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A meeting of the **BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held in the **QUEEN'S HALL, DUNOON** on **TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2011** at **7:00 PM**.

AGENDA

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4. **BUDGET CONSULTATION - ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL**
5. **UPDATES FROM PARTNERS**
6. **THIRD SECTOR UPDATE**
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9. **RATIONALISATION OF COUNCIL OFFICES - CAUCUS OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS**
10. **THE ROLE OF PARTNERS WITHIN LACPG - CAUCUS OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS**
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**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held
in the CASTLE HOUSE, CASTLE GARDENS, DUNOON
on TUESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2011**

Present: Councillor B Marshall (Chair)

Councillor A MacAlister
Councillor R Simon
Councillor I Strong
Councillor J R Walsh
Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager, ABC
Jane Fowler, Head of Improvement and HR, ABC
Lyndis Davidson, Performance Manager, ABC
Viv Smith, Locality Manager, NHS Highland
Eleanor MacKinnon, TSP/AVA
Anne Gabriel, Dunoon Community Council
Ann Scott, Business Gateway, ABC
David Torrance, AECOM
Archie Reid, Strachur Community Council
Iain McNaughton, Sandbank Community Council
Eleanor Stevenson, South Cowal Community Council
Liz Marion, Senior Community Learning & Development Worker
Roanna Clark, Young Scot
Alison McCrossan, Scottish Health Council
Peter Wallace, Bute Community Council
Janet McKellar, Third Sector
Lorna Alquist, Third Sector

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of the following:-

Chief Inspector Mosley
Alison Black, Rape Crisis

2. MINUTES

(a) MINUTES OF MEETING OF 17TH MAY 2011

The Minutes of the meeting of 17th May 2011 were approved as a correct record.

3. PRESENTATION ON THE YOUNG SCOT INITIATIVE - ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL, COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Group heard an informative presentation from Roanna Clark on the Young Scot initiative. Roanna spoke on Dialogue Youth and the Young Scot Card, advising that Argyll & Bute have their own card which entitles the card holder to discounts, the use of the cashless catering system in schools, free bus transport as well as being a proof of age card. Roanna also spoke on the website, the magazine and the Young Scot Action

Fund.

Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

Roanna Clark intimated her apologies and left the meeting at this stage.

4. OUTCOME AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMUNITY PLANNING SELF ASSESSMENT EXERCISE- - ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL, IMPROVEMENT AND HR

The Group had an in depth discussion on the self assessment responses discussing the strengths and areas for improvement. The Group felt that communication was key and Councillor Marshall asked that a small working group be set up to look at developing a communication plan.

Decision

The Group noted the information provided and agreed the following:-

<p>Recommendations section 1 – Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Full partnership and Management Committee should remain unchanged • Improve engagement with business sector and strategic partnerships • Structure of local area community planning group does not change
<p>Recommendations section 2 – Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Community Planning Communications Plan – including website, plain English, “what you said, what we did” • Short term working group on effective consultation
<p>Recommendations section 3 - People Resources</p> <p>No additional recommendations made</p>
<p>Recommendations section 4 – Partners and other resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners contribute more to agendas
<p>Recommendations section 5 – Plan and resources</p> <p>No additional recommendations made</p>
<p>Recommendations section 6 – Customer results</p> <p>No additional recommendations made</p>
<p>Recommendations section 7 – People results</p> <p>No additional recommendations made</p>
<p>Recommendations section 8 – Community results</p> <p>No additional recommendations made</p>
<p>Recommendations section 9 – Key Performance results</p>

No additional recommendations made

Alison McCrossan, Jane Fowler and Lyndis Davidson intimated their apologies and left the meeting at this stage.

5. DUNOON CHORD UPDATE - ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL, GOVERNANCE AND LAW

The Group heard an informative presentation from David Torrance of AECOM on the Dunoon CHORD Project. David spoke on the Queen's Hall, the road alignment, harbourmaster office, the pier strategy and a lighting strategy and advised a public consultation was scheduled for Tuesday 20th September from 12noon to 8.30pm.

Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

Viv Smith and Janet McKellar intimated their apologies and left the meeting at this stage.

6. UPDATES FROM PARTNERS

Councillor Marshall gave the Group the NHS update advising that the Bute Pathfinder model was being implemented with positive feedback from the community. The prevention of unnecessary admission into hospital is up but the length of stay is down. Dr Lewis Smith was appointed Bute Clinical Lead. The Cowal 24/7 Review Group is expanding to Strachur and Tighnabruich and the Out of Hours review will include Cowal and in-house. Cowal Community Hospital has appointed 2 Rural Practitioners and enhanced emergency skills. Lorna Alquist gave an update on the Palliative Care Review advising the group was half way through the process with an independent assessor being appointed.

Decision

The Group noted the information provided

Councillor R Simon intimated his apologies and left the meeting at this stage.

7. PROPOSED MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL - DUNOON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Iain McNaughton spoke on the possibility of having a Mountain Bike Trail to attract Mountain Bikers to Dunoon.

Decision

It was agreed the Forward Dunoon & Cowal Group would progress this

item.

Councillor Strong and Ann Scott intimated their apologies and left the meeting at this stage.

8. REQUEST FOR UPDATE ON THE CHANGE PLAN - THIRD SECTOR FORUM

Eleanor MacKinnon explained the Change Plan was no further forward at this point, she explained that there had been some confusion regarding this Plan because people thought it was a fund of money.

Decision

It was agreed that this item would be carried forward to the November meeting to hear the outcome of the Change Plans meeting in September.

Archie Reid intimated his apologies and left the meeting at this stage.

9. VIEWPOINT DRAMA WORKSHOPS - THIRD SECTOR FORUM

Liz Marion advised the Group that there would be a workshop in Bute and one in Cowal with the results being fed back to this meeting.

Decision

The group noted the information provided.

10. CHANGES TO THE THIRD SECTOR PARTNERSHIP - THIRD SECTOR PARTNERSHIP (AGENDA ITEM 13)

Eleanor MacKinnon gave the Group an update on the change at Strategic Level of the Third Sector Partnership with regard to Bute Community Links.

Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

11. CONCERN OF THE SHORT NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDING FROM ANY SOURCE AND THE PROBLEMS THIS BRINGS TO THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS - THIRD SECTOR FORUM

Lorna Alquist expressed concern about the short notice given to groups and the problems it brings, she spoke particularly on the Grab Trust who thought that their cut was only going to be 5% and turned out to be 100%. Councillor Walsh gave advice on the budget process and the problem the Council had this year with not getting as much funding as was originally thought and agreed that this was something that should be looked at.

Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

Anne Gabriel, Eleanor MacKinnon and Eleanor Stevenson intimated their apologies and left the meeting at this stage.

12. CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CONSULTATION - EXAMPLE OF GOOD PRACTICE - THIRD SECTOR FORUM

Liz Marion explained this item was just to highlight how well the Children and Families consultation was.

13. THIRD SECTOR UPDATE

This item was cover under Updates from Partners at point 6.

14. COMMUNITY COUNCIL BY - ELECTIONS - ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL, GOVERNANCE AND LAW

The Area Governance Manager advised the meeting on the recent Councillor Council By-Election saying that Kilmun Community Council was in contest and the ballot papers will be issued shortly.

