

**MINUTES of MEETING of COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE held ON A HYBRID BASIS IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD AND BY MICROSOFT TEAMS
on THURSDAY, 7 MARCH 2024**

Present: Councillor Audrey Forrest (Chair)

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| Councillor Gordon Blair | Councillor Iain Paterson |
| Councillor Garret Corner | Councillor Gemma Penfold |
| Councillor Andrew Kain | Councillor Dougie Philand |
| Councillor Paul Donald Kennedy | Margaret Anderson |
| Councillor Liz McCabe | Lorna Stewart |
| Councillor Dougie McFadzean | Daniel Semple |
| Councillor Julie McKenzie | |

Also Present: Councillor Kieron Green Councillor Tommy MacPherson
Councillor Jan Brown

Attending: Douglas Hendry, Executive Director
Fiona Davies, Chief Officer – Health and Social Care Partnership
Jen Crocket, Head of Education: Wellbeing, Inclusion and Achievement
Wendy Brownlie, Head of Education: Performance and Improvement
Charlotte Craig, Business Improvement Manager
Stuart McLean, Committee Manager
Graeme McMillan, Transformation Programme Manager
Chief Superintendent Lynn Ratcliff, Police Scotland
Group Commander Fraser Grant, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Colin Buchanan, on behalf of Luing Community Trust and Luing Community Council
Camille Annan, Lochgilphead High School
Eva Bonetti, Oban High School

Having noted the apologies of the Chair, Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, and the Vice-Chair Councillor Daniel Hampsey, the Committee Manager invited those Members present to elect a Chair for the meeting.

It was agreed that Councillor Audrey Forrest would assume the role of Chair for this meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated from Councillors Math Campbell-Sturgess, Amanda Hampsey, Daniel Hampsey, Graham Hardie and Yvonne McNeilly.

DEPUTATION

The Chair intimated that a request for a deputation to be heard by the Committee had been received from Colin Buchanan on behalf of Luing Community Trust and Luing Community Council. It was unanimously agreed to hear from this deputation.

The Committee heard from Colin Buchanan, Chair of the Luing Community Trust and member of Luing Community Council, in relation to Luing Primary School which would be dealt with at Item 7D of the Agenda.

The Chair thanked Colin Buchanan and advised that the submission would be considered under item 7D of the Agenda (Luing Primary School).

The Chair intimated that Councillor Kieron Green had notified the Executive Director that he wished, in terms of Standing Order 22.1, to speak but not vote on items 7C and 7D of the Agenda.

The Chair confirmed that she would exercise her discretion to allow Councillor Green to speak but not vote on items 7C and 7D of this Minute.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTE

The Minute of the Community Services Committee held on 14 December 2023 was approved as a correct record.

4. POLICE SCOTLAND - ARGYLL & BUTE PERFORMANCE SUMMARY REPORT - REPORTING PERIOD: Q3 APRIL - DECEMBER 2023

Chief Superintendent Lynn Ratcliff presented the Argyll & Bute Performance Summary Report of Police Scotland's Policing Priorities for Q3 April – December 2023 and responded to questions asked.

Decision

The Committee reviewed and noted the contents of the report.

(Reference: Report for Quarter 3 2023 by Divisional Commander for Argyll and Bute West Dunbartonshire Division, Police Scotland, submitted)

5. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE - ARGYLL & BUTE PERFORMANCE REPORT Q3 - 1 OCTOBER - 31 DECEMBER 2023

With the aid of power point slides, Commander Fraser Grant presented a report highlighting Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's review of local performance within Argyll and Bute for Q3 1 October – 31 December and responded to a number of questions asked.

Decision

The Committee reviewed and noted the contents of the report.

(Reference: Q3 2023 Report by Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, submitted)

6. ARGYLL & BUTE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP - PERFORMANCE REPORT - FQ2 2023/24

A report detailing performance for FQ2 (July – September) 2023/24 for Argyll & Bute Health & Social Care Partnership was considered. The Chair thanked Fiona Davies for all her assistance to the Committee and wished her all the best in her new role.

Decision

The Committee:

1. Acknowledged performance for FQ2 (July - September 2023/24) and improvement against the previous quarter, which is the second full quarter of data for the Integrated Performance Management Framework (IPMF).
2. Acknowledged supporting performance commentary from Heads of Service and Service Leads.
3. Acknowledged performance update on the National Health & Wellbeing Outcomes and Ministerial Steering Group Integration Indicators contained within Appendix 1 of the report.
4. Noted System Pressure Report for August 2023 contained within Appendix 2 of the report.
5. Noted Delayed Discharge Sitrep for August 2023 contained within Appendix 3 of the report.

(Reference: Report by Head of Strategic Planning, Performance and Technology, Argyll & Bute HSCP dated 7 March 2024, submitted)

7. SCHOOLS (CONSULTATION) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

(a) MINARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

A report providing details of a draft proposal for Minard Primary School formulated in accordance with the requirements of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, as amended (the 2010 Act), was considered.

