

PE1524/A

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Dear Mr Howlett.

Consideration of Public Petition PE1523

I refer to your recent letter to Ms Sally Loudon, Chief Executive of Argyll and Bute Council in regards Public Petition PE1523 seeking responses from Argyll and Bute Council in relation to same.

I can confirm that this matter was discussed at the meeting of the Bute and Cowal Area Committee held on Tuesday 7th October 2014, at which time the elected Members of the Committee agreed that I should write to you in my capacity as Chair and intimate the Area Committee's support for the public petition, and urge the Scottish Government to direct Historic Scotland to investigate what action can be taken to ensure the restoration and preservation of the Heart of Quartz stones positioned in a field next to the A815, opposite the junction of the B839, overlooking Loch Fyne, known as the Gypsy Wedding Place, referred to locally as the Tinker's Heart.

In regards the transfer of the land on which the Heart sits from public to private ownership, I can confirm that in a minute of a meeting of Argyll County Council held in April 1969 there is record of a decision made that an area of ground at this location shall cease to be a highway within the meaning and for the purpose of Section 42 of the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act 1878.

I trust this information is of interest to you and will be taken into consideration by the Public Petitions Committee in their consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Robert Macintyre
Chair
Bute and Cowal Area Committee