

Date: 23 October 2009

I refer to the agenda for the meeting of the Regeneration Committee to be held on Thursday 29 October 2009 and now enclose the undernoted reports which were not available on the day issue.

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Head of Legal & Administration

### **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

5. **Community Council Review Update**  
Report by Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources

The documentation relative to the following items has been treated as exempt information in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, the nature of the exempt information being that set out in the paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act whose numbers are set out opposite the heading to each item.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

14. **Greenock Arts Guild - Update** Paras 6 & 9  
Report by Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the Greenock Arts Guild project
15. **Gourock Central Development** Paras 2, 6 & 9  
Report by Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the progress with development options at the Gourock Central Area
16. **Ground at Kempock Street, Gourock** Paras 2, 6 & 9  
Report by Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to readvertise ground at Kempock Street, Gourock for sale on the open market

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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Regeneration Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> October 2009</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director – Regeneration and Resources</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>RC/09/10/05/SJ/WW</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Community Council Review Update</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Committee on the ongoing review of Community Councils at a national level and in Inverclyde.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The review of Community Councils is ongoing at both national and local level and several reports have been previously submitted to Committee on this issue. The national review is considering a new Scheme of Delegation for Community Councils and a new Code of Conduct for Community Councillors. The review at a local level is being taken forward by the Community Council Review Working Group (CCWG) and is looking at the issues of Community Council boundaries and future support by Inverclyde Council to Community Councils.
- 2.2 The national review has now been concluded and the new Scheme of Delegation and Code of Conduct are ready to be considered for adoption at a local level. Consideration has been made by the National Review Group about the process for the adoption of these documents. Details of the adoption process are given at paragraph 4.1 below and in Appendix A.
- 2.3 The local CCWG has met twice recently and has now agreed on a list of proposals on Community Council boundaries for wider consultation. Further information is given at Paragraph 4.2 below and in Appendix B.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 That Committee agrees on the consultation process detailed in Appendix A.
- 3.2 That Committee agrees that the proposals for Community Council boundaries as set out in Appendix B can be taken to consultation with all Community Councils and the general public.

## 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Following a review of the relevant legislation, the National Review Group has set out that the consultation process in Appendix A should be followed.

This shows that the consultation process will be lengthy, but comprehensive, and will give the opportunity for Community Councils in Inverclyde and the general public to be fully consulted about any recommendations regarding boundaries and the new Scheme of Delegation.

Appendix A shows that the process will take around 33 weeks to complete and will commence once the draft proposals on boundaries are agreed by Committee. The consultation process will involve focus group meetings; requests for comments from the general public; and formal individual meetings with each Community Council.

- 4.2 The Community Council Working Group (CCWG) has met twice in recent weeks and has now agreed on a set of proposals on boundaries to take to consultation. Details of these proposals are given in Appendix B.

In summary, the proposals are as follows:

### Community Council 1 – Kilmacolm

No change from the current boundaries. This area would include farmland (other than that stipulated specifically under Port Glasgow West) around Port Glasgow, Quarriers' Village and Kilmacolm. It would also include the Finlayston Estate.

### Community Council 2 – Port Glasgow East

Boundaries to include Slaemuir; Park Farm; Clune Brae in the west; and the houses at "West Langbank" in the east.

### Community Council 3 – Port Glasgow West

Boundaries to include Clune Brae in the east; the boundary of Greenock/Port Glasgow in the west; the Port Glasgow Golf Course and the farm at West Douglichill.

### Community Council 4 – Greenock East

Boundaries to include the boundary of Greenock/Port Glasgow in the east; and Baker's Brae in the west

### Community Council 5 – Greenock Central

Boundaries to include Baker's Brae in the East; Peat Road, Murdieston Street and Robertson Street in the west.

### Community Council 6 – Holefarm and Cowdenknowes

Boundaries to include Whinhill Golf Course, Overton, Peat Road and Murdieston Street in the east; the north boundary would be along Inverkip Road to Barr's Cottage; the west boundary would be from Barr's Cottage and follow the Hole Burn southwards.

### Community Council 7 – Greenock Southwest

The boundary would include the communities at Gateside, Smithston, Ravenscraig Hospital and Pennyfern

### Community Council 8 – Larkfield, Braeside and Branchton

No change from the current boundary. The farmland adjacent to these areas would come under the remit of Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council.

### Community Council 9 – Greenock West and Cardwell Bay

Boundaries to include Robertson in the east; Greenock Cemetery, Greenock Golf Course and Coves Reservoir areas in the south; Larkfield Road in the west.

