

MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE

Councillor Jean Moffat joined the meeting during the forgoing item.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Councillor McNeilly agreed with the Chair and advised that the issue is a national matter and will be addressed at the highest level when the First Minister conducts a national enquiry at the appropriate time.

In the absence of a relevant officer the Committee Manager confirmed that he would request that the Chief Officer of the HSCP arrange to contact Mr Matheson as appropriate.

5. PERFORMANCE REVIEW - AREA SCORECARD

The Committee considered the Area Scorecard report for Financial Quarter 4 of 2020-2021 (January-March 2021) which illustrated the agreed performance measures.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee;

1. noted and considered the performance presented on the Scorecards and supporting commentary;
2. noted that upon receipt of the quarterly performance reports the Area Committee Members could contact either the Performance Improvement Officer or the responsible named officer with any queries; and
3. noted that work was ongoing and to respond to the Performance Improvement Officer with requests or comments regarding the layout and format of the report and scorecard.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Customer Support Services dated 1 June 2021, submitted)

6. TRANSPORT UPDATES

The Chair advised on current transport activities including that Roads and Infrastructure Services (RIS) had recently launched a Twitter handle @ABC_roads_infra which provides information on services such as roadworks and bin collections and capital schemes that were progressing, also advising that there is a dedicated page on the council website for updates: [Roads Capital Programme \(argyll-bute.gov.uk\)](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/roads-capital-programme).

He highlighted that local reports had been received around traffic issues at the amenities site at Bogleha and that these had been addressed by RIS by encouraging the waste-to-product management company to minimise the number of customers queuing outside the facility, however current restrictions around physical distancing make this difficult. RIS are also exploring options around progressing parking restrictions on Bogleha Terrace. Councillor Alan Reid sought and received confirmation from the Head of Roads and Infrastructure that Members would be briefed before any action is taken.

The Committee noted that the date to find a solution to the Blairmore bin lorry issues was extended to 31 May 2021 and RIS were not aware that the residents had made a commitment to upgrade the road yet so the service was likely explore a road end uplift solution. The Chair also advised that special uplifts would restart from 1 June 2021.

In relation to Arden Craig Gardens the Chair advised that Council Officers had a positive meeting last week with the Bute Island Alliance who are keen to progress a community led scheme involving the areas of the site intended to be repurposed.

The Chair advised that Members can expect to receive regular weekly briefings on staycation related issues and that the contractor has until later this week to provide a solution at Rothesay pontoons, with an update to Members to be expected soon thereafter.

Discussion focussed on the need to replace street furniture such as bins, TROs at Rothesay High School and who had responsibility for ensuring CCTV cameras are operational with Members encouraged to raise issues on casebook as appropriate.

Councillor Bobby Good declared a financial interest during the forgoing item on the basis he is a part-time employee of West Coast Motors. He remained in the meeting taking no part in the short discussion.

7. ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided an update on the recent activities carried out but the Roads and Infrastructure Service. This included information on how the Service continues to respond to covid-19 whilst focusing on delivering frontline services.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee considered and noted the contents of the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure Services dated May 2021, submitted)

Councillor Jim Findlay left the meeting during the foregoing item.

8. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO) UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided an update on the progress of the Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) process, background on the current backlog of TROs and impact of the statutory Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTRO) and Traffic Notices on progression of permanent TROs.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee considered and noted the update on Traffic Regulation Order progress.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Infrastructure Services dated May 2021, submitted)

*** 9. DUNOON**

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 20/21	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Award 2021/22
				(£758 - eligible costs)	
11	Family Mediation	N/A	£10,000	£2,500	No Award

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Riverbank Bird Hide,
Kilmun

2. noted and considered the extension to the reporting timescales for the Annual Performance Report and review guidance with regards to the Strategic Commissioning Plan and Integration Scheme.

(Reference: Report by Stephen Whiston - Head of Strategic Planning & Performance

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee approved the grant as detailed in the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth dated May 2021, submitted)