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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held by **SKYPE** on **WEDNESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2021** at **10:00 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director

BUSINESS

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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Update by Local Network Manager, Transport Scotland

5. PARTNERS UPDATES

- (a) Maritime and Coastguard Agency Update

Update by Coastal Operations Area Commander, HM Coastguard

- (b) Scottish Ambulance Service Update

Update by Area Service Manager – West Region, Scottish Ambulance Service

- (c) Police Scotland Update (Pages 17 - 18)

Update by Sergeant Iain MacNicol, Police Scotland

- (d) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Update (Pages 19 - 26)

Update by Watch Commander/Local Authority Liaison Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

- (e) Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface Update (Pages 27 - 28)

Update by Strategic Development Manager, Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface

- (f) Department for Work and Pensions Update (Pages 29 - 32)

Update by Customer Service Leader WS Inverclyde/Argyll & Bute, Department for Work and Pensions

- (g) Argyll and Bute Council Community Learning Service Update (Pages 33 - 34)

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Update by Islay Community Council

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Update by West Loch Fyne Community Council

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Update by Inveraray Community Council

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Update by Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust

- (l) Opportunity for verbal updates from Area Community Planning Group Partners involved in resilience projects relating to the Covid-19 response

- (m) Opportunity for general verbal updates from Area Community Planning Group Partners

6. COVID-19 STAY AT HOME GUIDANCE (Pages 45 - 48)

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7. UK WITHDRAWAL FROM EU

- (a) Argyll and Bute Seafood Sector Sustainability (Pages 49 - 50)

Letter from Council Leader to Secretary of State for Scotland

- (b) Islay Crab Exports Ltd

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- (c) Opportunity for verbal updates by Community Planning Partners on impact of UK withdrawal from EU

8. COMMUNITY FOCUS

- (a) South Kintyre Development Trust and their role as lead organisation in the Kintyre Community Resilience and Recovery response

Update by Eric Spence, South Kintyre Development Trust

9. INFORMAL CAMPING (Pages 51 - 56)

Report by Economic Growth Officer, Argyll and Bute Council

10. BASECAMP DEMONSTRATION (Pages 57 - 60)

Demonstration by Community Planning Officer, Argyll and Bute Council

11. GAELIC DEVELOPMENT ACROSS ARGYLL AND BUTE (Pages 61 - 64)

Report by Gaelic Development Worker, Argyll and Bute Council

12. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE (Pages 65 - 68)

Report by Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council

13. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP GOVERNANCE

- (a) Annual Update of Terms of Reference, Membership and Future Meeting Dates (Pages 69 - 80)

Report by Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Group will take place at 10.00am on Wednesday, 5 May 2021.

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group

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**MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMUNITY
PLANNING GROUP held by SKYPE
on TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2020**

Present: Ian Brodie, East Kintyre Community Council (Chair)
Councillor John Armour
Councillor Alastair Redman
Councillor Sandy Taylor
Shona Barton, Committee Manager
Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer
Brian Smith, Community Learning Team Leader
Colin Wilson, Local Government Boundary Commission
Ronnie Hinds, Local Government Boundary Commission
Susan MacRae, Skills Development Scotland
Catherine Kennedy, Mid Argyll Community Transport Volunteers
Rachel Whyte, Islay Community Council
Phil Dickinson, Craignish Community Council
Valerie Nimmo, Campbeltown Community Council
Alison McGrory, Argyll and Bute HSCP

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first virtual meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group and outlined the procedure for the meeting.

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of:

Councillor Rory Colville, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Robin Currie, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Anne Horn, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Donald McMillan BEM, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Douglas Philand, Argyll and Bute Council
Samantha Somers, Argyll and Bute Council
Donald Watt, Argyll and Bute HSCP
PC Laura Evans, Police Scotland
Jane Cowen, Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust
Catherine Anne MacAulay, Campbeltown Community Council
Alyson MacGillivray, South Islay Development Trust
John Rennie, Balfour Beatty
Eric Spence, South Kintyre Development Trust
Jim Porteous, Islay Community Council
Lynn Campbell, Department for Work and Pensions

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTES

- (a) **Meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group held on Wednesday, 5 February 2020**

The Minute of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group meeting held on Wednesday, 5 February 2020 was approved as a correct record.

4. COMMUNITY FOCUS

(a) Mid Argyll Community Transport Volunteers

Catherine Kennedy, Transport Co-ordinator for Mid Argyll Community Transport Volunteers provided information to the Group around the reaction of the Mid Argyll Community Transport Volunteers throughout the Covid19 pandemic. Catherine detailed the significant increase in workload and services provided by the group, advising that the volunteers had agreed initially to provide their time for free to ensure that people in need could obtain assistance without any charges before grant funding was in place to assist with this and ensure drivers could be paid for their services. Catherine noted that her own workload had increased significantly and much of her time was spent co-ordinating and arranging additional requirements such as PPE for drivers.

Catherine advised that Mid Argyll Community Transport Volunteers were part of the local Caring for People effort and had been involved in the provision of many services such as: the delivery of prescriptions; delivering food parcels; obtaining and delivering shopping for those in need; and their usual transport service. Catherine outlined the way in which shopping for clients had changed to meet the government guidance and noted that during the Covid19 pandemic the group had a larger than usual client list as alongside the over 60s and disabled people who usually used the service, the group also assisted those who were shielding and self-isolating. Catherine advised that the increase in workload was particularly difficult for the group due to many of the volunteers themselves being over 70 and therefore unable to assist, this reduced the number of available drivers from 30 to 4 before an appeal saw the number rise to 12.

Catherine provided an account of the fear felt by drivers when travelling during the height of lockdown that they would be stopped and questioned as the drivers were not considered key workers. Catherine noted that she felt that the service was crucial to the NHS in enabling people to get to their appointments and advised that rules in place due to Covid19 meant that only one client could be transported per car, which caused an increase in demand for transport and decreased the groups availability for local runs when attending hospital appointments in Glasgow with clients. Catherine advised that as well as the services outlined previously, the group had also taken pets to the vets on behalf of owners, delivered packages and provided other services as they were needed. Catherine also noted that pressure on volunteers had increased due to the road closures at the Rest and Be Thankful.

Catherine advised that the group had received financial assistance through HIE from government resilience group funding which had enabled the group to provide their services for free, the funding for which had ended on the 30th August when a small charge had been introduced for clients. Catherine noted that a grant had also been received to assist with the purchase of PPE for volunteers and the group awaited the outcome of an application for a recovery grant from the Scottish Government which would allow the group to again provide their services for free. Catherine emphasised that the group was largely continuing to provide the same services, with the exception of delivering food parcels.

Catherine expressed concern that during lockdown all information which was being disseminated appeared to be geared towards those who were on social media and the internet, while a lot of the group's clients were not. Catherine noted that many clients relied on the group for information and phoned daily to request updates. Catherine advised that in particular she was concerned that some clients had been unaware that they could receive food parcels. Catherine outlined some concerns expressed by clients such as food wastage in food parcels and clients who were healthy and over 70 feeling that they should have been contacted to ensure that they were not requiring assistance.

Catherine advised that she believed that Mid Argyll would have benefitted from a local resilience group, as had been in place in Kintyre and Islay, which could have seen the efforts better co-ordinated and ensured that no one had been missed in terms of support. Catherine noted that the Caring for People group had been useful but that not all organisations had operated through them. Catherine reiterated that overall the effort had been very positive and they had received lots of good feedback from clients and the drivers who had been on the front line during the pandemic.

Councillor Armour advised that as one of the co-ordinators of the Kintyre Resilience Group he would agree with Catherine that much of the communication had been aimed at those who were online, noting that he had provided a daily bulletin on Argyll FM for those who did not have internet access to ensure that they were aware of the most up to date news. Councillor Armour noted that unfortunately he had been unaware of this group at the time of the broadcasts, however in future if there was a requirement to provide information in this way again he would be happy to work with Catherine around this.

