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MINUTES of MEETING of KINTYRE INITIATIVE WORKING GROUP held in the TOWN HALL, CAMPBELTOWN on FRIDAY, 25 APRIL 2014

Present:

(Chair)

Councillor Rory Colville

Councillor Donald Kelly

Councillor John Semple

Councillor Sandy Taylor

Attending

Stephen Doogan

Argyll and Bute Council

Julian Green

Argyll and Bute Council

Stuart Green

Argyll and Bute Council

Brian Monrus

Tarbert & Skipness CC

Susan Paterson

KFCC, PFF

Jim Martin

Campbeltown CC

Jane Mayo

Campbeltown Community

Business Ltd

John Lamont

HAL

Donald Melville

Business Gateway

David Roberts

HIE

Alan Reid MP

Danny Halliday

West Coast Motors

Graeme McQuaker

Jacobs

Lorna Figures

Jacobs

Jonny Moran

Transport Scotland

Sean Clemie

Transport Scotland

Douglas Jack

BEAR Scotland

Keith Murray

BEAR Scotland

Janet West

Argyll and the Isles Tourism

Co-operative

Ann Gallacher

Argyll & Bute Employability

Team

Margaret Wallace

Argyll Voluntary Action

Tom Harper

Police Scotland

Stuart Watson

Police Scotland

Archie McGuirk

Police Scotland

Ewen MacDonald

Explore Scotland

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated by:-

Councillor Anne Horn

Councillor Robin Currie

Jamie McGrigor MSP

Michale Russell MSP

Pauline Houston

Duncan Clelland

Deirdre Henderson

Harvard Davis

Martin Gorringe
Darlene Russell

2. MINUTES

The Minute of the previous meeting held on 13 December 2013 was approved as a true record.

Councillor Kelly enquired on the status of the operation at Cross St, Campbeltown. The Chair stated that contractors had been appointed and negotiations were on-going with local businesses.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no Matters Arising.

4. LIAISON MEETING WITH TRANSPORT SCOTLAND - A83

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the representatives from both Transport Scotland, BEAR and Jacobs who had kindly agreed to attend the KIWG meeting.

Jonny Moran, Network Manager North, Transport Scotland invited questions from the group and the following issues were put forward by members of the group :-

- 1)The need for immediate remedial action on the A83 in respect of the unevenness of the edges and severe dipping at the verges;
- 2) the narrowness of the road and need for effective drainage to endeavour to eliminate the recurring potholes;
- 3 Blind spots due to lack of shrub cutting;
- 4) Large swathes of the A83 towards Campbeltown were adjacent to farming land and the implication of both heavy farming machinery using the road and the movement of farm animals on various stretches was a vital consideration; and
- 5)Speed limit issues on stretches of the road especially near Glenbarr and Bellachantuy; and
- 6) Pinch points at Erines; and
- 7) The need for pedestrian crossings at Tarbert and Ardrishaig;
- 8)Winter Maintenance Programme; and
- 9) Matrix signage to advise Kintyre drivers of road closures ahead on the A83

Mr Moran highlighted that following on from the KIWG meeting; there would be a further meeting at Kilmory with officers from Argyll and Bute council to give further discussion and consideration to speed limit issues.

He acknowledged the need for improvements, but advised that this would probably entail a significant period to instigate changes if they were to be done properly. He outlined the regular meeting cycle with Argyll and Bute council officers and highlighted the Communication strategy which was in place to advise local communities. Mr Moran stated that today's meeting was a 'starting point' for this process to begin. He affirmed that the KIWG, other groups and local Community Councils would be kept informed of

updates.

In addition, he advised that the Transport Scotland website routinely detailed information on local road works being progressed.

Discussion followed on the need to consult with both the local communities and local services (including the Ambulance Service) who would be affected by road closures, etc. The group advocated that this notification be raised prior to the commencement of the works programme. Further consideration was requested in regards local Public Processions, pavements and street lights.

Mr Moran indicated that the procedure for Processions and road closures was unlikely to change significantly for applicants as the council and Transport Scotland would work together to make the process transparent to users

Action It was agreed that Transport Scotland would liaise with Argyll and Bute Council in regards the existing procedure to process applications for Processions.

