

MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES LOCAL AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in the MCCAIG SUITE, CORRAN HALLS, OBAN on WEDNESDAY, 11 JANUARY 2012

Present: Councillor Duncan MacIntyre (Chair)
Councillor Mary Jean Devon (Vice Chair) Councillor Roderick McCuish
Councillor Louise Glen-Lee Councillor Elaine Robertson
Councillor Neil Mackay

Attending: Iain Jackson, Governance and Law
Belinda Ruthven, Area Governance Assistant
Callum Robertson – Roads Assets Manager
Jane Fowler – Head of Improvement and HR
Eileen Wilson - Community Planning Manager
Laura Macdonald – Community Development Officer
Eleanor McKinnon – Third Sector
Duncan Martin – Oban CC
Marri Malloy – Oban CC

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated from:-

Councillor Gordon Chalmers
Lesley McInnes (West Highland Housing Association)
Julie McLeish (Strathclyde Police)
David Whiteoak and Veronica Kennedy (NHS Highland)

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of meeting 16 November 2011 was approved as a correct record subject to the following amendments:-

It was noted that Councillor Neil Mackay was in attendance but left after discussion of item 4.

Councillor Louise Glen-Lee attended the meeting.

Eileen Wilson's title should be noted as Community Planning Manager

Page 3 para. 3, 1st line – should read 'hospital' not 'hospice'.

3. WINTER MAINTENANCE - ABC: CALLUM ROBERTSON

The Group was briefed by the Roads Assets Manager on the current progress of the winter maintenance programme. Callum Robertson advised that salt stock levels currently stand at a 34 day supply which is well up on last year. The salt barns had proved effective and the damage to the roof on one of the barns was mainly due to the exceptional weather

conditions recently experienced. Callum will look into the mitigating circumstances around this. Callum advised that the priority would always be given to principal core treatment and that small quantities of the salt could be obtained at the main depots for private use. He informed that the majority of the problems experienced during the recent storms were due to falling trees causing obstructions but that on the whole there were no outstanding concerns.

Noted

4. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/COMMUNITY PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN

The Group was briefed by Jane Fowler, Head of Improvement and HR, on the draft Argyll and Bute Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement for 2012-13. She advised that this was the final draft of the document and that there was still an opportunity for final comments to be incorporated into it prior to its anticipated signing off by the full Partnership in mid February following which it would be launched as a Community Planning document with information broken down into area levels. Ms Fowler advised that the four main themes would still feature although these may change in the future and that the document would remain in place for one year after which it would be reviewed.

Noted

5. LACPG PLAN / SCORECARD / TRACKER / PYRAMID - ABC, CUSTOMER AND SUPPORT SERVICES / PARTNERS

The Group discussed the updated Local Plan and Jane Fowler, Head of Improvement and HR informed that the issues would appear on the Council Scorecard. The information from the plan would be lifted and incorporated into Pyramid where the information could be broken down and would be easier to interpret.

Noted

6. LORN AND ISLANDS HOSPITAL TASK GROUP UPDATE

The Group was informed by Councillor Elaine Robertson, of the recent changes taking place at the hospital. These were as follows

- Social Worker's post to be filled by locum in the meantime.
- Dental Service, Project Manager's post being advertised
- 'Did Not Attend' figures being monitored with view to alerting patients of impending appointment.
- Only 4 staff now displaced following organisational changes (this has reduced from 51)
- WRVS redesigning shop and tea bar
- Hospice funded enhancements includes relatives room and ward.
- Scottish Ambulance Service considering centralised booking service for patient transfer with qualifying criteria for patients being introduced.

It was suggested that an item on Patient Transport be added to the March agenda for discussion.

Noted

7. INFLUENCING CHANGE - THIRD SECTOR

The Group was briefed by Eleanor McKinnon, Third Sector, on the Involving to Devolving project which concentrates on the harder to reach members of the community. She advised that funding had been secured to deliver training through the STEPS training programme which allows individuals the opportunity to acquire the knowledge, skills and self-confidence to engage in community processes. Eleanor advised that two of the five courses have already been identified .

Noted

8. CONSULTATION DIARY- ABC: EILEEN WILSON

The Group was advised by Eileen Wilson, Community Planning Manager, that the diary is currently available to view on the website. She informed that plans were underway to revisit the format of the form to make it more user-friendly.

Noted

9. BETTER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RESOURCE PACK UPDATE - ABC: EILEEN WILSON

Eileen Wilson, Community Planning Manager, informed the Group that this document had now been proof read and was ready to be published on web. She advised that it would be possible to download in relevant sections and that it would be linked to the Consultation Diary. It is anticipated that the Community Plan will be uploaded to the website in February.

Noted

10. RATIONALISATION / PARTNERSHIP LINKAGES TO LOCAL AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP - ABC: GOVERNANCE & LAW

The Group noted the information showing how organisations and various groups were linked to the Community Plan. Jane Fowler suggested that it would be useful for this document to feature on the website

Noted

11. WINTER FESTIVAL:

Eleanor McKinnon distributed the Oban Winter Festival pamphlet to the Group and encouraged the formation of a core group to take this forward. She provided a detailed outline of the activities that had taken place and the benefit that these had had on the local economy from both a financial and health aspect. Ms McKinnon advised that the Festival Committee was now in the process of forming a constitution and that a meeting would be held shortly with a view to arranging next year's festival. A meeting with Councillors had been requested for this. She informed that the Economic Value Statistics would be available very shortly and that the

results were very positive.

Councillor MacIntyre highlighted the importance of a joint working approach to pull things together.

Noted

12. QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The Group was advised that the local Lions Group were taking on the role of organising the Jubilee Beacon.

Noted

13. OBAN RE-FRESH PLAN - ABC

The Group was advised by the Chair that the Oban Action Plan is currently out for consultation and that details of this can be found on the website. Discussion is currently underway with Keith Brown regarding the reconstruction of the roads and the Traffic Management works are being co-ordinated with this. Details of all the proposed works were distributed to the Group.

The Group was also updated on the Ferries Report and the Chair outlined some of the proposals contained therein.

Noted

14. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 14 March, time to be confirmed.

