

**Linda McCartney Memorial Garden**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is to advise the members of the Mid-Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area committee of the opening and closing of the Linda McCartney memorial garden in Campbeltown. This report sets out a proposed regime where Amenity Services staff are responsible for ensuring the garden is made available to the public on a daily basis and secured in the evening.

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**2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 This report asks Members to approve the proposed regime for the opening and closing of the Linda McCartney memorial garden.

**3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 That the members of the Mid-Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area committee agree that Amenity Services incorporate within the current schedules of work, the opening and closing of the Linda McCartney Memorial Garden on a daily basis.

**4.0 DETAILS**

- 4.1 The Linda McCartney memorial garden is a very popular attraction to visitors and residents alike in the town of Campbeltown. The garden is a well maintained feature and is an area where people can peacefully contemplate.
- 4.2 The garden is opened and closed by employees at the Burnett building Monday to Friday and there is a verbal agreement with the owners of a local bed and breakfast regarding the opening and closing at weekends. The current practices have been in place for a number of years now and these agreements have generally been successful. Unfortunately, there have been occasions when the garden has not been made available to the public.
- 4.3 To ensure the garden is made available to members of the public, Amenity Services will incorporate within the current schedules of work, the opening of the garden each morning, weekends included by 08:15 with the garden gates being locked each evening 16:15. The Amenity Services supervisor will ensure that the opening and closing of the garden is carried out daily.

## 5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 This proposed opening and closing regime for the Linda McCartney garden will ensure that Amenity Services are responsible for the availability of the garden, and prevent any misunderstandings around who is carrying out the duties. This will hopefully prevent any reputational damage to the Council.

## 6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1	Policy	None
6.2	Financial	None
6.3	Legal	None
6.4	HR	None
6.5	Equalities	None
6.6	Risk	The non-reporting of weekend absence, resulting in the memorial garden remaining closed.
6.7	Customer Services	None

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