

MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE held
in the INVERARAY CONFERENCE CENTRE, INVERARAY PRIMARY SCHOOL, INVERARAY
on WEDNESDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2016

Present: Councillor Rory Colville (Chair)

Councillor John Armour	Councillor Donald MacMillan
Councillor Robin Currie	Councillor Douglas Philand
Councillor Anne Horn	Councillor Sandy Taylor

Attending: Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager
Fergus Murray, Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation
Michael Casey, Schools Development Project Manager
Kevin McIntosh, Contracts Manager
Ishabel Bremner, Economic Growth Manager
John Gordon, Programme Manager – CHORD
Ann Devine, Head Teacher, Lochgilphead Joint Campus
Neil McKnight, Head Teacher, Tarbert Academy
Rhuaridh MacGregor, Regional Communities Manager, Scottish Water
Alastair MacGregor, Chief Executive ACHA
Keith Murray, Area Manager for A83, Transport Scotland

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated by Councillors Donald Kelly and John McAlpine.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Colville declared a non-financial interest in Agenda item 11, by reason that he is the Chair of South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT) who had submitted representation to proposals. He left the room and took no part in the discussion thereon.

3. MINUTE OF THE MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3 AUGUST 2016

The minute of the previous meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee held on 3 August 2016 was approved as a true record.

4. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Councillor Horn enquired about

confirmed that he would look into the possibility of erecting appropriate signage in this area.

5. SCOTTISH WATER - ANNUAL UPDATE

The Committee considered a report indicating the level of investment in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area in terms of water; waste water; and flooding over the next 18 months to 2 years. Discussion took place in respect of planned investment and operational issues, flood alleviation proposals for Tarbert and a response was provided to a question on capacity issues on Jura.

Decision:

Members agreed:

1. to note the contents of the report; and
2. to make a written submission to Scottish Water regarding the severity and seriousness of flooding issues in Tarbert requesting that the timescale for resolution of this matter be escalated.

(Ref: Report by Scottish Water, dated 5 October 2016, submitted.)

6. SCHOOL PROFILES 2016-17

(a) Lochgilphead Joint Campus

The Committee considered a report which outlined the curriculum development and wider achievement of the school together with SQA performance; attendance, absence and exclusion rate and school leaver destination returns. Members were particularly pleased with the work of the school specifically highlighting work of the Learning Unit, and were encouraged by the work being carried out to develop the young workforce.

The Chair thanked Ms Devine for the information provided.

Decision:

Members agreed to note the report.

(Ref: Report by Acting Executive Director of Community Services, dated 5 October 2016, submitted.)

(b) Tarbert Academy

The Committee considered a report which outlined the curriculum development and wider achievement of the school together with SQA performance; attendance, absence and exclusion rate and school leaver destination returns. Members discussed the use of Insight with particular interest in the virtual comparator information and commended the school for the literacy and numeracy results.

The Chair thanked Mr McKnight for the information provided.

Decision:

Members agreed to note the report.

(Ref: Report by Acting Executive Director of Community Services, dated 5 October 2016, submitted.)

7. NEW SCHOOLS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT - CAMPBELTOWN GRAMMAR SCHOOL UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to UPDA2ght

Members agreed to note the presentation.

(Ref: Presentation by Chief Executive of ACHA, submitted.)

Having previously declared an interest in the following item, Councillor Colville left the room and took no part in discussion of this item. In his absence, the Vice Chair, Councillor MacMillan assumed the role of Chair. repeated 775, 2016007, 1001041.3

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11. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND PARKING REVIEW

The Committee gave consideration to a report detailing three options available in regards to the provision of a taxi rank in Campbeltown.

Discussion took place in respect of the possible road safety issues relating to option (ii). Members expressed concern that these have not been given adequate consideration as per the minuted discussion at the previous meeting of the Area Committee and are not referred to in the report submitted for consideration.

Decision:

Members agreed that consideration of this item be continued to a Special Area Committee meeting to be convened on Wednesday 2 November 2016, to allow officers to come back with further information and possible solutions in respect of the road safety concerns.

13. CAMPBELTOWN - OPTIONS FOR SURPLUS CHORD FUNDS

The Committee gave consideration to a report outlining proposals for allocating the surplus CHORD funds in line with the report that was approved by the Policy and Resources Committee on 18 August 2016 which delegated the allocation of any CHORD surplus funds to Area Committees to approve in accordance with the original CHORD objectives.

Decision:

Members agreed:

1. to note the contents of the report;
2. to approve Option CN01 which is to transfer the surplus funds to the HES CARS initiative that will be managed by the Transformation Project and Regenerations Team within EDST; and
3. requested that the Transformation Project and Regenerations Team bring recommendations on applications to the HES and CARS initiative to the MAKI Area Committee for approval.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services, dated 5 October 2016, submitted.)

14. CIVIC FURNITURE - CAMPBELTOWN

The Committee gave consideration to a report outlining a number of items of furniture that have been identified as meeting the terms of the protocol for dealing with furniture and memorabilia which have been identified as part of office refurbishment/rationalisations.

Decision:

Members agreed:

1. that the items of furniture be valued; and
2. that a report be brought to the Special Area Committee, which is to be convened on Wednesday 2 November 2016 outlining the value of the furniture and possible options.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Customer Services, dated 5 October 2016, submitted.)

15. ITEM TRACKER

Members gave consideration to the item tracker.

Decision:

Members agreed to note the item tracker.

(Ref: Item Tracker, dated 5 October 2016, submitted.)

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