MINUTES of MEETING of DUNOON CHORD PROJECT BOARD held in the CUSTOMER SERVICES OFFICE, 22 HILL STREET, DUNOON on FRIDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2012

Present: Councillor J R Walsh (Chair)

Councillor G Blair
Councillor M Breslin
Councillor B Marshall
Robert Pollock, Head of Economic Development
David Torrance, CHORD Project Manager
David Logan, QIO Special Projects Officer
Sandra McLindon, Accountant

1. APOLOGIES

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

Sandy Mactaggart, Link Director
Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTE OF MEETING OF 3RD FEBRUARY 2012

The Minute of the Meeting of 3rd February 2012 was approved as a correct record.

4. DUNOON OFFICE RATIONALISATION PROJECT - CUSTOMER SERVICE POINT

Councillor Marshall intimated his apologies and joined the meeting at this stage.

The QIO Special Projects Officer spoke on the review undertaken of the Dunoon Office Rationalisation Project with particular regard to the scope and location of the new Customer Service Point.

Decision

The Board:-

i. Noted the information provided.
ii. Agreed to recommend to the CHORD Programme Management Board point 3.10.1 of the report by the Executive Director of Customer Services be progressed.

Councillor Marshall asked that his dissent to this decision be recorded in the minutes.
David Logan intimated his apologies and left the meeting at this stage.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director of Customer Services – submitted)

5. DUNOON WATERFRONT - HIGHLIGHT/PROGRESS REPORT

David Torrance spoke on the Highlight/Progress Report for the Dunoon Waterfront and on the next steps. He advised that the ongoing discussion regarding the Ferry Service has resulted in the risk score for associated cost and timescale impacts in this element being increased.

Decision

The Board noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by the CHORD Project Manager – submitted)

6. DUNOON WATERFRONT - PROJECT BOARD UPDATE

David Torrance spoke on the background, process, recent changes and forward actions in terms of the Dunoon Waterfront Project. He spoke on the PA23 Business Improvement District and the support the BID would receive through the CHORD Programme and updated the Board on the project timescales.

The Board discussed procurement and the hope of keeping as much work in Argyll & Bute as possible. The Board further discussed the displacement of groups from the Queen’s Hall and asked that early discussions are held with appropriate alternative facilities and that the Public be kept up to date on when the Queen’s Hall will be closing.

Decision

The Board noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation dated 9th November 2012 – submitted)

7. DUNOON PORT AND MARINE INFRASTRUCTURE

David Torrance spoke on the background, process, recent changes and forward actions in terms of the Dunoon Port and Marine Infrastructure.

The Board discussed the positive feedback being received from Historic Scotland regarding the National Assets in Argyll and Bute. The Board further discussed the development of a Pier Business Case and the need to look at funders.

The Board spoke on the possibility of pontoons and Councillor Breslin
suggested linking them to the old pier. Members agreed none of the Waterfront monies would be put towards the pontoons.

Decision

The Board:-

i. Noted the information provided.
ii. Agreed the recommendation regarding the Pier, whilst also noting the inter-dependency with the timescales and outcomes of the current review of the ferry service.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation dated 9th November 2012 – submitted)