

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL - 23 FEBRUARY 2012

The Inverclyde CouncilThursday 23 February 2012 at 4 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, Dorrian, Fyfe, Loughran, MacLeod, McCabe, McCallum, McIlwee, McKenzie, Moran, Nelson, Osborne, Rebecchi, White and Wilson.

Chair: Provost McCormick presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Business Manager, Libraries Manager and Corporate Communications Manager.

123 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 123

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

124 Clyde Coastguard Update: Presentation 124

The Council heard a presentation by Mr Stewart Atkinson, PCS representative, on the implications of the decision of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency to close the Clyde Coastguard Centre at Greenock and the current position of the continuing campaign to retain the Centre.

Following his presentation, Mr Atkinson answered a number of questions from Members.

Decided: that Inverclyde Council continue to support the campaign and continue to co-ordinate actions with the other local authorities within the West of Scotland which form the Concordat in support of the retention of the Clyde Coastguard Centre at Greenock.

**Minutes of Meetings of
The Inverclyde Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards**

125 The Inverclyde Council - 1 December 2011 125

Approved on the motion of Provost McCormick.

126 Planning Board - 7 December 2011 126

Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

127 General Purposes Board - 14 December 2011 127

Approved on the motion of Councillor White.

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128	Grants Sub-Committee - 15 December 2011	128
	<i>Approved</i> on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
129	The Inverclyde Council (Special) - 15 December 2011	129
	<i>Approved</i> on the motion of Provost McCormick.	
130	Planning Board - 4 January 2012	130
	<i>Approved</i> on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
131	Audit Committee - 10 January 2012	131
	<i>Approved</i> on the motion of Councillor Blair.	
132	General Purposes Board - 11 January 2012	132
	<i>Approved</i> on the motion of Councillor White.	
133	Inverclyde CHCP Sub-Committee - 12 January 2012	133
	<i>Approved</i> on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.	
	It was noted in relation to paragraph 29(10) (Welfare Reform: Implications for Inverclyde Services and the Funding of the Statutory Homelessness Service), that the Convener had now written to the Secretary of State for Work & Pensions in accordance with the minuted decision and he read out his letter to Members.	
134	Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee - 17 January 2012	134
	<i>Approved</i> on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
135	Regeneration Committee - 19 January 2012	135
	<i>Approved</i> on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.	
136	Education & Lifelong Learning Committee - 24 January 2012	136
	<i>Approved</i> on the motion of Councillor Loughran.	
137	Planning Board - 1 February 2012	137
	<i>Approved</i> on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
138	Education Appeals Board - 2 February 2012	138
	<i>Approved</i> on the motion of Councillor Moran.	

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- 139 Policy & Resources Committee - 7 February 2012 139**
Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.
- 140 General Purposes Board - 8 February 2012 140**
Approved on the motion of Councillor White.
- 141 Inverclyde Council (Special) - 9 February 2012 141**
Approved on the motion of Provost McCormick.
- 142 Inverclyde CHCP Sub-Committee (Special) - 13 February 2012 142**
Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.
 Councillor Osborne left the meeting at this juncture.
- 143 James Watt College - Motion by Councillor Dorrian 143**
 There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment appending a motion by Councillor Dorrian, countersigned by Councillor Ahlfeld, relative to the future of the James Watt College which had been submitted in accordance with Standing Order 22 in the following terms:-
 "Call on Members of the Council to ask the Scottish Government to preserve the integrity and independence of the James Watt College to enable it to develop and continue as a major provider of Education and Training for the West of Scotland. Anything less will lead to further job cuts, reduce the influence of the college and seriously affect the education of our young people and limiting the life chances of the people of Inverclyde".
 (Councillor Osborne returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
 Following discussion, Councillor Dorrian seconded by Councillor Blair moved (1) that the Council support the motion as submitted and (2) that a report be submitted to the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee (a) setting out the implications of the Scottish Government's proposals for education and employability within Inverclyde and (b) on the future governance of the James Watt College to ensure its integrity and focus in Inverclyde.
 As an amendment, Councillor Nelson seconded by Councillor Brooks moved that Officers be asked to prepare a report which will inform Members of the effects the Scottish Government's proposals for reforming further and higher education will have on the James Watt College.
 On a vote, 4 Members voted for the amendment and 14 for the motion which was declared carried.
Decided:
 (1) that the Council support the motion as submitted; and
 (2) that a report be submitted to the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee (a) setting out the implications of the Scottish Government's proposals for education and employability within Inverclyde and (b) on the future governance of the James Watt College to ensure its integrity and focus in Inverclyde.

