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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **MID ARGYLL KINTYRE & ISLAY AREA COMMITTEE** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY** on **WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2006** at **10:00 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Nigel Stewart
Director of Corporate Services

BUSINESS

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EXEMPT SECTION

The Committee will be asked to pass a resolution in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public for items of business with an "E" on the grounds that it is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part I of Schedule 7a to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

The appropriate paragraph is:-

Paragraph 9

Any terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods or services.

- E1 20. ARGYLL COMMUNITY TRUST - LEASE OF FIELDS, KILMORY HOME FARM**
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MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & ISLAY AREA COMMITTEE

Councillor Rory Colville	Councillor Robin Currie	Councillor John Findlay (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Alison Hay	Councillor Donald Kelly	Councillor Donald MacMillan
Councillor John McAlpine	Councillor Alastair McKinlay (Chair)	Councillor Bruce Robertson

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MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL KINTYRE & ISLAY AREA COMMITTEE held in the THE MEMBERS ROOM, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD on WEDNESDAY, 25 JANUARY 2006

Present: Councillor Alastair McKinlay (Chair)

Councillor Rory Colville	Councillor Robin Currie
Councillor John Findlay	Councillor Alison Hay
Councillor Donald Kelly	Councillor Donald MacMillan
Councillor John McAlpine	Councillor Bruce Robertson

Attending: Deirdre Forsyth, Area Corporate Services Manager
Nigel Stewart, Director of Corporate Services
Donnie McLeod, Roads and Amenity Services Manager
Richard Kerr, Senior Development Control Officer
Patrick Mackie, Area Environmental Health Manager
Katie McKenzie, Area Committee Assistant

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 7 DECEMBER 2005

The minutes of the meeting of 7 December 2005 were approved.

4. YELLOW BOOK - ACTION PLAN

The Committee discussed the now completed Yellow Book report along with the property options in Campbeltown.

Decision

The Committee agreed:

1. That the option of reusing the Christian Institute, the Burnett Building and the Town Hall as Council office accommodation be pursued.
2. To otherwise endorse the conclusions and recommendations in the Campbeltown and Kintyre Strategy.
3. To refer the Strategy to the Strategic Policy Committee for formal adoption by Argyll and Bute Council.
4. To request that the Strategic Policy Committee consider the resource implications for the Council of implementing the Strategy and including the appropriate amounts in the budgets over the five year life of the Action Plan.

5. That, subject to the concurrence of Argyll and the Islands Enterprise and Communities Scotland, the Kintyre Initiative Working Group be asked to discuss and recommend to the Area Committee the terms of reference for a Steering Group to take forward the Campbeltown and Kintyre Strategy.
6. To move all staff from Dell Road to the Burnett Building following the removal of the Library from that building.
7. That works be carried out to the ground floor of the Town Hall which will enable up to 16 staff to be housed there.
8. That a design study be prepared by Operational Services to provide staff accommodation in the Christian Institute, taking into account parking and storage.
9. That funding for the works referred to in 6, 7 and 8 above, is dealt with as set out in paragraph 3.6 of the report by the Area Corporate Services Manager and accordingly that the Strategic Policy Committee be recommended to agree the ring-fencing of the capital receipt/lease income for the Dell Road property.

(Reference – Report by Development Projects Manager dated 25 January 2006, submitted and Report by Area Corporate Services Manager dated 25 January 2006, tabled).

As arising therefrom it was agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy Committee that the post of Museums Officer be retained.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered and dealt with the applications for planning permission as detailed below.

1. **05/01957/OUT**
G McNaughton. Outline planning permission. Residential Development. Laggan, Kilmartin.

Decision

That planning permission be granted as a 'minor departure' to the provisions of the development plan, subject to the standard outline conditions and reasons listed in the report by the Head of Planning dated 10 January 2006.

2. **05/02063/OUT**
W.C. & M.I. Wood. Outline planning permission. Erection of single detached dwellinghouse and septic tank Land East of Gleann A Gaidh, by Portnahaven, Isle of Islay.

Decision

That the application be continued to a site inspection with powers to make a decision, to take place on Monday 20 February 2006.

3. **05/02116/OUT** This planning application was withdrawn.
4. **05/02120/OUT** This planning application was withdrawn.
5. **05/02121/OUT** This planning application was withdrawn.
6. **05/02263/DET**
Scottish Water. Detailed planning permission. Installation of temporary above ground sewerage apparatus and compounds. Land at Kinloch Park, Kinloch Road, Campbeltown.

Decision

That temporary planning permission be granted subject to the conditions and reasons stated in the report by the Head of Planning dated 10 January 2006.

(Reference – Reports by Head of Planning dated 10 January 2006, submitted).

7. DELEGATED DECISIONS

The Committee noted the decisions issued by the Director of Development Services dated 13 December 2005.

(Reference – Report by Director of Development Services dated 13 December 2005, submitted).

8. STREET NAMING

The Committee considered the proposed names for the new developments at Ardminish, Isle of Gigha and the site of the former Dalaruan hall, Campbeltown.

Decision

1. That the north site development on Gigha be named 'Raon Mor'.
2. That the south site development on Gigha be named 'Grianich'
3. That the site of the former Dalaruan hall be named 'Glenburn Court'

(Reference – Report by Area Corporate Services Manager dated 25 January 2006).

9. TELEPHONE KIOSK SITED AT ACHNAMARA

The Committee were informed that the public payphone service will cease at the telephone kiosk sited at Achnamara and it will be removed in order to allow for redevelopment of the site.

Decision

Members noted the contents of the letter.

(Reference – Letter from BT dated 14 December 2005, submitted).

10. KILCHATTAN PRIMARY SCHOOL - REVISED HOLIDAYS

Kilchattan Primary School have requested that their 5 local holidays and on of their in-service days be altered in order to bring them into line with Oban High School's holiday pattern.

Decision

The changes set out in the report were agreed.

(Reference – Report by Head of Community Services dated 15 December 2005, submitted).

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public from the following item of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 6 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

11. KINTYRE TEAROOM, ARKLAND, INVERARAY - DISPOSAL TO SITTING TENANT

At the meeting of the Area Committee on 7 September 2005, Members agreed to sell the Kintyre Tearoom, Inveraray to the sitting tenant subject to a condition that the property should remain as a retail/commercial outlet in future. The Committee were asked if there should be any limitation in the period during which the restriction on use should apply and also to note the purposes for which the Council will permit the property to be used.

Decision

It was agreed that the proposed title condition, which would require the premises to be used as a retail/commercial outlet only and for no other purpose and without prejudice to that generality not to be let in any way or used as holiday or other temporary accommodation or as a dwellinghouse and which would also prohibit any manufacture, trade, business, profession or occupation of any kind from being carried on in the premises with the prior written consent of the Council, should only apply for a period of 5 years from the agreed date of entry and thereafter there should be no requirement for the owner of the Kintyre Tearoom to make any payment to the Council in the event that planning permission for change of use of the premises is granted.

(Reference – Report by Head of Legal and Protective Services dated 18 January 2006, submitted).

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF MID ARGYLL PARTNERSHIP
held in DALRIADA HOUSE, LOCHGILPHEAD
on Monday 21st November 2005

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from:

John McAlpine, Colin Hossack, Bruce Robertson, Marion Thompson, John Downie, Donnie MacMillan, Marilyn Dunn and Eric Box.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 6 SEPTEMBER 2005

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2005, were approved subject to an amendment to paragraph two of 6(c) which should read 'is being set up', not 'has been set up'.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3 - 11a Japanese Knotweed

Copies of the Council's policy for 'The control of injurious or invasive weeds' along were distributed.

Councillor Hay will ask Councillor Banks for an up-date on the national discussion on this matter.

The digging the verges of the A82 leading into Lochgilphead has caused disturbance of the weeds root system and BEAR[or any other contractor] have a legal responsibility to ensure that there is no spread by the transfer of the root system from one area to another.

It was noted that the root system must be burnt on site and the remains double bagged.

Andy Buntin informed the meeting that the Torinturk by pass is now complete but that as the existing contractors were originally given a 9 month 'route contract' there will still be some usage of the old route until either the contract runs out or until an existing one is altered. Any new contract will be for the new route and the amount of usage of the road is to be limited in the winter months. There is no intention of this being a circular route and therefore the use of the Torinturk road should decrease.

With regard to the pedestrian route from Lochgilphead to Castleton, Andy Buntin from the Forestry Commission said he would look into this matter.

The man-hole in the middle of the road between Cornwall House and the Victoria Hotel, Barmore Rd, Tarbert has been causing the neighbourhood continual distress with the noise that heavy vehicles make when passing over it.

Jane MacKenzie of Scottish water advised that there is room for another 45 houses to be added to the capacity of the existing system in Tarbert

The support given to Community Councils varies through out Scotland and is explained in a new paper from the Scottish Executive which outlines the 'codes of conduct' etc. This document will be sent out to all community councils in Mid Argyll Kintyre and Islay.

The road at Lochgair has now been resurfaced and the Community Safety Forum will be monitoring any further accidents.

The Mobile police office is out of action at present and it was agreed to ask for an update on both its amended timetable and when it will be back in action.

4. SCOTTISH WATER

Jane McKenzie from Scottish Water introduced her colleague Gemma Morgan. She advised that Scottish Water would be appealing against the refusal of planning permission for the Lochgair scheme. The residents of Lochgair felt that their preferred option of site was not taken seriously by Scottish Water because only cost had been the deciding factor for the site chosen

After discussion, it was agreed that the customers of Scottish Water were not being informed of what is happening and what they are expected to have to do to connect to the sewerage system. In Ardrishaig, the only letter that had been received, asked if the customer wished to be connected, but this had no return address on it. This did not explain that it would be up to each household to pay for and arrange for their own connection. Scottish Water Solutions are only responsible for laying the pipes and a spur to the curtilage each household. Jane said she would look at the current procedures.

Craignish community is still suffering from a lack of social housing and no further building can take place until there is an increase in the water capacity.

Jane explained that there will be a meeting on 30 November to discuss budgets and it is hoped that by January /February a list of future projects will be available. COSLA will write to Argyll and Bute Council requesting a list areas that they wish to prioritise, which will be used in the decision process. It was agreed to request a copy of the council's suggestions to SW to be sent out with the minutes. Jane explained that she felt that the budget would be used mainly to upgrade existing Treatment Works rather than building new ones. She hoped to have all this information for our next Meeting in February.

5. **FORESTRY COMMISSION**

Andy Buntin advised that the new route between Auchindrain and Lochawe is now being used and has proved very successful.

He was asked about a proposed 'Orange' telephone mast that is to be erected at Torinturk. The original plan was to attach on to the existing 'Vodafone' mast but while 'Vodafone' were agreeable with this the Forestry Commission was insisting on an additional mast being erected. Andy said he could not understand this as there are other areas in Argyll where two phone companies share a mast. He will take this matter up with Tony Garman and find out what is the Forestry Commission's policy on this.

Tarbert Community Council took the opportunity to thank the Forestry Commission for all their work and assistance in completing the Tarbert to Southend Long Distance Walk. New information boards are to be sited at Tarbert Harbour and other places indicating the route.

6. **Ardrishaig Community Council**

Ron Bowe explained he will be attending a joint meeting with Lochgilphead Community Council and BEAR to discuss the local sewerage scheme with SW to ensure that problems which have occurred in other areas are not repeated. All involved have found these meetings useful. He will bring to BEAR's attention the Japanese Knotweed problem.

The Community Garden was officially opened on the 19 September by Councillor Bruce Robertson.

The Dalriada Project has been promoting the ownership and management of Robber Den as a community managed trust. They are unable to take on the ownership themselves because the Dalriada Project is Forestry Commission funded. A public meeting has been arranged for Thursday 8 December in Ardrishaig Public Hall at 7.30 in an attempt to form a community trust. Failing this, the land will return to the Crown. Andy Buntin explained that a 'Trust' would be able to apply for funding from Woodlands in and around Towns (WAIT). With regard to the public liability aspect of the project providing adequate signs of warning are displayed and reasonable maintenance can be demonstrated, the Trust would be fulfilling its legal obligations. This advice was passed on from other community councils who have public places within their remit.

Ardrishaig Community Council had opposed the intention in the Local plan of building 50 new houses on a 'greenfield area' and they felt that a local public enquiry was needed. The building of accessible retirement homes was what was most needed in Ardrishaig and brownfield sites could be used for these.

6(b.) **Dunadd Community Council**

No report.

6 (c) **Inveraray Community Council**

No report but a council has now been formed and will be encouraged to attend future meetings. There are plans to upgrade roads and pavements in the town and to remove the bollards meant to stop pedestrians crossing on the corner of Main Street, as this was endangering pedestrians rather than assisting them. Tarbert Community Council will raise this with BEAR as they intend to install bollards in Tarbert against the wishes of the community.

6(d) Lochgilphead Community Council

No report

6(e) South Knapdale

The new village signs have been erected but signs are now required at the School. No improvement in traffic speed has been noticed. Concern has been expressed that the 'Blind Summit' at Kiberry Inn is not highlighted but the community had been informed that it is not normal to indicate 'Blind Summits' on a single track road. Donnie McLeod will be looking at this problem.

6(f) West Lochfyne

Alison Hay advised that the community is still pursuing the purchase of premises for a village shop and has obtained funding. They have also purchased ground from the Forestry Commission in order to upgrade parking facilities.

6(g) Craignish Community Council

The new Village Hall was opened last week and has met with the community's approval. The Church of Scotland is selling ground in the Glebe for affordable housing but the lack of an adequate water supply is hampering the project.

6(h) Furnace Community Council

2006 should be an important year for the village as it is hoped that the extension and refurbishment of the village hall will begin also the building of affordable housing, which will hopefully encourage some young families into the area. This in turn will help increase the roll of the primary school. The friends of Furnace are making good progress in getting work done to main the furnace and in planning for an industrial heritage centre using one of the buildings associated with the furnace.

'Twenty's Plenty' signs will be erected in the new year.

The community have also attended meetings in connection with the re-drawing of the NHS boundaries and have expressed the view that any change should be for the improvement and not the detriment of the health care for the people of Argyll and Bute.

6(i) Tarbert & Skipness Community Council

A pedestrian crossing and traffic calming are an urgent necessity for Tarbert and although all the planning stages have been followed there is still no sign of the work progressing. BEAR have spoken with the Scottish Executive but no reason has been given to the community as to why the work has not started.

- 6 (i) The Boatyard now has new owners and the initial discussions with them have been very encouraging as they are keen to develop the yard into a style sympathetic with the village. A study, which was done some years ago, could be the catalyst to a partnership venture involving various village organisations.

A copy of the letter which was sent to Tarbert Harbour Authority will be circulated with the minutes.

6(j) **North Knapdale**

No report. Only a partial council is formed at present

7. **STRATHCLYDE POLICE**

No report

8. **BRITISH WATERWAYS BOARD**

Deirdre will speak with the new Manager and see if he wishes to be involved with the Mid Argyll Partnership

9. **COMMUNITY CARE AND HEALTH ISSUES**

No report

10. **LOCHGILPHEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE COUNCIL**

No representative appointed yet.

11. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Operational Services.

“No overnight parking” signs have been erected at Achnashellach lay-by and it is proposed to add the lay-by to the list of public highways.

‘Twenty’s Plenty’ signs at Craignish are not on this years programme but will be added when funds become available. Creating a lay-by may cause more problems by forcing householders who park in that area to park else where.

Donnie McLeod will be discussing the problems at Castle Park , Kilmartin with M & K MacLeod

11(b) **Community Services**

Felicity Kelly reported that Raymond Flannigan has been appointed as a full-time Youth Development Worker and he is working with Jane Cowan and the Tarbert Youth Group also with the Lochgilphead JAM group and the Young Carers Group.

The Youth Café at the MAYP is now open each lunch time and is proving successful.

Funding for a part-time Youth Forum worker has been found enabling 5 hours a week to be spent encouraging involvement in the political system with a view to having a representative in the Youth Parliament.

- 11b** The Health group has funding until the end of March to pay for a day a week. Invitations have been sent out to every one involved with health initiatives to a discussion day on 2 December to encourage local involvement. It is hoped to set up a Living Centre type project which will cover an area from Inveraray to Tarbert.

Felicity issued those present with a chart detailing the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management structure and advised how the Community Council's involvement could be beneficial to each area. As only 30% of the Community Councils are members of the Argyll and Bute Community Council Association it was decided that Deirdre would ask that MAP be added to the mailing list of the CCP Management minutes.

The Child Protection training committee are offering all organisations free training for all those who work with children. Felicity will add the Community Councils to her mailing list.

A Funding Road Show will be touring Argyll and Bute in the new year and will be in Lochgilphead Community Centre between 3 -8 p.m. on 3 March 2006 for anyone who is interested in fund raising. Representatives of the Big Lottery will be present.

