

**MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE held in
the TOWN HALL, CAMPBELTOWN
on WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY 2009**

Present: Councillor Donald MacMillan (Chair)

Councillor Rory Colville
Councillor Robin Currie
Councillor Alison Hay
Councillor Donald Kelly

Councillor John McAlpine
Councillor Douglas Philand
Councillor John Semple

Attending: Alison Younger, Area Corporate Services Manager
Richard Kerr, Area Team Leader Development Manager
Donnie McLeod, Streetscene Manager
Ian Weddle, Area Manager – Learning Disability
Fiona Graham, Community Regeneration
Catriona Hood, Head Teacher, Tarbert Academy
David Logan, QIO Special Projects
Simon MacLeod, Scotland Transerv
Adam Brown, Scotland Transerv
John Withers Scotland Transerv

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Ann Horn.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Robin Currie declared a non financial interest in relation to the Voluntary Sector Grant 2009-2010 application received from the Columba Centre, Islay ICCI, he left the room and took no part in the discussion of this application which is dealt with at item 11 of this Minute.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee held on 8 April 2009 were approved as a correct record subject to the following amendments:-

Item 4 – Public and Councillor Question Time

It was noted that Councillor Donald Kelly had asked for clarification from Strathclyde Police regarding the practice of illuminating signs on Police vehicles.

Item 14 – Remaining Capital Works – Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay

It was noted that decision 2 of this item should have read “The Contracts Manager agreed to clarify and provide Councillor Currie with details of the £20,000 for lay-bys in the Carradale area”.

4. PRESENTATION BY SCOTLAND TRANSERV

The Chair welcomed Simon MacLeod, Area Manager, Scotland Transerv, and his colleagues to the meeting to discuss issues affecting the A83 trunk road.

Decision

1. After responding to a number of questions raised by Members the Committee noted:-
 - a) That Scotland Transerv planned to spend £4.4m on the A83 during 2009/2010 which was 11% of their overall budget for 2009/2010;
 - b) that Scotland Transerv would arrange to provide Members with a note of their planned programme of works for 2009/2010;;
 - c) that works on the Rest and Be Thankful were scheduled to commence in February 2010 and design works were also being undertaken for a road widening scheme at Erines;
 - d) that Scotland Transerv would discuss with the Council's Head of Roads and Amenity Service arrangements for copying Members into correspondence between Scotland Transerv and Officers in respect of issues raised by Members;
 - e) that Scotland Transerv would investigate the problems of ingress of water between Stonefield and Ardrishaig, and the flooding at Furnace, and report back to Members with their findings;
 - f) that Scotland Transerv would also investigate the problems of ingress of water at Arrochar; and
 - g) that Scotland Transerv would investigate complaints about vibrations affecting households next to the Minard traffic lights due to a large number of pot holes in that location;
2. Acknowledged the work recently carried out by Ennstone Thistle on the A83 north of Tarbert and agreed that appreciation of this should be relayed to the company; and
3. Thanked Scotland Transerv for their informative presentation and looked forward to feedback on issues raised at decision 1 above.

5. TARBERT ACADEMY: ACHIEVEMENT REPORT 2008

The Chair welcomed Catriona Hood, Head Teacher of Tarbert Academy, to the meeting to give a presentation on progress, developments and pupil achievements since she joined the school in 2008 and outlined plans for the year ahead.

Decision

To offer congratulations for the strong performance of pupils and the commitment of staff in their examination successes and in the wider aspects of achievement across the school.

(Reference: Report by Head Teacher, Tarbert Academy dated 3 April 2009, submitted)

6. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Councillor Donald Kelly advised that following the Committee's visit to Campbeltown Grammar School earlier in the day, it was important that the problems encountered by the school in respect of the condition of the building were recognised and, at the request of Councillor Kelly, the Chair agreed to write to the Leader of the Council requesting that a full Council or Executive meeting be held in Campbeltown at the earliest opportunity and that arrangements be made for Members to visit the school on the same day.

Councillor Donald Kelly asked that the Area Corporate Services Manager write to Strathclyde Police asking for clarification on whether or not all of the Police force were trained and authorised to drive at speeds exceeding the limit in built up areas when on route to traffic accidents/emergencies. This followed a complaint Councillor Kelly had received from a constituent regarding the speed of a police vehicle travelling through the town of Campbeltown on route to a recent traffic accident. The Area Corporate Services Manager agreed to raise this issue with Strathclyde Police.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) 09/00225/DET

Co-operative Group. Detailed Application. Erection of Class 1 Retail Foodstore. Land at Lorne Street, Lochgilphead

Decision

To agree that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions and reasons outlined in the report and subject to condition 4 detailed in the report being amended to read:-

"Prior to development commencing, a scheme for the proposed boundary treatment along the frontage of the site with the A83(T) shall be submitted to and shall be approved in writing by the Council as Planning Authority. This shall provide for a combination of a natural stone dyke with associated hedgerow planting. A sample of the stone proposed for use shall be submitted to and approved by the Council as Planning Authority prior to construction of the wall being commenced, and the wall shall be completed before the building is first occupied. The associated hedge shall be implemented in the first planting season following the completion of the wall. In the event that this fails to become established, or is removed, becomes seriously diseased, or dies within 10 years of being first planted, it shall be replanted in the subsequent planting season with the same

numbers, sizes and species as originally required to be planted”.