The Chair thanked Catherine for her presentation.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Community Development Officer, dated 10 November 2020, submitted)

5. PARTNERS UPDATES - COVID-19 RESPONSE

(a) Third Sector Interface

The Group considered an update from the Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface (TSI) which detailed their response to Covid-19 which included supporting charities, social enterprises, community groups and encouraging volunteering.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group;

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. noted that in the absence of an officer from TSI the Committee Manager would take back any questions to TSI and circulate any responses to the Group.

(Reference: Report by Samantha Stubbs – Strategic Development Manager, Third Sector Interface, dated October 2020, submitted)

(b) West Kintyre Community Council Covid-19 Support

The Group considered an update from West Kintyre Community Council detailing their community response to Covid-19 which included producing scrubs and face coverings, commencing local shop deliveries for those in need and seeking additional support for those in the area through Shopper-Aide as well as funding efforts to assist Shopper-Aide, Campbelltown Food Bank and the Friends of Tarbert group.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group:

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. noted that in the absence of a representative from West Kintyre Community Council the Committee Manager would take back any questions to West Kintyre Community Council and circulate any responses to the Group.

(Reference: Report by Margaret Pratt, West Kintyre Community Council, submitted)

(c) Health and Social Care Partnership - Caring for People Covid-19 Community Response

The Group gave consideration to an update from the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) in relation to the community response work of the Caring for People Tactical Partnership and local Caring for People Teams.

Alison McGrory outlined details within the report, noting that it provided details in relation to the area wide response which had involved the public health department, the Council, the Third Sector Interface and local councillors among others. Alison advised that on the 16th of March 2020 a group of people with an interest in resilience was formed in anticipation of lockdown and this group met on a daily basis over a three month period to discuss issues arising in line with the Scottish Government resilience strategy.

Alison provided details of some of the services provided throughout the pandemic and noted that there was a cognisance of those who were not able to access information online through the use of postal drops and advertisement of a national helpline. Alison noted that in total 990 volunteers were identified, as well as groups on the ground who were mobilising themselves to provide support. Alison advised that the Caring for People response had a role in terms of people who were asked to shield by the Scottish Government, advising that in total approximately 3,300 people were asked to shield within Argyll and Bute. Alison provided details of the services made available during this time, including ambient and fresh food packages. With reference to earlier comments by Catherine Kennedy in relation to the availability of food parcels, Alison noted that it was unfortunate that there appeared to have been a communication breakdown in that case as all those shielding were communicated with by letter from the Chief Medical Officer and notified of how they could obtain a food parcel, noting that at the height of lockdown upwards of 1,000 packages per

week were being delivered.

Alison advised that a comprehensive evaluation of work undertaken during the response was being undertaken and lessons were being learned, particularly around communication and community working.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Alison McGrory - Health Improvement Principal, Health and Social Care Partnership, dated 10 November 2020, submitted)

(d) **Opportunity for verbal updates from Area Community Planning Group Partners involved in resilience projects relating to the Covid-19 response**

Ian Brodie, East Kintyre Community Council

Ian Brodie advised that East Kintyre Community Council had formed a group, comprising of members of the Community Council and volunteers, at the beginning of lockdown which had served the community as required. Ian noted that the group had delivered a bottle of hand wash to all of those listed by the local GP surgery, and handed out bars of soap provided by South Kintyre Development Trust. Ian noted that some work had also been carried out with local shops and one volunteer who had a PVG had been assisting with picking up shopping and delivering prescriptions. Ian advised that this support could be reinstated if required.

Rachel Whyte, Islay Community Council

Rachel Whyte advised that Islay had benefitted from having a resilience group in the area, noting that the Community Council had undertaken a huge amount of work in response to the Covid19 pandemic. Rachel outlined work which had been carried out, including erecting signage and the implementation of hand sanitiser stations across the island and outside of the local Co-ops. Rachel noted that the resilience group on Islay had worked fantastically and Islay also now had a recovery group set up to assist with coming out of lockdown. Rachel noted that reports from the recovery group indicated that people had become somewhat cocooned and were at times unwilling to come out again as they had been made to feel very safe, noting that this was causing concern with regard to social isolation. Phil Dickinson sought and received confirmation from Rachel that hand sanitiser had been purchased using the supporting communities grant and noted that Craignish Community Council planned to use some of this fund in future for safe coffee mornings to prevent social isolation. Rachel advised that attempts were being made to prevent social isolation, however this was a worry on Islay and elsewhere in Argyll and Bute, particularly due to the lack of Mental Health support available in the area. Rachel agreed to discuss this issue in further detail with Phil following the meeting and urged everyone at the meeting to reach out to anyone who they felt may be struggling with the effects of social isolation.

Councillor Alastair Redman

Councillor Redman advised that it had been a huge concern locally that the Co-op had not provided hand sanitiser at the entrance of their shops, despite other shops in the area doing so, as it was not their statutory duty and noted that he felt that it was a moral duty that they should be providing this. Councillor Redman thanked Rachel and the Community Council for arranging this and thanked volunteers across Islay and the Kintyre peninsula for going above and beyond, often at their own expense. Councillor Redman highlighted recent spates of vandalism on Islay which Rachel had notified Police of. Councillor Redman, following comments made by Rachel in relation to a lack of mental health provision in the area, noted that many of his constituents had contacted him with concerns around mental health provision.

Phil Dickinson, Craignish Community Council

Phil Dickinson advised that he found the sharing of ideas at the group useful in seeing how other groups had utilised their funding and dealt with the pandemic. Phil advised that a group had been set up in Craignish including representatives from the Community Council, Community Company and Village Hall. Phil noted that a document outlining the response had been sent on to the Committee Manager who would circulate to attendees and advised that he would briefly outline the contents of this.

Phil advised that the group had decided that their role would be as a portal of information who could signpost people to available services, noting that this was largely carried out via Facebook, e-mail and voice file notes for those who struggled with reading. Phil noted that the group had also put together a pack for every household with printed information and details for organisations which could be signposted to.

Phil noted that it was the priority of the group to ensure that no one was missed who required support and a list of vulnerable people had been collated and shared with a first responder network, each person on this list was allocated a volunteer who would assist them and check in on them every week. Phil outlined work which had been carried out to assist people including signs being erected, messages being distributed reinforcing government advice, and those reporting breaches of guidance being signposted to the Police. Phil highlighted that much of the work of the group had been around running a hardship and food fund, noting that 138 people had been assisted through this. Phil advised that the group were currently planning further options for the next stage of the fund and noted the challenges around meeting the criteria for this, advising that there were a number of ideas being explored with this in mind.

Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer

Antonia advised that she would provide an overview of the work which had been carried out across the MAKI Area by groups who were not represented at the meeting, noting that the communities throughout the MAKI area had spontaneously organised themselves in a number of compassionate and creative ways to suit their community's needs. Antonia provided details of the different ways in which support was provided such as providing shopping, collecting and delivering prescriptions and co-ordinating activities to prevent isolation and loneliness.

Antonia advised that people could be referred to local community organisations via

the Caring for People helpline and that this had resulted in many new connections being made and the needs of individuals being met by their communities, noting that this had been particularly successful in areas such as Kintyre where referrals had decreased when individuals were made known to the Kintyre Resilience Group. Antonia provided details of the work carried out by the Caring for People Partnership such as creating a Guide to Safe Volunteering, putting in place a protocol for safe delivery of medication and obtaining insurance for those providing volunteering services. Antonia advised that a volunteer matching portal was created as outlined in the update from TSI and noted that the Council had worked with the Co-op to create supermarket cards for volunteers to avoid unnecessary handling of cash. Antonia outlined the services provided by local community groups, as well as third sector and private sector organisations and noted the different ways in which the groups had met varying needs across the area and were involved in partnership working.

Susan MacRae, Skills Development Scotland (SDS)

Susan MacRae introduced herself to the group as the new Area Manager for Argyll and Bute and the Western Isles and advised that she would be happy to provide an update on the work that SDS had carried out during the Covid19 response. Susan advised that SDS staff had largely worked from home during lockdown and many services were provided online, through Skype or by telephone although a blended approach was now being adopted in certain aspects of their work in line with national guidance. Susan provided details of work which had taken place with schools with the assistance of Head Teachers and guidance staff, noting that the impact on younger people had not been as negative as initially feared due to many of them having had offers of employment and further education in place prior to the lockdown period.

