

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING of ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD on 21 DECEMBER 2000

Present: Convener Douglas Currie (In the Chair)

Councillor Robin Banks	Councillor Dugald MacKinnon
Councillor Alasdair Blair	Councillor Bruce Marshall
Councillor Campbell Cameron	Councillor Archie McCallum
Councillor Brian Chennell	Councillor Donald McIntosh
Councillor Paul Coleshill	Councillor Alistair McKinlay
Councillor Robin Currie	Councillor James McQueen
Councillor John Findlay	Councillor William Petrie
Councillor George Freeman	Councillor Len Scoullar
Councillor Alison Hay	Councillor Moyra Stewart
Councillor Ronald Kinloch	Councillor John Stirling
Councillor Stanley Latimer	Councillor Isobel Strong
Councillor Ellen Morton	Councillor Eric Thomson
Councillor Allan Macaskill	Councillor Dick Walsh
Councillor Alistair MacDougall	Councillor David Webster
Councillor Duncan MacIntyre	Councillor Sheila Wilson

Attending: James McLellan, Chief Executive
Nigel Stewart, Director of Corporate & Legal Services
Alasdair Bovaird, Head of Corporate Policy
George Harper, Director of Development & Environment Services
Stewart McGregor, Director of Finance
Alistair Gow, Director of Transportation & Property
Douglas Hendry, Director of Housing & Social Work
Archie Morton, Director of Education
Susan Mair, Head of Legal Services

Apologies: Councillor Robert Macintyre
Councillor Donald MacMillan
Councillor Bruce Robertson

The Convener intimated the sudden death of Councillor MacMillan's son, Donald and the Council agreed the Convener should send their sympathy and condolences to Councillor MacMillan and his family.

The Convener welcomed Jeff Ord, Firemaster of Strathclyde Fire Brigade, David Kennedy, Deputy Firemaster, Eileen Baird, Director of Finance, and Brendan McCaffrey, Senior Divisional Officer who made presentations to the Council on the work of the Fire Brigade with particular reference to Argyll and Bute.

The Convener acknowledged receipt of a hurling trophy presented to Councillor McQueen by Linn Gui Linn 2000 during their visit to Dunoon in October 2000. It was agreed this trophy should be displayed in Dunoon.

The Convener welcomed Alan Marsh of Serco Denholm who operate 25 small vessels on behalf of the Ministry of Defence. Mr Marsh advised two new vessels had recently been commissioned and named Oban and Oronsay. He presented paintings of the two vessels to Councillor Robin Currie as Chairman of the Transportation Committee. It was agreed the paintings should be hung in Oban and Colonsay respectively.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Morton declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the business dealt with at item 3.15 (Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee 1 November 2001) and at item 8 (Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee Remit) of these minutes and took no part in the discussion of these items.

2. MINUTES OF COUNCIL

- (a) The Council approved the minute of the Council meeting of 28 September 2000 as a correct record.
- (b) The Council approved the minute of the Council meeting of 22 November 2000 as a correct record.

3. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

The Council considered the following minutes. They approved the recommendations of these Committees subject to what is shown below:

1. Housing and Social Work Committee 23 August 2000

Arising from Item 15 (**Delivery of Amenity Services within Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay**) it was agreed to extend the decision and agree that whenever bins in council houses within the Argyll and Bute area require replacement consideration will be given to replacing them with wheelie bins.

2. Employee Joint Consultative Committee 15 September 2000
3. Public Transport Sub Committee 26 September 2000
4. Public Transport Sub Committee 28 September 2000
5. Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Committee 29 September 2000
6. Bute and Cowal Area Committee 3 October 2000
7. Helensburgh Area Committee 3 October 2000
8. Mid Argyll Kintyre and Islay Area Committee 4 October 2000
9. Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Committee 4 October 2000
10. Appeals Committee 12 October 2000
11. Contract Sub Committee 18 October 2000
12. Standards Committee 19 October 2000
13. Entertainment Sub Committee 31 October 2000

14. Standards Committee 1 November 2000
15. Taxi Licensing Sub Committee 1 November 2000
16. Bute and Cowal Area Committee 7 November 2000
17. Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee 7 November 2000
18. Mid Argyll Kintyre and Islay Area Committee 8 November 2000
19. Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Committee 8 November 2000
20. Ad Hoc Sub Committee of Policy and Resources Committee 13 November 2000
21. Audit Committee 13 November 2000
22. Housing and Social Work Committee 16 November 2000
23. Transportation Committee 16 November 2000

Arising from Item 12 (**Trunk Road Contract for the North West Unit**) the Director of Transportation and Property advised that no official information in regard to the awarding of this contract had been received.

24. ECOSOC Ad Hoc Sub Committee 20 November 2000
25. Development and Environment Committee 22 November 2000
26. Education Committee 22 November 2000
27. Grants Sub Committee 28 November 2000
28. Housing and Social Work Committee 28 November 2000
29. Millennium Sub Committee 28 November 2000
30. Audit Committee 28 November 2000
31. Bute and Cowal Area Committee 5 December 2000
32. Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee 5 December 2000

Arising from Item 7 (**Motion- blockade at HM Naval Base, Faslane**) the Council considered a request from the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee that Strathclyde Police, the Ministry of Defence and Argyll and Bute Council consider alternative arrangements that can be put in place to allow the general public free movement on the public highway during any future demonstrations. The Council agreed to remit the matter to the Director of Transportation and Property Services to consider with the police and the Ministry of Defence.

