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MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE held in the ARGILL COLLEGE, STEWART ROAD, CAMPBELTOWN PA28 6AT on WEDNESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2012

Present:

Councillor Anne Horn (Chair)

Councillor Rory Colville
Councillor Robin Currie
Councillor Donald MacMillan
Councillor John Semple

Councillor Donald Kelly (Vice-Chair)
Councillor John McAlpine
Councillor Douglas Philand
Councillor Sandy Taylor

Tricia O'Neill
Audrey Baird
David Clements
Margaret Moncur
Stewart Clark
Kevin Baker
Stephen Harrison
Catriona Hood
Alison Hunter
Fergus Murray
Sybil Johnson
Roy Alexander

Central Governance Manager
Community Development Officer
IOD Programme Manager
Principal Accountant
Roads Performance Manager
Culture & Library Development Officer
Deputy Head Teacher, Islay High School
Head Teacher, Tarbert Academy
Adult Care Manager
Development Policy Manager
Senior Planning & Strategies Officer
Estates Surveyor

1. APOLOGIES

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

Councillor Semple (who was attending a separate meeting on official Council business).
Councillor Donald MacMillan
Professor Colin Davidson – Craignish CC

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Douglas Philand declared a non financial interest in relation to the Disposal of Land at St Clair Road, he left the room and took no part in the discussion of the application which is dealt with at Item 10 of this Minute

3. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 3 OCTOBER 2012 AND 7 NOVEMBER 2012

The Minute of the previous meetings held on 3 October and 7 November, 2012 were approved as true and correct records.

4. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

The Chair invited questions from Members and the public in attendance.

There were no questions submitted.

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE

(a) AREA SCORECARDS

Members considered a report detailing the proposed MAKI Area Scorecard.

Discussion followed in regards Members concerns at the lack of detail on the Scorecard on specific issues of concern. These included:-

Dog Fouling

ACHA waiting lists – to determine categories of housing required

Action: David Clements would liaise with the relevant Heads of Services to:-

1. Ensure responsible person was updated and amend the Scorecard accordingly.
2. Update information in respect of ACHA and RSLs where required

Decision:

Members agreed to the recommendations contained within the report.

(Reference: A report by the IOD Programme Manager, submitted).

(b) OFFICE OF THE SCOTTISH CHARITY REGULATOR (OSCR) - REQUIREMENTS FOR ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL TRUST FUNDS

Members considered a report detailing the 21 OSCR registered Trust Funds administered by Argyll and Bute Council.

Councillor Kelly requested further information on the Educational Trust Scheme 1960.

Action: Margaret Moncur replied that she would request this detail from the Education Department.

In response to questions, the Committee were advised that a report would be presented to Council in relation to the amalgamation of trust funds early in the New Year and this would refer to administration costs

Decision:

Members agreed to note the report.

(Reference: A report by the Principal Accountant, submitted).

6. COMMUNITY SERVICES

(a) ISLAY HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Members considered a report by the Deputy Head Teacher of Islay High School, detailing the performance and results of pupils.

Councillor Currie requested that future reports should provide detail on leaver destinations for pupils leaving the school.

Discussion continued in regards:-

- Pupils attainment and progression to higher education.
- Staffing levels at the school, the recruitment process and the possible reinstatement of the 'rural allowance'

Action: The Central Governance Manager agreed to provide a report to a future MAKI Area Committee updating MAKI Members on the outcomes from the Working Group looking at teaching staff recruitment and retention issues.

Decision:

Members agreed to note the report.

(Reference: A report by the Deputy Head Teacher, submitted).

(b) TARBERT ACADEMY REPORT

The Chair and fellow MAKI Members congratulated Catriona Hood on her recent appointment as the new Rector of Campbeltown Grammar School. The Chair acclaimed the success and achievements realised by Catriona in her time as Head Teacher at Tarbert Academy. This included the new path in Tarbert which was widely used the local community.

Members considered a report by the Head Teacher of Tarbert Academy detailing the performance and achievements of pupils.

Decision:

Members agreed to note the report.

(Reference: A report by the Head Teacher, submitted).

(c) THIRD SECTOR GRANTS - PROPOSED SCORING PROCESS

Members considered a report proposing amendments to the process for all Third Sector grants (including Events and Festivals) for the financial period 2013/2014 and beyond.

Action: It was agreed that the Community Development Officer would

forward the link to access the funding application to Theresa McLetchie, who would circulate accordingly.

Decision:

Members agreed to the recommendations contained within the report.

(Reference: A report by the Community Development Manager, submitted).

(d) **EVENTS AND FESTIVALS**

The Committee considered a report by the Culture and Library Development Officer detailing the background to the Iona 2013 Celebrations and the associated work undertaken by officers within the Community Culture Department.

