

MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE held in the EAGLESHAM HOUSE, MOUNTPLEASANT ROAD, ROTHESAY on TUESDAY, 3 APRIL 2012

Present: Councillor B Marshall (Chair)

Councillor R Macintyre
Councillor A McNaughton
Councillor L Scoullar

Councillor I Strong
Councillor J R Walsh

Attending: Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager
Sandy Mactaggart, Executive Director of Development & Infrastructure Services
Arthur McCulloch, Principal Engineer
Liz Marion, Community Development Officer
Donald Kelly, Legal Services Manager
Graham Whitefield, Geographic Information Systems Manager
Inspector Anderson, Strathclyde Police

The Chair opened the meeting and then adjourned until 10.20 to allow for Councillor Walsh to arrive and attend the meeting.

The Chair referred to the sad passing of Councillor Alister MacAlister who died after a long illness. Members observed a minute's silence in tribute to his life and work as a Councillor.

1. APOLOGIES

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

Councillor J McQueen
Councillor R Simon
Chief Inspector A Mosley

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Marshall declared a non financial interest in items 5 (b) and 6 (a) by reason of being a member of the groups committees and took no part in the discussion of these items.

Councillor McNaughton declared a non financial interest in items 5 (b) and 6 (a) by reason of being a member of the groups committees and took no part in the discussion of these items.

3. MINUTES

(a) MINUTES OF MEETING OF 7TH FEBRUARY 2012

The Minutes of the Meeting of 7th February 2012 were approved as a correct record.

4. DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

(a) VERBAL UPDATE ON THE MILTON BURN FLOOD PREVENTION SCHEME

Members heard a verbal update from the Principal Engineer on the Milton Burn Flood Prevention Scheme.

Decision

The Committee noted the detail provided.

(b) STREET NAMING & NUMBERING - SHORE ROAD, INNELLAN

Members heard from the Geographic Information Systems Manager on the Street Naming and Numbering, Shore Road, Innellan.

Decision

The Committee:-

- i. Agreed the addresses listed at Appendix 2 are adopted as the official addresses for properties on Shore Road and the adjacent lanes.
- ii. Thanked the Geographic Information Systems Manager for all his work.

(Reference: Report by the Geographic Information Systems Manager dated 9th March 2012 – submitted)

(c) PROPOSED LOCAL NATURE RESERVE AT BROXWOOD HIDE, SANDBANK

Members heard from the Area Governance Manager on the proposed Local Nature Reserve at Broxwood Hide, Sandbank by Dunoon.

Decision

The Committee agreed:-

- i. To amend the report to say Bute & Cowal on the second line of the summary.
- ii. To support the declaration process in principle with a view to considering the details when they become available.
- iii. To consult with Scottish Water regarding their land at the location and bring a report back to the Bute & Cowal Business Day.

(Reference: Report by the Local Biodiversity Officer – submitted)

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES

(a) PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORTS

Members heard from the Area Governance Manager on the proposal for Primary School Reporting and the achievement reports for St Andrew's Primary School and St Mun's Primary School.

Decision

The Committee agreed:-

- i. To approve the proposal for primary school reporting as being the appropriate mechanism for the reporting of the achievements of primary schools.
- ii. To note the excellent work being undertaken in local primary schools, and commended the pupils and staff for these outstanding achievements.

(Reference: Report by the Quality Standards Manager – submitted)

(b) GRANTS TO THIRD SECTOR 2012/13

Councillor B Marshall, having declared a non financial interest in the Dunoon Burgh Hall Project and Crossroads, left the meeting and took no part in the discussion of that item.

Councillor A McNaughton, having declared a non financial interest in the Colintrave Village Hall Management Committee, left the meeting and took no part in the discussion of that item.

The Community Development Officer spoke on the recommendations for the award of Third Sector Grants and the Committee considered and determined the Third Sector Grants as follows:-

	Third Sector Grants	Project Costs	Grant Awarded
2.1	Ardentinny Community Trust	£6,124	£1,440
2.2	Bute Advice Centre	£99,739	£2,000
2.3	Bute Community Media	£2,266	£570
Councillor Macintyre left the meeting after discussion of this item			
2.4	Bute Youth Project Agreed in principle to match last year's £3,600 award, subject to clarification on the role/involvement of local elected Members in the committee/governance structure of the Bute Youth Project and submission of details of what the grant money will be used for to the June Area Committee.	£40,300	£3,600
2.5	CLASP (Cowal Local Action for Special Projects) Continued to the June Area Committee for clarity on status of the application made to Children and Families Grant Funding Stream	£9,580	£0.00

