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28 February 2012

A meeting of the **BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held in the **CASTLE HOUSE, CASTLE GARDENS, DUNOON** on **WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2012** at **10:00 AM**.

## AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **MINUTES**
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3. **UPDATE PRESENTATION ON FORESTRY FOR PEOPLE - VICKY NEVILLE**
4. **ACHA UPDATE - ALASTAIR MACGREGOR**
5. **TESSA WORKSHOP PRESENTATION - ALISON BLACK**
6. **VIEWPOINT FEEDBACK FOR BUTE, COWAL AND DUNOON - ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL, COMMUNITY & CULTURE**
7. **ISSUES FROM COWAL THIRD SECTOR FORUM**
8. **ROLE OF PARTNERS WITHIN LACPG - CAUCUS OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS**
9. **ROADS IN BUTE & COWAL - CAUCUS OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS**
10. **BETTER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RESOURCE PACK - ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL, COMMUNITY & CULTURE**
11. **PARKING IN ARGYLL STREET AND FERRY BRAE - STRACHUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**
12. **INVOLVING TO DEVOLVING PROJECT - ARGYLL VOLUNTARY ACTION**
13. **FEEDBACK FROM SELF ASSESSMENT - ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL, IMPROVEMENT AND HR**



14. **UPDATE FROM THEMATIC GROUPS - ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL,  
GOVERNANCE AND LAW**  
Environment  
Social Affairs  
Economy (Pages 7 - 12)
  
15. **DATES FOR RESCHEDULED JUNE LACPG - ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL,  
GOVERNANCE AND LAW**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



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**Update Report on Environment Thematic CPP Group****Notes from meeting of Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

1. The autumn meeting of the Group viewed an excellent video presentation entitled “**Argyll Voices on Climate Change**”, prepared by members of Lochgilphead Joint Campus. This inspiring short film was part of a Scottish Government sponsored public engagement strategy project, promoted through Young Scot, to investigate Scotland’s development as a low carbon economy and the implications for individuals, communities and business. Despite technical difficulties with the presentation equipment, both representatives of the project, gave an enthusiastic and well received presentation that generated a large number of questions. The Group commends the video to the Management Committee and recommends viewing via their ‘YouTube’ link at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIToMCt2I9U>.

A copy of their report was also made available:



Report on Climate  
Change Project.docx

2. Proposed thematic content for new Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement – outcomes and success measures – these remain under review by partners with a view to identifying further measurable outcomes.
3. The Group received update reports on the Zero Waste Plan, Community Recycling Groups and the Japanese Knotweed Demonstration Programme. Further partnership engagement with SEPA is expected on each of these.

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**Argyll and Bute Community Planning  
Partnership**

**Management Committee  
Date: December 2011**

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**Social Affairs Thematic Group Update Report**

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report summarises the continued progress made by the Social Affairs Thematic Group.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Management Committee note the progress made by the Social Affairs Thematic Group.

**3. DETAIL**

- 3.1 At the group's most recent meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011 a number of key issues were discussed and scrutinised including; Community Learning and Development Youth Work, Social Affairs Scorecard and Consultation feedback from the Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan.

In addition, a number of presentations were made, including; Curriculum for Excellence – Lochgilphead Joint Campus, and Provisions of the new Alcohol (Scotland) Act 2010,

- 3.2 A presentation was given which highlighted the budget challenges being faced in the public sector and how these pressures impact on the Third Sector. The presentation highlighted the need for effective partnership working to ensure knowledge and resources are shared effectively to better meet the needs of our communities.
- 3.3 The group were given a presentation on progress made in relation to the implementation of 'Getting It Right For Every Child' (GIRFEC), a key government policy initiative which promotes emphasis on early intervention and improved outcomes for children.
- 3.4 After consideration of the Choose Life strategy which updated the group on Health Improvement across Argyll and Bute, the CPP agreed to give support, in principle, to the forthcoming draft strategies for Health Improvement and Mental Health Improvement. The group also gave a commitment to the 'See Me'

Pledge which aims at eliminating the stigma and discrimination of mental ill-health.

- 3.5 The group were given an update of examination results for 2011 by Chris Shirley, Quality Standards Manager. Comparative data was presented for both national and local comparisons which highlighted that Argyll and Bute is performing relatively well in a national context.
- 3.6 Discussion took place around the new combined Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) 2012-13. The new plan will bridge the year from the end of the current SOA to the end of the current community plan. Although new outcomes have been agreed the CPP Themes will remain the same and many of the success measures already being used for the current thematic scorecards will still be relevant to the new outcomes.
- 3.7 The next meeting of the Social Affairs Thematic CPP group will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and will feature presentations from Catriona McEntagart from Happy To Translate, on promoting equal opportunities through overcoming language barriers; and Raymond Flanagan (Youth Worker) on the Learning and Development Youth Work service.

#### **4.0 CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 Significant progress has been made over the year in achieving the group's objectives and this progress will continue throughout the following year through the development of strong partnership links and increased scrutiny and development of the Social Affairs Thematic Group scorecard.

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## 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The last meeting of the Economy Thematic Group took place on 29 November and this report provides a summary of the key issues covered. The group remains focussed on identifying and recording measures which will enable changes in the local economy to be identified and tracked or treated as appropriate.

## 2. Key Issues

- 2.1 **Budget.** A presentation on the current budget situation was made by partners, which highlighted the budget challenges being faced by the public sector and how these pressures impact on the third sector. This led to a discussion on the wider economic impacts of the public sector cuts which will be pursued outwith the thematic group meeting.
- 2.2 **Scorecard.** The Economy Thematic CPP Group scorecard has undergone significant change over the past two years due in part to the agreement to have one scorecard to serve both the CPP Economy Thematic CPP Group and the Council's Economy Policy and Performance Group (PPG). Discussion progressed to the recent Audit Scotland Report into the role of Community Planning Partnerships in Economic Development and the recommendations on having a systematic, evidence based approach and regarding the use of economic indicators in SOA's and economic development strategies.
- 2.3 **Bute.** Under Partner Updates, the economic situation on Bute was discussed.

The Dunoon & Bute travel to work area has the highest unemployment in the Highlands and islands at 5% (Nov 2011) and the rate for Bute is estimated at 6.1%. Yet, employers report that they have difficulty in filling vacancies. There is a complex range of economic and social issues for which a wider partnership approach is required.

One in four of the working age population was claiming some form

of state benefit in Oct 2011, 465 individuals were receiving incapacity benefit or employment support allowance. School leaver destination figure suggest that higher than average leavers are leaving the island, and there appears to be a belief that there are few opportunities for young people on the island.

It is difficult to promote inward investment or business expansion when there are recognised difficulties in recruitment.

There is clearly a lot of activity taking place and an alignment amongst the main economic / regeneration partners (public sector, business and community), with a focus on physical regeneration and business growth/social enterprise activity. However, this traditional approach does not seem to be addressing some of the core issues identified on Bute.

The Thematic Group agreed that this matter be raised with the Management Committee to seek agreement and endorsement of a wider partnership approach to address the economic and social challenges on Bute.

Next Economy Thematic Group meeting is due to be held on 29 February 2012

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