

**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE held in the QUEEN'S HALL,  
DUNOON  
on TUESDAY, 20 MARCH 2007**

**Present:** Councillor B Chennell (Chair)

Councillor D Currie	Councillor G McKinven
Councillor R Macintyre	Councillor I Strong
Councillor J McQueen	Councillor L Scoullar
	Councillor J R Walsh

**Attending:** Shirley MacLeod, Area Corporate Services Manager  
Eilidh Headrick, Area Committee Services/Information Officer  
David Eaglesham, Area Team Leader, Development Management  
Alan Lothian, Area Roads & Amenity Services Manager  
Caroline Sheen, Estates Surveyor  
Peter Robertson, Chief Solicitor Central Services/Litigation

**1. APOLOGIES**

An Apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Marshall.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**3. MINUTES**

**(a) MINUTE OF AREA COMMITTEE OF 6TH FEBRUARY 2007**

The Minute of the Area Committee of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2007 was approved as a correct record.

**(b) MINUTE OF CIVIC GOVERNMENT HEARING OF 23RD JANUARY 2007**

The Minute of the Civic Government Hearing of 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2007 was approved as a correct record.

**4. PRESENTATION ON WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY SERVICE**

The Committee Heard from Deacon Lewis Rose on the potential provision of a Workplace Chaplaincy service, on a pilot basis, in the Dunoon and Cowal Area.

Decision

The Committee agreed to the provision of a pilot Workplace Chaplaincy service for staff in the Bute and Cowal area for a period of one year, this work to be co-ordinated by the Area Corporate Services Manager.

(Reference: Report by the Area Corporate Services Manager dated 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007 – submitted)

## **5. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### **(a) PLANNING APPLICATION 06/02018/DET, MR AND MRS C R CHISHOLM, HERONLEA, HIGH ROAD, SANDBANK**

#### Decision

The application be approved subject to an amendment to the second paragraph of Condition 3 on the report by the Head of Planning Services to read:

The access shall be a minimum width of 6 metres for a minimum distance of 12 metres from the edge of the carriageway, where the gradient shall not exceed 5%. A sealed surface shall be provided for at least the first 12 metres from the edge of the carriageway. The footway shall be renewed from the tangent points north and south of the proposed access with dropped kerbing to be supplied for pedestrian traffic along the A885.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Planning Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007 – submitted)

### **(b) PLANNING APPLICATION 06/00006/OUT, INNELLAN GOLF COURSE, INNELLAN GOLF CLUB, KNOCKAMILLIE ROAD, INNELLAN**

#### Decision

The Committee agreed to continued this application to the next Area Committee meeting to allow Members the opportunity to carry out an informal site familiarisation visit.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Planning Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007 – submitted)

### **(c) PLANNING APPLICATION 06/02000/DET, ARGYLL WINDFARMS LTD, BLACK CRAIG TO BLAR BUIDHE, GLENFYNE, ARGYLL**

#### Decision

The Committee agreed that this matter be continued to the next Area Committee meeting to allow the applicant time to submit additional information in respect of the application.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Planning Services dated 9<sup>th</sup> March 2007 – submitted)

### **(d) DELEGATED DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING CONTROL DECISIONS**

## Decision

The Committee noted Delegated Development Control and Building Control Decisions made since the last meeting.

### **6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Committee were asked a question from Mr Ian McNaughton and Mrs Norma Murray on the planning item at Heronlea, Sandbank and were advised by the Chairman that they could not ask questions on planning items. There followed a discussion regarding Public Question Time and it was agreed that the advert which is placed in the local papers will clarify that Quasi-Judicial matters cannot be discussed, and will invite members of the public to submit questions in advance of the meeting to the Area Corporate Services Manager, if they so wish.

Mrs Murray asked a question on increased traffic in the centre of Sandbank Village and at the Community Centre and at the new timber pier when it is erected. Alan Lothian, Area Roads & Amenity Services Manager gave her advice on this.

Ann Gabriel asked a question on the 2 hour waiting restriction in the car park beside the Rock Café and the Area Roads & Amenity Services Manager gave advice on this matter.

### **7. COMMUNITY SERVICES**

#### **(a) CAMPUS OFFICERS AT ROTHESAY AND DUNOON**

The Committee heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the potential for the provision of a Police Campus Officer in the new school campuses due to be provided in Rothesay and Dunoon during 2007.

