

**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE held in the EAGLESHAM
HOUSE, MOUNT PLEASANT ROAD, ROTHESAY
on TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2009**

Present: Councillor B Marshall (Chair)

Councillor A MacAlister	Councillor L Scoullar
Councillor R Macintyre	Councillor R Simon
Councillor A McNaughton	Councillor I Strong
Councillor J McQueen	Councillor J R Walsh

Attending: Shirley MacLeod, Area Corporate Services Manager
Martin Gorringe, Operations Manager, Marine & Airports
Roy Alexander, Estates Surveyor
Martin Turnbull, Area Community Learning and Regeneration
Manager

Inspector Gordon Anderson, Strathclyde Police
Mags Watson, Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Chief Inspector Mosley.

The Chairman ruled and the Committee agreed, in terms of Standing Order 3.2.2 that a report regarding the Third Marquess of Bute's Silver Wedding Dowry Fund, dealt with at item 6e of this minute, be taken as a matter of urgency due to the need to progress the matter in December of each year.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

(a) MINUTE OF AREA COMMITTEE OF 6TH OCTOBER 2009

The Minute of the Area Committee of the 6th October 2009 was approved as a correct record.

4. PRESENTATION BY MAGS WATSON, THE PRINCE'S SCOTTISH YOUTH BUSINESS TRUST

Members heard an informative presentation by Mags Watson of the Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust.

Members asked question on businesses in the Bute and Cowal Area and thanked Mags Watson for her presentation.

5. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

(a) LEISURE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

The Committee considered and determined Leisure Development Grants as follows:-

Leisure Development Grants	Project Costs	Grant Awarded
Dunoon & Cowal Business Association	£2,000	£1,000

(Reference: Report by Area Community Learning and Regeneration Manager dated November 2009 – submitted)

6. CORPORATE SERVICES

(a) VERBAL REPORT ON DUNOON - GOUROCK FERRY SERVICE

The Committee heard a verbal update from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the Gourock/Dunoon Ferry Service. She advised that the invitation to tender will be issued before the end of the year with the new service in place by June 2011. The process will be open, transparent and non discriminatory, with a town centre to town centre, unrestrictive service with subsidy for the passenger traffic.

Decision

The Committee noted the detail provided on this matter.

(b) ADOPTION OF TELEPHONE BOXES

Members heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the invitation from BT for communities to consider adopting red telephone kiosks within the local area.

Decision

The Committee:-

- i. Have no objections to communities adopting red telephone kiosks as long as they are allowed to relocate them to a location of the communities choice.
- ii. Agreed to ask BT if the red telephone kiosk at Ettrick Bay can be given to the Landscape Partnership once the telephone is no longer required.

(Reference: Report by the Area Corporate Services Manager dated 12th November 2009 – submitted)

(c) **COMMEMORATION OF LOUIS BRAILLE**

Members heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the request made to the Council to mark the bi-centenary of the birth of Louis Braille.

Decision

The Committee agreed that the Area Corporate Services Manager would write to both secondary schools in the area, Dunoon and Rothesay Libraries and Rothesay Pavilion requesting if they have a room that can be named after Louis Braille and would bring an update report to the next Area Committee meeting.

(Reference: Report by the Area Corporate Services Manager dated 10th November 2009 – submitted)

(d) **SAFER STREETS INITIATIVE**

Members heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager and Strathclyde Police Inspector Anderson on the Safer Streets Initiative Bid 2009/10.

Decision

The Committee:-

- i. Noted the contents of the report by the Director of Corporate Services.
- ii. Requested that the follow up report sent to the Scottish Government also comes to the Area Committee.

(Reference: Report by the Director of Corporate Services dated 6th October 2009 – submitted)

(e) **THIRD MARQUESS OF BUTE'S SILVER WEDDING DOWRY FUND**

Members heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the application to the Wedding Dowry Fund.

Decision

The Committee agreed to £400 from the Wedding Dowry Fund to be presented to the couple on their wedding day by Councillor Len Scoullar.

7. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Councillor MacAlister asked Inspector Anderson if there was a reason why the Police in Dunoon are making a register of taxi owners who have more than 3 vehicles. Inspector Anderson advised that it was to do with Licensing and was force wide.