Susan noted that help was available for both young people and adults via the National Helpline on 0800 917 800 or by using the My World of Work website at www.myworldofwork.co.uk and encouraged anyone in attendance to signpost to these resources anyone who they thought may benefit from these services.

Brian Smith, Argyll and Bute Council

Brian Smith provided an update on the activities of the Community Learning Team in terms of the Covid19 response, advising that the service had previously provided largely face-to-face support and required to adapt quickly to the national guidance to provide services virtually. Brian noted that the team were also involved in the Caring for People effort, providing assistance with the helpline and the food project, as well as the delivery of prescriptions and shopping across Argyll and Bute. Brian advised that the team also provided support to school hubs which provided care for the children of essential workers and allowed essential workers to continue to work throughout lockdown.

Brian provided information around the Digital Connections project and support provided to those requiring it to access online support and blended learning. Brian noted that the team had undertaken a lot of work in relation to the No One Left Behind project by the Scottish Government and assisting those who required support to find work or to undertake training, also focusing on providing support with their health and wellbeing.

Brian provided details of youth work undertaken by the team including work around: youth participation; youth forums; a successful bid to the Scottish Government's Youth Work Education Recovery Fund which would allow a programme of learning for disengaged pupils incorporating outdoor learning and an SQA qualification; and work to encourage those who had struggled throughout lockdown to re-engage with learning and rebuild relationships. Brian encouraged anyone who was aware of someone who could benefit from the support of the Community Learning Team to get in touch.

Councillor John Armour

Councillor Armour advised that he had been a co-ordinator for the Kintyre Resilience Group which had been set up by Eric Spence of the South Kintyre Development Trust prior to lockdown. Councillor Armour noted that the group had attracted more than 150 volunteers within a week, who were then split into areas to provide support. Councillor Armour advised that the group had worked with Campbeltown, East Kintyre, West Kintyre, Southend and Laggan Community Councils to identify people who were shielding and self-isolating. Councillor Armour provided details of the work carried out by the group with the Caring for People helpline, noting that in most cases where a request was made for support a co-ordinator would ask a volunteer to action this and it would be resolved within an hour.

Councillor Armour advised that the community and local business had pulled together to get things such as shopping out to those who needed it, while the West of Scotland resilience network had provided soap which was distributed to communities as previously mentioned by Ian. Councillor Armour noted that the group had worked with the local Food Bank as most of the volunteers were over 70 and unable to do the work themselves which had left them in danger of closing. The Food Bank had therefore been relocated to the Town Hall for the duration of lockdown, assisted by volunteers, which allowed normal opening hours to operate and social distancing to be maintained with a separate entrance and exit being utilised. Councillor Armour advised that work had been carried out with Shopper-Aide and volunteers had been provided to assist them with an increase in workload. Councillor Armour emphasised that the group had been and continued to work well and were now looking at setting up a wellbeing economy project and having resilience in place in case of any future unexpected events.

Councillor Armour provided details of a liaison group which had been set up with local community councils, Scottish Power and the relevant contractors in response to concerns from locals around workers at the Beinn an Tuirc windfarm coming into the area from Ireland and the Central Belt during lockdown. Councillor Armour outlined the actions taken by the liaison group and noted that it appeared to have addressed many of the concerns of locals and assisted in ensuring the safety of people in the area by securing assurance from the parties involved that every appropriate precaution would be taken.

Valerie Nimmo, Campbeltown Community Council

Valerie Nimmo advised that she would echo much of what was said by Councillor Armour, noting that Campbeltown Community Council had been involved in the liaison group as mentioned and in supporting Kintyre Resilience Group during the

Covid19 response in various ways such as: co-ordinating volunteers; delivering shopping and prescriptions; providing telephone befriending services; and sewing scrubs and face masks. Valerie advised that Campbeltown Community Council had also provided financial support to Campbeltown Food Bank and Shopper-Aide using funding from SSE. Valerie thanked Councillor Armour for his reports on Argyll FM which assisted those who did not have access to the internet.

6. UPDATES BY COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERS

(a) Health and Social Care Partnership - Public Health Update

The Group gave consideration to an annual report for 2019/20 which highlighted Health and Wellbeing in Argyll and Bute.

Alison McGrory outlined the contents of the report, particularly highlighting the Living Well Strategy, a new strategic framework for how people could lead healthier lives in Argyll and Bute. Alison noted that the Living Well strategy was developed over 2019 and took into account the opinions of over 450 people. Alison also drew the group's attention to small grants which were available to community groups through the strategy, advising that the fund had been oversubscribed which showed a requirement for the funding and noting that organisations would be notified of the outcome of their applications shortly. Alison advised that Health and Wellbeing Networks in Argyll and Bute were also being rebranded as Living Well Networks in line with the strategy and consultations which had been undertaken.

Discussion took place around underage drinking on Islay and it was agreed that Alison would follow this up with Rachel after the meeting. Alison advised that information around the HSCP's Alcohol and Drug Partnership would also be circulated to the group when available.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Alison McGrory - Health Improvement Principal, Health and Social Care Partnership, dated 10 November 2020, submitted)

(b) Opportunity for verbal updates from Area Community Planning Group Partners

Councillor John Armour

Councillor Armour expressed concern at the poor attendance of partners at the meeting and noted that he was unsure what could be done to resolve this and encourage better participation. Rachel suggested that it may be beneficial to ask young people to attend the meetings, the Committee Manager confirmed that young people are invited as representatives to the meeting and noted that attendance was poor both in terms of Community Council and partner attendance. The Committee Manager suggested that it would be beneficial to highlight this at the next Community Planning Partnership Management Committee Meeting. Valerie Nimmo suggested that it may be beneficial to time limit presentations at the meeting and ensure that they were more concise to encourage people to come along.

Brian Smith, Community Learning Team Leader

Brian advised that work was being carried out by the Community Learning team with young people around youth participation and advised that he would be happy to provide some information around this at a future meeting of the group.

7. BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSALS

The Group considered a report which advised of the Boundary Commission for Scotland's proposals for the Argyll and Bute area. Colin Wilson and Ronnie Hinds provided an overview of the changes proposed to ward boundaries in the Argyll and Bute area and the process for and reasoning behind the proposed changes, noting that no changes had been made to the boundaries for Argyll and Bute Council since 2007.

Discussion took place around: the benefits of island only wards in comparison to wards which included both island and mainland areas; the potential impact of the proposed changes in representation for those who would be placed in larger or smaller wards; the benefits of continuity by maintaining the current wards; the potential impact on lifeline services such as ferries if wards were to change; the willingness and ability of the Local Government Boundary Commission to take into account the views of the Council and local constituents during the consultation period; and the newly proposed boundaries being suited to service delivery arrangements in the area.

Colin Wilson advised that further details regarding the review were available on the Local Government Boundary Commission's website at <https://lgbc-scotland.gov.uk/2019-reviews-electoral-arrangements>, noting that any further questions or comments could be directed to the Local Government Boundary Commission by e-mail at lgbc@scottishboundaries.gov.uk and feedback to the consultation could be given at https://consult.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk/reviews/argyll_and_bute_council_area_public_consultation/.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group;

1. noted the position; and
2. noted that further questions and comments could be addressed to the Local Government Boundary Commission using the details provided.

(Reference: Report by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland, dated 10 November 2020, submitted)

8. UK WITHDRAWAL FROM THE EU

A report on the Council and the Health and Social Care Partnership's response to the UK's withdrawal from the European Union was before the Group for consideration.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group;

1. were assured that the Council and the HSPC are as well prepared as they can be with regards to exiting the EU, and are actively engaged with partners through the local and national resilience frameworks; and
2. noted that the Committee Manager would take any questions back to the appropriate Officer and circulate responses to the Group.