(Reference: Report by Head of Planning dated 22 April 2009, submitted)

(b) **09/00246/DET**

Mrs W Nairn, Detailed. Replacement of static caravan with a dwelling house. Caravan at Bardarvine (opposite Woodhouse), A83(T) south of Tarbert.

Decision

1. To note that the following conditions detailed in the report have been amended as detailed below:-

Condition 3 – First sentence to read “Prior to the first occupation of the dwelling, the gradient of the access road shall not exceed 1 in 25 metres for a distance of 5 metres from the nearside edge of the trunk road carriageway, and the first 5 metres shall be surfaced in a bituminous surface and measures shall be adopted to ensure that all drainage from the site does not discharge on the trunk road”.

Condition 5 – delete “construction” and insert “first occupation” and delete last sentence.

Condition 9 – substitute with “The site shall be landscaped in accordance with the details shown on drawing no. 17480-101 A ‘Landscaping’ with the phased removal of conifers and replacement deciduous planting taking place in the locations shown, in accordance with a phasing plan to be submitted to and approved in writing by the Council as Planning Authority within 3 months of the first occupation of the dwelling. This shall provide that all the replacement planting indicated shall be implemented within 3 years of the first occupation of the dwelling”; and

2. To agree that planning permission be granted, subject to the conditions outlined in the report and to the amended conditions detailed above, and as a ‘minor departure’ to the adopted Development Plan.

(Reference: Report by Head of Planning dated 20 April 2009, submitted)

The Chair ruled, and the Committee agreed, to adjourn the meeting for lunch at 1.20 pm and reconvene at 1.45 pm.

8. DELEGATED DECISIONS

A monthly list of delegated decisions since the last Area Committee were submitted for information regarding Planning and Building Warrant applications.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

(Reference: Report by Head of Planning dated 16 April 2009, submitted)

9. PROPOSED LISTING OF BUILDINGS AS BEING OF SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST -KINLOCH PUBLIC PARK, TO SOUTH OF SWIMMING BATHS, STATUE OF WILLIAM MACKINNON

A report advising of Historic Scotland's intention to list the statue of William MacKinnon at Kinloch Public Park, Campbeltown, as a Category B listed structure was before the Committee for consideration.

Decision

To note the contents of the report and raise no objection to the listing of the statue and to instruct Officers to notify Historic Scotland accordingly.

(Reference: Report by Conservation and Design Officer, Development Services, submitted)

10. PROVISION OF NEW PLAY AREA AT HILLSIDE ROAD, CAMPBELTOWN

A report providing clarification for Members on the application of the 2004 Policy on the provision of equipped play areas and seeking a decision on the allocation of the commuted sum from ACHA for play area provision in Campbeltown was considered.

Motion

To approve that the commuted sum from ACHA be allocated to Hillside as per paragraph 3.6 of the report and support the allocation of capital funds to this project as detailed at paragraph 3.8 of the report.

Moved by Councillor Donald Kelly, seconded by Councillor John McAlpine

Amendment

To continue this report in order that community consultation can occur.

Moved by Councillor Alison Hay, seconded by Councillor Rory Colville

The requisite number of Members required the vote to be taken by calling the roll, and Members voted as follows-

Motion

Councillor Donald Kelly
Councillor John McAlpine
Councillor Dougie Philand

Amendment

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

Decision

The Amendment was carried by 5 votes to 3 and the Committee resolved accordingly.

(Report by Head of Roads and Amenity Services dated April 2009, submitted)

Having previously declared an interest on the grant application received in respect of the Columba Centre, Islay, Councillor Robin Currie, left the room and took no part in discussion of this grant application referred to in part 1 of the Decision of the following item.

11. APPLICATIONS BY VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANT 2009-2010

Grant Applications received from Voluntary Organisations in respect of Education Development and Leisure Development grants for 2009/2010 were before the Committee for consideration.

The allocation for Education Development grants for this financial year for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands is £18,715 and the allocation for Leisure Development Grants is £19,655.

Decision

1. The Committee agreed the grant allocation, as detailed below, for the ICCL, Columba Centre on Islay;

Councillor Robin Currie returned to the meeting.

