(b) **Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group - 1 February 2022**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group held on 1st February 2022 were noted.

(c) **Cowal Transport Forum - 9 February 2022**

the Public Question Time item where notification of the questions being raised had not been submitted in advance of the meeting.

5. STRATEGIC TRANSPORT ISSUES

The Chair facilitated a discussion around local strategic transport issues with particular regard to the availability of, and future plans for, public transport.

Discussion took place around the current transport timetable no longer being fit for purpose; the need for flexibility, collaboration and effective communication regarding public transport services; an anticipated future increase in the use of electric vehicles and the resulting need for increased electric vehicle charging points; the need to build an attractive bus service for use by people across the area; the success of the Pingo service and its potential future use in more urban areas; the requirement for the reinstatement of public transport services in rural areas; the requirement for increased funding for public

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth dated 19 January 2022, submitted)

The Chair, Councillor Good, thanked everyone for their support during his term as Chair of the Area Committee. He wished those who were standing for re-election good luck and thanked Committee Services for their efforts and hard work behind the scenes. Councillor