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## SUPPLEMENTARY PACK

**BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP - EAGLESHAM HOUSE, ROTHESAY  
on TUESDAY, 4 MARCH 2014 at 1:30 PM.**

I refer to the above meeting and enclose herewith agenda items 5 (Issues Raised by Community Councils) which was marked on the agenda as "to follow", 8(a) (Bute and Cowal Community Safety Forum Highlight/Exceptions Report) which is an amended report and 8(b) (Forward Dunoon and Cowal Highlight/Exceptions Report) which is an additional report and was not included on the original agenda pack.

### ITEMS

- 5. ISSUES RAISED BY COMMUNITY COUNCILS**(Pages 1 - 8)
- 8. HIGHLIGHT/EXCEPTIONS REPORTS**
  - (a) BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUMS  
Report by Area Governance Officer (Pages 9 - 14)
  - (b) FORWARD DUNOON AND COWAL  
Report by Area Governance Officer (Pages 15 - 18)

### BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

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**Meeting of Caucus of Cowal and Bute Community Councils in Hill Street Offices, Dunoon on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

**In attendance :** Marian Norris (Ardentinny C.C.), Robert Aldam (Kilmun C.C.), Iain MacNaughton (Sandbank C.C.), Ken Barr (Dunoon C.C.), Eleanor Stevenson (South Cowal C.C.), Danielle Clark (Col. & Glen. C.C.) and by V.C. Grace Strong (Bute C.C.)

As the first meeting of the new caucus, consideration was initially given to deciding on a Convener. Although absent, Max Barr of Dunoon C.C. had previously indicated he would be willing to take on the role if no one else was interested. Max was unanimously appointed.

The purpose of the meeting was to determine appropriate agenda items for the next Community Planning Group meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> March in Rothesay. After some discussion, the following was agreed :-

- **Cowal cycle and transport initiative :-**

A & B Council (“the Council”) is requested to support the proposal of a cycle route from Ardentinnny to Toward which would aim to promote cycling as a recreational activity, encourage more people to cycle rather than drive and serve as a local heritage journey linking up locations such as Ardentinnny walled garden, Blairmore pier, Argyll Mausoleum, the proposed nature reserve at the head of the Holy Loch, Lazaretto Point, Castle Hill/Castle House Museum, Castle Toward, etc. Council support is essential and will enable the six community councils concerned to seek funding from bodies such as the Climate Challenge Fund and Sustrans.

If the Council is supportive of the project, both it and Police Scotland are requested to identify traffic and highway engineering issues which they consider will need to be addressed, e.g. roadside vehicle parking, road surface conditions, carriageway widths, pinchpoints such as Hunter’s Quay ferry terminal, etc. It would be very helpful if this could be done fairly soon.

- **Funding application :-**

The Council has apparently applied for around £100 million of funding for new development proposals in the Oban area. Given the dire state of the local economies in Dunoon, Rothesay and Campbeltown and the comparative affluence of Oban, what is this for?

- **Fly tipping :-**

Why is it cheaper for local builders to transport waste construction material by ferry to recycling/disposal centres on the opposite side of the Clyde than to take it to the local facility at Dalinlongart?

- **Free parking :-**

Why is there free parking around the centre of Gourock but not in Dunoon?

- **Dog fouling :-**

This public health hazard continues to be an issue for all local community councils despite both the Council and Police maintaining they regard it as a “serious” matter. The caucus wishes to make the following recommendations :-

1. A penalty of 24 hours community service for all identified offenders.
2. All dog walkers to be required to carry plastic bags.
3. Implementation of an information campaign highlighting the hazards associated with dog faeces.
4. Random checks by Police officers and community wardens when dogs are likely to be walked by their owners, i.e. morning and evening.
5. Imposition of automatic fines.

- **Public toilets :-**

According to the Scottish Tourist Guides Association the first question that bus parties and many other tourists have when they arrive in a town is “Where are the public toilets?”. As the economy of Dunoon and its neighbouring communities still relies on tourism what is planned to improve the current dearth of readily convenient public conveniences in both Cowal and Bute? Are there any proposals, for example, to install vandal resistant facilities?