### Community Council 10 – Gourrock

Boundaries to include Larkfield Road and the houses at Weymouth Crescent in the east; Gourrock Golf Course in the south; Cloch Lighthouse and Cloch Caravan Park in the west.

### Community Council 11 – Inverkip and Wemyss Bay

Boundaries to include Lunderston Bay, Farmland and Spango Valley in the north; Farmland south of Pennyfern in the east; Inverclyde boundary to the south

## 5.0 IMPLICATIONS

### 5.1 Finance:

#### Financial Implications – One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

#### Financial Implications – Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (if Applicable)	Other Comments
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

5.2 Human Resources: None

5.3 Legal: Legal Services will need to be involved with the adoption of the new Scheme of Delegation.

5.4 Equalities: Equalities issues will be considered as part of the consultation process.

## 6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 Details of the consultation process are given in paragraph 4.1 above.

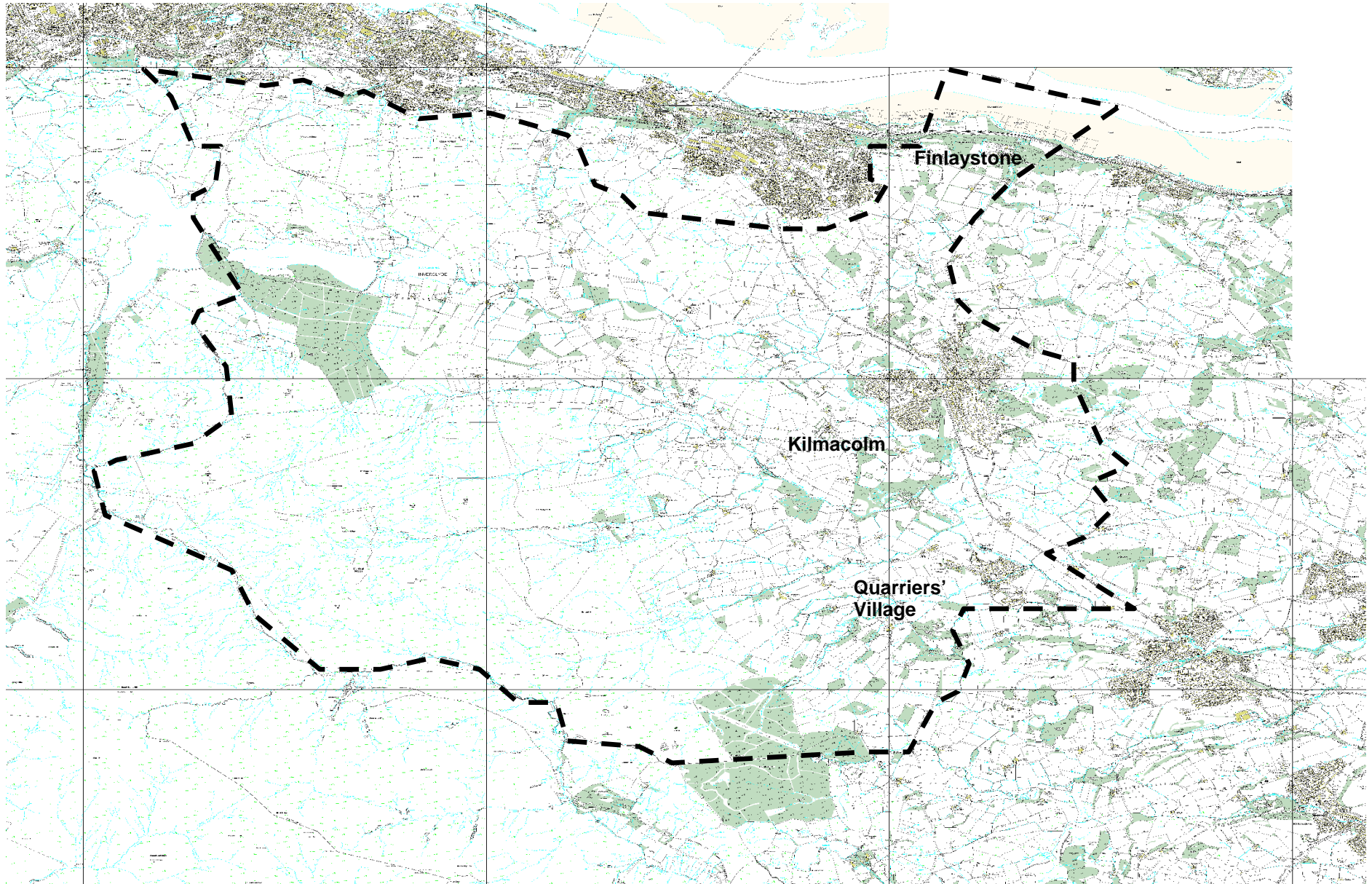
## 7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 Details of background papers can be found at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Government/local-government/CommunityCouncils>

**APPENDIX A****GUIDE TIMETABLE FOR REVIEW OF A  
COUNCIL'S SCHEME OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>
Week 1	Council Meeting.	As part of a report on the current scheme, of community councils, Council to consider a recommendation to revoke the existing scheme and make a new scheme for the establishment of community councils.
Week 3	Publish Public Notice.  Areas/Composition.	Give public notice of the Council's intention to revoke the existing scheme and make a new scheme for the establishment of community councils. Period of 8 weeks.
Week11	Council Meeting.	Council to consider suggestions from the first consultation period and agree a draft scheme for consultation.
Week 15	Publish Public Notice.  Scheme and Documentation.	Give public notice of the Council's draft scheme for the establishment of community councils. Period of 8 weeks
Week 23	Council Meeting	Council to consider suggestions to the draft scheme and agree a final draft scheme for consultation.
Week 27	Publish Public Notice.  Both.	Give public notice of the Council's final draft scheme for the establishment of community councils. Period of 4 weeks
Week 31	Council Meeting.	Council to consider suggestions to the final draft scheme; amend if required; and formally adopt the new scheme.
Week 33	Publish Public Notice.  Establishment Process/Notice for currently non-established community council areas.	Give public notice of the Council's new adopted scheme; and invitation to electors to apply for establishment.

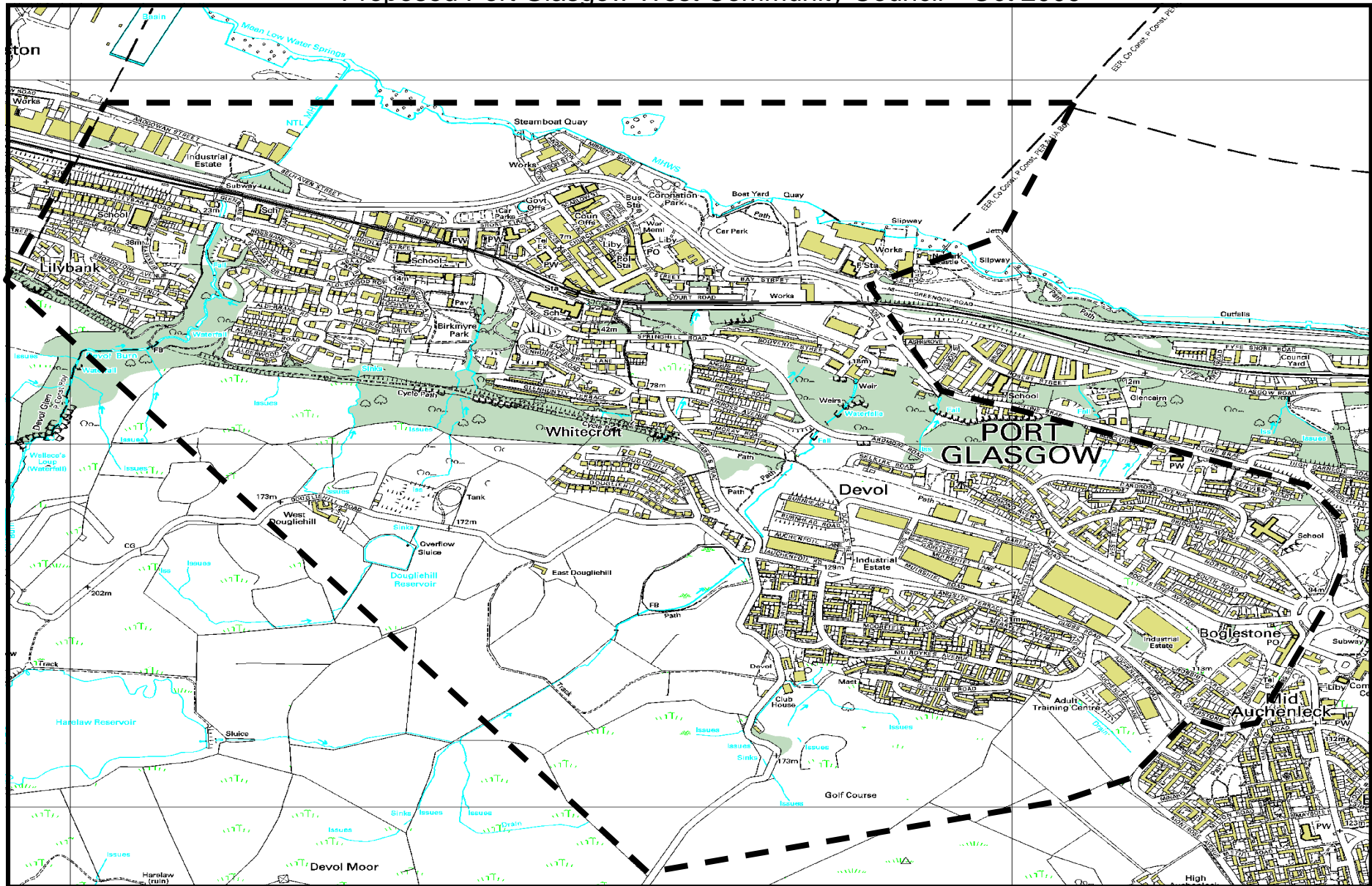
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# Proposed Port Glasgow East Community Council—Oct 2009



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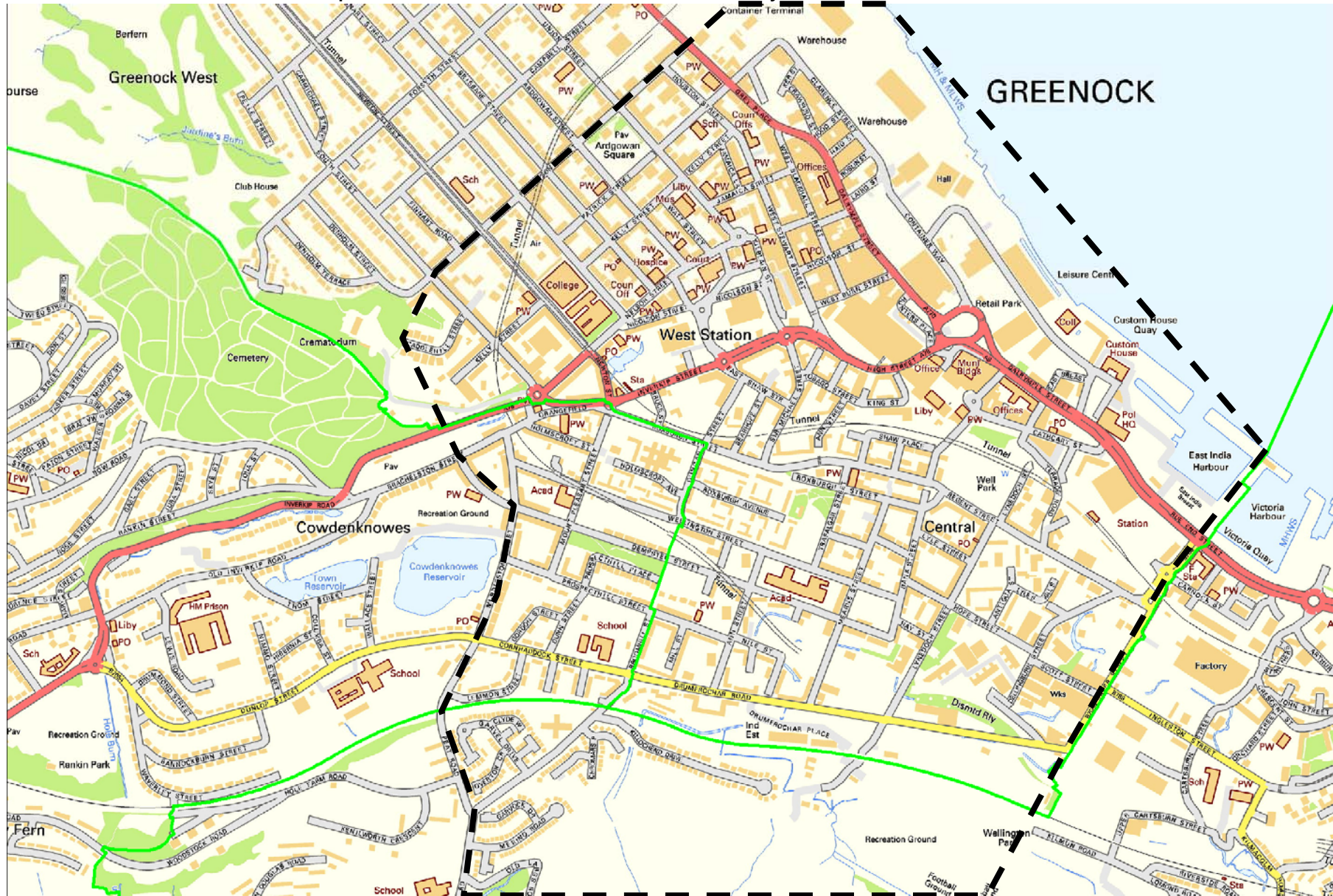




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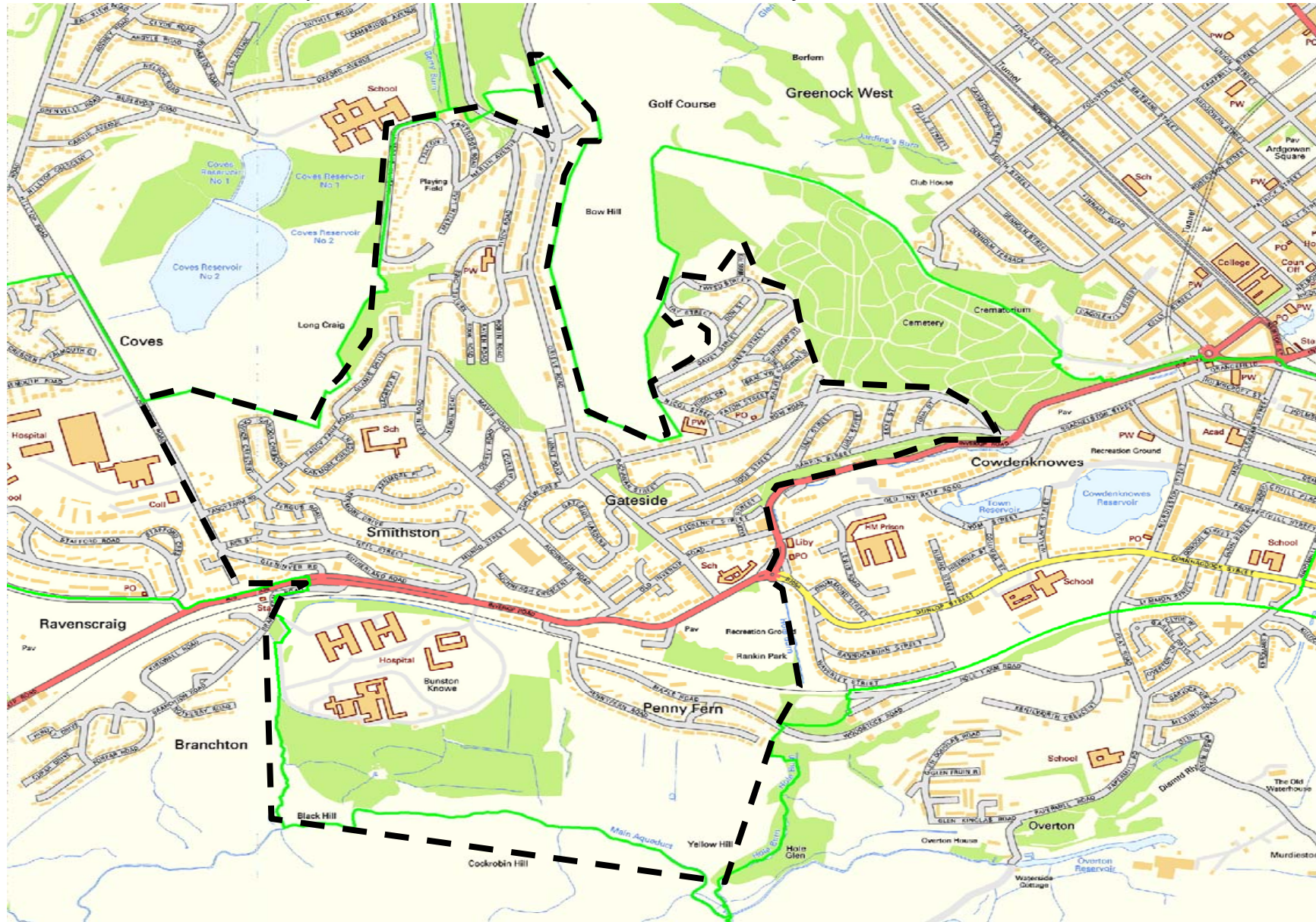
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