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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Council</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>18 February 2016</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>RMcG/LP/025/16</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Kilmacolm Heritage Centre Company: Nomination of Board Member – Request by Councillor McCabe</b>		

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask the Council to consider a request by Councillor McCabe.

## 2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 Councillor McCabe has requested that the Council consider the attached letter from Mr J Wood inviting the Council to provide a nominated Board Member to participate in the business of Kilmacolm Heritage Centre Company. **(APPENDIX)**

2.2 A full set of the documents submitted with Mr Wood's letter, being Certificate of Incorporation and Articles of Association are available within the Members' Library for detailed review. The Articles contain certain detailed standard provisions for the regulation of business and specify the key objectives of the company are to:-

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- support the stimulation of local and Inverclyde economic social and cultural regeneration;
  - form a single issue community organisation committed to setting up and running a physical heritage presence and focus in Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village and environs;
  - encourage and maintain community interests and enthusiasm and reconnect it with its heritage in Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village and environs;
  - advance education;
  - assist in developing the tourist trade;
  - assist in generating and encouraging business in Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village; and
  - promote and encourage community cohesion.”

Additionally, Kilmacolm Heritage Centre Company will:-

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- promote and facilitate the use of said Heritage Centre in ways conducive to the advancement of education, tourism and recreation;
  - foster a community spirit and encourage the association, participation and co-operation of the local community, voluntary organisations, the relevant bodies and associations in promoting and facilitating the use of said Heritage Centre as aforesaid; and
  - maintain, keep in good order and repair the furnishings, plenishings and equipment of said Heritage Centre where appropriate and within the resources available to the company.”

2.3 In terms of Council practice, any nominated Board Member will require to be an Elected Member. Officer support will, of course, be available to the nominated Elected Member as appropriate.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 That the Council consider the request from Councillor McCabe.

**Rona McGhee**  
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27<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

Dear Stephen,

**KILMACOLM HERITAGE CENTRE COMPANY - SC525122**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

I refer to my meeting with you on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015 and subsequently with Inverclyde Council's Head of Library Services, Ms. Borgan, regarding a Heritage Centre in Kilmacolm.

Following my Presentation to Kilmacolm Community Council and its positive response to my concept, the acceptance by all four local Councillors of their willingness to support the project and extensive local discussions, I confirm that the above company was registered with the Registrar of Companies on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Its objectives are defined in Section 2.3 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, a copy of which is enclosed along with a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation.

In accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, Inverclyde Council is invited to provide a Nominated Board Member to participate in its business. This need not necessarily be a Councillor.

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The community groups which have been invited to participate are:-

- Inverclyde Council;
- Kilmacolm Civic Trust;
- Kilmacolm Community Council;
- Kilmacolm New Community Centre Company Limited; and
- Quarriers.

In addition, up to four Ordinary Members from Kilmacolm and Quarriers communities will be invited to become Members.

So far five Board Members have accepted to serve, including a Member from Kilmacolm Community Council, as well as Quarriers.

Inverclyde Council should be aware that after a Presentation to Kilmacolm Civic Trust and subsequent discussions, they indicated, quite understandably, that *“after much discussion our unanimous conclusion was that such an open-ended project is not something that we could take on”*. To address this issue, Kilmacolm Heritage Company has been set up to spread the task of selecting, marshalling archives and operating a Heritage Centre.

I am sure you are aware that Kilmacolm has a rich heritage going back to the first inhabitants circa. 10,000 BC, and it has played a not insignificant part of the creation of the nation over the centuries.

I firmly believe that communities which connect with that heritage not only benefit economically, but have a heightened sense of identity, unity and pride from a common goal.

I look forward to Inverclyde Council’s acceptance of this invitation.

I hope this letter and the accompanying Memorandum and Articles of Association assist you to explain the full background to the Council.

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It is anticipated that the inaugural meeting of the Board will take place within the next four weeks or so.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

**Jim**

c.c. Councillor James McColgan  
Councillor Jim McLeod  
Councillor David Wilson