Decision

The Committee agreed to:

- a) note the contents of the Consultation Report contained within Appendix A; and
- b) approve the implementation of the following alternative to the Proposal as consulted on:
 - i. education provision at Minard Primary School be permanently discontinued with effect from 31 May 2024; and
 - ii. the delineated catchment area of Furnace Primary School shall be extended to subsume the whole delineated catchment area of Minard

Primary School from 31 May 2024.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education dated 13 February 2024, submitted)

(b) SOUTHEND PRIMARY SCHOOL

A report providing details of a draft proposal for Southend Primary School formulated in accordance with the requirements of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, as amended (the 2010 Act), was considered.

Decision

The Committee agreed to:

- a) note the contents of the Consultation Report contained within Appendix A; and
- b) approve the implementation of the following alternative to the Proposal as consulted on:
 - i. education provision at Southend Primary School be permanently discontinued with effect from 31 May 2024; and
 - ii. the delineated catchment area of Castlehill Primary School shall be extended to subsume the whole delineated catchment area of Southend Primary School from 31 May 2024.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education dated 13 February 2024, submitted)

(c) ACHALEVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

A report providing details of a draft proposal for Achaleven Primary School formulated in accordance with the requirements of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, as amended (the 2010 Act), was considered.

Decision

The Committee agreed to:

- a) note the contents of the Consultation Report contained within Appendix A; and
- b) approve the implementation of the following alternative to the Proposal as consulted on:
 - i. education provision at Achaleven Primary School be permanently discontinued with effect from 31 May 2024; and
 - ii. the delineated catchment area of Lochnell Primary School shall be extended to subsume the whole delineated catchment area of Achaleven Primary School from 31 May 2024.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education dated 13 February 2024, submitted)

(d) **LUING PRIMARY SCHOOL**

A report providing details of a draft proposal for Luing Primary School formulated in accordance with the requirements of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, as amended (the 2010 Act), was considered.

Motion

The Committee agrees to:

- a) note the contents of the Consultation Report contained within Appendix A; and
- b) approve the implementation of the following alternative to the Proposal as consulted on:
 - i. education provision at Luing Primary School be permanently discontinued with effect from 31 May 2024; and
 - ii. the delineated catchment area of Easdale Primary School shall be extended to subsume the whole delineated catchment area of Luing Primary School from 31 May 2024.

Moved by Councillor Liz McCabe, seconded by Councillor Gemma Penfold.

Amendment

The Community Services Committee:

- (a) note the contents of the Consultation Report contained within Appendix A of the report; and
- (b) agrees to continue mothballing Luing Primary School for a further year to allow the community adequate time to demonstrate the sustainability of the school long term.

Moved by Councillor Audrey Forrest, seconded by Councillor Julie McKenzie

As the meeting was being held on a hybrid basis, the vote required to be taken by calling the Roll and Members voted as follows –

| Motion | Amendment | No Vote |
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| Cllr Garret Corner Cllr Paul Kennedy Cllr Liz McCabe Cllr Gemma Penfold | Cllr Gordon Blair Cllr Audrey Forrest Cllr Andrew Kain Cllr Dougie McFadzen Cllr Julie McKenzie Cllr Iain Paterson | Margaret Anderson |

Decision

The Amendment was carried by 7 votes to 4, and the Committee resolved accordingly.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education dated 13 February 2024, submitted)

The Chair ruled and the Committee agreed to take a 10 minute comfort break at this point. The Committee reconvened at 1.00pm.

Councillors Paul Kennedy and Andrew Kain left the meeting at this point.

8. FINAL ATTAINMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT REPORT - SESSION 2022-2023

Following the release on 28 February 2024 of data on the Scottish Government's Insight tool, a report updating Members on final attainment, across all Argyll and Bute Secondary Schools for session 2022-2023 was considered.

The Committee also heard from Camille Annan from Lochgilphead High School and Eva Bonetti from Oban High School on their academic and attainment pathways. The Chair, on behalf of the Committee thanked Camille and Eva and wished them both well in their next steps.

Decision

The Committee:

1. considered the information in the report, particularly as it relates to the attainment performance of school leavers;
2. noted the increase in attainment brought about by successful appeals, at authority level and school-by-school; and
3. noted that the information contained in the report constitutes all attainment across both National Qualifications and Wider Achievement courses, the latter of which was described in the December report without the associated tariff points having been included in statistics.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education dated 7 March 2024, submitted)

9. EXTERNAL EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTION REPORT

A report providing details of all external establishment inspection reports received across Argyll and Bute Education Service during the period October 2023 to January 2024 was before the committee for consideration.

Decision

The Committee noted:

- a) the contents of the report;
- b) this quarterly report would be presented on an ongoing basis to the Community Services Committee detailing all establishment inspections conducted and published by Education Scotland within that period, and
- c) that Ward members would receive copies of school inspection reports for schools within their area as published by Education Scotland.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education dated January 2024, submitted)

10. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2023/2024

The Community Services Committee work plan for 2023-2024 was before the Committee for information.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the work plan.

(Reference: Community Services Committee Work Plan 2023-2024, submitted)