

**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE held in the CASTLE HOUSE,
CASTLE GARDENS, DUNOON
on TUESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2011**

Present: Councillor B Marshall (Chair)

Councillor A MacAlister	Councillor L Scoullar
Councillor A McNaughton	Councillor R Simon
Councillor R Macintyre	Councillor I Strong

Attending: Kenneth Macdonald, Area Manger, Customer Services
Arthur McCulloch, Principal Engineer
Julie Hempleman, Area Manager for Operations
Alison McIlroy, Service Officer, Grounds and Horticulture
Stewart Shaw, Principal of Dunoon Grammar School
Area Commander Andrew Mosley, Strathclyde Police

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of the following:-

Councillor J McQueen
Councillor J R Walsh
Stuart McLean, Group Commander, Strathclyde Fire & Rescue
John Duncan, Area Children's Manager

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

(a) MINUTES OF MEETING OF 7TH DECEMBER 2010

The Minutes of the meeting of the Area Committee held on 7th December 2010 were approved as a correct record.

4. CUSTOMER SERVICES

(a) VERBAL REPORT ON DUNOON - GOUROCK FERRY SERVICE

The Committee heard a verbal update from the Area Manager, Customer Services on the Gourock/Dunoon Ferry Service. He advised that the Head of Economic Development had confirmed that the Leader of the Council intends to send a joint letter with the Leader of Inverclyde Council to the new Minister for Transport expressing deep concerns regarding the timescales for the process and requesting urgent progression of the procurement and delivery of the tender process.

Decision

The Committee noted the details provided on this matter.

(b) **CAPITAL RECEIPTS**

Members considered a report by the Area Manager, Customer Services in regard to unspent Capital Receipts, requesting that consideration be given to reallocation of the available sum.

Decision

The Committee agreed to allocate the £1000 unspent Capital Receipt to the outstanding balance required to fund the Dunoon Christmas Light Infrastructure.

(Reference: Report by the Area Manager, Customer Services dated 12th January 2011 – submitted)

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES

(a) **DUNOON GRAMMAR SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT REPORT**

Members heard an informative presentation from Stewart Shaw, Principal of Dunoon Grammar School on the major achievements of the school in 2009/10 including the SQA examination results for pupils who sat examinations in May/June 2010.

Decision

The Committee noted the details provided on this matter and expressed their thanks and congratulations to both staff and pupils of the school.

(Reference: Report by the Principal, Dunoon Grammar School – submitted)

(b) **ADULT CARE PERFORMANCE**

Members heard an informative presentation from the Area Manager for Operations on the performance of Adult Care Services in Bute and Cowal. She spoke about the positive changes in Adult Care Service which are reflected in the Pyramid Figures. She advised that meetings had taken place last year to encourage community involvement and that the Council are looking into joint resources to provide patients with a seamless service. She further advised there is a new overnight team in Bute and Cowal which will allow more people to remain at home.

Following questions the Chair thanked the officer for her presentation and asked her to e.mail updated Pyramid Figures to Members.

6. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

The Area Commander of Strathclyde Police updated Members on the activities the Police have been working on in recent months. Anne Gabriel, Dunoon Community Council asked if the Traffic Warden was being made redundant, the Chief Inspector gave her advice on this matter.

Councillor Robert Macintyre left the meeting.

7. DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

(a) MILTON BURN FLOOD PREVENTION SCHEME

Members heard an update from the Principal Engineer on the status of the Milton Burn Flood Prevention Scheme. He advised the scheme had been split into two separate contracts, and updated the Members on the timescale associated with these contracts.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report by the Principal Engineer.

(Reference: Report by the Principal Engineer dated 11th January 2011 – submitted)

(b) MANAGEMENT RULES FOR BISHOPS GLEN

Members heard from the Service Officer, Grounds and Horticulture, on the review of the Management Rules for Parks and Open Spaces.

Decision

The Committee agreed:-

- i. To adopt the rules currently used by Angus Council, as being particularly suitable to our service requirements.
- ii. To note the byelaws and legislation currently in place to advise on behaviour, for example, legislation relating to dog fouling and existing byelaws regarding drinking in public places.
- iii. To note supplementary schemes which could be taken up locally to support the aims of formal Management Rules .

(Reference: Report by the Service Officer, Grounds and Horticulture dated January 2011 – submitted)

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE

(a) AREA PLAN SCORECARD

Members heard from the Area Manager, Customer Services on the Area Plan Scorecard

Decision

The Committee noted the information provided.