

ARGYLL AND BUTE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES of FULL PARTNERSHIP MEETING held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD on WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2010

Present

Raymond Park (Chair)	Strathclyde Police
Sally Loudon	Argyll and Bute Council
Jane Fowler	Argyll and Bute Council
Brian Barker	Argyll and Bute Council
Eileen Wilson	Argyll and Bute Council
Iain Jackson	Argyll and Bute Council
Cllr George Freeman	Argyll and Bute Council
Lynn Smillie	Argyll and Bute Council
Neil Francis	Scottish Enterprise
Douglas Cowan	Highlands and Islands Enterprise
Janet Skillin	Bute Community Links
Jim Clinton	Bute Community Links
Derek Leslie	Argyll and Bute CHP
Elaine Garman	NHS Highland
Sarah Taylor	Youth Focus
Roanna Taylor	Young Scot / Argyll and Bute Council
Keith Philip	Strathclyde Police
Geoff Calvert	Strathclyde Fire and Rescue
Alan Murray	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
Colin Renfrew	Fyne Homes
Michael Breslin	Argyll College
Bill Dundas	Scottish Government

In attendance:

Sonya Thomas	Argyll and Bute Council
Bruce West	Argyll and Bute Council – Ag Item 5
Stephen Colligan	Argyll and Bute Council – Ag Item 13
Lisa Hardie	Argyll and Bute Council – Ag Item 13
Euan Page	EHRC – Ag Item 13

Apologies:

Cllr Dick Walsh	Argyll and Bute Council
Fiona Logan	Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park
Dave Duthie	HiTrans
David Dowie	Scottish Government
Roger Gibbins	NHS Highland
George Harper	Argyll and Bute Council
Andy Law	Argyll and Bute Council
Robert Pollock	Argyll and Bute Council
Shirley MacLeod	Argyll and Bute Council
Cllr Vivien Dance	Argyll and Bute Council
Eleanor McKinnon	ABVC

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1.	WELCOME Raymond Park welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS FULL PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON 28 OCTOBER 2009 The minute of the meeting held on 28 October 2009 was accepted as a true record.	
3.	MATTERS ARISING a) The Community Plan is now live on the Website and is being regularly reviewed. b) CMAL – Following CMAL’s presentation to the Management Committee they will now contribute to the CPP MC whenever possible.	
4.	UPDATE ON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF 20 JANUARY 2010 The minute of the meeting held on 20 January 2010 was accepted as a true record with the noting that Ag Item 14 Economic Report was from Highlands and Islands Enterprise and not Scottish Enterprise as stated.	
5.	MATTERS ARISING a) Legacy for Scotland – Willie Young will report back to the MC on progress. b) RTC Reduction – The “real time crash scenarios” are continuing to be taken to town centres within Argyll. c) DriveSafe will now sit within the Community Safety Forum and David Penman will now act as chair. VisitScotland has endorsed the campaign. d) Water Rescue – this will now come under the Community Safety Forum. e) Risk Register – Due to the relocation of Naval personnel to Helensburgh Argyll and Bute Council is working with the MOD and other Partners to identify and reduce possible risks not only within housing but also Infrastructure,	

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	<p>Education, Health and Housing.</p> <p>f) NHS – Mental Health Service Redesign – whilst the paper submitted to the MC is specific to the Mental Health Service, the whole service is being re-designed</p>	
6.	<p>BUDGET – COUNCIL AND PARTNERS OVERVIEW OF BUDGET POSITION FOR 2010-2011</p> <p>a) Argyll and Bute Council - Bruce West gave an overview of the Council Budget. A 3 year programme of Service Reviews has been started with an initial target saving of 15% for each review. For years 2011/12 and 2012/13 there is a reduction in real terms of 12% with a forecast in demand growth of 2% - giving a £13M funding gap.</p> <p>b) NHS – The NHS are looking for potential savings of £14M, they are currently looking at a £4.9M deficit. The current redesign programme is looking at providing new, better ways of delivering care, not cutting services. It was noted that Partnership working is vitally important and it is hoped that shortly there will be a programme for Partnership working during the next years.</p> <p>c) Strathclyde Police – Strathclyde Police are looking at a deficit of between £15M - £35M over the next 2 years. They are currently reviewing the way services are provided by looking at various elements including accommodation, management structure and procurement. The intention is that front line services remain at the current level but the changes come from back line services and looking at how services can be provided jointly with other Partners.</p> <p>d) Strathclyde Fire and Rescue – Next year's budget is not set as yet but it is anticipated there will be cuts in real terms and possible changes to areas, management structure and accommodation.</p> <p>e) HIE – Next year's budget is not set as yet but a tight settlement is expected. A voluntary redundancy scheme has been announced with anticipated financial saving of 15% – 30% this is a reduction of 30 – 40 staff. Efficiency saving are also being looked at within the backdrop of their commitment to deliver new projects within Argyll.</p> <p>f) Argyll College – There is a complication with the funding as it follows the academic year not the fiscal year so at this moment the funding level is unknown. It has been announced that there will be an 8% cut year on year over the next two years which can be absorbed by efficiency savings, however, if the funding moves to Lochaber this could in effect remove 10%-12% of funding.</p> <p>g) SPT – The budget is the same as last year. There is a recruitment freeze on except for safety critical posts and a voluntary redundancy scheme where it's expected 25 – 30 posts will be removed. Some fares have been increased,</p>	