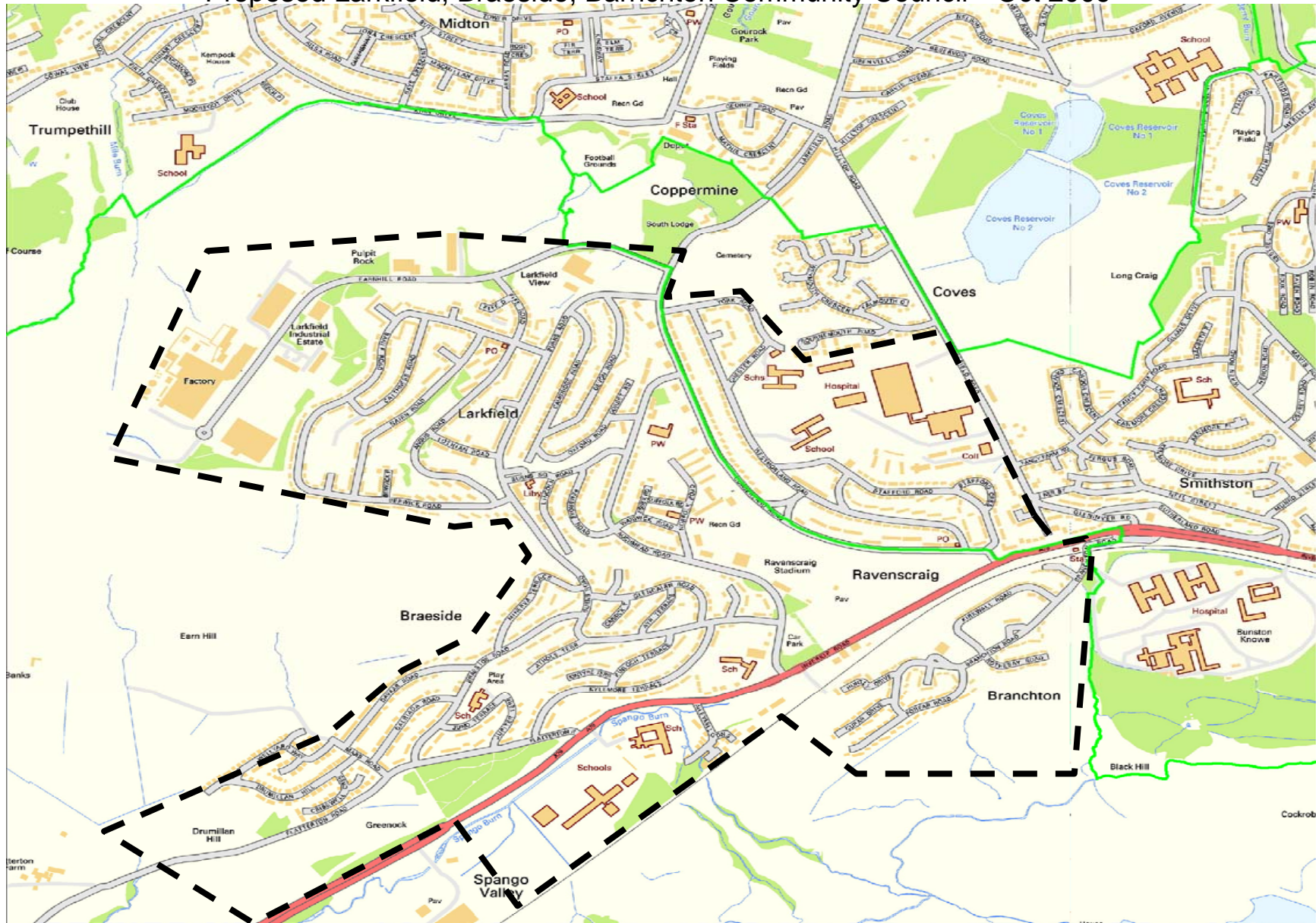
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Proposed Inverkipp and Wemyss Bay Community Council—Oct 2009

