

MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE held in the EAGLESHAM HOUSE, MOUNTPLEASANT ROAD, ROTHESAY on TUESDAY, 7 AUGUST 2012

Present: Councillor R Macintyre (Chair)

Councillor G Blair (Vice Chair) Councillor L Scoullar
Councillor M Breslin Councillor I Strong
Councillor B Marshall
Councillor A McNaughton

Attending: Iain Jackson - Governance Manager
Belinda Ruthven - Area Governance Assistant
Callum Robertson - Roads Performance Manager
Liz Marion - Social Economy Development Officer
Caroline Sheen - Estate Surveyor
Donald Kelly - Legal Services Manager
Alison McIlroy, Service Officer, Grounds & Horticulture
Jim Smith - Head of Roads and Amenity Services

The Chairman ruled and the Committee agreed, in terms of Standing Order 3.2.2 that reports regarding the Roads Capital Reconstruction Programme, dealt with at Item (6e) of this minute, are taken as matters of urgency due to decisions being needed before the next scheduled Area Committee meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors J McQueen and Councillor J R Walsh.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest

3. MINUTES

(a) MINUTE OF MEETING 6TH JUNE 2012

The Minute of the Meeting of 6th June 2012 was approved as a correct record.

(b) MINUTE OF MEETING 20TH JUNE 2012

The Minute of the Meeting of 20th June 2012 was approved as a correct record.

4. CUSTOMER SERVICES

(a) **APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS WITHIN THE BUTE & COWAL AREA**

Members were asked in a Report by the Area Governance Manager, to consider the appointment of an Elected Member to the Lower Clyde Greenspace Organisation.

Decision

The Committee agreed to appoint Councillor B Marshall to the Lower Clyde Greenspace Organisation.

(Reference: Report by the Area Governance Manager dated 31st July 2012 – submitted)

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES

(a) **GRANTS TO THIRD SECTOR 2012/13**

Eight Third-Sector Grant Applications were presented for consideration

Decision

1. Noted the remaining Bute and Cowal Third Sector Grant budget of £7524 for the financial year 2012/ 2013.
2. The Third Sector Grants were determined as follows:-

	Third Sector Grants	Project Costs	Grant Awarded
3.1	Bute Bowling Association	£2,359	£250
3.2	Cowal Music Club	£4,610	£450
3.3	Girl Guiding Argyll	£4,520	£130
3.4	Pass It On	£12,400	£3,840
3.5	Port Bannatyne Golf Club	£198	£99
3.6	RSCDS South Argyll Branch	£720	£180
3.7	The Rustle Way Foundation	£5,000	£1,920* subject to the receipt of satisfactory financial information from the Group
3.8	Transclyde Music	£1,764	£655

3. Agreed to note the operation of the Bute Youth Project with regard to their Third Sector grant application approved on 6th June 2012.

(Reference: Report by the Community Development Manager dated 17th July 2012 – submitted)

(b) **THIRD SECTOR GRANTS - DUNOON MOD 2011/12**

The Social Economy Development Officer spoke on the Third Sector Grant awarded to the Dunoon Mod in April 2011.

Decision

The Committee agreed to carry forward the balance of the Third Sector Grant funding in the financial period 2011/12 to be spent prior to the Mod taking place in October 2012.

(Reference: Report by the Community Development Manager dated 30th July 2012 – submitted)

6. DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

(a) **VERBAL REPORT ON THE MILTON BURN FLOOD PREVENTION SCHEME**

Members heard a verbal update from the Governance Manager on the Milton Burn Flood Prevention Scheme.

Decision

The Committee noted the details provided.

(b) **GRASS CUTTING ROAD SIDE VERGES**

Members heard from the Service Officer on the progress regarding grass cutting operations in the Bute and Cowal area regarding roadside verges and amenity areas.

Decision

The Committee:-

1. Noted the works already completed and the programme in place to attend to the remainder for rural roads
2. Noted the amenity grassland maintenance programme.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services dated 20th July 2012 - submitted)

(c) **JAPANESE KNOTWEED CONTROL BUTE & COWAL AREA**

Members heard from the Service Officer on the Japanese Knotweed Control Demonstration project commenced on August 2010 with a number of sites in Bute & Cowal identified by members as priority in their area.

Decision

1. Agreed to note the contents of the report
2. To note the officer's amendment to para. 4.4 of the report to remove the wording "and purchase of chemicals".
3. To instruct the officer to submit report on results of sprayed areas to October Area Committee.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services dated 23rd July 2012 - submitted)

(d) **PROVISION OF BOLLARDS, RESTRICTION OF VEHICLE ACCESS TO ROTHESAY ESPLANADE AND DUNOON PARADE**

Members heard from the Roads Performance Manager, East on the introduction of lockable bollards to limit vehicular access at Rothesay Esplanade and Victoria Parade, Dunoon, to authorised users only.

Decision

The Committee agreed:-

1. To approve the installation of removable bollards on Rothesay Esplanade.
2. To defer consideration of the installation of removable bollards on Victoria Parade, Dunoon to the October Area Committee to allow safety issues to be addressed.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services dated 23rd July 2012 - submitted)

(e) **ROADS CAPITAL RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME**

Member heard from the Roads Performance Manager, East on the changes made to the Capital Roads Reconstruction Budget 2012/13.

Decision

Agreed to note the verbal update by the Roads Performance Manager

Councillor Bruce Marshall left the meeting at 11.50am

7. PUBLIC & COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the Public or from Councillors.

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 6 & 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

(a) **FORMER COWAL TOY LIBRARY, 60 ARDENSLATE ROAD, DUNOON**

Members heard from the Estate Surveyor on the offer received in respect of the former Cowal Toy Library, 60 Ardenslate Road, Dunoon which was recently advertised for sale.

Decision

The Committee agreed with the recommendations contained in the report by the Executive Director of Customer Services, subject to the amendment to para. 4.3 that any planning application should be applied for within a period of six months.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director of Customer Services dated 19th July 2012 – submitted)

(b) **SALE OF LAND AT DUNCLUTHA, DUNOON**

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

Decision

The Committee agreed with the recommendations contained in the report by the Executive Director of Customer Services.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director of Customer Services dated 12th July 2012 - submitted)