

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE AND ROADS ACCESS FUND

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 At the Policy and Resources Committee in October 2022 it was agreed that, subject to confirmation of the Crown Estates allocation for 2022-23, to allocate £300,000 towards a Cemetery Maintenance and Roads Access Improvement Fund (£75,000 for each administrative area). This report provides options for approval and has been informed by a meeting with the Bute and Cowal Members.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Area Committee:

- agree the package of proposals up to the value of £75,000,
- note that regular updates will be provided via the Roads and Infrastructure weekly briefing.

3.0 DETAIL

3.1 The Council allocated £300,000 of Crown Estate funding to a Cemetery Maintenance and Roads Access Fund, to be split between the four administrative areas (£75k each). A Bute and Cowal business day meeting was held on 3 March 2023 where officers presented some suggestions for use of the Fund and the following proposals were discussed as priorities for members:

Area	Location	Proposed Works	Estimated Cost
Bute	Barone Cemetery	New foundation for headstone and a path, upgrade old paths.	£15,000
	North Bute Cemetery	Put in roadway to assist getting hearse closer to lairs at the top of cemetery and upgrade foot paths	£10,000
	Dunoon	Knock down and remove old toilet	£10,000

	cemetery	block/shelter-excavate any service pipes	
Cowal	Cowal Cemetery	North extension within existing footprint - drainage and access paths. New fence with possible access into the woodland area on the south side of the cemetery.	£30,000
	Strachur cemetery	Extend the last border in the new extension and form a small area for ash internments	£5,000
	Millhouse cemetery	Extend the turning/parking area and create parking spaces using existing scalping's to keep the cost down—extend the main road into the cemetery	£5,000

3.2 It is proposed that regular updates on progress will be provided via the Roads and Infrastructure weekly briefing.

3.3 In the future, it is open to the Policy and Resources Committee to consider allocating further funding from the Crown Estates allocation to a second phase Cemetery Maintenance and Roads Access Fund, if Members agreed that this was a good use of funding.

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 This report provides the Bute and Cowal Area Committee with options on how to spend the £75,000 that has been allocated from the Crown Estates funding to a Cemetery Maintenance and Roads Access Fund.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Policy – Policy decision taken through P&R Committee for this funding allocation

5.2 Financial – Crown Estate Funding allocation of £75,000 per administrative area.

5.3 Legal – none known

5.4 HR – none known.

5.5 Fairer Scotland Duty: none known.

5.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics – where appropriate EqSEIAs will be carried out to identify any implications

- 5.5.2 Socio-economic Duty – where appropriate EqSEIAs will be carried out to identify any implications
- 5.5.3 Islands – where appropriate Island impacts assessments will be carried out to identify any implications
- 5.6. Climate Change – due regard will be given to climate change with a view to minimising any climate change impact and these will be considered as and when they arise
- 5.7 Risk – risk managed through toolbox talks, safety briefings and where appropriate risk registers – all of the above are monitored through the RIS leadership and management teams
- 5.8 Customer Service – the works to the cemeteries will help towards improving customer experience.

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