ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

LEGAL AND REGULATORY SUPPORT 9 MARCH 2023

EXTRACT OF MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2022

18. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13

The Committee gave consideration to the following Notice of Motion under Standing Order 13 that have been submitted by Councillor Donald Kelly and seconded by Councillor John Armour:-

Despite the best efforts of the Council both Dalintober and Castlehill Primary Schools in Campbeltown which are in a poor condition continue to be in my and many others opinion no longer fit for purpose.

They are both outdated 19th Century buildings which have been and continue to be patched up on a yearly basis which is a constant drain on limited council resources. This is not best value for the Council or the Council Taxpayer.

These buildings continue to have numerous problems with leaking roofs (which was the subject of unexpected ceiling collapses in Dalintober fortunately at a weekend when the school was closed) dampness throughout the school (which is apparent for all to see) roofing insulation appearing on children's desks, windows sealed shut in classrooms, broken windows now being replaced by plywood (instead of glass) etc. the list goes on.

Approx. 20 years ago like many other communities in Argyll and Bute Campbeltown was offered a joint Campus facility due to the nature of the offer this was dismissed out of hand by the community after a full public consultation.

The wider community now feel that the time has come for the council to be forward thinking and make the initial preparations for a new Campbeltown Primary School ensuring that we have a shovel ready project as and when funding becomes available.

This view is shared by many parents, staff and children and even some of the businesses who have worked on the schools over the past number of years - hence this motion.

Motion

That the MAKI Area Committee request

1. That the Community Services Committee who exercise the functions of the Council as the Education Authority request that the Executive Director with

responsibility for Education prepares an initial report outlining the way forward and potential for a proposal in terms of the school (consultation Act 2010) which would allow for an initial business case to be formulated with a view to replacing the existing outdated Campbeltown primary schools of Dalintober and Castlehill.

2. That the completed report is presented to a meeting of the Community Services Committee for deliberation in early 2023.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee agreed the terms of the Motion.

(Reference: Notice of Motion under Standing Order 13 by Councillor Donald Kelly, seconded by Councillor John Armour, submitted)