

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON A
HYBRID BASIS IN THE QUEEN'S HALL, DUNOON AND BY MICROSOFT TEAMS
ON TUESDAY, 5 MARCH 2024**

Present: Councillor Liz McCabe (Chair)

Councillor Audrey Forrest Councillor William Sinclair
Councillor Reeni Kennedy-Boyle Councillor Peter Wallace
Councillor Ross Moreland

Attending: Stuart McLean, Committee Manager
Jim Smith, Head of Road and Infrastructure Services
Colin Young, Strategic Transportation Delivery Officer
Colin Fulcher, Senior Economic Regeneration Officer
Kelly Ferns, Research and Development Officer
Stuart Green, Corporate Support Manager
Sonya Thomas, OD Project Officer
Suzanne Mason, Engagement and Communities Lead
Louise Lawson, Education Manager - Inclusion and Equality
Lisa Marle, Head Teacher, Innellan and Toward Primary School

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Yvonne McNeilly, Gordon Blair and Daniel Hampsey.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Reeni Kennedy-

The Minute of the meeting of the Cowal Transport Forum, held

1. noted and considered the performance and supporting commentary as presented;
2. noted that upon receipt of the Quarterly Performance Report the Area Committee should contact either the Responsible Named Officer or the Organisational Development Project Officer with any queries; and
3. noted that work was ongoing and to respond to the Organisational Development Project Officer with requests or comments regarding the layout and format of the Performance Report and Scorecard.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Customer Support Services, dated 7 February 2024, submitted)

6. PRIMARY AREA ATTAINMENT REPORT: BUTE AND COWAL

The Committee gave consideration to a report and a presentation which provided a range of key information about primary school provision in the Bute and Cowal area during the school session June 2023 to January 2024 and reported the national collection of attainment and achievement data from June 2023.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee considered and noted the information provided within the report and presentation.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education dated March 2024, submitted)

7. ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided links to the recent activities of Roads and Infrastructure Services.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure Services, dated January 2024, submitted)

8. ROADS CAPITAL RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 2024/25

The Committee gave consideration to a report which included a draft programme for roads reconstruction schemes for 2024/25 in the Bute and Cowal area.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Committee:

1. provided comments on the draft programme contained at appendix 1 of the report, which were noted by the Head of Roads and Infrastructure Services; and

project could be considered for future grant funding bids or a community asset transfer;
and

3. noted that the facility was currently in a poor state of repair and vehicular access from the A815 had been restricted however, members of the public can still access the facility on foot and that consideration should be given to installing signage advising the public that use of the facility is at their own risk.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth dated January 2024, submitted)

15. DRAFT BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE WORKPLAN