(Reference: Report by Chief Executive, dated 21 October 2020, submitted)

9. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Group considered a briefing note which related to the virtual meeting of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee held on 23 September 2020.

The Chair outlined details of the briefing note, particularly noting the appointment of a new Chair for the group in Joe MacKay of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. The Chair drew the group's attention to the section of the briefing note relating to the presentation by Fergus Murray on wild camping and campervans, noting that a sub-committee had been set up around this and an action plan would be reported to a future meeting of the Management Committee. The Chair encouraged anyone with an interest in this matter to get in touch with Fergus Murray and to read the Minute of the recent Management Committee meeting on the Argyll and Bute Council website.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group noted the briefing note.

(Reference: Briefing note by Committee Manager, dated 10 November 2020, submitted)

10. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP GOVERNANCE

(a) Appointment of Vice-Chair

The Group considered the appointment of the Vice-Chair of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group and discussion took place around the time commitment involved in the role.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group agreed to appoint Rachel Whyte as Vice-Chair.

(Reference: Report by Committee Manager, dated 10 November 2020, submitted)

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group would take place by Skype at 10:00am on Wednesday, 3 February 2021.

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Police Scotland (MAKI) – Covid-19 Update

COVID impacts on us daily but not to the same extent possibly in MAKI as in other areas. We do receive a relatively low number of calls from members of the public daily highlighting any Covid concerns around properties or persons they believe to be involved in Covid breaches and each one is looked at separately. This tends to increase at weekends when people seem more likely to be tempted to socialise.

When dealing with these we obviously have to consider any circumstances that would be exempt from the legislation or guidance such as essential maintenance or extended households for example but there are certain individuals in our community who continue to allow others to come into their houses and socialise which is a concern. Strategically it has been outlined that the police response will follow the four-step escalation principles of engagement, explanation, encouragement and finally enforcement but there are instances where officers are justified in moving straight to enforcement with the issue of fixed penalty notices.

Covid also affects the police response to other incidents and Police Scotland has adjusted its operating model and is now adhering to a policy of 'reduced attendance and appropriate contact'. This means we are dealing with more incidents by telephone and other remote models of contact when appropriate but each call is risk assessed and if officers need to attend it goes without saying they will do so. We do adopt a proactive approach depending on current information with extra attention paid to transport hubs such as ferry ports when concerns are raised but we find that most businesses and organisations are extremely vigilant in ensuring anyone using their services are Covid compliant.

Our officers have all been issued with personal PPE with individually fitted masks as well as the standard surgical type masks and hygiene supplies are readily available. There are designated safe systems of working in place and COVID consideration is given to everything we do to ensure the safety of the public and our officers and staff is maintained as best we can. In MAKI we have maintained resourcing levels with low levels of absences through social isolation or illness and we hope this continues.

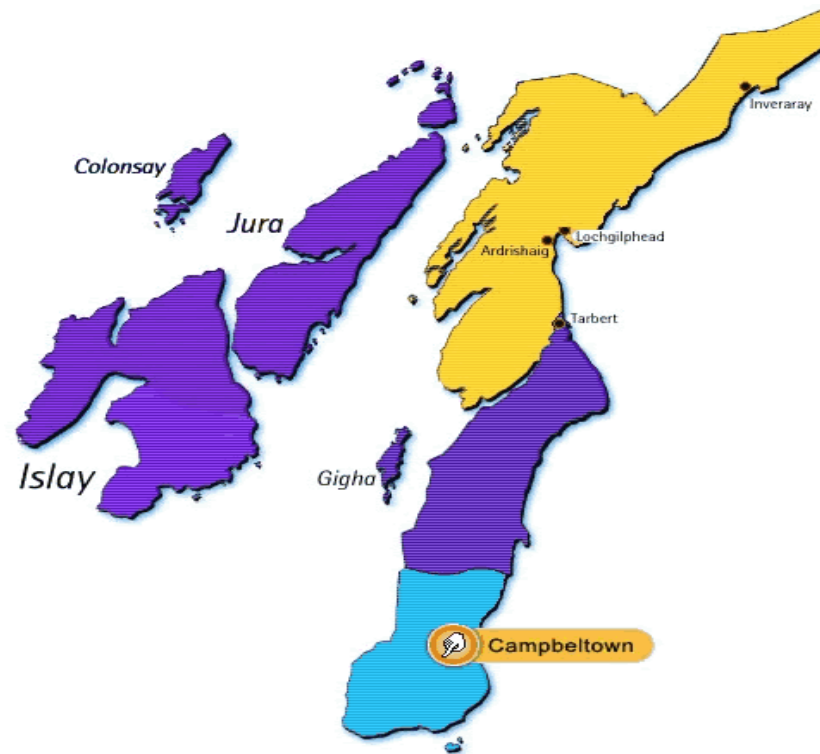
We continue to work closely with partners to address issues and concerns but on the whole compliance levels are good.

Generally it is a positive picture in MAKI and we are obviously hoping this continues

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Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands 01/10/20 to 31/12/20



Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Incidents 1/10/20 to 31/12/2020

Incidents	MA 19/20	K&I 19/20	SK 19/20	Total 19/20	MA 20/21	K&I 20/21	SK 20/21	Total 20/21	=/-
Total	43	44	39	126	41	36	15	92	-34
Fire Fatalities	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
Non-Fatal Fire Casualties	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accidental Dwelling Fires	1	1	3	5	2	2	2	6	+1
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Deliberate Fires	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	0
Accidental Fire	5	10	4	19	4	5	3	12	-7
Fatal and Non-fatal fire casualties	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
Non-Domestic fires	0	3	1	4	2	0	0	2	-2
Special services incidents	10	3	2	15	2	3	1	6	-9
RTC Casualties	3	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	-4
False Alarms	28	30	32	90	34	27	11	72	-18

Unfortunately during this period we had a fatality which was as a result of a domestic fire in Garval Road, Tarbert. The cause of this fire is currently still under investigation and SFRS continue to work within the community to provide fire safety advice and smoke detection.

Incidents of Note

Primary Fires

14/10/2020	15:34:00	Friggit Hotel	Tarbert	Van on fire 2 x propane cylinders on vehicle cooled
16/10/2020	12:00:00	Mid Argyll Hospital	Lochgilphead	Room 7 set alight by patient
23/10/2020	19:39:00	Dalaruan Street	Campbeltown	Small fire within fuse box
26/10/2020	15:36:00	Lochgair Sheltered Housing	Tarbert	Small fire in pot extinguished by removal
30/10/2020	17:49:00	Lorne Street	Lochgilphead	Small fire in florescent light fitting extinguished by isolation - TIC requested
04/11/2020	13:28:00	Crosshill Avenue	Campbeltown	Small fire extinguished prior to arrival of SFRS
29/11/2020	00:45:00	Garval Road	Tarbert	Small fire in refuse bins that spread to roof of garage - 2BA 1HRJ
10/12/2020	19:40:00	Glengyle Road	Campbeltown	Car on fire
21/12/2020	07.02.00	St Clair Road, Ardrishaig	Lochgilphead	2 small bins on fire next to house No injuries
23/12/2020	13.03.00	Caledonia court ardrishaig	Lochgilphead	Grill pan extinguished prior to arrival
25/12/2020	05:31:00	Garval Road	Tarbert	2 storey house. 1 x fatality. 1 x elderly female with slight smoke inhalation. 6 persons evacuated prior to arrival of SFRS

Chimney Fires

12/10/2020	19:37:00	Islay	Port Charlotte	Chimney Fire
05/11/2020	19:16:00	Fernoch Park	Lochgilphead	Chimney Fire
23/12/2020	18.18.00	Pier Road	Tarbert	Chimney fire
31/12/2021	16.55.00	Stanalane Islay	Bowmore	Small fire in chimney HRJ in use

