ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL

CUSTOMER SERVICES

Mid-Argyll Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group June 2014

Kintyre Initiative Working Group (KIWG) highlight exception report to Area Community Planning Group

1. SUMMARY

The purpose of this Paper is to update the Area Community Planning group (ACPG) regarding the main pieces of work undertaken by the Kintyre Initiative Working Group (KIWG) in the last two reporting periods.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Area Community Safety Group:-

- 2.1 Note the exception report provided below (If further detail is desired the full minutes are published on the Council website);
- 2.2 Note that the group is reviewing its remit to ensure that it closely aligns with the Single Outcome Agreement; (SOA);
- 2.3 Consider whether there are any specific tasks or issues which it wishes the Kintyre Initiative Working Group to undertake or review;
- 2.4 Note that the meeting on 14th February was given over as a Community Planning event (which was very successful despite bad weather), and;
- 2.5 Note that the most recent meeting on 25th April was primarily dedicated to covering issues relating to the Trunking of the A83 and the immanent transfer of responsibility from the Council to Transport Scotland and BEAR.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Kintyre Initiative Working Group is a strategic partner of the Area Community Planning Group, focusing mainly on business renewal, development and community initiatives and opportunities.
 - 3.2 The group wish their work to closely follow the outcomes of the Single Outcome Agreement and so are revisiting their terms of reference and membership, with a view to expanding their membership to include more

social and community representation , if there are no further proposals, the draft remit will be adopted at the next meeting.

3.3 The main activities undertaken by the group in the reporting period are detailed in the table below.

4. IMPLICATIONS

5.1	Policy	Review of terms of reference and membership will assist in delivery and reporting of aspects of the SOA and the Community Plan
5.2	Financial	None,
5.3	Legal	None
5.4	HR	None.
5.5	Equalities	None
5.6	Risk	None
5.7	Customer Service	None

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Kintyre Initiative Working Group Exception Report –June 2014

SOA Theme	Topic	Issue and Actions	Comment	Outcomes/ Indicators
We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth.	Governance	The group is reviewing its terms of reference to align itself more closely with the Single Outcome agreement.	The draft TOR will be adopted at the next meeting if there are not further amendments suggested.	
	Irish links	The group are keen to explore informal links.	There needs to be a purpose to any strategic linking, otherwise there is no added value for the people of Kintyre.	
	Transport	Transport Scotland and BEAR both attended the meeting on the 25 th April.	A list of questions was supplied prior to the meeting, and most were answered directly by BEAR and Transport Scotland Representatives.	
	Ferry	There is now a ferry subgroup chaired by Cllr Semple.	This group met immediately following KIWG.	
	Roads	Issues covered included Tayinloan parking, the work of the SSE at Crossaig and the recent landslide at the rest and be thankful. Speed limit issues, Blind spots, and matrix signage It was however noted that change will not be immediate, but progressive.	A number of roads issues were discussed, Transport Scotland have agreed a protocol with the group whereby questions can be asked via the head of the Roads Service, but if there is still any doubt or dubiety, transport Scotland can be approached directly by the Clerk or the Chair.	
		It was also noted that clarification of the process to be followed for issues such as Public procession or road closures, and it was proposed that as far as possible this process should be transparent to the public, with Transport Scotland and		

	Town Hall	BEAR liaising directly with the Police and the Council. The town hall will be undergoing renovations shortly and this may have an impact on the neighbouring businesses.	The groups heard about the mitigating measures which are being put in place and this will be monitored during the renovations.	
Education, skills and training maximises opportunities for all. Children and young people have the best possible start. We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth.	AVA MAP event	Is providing some Management training on a voluntary Basis in the town and will feed back at the June meeting. A synopsis report was circulated re the successful MAP training events which have been run.	This is available online with the meeting papers.	
The economy is diverse and thriving	CHORD Business Machrihanish Community Facility HIE	£1m Big lottery funding has been allocated this should be finalised shortly. KIWG has been invited to contribute to the Local Economic Development Plan 2013-2018. Picture House is having a public meeting and will report back. MACC will be implementing a new marketing strategy this year. Regular updates now to come to the group from HIE.		

People live active, healthier and independent lives.	Shoppers Aid	Susan Patterson advised of the successful bid to the National Lottery for Funding to assist people who would otherwise be isolated to continue to live and shop independently.	
People live in safer and stronger communities.	Community Safety	The Community safety forum continues its work and has submitted an exception report	
	AITC	Argyll and the Isles Tourism Cooperative was present at the meeting and is looking for way to develop the partnership. Explore Campbeltown will work with AITC.	