# COWAL CYCLE & TRANSPORT INITIATIVE

A collaboration of 6 Community  
Councils

# AIM

By collaboration on 6 community projects  
provide a level coastal cycleway from  
Ardentinny to Toward.

# FUNDING

- The Initiative was prompted by the Climate Challenge Fund
- Each Community Council is in the process of Expressing an Interest in Climate Challenge Fund Grants
- With Argyll & Bute Council Support it is hoped to involve Sustrans the infrastructure elements of the project

# NEXT STEPS

Each of 6 Community Councils to:

- Communicate with the Climate Challenge Fund
- Determine requirements for their Community
- Highlight the Pros and Cons of their requirements
- Consider how these might be addressed



# SUPPORT

In addition to the 6 Community Councils & the Council, the following parties attended our initial meeting:-

Police Scotland

Dunoon Grammar School

Webhelp UK

NHS Highland

Forestry Commission

Argyll Voluntary Action

# FURTHER SUPPORT

A further meeting is to be held at the end of March 2014 when every effort will be made to involve other parties and stakeholders whatever their involvement or interest.

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**ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL****Bute and Cowal Community Planning  
Group****CUSTOMER SERVICES****March 2014**

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**Community Safety Forum Exception reporting to the Local Community  
Planning group**

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The purpose of this Paper is to update the Area Community Planning Group regarding the main pieces of work undertaken by the Area Community Safety Partnerships in the last time period.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the ACPG :

- 2.1 Note the exception reports provided below (If further detail is desired the full minutes are published on the Council website);
- 2.2 Consider whether there are any specific tasks or issues which it wishes the CSPs to undertake or review, and
- 2.3 Note that the groups are considering the future direction of Community Safety provision and how best to support it.

**3. DETAIL**

- 3.1 The Area CSP is a partnership focusing on community safety issues in a broad sense and undertakes various pieces of work in this arena.
- 3.2 There is a move to align all service provision with the outcomes identified in the Single Outcome Agreement, to which all public sector partners are signatories
- 3.3 The Area Community Safety partnerships had an agenda item this round of meetings requesting that they consider the future role of the Forums and what their future would or should be. It was noted that the Chair of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee, Chief Superintendent Barry McEwan is also leading on the work stream relating to outcome 6 of the Single Outcome Agreement " People live in safer and stronger communities" and that he will be providing a strategic lead and tasking on community safety. The possibility of the remit of the local community safety groups being subsumed within the local Community Planning group was raised.

The potential for a strong strategic lead was welcomed since this could provide necessary focus for the partners efforts, however, the local forums were both seriously concerned that to amalgamate the groups when the CSF is already a subgroup of the Area Community Planning Group, would lead to the loss of focus on local issues and also the loss of local understanding of how issues can be resolved and locally appropriate methods of dealing with problems.

One ground of concern is that the agenda of the full Area Community Planning Groups is very broad. It was noted at both meetings that this was a major issue for members of the local community safety forums to consider, and while more detailed proposals would probably be forthcoming at future meetings, Forum members may wish to consider viable models for the delivery of the Community safety agenda.

#### **4. IMPLICATIONS**

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| 5.1 | <b>Policy</b>                       | Review of the delivery of community safety action plans will assist in delivery and reporting of aspects of the SOA and the Community Plan |
| 5.2 | <b>Financial</b>                    | None,  |
| 5.3 | <b>Personnel</b>                    | None   |
| 5.4 | <b>Equalities Impact Assessment</b> | None.  |
| 5.5 | <b>Legal</b>                        | None   |

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## Bute Community Safety Forum Exception Report March 2014