12. NEXT MEETING

Dates were set for the next 4 meetings as follows
21 February 2006, 23 May 2006, 22 August 2006 and 21 November 2006.
All meetings will be held in Dalriada House, Lochgilphead at 10.30 p.m.

**Islay and Jura Area Liaison Group
30th November 2005
Held at Ionad Chaluim Cille Ile**

Present: Yvonne Willan, Deirdre Forsyth, John Findlay, Robin Currie (Chair) Marie-ann Brown, Jim Bryson, John McGillivray, Andrew D MacLeod, Angus Rice, Len Powell, John Cameron, Felicity Kelly, Catriona Bell, Donnie MacLeod, Sharon McHarrie

1.APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Freddie Bell, Joy Prentice, Willie MacDonald, Alex Dunnachie, Sharon Hoverty, Anne Clark, Domhnall Angaidh MacLennan, Eleanor McNab

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 17th February were approved.

Matters Arising

Scottish Water – Concerns were raised at the fact that Scottish Water are unable to provide water to any new build houses. It was agreed that Councillors Findlay and Currie would take this back to Argyll and Bute Council and ask them to make this area a priority.

Port Askaig Pier re-development – The second phase is likely to start on site in March/April 2006.

3 CAL-MAC

Concern was raised within the group that the current state of the pier at Port Ellen was not acceptable. Passengers have to walk on and off the car ramp in order to gain access to the ferry. This is due to repairs required to the pier decking. Deirdre Forsyth will write to Cal-Mac to ascertain what their future plans are for the pier. There has been no confirmation of whether or not the shoulder time-table is to run next year between the start and end of the summer timetable. Deirdre Forsyth will check Cal-Mac's web-site to see what next year's time-table will be. Deirdre is also looking into Young Scot card holders getting a discount on Cal-Mac ferries and Loganair.

4 CAR PARKING IN BOWMORE

Various options were discussed as to the best way to alleviate the parking problems. It was agreed that the Community Council would hold a meeting with the roads department as soon as possible to discuss the alternatives.

5 BRUICHLADDICH PIER UPDATE/ DUICH BRIDGE

Bruichladdich pier

Jim Bryson from ABC development services advised the group that work was due to be finished by the end of January . The work has been delayed due to inclement weather. Concerns were raised that the pier would not be usable by small boats but Mr Bryson re-assured the group that this had been taken into consideration when the plans had been drawn and the pier would be accessible to all. Argyll and Bute Council are currently trying to get quotes to enable them to erect a hardstanding from the road to the pier that would give access to vehicles to launch small boats.

Duich bridge

Mr Bryson also advised that the bridge at Duich should be finished at the end of January .

The cost of both projects has been approximately £3 million.

6 HOUSING STOCK TRANSFER

Yvonne Willan, Area Housing Manager (Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay) gave a brief presentation on the Council housing stock transfer. The first stage of the consultation has now been finished with 36.5% of tenants on Islay being surveyed as to whether or not they would agree to the transfer. 80% of these tenants have indicated that they would. The postal ballot has now been sent out to all tenants and the result of this should be known by the 15th December. If the tenants vote 'yes' then the transfer will take place between March and August 2006.

West Highland Housing Association are now building 18 more houses in Port Charlotte.

7 COUNCIL AND OTHER REPORTS.

Felicity Kelly – Area Community Education Learning and Regeneration Manager outlined some of the projects that are taking place on Islay just now. Sharon Hoverty is doing training on 'steps to excellence' to help young people to gain self esteem and confidence. Catherine Dobbie is currently undertaking a project called exel[XL] which works with S3 and S4 pupils to help them to develop practical skills. FUSIONS have given schools funding to help them encourage healthy living; unfortunately, this is only funded until June 2006. A football coach has been appointed through Stramash and will be conducting a course in January. A shinty coach is also to be appointed. In March 2006, Argyll and Bute Council will be holding a grants road show to assist voluntary organisation to access funding. Felicity Kelly also advised the group of a new Festivals and Events grants that is available from Argyll and Bute Council.

8 AOB

The community safety forum has been awarded £3000 to use to support small scale community safety projects. The criteria for applications are attached to the minutes.

The Scottish Executive is reviewing Community Councils. Deirdre Forsyth will report back on the discussions which she will be having on 15th December with the other ACSMs re this topic.

Crofting Communities Development Scheme – under this new scheme, crofting communities can apply for money to help with skip services.

Port Askaig Pier – has been awarded the Saltire award which is an award for building and design construction.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2nd March 2006

KINTYRE INITIATIVE WORKING GROUP
held in COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL, CAMPBELTOWN
on MONDAY 12th DECEMBER 2005
at 10.00 a.m.

Councillor Donald Kelly opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking everyone for attending the December Meeting of the Kintyre Initiative Working Group.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Eleanor Scott MSP, Catherine Ralston, Ivor Robertson, Lesley McFadyen, David Adams McGilp Forestry Commission, Councillor John McAlpine, Ken Abernethy and Jane McKenzie Scottish Water.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th October 2005 were approved apart from page 2 Farming should read "First Milk are being asked to go for regional pricing of milk".

3. UPDATE ON INITIATIVES/PRIORITIES AND THEMES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Dunfermline Car Club – Dunfermline Car Club have a route identified and are in the process of securing funding. They hope to attend an early meeting in the new year.

Campbeltown to Machrihanish Railway Walk – Funding has yet to be identified to pay for land ownership searches.

Fessenden Project – Laggan Community Council and Campbeltown Community Council are pursuing this project. It is reported that a memorial will be erected in mid summer 2006 to commemorate Fessenden and Councillor Donald Kelly will keep the Group informed of progress as and when he receives it.

Kite Festival –The Dalintober and Millknowe Group are organising a Kite Festival for next year.

Westport – Kilkenzie and Tangy Residents Association have applied for funding for various improvements at Westport. They are hoping to install interpretation panels at Westport and Machrihanish Golf Club. Access issues have to be resolved but a new access to the beach is being considered.

4. UPDATE/REPORT ON NEW GOLF COURSE

Work on the golf course is hoped to commence in January 2006.

5. SCOTTISH WATER REPORT

Jane McKenzie from Scottish Water was unfortunately unable to attend this meeting but hoped to come to give an update on the Scottish Water situation.

6. TOURISM/LEISURE INITIATIVES

Joan Inglis explained the 8% decrease in the figures at Tarbert are mainly due to coach parties alternating their route every year. The figures relate to footfall into the TIC. Campbeltown has shown a sustained growth in figures, as they are not so dependant on coach trips. Joan advised the Group that accommodation bookings are well down throughout the area and in Scotland due to more people booking online.

An annual survey has been carried out which will be presented to the next meeting. A copy of James Fraser's recent presentation to the council on changes in Visitscotland is attached to this minute for information.

Joan Inglis is now known as the Tourist Information Services Executive, which will mean she will not be able to attend as many meetings. Councillor Donald Kelly thanked Joan for her update and attending.

Kintyre Way – John Bakes gave the Group an update on progress on the Kintyre Way. Things are moving along with 98% of landowners entering into path agreements. The remaining 2% of the route can be covered by alternative routes until or if agreement is reached.

Lack of mobile phone coverage in Southend was discussed with the Group being informed about the HIE initiative for mobile phone coverage. It was agreed to write to HIE, AIE, Vodafone and O2 for clarification. There is a mast on Robert Miller's land, which could be used for the mobile phone mast and which would cover much of the area in question.

7. FERRY INITIATIVES

The outcome of the tendering process is expected shortly.

8. AIRSHOW 22nd – 23rd July 2006

Next years Airshow is progressing well. The Display Director, Jeff Salter from Ireland, has been appointed. The next meeting will be held at the end of January when it is hoped that the Subgroup will know what RAF participation they have.

9. TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES, TARBERT/A83

Scrub Cutting on A83 Trunk Road

It was noted that funding has been identified for scrub cutting for next year.

Traffic Calming Measures/ Tarbert

George Lyon MSP has still not received a reply from the Transport Minister. Strathclyde Police are supportive of a crossing but say it does not fit the guidelines to have one installed. It was agreed to contact Inspector Sutherland to ascertain whether, if Brunswick Street was closed off, would this satisfy the guidelines.

The Group learnt that BEAR have lost the contract for the N.W. region from 1st April with Balfour Beattie being the successful contractor.

Car Parking/ Tarbert harbour

The Area Committee will receive a report on the possibility of car parking at Tarbert Harbour. The need to work with the new owner of Tarbert boatyard was emphasised. A copy of discussion points prepared by Ian McIntyre was circulated and is attached to this minute for information.

10. FARMING REPORT/INITIATIVES

Robert Millar raised the issue of a slaughterhouse or mobile slaughterhouse for the area. He will report back on any progress.

11. WRITTEN REPORTS FROM COUNCIL SERVICES, JOB CENTRE PLUS, ARGYLL COLLEGE, JAMES WATT COLLEGE AND A.I.E.

Roads & Amenity Services -Ian Fawcett circulated a report from Roads & Amenity Services a copy of which is attached to the minutes.

Disabled parking markings was raised again with Ian Fawcett advising Maryanne Stewart that they are waiting for the Yellow Book study. It was agreed to ask Donnie McLeod for an update.

Jobcentre Plus – There are currently 99 Males and 42 Females unemployed.

Argyll College – Copy of the report is attached to this minute for information.

James Watt College – No report.

A.I.E.- No report.

12. CAMPBELTOWN AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE ITEMS

- a) Loganair Ltd – Figures were circulated and a copy is attached. It was agreed to write to Loganair to ascertain whether and when the SAAB 340/360 will be used on the Campbeltown to Glasgow route.
- b) Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd – The monthly figures were discussed and a copy is attached.
- c) Defence Estates – No report.

13. INITIATIVES/PRIORITIES AND THEMES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.

The Yellow Book report has now been received and it was agreed to send a copy to the regular attendees. It was decided that there is no need to set up another body to take forward the suggested action plan, and this will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Banners – A letter from Bushmills were circulated to the Group, which involved banners on the lampposts detailing history of the area. It was suggested that different banners could be used at different times of the year. A letter was received from Jim Mather MSP regarding The Scotland Fund, which this project could be eligible to apply to. It was decided to write inviting Jim Mather MSP to give the Group an update on The Scotland Fund.

Opportunity Kintyre – no announcement to date.

A group is being formed to look at Dalintober Quay, as Council no longer requires this.

14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 6th February 2006 at 10.00 a.m. in the Town Hall, Main Street, Campbeltown.**

SEDERUNT SHEET**KINTYRE INITIATIVE WORKING WORKING GROUP****12 DECEMBER 2005**

Name	Organisation
Ian Fawcett	Argyll and Bute Council
Derrick Lang	H.I.A.L.
George Lyon	M.S.P.
Sheena MacAllister	E.K.C.C.
Leslie K. Howarth	Vestas – Celtic
Aileen MacLennan	Campbeltown Courier
Gordon Caskie	W.K.C.C.
Jim Martin	C.C.C.
Joan Inglis	VisitScotland
Paul Convery	Argyll and Bute Council
Robert Millar	Kintyre N.F.U.
Douglas Robertson	Tarbert and Skipness Community Council
M A Stewart	A.C.V.S.
Rory Colville	Councillor - Argyll and Bute Council
Alastair McKinlay	Councillor – Argyll and Bute Council
Donald Kelly	Chairman, Councillor, Argyll and Bute Council
Deirdre Forsyth	Argyll and Bute Council – Corporate Services
Linsay MacPhail	Argyll and Bute Council - Corporate Services
John Bakes	Southend Community Council
Ian Y Macintyre	Tarbert Harbour Authority

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**NOTE OF BUSINESS MEETING OF MID ARGYLL KINTYRE AND ISLAY
AREA COMMITTEE HELD IN THE VIDEO CONFERENCE ROOM,
DALRIADA HOUSE ON WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY 2006 AT 10:30AM**

Present: Councillor Alastair McKinlay (Chair)

Councillor Rory Colville	Councillor Donald Kelly
Councillor Robin Currie	Councillor Donald MacMillan
Councillor Alison Hay	Councillor John McAlpine
Councillor John Findlay	

Apologies: Councillor Bruce Robertson

Attending: Deirdre Forsyth, Area Corporate Services Manager
Nigel Stewart, Director of Corporate Services
Donnie McLeod, Roads and Amenity Services Manager
Richard Kerr, Area Team Leader Development Control
Alex Taylor, Area Service Manager
Yvonne Willan, Area Housing Manager
Felicity Kelly, Area Community Education Learning &
Regeneration Manager
Sandy MacTaggart, Head of Facilities
Patrick Mackie, Area Environmental Health Manager
Kevin Williams, Development Projects Manager
Jenny Carlile, Conservation Design Officer

AQUALIBRIUM

Before the business on the agenda was considered Sandy MacTaggart provided Members with an update on Aqualibrium. He reported that the completion date has slipped by 8 weeks from 15 January 2006 to 13 March 2006. This has a knock on effect on the date for the opening, so that it can fit in with the official opening by Jack McConnell, which will take place on 2 June 2006.

Manual staff will start their induction training in the Town Hall on 27 February 2006 and an audit will be undertaken by Sandy and Logie Collins on 9 March followed by intense training on safety and management. Following this, an operational audit will take place on 26 April 2006 and then on 11 May 2006 Members and senior Officers of the Council along with the press will be invited to attend Aqualibrium in order to see it finished and functioning.

1. STREET NAMING

Deirdre explained to the Members that in the 3 other decentralised areas, the street naming process is delegated to the Area Corporate Services Manager in consultation with the local Member to agree a new street name proposed by a developer.

It was agreed that Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay would follow this process in future and if the local Member has doubts or anxieties about the proposed name only then would a report be made to the Area Committee.

2. KINTYRE WAY

As the map for the Kintyre Way has not yet be finalised it was agreed to carry this forward to a future meeting.

3. MAKI JOINT FUTURE GROUP

Alex Taylor explained to the Members that the MAKI Joint Futures Group is a partnership between the Council, Health, Voluntary Organisations and Housing which will design and manage local services. The Kintyre Re-design Group which is chaired by Josephine Stojak feeds information to the Joint Futures Group.

It was suggested that it would be useful to have 3 representatives from the MAKI area on the Group; one from Mid Argyll, one from Islay and one from Kintyre. After a short discussion it was agreed that these representatives would be –

Councillor Alison Hay
Councillor John Findlay
Councillor Rory Colville

The committee then went on to discuss the new hospital which is currently being built in Lochgilphead. The hospital steering group asked that the Area Committee be consulted and ideas fed back to them. The Members decided that a long name would not be appropriate but the integrated care it will be providing should be recognised so it was decided to suggest MID ARGYLL HOSPITAL with a by-line of Integrated Care Centre.

4. YELLOW BOOK

Kevin Williams stated to the Group the key issues identified in the Yellow Book report and explained that the conclusions and recommendations outlined in the report are generally realistic. The main issues outlined are:

- Masterplan for the town centre
- Submission for regeneration scheme (CARS)
- Office accommodation (reuse existing buildings)
- Set up a steering group to assist the process

Jenny Carlile then explained to the Group that a bid has been submitted to Historic Scotland for £382,500 to which will be added Council funding of £282,500 (to include a Project Officer) and AIE funding of £100,000.

Nigel then went on to talk to the Group about the property options in Campbeltown. It was noted that there is £159,000 capital in future years for the Burnett Building.

The Yellow Book report proposed a new build in Campbeltown for all staff to be housed under one roof which would cost in excess of £5m. However, after consideration it was agreed that it would be more cost effective to reuse existing buildings and sell surplus buildings such as Dell Road. It will be recommended that the SPC will allow all capital receipts or income stream from these buildings to be ringfenced to use for property in Campbeltown.

Kevin then explained to the Group that the steering group to be set up could be like the one which was set up in Helensburgh which comprised of 2 Councillors, 1 Community Councillor, 1 member of the Traders Association, 1 member of the Chamber of Commerce and an independent Chair recruited through the local paper.

It was then determined by the Group that the recommendations in the Campbeltown Property Options report and the Campbeltown and Kintyre Strategy Report should be adopted.

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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING

**APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & ISLAY
AREA COMMITTEE AT THEIR MEETING ON 8 FEBRUARY 2006**

1. 05/02241/OUT Andrew James Woodhouse. Outline. Erection of one dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank. Land at Glenreasdale House, Whitehouse by Tarbert.

Recommendation

That planning permission be granted subject to the standard outline planning conditions and reasons and the conditions and reasons stated in the report by Head of Planning dated 16 January 2006.

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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
PLANNING APPLICATION REPORT
MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND ISLAY

Local Member - Councillor John McAlpine
Date of Validity - 18.11.05
Committee Date - 08.02.06

Reference Number: 05/02241/OUT
Applicants Name: Andrew James Woodhouse
Application Type: Outline
Application Description: Erection of one dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank
Location: Land at Glenreasdale House, Whitehouse by Tarbert

(A) THE APPLICATION

(i) Development Requiring Express Planning Permission:

- Site for the erection of one dwellinghouse with means of access to be considered at outline stage, but with details in regards to siting, materials and design to be reserved for subsequent approval;
- Improvements to existing private road;
- Installation of single septic tank with all details reserved for subsequent approval.

