

PETITIONS COMMITTEE – 30 January 2025

Petitions Committee

Thursday 30 January 2025 at 3pm

Present: Provost McKenzie, Councillors Brooks, Cassidy, Curley and Hellyer.

Chair: Councillor Curley presided.

In attendance:

Eddie Montgomery	Head of Physical Assets
Gordon Leitch	Supervisory Engineer – Roads Design
Peter MacDonald	Principal Solicitor (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services)
Lindsay Carrick	Senior Committee Officer
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer
Karen MacVey	Members' and Committee Services Team Leader
PJ Coulter	Corporate Communications Officer (Media Relations)

In attendance also:

Alison Dickie	Chair, Gourock Community Council
Audrey Blincow	Secretary, Gourock Community Council
Bridget Millar	Cloch Road resident

This meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Cassidy and Hellyer attending remotely.

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Committee.

45 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 45

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Certain connections were intimated for the purposes of transparency as follows:
Agenda Item 3 (Parking Issues at Cloch Road, Gourock Petition) – Councillor Cassidy and Councillor Hellyer.

46 Petitions Update Report 46

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services updating the Committee on the position relative to petitions previously reported on and new petitions received since the last meeting.

Decided: that the position relative to the petitions previously reported on and new petitions received since the last meeting of the Committee be noted.

47 Parking Issues at Cloch Road, Gourock Petition 47

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services providing details of a petition by Gourock Community Council (1) calling on the Council to address ongoing parking issues for residents living in the stretch of Cloch

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Road (66-68) beyond McInroy's Point and as related to Western Ferries traffic, and (2) seeking the Council to encourage stronger multi-agency working among Inverclyde Council, Western Ferries, Police Scotland and other partners to better identify this section of Cloch Road as a traffic hub and to resolve parking issues.

Councillor Cassidy declared a connection in this item as the Council's Community Council Champion and Councillor Hellyer declared a connection in that he attends meetings of the Gourock Community Council. They also formed the view that the nature of their respective connections and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the meeting or their participation in the decision making process and they were declaring for transparency.

The report advised that the petition met the petitions criteria and had received the level of public support required in terms of the approved petitions procedures. The Committee heard Mr E Montgomery and Mr G Leitch for Roads and Transportation and Ms A Dickie and Ms B Millar in support of the Petition. Ms Dickie produced two photographs in support of the petition which were circulated to Members.

Decided: that the Committee considers the issues raised in the petition have merit and remits it to the Head of Physical Assets to submit a report to a future meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee with recommendations on this matter.