
Report To:	Environment & Regeneration Committee	Date:	28 April 2016
Report By:	Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Report No:	RMcG/LP/057/16
Contact Officer:	Rona McGhee	Contact No:	01475 712113
Subject:	Gourock Residents' Parking Permit Scheme – Request by Councillor McEleny		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask the Environment & Regeneration Committee to consider a request from Councillor McEleny.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Councillor McEleny has requested that an item be placed on the agenda for the April meeting of the Committee so that he may seek Committee approval to draft and implement a Residents' Parking Permit Scheme for residents living in central Gourock. A copy of the letter from Councillor McEleny together with the related correspondence is attached (APPENDIX).

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Committee consider the request from Councillor McEleny.

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APPENDIX
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Date: 31 March 2016

Dear Aubrey

Thank you for your response dated 30 March 2016.

As you are aware, I have consistently raised the matter of residents' parking on behalf of my constituents for a considerable period of time.

Rightly so, many of my constituents highlight to me that such a scheme already exists in Greenock. They are simply seeking equality of opportunity in order that they too can park near to their homes without fear of being financially penalised.

I respect and understand your response but I regret to inform you that the timescale you suggest is not satisfactory to my constituents.

I would request that you place this item on the agenda of the April meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee so that I may seek Committee approval to draft and implement a Residents' Parking Permit Scheme for residents living in Central Gourock.

Yours sincerely

Christopher McEleny
Councillor



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Dear Chris,

**Environment & Regeneration Committee
Gourock Residents' Parking Permits**

I thank you for your letter of 29 March 2016.

The relevant issues on parking within Gourock were considered by the Environment & Regeneration Committee at its meeting on 3 March 2016. I enclose a copy of that report for your ease of reference together with a copy of the relative minute. Additionally, I can assure you that Councillor MacLeod raised a question explicitly on your behalf at the meeting on the prospects of introducing a Gourock Residents' Parking Scheme.

As explained at the meeting and as considered by the Committee prior to its making a decision on the report, such a scheme is considered premature for the reasons fully outlined at the Committee. These reasons include the necessity of receiving a completed, thorough survey in terms of usage of the Kempock Street car parks and any need to vary the current off-street parking allocations (i.e. all day/3 hours).

Furthermore, the Committee wished to review these issues as soon as practicable and has already agreed that a report be submitted at the earliest opportunity and, if possible, before the summer recess 2016.

Accordingly, I have to suggest to you that the best course of action for you and your constituents is to await the outcome of the survey and the Committee's further detailed consideration of that. Please also note, any Residents' Parking Scheme would require very detailed consideration in relation to the impact of any variations of the current TROs should the Committee be minded to so decide.

I trust the above is of assistance in addressing the points you raise.

Yours sincerely,

Aubrey Fawcett
Corporate Director
Environment, Regeneration & Resources



ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 3 MARCH 2016

- 170 Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2016 170**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking the Committee's endorsement of (1) the annual update of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement for submission to the Scottish Government and (2) the setting up of a Members Officers Group for the review of the Local Development Plan.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee approve the publication of the updated 2016 Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement and its submission to the Scottish Government, noting that the review of the Local Development Plan will start formally in March 2016; and
- (2) that agreement be given to the setting up of a new cross-party Members Officers Group to meet on a regular basis to consider the review of the Local Development Plan.
- 171 Household Recycling Charter and Code of Practice 171**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the Household Recycling Charter and associated Code of Practice and seeking approval to sign up to the Charter.
- Decided:** that the Council sign up to the Household Recycling Charter and commence the process of developing a funded transition plan through Zero Waste Scotland.
- 172 Roads Asset Management Plan 2016/17 172**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval in relation to a proposed programme of projects to be undertaken in 2016/17 using Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP)/Capital Funding and grant offers of funding by the Scottish Government for Cycling, Walking and Safer Street Projects (CWSS).
- Decided:**
- (1) that the proposed list of projects for the 2016/17 RAMP/Capital and CWSS grant aided roads related projects be approved; and
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to achieve full spend of the RAMP/Capital budget through the substitution of projects from a reserve list when necessary.
- 173 Gourock Town Centre Parking Strategy Review 173**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on proposals to review the parking strategy in Gourock town centre following feedback received.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note that surveys and a consultation will be undertaken and the mix of parking restrictions reconsidered in accordance with the findings; and
- (2) that it be noted a report will be submitted to the Committee at the earliest opportunity detailing the findings of the survey and the consultation and any new proposals which arise as a result.