(ii) Other Aspects of the Proposal:

- Connection to public water main.

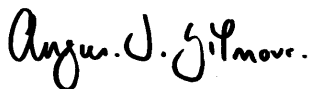
(C) RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that planning permission be granted subject to the standard outline planning conditions and reasons and the conditions and reasons attached.

(D) DETERMINING ISSUES AND MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

This proposal is an outline application for the erection of a single dwellinghouse and septic tank within an overgrown garden area. The site, which is very well screened and will not be prominent within the wider landscape, is served via an existing unmade private access road leading up from the A83 and currently serving the village hall, two farms and a number of residential properties. Development of the site would be consistent with adopted local plan policy. There are no objections from consultees.

Objections have been received from four households in respect of the current proposal, largely on the grounds that the proposal may lead to further development, that the existing access is unsuitable to accommodate further development, that existing infrastructure would be damaged during construction and that the proposed development would be harmful to the environment and to the character of the area. Two further letters request access improvements to be incorporated in any permission.



Angus J Gilmour
Head of Planning
16 January 2006

Author: Tim Williams (01546) 604084

Contact Officer: Richard Kerr (01546) 604080

CONDITIONS AND REASONS RELATIVE TO APPLICATION 05/02241/OUT

4. Any details pursuant to Condition 1(a) above shall show a dwelling of local traditional design and finish and shall incorporate the following elements:-
- (i) The dwelling shall be single or 1½ storeys in height.
 - (ii) The window openings shall have a strong vertical emphasis.
 - (iii) The walls shall be finished in a recessive grey cement render or local dark grey natural stone.
 - (iv) The roof shall be symmetrically pitched to at least 37 degrees and be finished in natural slate or a good quality substitute slate.
 - (v) The building shall be of a general rectangular shape and gable ended.
 - (vi) Any porches or dormers (which are encouraged in the design) shall have traditional "peaked" roofs.
 - (vii) Details of the proposed finished floor level of the dwelling relative to an identifiable fixed datum located outwith the application site.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity, to reflect/retain the vernacular building traditions of the area and the existing settlement pattern.

5. No trees within the application site shall be lopped, topped or felled or uprooted without the prior written consent of the Planning Authority.

Reason: The landscape features to be protected are important to the appearance and character of the site and the surrounding area and are required to successfully integrate the proposal with its surroundings.

6. Details pursuant to condition 1 above shall include a detailed survey of all trees on the site. The survey shall be displayed on a site layout plan and shall include an identification of the existing tree species, an estimation of their height and spread of branches and their location within the site accurately plotted (any trees around the site which over-hang onto the site should also be included). Those trees which it is proposed to fell or remove shall be separately identified.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity and to safeguard as many trees on the site as possible.

7. No development shall be commenced until the existing private road from its junction with the A83 to the site of the proposed development has been repaired, improved and made safe to a specification to be submitted and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The detailed specification, which shall indicate that all existing 'pot-holes' shall be filled, shall indicate the location and size of proposed passing places, and the extent of proposed surfacing and any proposed drainage improvements. The road improvement works required by the agreed specification shall be implemented to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority before any building works pursuant to the erection of the dwelling commences.

Reason: In the interests of road safety and to ensure that the access road is of a suitable standard to serve the proposed development.

8. Prior to work starting on site full details of a turning area and parking provision for 2 vehicles within the curtilage of the dwellinghouse drawn up in consultation with the Area Roads Manager shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The parking and turning area shall be provided prior to the occupation of the dwellinghouse.

Reason: In the interests of road safety.

Note to the Applicant

Regard should be had to the attached consultation response from Scottish Water in respect of the proposed development.

APPENDIX RELATIVE TO APPLICATION 04/01946/OUT

A. POLICY OVERVIEW

Kintyre Local Plan 1985 & First Review 1988

Policy STRAT 4 – establishes a presumption in favour of small scale development in the countryside with various exceptions, none of which apply to the current proposal.

Policy STRAT 4A – states, insofar as it relates to the application site, that all proposals for development within the Kintyre countryside will be examined in terms of infrastructure and servicing implications.

Policy HO 9 – supports infill, rounding off and redevelopment within existing clusters of development outwith those specific settlements identified in Policy HO 6A (which includes Whitehouse), provided that there are no servicing or environmental constraints.

Interim Development Control Policy Relating to Roads and Private Ways 2001

Policy TA 3 - The relative standard, condition and function of a private road will determine the scale nature and configuration of development which will be acceptable. New housing development taking access off private roads may be required to provide for commensurate improvements to access where local road safety conditions are sub-standard.

B. OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

(i) Site History

None relevant to current site. Adjacent land has the benefit of outline planning permission for three dwellings – Granted 21.01.05, Ref. 04/01946/OUT

(ii) Consultations

SNH – No objection but suggests measures to minimise possible impact upon surrounding woodland (21.12.05)

Area Roads – No objection subject to conditions regarding parking provision and access improvements (12.12.05)

Scottish Water – No objection subject to comments (30.11.05)

HIA – No objection (28.11.05)

SEPA – No response to date.

(iii) Publicity

The proposal has been advertised under Article 9 of The Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) (Scotland) Order 1992. The closing date for representations under this advertisement was the 16th December 2005.

Objections have been received from four households in respect of the current proposal: D. F. Evamy, Glenreasdale House, Whitehouse; William & Caroline Murdoch, Old Schoolhouse, Whitehouse; H. W. Paterson, South Lodge, Whitehouse; and Gordon & Janet Cameron, The Old School, Whitehouse. Two further letters have been received from W. Kenneth Souden, Dougie's Croft, Whitehouse and Ronald Webster, Glenreasdale House, Whitehouse, stating that there is no objection to this proposal provided that the existing access is suitably improved.

The points of objection received are summarised below:

- The existing access road is in extremely poor condition and is badly drained. Any further development off this road will worsen its condition and seriously affect its usage by existing residents.

Comment: The Area Roads Engineer has not raised any objection to this proposal subject to the imposition of planning conditions requiring the improvement and repair of this access road. These improvements would require, at least in part, to be implemented before any construction work commences.

- Ownership of land and access to the front of Glenreasdale House is disjointed and may not be in the control of the applicant.

Comment: This is not a material planning consideration and no evidence has been provided to substantiate this claim. The applicant has served notice upon the stated owners of the application site.

- Planning permission has already been granted for three dwellings on an adjacent site. Further residential development would threaten the fragile existing infrastructure and be architecturally unacceptable. This could set a trend for developing further land in this vicinity.

Comment: It is considered that the current proposal can be adequately accommodated and served within the wider landscape, in addition to those dwellings previously approved on the adjacent site. Both sites are extremely well screened and located within an existing cluster of development. Any future applications for residential development will be treated on their merits.

- The road is currently subsiding and it is considered that the construction traffic generated by the proposed development is likely to cause a major collapse at the point where the road runs adjacent to Whitehouse Burn. This would immediately cut off the existing dwellings in the upper regions of Arivore Lane from all emergency vehicles and support services. There is no indication as to how these serious and potentially life-threatening problems will be dealt with by the applicant.

Comment: Given the private status of the access, issues relating to maintenance or damage are civil rather than planning matters. Improvements to the access commensurate with the additional traffic associated with one further dwelling can be required by planning condition.

- Argyll and Bute Council have ceased refuse collections from properties beyond the Village Hall due to the poor condition of the road. The refuse collection point is at the Village Hall and the increase in domestic refuse generated by the proposed new properties will lead to an increase in vermin. Any increase in the number of wheelie bins would reduce the amount of parking at the Village Hall.

Comment: This is not a material planning consideration. Matters relating to public health are controlled under separate environmental legislation. Encroachment onto private land is a civil matter.

- The drainage on either side of the existing road is broken or non-existent, resulting in flooding currently being experienced during heavy rainfall.

Comment: It is not considered that the development of an additional dwellinghouse will significantly (if at all) exacerbate any existing problems caused by flooding from surface water run-off. No objections to this proposal have, to date, been received from SEPA.

- The contents from the existing septic tank outfall run through our garden before reaching the burn. We do not wish any further discharges either through our garden or to the burn. We consider that the ground is at saturation point with regard to outfalls from septic tanks.

Comment: It is proposed to serve the new development by a new single septic tank. The exact details of the proposed foul water disposal are matters to be reserved for future consideration. No objections to this proposal have, to date, been received from SEPA.

- The applicant objected to the previous proposal to develop adjacent land and must have known about their own plans for development at that time. This represents a complete turnaround of opinion.

Comment: This is not a planning matter.

- A barn owl site exists on land adjacent to the site and there have been sightings of nightjars. The proposed development may well disturb these breeding birds.

Comment: There have been no objections raised by S.N.H. following a site visit to assess the proposal following receipt of these claims.

C. ASSESSMENT

This proposal is an outline application for the erection of a single dwellinghouse and septic tank. The development site measures approximately 0.45 hectares (1.1 acres) in area and is located within a cluster of buildings, immediately to the south east of Glenreasdale House, to the south of Arivore Lodge and to the west of Arivore Farm. The application site is an area of overgrown and untended garden land bounded to the north, west and south by mature trees and hedges. The site is very well screened and will not be prominent within the wider landscape.

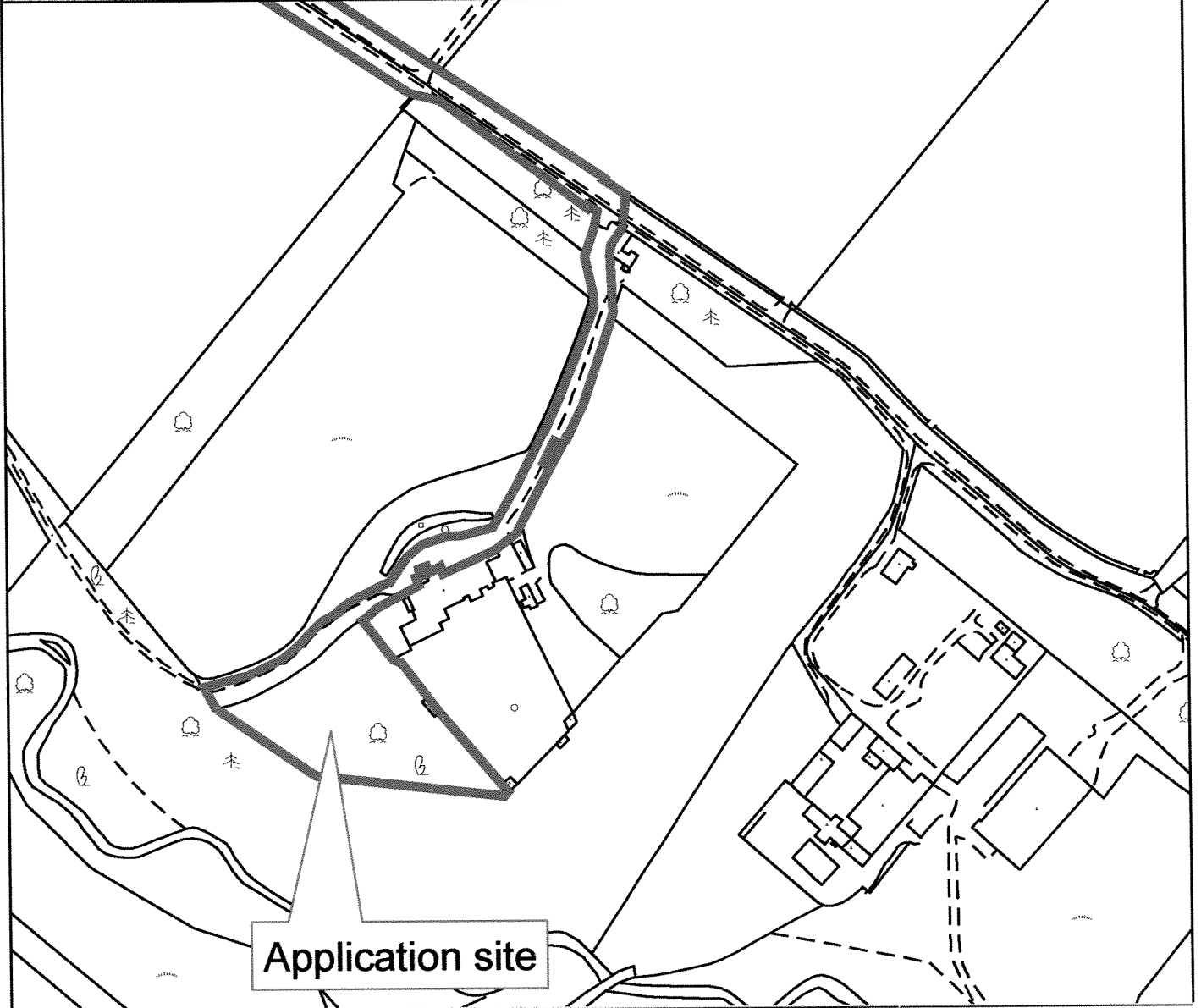
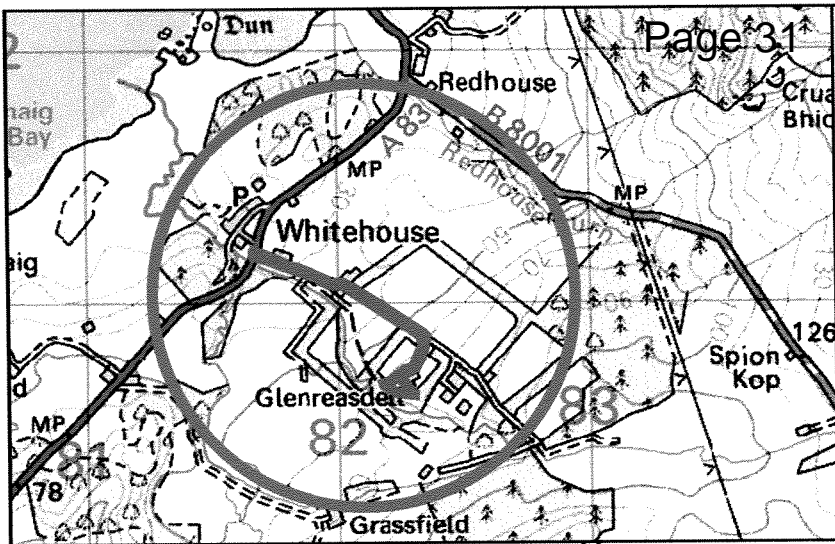
The site is served via an existing private access road leading up from the A83 and currently serving several existing developments including the Village Hall, the Old Schoolhouse, Home Farm, Glenreasdale Lodge and Arivore Farm and Lodge. This accessway is unsurfaced for much of its length and is, in parts, in a poor state of repair. It is proposed that this access be upgraded as part of the development. The Area Roads Engineer has not raised objections to the proposal subject to improvements to the means of access commensurate with the scale of development.

Water supply is to be by connection to the existing public water main supply and foul drainage is to be to a proposed septic tank, the details of which are reserved for future consideration.

Within the context of the Kintyre Local Plan (1st Alteration) 1988, the site is located on the periphery of the settlement, outwith the area of Regional Scenic Coast, although the existing access is, in part, within it. Policy STRAT 4 states that there will be a presumption in favour of small scale residential development in the countryside and that proposals for such development will be examined in terms of infrastructure and servicing implications (STRAT 4A). In addition, Policy HO9 states that where there are existing clusters of development outwith the defined settlements, further housing (including infill, rounding-off and redevelopment) will be encouraged provided there are no servicing or environmental constraints.

It is considered that the erection of a suitably designed dwellinghouse, plus the installation of a single septic tank within this site would not have an adverse environmental impact locally nor erode the landscape setting of the wider area. There are no unacceptable servicing implications as the existing access can be improved to a standard sufficient to serve an additional dwelling, in line with the requirements of the Council's approved Interim Policy regarding Roads and Private Ways which provides for commensurate improvements in such circumstances. It is considered that the proposed development is acceptable having regard to the relevant Local Plan policies, notwithstanding the objections which have been summarised above.

