
Report To:	The Petitions Committee	Date:	17 May 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 1 February 2018 providing an overview on the position in relation to all petitions received to that date, which overview confirmed if in each case further updates would be brought to the Committee at a later date. Appendix 1 includes any such updates.
- 4.2 Appendix 1 also includes details of 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 petition in relation to Inchgreen Dry Dock by Mr Robert Buirds has achieved the level of support necessary for it to be brought before this committee for consideration. This petition 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

Appedix 1 – update on petitions progress as at 9/5/18

Petitioner (where published)	Title	Last Update	Submitted	Start Date	Closing Date	Update (Cttee)	Next Steps
Miss Eileen Catterson	Petition for a residents parking permit scheme in Port Glasgow Town Centre	01/02/2018	27/09/2017	28/09/2017	28/12/2017	<p>Following support of the petition by the Committee at the meeting of 2 February, officers in Environmental and Commercial Services will commission surveys and a report to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • determine the demand for parking by different users of the town centre; • consider if any changes are required to the current TROs (Traffic Regulation Orders) for Port Glasgow; • consider whether there is a requirement for Residents’ Parking Permits, and if so the extent of such a scheme. <p>Once these are received, officers will in turn submit a report to the Environment & Regeneration Committee following the summer recess on the terms of the same and with the comments of this Committee. Should the Environment and Regeneration Committee at that stage support the promotion of changes to the TROs, the Committee should note that the Council’s standard procedures for such promotion will require to be followed and that the estimated timescale for promoting a TRO is between 6 and 12 months depending on whether or not there are any objections received.</p>	A further update will be provided to the Committee in due course.
Mr Gus Munro	Petition for IC support of granting of a long term lease of the Indoor Bowling Facility to IL	01/02/2018	10/10/2017	10/10/2017	10/01/2018	<p>The Head of Inclusive Education, Culture and Communities has confirmed that discussions re lease renewal are ongoing with Inverclyde Leisure and further updates will be provided in due course. The Committee will recall the purpose behind the petition was to facilitate Inverclyde Leisure investment in repairs and upgrades. Separately, the 1 year budget approved by the Council at the meeting of 13 March included an allocation of £100,000.00 towards upgrades at this facility. Officers in Inclusive Education, Culture and</p>	A further update will be provided to the Committee in due course.

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						Communities are in discussion with Inverclyde Leisure, who are in turn in discussion with the bowling club, on planning and progressing such works.	
Mrs Jackie McPherson	Petition to re-open Paton Street Community Centre to be re-opened.	01/02/2018	08/01/2018	15/01/2018	14/04/2018	This petition has been handed in to officers and runs in three strands: on the Council website; on the external petitions website www.change.org ; and in written form. Over these three, it has gained a sufficient number of signatures for it to be brought before the committee, however as the matter is being considered by one of the Council's substantive committees it is not competent for it to be considered by the Committee in terms of the petitions criteria. The Head of Environmental and Public Protection and the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture and Communities have confirmed that a report was brought to the Education and Communities Committee meeting of the 8 May on the future of all Ward 7 Community Facilities, including Paton Street Centre, with a further report to be brought in due course following the summer recess. The said Heads of Service have been made aware of this petition and make reference to it in the above report. The petitioner has also been made aware of the position.	No further updates will be brought to the Committee.
Mr John Rogers	Petition to Save Lamont's Pier	01/02/2018	08/01/2018	13/03/2018	12/06/2018	The petition has been accepted on the system and is presently a live petition on the website. It has already achieved in excess of 100 signatures however the petitioner wishes to allow the petition to run for the full publication period of 3 months before the matter is brought before the Committee.	A further update will be 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.	01/02/2018	16/01/2018	17/01/2018	16/04/2018	The petition did not gain the necessary level of support for it to be brought before the committee for consideration.	No further updates will be brought to the Committee.

	Petition to keep open the Youth Connections Facilities	NEW	07/03/2018	07/03/2018	07/03/2018	This petition was handed in with a level of support sufficient to bring to petitions committee, however as the potential closure of this facility was already the subject of a report to the Inverclyde Council as part of the budget setting process, it cannot be considered by the Committee in terms of the Petitions Criteria. The petition was drawn to the attention of ward members and the officers dealing with the reports on this matter. The petitioner was also advised of the position.	No further updates will be brought to the Committee.
	Petition to keep open the Clune Park Resource Centre	NEW	09/03/2018	09/03/2018	09/03/2018	Written petition with level of support sufficient to bring to petitions committee, however as the potential closure of this facility is already the subject of a report to the Inverclyde Council as part of the budget setting process, it cannot be considered by the Committee in terms of the Petitions Criteria. The petition was drawn to the attention of ward members and the officers dealing with the reports on this matter. The petitioner was also advised of the position.	No further updates will be brought to the Committee.
PS	Petition to live stream/webcam Council Meetings	NEW	12/03/2018			This proposal was a contained in one of the budget proposals considered at the 15 March 2018 meeting of Inverclyde Council, but was rejected. As there has been a decision on the matter within the last 6 months, it cannot be considered by the Committee in terms of the Petitions Criteria	No further updates will be brought to the Committee.
	Petition to amend permitted parking period in Newton Street	NEW	28/03/2018			Roads colleagues are in the process of promoting TRO providing for such a change, and as such it cannot be considered by the Committee in terms of the Petitions Criteria. The TRO process will include a public notice and representation process. The petitioner has been advised.	No further updates will be brought to the Committee.

Mr Robert Buirds	Petition to save Inchgreen Dry Dock. Calls on the Council support the principle of Public/Community Ownership of the dry dock and to engage with Scottish Government to formulate a strategy seeking that end.	NEW	10/04/2018	10/04/2018	10/04/2018	This petition is a combination of an online petition through the 38degrees website and a written petition, and has not been run through the Council website. It is directed both at the Council and the Scottish Ministers. It has been handed in to officers and has the requisite level of support to be brought before the Committee.	The petition is being brought before the Committee for consideration in a separate report.
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