

Councillor Jean Moffat joined the meeting during the forgoing item.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Question from Willie Lynch, Dunoon Community Council

Mr Lynch read out his submitted question as follows;

The Glenmorag car park has been a dumping ground for a number of years for old, unwanted caravans. We have been told that a Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) needs to be in place before action. I suggest that these items are un-roadworthy, dilapidated and have obviously been abandoned there. In addition, there are no markings to identify ownership. In other words, they have been dumped by persons unknown.

Why can action not be taken quickly to remove them in order to destroy them?

Response from Committee / Head of Roads and Infrastructure Services

The Chair advised Mr Lynch that item 8 - Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) Update on the agenda should address TRO processes and the Head of Roads and Infrastructure Services confirmed this and that the TRO process is designed to give additional powers over and above what currently exists.

Councillor Yvonne McNeilly suggested options could be explored around upcycling caravans, regardless of road worthiness.

Questions from Kenny Matheson, Dunoon Community Council

Mr Matheson read out his submitted questions as follows;

1. Dunoon Community Council (DCC) previously asked the Area Committee to ask the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) about the number of deaths from Covid-19 in Ashgrove Care Home and they failed to answer. The Care Commission revealed the true number of deaths to be 36 residents who died between March 2020 - March 2021. Can the Area Committee ask once again why they hid the number and denied that Ashgrove was the epicentre of Covid-19 in Dunoon?;
2. DCC want an independent enquiry into what happened at Ashgrove and how many residents came from hospitals in ,tionaso(rch)-2uanmaInfr10((re)-2(m)-151(e)-)134 hit3(ied)-

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

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

5. PERFORMANCE REVIEW - AREA SCORECARD

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

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee;

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

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

6. TRANSPORT UPDATES

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

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

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

In relation to Arden Craig Gardens the Chair advised that Council Officers had a positive meeting last week with the Bute Island Alliance who are keen to progress a community led scheme involving the area

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

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

(Reference: Report by Stephen Whiston - Head of Strategic Planning & Performance dated March 2021, submitted)

12. PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT 2021/22 - BUTE AND COWAL

The Committee gave consideration to a progress and statistical update report on the Primary Schools in Bute and Cowal for the 2020/2021 session.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee considered the content of the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education Services dated 7 May 2021, submitted)

13. CRUACH MOR AND CLACHAN FLATS WINDFARM TRUSTS

A report which updated Members on the work undertaken by the wind farm trusts set up at both Cruach Mhor (Glendaruel) and Clachan Flats (Cairndow) in accordance with consented developments was before the Committee for noting.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee noted the updates, which were the most recent of the annual updates required by the Committee on the work of the Trusts.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support dated 10 May 2021, submitted)

14. DRAFT BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

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

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