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Location Plan relevant to application no 05/02241/OUT

Date 24.01.06

Drawn by SG



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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
DELEGATED DECISIONS SINCE LAST COMMITTEE
MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND ISLAY**

Application Types:

*ADV App. for Advertisement Consent,
ART4 App. Required by ARTICLE 4 Dir,
CLAWU App. for Cert. of Law Use/Dev. (Existing),
CLWP App. for Cert. of Law Use/Dev. (Proposed),
COU App. for Change of Use Consent,
CPD Council Permitted Dev Consultation,
DET App. for Detailed Consent,
FDP Forest Design Plan Consultation,
FELLIC Felling Licence Consultation,
GDCON Government Dept. Consultation,
HAZCON App. for Hazardous Substances Consent,
HYDRO Hydro Board Consultation,
LIB Listed Building Consent,
LIBECC App. for Consent for ecclesiastical building,
MFF Marine Fish Farm Consultation,
MIN App. for Mineral Consent,
NID Not. of intent to develop app.,
NMA Not. for Non-Material Amnt,
OUT App. for Permission in Principle,
PNAGRI Prior Not. Agriculture,
PNDEM Prior Not. Demolition,
PNELEC Prior Not. Electricity,
PNFOR Prior Not. Forestry,
PNGAS Prior Not. Gas Supplier,
PREAPP Pre App. Enquiry,
REM App. of Reserved Matters,
TELNOT Telecoms Notification,
TPO Tree Preservation Order,
VARCON App. for Variation of Condition(s),
WGS Woodland Grant Scheme Consultation*

Decision Types

*PER Approved
WDN Withdrawn
NOO No Objections
AAR Application Required
CGR Certificate Granted
OBR Objections Raised
PDD Permitted Development
PRE Permission Required
NRR New App. Required*

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App No	Applicant name, address and proposal	Valid date	Decision date	Decision
06/00049/NMA	R A Gilmour Plot E Soroba Road Ardfern Lochgilphead Argyll Non material amendment (siting of LPG tank) relating to 04/02107/DET - erection of dwellinghouse	09/01/2006	17/01/2006	NOO
05/02603/CPD	Argyll And Bute Council Minard Primary School Minard Inveraray Argyll Proposed access improvement works	23/12/2005	12/01/2006	NOO
05/02541/TELCON	Vodafone (UK) Ltd Land At Cruach Na Luib Clachan Tarbert Argyll Installation of additional equipment at existing Vodafone base station	16/12/2005	09/01/2006	NOO
05/02479/NMA	M And K Macleod Ltd Plot 1 To 4 Land Between Westlea And The Rest Campbeltown Road Tarbert Argyll Amendment to window materials relative to consent 03/02034 - Erection of 4 dwelling houses	13/12/2005	12/01/2006	NOO
05/02451/DET	Mrs J Wilmot And Mr W Mitchell Shore Cottage Shore Road Carradale Campbeltown Argyll PA28 6SH Extension to dwelling	19/12/2005	06/01/2006	PER
05/02420/COU	D. Youngman Killean Place 2 George Street Campbeltown Argyll PA28 6EJ Change of use from shop to residential flat	09/12/2005	12/01/2006	PER
05/02418/DET	Mr And Mrs David Mayo Bellgrove Askomil Road Campbeltown Argyll PA28 6EN Internal and window alterations	05/12/2005	03/01/2006	PER
05/02394/DET	Ms Davina Holyoake 2 Hawthorn Lane Bowmore Isle Of Islay PA43 7HR Extension to dwelling and addition of dormers - amended proposal	30/11/2005	30/12/2005	PER

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App No	Applicant name, address and proposal	Valid date	Decision date	Decision
05/02375/DET	William Fairlamb 6 Queen Street Portnahaven Isle Of Islay PA47 7SJ Rear extension to dwelling and installation of oil tank	29/11/2005	13/01/2006	PER
05/02372/DET	Mr And Mrs S. McLellan Land North East Of Ducharnan Kilmichael Glassary Lochgilphead Argyll Erection of a dwellinghouse	28/11/2005	28/12/2005	PER
05/02367/CPD	Glenbarr Primary School School Glenbarr Tarbert Argyll PA29 6UT Form new disabled parking and ramp to front of building	28/11/2005	12/01/2006	NOO
05/02365/ADV	The Royal Bank Of Scotland Royal Bank House Lochpark Carradale Campbeltown Argyll PA28 6SG One signboard and two entrance panels	28/11/2005	28/12/2005	PER
05/02357/CONAC	M And K Macleod Ltd Former Brewery Depot Land To The Rear Of 44 Argyll Street Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8NE Demolition of former brewery distribution shed and lean to store	23/11/2005	16/01/2006	PER
05/02356/DET	Ross Ryan The Power House Crinan Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8SW Refurbishment and extension to existing artist's studio	23/11/2005	28/12/2005	PER
05/02349/COU	Alan Johnston 37 Lochnell Street Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8JL Change of use of ground floor shop to one bedroom flat	23/11/2005	23/12/2005	PER
05/02339/DET	Stewarton Village Hall Committee Stewarton Village Hall Stewarton Campbeltown Argyll Installation of 1200 litre oil tank	18/11/2005	19/12/2005	PER

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App No	Applicant name, address and proposal	Valid date	Decision date	Decision
05/02301/DET	Mr And Mrs A MacLeod Lag-Na-Sith Ardfern Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8QN Extension to dwelling	28/11/2005	28/12/2005	PER
05/02284/DET	Mr And Mrs Prentice 40 Easfield Tarbert Argyll PA29 6TJ Proposed extension and minor internal alterations to flat	10/11/2005	23/12/2005	PER
05/02275/NID	Argyll And Bute Council Eventide Home Gortonvogie Road Bowmore Isle Of Islay PA43 7JB Erection of extension to existing elderly persons residential accommodation	09/11/2005	23/12/2005	PER
05/02240/LIB	Head Of Financial And ITC Services Argyll And Bute Council Kilmory Castle Kilmory Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8RT Installation of wall mounted air external conditioner units	04/11/2005	04/01/2006	PER
05/02235/DET	J McLean And Sons Land Next To Kilmaho Cottage Kilkenzie Campbeltown Argyll Erection of dwelling house	16/11/2005	12/01/2006	PER
05/02226/DET	Campbeltown Hospital Campbeltown Hospital Ralston Road Campbeltown Argyll PA28 6LE Alterations and extension to hospital	15/11/2005	19/12/2005	PER
05/02214/NMA	David Duncan Land South East Of Calliburn Cottage Campbeltown Argyll Non-material amendment relating to 05/01526/DET - Installation of flue	31/10/2005	28/12/2005	NOO
05/02192/DET	Mr Ray Goodman Dunaverty Cottage And Boat House Southend Campbeltown Argyll PA28 6RW Replacement roof covering, garage conversion and extension	27/10/2005	20/12/2005	PER

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App No	Applicant name, address and proposal	Valid date	Decision date	Decision
05/02180/OUT	Mr And Mrs Arthur Robinson Inverliever Cottage Ford Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8RH Site for the erection of dwellinghouse and septic tank	26/10/2005	22/12/2005	PER
05/02179/OUT	Mr And Mrs Arthur Robinson Inverliever Cottage Ford Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8RH Site for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank	26/10/2005	22/12/2005	PER
05/02167/OUT	George A. Burns Ground Adjacent To Ashfield Cottage Achnamara Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8PT Site for a single storey dwelling house	24/10/2005	22/12/2005	PER
05/02164/DET	Steve And Fiona Grycuk 4 Auchentenavail Chalet Tayvallich Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8PW Erection of extension to dwelling house	22/11/2005	22/12/2005	PER
05/02162/CONAC	The Dochas Fund The Shop Campbell Street Lochgilphead Argyll Demolition of The Dochas Centre	25/10/2005	23/12/2005	PER
05/02084/COU	Ms Ann Marie Stitchell Ballygrant Community Hall Ballygrant Isle Of Islay PA45 7QW Change of use of former community hall to dwelling house	25/10/2005	20/12/2005	PER
05/02083/DET	Islay Houses Plot 2 Port Charlotte Lotts Port Charlotte Isle Of Islay Erection of dwelling house	21/10/2005	19/12/2005	PER
05/01950/OUT	Mr And Mrs MacSporran North Carrine Farm Southend Campbeltown Argyll PA28 6RN Erection of dwelling house and siting of 3800 litre septic tank	21/09/2005	16/12/2005	PER

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
DELEGATED DECISIONS SINCE LAST COMMITTEE
MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND ISLAY**

App No	Applicant name, address and proposal	Valid date	Decision date	Decision
05/01898/LIB	P And D Mather 33 Main Street Port Charlotte Isle Of Islay Two storey extension to rear of dwellinghouse	14/09/2005	23/12/2005	PER
05/01860/DET	Mrs Gillian McAllister Plot 2 Land 200m South West Of Auchencorvie Cottages Campbeltown Argyll Erection of dwelling house, installation of septic tank, soakaway and oil tank and creation of access	11/11/2005	16/12/2005	PER
05/01842/DET	Mr And Mrs Mulholland Land North West Of Knockrome Craighouse Isle Of Jura Erection of a dwelling house	07/09/2005	20/12/2005	PER
05/01521/DET	Mr R. Morrison No.1 Kilmichael Of Inverlussa Achnamara Lochgilphead Argyll Erection of extension to dwellinghouse, construction of new decking and installation of new dormer windows	26/07/2005	28/12/2005	PER
05/01259/OUT	Mr And Mrs Carmichael 93 Lennox Street Port Ellen Isle Of Islay PA42 7BW Demolition of workshop and erection of dwellinghouse	22/06/2005	09/01/2006	PER
05/01204/DET	Scott A Moyies Cala Na Sith Glenburn Road Ardrishaig Lochgilphead Argyll PA30 8EU Erection of dwelling house and septic tank	15/06/2005	23/12/2005	PER
03/01264/DET	Dr Madders Natural Research Ltd Carnduncan Farmhouse Gruinart Bridgend Isle Of Islay PA44 7PS Erection of Class 4 office accommodation ancillary to dwelling	03/07/2003	12/01/2006	PER

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CASENO	APPLICANT NAME/PROPOSAL AND SITE ADDRESS	RECEIVED DATE	VETTED DATE	DECISION	DECISION
02/01437/ERD/A	Mr And Mrs Young Land North Of Airdh Skeodnish Kilmartin Lochgilphead Argyll Erection of dwelling house and garage - amendment to warrant reference 02/01437/ERD granted 11th October 2002 - amendments required - alterations to internal layout and formation of external deck to west elevation	29/11/2005	01/12/2005	15/12/2005	WARAPP
03/01631/ERD/B	Kenneth Stark Telephone Exchange Inveraray Argyll PA32 8XH Change of use from BT building to single dwelling - amendment to warrant 03/01631/ERD granted 2nd December 2003 - the rear patio/timber decking has been amended in shape and size	02/12/2005	07/12/2005	14/12/2005	WARAPP
03/01814/EXT/A	Eileen Wilson 15 Meadows Place Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8AB Rear extension to form unheated conservatory and internal alterations to form dining room - amendment to warrant 03/01814/EXT granted 21st October 2003 - conservatory door now opening outwards, step changed to platform	22/08/2005	25/08/2005	06/01/2006	WARAPP
04/00705/ERD	Leslie Welch Ardaitreabh Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8LQ Renovation of existing dwelling house and conversion of barn to living accommodation - Stage 1 - Barn renovation only excluding drainage works.	07/04/2004	19/05/2004	16/12/2005	WARAPP
04/01135/EXT/A	Mr And Mrs James Henderson Feorlinn School Park 1 Carradale Campbeltown Argyll PA28 6QG Single storey rear extension to dwelling house to form shower room and sun lounge - amendment to warrant reference 04/01135/EXT granted 18/08/04 - alteration to oil fired boiler location from internal to external	13/01/2006	16/01/2006	17/01/2006	WARAPP
04/01503/EXT/A	J. Andrew 1 New Quay Isle Of Gigha PA41 7AD Alterations and extension to dwelling to form conservatory - amendment to warrant 04/01503/EXT granted 10th December 2004 - change conservatory from unheated to heated, with all top hoppers openable	04/01/2006	16/01/2006	16/01/2006	WARAPP

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04/01823/ALT/B	Sophie Button Canada View West Clachan Tarbert Argyll PA29 6XW Alteration of rear porch of house to form utility room and toilet - amendment to warrant 04/01823/ALT granted 19th October 2004 - erection of a 1200L oil storage tank and installation of an external oil fired central heating boiler	07/12/2005	08/12/2005	06/01/2006	WARAPP
04/01955/ERD/A	George Brolly Site A And Site B Glassard Scalasaig Isle Of Colonsay Erection of 2 new dwelling houses - amendment to warrant reference 04/01955/ERD granted 24/12/04 - amendments required - drainage as built and omit 1 rooflight to each roof	11/01/2006		16/01/2006	WARAPP
04/02342/EXT	Scott Galloway Lord Of The Isles Craobh Haven Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8UA Extension and alterations to public house to form new toilet facilities.	30/11/2004	06/01/2005	17/01/2006	WARAPP
04/02421/ERD/A	Mr And Mrs MacLundie Plot B Killinochnoch Kilmichael Glassary Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8QE Erection of new ten apartment single storey dwelling house with associated septic tank and filter system - amendment to warrant reference 04/02421/ERD - amendments required - amended drainage routes and internal alterations to bathroom, cloakroom and kitchen	12/01/2006	13/01/2006	13/01/2006	WARAPP
04/02486/EXT/A	Mr And Mrs McArthur Cairnbaan Tarbert Argyll PA29 6YF Erection of a timber framed single storey flat roofed rear extension - amendment to warrant 04/02486/EXT granted 10th January 2005 - addition of larger deck	23/12/2005	29/12/2005	06/01/2006	WARAPP
05/00375/EXT/A	Mrs Mortram Briar Lee Jamieson Street Bowmore Isle Of Islay PA43 7HL Erection of a conservatory - Amendment to warrant 05/00375/EXT granted 08/03/05 - internal partition removed, external door position altered to face west	20/09/2005	05/10/2005	13/01/2006	WARAPP

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05/00407/ERD/A	Charles Cameron Plot East Of Davaar Hillview Terrace Ardrishaig Lochgilphead Argyll Erection of a 5 apt two storey timber framed dwelling house with associated oil storage tank - amendment to warrant reference 05/00407/ERD granted 23.03.05 - layout changes to reflect as built on site	09/01/2006	10/01/2006	10/01/2006	WARAPP
05/00734/ERD	Mr And Mrs J Prentice Land North Of Lochview, Conisby Bruichladdich Isle Of Islay Erection of an 8 apartment single storey timber framed dwelling house with integral garage, septic tank and irrigation system and LPG gas tank.	26/04/2005	05/05/2005	13/01/2006	WARAPP
05/00924/ALTER	Iain Strickland Kilduskland Cottage Glengilp Road Ardrishaig Lochgilphead Argyll PA30 8HF Alterations to dwelling house to provide wheelchair accessible bedroom and shower room	12/05/2005	23/05/2005	14/12/2005	WARAPP
05/01196/ERECDW	M And K Macleod Ltd Phase 6 Baddens Lochgilphead Argyll Erection of 12 new dwelling houses- Stage 1 - foundations, substructure and underground drainage only	18/07/2005	22/07/2005	21/12/2005	WARAPP
05/01271/ALTEXT	Mr And Mrs MacLugash Black Park Farm Bridgend Isle Of Islay PA44 7PL Single storey side extension to form sun lounge and formation of new door access to such	08/08/2005	10/08/2005	20/01/2006	WARAPP
05/01306/ERECDW	Mr And Mrs K MacLennan Taigh Na Seanahair Tayvallich Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8PW Erection of 1+1/2 storey timber framed seven apartment dwelling house - Stage 1 - All stages except underground drainage	17/08/2005	18/08/2005	13/01/2006	WARAPP

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05/01424/ALTEXT	Mr And Mrs R Tanner Raslie House Slockavullin Kilmartin Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8QG Alterations and extension to dwelling house to form additional bedrooms/study and associated ground floor en-suite sanitary facilities	14/09/2005	15/09/2005	13/01/2006	WARAPP
05/01495/DISAB1	William Sloss 122 Ralston Road Campbeltown Argyll PA28 6LQ Single storey extension to form bedroom with en-suite facilities and hallway link to existing dwelling via new enlarged doorway.	30/09/2005	03/10/2005	18/01/2006	WARAPP
05/01576/ERECT	The Dochas Fund Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre Campbell Street Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8JU Demolition of existing and erection of new gallery and shop	19/10/2005	24/10/2005	16/01/2006	WARAPP
05/01589/ERECT	Mr Malcolm Ronald Ormsary Farm Southend Campbeltown Argyll PA28 6RN Erection of Silage Storage Shed and Installation of certified effluent transfer tank	24/10/2005	01/11/2005	21/12/2005	WARAPP
05/01602/ALTER	Mrs C Jones Garra Eallabus Gruinart Bridgend Isle Of Islay PA44 7PP Alterations to dwelling and formation of new chimney stack	27/10/2005	31/10/2005	23/12/2005	WARAPP
05/01637/CONV01	Ardtalla Estates Ltd Ardmore House Kildalton Port Ellen Isle Of Islay PA42 7EF Change of use of garage and store to form a 3 apartment dwelling house	03/11/2005	08/11/2005	21/12/2005	WARAPP

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05/01649/ALTER	Islay Estates Co Bridgend Hotel Bridgend Isle Of Islay PA44 7PJ Alterations to Public Bar	07/11/2005	24/11/2005	21/12/2005	WARAPP
05/01739/ALTER	Mrs Susan McGhie Gartness House Ballygrant Isle Of Islay PA45 7QW Alterations to dwelling to form 2 new windows on ground floor and relocation of bathroom on first floor	06/12/2005	07/12/2005	16/01/2006	WARAPP
05/01743/DISAB1	Mrs M Mason 147 Ralston Road Campbeltown Argyll PA28 6LG Alterations to form disabled platform lift to front door of dwelling.	07/12/2005	09/12/2005	15/12/2005	WARAPP
05/01766/ERECT	Mr And Mrs Hill Rudha-Na-Craige Inveraray Argyll PA32 8XT Erection of an oil storage tank	13/12/2005	15/12/2005	15/12/2005	WARAPP
05/01789/DEMOL	David Colville Brookfield Campbeltown Argyll Demolition of derelict cottage to prepare site for new build	19/12/2005	13/01/2006	17/01/2006	WARAPP
05/01811/EXTEND	Mr Harry Ruttle Killean Lodge Tayinloan Tarbert Argyll PA29 6XF Single storey rear extension to form kitchen, dining area and bathroom	28/12/2005	29/12/2005	11/01/2006	WARAPP

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05/01818/ALTER	Mr D MacDonald 12 Ellary Place Kilmory Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8TZ Alterations to ground floor to accomodate new shower within existing en-suite, and remove storage areas within bedrooms 1 and 2 to create new access to bedroom 1	23/12/2005	04/01/2006	13/01/2006	WARAPP
06/00003/CONV01	Mr And Mrs P Creech Crown Cottage Ford Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8RH Conversion of upper floor store area to form studio apartment	04/01/2006	06/01/2006	06/01/2006	WARAPP
06/00032/ALTER	Mr Donald Anderson Dail Darach Monydrain Road Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8LG Alterations to replace open fire with multi-fuel central heating stove	09/01/2006	10/01/2006	13/01/2006	WARAPP

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ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL
OPERATIONAL SERVICES

MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND ISLAY AREA
COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2006

MAINTAINING SCOTLAND'S ROADS – UPDATE 2005 BUDGET ALLOCATION

1. PURPOSE

This report provides details of the updated calculation of how Roads Maintenance Revenue Budget for 2006 – 2007 will be allocated to the areas and the new method of calculating the Road Reconstruction Capital Expenditure for future years.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That members should note this report.

