

MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE held
ON A HYBRID BASIS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD AND BY
MICROSOFT TEAMS
on WEDNESDAY, 5 JUNE 2024

Present: Councillor John Armour (Chair)

The Governance Manager agreed to feedback this question to the Council Leader and Council Administration, and to provide a response to this query following the meeting. Ms Kaur asked for clarification of how this information would be shared with the community, and the Governance Manager confirmed that an answer would be provided following the meeting to Ms Kaur and the Committee Members by e-mail which could be disseminated by them to any interested parties.

David Moncrieff (Present)

Mr Moncrieff advised the Committee that he had asked a question about school transport safety concerns at the last meeting, and had received a response from the Council

advised that following this response, he had sent further e-mails to Elected Members, which he had discovered were being intercepted by the Council. He advised that he would be taking this forward as a Data Protection concern. Mr Moncrieff confirmed that he had received clarification from the Scottish Government that school transport was the responsibility of local government authorities. Mr Moncrieff outlined the reasons that he

Council were knowingly endangering school children, and deliberately thwarting Scottish Government guidance in relation to seatbelts on school transport. The Chair and Governance Manager advised that a response had already been provided to this question by the Council, even if Mr Moncrieff did not agree with the answer provided.

Mr Moncrieff advised that, at the last meeting of the Committee, the previous Chair of the Committee had provided assurances to Mr Moncrieff that an answer would be provided to all of his questions, however he felt that only of the questions had been answered. The

Customer Contact Centre on 15 March 2024, and on this basis he was content that all of

happy for Mr Moncrieff to ask any further questions that did not relate to the questions to which an answer had already been provided.

Mr Moncrieff advised that he had not been provided with answers to the questions which he had raised previously. The Governance Manager outlined a history of the responses which had been provided to Mr Moncrieff previously, and agreed to provide a summary of this to Mr Moncrieff by e-meeting.

school transport vehicles were being checked to ensure that they were fit for purpose and

Manager agreed to feedback this question to the relevant officers following the meeting,

Contact Centre.

5.

(a) Campbeltown Grammar School

The Committee heard from Ms Donnelly, Acting Head Teacher of Campbeltown Grammar School, who spoke to the school report which had been provided to Members. The report included information on S3 ACEL attainment in literacy and numeracy; the pass rates of national qualifications; and data from Insight Scotland. Information in relation to wider achievement qualifications; equity and attainment; and Pupil Equity Funding was also provided.

Decision:

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee thanked Ms Donnelly for her informative presentation and noted the contents of the report and information provided.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education, dated 5 June 2024, submitted)

(b) Islay High School

(d) Tarbert

The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided a short update on the works

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee agreed that the 15 applications, from the Supporting Communities Fund totalling £29,617.50, as follows:

18	The Community Bureau	No award	£2,360.00	£0.00
19	Live Music Now Scotland	No award	£614.40	£0.00
20	Inveraray Senior Citizens	No award	£1,243.00	£0.00
21	South Kintyre Seniors Forum	No award		

37	Kintyre Way	No award	£2,400.00	£0.00
38	Cantilena Festival	No award	£2,500.00	£0.00
	TOTAL		£81,992.68	£29,617.50

11.

Consideration was given to the Area Performance Report for financial quarter 4 of 2023/24 (January to March 2024), which illustrated the agreed performance measures for the period.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee noted and considered the performance and supporting commentary as presented.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Customer Support Services, dated 7 February 2024, submitted)

12.

A report asking the Committee to consider making appointments to a number of local bodies/organisations within the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area was considered.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee agreed:

1. to continue consideration of appointments relating to the Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, Kintyre Youth Fund, and Islay and Jura Community Enterprise Ltd. to the next meeting of the Committee, following the conclusion of the upcoming Ward 2 by-election;
2. to appoint Councillor Jan Brown to the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Locality Planning Group;

7. to continue consideration of the second Member appointment to the Campbeltown Ferry Committee to the next meeting of the Committee, following the conclusion of the upcoming Ward 2 by-election.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory