

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON A
HYBRID BASIS IN THE QUEEN'S HALL, DUNOON AND BY MICROSOFT TEAMS
ON TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2023**

Present: Councillor Yvonne McNeilly (Chair)

Councillor Gordon Blair	Councillor Ross Moreland
Councillor Audrey Forrest	Councillor William Sinclair
Councillor Reeni Kennedy-Boyle	Councillor Peter Wallace

Attending: Stuart McLean, Committee Manager
David Allan, Estates and Property Development Manager
Stuart Watson, Assistant Network and Standards Manager
Caroline Cherry, Head of Adult Services, HSCP
Michelle Mundie, Chief Executive, ACHA
Seymour Adams, Vice-Chair, CHARTS

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Vice-Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Liz McCabe.

The Vice-Chair ruled, and the Committee agreed, to consider a report on the Third Marquis of Bute's Silver Wedding Dowry Fund as a matter of urgency by reason that the dowry can only be awarded to girls resident in Rothesay being married in December and to consider this after item 13 of the Agenda.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Peter Wallace declared a non-financial interest in relation to item 10 of the agenda (Former Rothesay Academy, Isle of Bute – Pre-application for proposed demolition and redevelopment), advising that he is the Council representative on the Fyne Homes Board. He advised that he would remain in the meeting during the consideration of this item of Business.

Councillor Ross Moreland declared a non-financial interest in relation to item 6 of the agenda (CHARTS (Argyll and the Isles)), advising that he is a Council representative on the CHARTS Board. He advised that he would remain in the meeting during the consideration of this item of Business.

3. MINUTES

(a) Bute and Cowal Area Committee - 5 September 2023

The Minute of the meeting of the Bute and Cowal Area Committee, held on 5 September 2023 was approved as a correct record.

(b) Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group - 31 October 2023

The Minute of the meeting of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group, held on 31 October 2023 was noted.

(c) **Cowal Transport Forum - 13 September 2023**

The Minute of the meeting of the Cowal Transport Forum, held on 13 September 2023 was noted.

provided information in relation to funding streams and the benefits of the continued support received from Argyll and Bute Council.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee considered and noted the information provided in the presentation.

(Reference: Presentation by Vice-Chair, Cultural Heritage and Arts Assembly, submitted)

7. AREA PERFORMANCE REPORT - FQ2 2023/24

Consideration was given to the Area Performance Report for financial quarter 2 of 2023/24 (July to September 2023) which illustrated the agreed performance measures for this period.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee:

1. noted and considered the performance and supporting commentary as presented;
2. noted that upon receipt of the Quarterly Performance Report the Area Committee should contact either the Responsible Named Officer or Sonya Thomas with any queries; and
3. noted that work was ongoing and to respond to Sonya Thomas with requests or comments regarding the layout and format of the Performance Report and Scorecard.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Customer Support Services, dated 1 November 2023, submitted)

8. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE REPORT - FQ1 2023/24

The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided an update on performance against each of the service areas and the 93 supporting Key Performance Indicators, as well as an update from the Heads of Service giving a wider context and identifying risks and mitigations. The report also provided an update on the National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes and Ministerial Steering Group Integration Indicators and information in relation to delayed discharges.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee considered and noted:

1. the performance for FQ1 (April - June 2023/24);
2. the summary overview of the Heads of Service Performance update;
3. the performance update on the National Health & Wellbeing Outcomes and Ministerial Steering Group Integration Indicators, as at Appendix 1 of the report;

4. the System Pressure Report for August 2023, as at Appendix 2 of the report; and

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth, dated 18 October 2023, submitted)

12. CHARITABLE TRUSTS, BEQUESTS AND TRUST FUNDS

The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided details on proposals relating to the ongoing management and proposed distribution arrangements for Charitable Trusts, Bequests and Trust Funds for which the Bute and Cowal Area Committee are Trustees.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee:

1. noted and considered the financial position of all the Charitable Trusts, Bequests and Trust Funds as of August 2023; and
2. agreed that funds that held less than £250 for distribution have a moratorium placed on them to lessen the administrative burden and allow interest to accumulate to ensure maximum community benefit at a later date.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support, dated November 2023, submitted)

13. DRAFT BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee workplan was before members for information.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Committee noted the contents of the workplan.

(Reference: Bute and Cowal Area Committee workplan, dated 5 December 2023)

14. THE THIRD MARQUIS OF BUTE'S SILVER WEDDING DOWRY FUND

Members gave consideration to a report which gave information regarding an application that had been received requesting support from the Third Marquis of Bute's Silver Wedding Dowry Fund.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee agreed to grant £500 to the applicant.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support, dated December 2023, submitted)