
**Argyll and Bute Community Planning
Partnership**

**Oban, Lorn and the Isles
Area Community Planning Group**

18 February 2016

Agenda Item 4



**Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee –
update from meeting 18 December 2015**

Summary

This paper provides a response by the CPP Management Committee to key matters highlighted by Area Community Planning Groups. Members of the ACPG are asked to note the responses to the issues. Further issues and comments are welcome for the CPP Management Committee to consider at its meeting in March 2016.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to inform members of the Area Community Planning Group of highlights from the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee meeting on 18th December with particular emphasis on matters raised by Area Community Planning Groups.

2. Recommendations

Area Community Planning Group members are recommended to:

- Note the response set out in section 4 to issues raised by Area Community Planning Groups.
- Request that the Area Governance Manager, Shirley MacLeod, take any further comment to the CPP's Management Committee meeting on 24th March 2016.

3. Background

At each of its quarterly meetings the Community Planning Partnership considers an update report from Area Community Planning Groups and commits to responding to issues raised alongside providing an update to Area Community Planning Groups on relevant key issues considered by the Management Committee at its most recent meeting.

4. Detail

The report from Area Community Planning Group's to the CPP Management Committee on 18 December requested a response to key concerns for the Groups. These are presented below with the response:

4.1 **Co-ordinate consultation processes to include local community planning groups without overloading their ability to respond effectively.**

Management Committee response:

Discussion raised points on challenges to officers with:

- The volume of consultations, when looked at across national and local organisations;
- The lack of notification in advance of consultations being launched to enable effective planning of responses; and,
- Timescales which are prohibitive to extensive engagement.

It was agreed that:

- The CPP fortnightly bulletin is to contain information on current consultations.
- CPP responses to consultations engage with Area Community Planning Groups (ACPGs) where timescales would allow engagement at meetings.
- CPP team actioned to promote the dates of ACPG meetings to partners to encourage their attendance for any consultation launch and engagement.
- Governance Manager, Community Planning Manager and Communications Manager meet to explore further solutions.

4.2 **Ensure consistency of approach in how items are included within SOA:Locals and the Community Led Initiatives Appendices.**

Management Committee response:

Agreed this was important and actioned the Community Governance Manager to lead on the development of consistent approaches in SOA:Locals.

4.3 **Consider the possibility of the OLI commitment to routine inclusion of young people and agenda items relating to issues for them at all meetings, being extended to all community planning groups.**

Management Committee response:

It was agreed that the possibility of routine inclusion of young people and agenda items relating to issues for them be extended to all the area community planning groups.

- 4.4 Consider how the SOA Delivery Plans can be “island proofed” to ensure parity of service by all partners to island and mainland communities.**

Management Committee response:

Community Planning Manager advised that the review of the delivery plans included a sense check on vulnerabilities looking at who is impacted and that vulnerability and isolation were a recurrent theme across the outcomes.

- 4.5 Consider how the criteria of Integrated Care Funding can be reviewed to allow successful third sector projects which work and meet the care needs of older people to continue to be funded without having to demonstrate the “need to be new”.**

Management Committee response:

The criteria for Integrated Care Funding was discussed and it was noted that this was set by the Scottish Government and outwith the direct control of the Management Committee.

- 4.6 Progress the involvement of Scottish Water in community planning processes in recognition of their key role in providing/developing/improving local infrastructure.**

Management Committee response:

A letter will be sent to Scottish Water.

- 4.7 The Management Committee meeting of the CPP on the 18th December 2015 also contained the following highlights:**

- The CPP Management Committee agreed to invite Historic Environment Scotland, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Sport Scotland and Visit Scotland onto the Full Partnership. These organisations will be required to participate in Community Planning as part of the forthcoming Community Empowerment Act.
- Richard Heggie from Urban Animation and Willie Inglis from Islay Estates gave a presentation to the Management Committee on the Shoreline Project, Bowmore. The project aims to attract population growth in Islay through providing a mixed use development site for housing, office space and small manufacturing sites. Urban Animation is also working with Argyll Estates, Inveraray, on a similar project. The suggestion was made that a similar presentation be made to the relevant Area Community Planning Group.

- There was shared disappointment with other local authorities that no sites in Argyll and Bute had benefitted from the Scottish Government's Mobile Infrastructure Project to reduce the number of "not spots" in the mobile telephone coverage. CPP partners will continue to raise mobile coverage as an issue with the Scottish Government.
- Ten Syrian refugee families were resettled in Bute in December. The contribution and cooperation was described as immense and has shown Argyll and Bute at its best. Plans are moving forward for a further five families to resettle in Bute in early 2016 and five families for Kintyre in the spring.

5. Conclusions

This paper provides a response by the CPP Management Committee to key matters highlighted by Area Community Planning Groups. Members of the ACPG are asked to note the main issues raised and that these have been responded to. Further issues and comments are welcome for the CPP Management Committee to consider at its meeting in March 2016.

6.0 SOA Outcomes

This report relates to the overall Single Outcome Agreement.

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