
Report To:	The Petitions Committee	Date:	19 March 2020
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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 Committee was last convened on 13 September 2018.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The position in relation 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 13 September 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 to “Make Kirn Drive One Way” by Mr William Oliver 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 & 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

Appendix 1 – update on petitions progress as at 19/3/30

Petitioner	Title	Submitted	Start Date	Closing Date	Update (Cttee)	Next Steps (Cttee)
Miss Eileen Catterson	Petition for a residents parking permit scheme in Port Glasgow Town Centre	27/09/2017	28/09/2017	28/12/2017	As previously advised, officers in Roads and Transportation Environmental and Protection had commissioned a study to review parking habits in Port Glasgow Town Centre and consult with Town Centre residents and businesses. A report with this Port Glasgow Parking Study was submitted to the Environment and Regeneration Committee on the 16 January 2020, and the Committee decided to promote the introduction of residents parking permits are introduced in Port Glasgow Town Centre, to include King Street and Church Street. A Traffic Regulation Order will now be promoted in accordance with the required statutory procedures, and this can take up to 18 months to implement.	No further updates will be brought to this Committee.
Mr John Rodgers	Petition to Save Lamont's Pier	08/01/2018	13/03/2018	12/06/2018	A report was submitted to the 16/1/20 meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Committee detailing the position.	No further updates will be brought to this Committee.
	Petition to Put traffic lights at crossroads of Larkfield Rd/Hilltop Rd/George Rd.	19/09/2018			Following receipt of petition for evaluation, roads officers confirmed they would carry out studies at this location. The petitioner agreed to await the outcome of these studies before taking matters any further with the publication of the petition. From this study, junction assessment report was submitted to the Environment and Regeneration Committee on the 16 January 2020 and the Committee decided that consideration of the matter be continued to a working meeting to review all the options. This working meeting is scheduled for mid March 2020.	As the matter is now the subject of separate reporting to Environment and Regeneration, no further update will be provided to this. The petitioner will be updated as to the position in due course.

Unknown	Petition to prevent closure of Clune Park Resource Centre	09/12/2019			Petition handed in but no clear leader or co-ordinator of the petition disclosed. As the future of this facility is subject to reporting elsewhere, it cannot be considered by the Committee.	No further updates will be brought to this Committee.
Mr Bill Oliver	Petition to make Kirn Drive a one way system.	25/11/2019	13/01/2020		The petition has received the requisite level of support and is being brought before the Committee for consideration.	The petition is the subject of a separate report for consideration by the Committee.