

**EXTRACT OF MINUTE OF BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON 31
AUGUST 2021**

*** 10. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Moffat, seconded by Councillor Findlay:

Motion

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee request that the Council pause, for a period of 18 months from August 2021, the implementation of the decision of the budget meeting of 25 February 2021, regarding the future of Arden Craig Gardens making a saving of £5000 for the council and ask that the relevant service, in the meantime, find that saving from existing budgets. This will enable the community and other interested parties time to develop a business plan to still achieve the savings for the council and allow the gardens to remain open and operate commercially on a basis to be agreed. This would allow an opportunity for a very strong community group to get the required business plan and income revenue in place to continue the running and advancement of the gardens at no cost to the council whilst achieving the savings identified in the budget. This may also provide an income for the council.

Amendment

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee:

- (i) notes that all Councillors present at the Budget vote on 25 February 2021 voted to save £10,000 by stopping the nursery growing service at Kilmory and Arden Craig;
- (ii) notes that this decision has no impact on the continued operation of Arden Craig Gardens;
- (iii) welcomes the formation of the Arden Craig Garden Interest Group (AGIG) and the engagement of officers from Roads and Infrastructure with that group;
- (iv) thanks AGIG for carrying out their visitor survey and for engaging with the Council over the future of Arden Craig gardens and nursery; and

- (v) requests that Council officers continue their dialogue with AGIG and submit a paper to the December meeting of the EDI Committee with their recommendations regarding AGIG's plans for the gardens and nursery.

Moved by Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor McNeilly.

The Members voted by calling the roll and voted as follows:

Motion

Amendment

Councillor Moffat
Councillor Findlay
Councillor Anderson
Councillor Blair
Councillor Forrest

Councillor Reid
Councillor McNeilly
Councillor McCabe
Councillor Good

Decision

With the Motion receiving 5 votes and Amendment receiving 4 votes, the Committee resolved accordingly.