Discussion ensued in regards other events and initiatives including the forthcoming tribute to Naomi Mitchison planned for 2013 in Carradale. Councillor Kelly requested that Kevin Baker keep him updated on this issue. Councillor Currie raised concerns on the omission of any reference to the connection of St Columba with Columkille, Donegal and also the lack of Gaelic notated in the package. Kevin Baker replied that this was not the complete package and there would be an inclusion of Gaelic.

Decision:

Members agreed to note the report.

(Reference: A report by the Culture and Library Development Officer, submitted).

Decision:

Members agreed to note the report.

(Reference: A report by the Culture and Library Development Officer, submitted).

(e) **SOCIAL WORK ISSUES - TO FOLLOW**

The Committee considered a report highlighting the current work undertaken and the performance of the Area Social Work Team in the MAKI area.

Discussion ensued in regards the following issues:-

- Pyramid – the Adult Care Manager would closely monitor and compare these figures.
- Client packages – there were no clients awaiting packages in the Kintyre area.
- Bed Modelling – a forthcoming meeting was scheduled to give further discussion to this issue.

- Domestic care for early dementia sufferers – staffing issues

In regards the issue of Domestic care for dementia sufferers, the Adult Care Manager stated that domestic care usually requires to be privately purchased using associated benefits: Social Work staff provide support to access. The manager reported on recruitment problems in engaging staff to deliver homecare and detailed 2 organisations endeavouring to recruit staff; steps taken to deploy staff across health and social care and to address underlying staffing issues.

Action: The Adult Care Manager agreed to provide reports for the next MAKI Business Day meeting scheduled for 9 January, 2013 for the following:-

1. Telecare Costs
2. Child Protection Improvement Plan

(Reference: A report by the Adult Care Manager, tabled).

7. CUSTOMER SERVICES

(a) AREA COMMITTEE MEETING CYCLE

Members considered a report which outlined the proposed cycle of meeting for the MAKI Area Committee from April 2013 until March 2014.

Decision:

Members agreed the dates and that the matter of the venue for the June Meeting would be taken to the MAKI CPG meeting for further discussion.

(Reference: A report by the Area Governance Manager, submitted).

(b) CAPITAL RECEIPTS

Members considered a report which detailed the current position in regards Capital Receipts to allow forward planning on the use and allocation of the funding.

Discussion followed and Members requested that allocation dates be noted alongside the expenditure detail.

Action: The Area Governance Manager to indicate the allocation dates for relevant expenditure details.

Action: The Area Governance Manager to ascertain if the funding allocated to Ardrishaig Regeneration Masterplan was still required.

Decision:

Members agreed to the recommendation detailed within the report.

(Reference: A report by the Area Governance Manager, submitted).

8. DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

(a) ROAD ISSUES

The Committee considered 2 reports providing updates on outstanding road-related issues in the MAKI area.

Decision:

The Committee agreed to note the reports.

(Reference: Reports by Roads Performance Manager, submitted).

(b) MANDATORY SPEED LIMITS - REVIEW OF SPEED ON A AND B ROADS - TO FOLLOW

The Committee considered a report advising on the process for assessing and setting local speed limits in accordance with the Scottish Government's ETLCD Circular No. 1/2006: Setting Local Speed Limits.

Members queried the process for responding to concerns over the proposed reduction in speed limits from 60-50mph on the stretch of road between Tarbert and Ardrishaig. Stewart Clark agreed to investigate the process and respond to Members

Decision:

Members agreed to note the report.

(Reference: A report by the Traffic and Development Officer, tabled).

(c) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Members considered a report detailing the main elements of the proposed Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan (LDP) with particular reference to land use issues within the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area.

Decision:

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Council approval of the Proposed Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan for a 3 month period of public consultation commencing in mid-January 2013.

(Reference: A report by the Development Policy Manager, submitted)

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(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 Paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

Paragraph 9 Any terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods or services.

9. DISPOSAL OF VISITOR MOORINGS AT PORT ELLEN, ISLAY

Members considered a report providing the detail of the seabed moorings at Port Ellen, regulated by a licence granted by the Crown Estate and maintained by Argyll and Bute council.

Decision:

Members agreed:

1. That in the event of a failure to identify a third party to take over the moorings at Port Ellen by April, 2013, the moorings should be removed and the regulating Crown Estate licence be terminated, with the chains being disposed of to the Harbour Association.
2. However, if a third party was identified and a slight extension was required, then the Area Committee would be agreeable to this.

(Reference: A report by Estates Surveyor, submitted).

10. DISPOSAL OF LAND ST CLAIR ROAD, ARDRISHAIG

The Committee considered a report advising on the outcome of a recent marketing campaign in respect of the ground at the afore-mentioned address.

Decision:

Members agreed to the recommendation contained at 2.1 of the report.

(Reference: A report by the Estates Surveyor, submitted).

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