Theme	Community Safety Outcome'	Issue and Actions	Comment	Outcomes/ Indicators
<p><b>Personal and Home Safety</b></p> <p><i>Considers the safety of the individual in areas such as accident prevention, online safety, fire safety, home security, bogus and scam callers</i></p>	<p>No cold calling initiative</p> <p>Festive disorder</p>	<p>An update was provided, No cold calling areas are by their nature localised and specific to the local community.</p> <p>Police noted that there had been no serious incidents of disorder over the Christmas period</p>	<p>Trading standards are seeking external funding to take this initiative forward</p> <p>The police will be running an initiative promoting the safety of female customers in the night time economy, and will also be hosting an internet safety event at the joint Campus.in the near future</p>	
<p><b>Travel Safety</b></p> <p><i>Includes issues that and individuals may encounter such as pedestrian safety, road traffic accidents, water safety, public transport safety</i></p>	<p>Parking decriminalisation</p>	<p>Chair previously wrote to head of roads re the requirement for changes in signage and parking</p>	<p>The chair has been assured that these issues are in hand by the roads service, and this is being monitored by the area committee</p>	
<p><b>Safety of Vulnerable Groups</b></p> <p><i>Deals with issues in relation to individuals or groups who may be vulnerable including elderly people, young children, victims of hate crime and sexual violence</i></p>	<p>TESSA</p> <p>Fire safety</p> <p>Sexual Health</p>	<p>8 Schools are engaged in this project and there is now an additional worker working with young people with learning difficulties</p> <p>It was noted that the number of incidents was down this quarter, however special service calls such as flooding and RTAs were up</p> <p>The forum heard Laura Stephenson from Argyll and Bute CHP</p>	<p>Tessa wish to extend this service , however the forum were concerned that funding is only certain until 2015</p> <p>The chair wished his thanks be passed to the service for the way in which an incident at Feradd Court was resolved</p> <p>The forum noted the report but also wished its contents circulated within the community to raise awareness locally re the issues of sexual health and attitudes</p>	
<p><b>Environment Safety</b></p> <p><i>Environment safety concerns the aesthetics of communities and neighbourhoods and includes vandalism and criminal damage, graffiti, fly tipping, littering, dog fouling</i></p>	<p>Minimise criminal damage/crime against persons/property</p> <p>Dog fouling</p>	<p>A leaflet campaign was discussed and further detail will be brought to the next meeting</p> <p>This continues to be an issue, in specific locations</p>	<p>The cost detail was deferred to the next meeting due to staff absencelt is noted that the new traffic wardens should be In place by 12<sup>th</sup> May and that these officers will also be able to issue fouling fines</p>	

<i>and secondary fires</i>				
<p><b>Public Space Safety</b>  <i>This deals with people's safety in their communities and public perception of safety including anti social behaviour, public disorder and violence.</i></p>	<p>ASB</p> <p>CCTV Cameras</p>	<p>An update was provided, 7 cases remain open.</p>	<p>Bute currently accounts for approx. 20% of ASB cases, - some of this particularly noise cases, may be due to poor soundproofing on older buildings</p>	

## Cowal Community Safety Forum Exception Report March 2014

Theme	Community Safety Outcome'	Issue and Actions	Comment	Outcomes/ Indicators
<p><b>Personal and Home Safety</b></p> <p><i>Considers the safety of the individual in areas such as accident prevention, online safety, fire safety, home security, bogus and scam callers</i></p>	No cold calling initiative	Trading standards have leaflets ready, but are seeking funding/ assistance for distribution costs	The royal mail costs appear the cheapest currently, but are due to increase in March	
<p><b>Travel Safety</b></p> <p><i>Includes issues that and individuals may encounter such as pedestrian safety, road traffic accidents, water safety, public transport safety</i></p>	speeding	An issue has been highlighted re Victoria road, a number of speed restriction measures are being considered by the council		
<p><b>Safety of Vulnerable Groups</b></p> <p><i>Deals with issues in relation to individuals or groups who may be vulnerable including elderly people, young children, victims of hate crime and sexual violence</i></p>	<p>TESSA Sexual health</p> <p>Fire safety</p>	<p>8 schools are continuing their involvement in Tessa, the other two have made alternative arrangements there is now a full time support worker for young people with learning difficulties Visits are continuing and are successful</p> <p>The biggest issue this quarter has been false alarms (47 call outs)</p>	<p>The groups are concerned to note that finding for this project is only currently sure until 2015</p> <p>The main "culprits" for the false alarms remain the sheltered housing complexes and the residential homes.</p>	
<p><b>Environment Safety</b></p> <p><i>Environment safety concerns the aesthetics of communities and neighbourhoods and includes vandalism and criminal damage, graffiti, fly</i></p>	Minimise criminal damage/crime against persons/property	A leaflet campaign was discussed and further detail will be brought to the next meeting	The same cost issue as for no cold calling exists here and again funding is being sought	