In regards the Winter Maintenance Programme, Mr Jack advised that it was intended that there would be a depot in the Kintyre area and that discussions were still on-going with Argyll and Bute Council on this issue, but it had not yet been confirmed.

Sean Clemie reported that recent surveys had been undertaken to determine the standard of the road and the remedial action which would be necessary.

Rest and Be Thankful

Mr Moran outlined to the group the continuing works at the Rest and Be Thankful. He drew attention to the recent four road closure incidents and gave the background detail to these. He was aware of local concerns that the Relief Road had not been operational through the hours of darkness and advised on the agreed timing with the land owner to safely remove the farm animals. In addition, on 1 occasion visibility had also been an issue and the safety of the Geo-engineers had been paramount.

He reported on the netting work being undertaken at the site. The group indicated that it was their perception that the length time it was taking to erect the netting at the site was excessive, particularly for an apparently unproven solution. and Mr Murray informed the group that their was a planned exercise to demonstrate the effectiveness, and that nets had actually worked in the previous incidents. The group asked for clarification as to whether an assessment had been undertaken to determine 'danger points' in the area and Mr Moran affirmed that this had been carried out and that reports had been provided to the Scottish Minister. He continued that geotechnical works were continuing and extra patrols were implemented during periods of wet weather.

Mr Moran advised the group that work programmes for 2014/2015 had

been agreed and these were detailed on the Transport Scotland website. Both 1 year and 3 years programmes had been devised.

Graeme McQuaker, Jacobs Consultancy reported on a meeting in Ardrishaig Village Hall with the local community to address issues including pedestrian crossing and local speeding issues. He advised that the perception from this meeting was that speed was the pivotal issue in the Ardrishaig area.

The Chair thanked both Transport Scotland, BEAR and Jacobs Consultants for their attendance at the meeting and invited attendees to note the maps provided, outlining where remedial roads works were needed.

5. MACMILLAN CANCER INFORMATION UPDATE

Deirdre Henderson, Macmillan Cancer had sent her apology and the Chair requested that the presentation come to the June 2014.

(a) PARTNER UPDATES - FOR NOTING

EDAP

The Chair highlighted the need for the KIWG to interact and provide input to the Local Economic Development Action Plan 2013-2018.

The Picture House

Jane Mayo advised of a public meeting which was scheduled for 28 April and would enable input and feedback on the new operation.

Argyll Voluntary Action

Margaret Wallace informed the group of training in situ – Volunteer Management Training and would provide a fuller update to the KIWG at the June meeting.

HIAL

John Lamont provided the latest statistics to the group and confirmed that the annual exercise would be held in May. The Sunday service would commence between 15 June and 28 September.

Shoppers Aide

Susan Paterson informed the group of the success of a recent funding application to the National Lottery. This would enable the group to recruit more staff and purchase new vehicles.

Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative Ltd

Janet West highlighted the various projects that she was involved in

to promote Argyll tourism to wider groups.

Explore Campbeltown

Ewen MacDonald commented that Explore Campbeltown were doing extremely well and there were now 220 businesses involved.

Decision

The group agreed to note the updates provided

6. FERRY SUB-GROUP

The Chair advised that the Ferry Sub-Group were meeting after the KIWG meeting at 1.00p.m.

Councillor Semple tabled a report which detailed the aims and objectives of the forthcoming Monitoring and Evaluation process of the Campbeltown – Ardrossan Pilot Ferry Service.

7. ALIGNMENT WITH MAKI CPP - TERMS OF REFERENCE AND NAME

The Chair requested that the group give consideration to the Terms of Reference report and that any comments be made to the Area Governance Officer.

He stated that if no comments were forthcoming, then the report would be agreed at the next KIWG meeting.

8. MAKI COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

The Chair advised that the next meeting of the Community Planning Group was scheduled for:-

4 June 2014 on Islay.

9. A.O.B.

There was no other business and the Chair thanked the group for the attendance and updates.