3. BACKGROUND

The following papers are relevant to this paper: -

Maintaining Scotland's Roads – update 2005	3 rd Nov 2005
Maintaining Scotland's Roads – update of action plan	5 th May 2005
Maintaining Scotland's Roads	9 th Dec 2004

4. SUMMARY

- 4.1 In terms of revenue allocation the re-calculation does not alter the proportion of revenue funding to Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay. See Appendix 1 for details.
- 4.2 The capital funding has been calculated on an area by area basis taking into account the past 3 year national road condition survey. This survey has classified the road condition in terms of rutting, longitudinal profile and surface cracking. The results of this survey are expressed as red, amber and green with green being good and red requiring intervention.
- 4.3 The capital allocation has been assessed by considering the condition survey and this has resulted in a slight increase in allocation to Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay as per Appendix 2.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy – To maintain the Council's Roads.
- 5.2 Financial – Allocation of Capital and Revenue Funding.
- 5.3 Personnel – None.
- 5.4 Equal Opportunities – None
- 5.5 Legal – None

For further information, please contact Donnie McLeod (Tel: 01546 604671).

Stewart Turner
Head of Road and Amenity Services
8TH February 2006

Scottish Executive Formula Applied to Argyll & Bute**Revenue and Capital
1996 Existing Formula**

Local Area	Road Length Km	Population	Equivalent G.A.E.	% Budget	Agreed Allocation
MAKI	780	22200	1258.2	32.07%	30%
OLI	807	18920	1257.22	32.05%	30%
BC	442	24000	838.6	21.38%	23%
HL	220	25700	568.7	14.50%	17%
TOTAL	2249	90820	3922.72	100.00%	100%

Allocation Formula Predicated GAE = 1.3 x Road Length (Km)
+0.011 x Population
(see Appendix 2 Roads and Transportation Committee
25th April 1996)

**Revenue Expenditure
using existing formula
2006 with updated information**

Local Area	Road Length Km	Population	Equivalent G.A.E.	% Budget	Proposed Allocation	Value Estimate
MAKI	790	21743	1266.173	31.54%	30%	£1,826,778
OLI	834	19164	1295.004	32.26%	30%	£1,826,778
BC	449	22590	832.19	20.73%	23%	£1,402,063
HL	242	27809	620.499	15.46%	17%	£1,036,308
TOTAL	2315	91306	4013.866	100.00%	100%	£6,091,927

Capital Expenditure using 2006 New Formula

Local Area	Equivalent Road Length	Population	Equivalent G.A.E.	%	Road Condition %	Proposed Allocation	Value Estimate
MAKI	719	21743	957.803	28.83%	32.20%	31%	£788,330
OLI	818	19164	1028.604	30.96%	39.69%	35%	£890,050
BC	464	22590	712.145	21.43%	19.22%	20%	£508,600
HL	318	27809	623.854	18.78%	8.89%	14%	£356,020
TOTAL	2318	91306	3322.406	100.00%	100.00%	100%	£2,543,000

Notes

Allocation Formula Predicated $GAE = ((\text{Road Surface Area (000m}^2) + 0.011 \times \text{Population}) + (\text{Road Condition\%})) / 2$

2006 Figures taken as follows

Equivalent Road Length = (Road surface area X Road length / Road surface area)

Population 2001 Population Census

Road Condition % 75% of red condition + 25% Amber Condition for each area

Scottish Road Maintenance
Condition Survey

Area Split

	Red	% of Total	Amber	% of Total	75% of red + 25% amber
Mid Argyll Kintyre and Islay	10.69	31.92%	37.52	33.04%	32.20%
Oban Lorn and the Isles	14.71	43.92%	30.63	26.97%	39.69%
Bute and Cowal	5.66	16.90%	29.73	26.18%	19.22%
Helensburgh and Lomond	2.43	7.26%	15.67	13.80%	8.89%
	33.49		113.55		

ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL**MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND ISLAY****OPERATIONAL SERVICES****AREA COMMITTEE****8TH February 2006**

TITLE: Cleanliness Index Monitoring System (CIMS) for Street Cleansing

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to update Members on the Cleanliness Index Monitoring System (C.I.M.S) For Street Cleansing and Validation Reports carried out by the Council and Keep Scotland Beautiful (KSB) up to August 2005. Extracts from the KSB August 2005 survey are enclosed as an appendix.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.2** To note the contents of the Keep Scotland Beautiful report and the actions of Operational Services

3. DETAIL

- 3.1** Members may recall previous reports on the Cleanliness Index Monitoring System (C.I.M.S) and Keep Scotland Beautiful (KSB) survey reports in previous years.
- 3.2** The C.I.M.S Index is a systematic scoring system on street cleanliness, which is carried out by taking a random section of the street or open public area and recording the score of cleanliness in relation to the Litter Code of Practice. To achieve the Litter Code of Practice, an overall score of 67 and above is desirable.
- 3.3** The verified overall Cleanliness Index survey score for the Council in August 2005 was 73.

Members will note the scores of 74, 72 and 80 for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay respectively. Since the last Area Committee Report on C.I.M.S in early 2004, some improvements which have taken place are as follows:

1. Full implementation of wheeled bins throughout the area last year, which has reduced the number of burst bags, and badly presented refuse.
 2. The enforcement and education work carried out by the Environment Warden.
- 3.4** A review of the Environment Wardens and their duties has been carried out by Graham Brown (Operations Manager). This highlights a hierarchy of priorities on how the wardens should operate.

Priority 1: Education

To educate the public on environment issues such as littering, dog fouling, fly tipping, and recycling.

Priority 2: Prevention

Be seen and be heard, patrols, clearly marked van..

Priority 3: Enforcement

Reports to the Procurator Fiscal, Issue Fixed Penalty notices litter, fly tipping, dog fouling. Sign up commercial waste agreements.

Priority 4: Other

Any other duties should only be undertaken if they do not interfere with priorities 1-3.

Some of the actions carried out by the Environment Warden over the past 18 months are listed below:

(a) Fly tipping

Following a complaint from a householder in Tayinloan, investigations and witness statements were taken by the Environment Warden , who then passed this case onto Strathclyde police in Campbeltown. The case was taken to court, where the accused plead guilty to fly tipping, but was admonished by the sheriff .

Another fly tipping site was found in Inveraray. A local poster campaign was instigated by the Environment Warden and a witness came forward. This case has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal in Dunoon (awaiting results).

There have been for or five cases of small scale fly tipping where the perpetrators have cleaned the area up without any formal action taken.

(b) Abandoned Vehicles

Regular patrols around the area continue, and any vehicles that appear to have been abandoned have been “stickered” (24hr notice) and removed from public ground.

(c) Dog Fouling

Regular patrols also continue for dog fouling with one fine having been issued. Patrols only seem to be effective when the warden is in the local area, and more help from the local community in the local area is always welcome (i.e. giving statements including names, times etc.), Caledonian MacBrayne have helped out this year by putting up posters and giving out free poop scoops onboard their vessels.

(d) Civic Amenity Site Inspections

Inspections of civic amenity sites have flagged up instances of abuse by commercial customers which has resulted in bills being sent out to those concerned.

(e) Litter

Patrols with the local police have again only been effective when the warden and police are actually in the area. Guidance from KSB leans towards not

issuing fixed penalty notices to children.

3.5 Operational Services staff will continue with C.I.M.S monitoring in conjunction with Keep Scotland Beautiful and attempt to tackle problem areas. Under the Anti-social Behaviour (Scotland) Act, new fixed penalties can be issued for littering and fly-tipping. Procedures with Legal and Protective Services on this have recently been agreed and we can now issue fixed penalties for littering and fly-tipping.

3.6 Local Environment Audit and Management Systems (LEAMS) are used by Audit Scotland as a new national performance indicator for cleanliness in all 32 Scottish Local Authorities and is similar to CIMS scoring.

The main differences between LEAMS and CIMS are:

- (a) A smaller % transect of street is used for LEAMS.
- (b) LEAMS does not include the B+ score for streets with only cigarette ends. The B+ is not included in the Litter Code of Practice and therefore not accepted by Audit Scotland.
- (c) Councils audit each other twice a year with LEAMS surveys.

Our LEAMS score for 2004/05 was 69 (the Litter Code of Practice compliance target is 67) with the Scottish average being 70.

The LEAMS results show that the public drop 82% of litter with the remainder mainly arising from poorly presented business and domestic waste.

The KSB overall CIMS score in respect of the August 2005 Report attached was 73 (this includes B+ cigarette ends).

Chief Executive of Keep Scotland Beautiful John Summers, said: 'Local Authorities are to be commended on the fantastic work they do to keep our country clean but there is still a huge amount of work to be done, by them and each and every one of us. We all have a part to play to Keep Scotland litter free and can all help by putting our litter in the bin and disposing of our waste responsibly'.

3.7 Keep Scotland Beautiful and Council staff will carry out further surveys in 2006 and results will be reported to Members.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 This Report highlights the Cleanliness Index Monitoring System including extracts from Keep Scotland Beautiful's August 2005 Report (full Report available in Members Lounge) and actions by Operational Services.

5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Policy – continues the work by Operational Services to focus on improvements to basic service delivery.

5.2 Financial – None.

5.3 Personnel – None.

5.4 Equal Opportunities – None.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Argyll and Bute Council Cleanliness Validation Survey by Keep Scotland Beautiful –
August 2005

15th December 2005

Argyll & Bute Council Cleanliness Validation Survey



August 2005

INTRODUCTION

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Keep Scotland Beautiful conducted a Cleanliness Standards Survey of the **Argyll & Bute Council** area, using the ENCAMS methodology. The cleanliness of both streets and functional sites (i.e. parks, grassed areas, car parks etc.) was assessed in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and its attendant Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse 1999. This study is part of the Argyll & Bute Council People & Places Programme Cleanliness Index Monitoring System (CIMS) and is the tenth survey to be undertaken for Argyll and Bute Council. The sample size selected for this survey was 10% of street and functional sites. The results of this survey have been compared to previous surveys of the area conducted by Keep Scotland Beautiful in conjunction with Argyll & Bute Council staff where possible. The survey was conducted during August 2005.

The following criteria were assessed:

- **Cleanliness grade**
- **Zone**
- **Sources of litter**
- **Types of litter:**
- **Adverse Environmental Quality Indicators** (absence/scale of presence)
- **Litter Bins** (total count and number)

Additional comments were made where relevant, and supporting photographs were taken throughout the survey.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1.1 Grades of Cleanliness

Each area of study (transect) was graded according to the system outlined in the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse 1999, which relates to Part IV of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (EPA).

There are four grades of cleanliness, which are defined as follows:

- Grade A** No litter or refuse
- Grade B** Predominantly free of litter and refuse - apart from small items
- Grade C** Widespread distribution of litter and refuse with minor accumulations
- Grade D** Heavily littered with significant accumulations

This grading system is based on research into standards of cleanliness that most people regarded as being acceptable or unacceptable. Under this system Grade C and Grade D are unacceptable and must be cleaned (in most cases to a Grade A condition) within a specified period of time (see section 1.3). Grade A is the standard which a thorough conventional sweeping/litter-picking should achieve. The overall aim, however, should be to operate a management system where acceptable standards of cleanliness (Grades A and B) are maintained at all relevant times.

Note: From April 2004 the new standard of Grade B+ was introduced throughout Scotland in both the LEAMS performance indicator and the CIMS methodology. It must be noted however that this standard of cleanliness is not included in the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse 1999 and is just a management tool designed to help distinguish the almost litter free streets from the standard Grade B streets.

1.2 Cleanliness Indices

The method of litter measurement used in this survey is the Cleanliness Index, developed by ENCAMS, and used widely by Local Authorities throughout the United Kingdom to monitor their performance and set themselves targets for improving services. The Cleanliness Index (CI) provides an indication of the standards of cleanliness experienced in an area. Total counts of Grades A, B+, B, C and D sites achieved throughout the survey are used to

calculate a **cleanliness index** between 0 and 100. An area with a cleanliness index of 0 would consist of all heavily littered (grade D) sites, whereas a cleanliness index of 100 would represent an area completely free of litter or refuse (all grade A sites).

Figure 1 Cleanliness Index Calculation

Points are awarded as follows for each cleanliness grade: A=3 B+=2.5 B=2 C=1 D=0

Calculate the actual points scored:

(Count of Grade A) x3 + (Count of Grade B+) x2.5 +(Count of Grade B) x2 (Count of Grade C) x1+ (Count of Grade D) x 0

Calculate the maximum score possible (i.e. if all transects were Grade A):

(Total count of transects surveyed) x3

Cleanliness Index = $\frac{\text{Actual Score}}{\text{Maximum Score}} \times 100$

1.3 Cleanliness Standards

The Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse 1999, which accompanies the Environmental Protection Act 1990, defines maximum response times required when a litter problem is reported within or to a Local Authority. For example, when a Grade D in Zone 1 is reported to the relevant officer in a Local Authority, that Council has 1 hour to respond and to return the Grade D to a Grade A. This is illustrated in Figure 1.

In summary, these maximum response times will only ensure minimum standards as defined by The Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse 1999.

Figure 2. Cleanliness Standards Table (Extract)

Category Zone		CLEANLINESS STANDARD			
		A	B	C	D
1	TOWN CENTRES	←	6hrs		
		←		3hrs	
		←			1hr
2	HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL	←	12hrs		
		←		6hrs	
		←			3hrs
3	LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL	←	2 weeks		
		←		12 hrs	
		←			6hrs

1.4 Sources of Litter

During this survey each transect containing litter had the sources of litter identified as follows:

- **Pedestrian / individual** - e.g. drinks cans, sweet wrappers, fast food packaging, lottery tickets, cigarette ends, matches. Also includes litter dropped by motorists.
- **Business Waste** - any waste that has come directly from a business, e.g. headed paper, envelopes, and advertising flyers. This category also includes elastic bands dropped by the postman.
- **Domestic waste** - any waste that has escaped from domestic refuse, e.g. household packaging.
- **Construction waste** - any waste that has been left over from construction work, e.g. builders rubble, sandbags, traffic cones.
- **Animal Faeces** - any type of animal faeces including dog, horse and pigeon fouling etc.
- **Other** - any other litter which does not fit into the above categories, e.g. vehicle parts.

