
Report To:	The Petitions Committee	Date:	1 February 2018
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Subject:	Petitions Update Report		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on petitions previously reported on and on new petitions received since the last meeting of the Committee.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The position in relation to petitions received and previously reported on, and on new petitions received since the date of the last meeting of the Committee, is as detailed in Appendix 1.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee

- 3.1 Notes the position in relation to (a) petitions previously reported on and (b) new petitions received since the date of the last report, all as detailed in Appendix 1

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Committee received and noted a report to its meeting on 15 June 2017 providing an overview on the position in relation to all petitions received to that date and confirmed if in each case further updates would be brought to the Committee at a later date. Appendix 1 includes such updates in respect of the relevant petitions.
- 4.2 Appendix 1 also includes details of the position in relation all new petitions received since the preparation of the above report, and how these have been dealt with by officers.
- 4.3 The Committee will note from Appendix 1 that the following petitions have both achieved the level of support necessary for them to be brought before this committee:
- petition for a residents parking permit scheme in Port Glasgow Town Centre, submitted by Mrs Eileen Catterson; and
 - petition for IC support of the grant of a long term lease of the Indoor Bowling Facility to Inverclyde Leisure, submitted by Mr Angus Munro
- Each of these is the subject of a separate report to the Committee.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Finance

None from this report.

Legal

- 5.2 Petitions submitted are evaluated by officers in Legal and Property Services with reference to the approved criteria, and either rejected or progressed on that basis. Individual petitions will only be brought before the Committee as a separate item of business when they have been published and attracted the necessary level of support, all in terms of the Council's Standing Orders and the approved petitions procedures.

Human Resources

- 5.3 None from this report.

Equalities

- 5.4 None from this report.

Repopulation

- 5.5 There are no repopulation implications.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 None.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

Appendix 1 – update on petitions in progress as at 18/1/18.

Petitioner (where published)	Title	Last update	Submitted	Start Date	Update	Next Steps
Miss Lynn Simpson	Traffic Calming Measures on Kilmacolm Road, Greenock.	15/06/2017	18/1/2016	05/02/2016	Progressed to next stage after achieving 210 signatures. Roads colleagues confirmed completion of surveys at this and other locations in Inverclyde. From these, this location has been added to the list of priority sites for such traffic calming measures in the area, with two other locations they have assessed as a higher priority. It would only be if works were completed at those two locations and there were surplus funds remaining in the budgets for such works, that they would be in a position to progress matters at Kilmacolm Road. In light of this update, the petitioner did not wish the matter taken any further.	Closed - There will be no further updates to the Committee.
John B Houston	The creation of crawl spaces, opening the Inverclyde Academy AstroTurf pitches for use by local youngsters out of hours.	15/06/2017	07/04/2017	N/A	This petition was supported by the Committee at the 15 June 2017 Committee. A report on the proposal was subsequently submitted to and approved by the Education and Communities Committee on the 5 September 2017 for the installation of crawl spaces have at the Inverclyde Academy 3G pitch for a trial period of 1 year, with a further report to be submitted to that Committee following that trial. The installation was completed in October 2017.	Closed - No further updates to the Committee.
	Antisocial Behavior at Taransay and Barra Way	15/06/2017	15/06/2017	15/06/2017	This petition did not receive the required level of support for it to be brought before the Committee for consideration.	Closed - No further updates to the Committee.
Cats Matter	Petition for IC staff to scan dead cats found at roadside	NEW	07/11/2017		This petition was submitted for evaluation, but following discussions with the relevant Council services, the Petitioner was satisfied with a combination of existing Council practices and some changes to same being implemented by the service.	Closed - No further updates to the Committee on this petition.
Miss Eileen Catterson	Petition for a residents parking permit scheme in Port Glasgow Town Centre	NEW		28/09/2017	The petition has received the requisite level of support and is being brought before the Committee for consideration.	Petition being brought before the Committee for consideration.

Mr Gus Munro	Petition for IC support of granting of a long term lease of the Indoor Bowling Facility to IL	NEW	10/10/2017	10/10/2017	Petition has achieved the requisite level of support and is being brought before the Committee for consideration.	Petition being brought before the Committee for consideration.
	Petition for IC to encourage construction of more 1 to 3 bed affordable bungalows developers and Social Landlords.	NEW	04/01/2018		Rejected on basis beyond Council remit and area of functional responsibility. The petitioner was advised of the role that the Council does undertake in relation to housing need and planned housing provision, and further discussion with colleagues in Safer and Inclusive Communities was offered.	Closed - No further updates to the Committee.
Mrs Jackie McPherson	Petition to re-open Paton Street Community Centre.	NEW	08/01/2018	15/01/2018	The petition has been accepted on the system and is presently live on the website.	A further update will provided to the Committee in due course.
	Petition to Save Lamont's Pier	NEW	08/01/2018		The petition is at the evaluation stage, with discussions ongoing both internally with the relevant Council service and with the petitioner.	A further update will provided to the Committee in due course.
Mrs Patricia Gannon	Petition to remove the requirement to display a parking disc in relation to Council regulated parking.	NEW	16/01/2018	17/1/18	The petition has been accepted on the system and is presently live on the website.	A further update will provided to the Committee in due course.