

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held  
in the CORRAN HALLS, OBAN  
on THURSDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2016**

**Present:** Margaret Adams (Chair)

**Attending:** Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager, Argyll and Bute Council  
Councillor Elaine Robertson  
Councillor Neil MacIntyre  
Lorna Elliot, Community Governance Manager, Argyll and Bute Council  
Samantha Quarton, Community Planning Officer, Argyll and Bute Council  
Laura MacDonald, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council  
Jay Helbert, Education Officer, Argyll and Bute Council  
Alex Taylor, Childrens Services, Argyll and Bute Council  
Peter Bain, Head Teacher, Oban High School  
Lyndsay Elliott, Oban Community Play Park  
Eleanor MacKinnon, Health and Wellbeing Network  
Shaun Davidson, Health and Social Care Integration  
Caroline Henderson, Health and Social Care Integration  
Joan Best, Argyll Third Sector Interface (TSI)  
Isla Smith, Royal Voluntary Service  
Derek Wilson, Scottish Fire and Rescue  
Tanya MacDougall, Family Mediation  
Jane Darby, Kilmore Community Council  
Duncan Martin, Oban Community Council  
Marri Malloy, Oban Community Council  
Geoff Miller, Ardchattan Community Council  
Maureen Evans, Argyll and Bute Youth Services  
Sarah Lawlor, Argyll and Bute Youth Forum  
Karen McCorquodale

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and general introductions were made.

Apologies for absence were intimated by:-

Councillor Roddy McCuish  
Jeannie Holles, Argyll and Bute Council  
Muriel Kupris, Argyll and Bute Council  
Group Manager, Stuart MacLean, Scottish Fire and Rescue  
Morag MacLean, North Argyll Carers  
Tim Woodcock, Depute Head of Oban High School

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

### **3. MINUTES**

#### **(a) Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Planning Group 19 November 2015**

The Minute of the meeting of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Planning Group held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015 was approved as a correct record, subject to the following amendments:

- Under attendance - amend the organisation Eleanor MacKinnon attended on behalf of to the Health and Wellbeing Network; and
- Under Item 1, apologies - amend Joan Stewart to Joan Best.

#### **(b) Minute of the Third Sector and Communities CPP Strategic Group meeting held on 24th November 2015 (for noting)**

The Group agreed to note the minute of the Third Sector and Communities CPP Strategic Group held on 24 November 2015.

### **4. STANDING ITEM: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The group considered a report outlining the response by the CPP Management Committee to key matters highlighted by Area CPG's at their meetings in November 2015. The report provided further information on the commitment of the CPP in relation to consultation processes; consistency of approach in how items are included within SOA:Locals and the Community Led initiatives appendices; the inclusion of young people and agenda items relating to issues for them at all meetings; the "island proofing" of the SOA Delivery Plans; the review of criteria of the Integrated Care Funding and the progress of the involvement of Scottish Water in community planning processes in recognition of their key role in providing/developing/improving local infrastructure.

#### **Decision**

The group agreed to:

1. note the response set out in section 4 of the report to issues raised by Area Community Planning Groups; and
2. request that the Area Governance Manager, Shirley MacLeod, take any further comment to the CPP's Management Committee meeting on 24 March 2016.

(Ref: Report by Community Planning Manager, dated 18 February 2016, submitted.)

### **5. REVIEW OF SOA DELIVERY PLANS**

The group considered a report providing an update on the review of the SOA Delivery Plans. Members of the group noted how the current delivery plans were submitted to the Scottish Government in June 2014 and the Management Committee agreed to review these after October 2015. Further information in relation to the process for review was given with Members noting that a revised set of SOA Delivery Plans, one for each of the six outcomes, would come to the Area CPG

meeting's in May 2016. The SOA:Locals would then be developed and the Area CPG chairs would be invited to a meeting to explore options to develop the SOA Locals.

Discussion was had in relation to the possibility of circulating the updated SOA Delivery Plans ahead of the meeting in May. The Area Governance Manager agreed to circulate to all partners following the CPP Management Committee meeting on 24 March 2016.

