie.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 10 December 2019 was approved as a correct record.

4. ARGYLL AND BUTE LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2017-2020 - QUARTERLY REPORT FQ3 2019/20

The Committee considered a report by Police Scotland which provided the FQ3 – 2019/20 update in relation to the Argyll and Bute Local Police Plan for 2017-2020.

The Divisional Commander also referred to a number of recent and recurring issues and responded to a number of questions.

Decision

The Community Services Committee noted the content of the report.

(Reference: Report by Divisional Commander for Argyll and Bute, West Dunbartonshire Division, Police Scotland, submitted.)

5. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE - ARGYLL AND BUTE PERFORMANCE REPORT FQ3 - OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2019

The Area Commander presented a report highlighting the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's FQ3 review of local performance within Argyll and Bute for 2019-20 and responded to a number of questions.

Decision

The Community Services Committee noted the content of the report.

(Reference: Q3 2019/20 Report by Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, submitted.)

6. ARGYLL AND BUTE HSCP - NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING OUTCOMES PERFORMANCE REPORTING FRAMEWORK AND EXCEPTION REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS - FQ2 2019/20

The Chair advised that the Chief Officer of the Health and Social Care Partnership was unable to present her report to the Committee due to emergency planning for Covid-19.

Decision

The Community Services Committee agreed to continue consideration of the Health and Social Care Partnership performance report for quarter 2 2019/20 to the June meeting of the Committee to allow for the Chief Officer to be in attendance.

(Reference: Report by Head of Strategic Planning and Performance, Argyll and Bute HSCP, submitted.)

7. INSPECTION AND REVIEW 2019-20

The Committee gave consideration to a presentation from the Head of Education: Learning and Teaching on Inspection and Review 2019-20.

Decision

The Community Services Committee endorsed the content of the presentation by the Head of Education: Learning and Teaching.

(Reference: Presentation by the Head of Education: Learning and Teaching, submitted.)

8. SCHOOLS (CONSULTATION) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 - SKIPNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Consideration was given to a report providing details of a draft proposal for Skipness Primary School formulated in accordance with the requirements of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, as amended.

Decision

The Community Services Committee agreed to adopt the draft proposal, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, as a "relevant proposal" that is now to proceed to a statutory consultation under the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, as amended.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education, dated 29 January 2020, submitted)

9. EDUCATION SERVICE PERFORMANCE REPORT FQ3

A paper presenting the Committee with Education's Performance Report and Scorecard for FQ3 2019-20 (October – December) was considered.

Decision

The Community Services Committee noted the performance report and scorecard as presented.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education, submitted)

10. DALINTOBER PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Committee gave consideration to a report setting out the current position in respect of Dalintober Primary School, in response to concerns that have been raised in respect of the condition and safety of the building.

Decision

The Community Services Committee -

1. Noted the contents of the report.

2. Agreed that the condition survey, scheduled for 2021/22, was brought forward to this year.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education, dated 3 March 2020, submitted.)

11. NATIONAL IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK FOR SCOTTISH EDUCATION

A paper providing an overview of the Argyll and Bute Primary and Secondary achievement in Literacy and Numeracy for P1, P4, P7 and S3 together with an update on the Scottish Governments 2020 National Improvement Framework and Improvement Plan for Scottish Education was before the Committee for noting.

Decision

The Community Services Committee noted -

1. The 2018/19 overview of the Primary and Secondary achievement in Literacy and Numeracy for P1, P4, P7, S3 within Argyll and Bute.

2. That from 2018/19 onwards this data is no longer classified by the Scottish Government as Experimental Statistics.

3. The update on the Scottish Governments 2020 National Improvement Framework and Improvement Plan for Scottish Education.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education, dated 27 January 2020, submitted)

12. EXTERNAL EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTION REPORT

A report providing details of all external establishment inspection reports received across Argyll and Bute Education Service during the period January 2020 to March 2020 was before the Committee for noting.

Decision

The Community Services Committee noted -

1. The contents of the report and appendices attached.

2. That the quarterly report would be presented on an ongoing basis to the Community Services Committee detailing all establishment inspections conducted and published by Education Scotland within that period.

3. That Ward members would receive copies of school inspection reports for schools within their area as published by Education Scotland.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education, dated 12 March 2020, submitted)

13. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2019/20

The Community Services Committee work plan for 2019/20 was before the Committee for noting.

Decision

The Community Services Committee noted the content of the work plan.

(Reference: Community Services Committee Work Plan 2019/20, submitted)