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	<p>energy efficiency measures have been introduced and where necessary services cut, concessionary travel schemes are being reviewed and looking at joint service provisions.</p> <p>h) SEARS – The budget is reducing year on year, expecting running costs to be reduced by 2.5% - 3.5% each year. The Partners discussed asset management, shared services, joined up service provision, information sharing and the importance of looking at the collective impact on our communities. Sally Loudon is due to give a presentation to the Convention of Highlands and Islands in April on Shared Services.</p> <p>Action Point Partners to take forward in the form of Public Sector Partner Meetings</p>	<p>All Partners / Jane Fowler</p>
7.	<p>PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A CPP EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY GROUP</p> <p>Support from Partners is being sought to establish a small working group that sits within the CPP and would meet 3 times a year. The group would share information, experience and tools - working together when developing new policies and procedures and deliver the information electronically. SPT stated they would wish to be involved.</p> <p>Action Point All Partners agreed. Eileen Wilson to take forward</p>	<p>Eileen Wilson</p>
8.	<p>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY</p> <p>There has been a delay in collating the information from colleagues, a new management structure within the Council will shortly be in place and decisions on staffing will confirmed after that. The CPP was very pleased to have the attendance of Sarah Taylor, Scottish Youth Parliament Representative.</p>	
9.	<p>INTRODUCING NEW STANDING ITEMS COVERING LACPG'S AND THEMATIC GROUPS</p> <p>It is proposed that as part of the new structure LACPG and Thematic groups report back to the MC regularly. It is intended to have reports from both groups on all meetings that have taken place.</p> <p>Action Point All agreed – Added to MC agenda as standing items</p>	<p>Sonya Thomas</p>

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10.	<p>LOCAL AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP UP-DATES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Bute and Cowal - Very positive response, work started on the Local Area Community Plan (LACP) and working on seminar to take place in March 2010 b) MAKI - Very positive response, has started developing the LACP. c) Helensburgh and Lomond - One meeting held to date, everyone is committed, will start to develop the LACP meeting next week and it is proposed to have 3 representatives from the Community Councils d) OLI - Noted that the LACPG is making good progress in developing the group and the LACP <p>It was noted that several Community Councils are not members of the Community Council Association, it was also raised that at some meetings perhaps not all Council Members need attend.</p> <p>Action Point Clarity of dates for 2010 needed for LACPG and Thematic Group meetings</p>	<p>LACPG and Thematic Group Leads</p>
11.	<p>THEMATIC GROUP UP-DATES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Social Affairs – Making progress in populating Pyramid but Partners experiencing difficulties in accessing Pyramid. IT are to attend the next meeting. Looking at possible framework to linking Social Affairs with the Strategic Partnerships as there are duplications and gaps. b) Environment – Attendance needs clarifying. Work is underway on scorecards and outcomes. c) Economy – Progress is being made although attendance needs some attention, partners and full partnership has been agreed. Douglas Cowan is looking at key issues and themed meetings, i.e Transport, Tourism. <p>All groups are looking at the local CPP and sharing the framework with other groups, and whilst Social Affairs links with more Partnerships effort is being made not to over complicate things. All groups are making efforts to ensure that membership isn't too heavy.</p> <p>SPT are keen to attend and assist as and when required, pulling on their experience with other Community Planning Groups.</p> <p>Action Point Feedback comments to Eileen Wilson</p>	<p>All Partners</p>
12.	<p>SCOTTISH NATIONAL RURAL NETWORK</p> <p>The first SNRN conference will take place on 30 March 2010, Corran Halls, Oban, as part of a series of events across Scotland. SCVO will be delivering the conference.</p> <p>The theme is – Where we are – where we want to be.</p> <p>The LACPG's will be delivering local events and using information from both events to help develop the LACP's whilst sharing good</p>	

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	practice. The second SNRN conference will take place later in the year.	
13.	PARTNERSHIP ISSUES None	
14.	<p>EHRC – THE EQUALITY BILL, GOOD RELATIONS AND MANAGING THE PUBLIC SECTOR RECESSION</p> <p>Euan Page from the EHRC gave a presentation outlining the EHRC remit and the 2009/2012 strategy.</p> <p>He emphasised the need to be proactive and consider equality impact at all stages of the service development process.</p> <p>The EHRC want to develop positive relationships with all CPP's and are currently visiting each one. They have already identified rurality as an issue that needs further attention from the EHRC.</p> <p>All decisions need to be taken against the backdrop of a reducing financial settlement.</p> <p>Further information can be obtained from www.equalityhumanrights.com</p>	
15.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>a) Bute and Cowal Community Seminar is taking place on 6 March 2010 in Dunoon Grammar School. Members of the CPP are welcome to attend but in the capacity of observers, not voters. More information is available from Shirley Macleod, Martin Turnbull and Eileen Wilson – all Argyll and Bute Council.</p> <p>shirley.macleod@argyll-bute.gov.uk</p> <p>martin.turnbull@argyll-bute.gov.uk</p> <p>eileen.wilson@argyll-bute.gov.uk</p>	
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 30 JUNE 2010, COUNCIL CHAMBER, LOCHGILPHEAD.	