

**MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE held by
SKYPE
on WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2020**

Present:

Councillor Rory Colville (Chair)

Councillor John Armour
Councillor Robin Currie
Councillor Anne Horn
Councillor Donald Kelly

Councillor Donald MacMillan BEM
Councillor Douglas Philand
Councillor Alastair Redman
Councillor Sandy Taylor

Attending:

item 12 of the agenda and before item 13. The Minute reflects the order in which items were discussed.

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There were no declarations of interest.

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(a) **Minute of the Meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee, held on Wednesday, 2 September 2020**

The Minute of the Meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee, held on Wednesday, 2 September 2020 was approved as a correct record.

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Councillor Horn raised the issue of motor homes and correspondence received around this from constituents in relation to health and safety concerns. The Committee Manager confirmed that a report in relation to this would be brought to the next meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee in March 2021.

Councillor Horn expressed concerns around domestic firework displays and asked for the Area Committee's support in addressing concerns within communities around this. The Chair confirmed that he was in agreement that it was an issue and would raise this matter at an upcoming meeting of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the four Area Committees to ascertain whether this was an authority-wide issue. The Chair agreed that he would then feedback this information to Councillor Horn and would progress the matter as appropriate.

Councillor Kelly asked for the Area Committee's support in requesting that a reliable and affordable ferry service capable of taking hauliers be introduced from Campbeltown to the East Ayrshire coast all year round in light of the ongoing unacceptable situation of consistent road closures at the Rest and Be Thankful. Councillor Armour agreed to raise this matter again at the upcoming meeting of the Argyll Ferry Stakeholder Group. The Chair recommended that Councillor Kelly bring a motion regarding this matter to the next meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee in March 2021 and advised that in the interim he would, in consultation with the Vice-Chair and Councillor Kelly, write directly to Caledonian MacBrayne and the Scottish Government expressing the view of the Area Committee.

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The Committee gave consideration to an annual update presentation for the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area by the Chief Executive, Argyll Community Housing Association, including details of the investment programme in the area; the Exemplar Estates initiative; and the building of new homes across the area.

Discussion took place around positive partnership working between the Council and Argyll Community Housing Association throughout the Covid-19 pandemic; the adaptation of existing housing stock to meet emerging needs; and the Community Action Fund. The Chief Executive confirmed that he would report back to Members in relation to queries raised.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee agreed to note the contents of the

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