<i>ipping, littering, dog fouling and secondary fires</i>	Dog fouling	There is joint working being undertaken by street scene and the police	Patrols will be undertaken outside normal office hours	
	Rural watch	This is a new project which is similar to neighbourhood watch but for rural areas	Outcomes are to be monitored by all partners	
<b>Public Space Safety</b> <i>This deals with people's safety in their communities and public perception of safety including anti social behaviour, public disorder and violence.</i>	Litter	There is a continuing issue re rubbish from Ardenslate shop being dumped by pupils, the school police and street scene are working together to address this.	A number of approaches are being considered including checking enforcement routes which may be open as well as additional litter patrols	
	Bins	There have been a number of complaints re bins not being collected, but when investigated this has been due to them not being out early	The Area governance officer is contacting amenity services to enquire how the 8.00 deadline for putting bins out can be more widely publicised	
	CCTV	The camera has resulted in an improvement in its current location at Hanover Street	The camera is likely to be moved to a new location shortly	



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**ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL****Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning  
Group****CUSTOMER SERVICES****6 March 2014**

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**Forward Dunoon and Cowal Group Highlight/Exception report to Area  
Community Planning Group**

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The purpose of this Paper is to update the Area Community Planning Group (ACPG) regarding the main pieces of work undertaken by the Forward Dunoon and Cowal Group (FDC).

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the ACPG:

- 2.1 Note that FDC is a strategic Partner of the ACPG;
- 2.2 Note the report provided below (If further detail is desired the full minutes are published on the Council website) and;
- 2.3 Consider whether there are any specific tasks or issues which it wishes the FDC to undertake or review.

**3. DETAIL**

- 3.1 The FDC is a partnership group focused on promoting Tourism in Bute and Cowal and bringing business and people into the area. It achieves this by working in partnership with the local business community, through the promotion of local initiatives and events, and through the participation of some of its members at national and international tourism events.
- 3.2 The FDC has historically been a representative voice for the community with organisations such as Visit Scotland and similar, but has had to be more independent recently due to the lessening input from these national bodies.

**4. IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 **Policy** The reporting allows monitoring of the performance of the partnership thereby demonstrating the achievement of the key aspects of the SOA

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| 4.2 | <b>Financial</b>                    | None, |
| 4.3 | <b>Personnel</b>                    | None  |
| 4.4 | <b>Equalities Impact Assessment</b> | None. |
| 4.5 | <b>Legal</b>                        | None  |

**Douglas Hendry**  
**Executive Director – Customer Services**  
**19 February 2014**

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## Forward Dunoon and Cowal Group Highlight - Exception Report March 2014

SOA Theme	Topic	Issue and Actions	Comment	Outcomes/ Indicators
The economy is diverse and thriving	PA23 BID	The PA23 BID committee are hoping to run a number of events in 2014 to promote economic growth	The events suggested include a triathlon, a foot-golf game, as well as a Sunday Market in the town	
Education Skills and training Maximises opportunities for all.	Commonwealth Baton	The baton will be brought through Dunoon on 13 <sup>th</sup> July,	A "Commonwealth games" event has been arranged in Sandbank, it is hoped that this will complement a number of other events arranged over the summer	
Children and young people have the best possible start.				
We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth.	Burgh Hall  Queens Hall  Hopscotch ticket	The Hall is closing for approx. 18 months, funds have been confirmed for almost all the refurbishment  Currently open but scheduled to close for refurbishment at the end of the year  It is hoped to arrange an all-day bus pass for the Area	Both Halls are being well used and work is being undertaken to minimise as much as possible the disruption to regular patrons, There will be some disruption. Governance asked to provide a list of possible alternative locations at next meeting  Work is ongoing in this area by both members and transport staff	
People live active healthier and independent lives	Off road cycling	The Group seeking to promote an off road cycling path	This route is a circuit between Kilmun and Rubha Garb, is approximately 25 miles long and all landowners have agreed to its promotion, it is hoped that it will bring family cyclists to the area thereby improving the economy as well as local people health	
People live in safer and stronger communities.	WW1 commemoration	The Commemoration this year is to be marked with special solemnity	There is a steering group who are coordinating this event since it is the centenary, the British Legion are the lead agency	