2. The Committee agreed the grant allocations as detailed below and noted that the allocation of these grants fully committed the grants budgets for the remainder of this financial year 2009-2010 for the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area:-

Events and Festivals

ORGANISATION	Project cost	Request	Educ/Leis	% of project	Recomm- endation
Isle of Jura Music Festival,	13,100	1500	L	8.9	1175
Lanterns @ 10,	12,200	2000	L	9.6	1175
Crinan Classic Boat Festival	9745	3245	L	12	1175
Mull of Kintyre Run Committee	13,969	1719	L	8.4	1175
Museum of Islay Life,	4500	2250	L	26	1175
Colonsay Village Hall Committee	14,230	2807	L	8.25	1175
Craignish Village Hall	6768	3437	L	17.3	1175
Mid-Argyll Music Festival,	10000	1000	L	9.25	925
Lochgilphead Christmas Lights Festival	3,000	1500	L	15	450

Youth Provision

ORGANISATION	Project cost	Request	Educ/Leis	% of project	Recomm- endation
Girl Guiding Argyll	4736	500	E	10.5	500

Lochgilphead District Girl Guiding	1410	705	E	35.5	500
Tarbert Youth Group	7250	3625	E	50	3625
Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service	101,458	5000	E	3.9	3925
Mid-Argyll Youth Project	19,431	7432	E	20.3	3925
MacTaggart Cyber Cafe	1788	894	E	50	890

Arts and Culture

ORGANISATION	Project cost	Request	Educ/Leis	% of project	Recommendation
IDEAS	1284	643	E&L	50	643
Campbeltown Brass,	3820	1900	E	20.5	783
Coisir Ogdhail Riata,	3174	974	E	24.5	783
Argyll Drama Festival,	1815	900	L	29	535
Dochas Fund,	7250	2750	L	21.7	420
Kintyre Juvenile Pipe Band Assoc	46,550	9550	E	1.7	783
Kintyre Music Club,	7000	500	L	6.2	435
Mid-Argyll Pipe Band	4,427	1000	L	17.8	783
Kintyre Amenity trust	5668	1000	L	8.8	500
Islay Pipe Band	7000	3500	E	11	783
Small song	1350	450	L	14.8	200

Halls and Premises

ORGANISATION	Project cost	Request	Educ/Leis	% of project	Recommendation
Bowmore Hall Committee	21,780	10,980	L	4.6	1000
Campbeltown Community Business Ltd,	2988	1493	L	20	600
The Columba Centre Islay ICCI	6960	2160	E&L	10.8	750

Summer/Out of School Activities

ORGANISATION	Project cost	Request	Educ/Leis	% of project	Recommendation
Dalintober & Millknowe Playscheme,	2650	1300	E	35.4	950
SEN Parents Support Group,	8864	2000	E	7.2	640

Tourism & Promotion

ORGANISATION	Project cost	Request	Educ/Leis	% of project	Recommendation
Furnace Amenity Association,	709	350	L	49.3	350
Islay and Jura Tourism & Marketing Group	2200	1100	L	36	800
Finlaggan Trust	5585	2785	L	14.3	800

Sports

ORGANISATION	Project	Request	Educ/Leis	% of	Recommendation

	cost			project	
Campbeltown & District Juvenile Football Association	5000	2500	L	12	600
Islay and Jura Dolphins Assoc,	1500	750	L	40	600
Mid Argyll MX Club	3,800	500	L	12.9	492
Tarbert Lochfyne Yacht club	7700	3700	L	10.4	800

Older People

ORGANISATION	Project cost	Request	Ed/Lei	% of project	Recomm- endation
U3A Mid-Argyll,	750	375	E	50	375

3. Agreed that if any of the grants awarded are not taken up the Committee would reconsider the grant applications received from Blairbuie Woodland Enterprise and Tarbert Academy Music Festival should they resubmit their applications in a manner which fully meets the stated conditions; and
4. Agreed to request that the Area Community Learning and Regeneration Manager contact Blairbuie Woodland Enterprise to assist them with applying for CRBS registration.

(Reference: Report by Area Community Learning and Regeneration Manager dated April 2009, submitted)

12. SOCIAL WELFARE GRANTS 2009/2010

As the Officer's report had not been received the Committee agreed to continue consideration of this item to the next meeting on 23 June 2009.

13. LEARNING DISABILITY REDESIGN

The Learning Disability Project Team have identified the need for a series of initial consultation events across the Council area. The main purpose of these listening events is to offer stakeholders the opportunity to discuss the main issues that they view as important in relation to the redesign of Learning Disability Services. A report detailing arrangements in place for these consultation events was considered.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report and the dates of the initial consultation events; and
2. To note that arrangements for a consultation event on Islay in June had still to be finalised and that once a date was set Members would be advised of this.

(Reference: Report by Director of Community Services dated 2 February 2009, submitted)

Councillor John McAlpine left the meeting at 2.55 pm during discussion of the foregoing item.

Councillor Donald Kelly left the meeting at 3.05 pm.

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public for the following 2 items of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9; and 13 respectively of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

14. LOCHGILPHEAD JOINT CAMPUS - SPORTS/MASC ROOF AREA

The Committee received a verbal update.

Decision

To note the verbal update.

15. ENFORCEMENT: 08/00378/ENOTH1

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning dated 16 April 2009 in regard to the above.

Decision

To agree the recommendations detailed in the report.

(Reference: Report by Head of Planning dated 16 April 2009, submitted)