

**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held
in the EAGLESHAM HOUSE, MOUNTPLEASANT ROAD, ROTHESAY
on TUESDAY, 10 JANUARY 2012**

Present: Councillor B Marshall (Chair)

Councillor A McNaughton
Councillor J McQueen
Councillor L Scoullar
Charles Reppke, Head of Governance & Law
Jane Fowler, Head of Improvement & HR
Liz Marion, Senior Community Learning & Development Worker
Inspector Anderson, Strathclyde Police
Lorna Ahlquist, TSP
Callum Robertson, Contract Manager
Eileen Wilson, Community Planning Manager

1. APOLOGIES

Alison Black, Rape Crisis
Viv Smith, Locality Manager NHS Highland
Lorraine Prentice, Social Work Department

2. MINUTES

(a) MINUTES OF MEETING OF 1ST NOVEMBER 2011

The Minutes of the Meeting of 1st November 2012 were approved as a correct record.

3. RAPE CRISIS

Due to apologies being given this item was postponed until the March meeting.

4. MINISTERS WORKING GROUP

The Head of Governance & Law spoke on the Short Life Working Group that has been set up to try and strengthen and develop Community Councils across Scotland. He spoke on the remit of the working group and the five specific aims. The Group discussed Community Councils in general and the role they have in the community.

Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

5. REFORM SCOTLAND

This item was continued to the March meeting.

6. REPORT ON VIEWPOINT

This item was continued to the March meeting.

7. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUBGROUP

Lorna Ahlquist gave an informative presentation on the hard work carried out by the subgroup looking at Community Engagement. Lorna spoke on the links with the LACPG and the importance of information flow adding if the community is well involved they will have more trust. Eileen Wilson advised the outcome of the self-assessment was communication was different in each area and it was important to keep the dialogue going. Councillor Marshall asked for a press release for LACPG's asking for local issues to be put onto the agenda. Lorna Ahlquist asked if there was any support for the conference she had planned and Jane Fowler asked her to submit a business case.

Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

8. COMMENTS/FEEDBACK ON RECENT GIRFEC CONSULTATION AS EXAMPLE OF GOOD PRACTICE

This item was covered under item 7.

9. FEEDBACK FROM THIRD SECTOR FORUM REGARDING FUNDING ISSUES IN THE THIRD SECTOR

The Senior Community Learning & Development Worker spoke on the pressures 3rd sector groups were having to cope with following the removal of funding streams. Liz Marion said that a lot of funders have changed their application process.

Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

10. CONDITION OF ROADS IN PARTICULAR IN ROTHESAY

Decision

It was agreed the Area Governance Assistant would find out if there was any specific issues with the Roads in Rothesay and feed this back to the Roads Department.

11. ROLE OF PARTNERS WITHIN LACPG

This item was continued to the March meeting.

12. LACPG PLAN AND SCORECARD

The Head of Governance and Law spoke on the LACPG Plan and Scorecard advising that some outcomes still require information.

Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

13. CONSULTATION DIARY

The Community Planning Manager advised that the Consultation Diary was on the Council's website and encouraged people to add items to it. She advised that it would continue to be promoted and reviewed.

<http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/have-your-say/consultation-diary>

Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

14. BETTER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RESOURCE PACK

The Senior Community Learning & Development Worker advised that the Better Community Engagement Resource Pack was in its final stage of development. She explained that the document was very large and will be put onto the Council's website for people to download the parts they need rather than the full document.

Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

15. UPDATE FROM THEMATIC GROUPS

The Head of Governance & Law updated the Group on the work being carried out by the three Thematic Groups.

Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

16. RATIONALISATION/PARTNERSHIP LINKAGES TO LOCAL AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

The Head of Governance and Law explained the linkages between Partners, Local Community Groups and the Local Area Community Planning Group saying that it was a working document and if anybody had any groups to add to the diagram to contact the Area Governance Assistant.

Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

17. HIGHLIGHT/EXCEPTION REPORTING

The Community Planning Manager explained that the Highlight/Exception Reporting was only used if there was something that a Partner was wanting to flag up.

18. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/COMMUNITY PLAN

The Community Planning Manager spoke on the draft Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement advising that the format is the same with the 4 Thematic Groups. She explained that this was an interim plan which highlights work to date and gives people the opportunity to find out more about Community Planning. The Draft Plan will be given to the Management Committee and then the Full Council or signoff.

Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

19. THIRD SECTOR UPDATE

Inspector Anderson gave an update on the problems Bute had with no power after the recent storms. He explained that there were over 100 trees down in the area as well as dangerous buildings. The telephone exchange was also affected so there was no telephone on the Island. The Head of Improvement & HR advised on the steps taken by the Council and the problem they had in contacting the power companies.

Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

20. UPDATES FROM PARTNERS

Lorna Ahlquist advised the Group that the Third Sector Forum was not working properly in Bute but this was being addressed.

Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