1.5 Types of Litter

ENCAMS surveys carried out throughout the UK have shown that, of the above litter sources, pedestrian/individual is the most commonly found. The materials found most frequently are those associated with eating, drinking and smoking. The four most commonly found types of litter are:

- **Smoking related litter** - cigarette ends, matches, matchboxes, cigarette packaging
- **Drinks related litter** - includes cans, bottles, cups, straws and lids
- **Confectionery related litter** - includes chewing gum wrappers and crisp packets
- **Fast food litter** - fish and chip wrappers, polystyrene cartons, burger wrappers, plastic cutlery etc.

Throughout the survey the presence of these four types of litter within transects was recorded.

1.6 Environmental Quality Indicators

In addition to the cleanliness of streets, absence or presence of the following Adverse Environmental Quality Indicators (AEQI's) will play an important part in forming an image of a place in the minds of residents, businesses, visitors and investors:

- **Dog fouling** - the only AEQI surveyed that must be considered alongside other litter and refuse when determining the cleanliness grade
- **Vandalism** - defined as wilful and senseless damage of property which adversely affects the quality of the life and environment, e.g. damaged street furniture
- **Graffiti** - defined as unauthorised drawing or writing on surrounding buildings or street furniture such as benches, lampposts, litter bins, etc.
- **Weeds** - the presence of weeds in the transect may indicate poor / frequent sweeping and can trap litter
- **Detritus** - any natural debris causing visual defacement of an area and which may trap or conceal litter, typically mud, grit, leaves and blossom
- **Fly-posting** - defined as stickers or posters placed in unauthorised places and not on billboards. Unauthorised places refer to buildings, bus shelters, fence posts, etc. within the transects.

- **Fly-tipping** - the presence of dumped waste (from domestic, commercial or construction sources) is also recorded.

The presence of each of the above within transects was recorded throughout the survey.

1.7 Litter Bins

The number of litter bins within each transect was noted during the survey. If a litter bin within a transect was overflowing, this was also recorded. Overflowing litter bins are defined as litter bins, used by the public, which are full to capacity and litter has escaped onto the surrounding area. The transect is graded according to the litter from the bin which has fallen within the transect.

1.8 Comments and Photographs

Comments were made on the survey form to gain an insight into the specific problems being observed, for example if a large amount of chewing gum was seen, to describe what kind of business waste was found, or if an abandoned vehicle was encountered – and also to note good practice, such as a privately sponsored litter bin.

Photographs were taken where this would support survey findings, for example of Grade C and D sites, when AEQIs were present, if accumulations of litter were present adjacent to the transect and so on.

RESULTS

3.1 Comparison of cleanliness indices

The following tables show how the cleanliness index results obtained from this survey in August 2005 compare with the previous validation surveys in October 2004, May 2004, October 2003, February 2003, May 2002, March and November 2001 and February and May 2000, as well as with the previous results obtained by Argyll & Bute Council's own survey staff.

This is the tenth validation survey carried out by Keep Scotland Beautiful in relation to Argyll & Bute Council's Cleanliness Index Monitoring System.

Figure 3a Cleanliness Monitoring results provided monthly by Argyll and Bute Council Officers

	<i>Jan 05</i>	<i>Feb 05</i>	<i>Mar 05</i>	<i>Apr 05</i>	<i>May 05</i>	<i>June 05</i>	<i>July 05</i>
<i>Bute</i>	-	76	73	72	75	72	75
<i>Cowal</i>	71	73	63	62	85	68	67
<i>Helensburgh</i>	66	71	73	65	72	71	73
<i>Islay</i>	67	67	67	67	67	67	67
<i>Kintyre</i>	75	77	77	82	78	86	75
<i>Lorn</i>	-	67	67	69	-	-	68
<i>Mid Argyll</i>	75	79	77	83	-	87	81
<i>Mull</i>	-	69	69	73	-	-	-

Figure 3a provides the cleanliness index scores compiled by the officers of Argyll and Bute Council in each geographic area. The geographic area of Bute is consistently scoring a cleanliness index between 72 and 76 which is higher than the minimum standard of 67 required by the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (1999). The monthly returns from the Cowal area highlights that the cleanliness index scores in 2005 have varied between 62 which is below the minimum standard of cleanliness to 85 which is a good overall standard of cleanliness.

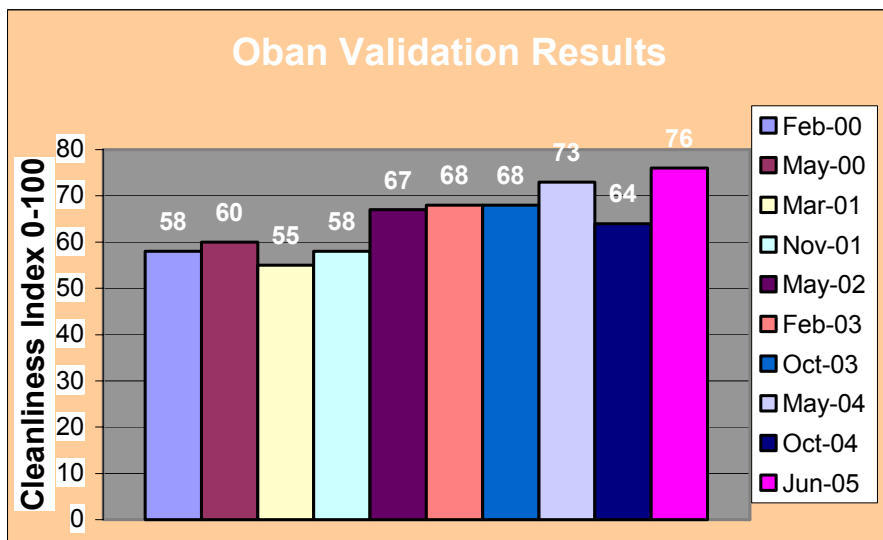
The cleanliness index scores in Helensburgh have ranged from 65 in April 2005 to 73 in March and July 2005, this highlights that the scores in Helensburgh are just below the minimum standard or are achieving a good overall standard of cleanliness. Islay has consistently scored a cleanliness index of 67, which is meeting the minimum standard of cleanliness, that of 67, required by the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (1999). The

cleanliness index in the Kintyre area has ranged between an index of 75 to 86, this highlights that a good overall standard of cleanliness is being achieved in Kintyre.

The cleanliness index in the Lorn area has varied between 67, which is meeting the minimum standard, to a high of 69, which is just above the minimum standard of cleanliness in 2005. The geographic area of Mid Argyll has scored a cleanliness index of between 75 and 87 in 2005, highlighting that a good overall standard of cleanliness is being achieved. The monthly returns from the Mull area illustrate that the cleanliness index has varied from 69, which is just above the minimum standard, to 73, which is a good overall standard of cleanliness.

3.11 Oban

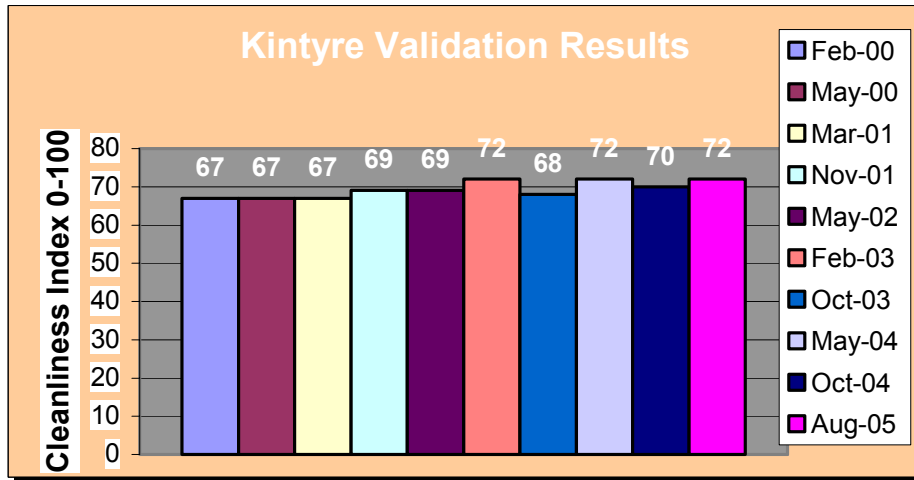
The following graph shows the pattern of cleanliness indices from the ten validation surveys carried out since February 2000 by Keep Scotland Beautiful.



As the above graph shows, the validation survey results for Oban have been variable, ranging from a low of 55 in March 2001 to a high of 76 during the validation survey in August 2005. This latest result of 76 demonstrates that in the August 2005 a good overall standard of cleanliness was observed.

3.12 Kintyre

The following graph shows the pattern in cleanliness indices from the ten validation surveys carried out by Keep Scotland Beautiful since February 2000.

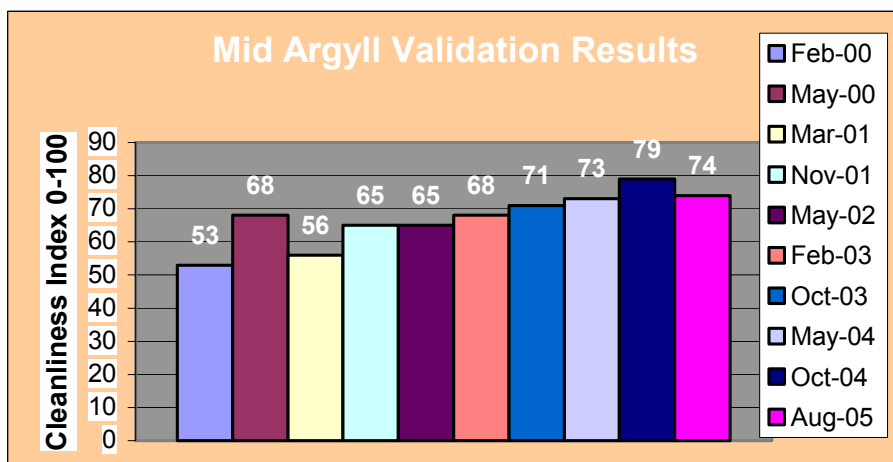


As the above graph illustrates, the ten validation surveys that have taken place in Kintyre have shown a satisfactory level of cleanliness is being maintained in the area, with all validation surveys meeting the standards laid down in the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (1999). The validation results are very consistent in the high sixties and low seventies, the August 2005 validation cleanliness index of 72 is 2 points higher than the October 2004 survey. Kintyre continues to maintain good overall standard of cleanliness.

3.13 Mid Argyll

The following graph shows the pattern in cleanliness indices from the ten validation surveys carried out by Keep Scotland Beautiful since February 2000.

As the above graph shows, the cleanliness indices obtained by the validation surveys in Mid

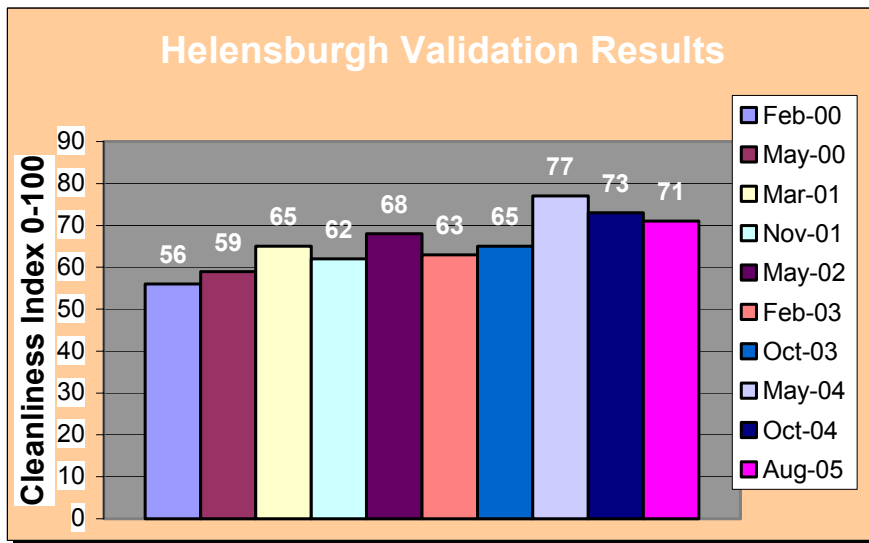


Argyll have achieved a good overall standard of cleanliness. The cleanliness index has

ranged from a low of 53 during the February 2000 survey to a high of 79 during the October 2004 survey. A cleanliness index of 74 was observed during the August 2005 survey.

3.14 Helensburgh

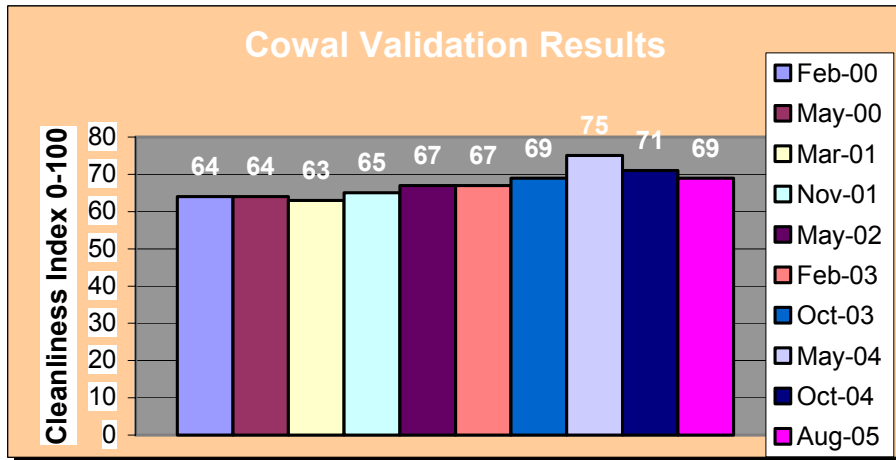
The following graph shows the pattern in cleanliness indices for the Helensburgh area from the ten validation surveys carried out by Keep Scotland Beautiful since February 2000.



As the above graph demonstrates, Helensburgh has generally shown an overall trend of improvement in the cleanliness standards achieved, although in the last two validation surveys the cleanliness index has dropped. The cleanliness levels started off at a low of 56 during the first validation survey carried out during February 2000 and reached a high of 77 during the validation survey in May 2004. The latest validation survey in August 2005 highlights that Helensburgh, with a cleanliness index of 71, continues to achieve a good overall standard of cleanliness.

3.15 Cowal

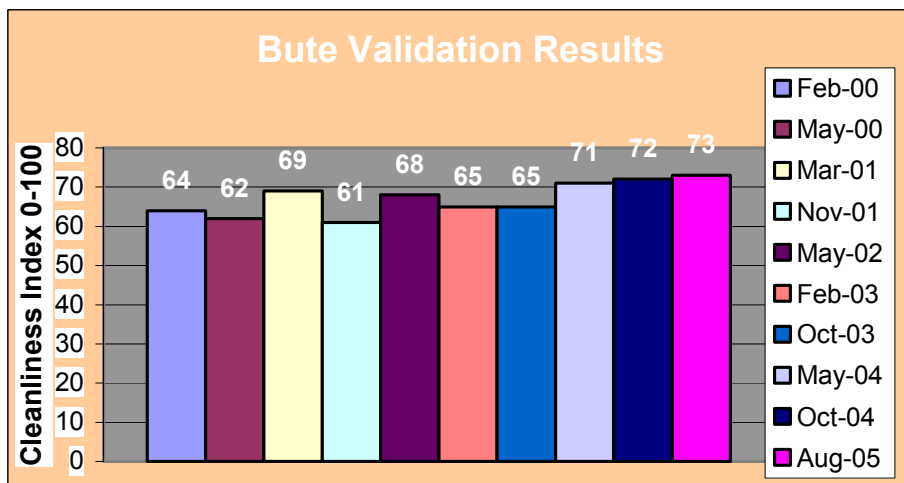
The following graph shows the pattern in cleanliness indices for the Cowal area from the ten validation surveys that have been carried out by Keep Scotland Beautiful since February 2000.



As the above graph illustrates, the first four validation surveys were just below the minimum standard required of 67 set by the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse 1999. The last four validation surveys from October 2003 to August 2005 have shown that there has been an improvement in the cleanliness standard in the Cowal area. The Cowal area is now just above the minimum standard of cleanliness, with a cleanliness index of 69.

3.16 Bute

The following graph demonstrates the pattern of cleanliness indices in the ten validation surveys that have taken place in Bute. These surveys have been conducted by Keep Scotland Beautiful since February 2000.