- 144 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Cloch Road, Gourock (Waiting Restrictions & Revocation) Order 2011 144**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Cloch Road, Gourock (Waiting Restrictions & Revocation) Order 2011.
- Resolved** on the motion of Councillor White seconded by Councillor Ahlfeld that THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL incorporated under the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994 RESOLVE TO MAKE as they HEREBY MAKE a Resolution under Sections 1(1), 2(1) and (2) and Part III of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to introduce Waiting Restrictions & Revocations at Cloch Road, Gourock all as detailed in a copy of the Order forming a supplement to the principal minute hereof and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Democratic Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.
- 145 Proposal to Appoint an Archivist 145**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking approval to advertise for and appoint a Council Archivist.
- Decided:** that approval be given to the creation and advertising of a 0.5 post of Archivist, temporary for two years in the first instance, to be funded by the Watt Trust.
- The Provost being of the opinion that the undernoted item was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Council to consider the position in respect of the future of the Community Midwife Unit at Inverclyde Royal Hospital at the earliest opportunity and to make representations in this regard if considered appropriate. This was agreed unanimously.**
- 146 Community Midwife Unit, Inverclyde Royal Hospital 146**
- There was circulated a request from Councillor McIlwee in relation to the Community Midwife Unit at Inverclyde Royal Hospital in the following terms:-
- “Considering the report in today’s Telegraph which indicates an imminent closure of the CMU Service at Inverclyde this motion is presented to Full Council.
- Concern must be raised around the situation presented in today’s Telegraph about the future of the Community Midwife Unit at Inverclyde Royal. This is a service which was subject to review as part of an agreed redesign by Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board in 2008. The Board assured the Council that the decision to maintain the CMU would be for a period of 3 years at which point a review would be conducted. It seems therefore inappropriate that the Board have apparently made a decision without further recourse to the Council.
- Any reduction in service to vulnerable individuals within Inverclyde is taken very seriously and in particular this reflects on the provision of primary healthcare.
- It is acknowledged that the information appears to have been issued on an informal basis and as such the Council would request that the Chief Executive write directly to the Cabinet Secretary and the Chief Executive of the Board requesting that clarification be provided in respect of the Board intentions.”
- Decided:** that the Council agree to oppose the closure of the Community Midwife Unit at Inverclyde Royal Hospital as stated in the item circulated and remit it to the Chief Executive to write to the Cabinet Secretary and the Chief Executive of the NHS Greater

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Glasgow & Clyde Health Board requesting that clarification be provided in respect of the Board's intentions.

Councillor McCallum left the meeting at this juncture.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following two items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act, as are set opposite each item and for the item thereafter, the nature of the exempt information being that defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as detailed in the relevant minute.

Item	Paragraph(s)
Clyde Valley - Progress on Waste Treatment and Disposal Business Case	6, 8 and 9
Property Assets Management Report - Kilmacolm Institute: Remit from Regeneration Committee	2, 6 and 9

147 Clyde Valley - Progress on Waste Treatment and Disposal Business Case 147

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (1) advising that an analysis by Officers corporately had concluded that the business case for Inverclyde Council to continue its participation in the shared service scheme in respect of waste treatment and disposal was not sufficiently strong and (2) making a number of recommendations arising from this conclusion.

Decided:

- (1) that the Council note the progress made by the project since the meeting of the Council on 1 December 2011;
- (2) that the Council note the change in focus of the project from the creation of a Public/Public Entity to a joint procurement process;
- (3) that the Council note the analysis of the final outline business case shown in sections 4 and 5 of the report;
- (4) that the Council note the risks analysis as detailed in appendix 4;
- (5) that it be agreed to withdraw from any further participation in the Clyde Valley shared service for waste treatment and disposal for the reasons outlined in the report;
- (6) that it be noted that with Inverclyde withdrawing from the project, there is likely to be an additional financial burden on Councils which decide to participate further as they will have to absorb Inverclyde's share of the procurement costs;
- (7) that it be noted that Inverclyde has seconded a Waste Strategy Officer to the work for the duration of the project to date as part of the core group and that as a result of the decision to withdraw from the scheme, the Officer will return to Inverclyde Council and resume his normal duties on a date to be arranged by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services in consultation with North Lanarkshire Council to ensure continuity with the project;
- (8) that it be noted that Inverclyde Council has a competitive residual waste contract in place until 30 June 2014 with options to extend by two 12 month periods until 30 June 2016;

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(9) that it be noted that Officers will submit a report to a future meeting of the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee for approval to tender for a residual waste treatment contract which will be in operation in advance of the existing contract termination dates; and

(10) that in order to comply with the proposed Zero Waste Regulations, the treatment and disposal of residual waste will cost significantly more in the future irrespective of the delivery route ultimately adopted by the Council.

148 Property Assets Management Report - Kilmacolm Institute: Remit from Regeneration Committee 148

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on a remit from the Regeneration Committee of 19 January 2012 requesting that the Inverclyde Council, as Trustees, approve the recommendation of the Committee to set a closing date for receipt of offers for the former Kilmacolm Institute.

Decided: that a closing date of Friday 20 April 2012 be set for the receipt of offers for the former Kilmacolm Institute.

Appendices to Minutes

149 Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee - 17 January 2012 149

Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

150 Regeneration Committee - 19 January 2012 150

Approved on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.

151 Education Appeals Board - 2 February 2012 151

Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.