

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** This report outlines progress in taking forward effective Community Engagement as a core function of the Local Community Planning Group.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** That the Local Community Planning Group note the progress made in planning the second local community seminar, as a key delivery mechanism outlined within the Community Engagement Strategy.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** The Bute and Cowal Local Community Planning Group held its first Community Seminar, "Forward Together" on 6th March 2010 in Dunoon Grammar School. The event was very successful, with 103 people attending, 70% of whom were representing community or voluntary organisations or were individual community reps. Twenty nine different voluntary organisations were represented.
- 3.2** Outcomes from the first Community Seminar held in March have been progressed, and incorporated where possible into the Area Community Plan, as a result of which the Bute and Cowal Local Area Community Planning Group were able at their meeting of 13th May to adopt an agreed Local Area Community Plan, which retains the 4 overarching aims identified at draft stage, and now includes a number of actions which have been amended to reflect local communities wishes as expressed at the seminar
- 3.3** The next seminar will enable feedback to be given on the progression of actions in the agreed local Community Plan, and will enable participants to work on "Making A Difference" to Bute and Cowal. In order to have meaningful updates on progress, it is proposed that we postpone the autumn seminar from the original date of 11th September, to Saturday 23rd October. This would allow more effective monitoring of outcomes, and updating of actions, and would additionally allow other areas in Argyll and Bute to "catch up" with us, and have the second round of seminars held closer together. This seminar will be held in Rothesay Joint Campus. Planning for the event will be taken forward by Liz Marion, Community Development Officer, in partnership with other

Council services and CPP partners.

- 3.4** The Bute and Cowal Local Community Planning Group have therefore made good progress in establishing membership of the group, and have an agreed Area Action Plan which incorporates and reflects issues and topics identified through the successful Community Engagement Seminar held earlier in the year. Success measures agreed in the Action Plan are being built into a Pyramid Scorecard for the group, which will enable effective monitoring of progress in delivering these measures through the adopted Performance Management system. Reporting on this progress will be made at each LACPG meeting, and directly to the next and subsequent Community Seminars.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** In order to allow effective reporting of progress of actions contained within the agreed Community Plan, it is suggested that the second Community Seminar "Making a Difference" be postponed until Saturday 23rd October 2010, and that planning for the event continues to be taken forward on a partnership basis, led by the Community Development Officer

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