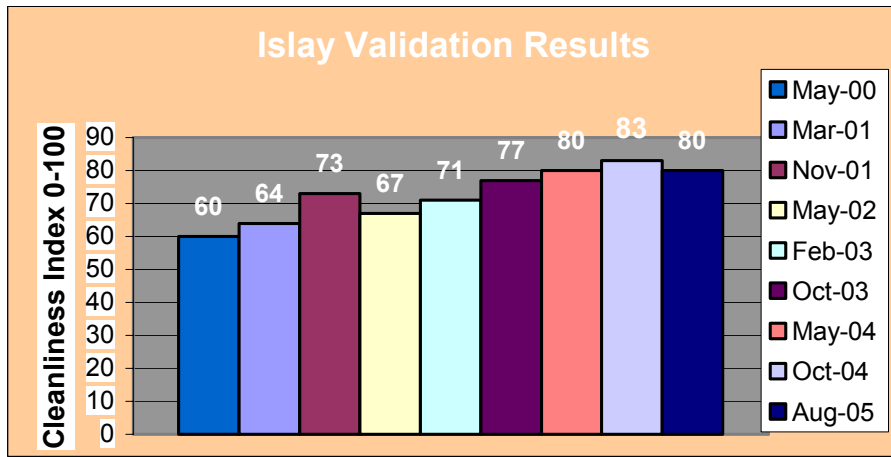


The above graph demonstrates that the cleanliness indices in Bute have seen an overall improvement. The most recent surveys in May 2004, October 2004 and August 2005 have

show a good overall standard of cleanliness in being achieved, with cleanliness indices of 71, 72 and 73 respectively.

3.17 Islay

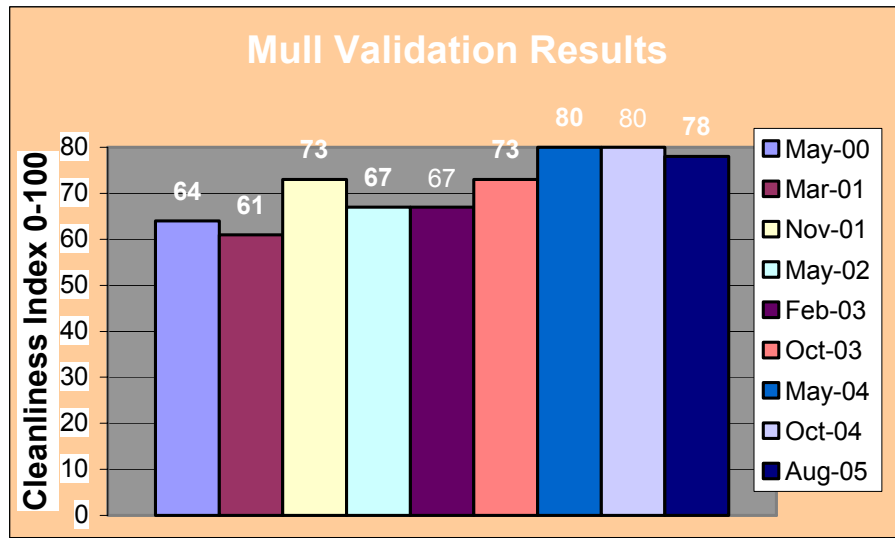
The following graph shows the pattern in cleanliness indices from the nine validation surveys that have taken place in Islay to date. The surveys have been carried out by Keep Scotland Beautiful since May 2000.



As the above graph highlights, the overall trend in cleanliness standards in Islay is one of considerable improvement. The cleanliness index in May 2000 was 60, the last seven validation surveys on Islay have all exceeded the minimum standard of 67 set by the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (1999). The three most recent surveys in May 2004, October 2004 and August 2005 have all achieved a good overall standard of cleanliness with cleanliness indices of 80, 83 and 80 respectively.

3.18 Mull

The following graph shows the pattern in cleanliness indices obtained from the nine validation surveys that have taken place on Mull since May 2000.



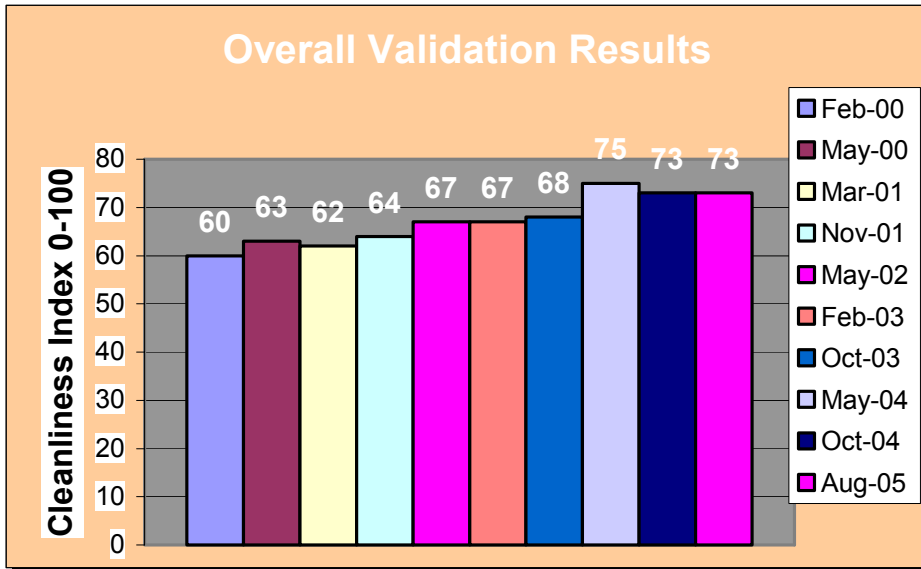
As the above graph shows, the overall trend in cleanliness standards is one of improvement. The March 2001 validation survey carried out on Mull showed that the cleanliness levels at that time were up to 6 index points below the level of 67 required by the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse 1999. In comparison, the last seven validation surveys on Mull have shown that this minimum standard is being achieved, and at times surpassed, with the latest validation survey showing a cleanliness index of 80, demonstrating that Mull is achieving a good overall standard of cleanliness.

3.19 Overall

As the graph below shows, the overall cleanliness index for the whole of the Argyll & Bute Council area has ranged from a low of 60 during the first validation carried out in February 2000 to a high of 75 during the validation survey in May 2004. The result in August 2005 has remained constant from October 2004 at 73. Argyll and Bute consistently in the past four validation surveys has exceeded the minimum standard of 67 required by the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (1999) and continues to maintain a good overall standard of cleanliness.

These results are very commendable and show an overall trend of steady improvement of cleansing standards for the whole of the Argyll & Bute Council area, which is very

encouraging. The latest survey has also shown that overall, Argyll & Bute Council continues to meet the minimum cleanliness standards laid down in the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (1999). The cleanliness index of 73 remains six points above the minimum standard required of 67. Future monthly monitoring should be continued to ensure that this new improved level of cleanliness is maintained and, where possible, improved further through implementing the recommendations laid out from page 27 of this report.



CONCLUSION

The results of this survey indicate that Argyll & Bute Council is exceeding the minimum standards of cleanliness expected from the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse 1999 and is achieving a good overall standard of cleanliness. Over the ten validation surveys carried out to date, the general trend for cleansing standards has been one of continuous improvement, which is very encouraging. It is hoped that this new improved level of cleanliness can be maintained, and improved upon, throughout the Argyll & Bute Council area. The August 2005 cleanliness index of 73 has remained constant compared to the previous survey, carried out in October 2004 and remains the second highest cleanliness index in the ten validation surveys carried out to date.

All the geographic areas throughout Argyll and Bute were above the minimum standard of 67 as laid down by the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (1999). Islay (80), Mull (78) and Lorn (76) all achieved excellent cleanliness indices and a good overall standard of cleanliness.

Fifteen percent of sites achieved a grade A standard whilst 3% were observed as being of a grade C standard and no sites were recorded as being of a grade D standard. Fifteen percent of sites were of a grade B+ standard with 67% found to be of a grade B standard. Smoking related litter was the most frequently found type of litter within the Argyll and Bute Council area (64%). Pedestrian litter was the most common litter source observed (82%), with detritus the most prevalent adverse environmental quality indicator, present in 37% of all sites.

There are a number of factors that should be taken into consideration when attempting to consolidate and improve the cleanliness standards throughout Argyll and Bute; these are set out in the next section

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are based on the findings of the August 2005 survey of the Argyll & Bute Council area. The information from the survey presented and analysed in this report, can be used as a means towards a number of ends: to establish compliance with the relevant legislation, identify problem areas with regard to cleanliness and other environmental quality indicators and use this to target resources, to monitor progress, to compare external validation results with internal monitoring and to campaign effectively.

Grade C sites

Three percent of sites were found to be of a grade C standard overall. Grade C sites were found in Kintyre (10%), Bute (5%), Lorn (4%) and Helensburgh (2%). In most cases accumulations of litter were observed to be present in channels indicating that perhaps the street sweeper has been unable to gain access to areas due to on-street parking and other obstructions eg sandwich boards. It is recommended that such areas are monitored and remedial action taken where required.

Detritus and weed control

Overall the percentage presence of weeds and detritus has decreased from the previous survey however they are still the most common Adverse Environmental Quality Indicators found in Argyll and Bute. Detritus was the most frequent Adverse Environmental Quality Indicator found during the survey, with 37% of the sites surveyed being affected. Helensburgh, at 76%, then Cowal, at 43%, had the highest presence of this indicator. Weeds were the next most common Adverse Environmental Quality Indicator, recorded in 26% of sites, throughout Argyll and Bute. Weeds were particularly prevalent in Helensburgh (65%) and Mid Argyll (46%).

Weeds and detritus need to be controlled for several reasons, especially on public footpaths and roads, where clear visibility and undamaged surfaces are imperative. They also need controlling to keep drainage channels clear and prevent trapped litter.

On footpaths in town centres where mechanical sweeping is undertaken, there is a reduced need for chemical treatment. This is because regular sweeping removes young seedlings, which prevents weeds establishing. Where fence lines, wall lines or street furniture hinder the repeated use of mechanical methods, it is reasonable to consider the additional use of a contact or persistent treatment around the obstacle.

Weed seeds will germinate wherever they are given the opportunity to do so and management of weeds in these areas can become problematic. Designing out problems, which support weed growth, should be taken where the opportunity arises.

Clearly in existing locations this it is not easy to take this approach, but in all new footpath and road schemes the opportunity should not be missed.

Review of dog fouling removal systems

Dog fouling continues to affect certain geographic areas more than others. The incidences of dog fouling have reduced from the October 2004 survey from 9% to 4%. It is suggested that the current facilities for dog fouling removal and disposal be examined in the areas where it remains an issue, together with a campaign highlighting the dog fouling problem to the general public. Consideration should also be given to the use of fixed penalty notices under the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003, in the most problematic areas. In the August 2005 survey the geographic areas of Cowal (14%) and Kintyre (5%), recorded the highest presences of dog fouling.

Fast Food Litter

Due to the levels of fast food litter found throughout Argyll and Bute (10%), it is recommended that a high profile campaign is devised to raise awareness of this problem to both the fast food vendors and the general public. Such a campaign may involve identifying problem areas, promoting bin sponsorship and encouraging businesses to reduce their packaging or place anti-littering messaging on packaging. This could be done with the help of the Keep Scotland Beautiful Fast Food Module. This module aims to encourage partnership working between fast food vendors and the Local Authority, provide guidance on the legislation applicable to fast food litter, and provide good practice and advice in dealing with the problem. This could be followed by a period of enforcement in partnership with the police.

Keep Scotland Beautiful will be delivering a training course in 2005 specifically on fast food litter, which may be of use to local authority managers responsible for dealing with these issues. The aims of the fast food litter course are to understand the problems associated with fast food litter and the impact it has upon local environmental quality. The course will allow delegates to understand the legislative powers and methods available to prevent and minimise fast food litter, provide examples of good practice and case studies on dealing with fast food litter and highlight practical examples on how public involvement and campaigning can help tackle fast food litter problems.

Cowal (29%), Helensburgh (20%) and Bute (14%) had the highest percentage presences of fast food litter.

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ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL
OPERATIONAL SERVICES

MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & ISLAY
AREA COMMITTEE

PIERS, HARBOURS AND FERRIES REVIEW

8 FEBRUARY 2006

1. SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise Members of the Area Committee of the progress that has been made to address the decisions made by the Strategic Policy Committee in October and November 2005 in relation to this Review.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 At the Full Council meeting on 14 November, the Council approved the recommendations of the Strategic Policy Committee of 6 October 2005 and 3 November 2005.

The meeting of 6 October approved the following

- Appendix 1 of the submitted report.
- The recommendations of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee of 24 August 2005. These recommendations are contained in Appendix Two of this Report
- The recommendation of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee of 6 September 2005. (Matters covered by Appendix 1 of the original report)
- The recommendations of the Bute and Cowal Area Committee of 6 September 2005, except recommendation 2, which would be considered as part of the budget process. (The issues concerned increases to income and reductions in discount offered to Waverley Excursions Ltd)

In addition, the Committee noted that the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Area Committee would submit detailed comments for consideration at a future meeting of the Strategic Policy Committee.

The meeting of 3 November 2005 approved, the previous recommendations of 6 October 2005 and the following recommendations from Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Area Committee.

- In respect of Campbeltown Harbour, to include a reference to the provision of a roll on, roll off service which can be used when the Campbeltown/Ballycastle ferry service resumes;
- Piers – where piers or slips are transferred to a previous landowner or to an existing Trust Authority, public access to these piers must be guaranteed only if necessary. Where there is no such existing Trust Authority or a previous landowner who can be traced, then the Council should retain the facility only if necessary and if the facility is not required then action should be taken to dispose of it.
- Port Askaig Harbour & Jura Ferry – recommend that accommodation not be included in the project for use by a person who would carry out a part time Assistant Harbour Master role. It was further recommended that an Assistant Harbour Master role is not required and should it be considered necessary to be investigated only as part of the budget process;
- In respect of the existing service provision for the Jura ferry to recommend that this should be considered as part of the budget process;
- Income Recovery – to propose that discussions with the relevant fishing agencies be made to confirm appropriate combined payment dues to be paid in the future, but not on an annualised basis;
- To recommend that steps are taken to appoint an Assistant Harbourmaster for the Kintyre area provided it is cost effective; and
- Delivery Mechanism – it is recommended that the Council should retain a client role in operating the four existing Council ferry services.

3.2 As a result of these decisions an Action Plan has been prepared based on the various issues raised by the Strategic Policy Committee and the various Area Committees.

4. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy – None
- 6.2 Financial – Amendments to marine operations could impose additional financial burden on the Council
- 6.3 Personnel – Amendments to the marine operations could have personnel implications.
- 6.4 Equal Opportunities – None.
- 6.5 Legal – There could be Legal implications if the marine operations are amended.

For further information, please contact Stewart Turner (Tel: 01546 604611).
Head of Roads & Amenity Services
18 January 2005

APPENDIX ONE ACTION PLAN

Action Point	Issue	Responsible Officer	Start Date	Anticipated Completion Date
1	Competent Harbour Authority to be extended to Campbeltown.	Assistant Operations Manager – Marine & Airfields	Sept 2005	June 2006
2	Investigate reducing the Council's liability for piers & slipways where there is no operational demand.	Assistant Operations Manager – Marine & Airfields	Sept 2005	March 2007
3	Consolidation of all Council owned piers and slipways into one account.	Assistant Operations Manager – Marine & Airfields	Dec 2005	July 2006
4	Review the current Service Level Agreement with Ministry of Defence.	Assistant Operations Manager – Marine & Airfields	Nov 2005	April 2006
5	Reduce the level of discount offered to Caledonian MacBrayne. The level of discount offered should be reviewed on an annual basis.	Head of Roads & Amenity Services	Sept 2005	April 2006
6	Reduce the level of discount offered to Waverley Excursions Ltd. The level of discount offered should be reviewed on an annual basis.	Head of Roads & Amenity Services	Jan 2006	April 2006

Action Point	Issue	Responsible Officer	Start Date	Anticipated Completion Date
7	Ensure appropriate levels of fish landing dues are received and review payment mechanism.	Assistant Operations Manager – Marine & Airfields and Area Roads & Amenity Services Managers	Jan 2006	March 2007
8	Develop increased investment programme.	Head of Roads & Amenity Services	Dec 2005	April 2006
9	Place proposed investment programme before Area Committees for noting/approval prior to works being undertaken.	Assistant Operations Manager – Marine & Airfields	Dec 2005	April 2006, and each year thereafter
10	<u>Easdale Ferry</u> Review of the size and method of operation of the ferry to determine whether it is practicable to incorporate the waste collection service from the island.	Assistant Operations Manager – Marine & Airfields	Dec 2005	March 2006
11	Review the hours of the service and timetable in conjunction with the local community.	Assistant Operations Manager – Marine & Airfields	Dec 2005	March 2006

Action Point	Issue	Responsible Officer	Start Date	Anticipated Completion Date
12	<p><u>Luing Ferry</u></p> <p>Await the outcome of STAG appraisal.</p>	Development Services	Sept 2005	August 2006
13	Review the hours of the service and timetable in conjunction with the local community.	Assistant Operations Manager – Marine & Airfields	Dec 2005	March 2006
14	Take appropriate steps to replace the MV Belnahua, dependent on the STAG appraisal.	Head of Roads & Amenity Services	Nov 2005	March 2007
15	<p><u>Lismore Ferry</u></p> <p>Work with the Scottish Executive and other appropriate bodies on the outcome of the consultation exercise</p>	Head of Roads & Amenity Services	Sept 2005	To be advised by the Scottish Executive
16	Review the hours of the service and timetable in conjunction with the local community.	Assistant Operations Manager – Marine & Airfields	Dec 2005	March 2006
17	<p><u>Islay – Jura</u></p> <p>Review the hours of service in conjunction with the local community and IATE.</p>	Assistant Operations Manager – Marine & Airfields	Sept 2005	March 2006