Report To:	ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE	Date: 3 MARCH 2016
Report By:	CORPORATE DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENT, REGENERATION & RESOURCES	Report No: ERC/ENV/IM/16.272
Contact Officer:	ROBERT GRAHAM	Contact No: 01475 714800
Subject:	GOUROCK TOWN CENTRE PARKING STRATEGY REVIEW	

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise Committee of the proposals to review the parking strategy in Gourock Town Centre following feedback received from some members of the public.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 As part of the Village Parking Strategy, which was reported to the Environment and Regeneration Committee of 16 June 2015, approval was given to promote a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce free parking with a 3 hour limited waiting restriction in half of the Kempock Street car park whilst the other half remained free with no limit of time.
- 2.2 Following the TRO becoming effective on 18 January 2016, Ward Members and Officers have received a number of complaints. As a result, Ward Members have asked that the Parking Strategy for Gourock Town Centre be revisited to take account of current parking habits.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Committee note that surveys and a consultation will be undertaken and the mix of parking restrictions reconsidered in accordance with the findings.
- 3.2 That the Committee note a report will be brought to the Environment and Regeneration Committee at the earliest opportunity detailing the findings of the survey and the consultation and any new proposals which arise as a result.

Ian Moffat
Head of Environmental and Commercial Services

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Following the introduction of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement in Inverclyde on 6 October 2014 the Council undertook to carry out a review of parking in all of the towns and villages.
- 4.2 As a result, letters were issued to the Community Councils seeking their views on what changes, if any, were required within their area. Gourock Community Council responded asking that a 3 hour limited waiting restriction be introduced in the Kempock Street car park to prevent commuters from taking up spaces all day.
- 4.3 Councillor McEleny also undertook consultation on Kempock Street with 45% of respondents believing that the car park should provide long and short stay parking.
- 4.4 As a result, a report was submitted to a Special Meeting of this Committee on 16 June 2015. Officers proposed in their report that 75% of the Kempock Street car park has a 3 hour limited waiting restriction and 25% has no time limit. Members asked that the split be amended to 50% / 50% and this was agreed. A TRO was introduced to this effect on 18 January 2016.
- 4.5 Since the introduction of the new TRO, Ward Members and Council Officers have received comments from patrons advising the long stay car park is well used and the short stay car park is not being fully utilised.
- 4.6 Officers met with Ward Members to review the comments and possible options on a way forward for parking in Gourock Town Centre. As a result it was agreed that in order to take more informed decisions about parking in the town centre it would be necessary to undertake a review of both on and off-street parking usage.
- 4.7 The review will be undertaken by carrying out surveys of on and off-street parking. Due to the seasonal nature of Gourock Town Centre these surveys will be undertaken before and after Gourock Outdoor Pool opens. Inverclyde Leisure has advised that the pool opens 6 May 2016.
- 4.8 A consultation process will also be undertaken to seek the experiences of the various patrons.
- 4.9 From the data received proposals will be brought back to the Environment and Regeneration Committee, after Officers have considered what the appropriate mix of parking restrictions is both on-street on Kempock Street and Lower Kempock Street and off-street in the Kempock Street car parks and the Council owned car parks in Station Road. These proposals will include whether the split in the Kempock Street car parks needs to be altered and advise if the on-street limited waiting restrictions on both Kempock Street and Lower Kempock Street are working effectively or if there is a need for the restrictions to be varied.
- 4.10 Once proposals have been drafted by Officers, a report will be brought to the Environment and Regeneration Committee, potentially at a Special Meeting prior to the summer recess. If appropriate, this will seek Committee approval to promote variations to the existing TROs. It should be noted that from this point it is likely take between 6-12 months for the TROs to come into effect depending on whether any objections to the proposals are received.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

- 5.1 There will be a cost for the surveys which are proposed. The cost of the surveys are currently unknown, however, prices will be sought from 4 suppliers. The surveys will be funded from the Roads Feasibility Budget heading in 2016/17.

Legal

5.2 Legal & Property Services have been consulted regarding the proposed approach.

Human Resources

5.3 There are no HR implications arising from this report.

Equalities

5.4 There are no equality issues arising from this report.

Repopulation

5.5 There are no repopulation implications arising from this report.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 Consultation has been undertaken with Ward Members regarding the approach to be taken.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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Dear Aubrey

As you will be aware new parking regulations have been in force in my constituency of Gourock for some time now.

I am aware that a study is underway to better understand the usage of those parking in the area, with a view to tailoring regulations when it is proved that this is required. However although I welcome this review, it does not help my constituents who live in the area and who are now unable to park where they live.

Town centre living is essential to the ongoing vibrancy and growth of our town. I have been contacted by many constituents who have explained the great difficulty these parking rules are causing them.

Therefore I would request that you progress a residents parking scheme for my constituents that live in Gourock Town Centre.

I believe the next meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee is in April and would ask that you prepare a report for this Committee to gain approval to progress with a residents parking scheme.

Yours sincerely

Christopher McEleny
Councillor

