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MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE held in the TOWN HALL, CAMPBELTOWN on WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL 2013

Present: Councillor Douglas Philand (Chair)

Councillor Rory Colville
Councillor Robin Currie
Councillor John Semple

Councillor Donald MacMillan
Councillor Donald Kelly
Councillor Sandy Taylor

Attending:

Shirley MacLeod
Audrey Baird

David Clements
Stewart Clark
Callum Robertson
Inspector Tom Harper
Alison Leask

Area Governance Manager
Community Development
Officer
IOD Project Manager
Roads Performance Manager
Contracts Manager
Police Scotland
Chair, Autism Scotland

1. APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed his thanks on behalf of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee to Councillor Anne Horn for chairing the Committee for the past year. He commended the hard work and effort she had undertaken in this role.

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

Councillor Anne Horn
Councillor John McAlpine
Sandy Mactaggart , Executive Director, Development and Infrastructure Services.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Robin Currie, Councillor Rory Colville, Councillor Douglas Philand and Councillor Sandy Taylor declared non financial interests in relation to the Third Sector Grant applications listed below:-

Councillor Currie: 3.7 (Ionad Chalium Chille Ile) and 3.8 (Islay and Jura Community Enterprises Ltd)
Councillor Coville: 3.14 (Kintyre Community Care Forum)
Councillor Philand: 3.21 (Mid Argyll Youth Forum)
Councillor Taylor: 3.12 (Kilmartin House Museum)

3. MINUTES

(a) **MEETING OF MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE 6 FEBRUARY 2013.**

The Minute of the meeting held on 6 February, 2013 was approved as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising:

Road Issues:

Councillor Kelly enquired on the status of the Works Programme for the Campbeltown CHORD Project. The Roads Performance Manager replied that he would update on this project under the Capital Programme Item on the Agenda.

GM Duncan Bequest:

Councillor Kelly requested an update in regards the delegation of administration changes to Ward 1 Members. The Area Governance Manager reported that a meeting would be convened shortly to discuss this issue.

(b) **SPECIAL MEETING OF MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE 13 MARCH 2013.**

The Minute of the meeting held on 13 March, 2013 was approved as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising:

Councillor Colville enquired on the recommendation made at the Council meeting in regards the process of monitoring and reviewing the new Ferry Service between Campbeltown and Ayrshire. The Area Governance Manager reported that she had no detail, as yet, of the decision made at the Council meeting. The Chair stated that a special Area Committee meeting could be convened to afford further discussion on this issue on 1 May after the MAKI Business Day.

Councillor Currie detailed the success of the Ferry Users Group on Arran and the possibility of using this as a role model in Argyll and Bute.

Decision

Members agreed:

1. That the Area Governance Manager would provide the detail to Members of the terms of the full Council decision in regards the Kintyre Ferry service (Campbeltown – Ardrossan – Brodick).
2. That the Area Governance Manager would provide information on the Arran Ferry Users Group to Members.
3. That a special MAKI Area Committee would be convened on 1

May, 2013 to allow further discussion to the Kintyre Ferry Service (Campbeltown – Ardrossan – Brodick route).

4. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

The Chair invited questions from Members and the public in attendance.

Councillor Kelly enquired if a letter could be written on behalf of the Area Committee to Argyll and Bute Council staff, NHS Highland, SSE, Voluntary Sector, Third Sector and staff on the MV Hebridean Isles to thank them for their tremendous effort and hard work in Kintyre during the recent severe weather crisis.

Discussion followed in regards to the debriefing exercise undertaken immediately after the severe weather crisis and local Members stated the need for their input into subsequent debriefing meetings to resolve strategic issues in which their local knowledge and range of contacts would be invaluable.

Councillor Kelly detailed his concerns in regards the current Bed Modelling at Campbeltown Hospital and the proposed Methadone Clinic in Campbeltown and requested that NHS Highland be invited to a future Area Committee meeting to provide more detail and respond to questions.

Decision

Members agreed:

1. That a letter would be written on behalf of the Area Committee to NHS Highland requesting that a public meeting be convened in Campbeltown to discuss the Bed Modelling at Campbeltown Hospital and the proposed Methadone clinic.
2. That an invitation would be extended to local MSPs, MPs to attend the public meeting when convened.
3. That in the event that NHS Highland do not respond positively to the request for a public meeting, they be asked to attend a meeting of the Area Committee to discuss these important issues.
4. That MAKI Members be invited to subsequent debriefing meetings to provide input and extend their views on the recent handling of the severe weather crisis in the local area in March, 2013
5. That a letter of thanks on behalf of the Area Committee be written to the various agencies and organisations involved in helping local communities in the Kintyre area.
6. That a report come to the June Area Committee providing information on procedures undertaken and actions taken at debriefing meetings to address issues following on from the severe weather in March 2013.

5. PRESENTATION BY ALISON LEASK, AUTISM ARGYLL

The Committee heard a presentation by Alison Leask, Autism Argyll.

Discussion followed in regards the possibility of Argyll and Bute Council offering employment to people suffering with autism.

The Chair thanked Alison Leask for her informative presentation and welcomed the Autism Strategy which would be implemented in October, 2013. He hoped that Alison could attend a further Area Committee providing Members with an update.

6. THIRD SECTOR GRANTS 2013/14

Councillor Colville, Councillor Currie, Councillor Philand and Councillor Taylor having declared a non financial interest in relation to the Third Sector Grants applications, left the room and took no part in the discussion of this item.