Special Services

20/10/2020	04:01:00	Frederick Crescent, Port Ellen	Port Ellen	Assist SAS - 61YO male - Person not injured - assistance due to the male being intoxicated - Not Bariatric but too heavy for SAS crew to lift
28/10/2020	22:22:00	Chalmers Street	Lochgilphead	Assist SAS - 82YO Bariatric Patient - Life threatening and needs to go to hospital
29/11/2020	18:55:00	Laoigan Place, Keills	Bowmore	Assist SAS - Help moving 75YO Bariatric Patient to hospital - Casualty bleeding after fall
30/11/2020	01:39:00	Garvel Terrace	Tarbert	Gain Access - 8 1/2YO locked in property
09/12/2020	00:42:00	Beraskomel Farm B842	Campbeltown	Car left road down embankment. 1 casualty in care of SAS
30/12/2020	15.57.00	Argyll St	Lochgilphead	Vehicle with diesel leak
31/12/2021	09.07.00	Douchas Place	Lochgilphead	Assist SAS – gain entrance into property

Community Safety Activity

Home Fire Safety Visits 01/10/20 to 31/12/20			
Station	Home Fire Safety Visits	High Risk Visits	HFSV With Smoke Detection Fitted
Inveraray	9	7	3
Tarbert	7	3	2
Campbeltown	15	8	7
Bowmore	16	16	0
Jura	0	0	0
Port Ellen	0	0	0
Port Charlotte	4	4	2
Carradale	1	0	0
Gigha	3	2	1
Lochgilphead	11	6	4
Colonsay	0	0	0
TOTAL	66	46	19

Community Safety Activity

- Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) – 11
- Fire Safety Talks – Firework Presentations – Due to Covid-19 were unable to go into schools so we integrated our presentations into Education networks and remotely supported schools with the presentations
- Continue to deliver Fire Safety advice via telephone and provision of smoke detection where none is fitted. HFSV's are carried out where there is a threat of fire from criminal activity
- Represented on the MARAC for those affected by domestic Violence

Continue to support “Make the Call” Campaign



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Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface Area Community Planning Group update – January 2021

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Support to charities, social enterprises and community groups

Since April 2020, Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface's Third Sector Support Team has provided support to almost 300 organisations, primarily relating to funding.

There were five key funds that were launched and awarded during 2020, that focussed primarily on supporting delivery during the COVID-19 global pandemic, as well as sustaining services unable to operate due to restrictions. Argyll and Bute performed very well in relation to other council areas of Scotland, and we believe that third sector organisations should be lauded for their ability to secure income, whilst delivering vital services to the most vulnerable people in our communities, during the biggest challenge many of us have faced during our lives.

Third Sector Organisations in Argyll and Bute secured almost £2.2 million in additional funding from those five sources. The Supporting Communities Fund received 31 successful applications from Argyll and Bute – this was the third highest grant rate in Scotland, behind Highland and Glasgow.

Additionally, there were 51 successful applications to the Third Sector Resilience Fund – this was the fourth highest number of successful applications, behind Glasgow, Edinburgh and Highland. There were also 18 successful applications to the National Emergencies Trust, which was the fifth highest number of successful applications behind Glasgow, Edinburgh, Highland and Fife.

Sustainability of third sector is discussed frequently, as is the need to reduce organisational reliance on grant funding for delivery of services. What COVID-19 has shown is that we have incredible services, delivering incredible work, however, where many organisations have relied upon community fundraising activities to generate an income, this has dealt some organisations a significant financial blow. Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface will be making some exciting announcements later in the year in regards to supporting third sector organisations – we will update you again when we have more news.

The TSI are leading on two pieces of work within the Building Back Better programme; how do we build on the interest in volunteering during COVID for the benefit of communities and how are we more inclusive of younger volunteers within our communities, and how do we fund our key third sector organisations in a sustainable way.

Towards the end of 2020, we worked with the Community Development Team to carrying out a Training Needs Analysis with a view to planning training for third sector organisations and communities in the coming months. This will also feed into the Community Learning and Development plan, which is currently being developed with a range of partners across Argyll and Bute, including the TSI.

Organisations requiring assistance with anything from governance to funding (and a lot more besides!) can contact support@argylltsi.org.uk or phone 0300 303 4141 (Mon-Fri, 9-4).

Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface
Area Community Planning Group update – January 2021

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Volunteering

Our volunteering platform – volunteerargyllandbute.org – has now been made available for its original purpose, as a way for third sector organisations to recruit volunteers directly. Any organisation seeking to use volunteers within their organisation are welcome to sign up, and benefit from the inbuilt volunteer management system, at no cost! Community organisations can register at https://volunteerargyllandbute.org/vk/providers/registration_provider.htm.

The system is very easy to use, but for those who are less familiar with technology, our third sector support officers are there to help on 0300 303 4141.

DWP Update – Jan 2021

Argyll and Bute

Stats/MI (Recorded as of 12th Nov 2020)

Office	Total UC Claimants	Conditionality groups					
		Preparing for work	Planning for work	Working – No requirements	No work Requirements	Working – With requirements	Searching for Work
Oban	2059	49	32	537	302	352	791
Campbeltown	956	25	13	204	189	163	362
Dunoon	1126	33	15	197	237	198	440
Rothesay	658	32	16	90	149	98	276
Helensburgh	1327	45	14	270	261	208	532

Flexible Support Fund – through DWP Dynamic Purchasing System

We have continued to procure support through the pandemic for our Health customers, 18-24, 25+ customer groups to support them into work or nearer the labour market.

Job Finding Support – Started 11th January 2021

Job Finding Support (JFS) is designed to help those who have recently become unemployed (up to 13 weeks), who may not need extensive support but would benefit from personalised support and advice to help them re-enter employment quickly and to improve the likelihood of securing sustainable paid employment

Job Finding Support will help claimants to develop their job finding and job application skills, increasing their ability to quickly secure replacement employment

Participants will be offered a minimum of 4 hours tailored '121' digital support, plus at least one online group session. In most cases this will be completed within 10 working days and in all cases will be completed within 20 working days

The service offered will include but not be limited to:

- A mock interview
- A digital online group session

- Help to identify their transferable skills
- Sector specific job advice (particularly the growth sectors)
- Job matching to suitable vacancies and advice/links about suitable employers

Job Entry Targeted Support – Starting 25th January

The primary objectives of Job Entry: Targeted Support (JETS) are to make support available to people who have been out of work and in receipt of benefit for at least 13 weeks, to help them gain paid employment, maximise the opportunities to support people to find work. Support each participant to develop realistic job goals and career paths; identify suitable and achievable steps to realise these goals. Ensure each participant receives tailored quality support to overcome barriers to securing employment in the prevailing local labour market sector conditions, including sign posting to other support available. Ensure providers work closely with employers, local partners and services to respond to key events or labour market changes with positive and innovative solutions

Kickstart

The Kickstart Scheme provides funding to create new job placements for 16 to 24 year olds on Universal Credit who are at risk of long term unemployment. Employers of all sizes can apply for funding which covers:

- 100% of the [National Minimum Wage](#) (or the [National Living Wage](#) depending on the age of the participant) for 25 hours per week for a total of 6 months
- associated [employer National Insurance contributions](#)
- employer minimum automatic enrolment contributions

Employers can spread the start date of the job placements up until the end of December 2021.

A Kickstart Scheme application must be for a minimum of 30 job placements. If a single employer cannot provide this many job placements, they can find a Kickstart gateway, such as a local authority, charity or trade body for help applying.

Further funding is available for training and support so that young people on the scheme can get a job in the future.

Work coaches match customers to the live vacancies.

Restart Programme

Not a lot of information on this so far – due to start in Summer 2021

Once we have more info I will provide this to the group.

Help to find work for 18-24 year olds

There is a dedicated team of work coaches who work with customers aged 18-24 to help them to find a job, work-related training or an apprenticeship through the Youth Offer. This has been published on gov.uk and can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-to-find-work-for-universal-credit-claimants-aged-18-to-24>

As part of the wider youth offer, we have introduced the role of Youth Employability Coach as part of the Government's plans for economic recovery. The Youth Employability Coach will provide a holistic service for young customers with complex needs and require more intensive one-to-one support. We want to give dedicated support to those young people with the greatest needs and particularly want to avoid long term damage to young people's prospects.