33. Mid Argyll and Kintyre Area Committee 6 December 2000

Arising from Item 5 (**Corporate and Legal Services**) in regard to the modernising Government Fund, Councillor Robin Currie advised that the Scottish Executive had awarded the Council and its partners £416,496 to support the "Three Islands Partnership" Project.

34. Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee 6 December 2000
35. Commercial Operations Board 12 December 2000
36. Policy and Resources Committee 13 December 2000

Arising from Item 7 (**Capital Programme 2000/2001 – Monitoring Report at 30 September 2000**) to agree the recommendation to approve the projects detailed in Appendix 2 of the Director of Finance's Report which were not originally included in the Capital Programme.

4. ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR TO WARD 22 – KIRN AND HUNTER’S QUAY

The Returning Officer reported on the results of the election for the return of a Councillor for Ward 22: Kirn and Hunter’s Quay which was held on 7 December 2000 when Brian J Chennell was duly elected a Councillor for the ward.

The Convenor congratulated Councillor Chennell on his election and welcomed him to the Council and looked forward to working with him in the future.

5. VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

The Director of Corporate and Legal Services submitted a report inviting the council to consider filling vacancies on a number of committees, sub committees and other bodies which had arisen as a result of the death of the late Councillor McTaggart.

Decision

1. To make the following appointments and demissions:-
 1. Policy and Resources Committee appoint Councillor McKinlay.
 2. Education Committee appoint Councillor Chennell, demit Councillor Hay.
 3. Housing and Social Committee appoint Councillor MacKinnon and Councillor Strong, demit Councillor R Macintyre.
 4. Development and Environment Committee appoint Councillor Chennell and Councillor McQueen, demit Councillor McKinlay.
 5. Transportation Committee appoint Councillor Chennell, demit Councillor Strong.
 6. To appoint Councillor McKinlay to be Chair of the Housing and Social Work Committee.
 7. To appoint Councillor McIntosh to be Vice Chair of the Housing and Social Work Committee.
 8. Island Partnership Committee appoint Councillor McKinlay.
 9. Criminal Justice Public Order Act Special Committee appoint Councillor McKinlay.
 10. Grants Sub Committee of Policy and Resources Committee appoint Councillor MacMillan.
 11. Complaints Review Sub Committee of the Housing and Social Work Committee appoint Councillor McKinlay.
 12. Advisory Committee on Inspection of Residential and Day care appoint Councillor McKinlay.

13. To agree the European Issues Forum and European Funding Programme Group be combined into one body to be known as the European Issues Forum and to appoint Councillor Macaskill to the Forum.
14. Dunbartonshire and Argyll and Bute Valuation Joint Board (Substantive) appoint Councillor D MacIntyre.
15. COSLA Member Network on Equal Opportunities appoint Councillor McIntosh.
16. Castle Trust (as a trustee) appoint Councillor Walsh.
17. Joint Management Committee for Castle Trust appoint Councillor Chennell.
18. New Community School Dunoon Initiative appoint Councillor Marshall.
19. Working Group on Protection of Children at Work appoint Councillor McKinlay.
20. Strathclyde Fire Board Substitute Member appoint Councillor Chennell, demit Councillor McQueen.
21. Strathclyde Fire Board Substitute Member appoint Councillor Marshall, demit Councillor McIntosh.
22. Audit Committee appoint Councillor Scoullar, demit Councillor McIntosh.
23. ECOSOC Ad Hoc Sub-Committee

To agree the membership of the Sub Committee be increased by two and that Councillors Banks and Findlay be the two additional members.

6. SCHEME OF ADMINISTRATION AND DELEGATIONS AND STANDING ORDERS FOR MEETINGS

The Director of Corporate and Legal Services submitted a report seeking approval of certain changes to the Scheme of Administration and Delegations and the Standing Orders for Meetings.

Decision:

To approve recommendations 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 of the Director of Corporate and Legal Services Report.

(Reference: Report by the Director of Corporate and Legal services dated 11 December submitted)

7. HUMAN RIGHTS ACT 1998 – HUMAN RIGHTS TASK FORCE

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report updating members on the work that has taken place within the Council in relation to the Human Right Act 1998 which came into force on 2 October 2000.

Decision:

1. To approve the recommendations from the six Human Rights Task Groups detailed in the Appendix to the Head of Legal Services Report.
2. That in terms of recommendation of 5.4, the Director of Corporate and Legal Services should ensure that any member currently serving on the Police or Fire Board and the Licensing Board should resign from one of the Boards and the Director of Corporate and Legal Services make arrangements for a replacement to be appointed.

(Reference: Report by Head of Legal Services dated December 2000, submitted)

8. TAXI LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE REMIT

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report recommending alterations to the remit of the Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee.

Decision

1. To continue consideration to the next meeting of the Council.
2. To appoint to Vice-Chairs of the Area Committees as substitute Members to deputise for their respective Chair in the event that the Chair is unable to attend.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Legal Services submitted)