

Manager confirmed that as soon as he received any further update he would pass this on to Liz and the Committee Members.

Liz asked if there could be anyway of pushing that survey on a bit. She commented that when the 30 mph speed limit was introduced there was not the same volume of traffic as there was nowadays.

Councillor McNeilly advised that she was sure the Chair would be supportive of this and gave an assurance that this survey would be undertaken as soon as possible and that the community would be kept informed.

Question from Finlay Martin

Finlay Martin asked what the process would be for changing the speed limit from 30 mph to 20 mph.

Response from Committee Manager

The Committee Manager advised that it would involve a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) which could be a lengthy process. He agreed to arrange for the procedure undertaken to be forwarded to Finlay for his information.

Finlay advised that it was his understanding that the Scottish Government had plans to bring all 30 mph roads down to 20 mph and that this was a policy hoped to be put in place by 2025. He said it was the long term intention to have all 30 mph roads with street lights brought down to 20 mph. He suggested that the Council should try to get ahead of the game and push this policy forward.

seriously. She confirmed that the Committee Manager would come back separately with information on the whole TRO process.

Liz Wren commented that Angus Council had already implemented this 20 mph policy in villages and built up areas.

The Chair invited the Project Manager for Roads and Infrastructure Services to speak.

The Project Manager referred to comments made about the introduction of 20 mph limits across the area and advised that under the new Transport Act there were regulations and provisions for blanket 20 mph zones but these were not in place yet. He advised that Scottish Borders Council were currently piloting a trial on this and would be reporting back to the Society of Chief Officers for Transport in Scotland (SCOTS). This feedback would then be shared with all Heads of Roads in Scotland and would inform any plans taken forward.

The Project Manager confirmed that contact would be made with colleagues in Angus Council to find out about any pilot they may be undertaking.

Councillor Kennedy-Boyle asked about the possibility of introducing a temporary TRO for the Kilchattan Bay area. The Project Manager confirmed that this may be possible but before this could be introduced a traffic survey would have to be undertaken. The Chair confirmed that the Committee had already been advised that this area was 9th

Councillor Blair referred to Roads waiting on replacement batteries for the survey equipment. He asked if the Service could ensure a supply of batteries were kept in stock.

Question from Isobel Strong

Isobel Strong advised that she was Chair of the Arden Craig Gardens Friends Group and that they were very disappointed that there had been no spring planting this year. She sought confirmation of the procurement process that had been undertaken in this respect.

She then pointed out that 3,000 summer plants had just arrived in a single shipment and due to the small number of staff they were not sure how they would be planted out. She advised that the plants that had arrived were smaller than what would have been grown at Arden Craig. She asked if the decision taken to not grow plants in Arden Craig and to buy them in instead could be re-examined.

Isobel commented that in front of Rothesay there were no flower beds and walking along the promenade from Albert Pier to Glenburn Road the weeds were 3 foot high. She also advised that from the minutes of the last meeting it had been noted that the Victorian toilets would be open, but visitors to the island last week found them closed. She asked for an update on this and also asked when the pontoons0()28(S)-20(h)56(e)-6()-34(a)-6(l)35(so)-

Councillor Kennedy-Boyle asked what efforts were made to develop local supply chains. The Chair reminded Councillor Boyle that this was public question time and she asked the Project Manager to respond direct to Councillor Kennedy-Boyle outwith the meeting.

Question from Jean Moffat

Jean asked to whom the report would go to. She asked if it would go to every individual Councillor regarding the outcome of the purchased bedding plants and if there would be finances.

Response from Project Manager/Committee Manager

The Project Manager advised that every single policy saving was regularly reported on and that is was his understanding it went to all Members. The Committee Manager said he believed that the report would be considered by the Policy and Resources Committee and that the report would be published online 3 clear working days before consideration of that report and that this report would be accessible to both elected Members and members of the public. The Project Manager advised that all aspects of policy savings were reported on and in this case the quality of the plants and the outcome of that policy saving would be considered.

Councillor Blair asked if the Committee could make a formal request for this Committee to receive a copy of the report before it went to the Policy and Resources Committee.

The Chair advised that there was a process in place on how Committee reports were issued. She said that this would come out in the public domain before the Committee for everyone to see. The Project Manager advised that a clear and meaningful review would not likely be done before the end of the summer and that the report would be prepared after that time. He advised that like other areas Bute and Cowal was experiencing issues and, in particular, the area suffered from a relatively small field of contractors and with the Council issuing contracts that tended to be smaller than other authorities they were a less attractive customer. Councillor Blair commented that this statement was an argument for growing our own.

5. AREA PERFORMANCE REPORT FQ4 2021/22

A paper presenting the Area Scorecard for Financial Quarter 4 2021/22 (January to March 2022) which illustrated the agreed performance measures was considered.

Decision

The Committee:-

1. noted and considered the performance and supporting commentary as presented.
2. noted that upon receipt of the Quarterly Performance Report the Committee should contact either the Responsible Named Officer or the Performance Improvement Officer with any queries;
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4. noted the proposal to include the additional Corporate Outcome Indicators within the quarterly Area Committee report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Customer Support

A report providing information regarding two applications that had been received for support from the Lamont Bequest was considered.

Decision

The Committee agreed to award £100 to the two family applicants who met the criteria for support from the Lamont Bequest.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support dated May 2022, submitted)