Virtual Youth Hub

DWP have been hosting a Virtual Youth Hub for our customers since July 2019 which expanded to include partners in October 2019. The aim of a Youth Hub is to provide opportunities to train and develop skills, delivering individual wraparound support to ensure young people see a value in the world of work. The longer-term aim is that this will be hosted by a partner organisation and be supported by DWP staff.

Our Job Centres

All offices remain open to vulnerable customers and are compliant with social distancing Covid guidance, with staff working from home and in offices. Work coaches continue to engage with customers on a digital or telephone basis, or a blend of both, and our telephone lines remain open until 6.30pm.

Staff working in Oban Job Centre are participating in **Video Appointment Service** which offers video appointments to customers. From late autumn through a discussion with customers, the work coach check they have 'unlimited' home internet or 'unlimited' mobile data to ensure there is no cost to the customer, they have a suitable device as well as access to the appropriate web browsers. This is voluntary and participants can withdraw at any time. This has been well received by customers and work coaches alike and is helping to build rapport and trust as well as provide more visible support to their customers.

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Argyll and Bute Council - Community Learning Service update

No one Left Behind Initiative: assists people to progress into work/positive destination through delivering a range of programmes/activities. It is available for ages 16- to 67 subject to Criteria. The programme is a minimum of 3 hours per week for 12 weeks. It is free, doesn't affect benefits, is voluntary and referrals by person or partners. [Link](#)

Digital Employability HUB: Partnership with DWP/JCP alongside other partners to provide "Digital Employability HUB". Provides information/employability support every Tuesday afternoon through SKYPE sessions.

Online Self -Learning Bytes: Offers learners the chance to access short step by step interactive online courses to support them with CVs, cover letters, applying for jobs. Accessible 24/7 by learners. [Link](#)

ASK AB: A.S.K AB is an information hub for young people. You can keep up to date with the [Connect AB online activity programme](#), find out about relevant health and wellbeing issues, careers, education, training and other local opportunities. The Hub also hosts our dedicated confidential messaging service Mondays to Fridays when we have a qualified youth worker available from 2-5pm to offer advice and information. [ASK AB](#).

Health and Wellbeing Project: Supporting young people struggling to reengage with Education after lockdown. Funded by through [Youth work Education Recovery Fund](#). Total of 100 young people from 10 high schools, 12 week programme, 6 days of Outdoor Learning delivered by Hebridean Pursuits and gaining accredited learning [SQA Health and Wellbeing](#).

AB Youth voice on Lockdown

[Youth Voice meeting](#) – "COVID-19 has had a massive impact on young people and their lives. We are recruiting a group of passionate young people from S1 to aged 25, from across Argyll and Bute to help champion these voices. Initial discussion on Thursday 11th February at 7pm is for anyone interested to hear about the project and voice their opinions on different issues such as impact on education, mental wellbeing, and the future." The meeting will be hosted by the Youth Participation group which includes Argyll and Bute's 3 elected Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament. Please feel free to email any questions to rosie.sumsion.msyp@sypmail.org.uk

Youth Advisory Panel – A group of young people recruited to ensure young people's voices are heard when creating the Children's service plan. 3 year project lead by CLS, Third Sector, Health and Education and supported by the [Children and Young Persons Improvement Collaborative](#).

CLD Plan

A wide range of statutory and voluntary organisations are involved in delivering Community Learning and Development (CLD) services to young people, adults, families and communities across Argyll and Bute. The Community Learning & Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013 place a statutory requirement on local authorities to publish a plan every 3 years' outlining how it will co-ordinate and secure "adequate and efficient" Community Learning & Development (CLD) provision with other sector partners. The current plan can be found here [Argyll and Bute CLD Plan 2018-21](#). Work has begun on developing the next plan, which has to be completed by September 2021. A number of local consultation exercises and focus groups will be taking place to help shape the content of the plan and we will report back to the Area Community Planning Groups on progress.

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Islay Community Council Update

Dr Angus MacTaggart of Islay Medical Services provided this Covid-19 Vaccination Update:

By the time this edition is published, we expect to have given the first dose of a Covid-19 vaccine to the vast majority of residents of Islay aged 80 and over. This is in addition to those resident in Gortanvogie as well as all Health and Social Care workers and means that we will have given the first Covid-19 vaccine dose to just under 500 staff and patients.

To date, the short notice of vaccine deliveries and urgency to immunise those at highest risk have resulted in us only being able to hold clinics at the Islay Hospital site where we have dedicated space set aside for higher numbers of patients to be vaccinated each day. We have been advised that the delivery of vaccine doses should stabilise over the coming weeks which will allow us to plan the continued roll out of the vaccination programme and organise clinics in each of the 3 practice sites.

Guidance from Scottish Government clearly outlines the order in which patients should be vaccinated and we are working as fast as vaccine supply will allow to invite as many patients as possible to receive their first dose. Thanks to the hard work of our practice, community and hospital nursing teams as well as the invaluable help of some recently retired healthcare colleagues, the vaccination programme is currently having a minimal impact on our ability to continue to provide Covid-19 safe GP services. We are also extremely grateful to the Islay Resilience Group who are providing assistance with logistics and transport.

The following guidance will help us to ensure the vaccination programme is as efficient and streamlined as possible:

- Please do not contact the practice to enquire about an appointment to receive the Covid-19 vaccine. We have a team of staff working on the vaccine roll-out and they will make direct contact to offer an appointment when we reach your age or risk group.
- Please attend your appointment at the time and location given and contact us as far in advance as possible if you will be unable to attend. This is especially important if you or any household members develop symptoms consistent with Covid-19. In this case, you and your entire household must immediately self-isolate and organise for the symptomatic person to have a test by contacting 01496 305308.
- When attending your vaccination appointment, please ensure you wear either a 3-layer fabric mask or a medical grade surgical mask (unless you are medically exempt). Medical grade surgical masks will be provided for those who wish to wear one but do not have access to a personal supply.
- Should you require assistance with transport, please let the team know when they get in touch to book your appointment. We will co-ordinate your appointment time and, with permission, pass your details on to the Islay Resilience Group who will organise transport assistance.

Vaccination is the best way to protect ourselves from severe Covid-19 and we would strongly encourage all those who are offered the vaccine to take it up. We appreciate your continued patience as we work through the vaccination priority groups. Further information on the Covid-19 vaccine, the evidence to support its safety and effectiveness, and which priority group you fall into can be found at www.nhsinform.scot/covid-19-vaccine.

Further ICC updates:

ICC continue to monitor/service hand sanitiser units at bus stops throughout Islay.

ICRG received £480 from Islay Covid19 Fund (delivered through SID) to finance the services of a minute taker.

Feis Ile 2021 has been cancelled until 2022.

Since the mainland became Level 4 and effectively on lockdown, leaving Islay on 'tier 3', concerns were raised by members of the public regarding controls/monitoring at Kennacraig to deter any temptation for travel to Islay outwith legal compliance requirements. Dr MacTaggart raised similar concerns and Cllr Currie advised he had requested more control at ferry ports, when discussing with the depute first minister. ICRG contacted the police Area Commander and also a helpful Sergeant at Lochgilphead. We were later informed that they have consequently attended some sailings at Kennacraig.

Further restrictions placed on businesses that remain open as we moved into level three. The huge downside with level three as was with level one is that we no longer have any grant aid/financial support for businesses. Emma Clark explained Argyll and the Isles Tourism Cooperative have campaigned for this to change and senior government officials met Friday afternoon which was deemed to have been positive however as yet we do not have any more news.

Argyll College students continue to study from home and pre-Christmas some vocational training took place with the NC Professional Cookery students who had a 3 day practical in the school hospitality kitchen. This was such a positive experience for them as they got their chef whites and knife sets at the same time. Argyll college had hoped to continue this in January but unfortunately, we are unable to because of the new restrictions. They are unable to provide face to face commercial training at the moment.

Private childcare providers **are** now allowed to run as normal providing their usual childcare with safety measures in place. This is a much better solution for everyone. However not every child is going to their placement as parents continue to work from home but this allows to assist the more vulnerable youngsters.