Action Point	Issue	Responsible Officer	Start Date	Anticipated Completion Date
18	Construction of the aligning structure works at Feolin. Capital Programme will address the issues relating to north winds.	Development Services	Dec 2005	March 2007
19	<u>Kerrera</u> Consider the long-term future and sustainability of Kerrera's infrastructure and transportation links.	Head of Roads & Amenity Services plus others	Dec 2005	Feb 2006
20	Until there has been an outcome to this process the Council should not offer a revenue subsidy to the Kerrera Ferry Service	Head of Roads & Amenity Services	Dec 2005	Complete.
21	<u>General Ferry Issues</u> Retain a Client role on all ferries	Head of Roads & Amenity Services	Sept 2005	Complete.
22	Consider tender packages for Council Ferry Services dependent on outcome of STAG appraisal.	Head of Roads & Amenity Services	Dec 2005	March 2007

Action Point	Issue	Responsible Officer	Start Date	Anticipated Completion Date
23	The ferry service should be tendered as a package or on an individual basis, to establish the most effective form of delivery based on service delivery and value for money mechanism should be reviewed.	Head of Roads & Amenity Services	March 2007	2008 - Await outcome of Luig STAG appraisal and Lismore issues.
24	Campbeltown Ballycastle ferry service position to be reaffirmed	Head of Roads & Amenity Services	Dec 2005	Await return of tender documents on 10 January 2006
25	Area Warden in Kintyre to be provided if cost effective	Head of Roads & Amenity Services	Nov 2005	April 2006
26	Discount offered to Young Scot foot passengers on Council ferries. This matter is being considered as part of the budget process.	Head of Roads & Amenity Services	Nov 2005	Feb 2006

APPENDIX TWO – Decisions of the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Committee

1	Note the contents of the reports prepared by the Head of Roads and Amenity Services on the effect in the Oban, Lorn & the Isles area of the Piers, Harbours and Ferries Review.
2	A STAG appraisal is undertaken on the proposal for a fixed link to Luing.
3	The Easdale ferry service should continue for the meantime, and that the proposal to consider a fixed link between Easdale and Ellenabeich should not be considered until a detailed report thereon is produced.
4	The existing Lismore ferry service be retained until negotiations on the Caledonian MacBrayne tendering process have been concluded, and that the Council re-affirm it's commitment to the provision of a passenger ferry service between Port Appin and Point, Lismore.
5	The current arrangements in regard to the Kerrera ferry service are maintained by the current operator. It was also agreed to recommend that the Local Member/Spokesperson for Transportation, Spokesperson for Island Issues, Spokesperson for Resources and relevant officers arrange to meet with representatives of the local community, Dunollie Estates, Argyll & the Islands Enterprise and the Scottish Executive Transport Division to determine a strategy designed to ensure the long term future and sustainability of Kerrera's infrastructure and transportation links to and from the mainland, and investigate a link between the north and south of the island.
6	To accept the proposals, as stated on page 11 of the Review, to (i) increase the income accrued from berthing dues and redistributing costs more equably by decreasing the level of discount offered to some commercial users; (ii) increase the fish landing dues by employing additional staff to monitor landings in more remote locations where there is neither a Pier Master nor a Harbour Master; and (c) increase the dues from the leisure sector by additional monitoring and provision of better facilities, all subject to the production of a further report to the Strategic Policy Committee and Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Committee, clarifying the economic benefit and justification of employing additional staff on the island of Mull, and in Kintyre.
7	To further identify those piers and harbours which are surplus to the Council's requirements, and advertise appropriately to dispose of these facilities.

8	To note that consultants have been appointed to address the brief for an Action Plan to take forward the expansion and development of Oban, including the harbour, and have started work thereon.
9	That the Achnacroish Pier, Lismore be retained meantime, pending finalisation of ferry arrangements for the island.
10	That the Middle Pier, Arinagour, Isle of Coll be retained meantime.
11	That the Council ferry services offer a discount for foot passengers holding Young Scot cards.

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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**12 January 2006

INVERARAY 'AREA FOR ACTION' UPDATE REPORT

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** This report outlines the progress made with the Inveraray Area for Action as outlined in the Draft Finalised Local Plan. It is a follow up to the paper presented to Members at the September Area committee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** That Members note the contents and the progress made to date.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** Discussions were held with various Council officers, the local member and also members of the local community on what action could be taken to improve the town. The overwhelming consensus was the main issue is the maintenance of the town, with painting of buildings and clogged gutters being the main issue.

A number of programmes are already in place to deal with the railings and buildings and structures, such as the Arches, which are badly in need of repair. Roads and Amenity Services are due to replace some of the railings which they hope to begin in March or April 2006.

Arrangements are being made by the Council for samples to be sent to the Scottish Lime Centre to enable a proper repair and restoration work to be carried out on the arch ways and some of the buildings. However, this will involve significant sums of money. As such, a bid was submitted by Jenny Carlile, the Council's Design and Conservation Officer, to the Historic Environment Regeneration Fund ("HERF"), for £500,000 as part of a planned maintenance project.

There is also the ongoing issue of painting and maintaining

the guttering of a number of the mainly residential buildings. As such, included in the bid for HERF monies was the idea of a maintenance programme. This as already received tacit support from the Argyll Estate. The intention would be for residents, public and private sector, to agree to a cyclical maintenance programme.

The most appropriate way forward with starting a scheme is currently being investigated as there are a number of issues which would need to be dealt with. These include, how to get initial agreement from all the residents on such an idea, the length of the cycle, who pays what, particularly those who have recently painted their buildings and so on. Also, there would be the issue of the on going administrative burden in respect of the collection of monies which may fall to the Council.

Talks will continue with other Council's with similar schemes, the National Trust for Scotland and the various stakeholders in the area. It is hoped that should the HERF bid be successful, some grant may be available for a pilot project and the intention is to have a launch during National Maintenance Week in November, which could help to create publicity at a wider level.

The Scottish Executive is planning to replace the current pavement paving slabs with tarmac. It is hoped that this will take place before the tourist season begins.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 There are a number of Council Departments involved in works which should help to improve the facade of this historic town in the short to medium term. The hope is that a scheme can be implemented that will ensure the long term appearance of this important tourist destination.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy: Draft Finalised Local Plan – AFA 9/1

Financial:

Personnel: Officer time to explore further

Equal Opportunity: None

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ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL**MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND
ISLAY AREA COMMITTEE****8 FEBRUARY 2006**

BRUICHLADDICH PIER

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out the current status of Bruichladdich Pier.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 That Members note the contents of this report.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 With the exception of one small area, dredging of the berth is substantially complete.
- 3.2 The new berthing structures are also substantially complete. An oil tanker successfully berthed at the new structure at the beginning of January and Shell reported that they were satisfied with the improved level of safety.
- 3.3 The contractor will finish the main works by the end of January but will return in March to finish the pier lighting and other minor items and install plates at the main berthing face, which will cover the gap between the new and original structures. Temporary fencing will be installed until these plates are fitted.
- 3.4 With regard to the construction of a slipway for the benefit of the area's small boat users the issue of the seabed lease is still to be resolved. Although the Council will fund construction of the slipway, it is unable to undertake the lease and another body acceptable to the crown has to be found. The Crown Estates have yet to confirm if the Boat Group will be an acceptable signatory to the lease.

Development Services
25 January 2006.

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ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL**MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND
ISLAY AREA COMMITTEE****DATE 8th February 2006**

TITLE: Employability Team – Report on New Deal Processes

1. SUMMARY

The object of this report is to inform the committee of the work of Argyll and Bute Council's, Employability Team, how it is funded and through which process it is governed.

The report will outline the team's structure and how this fits with the structure to be implemented within a much larger organisation as we take on West Dunbartonshire. Further, the report will explain the way in which partnership working plays a significant role in the work of the team and the ways in which this benefits both individual customer groups and partner organisations.

Employability Team Operations:

The Employability Team operates across the whole of Argyll and Bute delivering specialised training programmes to unemployed customers referred from Jobcentre Plus. Our contracts with Jobcentre plus relate in core terms to those customers in two categories these are: New Deal for Young People 18-24 and Intensive Activity Period 25+ customers. Over and above these categories the team also delivers a New Deal Pilot on behalf of Jobcentre Plus which relates to those claimants on Incapacity Benefit.

The team focuses on two areas of operation, the provision of support services to our customer group and the provision of a series of special projects aimed to offer real time employment experiences to those more able to access this type of experience. As an addition to these forms of support and training we are also able to offer a range of work placement opportunities for those customers who are deemed able to enter the world of work as soon as they join the team, this process has only been enabled through close working and partner relationships established during the past six years.

To enable this mix of support, special project work experience and the more formal work placement to take place, the team has developed over time sound methodologies for delivery which involve dedicated Support Work Staff operating alongside a mix of Supervisory and Charge-Hand Staff who between them are able to offer suitable training and work experience to our range of customers. Many of our customers experience considerable barriers to employment, these range from difficulties with alcohol and drugs to more less recognised social exclusion issues relating to characterisation with in communities, which often dictates that a misdemeanour in early life can stay with an individual or his/her family for many years.

Funding:

As previously stated the team operates to a series of contracts offered by Jobcentre Plus. These contracts enable our core work to be achieved in terms of supporting the customer group through many of their barriers. However, this core funding is never sufficient to enable the development of real time work experience within a sheltered environment. For this aspect of our work we are fortunate to be able to attract other external funding from a variety of sources such as: ESF, Communities Scotland, WHELK, a number of Housing Associations and many other Community based funding sources such as Frontline Helensburgh. Our efforts to sustain funding streams enables the team to operate to a budget which averages £1,200.000 per annum.

We also generate income through project work for many internal Council departments and our teams can be seen across Argyll and Bute working on Pathways, Clearing areas of Scrubland, preparing Picnic Sites, Building Fences enhancing School Play areas and many other types of project work.

This mix of work experience and employment support, developed through a mix of funding streams sets many of our customers considerable challenges in relation to not only facing up to the work ethic, but to mix with other workers, to be working in areas of public use and to learn how to address themselves when at work and in communities, many skills of which are lost in unemployment.

The Future:

The team are currently awaiting the outcome of the tender process recently completed for New Deal contracts for the next two years. This has been in itself a learning curve for the team as we have had to base our bids on a totally different set of rules.

In the past Jobcentre Plus have told us how much we would receive for each customer referred to us, this time they have asked us how much we would like to have!! Further, they have also grouped together several areas within the Highlands, Islands and Clyde Coast area which, is the district we are based in. This has meant that the Employability Team of Argyll and Bute Council has had to bid for an area of service which now takes in the whole of West Dunbartonshire. (a structure chart outlining this new area of partnership working will be presented at the meeting).

Added to this will be the requirement for the team to deliver in several other areas of need. Not only will be required to deliver New Deal for Young People 18-24 and the Intensive Activity Programme for 25+, we will also now have to deliver support in relation to Full Time Education and Training, Mentoring and the Voluntary Sector.

The results of this bidding process should be known to us in the early part of February.

This widening of our role to take in West Dunbartonshire as Prime Contractors for this area will place considerable pressure upon the team and especially the management team, however, we are pleased to state that we have a good staff team and one which is willing to adapt to any role given to them, without this flexibility within the team the delivery of our services to the long-term unemployed we would not be able to achieve the outcome targets set for us by Jobcentre Plus. (a full staffing structure chart will be presented at the meeting).

These outcome targets as set by Jobcentre Plus are currently set at 50% of customers referred to us entering into full time sustainable employment. Argyll and Bute Councils Employability Team regularly outstrips these targets and are pleased to often be in the position of second place in Scotland in terms of outcomes achieved set against per head of population.

A new diversion for the team during the coming months will be the establishment of its own semi-sheltered workshop. This new environment will enable the team to deliver work experience alongside direct training in one location. As this facility grows it is the intention to develop it into a piece of Social Enterprise, which in the longer term will provide sustainable employment within the community of Campbeltown.

The development of the Social Economy is seen by the team as a positive move towards full time employment for many of our customers who experience considerable barriers to the more accepted forms of employment.

As will be seen, the team faces many challenges in the months ahead. However, as always these will be accepted as new opportunities for our customer group and new opportunities for our staff team to develop new skills and experiences in the delivery of our support services to the long-term unemployed.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the report be accepted.

3. BACKGROUND

Argyll and Bute Council's Employability Team has been delivering Government New Deal Programmes for the past six years, during which time it has enabled more than 1,200 long-term unemployed individuals to access sustainable employment throughout Argyll.

The team regularly achieves external funding in excess of £1,000,000 which it brings into the local economy and enables it to deliver diverse employment support services to the long-term unemployed.

The team operates with a staffing establishment of 36 spread around Argyll and Bute and who service four Jobcentre Plus offices in Campbeltown, Oban, Dunoon and Rothesay. The new future for the team dictates that we will have to work with eight Jobcentre Plus offices adding Alexandria, Helensburgh, Dumbarton and Clydebank to the list.

4. IMPLICATIONS

Policy There should not be the requirement for any new or changed policies within the current work of the team.

Financial The development of the team and the extension of our services to include West Dunbartonshire will have no financial implications for the Council.

Personnel There may be some extra pressure placed on our Personnel team as we enter into the new era in April, as we will require to appoint extra staffing to our Contract Management team in order to control the extra paper work and funding streams, which will happen due to the inclusion of West Dunbartonshire.

- Equal Opportunities** The Employability Team of Argyll and Bute Council operates to the same equal opportunities policy as the rest of the Council.
- Legal** There will be no implications for the legal services of the Council.
- Community** The Employability Team will continue and indeed look to extend its work within the communities of Argyll and Bute. Communities provide real time opportunities for our customer base to become involved on a daily basis with the real world, which for many long periods of time they have been excluded from.

Ray McIntosh Wally
19 January 2006

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ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL**MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND ISLAY AREA
COMMITTEE****OPERATIONAL SERVICES****WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2006**

ISLE OF JURA – IMPROVEMENTS TO SERVICE DELIVERY

1. PURPOSE

To outline the case for an improved service to the Isle of Jura by providing an operational resource on the Island.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that members note and agree the proposals.

3. DETAIL

At present work carried out on Jura by Operational Services is carried out by staff based on Islay. This incurs significant overhead costs in carrying out our operational duties in terms of travelling time.

Operational Services comprise the Amenity, Roads and Facility Management service for Jura.

Amenity Service comprises refuse collection, seasonal grass cutting, maintenance of public conveniences, provision of a grave digging service and cemetery maintenance.

Road Service comprise Winter maintenance (provided by a Jura based contractor), replenishment of grit heaps, grass cutting of the road verge, control of scrub encroachment, ditching, drainage, potholing, sign repairs and cleaning and maintenance of piers and collection of harbour dues. In addition this person could also tidy up the overflowing bins at Craighouse and elsewhere over the summer months. More labour intensive operations are carried out on Jura by importing road workers from Islay as required.

It is possible that one person based on Jura could carry out most of the routine maintenance requirements for Roads and Amenity Services. This work would comprise seasonal grass cutting, maintenance of public conveniences, some cemetery maintenance, scrub control, ditching, drainage, potholing grit heaps and management of piers and harbours and harbour dues collections. The current provision of the winter maintenance service would remain the same.

The annual cost of the current level of service for Jura is approximately £26,000. The level of income not received from pier users is estimated at £3,000. The current total cost for Jura is approximately £29,000.

These costs are based on 40 man days per annum for routine road maintenance, 52 man days for maintaining the public conveniences and 26 man days for grass cutting through the year. The hourly rate per man is approximately £22 and £15 per hour for plant and these rates include all necessary overheads.

The cost of a full time Council post being established on Jura will cost approximately £46,000, this figure is based on the cost of providing a full time post on Colonsay. The make up of this cost is as follows: - labour element is likely to be approximately £25,000 plus £19,000 for plant plus £2,000 for materials.

I would recommend that a part time person be appointed on Jura to carry out essential routine works. A specification should be drawn up and the post put out to tender for locally based contractors to price. The maximum cost of this service should not exceed £23,000 per annum based on 20 hours per week.

This service provision should provide a better level of service delivery for the residents of Jura by more work being carried out on the ground and less time travelling. There is now possibilities of extending the duties to incorporate some property repairs that can be carried out by a handyman.

4. IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Policy – Improvement to service delivery.
- 4.2 Financial - From existing revenue Roads and Amenity funding.
- 4.3 Personnel – None
- 4.4 Equal Opportunities – None
- 4.5 Legal – None

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8th February 2006

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