Members considered a report from the Community Development Manager detailing the recommendations for the award of Third Sector Grants.

Motion

To remove £600 grant funding for the West Kintyre Stargazers/West Kintyre Astronomy Society and increase the grant funding to South Kintyre Senior Citizens Committee to £900.

Moved by Councillor Donald Kelly, seconded by Councillor Robin Currie.

Councillor John Semple having moved an amendment which failed to find a seconder requested that his dissent from the foregoing decision to be recorded.

Decision

Members agreed:

1. To award all of the grant recommendations made in the papers submitted by the Community Development Manager with the exception of 3.21 and 3.30
2. To increase the grant funding for (3.21) – South Kintyre Senior Citizens Committee to £900 in accordance with the motion moved by Councillor Kelly.
3. To decrease the grant funding for (3.30) – West Kintyre Stargazers/West Kintyre Astronomy Society to £1900 in accordance with the motion moved by Councillor Kelly.
4. That a condition be placed on the grant funding (3.18) – Loch Awe Improvements that the group achieve charitable status.
5. That further discussion on the prioritisation of future grant applications

would continue to the MAKI Business Day in May, 2013

7. AREA SCORECARDS - FQ3

The Committee heard a report detailing the Area Scorecard performance for the Financial Quarter 3 – 2012/13 (October to December, 2012).

Discussion followed in regards enabling live presentations of the Area Scorecard and the rescheduling of reports to facilitate this.

Councillor Kelly requested further information on the educational detail of attainment and absence at Campbeltown Grammar School. The Area Governance Manager replied that the school report for Campbeltown Grammar School was scheduled to come to the June Area Committee meeting.

Decision

Members agreed:

1. To note the report.
2. That the Area Governance Manager would reschedule Area Scorecard updates to ensure that venues were suitable to accommodate live presentation.
3. That an update report on the progress with the new Campbeltown Grammar School be provided to the May Business meeting.

(Reference: Report by the Improvement and Organisational Development Programme Manager, dated 3 April 2013, submitted).

8. ROAD ISSUES

(a) CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing detail on the revised capital roads reconstruction programme for the forthcoming financial year 2013/14 for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands.

The Roads Performance Manager responded to Councillor Kelly's enquiry on the status of Kinloch Road project works in conjunction with the CHORD programme. He confirmed that a paper would come to the MAKI Business Day in May providing the detail of the additional roads funding apportioned to MAKI. Councillor Kelly advised that he had contacted the Head of Roads and Amenity Services directly to collaborate the funding issue. As yet, he had not received a response.

The Roads Performance Manager advised Members that there may be a delay to the scheduled works programme due to the recent severe weather in the local area.

Councillor Semple detailed complaints received from local constituents on

the state of the white lining on local roads. The Roads Performance Manager advised that he appreciated these concerns and hoped that the contractor would commence these works on 22 April, 2013.

Further discussion followed in regards the historical distribution of funding for roads in the MAKI area. The Roads Performance Manager detailed the procedure used to identify routes for remedial road works.

Decision

Members agreed:

1. To note the report.
2. That the Roads Performance Manager would circulate funding details in regards the totality of Kinloch Road, Campbeltown.
3. That the Roads Performance Manager would bring a report to the MAKI Business Day in May detailing the additional Capital funding which will be available to MAKI following the Council decision of 21 March, 2013. This paper will provide 2 clear options for consideration.
4. (a) The use of the additional funding in accordance with the current asset-based/geographical allocation of the funding.
(b) The use of the funding purely on an asset-management/engineering needs basis.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, dated 28 March, 2013, submitted).

(b) MANDATORY SPEED LIMITS

The Committee gave consideration to a report advising on the Scottish Government's guidance for setting local speed limits. Members were advised that a Traffic Management Plan for Campbeltown will be put in place on completion of the Kinloch Road redevelopment.

Councillor Currie detailed 4 areas of concern. These were:

Carradale
Tayinloan
Bridgend, Islay
Bruichladdich, Islay

Members expressed concerns over the proposed 50mph speed restriction on the A83 Ardrishaig-Tarbert and requested information on how they could formally comment on the issue.

Decision

Members agreed:

1. To note the report.
2. That the Roads Performance Manager would clarify relevant

information on A83 Ardrishaig – Tarbert issue and inform Members accordingly.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Roads and Amenity Services, dated 3 April, 2013, tabled).

(c) **KEILLS CEMETERY ROAD - UNADOPTED ROADS POLICY**

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing detail on an unadopted road named Keills Road on the Isle of Jura, including estimated costs for bringing the road up to a proportionate standard prior to adoption.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee recommend that the Council exercises its permissive power under Section 14 of the Roads Scotland Act (1984) to progress with the works detailed in the submitted paper to improve, in partnership with the community, the Keills Road, Jura to adoptable standard.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Roads and Amenity Services, dated 3 April 2013, tabled).

9. TAYINLOAN IMPROVEMENTS

The Committee gave consideration to a report detailing the status of Tayinloan Improvements.

Decision

Members agreed to note the report.

(Reference: Report by Marine Operations Manager, dated 25 March 2013, submitted).

10. MEETING VENUE - JUNE AREA COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

The Committee considered a report on the matter of a venue for the MAKI Area Committee meeting due to be held in June, 2013.

Decision

Members agreed:

1. That the June Area Committee meeting would be held in the Templar's Hall, Tarbert.
2. That the August Area Committee meeting would be held on the island of Gigha.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director of Customer Services, dated 11 March,

2013, submitted).