Gill Chasemore of Islay Resilience Group stated the group are still meeting and are supporting people in the community. They have two new coordinators for the Rhinns areas, Susan McGillivray for Port Charlotte and Laura Young for Portnahaven and Port Weymms. Islay Resilience Group are still short of volunteers in all areas, should the lockdown continue. However, the need for volunteer shopping has decreased due to click and collect from the Coop. The coop delivery has seen an increase in deliveries since Christmas and now is averaging 120 per week. Newsletters continue to go out every month, and over Christmas we delivered over 70 treat bags to vulnerable and isolated people. Islay Resilience Group provided Christmas lunch for 10 people they also continue to provide support for people who are isolating and/or in quarantine.

At the airport passenger numbers are very low with passengers being asked if their journey is essential at Glasgow prior to boarding. All general aviation flights and out of hours movements have been cancelled unless for essential journeys. This will be reviewed on the 18th January. Loganair operating a single flight a day Mon – Fri in the morning, no flight on a Saturday and one on a Sunday afternoon.

New Islay ferry: Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL), in partnership with CalMac Ferries Limited and Transport Scotland, held an online community consultation meeting on Thursday 14th January 2021 to engage island communities and community stakeholders in the design and planning process for the new vessel to service Islay and Jura. This meeting provided update on the new vessel feasibility studies, which have been ongoing throughout 2020. Key considerations in the extensive range of studies have included: passenger and vehicle requirements; maximising vehicle capacities – particularly for freight; forecast demand; operational requirements; requirements and arrangements for passengers and crew; accessibility; vessel operating speed and timetable; port fits, limitations and improvements; emission and fuel consumption analysis; air quality; reliability, manoeuvrability and sea-keeping; shore power and overnight noise; benefits and disbenefits, and costs (capital and operational). Attendees had the opportunity to share their views and comments and ask questions during the meeting.

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West Loch Fyne Community Council Covid-19 Update

Good morning,

At the onset of Covid restrictions in March 2019 the problems facing our area WLFCC were taken on board with liaison with Lochgair Association and Minard Community Trust who had a good knowledge of the people who may be in need of extra support within there local areas.

Three of our members were deemed to be in the vulnerable group which restricted our face to face contact with individuals in the area. We established who were in the shielding group and at regular intervals made sure their needs were being met.

We actively encouraged all residents to make full use of the door to door delivery supply services from local traders who have quickly stepped up to the mark and provide a first class service which has been a vital part for elderly people not sure how they would cope. These firms have to be applauded for how quickly they adapted to change. Many others have done shopping and given lifts for hospital appointments.

We continue to monitor the needs of the people in WLFCC area by checking with the groups mentioned above to see if any new assues have arisen.

Some of our groups have taken to holding zoom meetings, this has proved beneficial to all who take part.

We had thought of holding a Community Council meeting in a similar way, but after hearing of some problems with connectivity this idea is on hold at the moment.

I have recurring discussions with fellow councillors to ensure we are not missing out on any issues

Yours
Fred Bruce
Community Councillor

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Inveraray Community Council Covid-19 Update

Morning Iona

During the lockdown Inveraray CC set up a network of people to do shopping for sheltering people. We also did lunches (50) twice for the elderly within the town, this was all done through donations.

We also gave all the local kids Easter eggs that we bought.

We ran a painting competition to give the kids something different to do.

We bought adults and kids reusable masks to give out to anyone that needed one.

Kind regards

Linda Divers

Convener

Inveraray CC

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19th January 2021

Report to MAKI Community Planning Meeting 3rd February 2021

Tarbert & Skipness Community Trust Response to covid-19 pandemic

Tarbert & Skipness Community Trust received £23,607 from The Scottish Government Supporting Communities Fund for the period 16th March – 30th September to support the work of the Team Tarbert volunteer group.

Additional funds were donated from Force 9, Fern Community Benefit Fund, STV Appeal

Though effective partnership working with Team Tarbert TSCT have financially assisted:

- Coordination of food delivery in the Tarbert and Skipness area
- Provision of food/fuel vouchers for individuals and families
- Payment of volunteers out of pocket expenses
- Provision of online and digital content to combat isolation and loneliness
- Funding and delivery of activity packages for all primary school children and mindfulness packs for vulnerable adults
- Supply of PPE to volunteers
- Provision of 10 laptop computers to Tarbert Academy/Primary School

At the end of the funding a balance of £15,976 was left in the Scottish Government Supporting Communities Fund and this has been repurposed to deliver the following

- Hardship fund to continue until end of March 2021
- Extension of After School Care to provide holiday provision once they are able to do this
- Construction of a socially distanced meeting venue for older people
- Continuation of online and digital support
- Provision of PPE to support public venues when they are able to re-open

Throughout all this time the Trust could not have delivered any support without the valuable work done by Team Tarbert our own pop-up group of organisers and volunteers who were able to use the funding available to the Trust to take help to where it was/is needed

Jane Cowen, Secretary

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COVID-19: Stay at Home Guidance

To minimise the risk of spreading the virus, you must stay at home as much as possible.








You should only leave or remain outside your home for essential reasons like:

- ✓ Getting food or medicines
- ✓ Any medical need
- ✓ Exercise
- ✓ To provide support to a vulnerable person











In all settings, please follow relevant public health advice and requirements such as on the use of face coverings.

Please note that this guidance relates to all Level 4 areas. Full Stay at Home Guidance can be found at [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): stay at home guidance](#).






Guidance covering level 3 areas can be found at [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): local protection levels](#).

Socialising 	<p>A maximum of 2 people can meet outside their home for recreation and exercise if they are not from the same household. This applies to those 12 and over.</p> <p>No in-home socialising.</p> <p>It is against the law to consume alcohol in any outdoors public place.</p> <p>Marches, parades and static demonstrations are not permitted.</p>
Extended households	<p>Extended household arrangements continue for people who live alone, single parents and couples that do not live together.</p>
Shared parenting	<p>Children can move between their parents' homes - this includes both supervised and unsupervised contact.</p>
Travel and Transport 	<p>Only leave home if it's essential and avoid unnecessary travel. You should stay as close to home as possible.</p> <p>Leaving your home to go on holiday, in Scotland, the UK or abroad is not permitted.</p>
Schools 	<p>Schools open to in-person learning for children of key workers and vulnerable children only. Remote learning for all other children and young people.</p>
Colleges and Universities 	<p>Colleges and universities can operate using a more restricted mix of face-to-face and distance learning.</p>
Childcare 	<p>Regulated early learning and childcare open to children of key workers and vulnerable children only.</p> <p>Only essential informal childcare, and childminders caring for less than 12 children is permitted.</p>
Organised children's activities 	<p>Unregulated children's activities must take place outdoors, not exceed 7 adults, and can include an unlimited number of under 5's.</p> <p>Outdoor organised activities for children must be organised by a facilitator, have no more than 2 adult facilitators, and not exceed 15 children under 12 years old.</p> <p>These activities should not be organised for informal socialising.</p>
Workplaces 	<p>Employers must support staff to work from home wherever possible.</p>



Tradespeople, home repairs, and working in someone else's home	<p>Tradespeople should only go into a house to carry out or deliver essential work or services.</p> <p>Domestic cleaners should only enter the house of a person who is unable to clean for themselves.</p>
Shopping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Essential retail only open. ✗ Show rooms closed. ✓ You should only travel to collect essential items. <p>Click and collect closed for some sectors.</p> <p>Use delivery services and shop locally wherever you can.</p>
Close contact retail services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Personal retail services which require close proximity are closed. ✗ Cosmetic and aesthetic procedures are not permitted.
Hospitality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Restaurants, cafes, pubs and bars are closed. ✓ Takeaways can only provide food or drink for consumption off premises. They must either deliver to customers or, where the customer collects, operate on a no entry basis.
Visitor Attractions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ All indoor visitor attractions are closed. ✓ Parks and gardens remain open for local exercise.
Accommodation 	<p>All holiday accommodation is closed to tourism. Hotels, B&Bs and self-catering open for essential customers only.</p>
Public Buildings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Public buildings are closed, except for essential services. ✓ Community centres can continue to deliver essential services only. ✓ Courts and Tribunals remain open.
Public Services 	<p>Public services delivered online where possible.</p> <p>Face-to-face services can continue where this is essential.</p>
Support Services 	<p>Support groups and one-to-one support should be delivered remotely, essential in-person delivery allowed.</p>
Places of Worship 	<p>Closed for public acts of worship.</p> <p>Open for the purpose of leading an act of worship (broadcast or online).</p>
Driving Lessons 	<p>Driving and motorcycle lessons only allowed if all occupants of the vehicle or vehicles are from the same household or extended household.</p>