Councillor McNaughton expressed his concerns over the turn off at Cairndow on the A83, and Inspector Anderson advised he would discuss this with the new

Traffic Inspector and Shirley MacLeod advised that she would contact the Head of Roads and Amenity Services.

Councillor Strong asked Inspector Anderson if he could make an observation on the lighting at the zebra crossing at the Pier side before she spoke to the Roads Department.

8. OPERATIONAL SERVICES

(a) UPDATE ON KILBRIDE ROAD & MILTON BURN FLOOD PREVENTION SCHEMES

Members heard an update report from the Operations Manager on the Milton Burn Flood Prevention Scheme.

The Committee:

- i. Noted the contents of the report by the Principal Engineer.
- ii. Agreed that the three local Members would hold an urgent meeting with the Principal Engineer to progress the issue.
- iii. Agreed that a report would come to the February Area Committee detailing funding and timescales of the scheme.
- iv. Agreed that Operational Services would progress the installation of the weir and chamber as a matter of urgency.

(Reference: Report by the Principal Engineer dated 15th November 2009 – submitted)

(b) UPDATE REPORT ON DUNOON STADIUM PITCH

Members heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the issues surrounding the sports pitches at Dunoon Stadium.

Decision

Members noted the contents of the report by the Bute & Cowal Streetscene Manager.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Roads & Amenity Services dated 11th November 2009 – submitted)

(c) UPDATE ON RIVERSIDE TOILETS

Members heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the additional information regarding manning levels, current maintenance arrangements and concerns regarding the swing gate entry system.

Decision

Members noted the contents of the report by the Bute & Cowal Streetscene

Manager and asked for an additional report regarding the manning levels and opening times to be submitted to the December Business Day.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Roads & Amenity Services dated 12th November 2009 – submitted)

(d) **SCOTTISH WATER MONITORING**

Members heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the inspections of Scottish Water Sites.

Decision

The Committee:-

- i. Noted the contents of the report.
- ii. Asked for more detail in the next report to the Area Committee on how many defects are remedied and by whom, if the Council are doing the work is it being recharged to the utilities or are they carrying out the work.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Roads and Amenity Services dated 5th December 2009 – submitted)

(e) **CAR PARKING INCOME - YEAR TO DATE UPDATE**

Members heard from the Operations Manager on the Car Parking Income and the delay in commencing projects previously approved.

Decision

The Committee:

- i. Noted the contents of the report.
- ii. Agreed that a follow up report would come to the December Business Day with the added income from the Fairground, Contractors, and with the figures showing this years actual not budget income.
- iii. Agreed that a report on the spend allocation from last years spend on what has been accomplished and what remains outstanding be brought to the December Business Day meeting.

9. EXEMPT ITEMS

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public for the following items of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 9 and 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

(a) **SITES AT INNELLAN, DISPOSAL TO SCOTTISH WATER**

Members heard from the Estates Surveyor on the disposal of additional ground adjacent to sites 2 and 3 at Innellan.

Decision

The Committee agreed to recommendation 2.1 contained in the report by the Director of Corporate Services.

(Reference: Report by the Director of Corporate Services dated 1st December 2009 – submitted)

(b) **OPERATION OF ROTHESAY HARBOUR**

Members heard from the Operations Manager, Marine and Airports on matters relating to the safe operations for all marine traffic at Rothesay Harbour, and were advised by the Area Corporate Services Manager of the need to ensure public and marine safety at the harbour at all times.

Decision

The Committee:-

- i. Agreed that the vessel in question be allowed use of the preferred berth for a 3 month trial period, this to take place in Spring/Summer when the harbour is busy, and only on the basis that the vessel owner carries all risks for the purpose of the trial being carried out, with no liability on the Council.
- ii. Agreed that the vessel will only occupy the berth on a limited time basis to ensure there is no monopoly of the berth.
- iii. Agreed that berthing dues need to be significant to reflect the vessel size.
- iv. Agreed that the Council will put in a management system to ensure the effective supervision of the harbour during the trial period.
- v. Agreed that all financial liabilities are settled in advance of the trial commencing.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Roads and Amenity Services dated 12th November 2009 – submitted)