	to ensure no duplication.		
2.6	Colintraive Village Hall Management Committee	£1,220	£305
2.7	Cowal Choral Club	£687.60	£170
2.8	Cowal Dog Training Club	£1133.28	£270
2.9	Cowal Fiddle Workshop	£7,618	£360
2.10	Cowal Marketing Group/Stronger Cowal	£1,500	£375
2.11	Cowal Walking Festival Association Continue to June Area Committee for clarity on status of application to the Big Lottery Fund	£10,550	£1,387
2.12	Crossroads (Cowal and Bute) Agreed in principle subject to completion of financial checks and clarification of the totality of funding for the project to satisfaction of Liz Marion/Shirley MacLeod.	£463.28	£231.64
2.13	Dunoon Community Development Group Recyclers Project	£1,000	£250
2.14	Dunoon and Cowal Elderly Forum	£1,167	£300
Councillor Macintyre returned to the meeting at this point			
2.15	Dunoon and Cowal Youth Project Agreed in principle to match last year's £6,750 award, subject to clarification on the role/involvement of local elected Members in their committee/governance structure of the Dunoon & Cowal Youth Project and submission of details of what the grant money will be used for to the June Area Committee.	£24,100	£6,750
2.16	Dunoon Burgh Hall Project Group	£11,810	£2,955
2.17	Fyne Fest Subject to satisfactory completion of financial checks and governance checks.	£48,094	£500
2.18	Home Start Majik Continued to the June Area Committee for clarity on status of application made to Children and Families Grant Funding Stream to ensure no duplication.	£22,000	£0.00
2.19	Isle of Bute Sailing Club	£3,000	£0.00
2.20	Kirn Gala Committee	£5,052	£500
2.21	Lochgoilhead Fiddle Club	£5,210	£504
2.22	Rothsay and District Pipe Band Finance checks to be completed.	£11,100	£2,000
2.23	Rustle Way Foundation Continued until the Group are able to demonstrate that they are able to provide 50% match funding for the project.	£28,000	£0,00
2.24	Sandbank Senior Citizens Club	£2,850	£220
2.25	Strachur and District Youth Club	£5,600	£1,400
2.26	Youth Stuff	£8,643	£500

(Reference: Report by the Community Development Manager – submitted)

6. CUSTOMER SERVICES

(a) WINDFARM TRUST REPORTS

Councillors B Marshall & A McNaughton, having declared a non financial interest in this item, took no part in the discussion of these reports.

Members heard from the Area Governance Manager on the work of both the Cruach Mhor and Clachan Flats Wind Farm Trusts.

Decision

The Committee noted the details provided on this matter.

(Reference: Report by the Area Governance Manager dated 27th March 2012 – submitted)

(b) THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE, THE BIG LUNCH

Members heard from the Area Governance Manager on how the Area Committee can support the celebrations for The Big Lunch event for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Decision

The Committee agreed:-

- i. The initiative is dealt with in the same manner as other events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by disseminating this information to promote within their local communities.
- ii. That paperwork is circulated to the relevant services to ensure that support for the event is provided where possible.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director, Customer Services dated 4th April 2012 – submitted)

7. PUBLIC & COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Inspector Anderson advised as from 1st April 2013 there will be no Strathclyde Police but will be the National Police Force of Scotland.

Inspector Anderson further advised the Police are planning for the Bute Highland Games & Cowal Gathering. Easter is always a busy time and they have a road policing initiative running at the moment. Inspector Anderson also spoke on the Olympic Games saying the Police will be assisting at Glasgow events.

Councillor Strong asked about the Traffic Lights at the Pier and the Executive Director of Development & Infrastructure Services said he would investigate this.

8. 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 & 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

(a) SALE OF LAND AT DUNCLUTHA

Members heard an update from the Legal Services Manager on the sale of land at Dunclutha, Dunoon.

Decision

The Committee noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by the Legal Services Manager – submitted)

(b) ROTHESAY HARBOUR - MATTERS RELATING TO ARGYLL WORKBOATS VESSEL SEAHORSE II

Members heard from the Executive Director, Development & Infrastructure Services on the matters relating to Argyll Workboats vessel, Seahorse II.

Decision

The Committee:-

- i. Noted the information provided
- ii. Endorsed the Rothesay Harbour Authority's Notice for Mariners.

(Reference: Report by the Marine Manager – submitted)

9. VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

The Chair made mention of this being the last meeting of the Bute and Cowal Area Committee in the term of the current Council.

The Chair thanked the Officers and the other Members of the Bute and Cowal Area Committee for their support, hardwork, and co-operation over the last 5 years and wished members good luck in the forthcoming elections .