### **Decision**

The group agreed to:-

1. note the progress to date;
2. note that the revised delivery plans will be brought to the May meeting of the Area Community Planning Group; and
3. note that the revision of the SOA:Local will commence thereafter.

(Ref: Report by Community Planning Manager, dated 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016, submitted)

## **6. REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS**

The group gave consideration to a report providing information relating to the implementation of the current Terms of Reference and the revised ways of working which have now been in operation for a period of one year.

Discussion took place in relation to the possibility of including a provision for the resignation of the Chair or Vice Chair. The Area Governance Manager agreed to take this forward.

### **Decision:**

The Group agreed that the current Terms of Reference and Revised Ways of Working should continue for further period of one year, with the inclusion of a provision dealing with any resignation of the Chair or Vice Chair.

(Ref: Report by Area Governance Manager dated 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016 submitted).

## **7. OUTCOME 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND TRAINING MAXIMISES OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL**

### **(a) Post 16 Educational Development and Opportunities**

The group gave consideration to a presentation by Peter Bain, Head Teacher of Oban High School on Post 16 Opportunities and Developments. Mr Bain advised of the joint partnership working of Skills Development Scotland (SDS); Argyll and Bute Council; Argyll College; the University of the Highlands and the Islands and a number of business and industry groups within the area to deliver pathways that lead to the delivery of industry recognised vocational qualifications alongside

academic qualifications. Mr Bain advised that the pathways provide a focus on preparing all young people for employment with appropriate resource dedicated to achieve this. He spoke of the support available for young people who are at risk of disengaging from education and for those who have already done so.

Discussion took place in respect of the positive destinations of school leavers and the possibility of promoting opportunities for young people who wish to pursue a career in adult care. Mr Bain advised that he would take this forward and feed back to Councillor Robertson by email.

Further discussion was had in relation to the breadth of education attained at Oban High School and the allocation of teaching numbers required to ensure that the school remains successful in this respect. Mr Bain advised that the Scottish Government policies for the number of teachers required makes staffing difficult, especially given the unique position of Oban High School within the rural area. Members of the group were keen to ensure that the level of support from the OLI Community Planning Group was noted. In this connection, the Area Governance Manager agreed to update the Management Committee of discussions and ask that the recognition be given to Oban High School on the good work achieved to date.

The Chair thanked Mr Bain for the informative presentation.

### **Decision**

The group agreed to:

1. note the presentation; and
2. request that the Area Governance Manager, update the Management Committee of discussions in relation to the positive destinations of school leavers; the breadth of education attained at Oban High School and the staffing difficulties faced in relation to Scottish Government policies, given the unique position of Oban High School within the rural area.

(Ref: Presentation by Depute Head of Oban High School, dated 18 February 2016, submitted).

### **(b) Education Standards and Quality**

The group gave consideration to a report outlining the progress being made within Education in Argyll and Bute. Particular successes were highlighted within the report, these included the importance of skills for life, which is also being rolled out in Primary schools across the area, while striving to attain academic success.

Members noted the next steps in the continuing work with schools to focus on raising attainment and achievement for all pupils and the development of leadership at all levels.

### **Decision**

The group agreed to note the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Head of Education, dated 18 February 2016, submitted)

#### **(c) CLD Partnership Plan**

The Group considered a progress update report on the work carried out by the Argyll and Bute Strategic CLD Partnership with the publication of a web based Community Learning and Development Plan.

### **Decision**

The group agreed to note the contents of the report and further noted that a more detailed report on this matter will be tabled for consideration at the May 2016 meeting of the CPG.

(Ref: Report by Adult Learning Manager dated 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016, submitted)

## **8. OUTCOME 4: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THE BEST POSSIBLE START**

#### **(a) Oban Community Play Park**

The group gave consideration to a presentation by Lyndsay Elliott of Oban Community Play Park, which is a registered charity set up by 5 volunteer mums, with a mission to fundraise and implement a safe play space for a remote, rural community and to represent the views of all who will use the facility.