## Decision

Members agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy Committee (Education) that a Police Campus Officer be provided at the new school campuses in Rothesay and Dunoon from the beginning of the Summer term 2007, on a pilot basis for a period of one year.

(Reference: Report by the Area Corporate Services Manager dated 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007 – submitted)

### **8. OPERATIONAL SERVICES**

#### **(a) DEVELOPMENT OF STREETSCENE UPDATE**

The Area Roads & Amenity Services Manager gave an update on the progress to date on the Development of Streetscene. Councillor Chennell asked that his reservations regarding the implementation of Streetscene within the promised timescales be recorded, and asked that there be no deterioration in existing levels of service delivery as a result of the proposed changes in ways of working.

## Decision

The Committee noted:-

- i. The level of progress achieved to date.
- ii. The pressures and potential difficulties to achieving full implementation in the original timescales.
- iii. The draft structure for the delivery of Streetscene and the effect on the other parts of the services provided by Roads and Amenity Services.

(Reference: Report by the Area Roads & Amenity Services Manager – submitted)

### **(b) CAPITAL RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 07/08**

Councillor McKinven intimated his apologies and left the meeting at this stage.

The Committee heard from the Area Roads & Amenity Services Manager on the proposals for schemes under the Capital works programme.

## Decision

The Committee:-

- i. Agreed to the recommendations in the paper in relation to the Island of Bute.
- ii. Agreed to continue consideration of the recommendations in the paper in respect of the Cowal area to the April Area Committee, to allow further information to be submitted regarding the totality of spend for the next 2 years, and details of the surface dressing programme to be included.

(Reference: Report by the Area Roads & Amenity Services Manager dated 13<sup>th</sup> March 2007 – submitted)

## **9. CORPORATE SERVICES**

### **(a) CIVIC GOVERNMENT LICENSING - HEARING PROTOCOL**

The Committee heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the view from the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Area Committee regarding Civic Government Hearing protocols.

## Decision

The Committee agreed to advise the Public Service and Licensing Committee that they support the view of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Area Committee in relation to amending the Civic Government Licensing Hearing Protocol where there are representations of a very minor nature.

(Reference: Report by the Director of Corporate Services – submitted)

## **10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UNIT**

### **(a) ATTENDANCE MONITORING**

The Committee heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager on Attendance Monitoring.

#### Decision

The Committee noted the report by the Head of Personnel Services.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Personnel Services – submitted)

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 12 and 9 respectively of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

## **11. EXEMPT ITEMS**

### **(a) PLANNING APPEAL - PORT BANNANTYNE**

Councillor Currie intimated his apologies and left the meeting, Councillor McKinven returned to the meeting at this stage.

The Area Committee heard from the Chief Solicitor on the Planning Appeal at Port Bannantyne.

#### Decision

The Committee agreed that the determination of the planning appeal in relation to this matter should be by Public Inquiry.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Legal and Protective Services dated 26<sup>th</sup> February 2007 – submitted)

### **(b) FORMER HOLY LOCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, SANDBANK**

Councillor Scoullar intimated his apologies and left the meeting at this stage.

The Committee heard from the Estates Surveyor on the Sale of the Former Holy Loch Community Centre, Sandbank.

#### Decision

The Committee agreed to instruct the Director of Corporate Services to conclude a sale of the former Holy Loch Community Centre as detailed in points 2.1 and 2.2 of the report.

(Reference: Report by the Director of Corporate Services dated 26<sup>th</sup> February 2007 – submitted)

(c) **KIRN GIRL GUIDE HALL, DUNCLUTHA**

The Committee heard from the Estates Surveyor on the Kirn Girl Guide Hall, Dunclutha Lane.

Decision

The Committee agreed to the recommendation in the report by the Director of Corporate Services.

(Reference: Report by the Director of Corporate Services dated 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2007 – submitted)

(d) **SHOP PREMISES, 3 MONTAGUE STREET, ROTHESAY**

The Committee heard from the Estates Surveyor on the Shop Premises, 3 Montague Street, Rothesay.

Decision

The Committee agreed to the recommendation in the report by the Director of Corporate Services.

(Reference: Report by the Director of Corporate Services dated 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2007 – submitted)

(e) **ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

The Committee agreed Enforcement Reports as follows:-

06/00261/ENFOTH – agreed