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MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD, PA31 8RT on WEDNESDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2012

Present:

Councillor Anne Horn (Chair)

Councillor Rory Colville

Councillor Donald Kelly (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Robin Currie

Councillor John MacAlpine

Councillor Donald MacMillan

Councillor Douglas Philand

Councillor John Semple

Councillor Sandy Taylor

Attending

Sally Loudon

Chief Executive

Charles Reppke

Head of Governance and Law

Malcolm MacFadyen

Head of Facility Services

Stewart Clark

Roads Performance Manager

Hugh Blake

Senior Estates Surveyor

Chief Inspector David Pettigrew

Strathclyde Police

Inspector Stuart Watson

Strathclyde Police

1. APOLOGIES

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

Councillor Douglas Philand (who was attending the Health and Social Strategic Partnership)

Councillor John McAlpine

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 1 AUGUST 2012

The Minute of the previous meeting held on 1 August 2012 was approved as a true record subject to the following amendment:-

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The scrub cutting programme was proving very labour intensive and costly in time.

4. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

The Chair invited Chief Inspector Pettigrew to provide a short input to the meeting. He outlined the proposed approach to policing the area, in his role as the new Area Commander. He then answered questions from Councillor Kelly in regards the proposed Methadone clinic in Campbeltown and voiced concerns he had received from his constituents. Chief Inspector Pettigrew replied that he could not foresee or envisage the numbers who would use the clinic and highlighted the poor transport links to Campbeltown.

Councillor Semple enquired if Strathclyde Police would provide statistics to show the effectiveness of the new strategy. Chief Inspector Pettigrew replied that a survey was produced annually for public knowledge.

Councillor Donald Kelly enquired about the contingency arrangements for the turbine traffic after the lorry went off the road and requested assurances from Mr Clark re: the effectiveness of these. Mr Clark reported on the procedures which were undertaken to resolve the recent issue and the arrangements in place for dealing with similar instances.

Councillor Currie asked for the Council to look at responding to the consultation on moving jury trials out of Argyll to Dumbarton and this was noted.

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES

(a) SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND IN SERVICE DAYS - 2013/2014 AND 2014/2015

Members considered a report to endorse the final patterns of school holidays and inservice days for all schools in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands.

Decision:

Members agreed to note the report, but to have the October 2013 holiday dates clarified after the meeting, as there appeared to be an incorrect date for the October 2013 session.

(Reference: Report by Head of Education, submitted).

(Following the Area Committee meeting, clarity was obtained in regards to the MAKI School holidays and In-service days 2013/2014. The correct dates 11-23 October, 2013 were disseminated to Members).

6. CUSTOMER SERVICES

(a) MEETING SCHEDULE - 2012/2013

Members considered a report which outlined the meeting cycle for the MAKI Area Committee, Community Planning Group and Business Day meetings.

Decision:-

The Committee agreed:-

1. To note the report, and the desire of Members to see more business items transacted at area level.

(Reference: Report by the Area Governance Manager, submitted).

(b) ITEM TRACKER

Members gave consideration to the MAKI Item Tracker.

Decision:

Members agreed to the following:

1. To remove Ardrishaig Regeneration Masterplan and A83 at Bealach a Chaohain from the Item Tracker.
2. To retain the Bus stop at Minard on the Item Tracker.
3. To add a request for a paper on the 'not spot programme of government' regarding Mobile phone coverage to the Item Tracker and that this paper would set out the information known to officers for Members information at the next MAKI business day.
4. To provide information on TV coverage at South Knapdale to the MAKI Members.

(Reference: Item Tracker, submitted).

7. DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

(a) ROAD ISSUES

The Committee considered a report providing updates on outstanding road-related issues in the MAKI area.

Discussion ensued on various issues:-

Report on the narrow stretch recently resurfaced at Kilmaho
Report on the depot at Campbeltown (salt storage) and status of discussions with MACC
Draft of the Capital Programme – MAKI Business Day 7 November
Saddell Hill – when will A & B commence the work
Kinloch Road – when will work be fully completed – also issue with CHORD scheme - footways
Stewarton – Campbeltown – breakdown of the costs
Cairnbaan Road – Councillor MacMillan enquired where the budget allocation for this had gone

Decision:

The Committee agreed:-

1. To note the report, and that a further report would come back in respect of the narrow stretch resurfaced at Kilmaho.
2. That a report on Roothing depot come back to a future Area Committee meeting
3. A draft of the Capital Programme would come to the next MAKI Business Day scheduled for 7 November

(Reference: Report by Roads Performance Manager, submitted).

(b) TOWN HALL - UPDATE - TO FOLLOW

Members heard an update on the Town Hall, Campbeltown from the Head of Facility Services.

Decision:

To note the terms of the report and the verbal update thereon.

(Reference: Report by Head of Facility Services, dated 19 September 2012, submitted).

8. EXEMPT ITEMS

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

PARAGRAPH 9

Paragraph 9 Any terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods or services.

(a) **ST KIERAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, ST JOHN STREET,
CAMPBELTOWN**

Members considered a report advising on the outcome of the recent marketing campaign in respect of the former primary school, St Kierans, Campbeltown.

Decision:

Members agreed to continue consideration to a special meeting to be held on the same day as the MAKI November Business Day.

(Reference: Report by Estates Surveyor, submitted).

(b) **CLOCK LODGE, LOCHGILPHEAD**

Members considered a report updating on the progress of the Lochgilphead Project towards securing funding and commissioning an update of the previous feasibility study undertaken on the restoration of the Clock Lodge, Lochgilphead.

Decision:

Members agreed to the recommendations contained within the report.

(Reference: Report by Senior Estates Surveyor, submitted).

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