Ms Elliott outlined the partnership working with Argyll and Bute Council and Atlantis Community Leisure and the key achievements and challenges of the charity. Discussion took place in respect of issues with litter, dog fouling; out of hours nuisance behaviour and a number of frustrations in the delivery of services by Argyll and Bute Council. The Community Development Officer agreed to liaise with local police officers and request an increase in patrols in the area in the interim period and the Area Governance Manager agreed to take forward the issues raised within the Council and feedback to Ms Elliott by email.

The Chair thanked Ms Elliott for the informative presentation.

### **Decision**

The agreed to note the information contained in the presentation.

(Ref: Presentation by Oban Community Play Park, dated 18 February 2016, submitted)

Councillor Elaine Robertson provided the group with an update in relation to the proposed skatepark within the area. She advised that recent meetings had proved successful and that the Skate Park Group were now aware that they required to be constituted in order to fund raise, and that this was currently being progressed.

The Chair thanked Councillor Robertson for the information provided.

## **9. OUTCOME 5: PEOPLE LIVE ACTIVE, HEALTHIER AND INDEPENDENT LIVES**

### **(a) Standing Item: Health and Social Care Integration**

The group considered a report providing an update on progress on the actions undertaken to establish the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership since its last meeting. The report highlighted the operating arrangements of the Integrated Joint Board until 1 April 2016; the various management appointments to date; the consultation on the Strategic Plan 2016-19 together with an indicative timetable; the ways in which staff and public could become involved and the contributions this has to the objectives of the Partnership and the establishment of the 8 Locality Planning Groups which will advise the Integrated Joint Board of the need and priorities in each locality. Members noted that the project is on target to enable full transition to the Health and Social Care Partnership on 1 April 2016.

Members were pleased to note that the concern previously raised in respect of the focus of the Health and Social Care Integration had been addressed with recognition being afforded to Lorn and the Isles as well as Oban.

### **Decision**

The group agreed to note the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Head of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016, submitted).

## **10. PARTNERS UPDATES**

The group heard verbal updates from the following partners:

### Scottish Fire and Rescue

Derek Wilson of Scottish Fire and Rescue gave an update on the operational activity of the service within the locality; the cutting it out initiative, home fire safety visits and the be bright at night campaign rolled out to local Primary schools.

Mr Wilson further advised that the CPR equipment is now available at the fire station and that there is an opportunity for groups and organisations to use the training facilities operated at the fire station to enable them to carry out CPR if necessary.

The group noted the information provided.

#### Argyll Third Sector Interface (TSI)

Joan Best of Argyll TSI advised of the ongoing challenges faced in respect of funding for young carers, she advised that the TSI were currently working with over 80 young carers in the area and were raising awareness of the issues faced. She further advised that the Peoples Health Trust Funding was now live across Argyll and Bute.

#### Health and Wellbeing Network

The group noted that the next round of funding would be available from April onwards.

#### Oban Community Council

Duncan Martin of Oban Community Council advised of a consultation between Network Rail and Scottish Rail. The Community Planning Officer agreed to look into this matter and distribute as appropriate to all partners.

#### Community Development

The Community Development Officer advised that she was currently working with two communities in the development of their community action plans. She advised that they were Dalavich and Tiree.

Discussion took place in respect of the road closure arrangements in the Oban area in the aftermath of road accidents. The Area Governance Manager agreed to raise this issue with the CPP Management Committee and in particular to the implications for pupils who travel by bus to and from school. The Community Planning Officer agreed to liaise with local police and civil contingencies staff at Argyll and Bute Council to progress the matter.

### **11. PROPOSED 2016/2017 MEETING SCHEDULE**

The group gave consideration to a report outlining the proposed cycle of meetings within the Oban, Lorn and Isles (OLI) area from May 2016 to April 2017.

#### **Decision**

The group agreed to endorse the cycle of Community Planning Group meetings as detailed in the attached appendix.

(Ref: Report by Area Governance Manager dated 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016, submitted).

### **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Area Governance Manager advised that at the next meeting of the group, discussion on Outcome 1: The economy is diverse and thriving and Outcome 5: People live in safer and stronger communities would be had. She invited Partners to submit items for discussion under these outcomes.

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 6:30pm in Oban High School.