Stadia & Events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Stadia closed to spectators. ✗ No live events permitted.
Life Events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Funerals allowed with a maximum of 20 people. No post funeral events. ✓ Wedding ceremonies and civil partnership registrations allowed with a maximum of 5 people (6 if interpreter is required). No receptions allowed. ✗ Other life events (e.g. christenings, bar mitzvahs) should not take place.
Leisure & Entertainment 	<p>All indoor leisure and entertainment premises are closed.</p>
Sports & Exercise 	<p>Outdoor sport/exercise is limited to a maximum of 2 people if not from the same household. This applies to those 12 and over.</p> <p>Travel no further than you need to to reach a safe, non-crowded place to exercise in a socially distanced way.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Indoor sports facilities closed. ✗ Snow sport centres closed. ✓ Outdoor gyms open. ✓ Outdoor non-contact sports such as golf and tennis are permitted. ✓ Organised sport and exercise for under-12s can continue in line with guidance.
Visiting care homes	<p>Visiting a loved one in care homes is classed as essential travel.</p> <p>Indoors: essential visits only.</p> <p>Outdoors: visits via garden and window permitted if arranged in advance with care home.</p>
Shielding 	<p>You should stay home as much as possible but you can still go out for exercise and essential shopping or medicines.</p> <p>Work from home if you can. If you cannot work from home, you should not attend your workplace.</p> <p>You should minimise contact with people outside your own household.</p> <p>You should not take public transport or taxis.</p>
Domestic Abuse Support	<p>If you, or someone you know, is experiencing domestic abuse, help is available. Call Scotland's Domestic Abuse Helpline on 0800 027 1234 or visit Safer.scot.</p> <p>Domestic abuse is a crime. Call 101 to report it or 999 in an emergency.</p>



FACE COVERINGS



AVOID CROWDS



CLEAN HANDS



TWO METRES



SELF-ISOLATE



Note: All restrictions will be kept under review to ensure that they remain proportionate and necessary to address the ongoing public health emergency.

This table is for reference purposes only and may be adjusted. Regulations in relation to each level will be published on [legislation.gov.uk](https://www.legislation.gov.uk) and relevant public health advice (such as physical distancing and enhanced hygiene measures) applies. Find relevant guidance on www.gov.scot

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15th January 2021

Your Ref:

Dear Alister

Argyll and Bute's Seafood Sector Sustainability

In the two weeks since the UK left the European Union on 31st December last year, I have been contacted by numerous Argyll and Bute residents and businesses who share my very deep concerns about the future sustainability and, indeed, the survival of our vital shellfish and fishing sector.

The seafood sector is a vital component of our already-fragile regional economy and the inability, virtually overnight, for producers and processors to get their time-sensitive products to market or to customers. If allowed to go unresolved, this sector is likely to disappear badly affecting Argyll and Bute's overall recovery and future growth.

Fish and shellfish from Argyll and Bute are high quality products of internationally renown. The industry has been a mainstay and a major employer in the area for many decades, sustaining not only the local economy but making a significant contribution to the Scottish and UK economies. Now, though, I am hearing from fishing families of long standing, newer start-up businesses and companies employing hundreds of people in total, that if urgent action is not taken, they will have to close their doors for good. This would be devastating for Argyll and Bute, where the sector comprises many single family-operated vessels, smaller fleets, artisan producers as well as some medium to larger enterprises.

As a council we are doing all that we can to support these businesses and prevent this imminent disaster. Our officers are working behind the scenes to assist and are in constant discussions with the Scottish Government to reiterate the critical need for the commercial hubs to operate smoothly, ensuring that the right processes are in place to help businesses get their goods to their customers. We are also speaking with local producers to help them navigate these new processes and to issue all the necessary paperwork where appropriate, so that some of these valuable products reach buyers. Delays on both sides of the border

has already seen valuable product being lost together with valued customers who are seeking their produce elsewhere.

Very urgent action and assistance is needed now from your Government in order to prevent this traditional Scottish industry sector from disappearing altogether.

The companies who have not been able to sell to their customers because goods cannot reach them need urgent compensation for lost produce and sales in order to help them regroup and stay in business.

Most urgently of all getting products to market must be streamlined, simplified and sped up. These products need to be prioritised over less time sensitive products with longer shelf lives – if the situation is allowed to persist then very many companies will have no choice but to give up, costing jobs and much needed revenue to the treasury.

In addition to improving processes and the speed of delivery here in the UK, these businesses, so vital to Argyll and Bute and Scotland's economic recovery and future success, need your Government to negotiate urgently with its counterparts in Europe to identify and resolve the delays in allowing fresh goods to arrive in and then to progress on to customers.

I cannot state strongly enough that these actions are needed now. More is required, though, in the medium and longer terms, to help this beleaguered industry to get afloat again and regain some buoyancy. Producers and customers need reassurance that future supplies will be prioritised and to regain confidence in the industry through dedicated marketing and investment where possible through the £100m fisheries fund your Government announced following the publication of the agreement.

I am copying this letter to the Scottish Government's Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy, Fergus Ewing, Argyll and Bute's MSP, Michael Russell (also Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs) and our MP, Brendan O'Hara. Our seafood sector desperately needs Government to take action to secure its survival. Please do what you can, urgently, to avoid its demise.

Yours sincerely



Robin Currie
Council Leader

Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**MAKI Area Community Planning Group****3rd February 2021**

Informal Camping

Summary

The pandemic has driven increased appeal in outdoor activity, while simultaneously government imposed travel restrictions have cut consumer travel choice/ options. Increasing the prevalence of informal camping activity in both motorhomes and tents, something which is expected to continue in 2021, as and when restrictions ease. This report provides CPP Area Community Planning Group members the latest position following the setting up of a short life working group with a wide range of partners drawn from the public, third and private sectors.

1. Purpose

- A report was submitted to the CPP Management Committee before Christmas looking at how to respond to the rise of stay cation activity. This report provides CPP Area Community Planning Group members with the latest position following the setting up of a short life working group, with a wide range of partners drawn from the public, third and private sectors.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** That the partnership group note the content of this paper and progress to date,
- 2.2** That partners continue to collaborate to try and address the challenges faced due to increased informal camping activity.
- 2.3** We progress with work on the actions identified from the short life working group.

3. Background

Over recent years people have been holidaying differently. Most notably, we have seen that there has been a steady increase in the number of people camping informally (in tents and campervans) in many parts of Argyll and Bute. This situation was

exacerbated last summer following the easing of lockdown restrictions in July across the UK, with many places and local communities experiencing an increase in visitors informally camping. The primary drivers for this increase was the inability to travel out with the UK and many tourism businesses not opening for business.

Tourism is exceptionally important to Argyll and Bute's local economy and also our way of life. The council wishes to welcome as many visitors as sustainably possible, to enjoy the local places we are fortunate to call home. This custom supports many services and facilities we currently rely on as our population on its own cannot sustain them. Some useful information on the economic value of holiday park and campsite visitors can be found at the following [link](#).

The situation across 2020 due to COVID-19 and the initial level of restrictions, which visitors and businesses had to work through, was in many ways unique, however it is very much likely to continue in to 2021 (and perhaps beyond this date subject to the success of the vaccine being rolled across the globe), as some elements of travel are predicted to continue to be severely restricted. It is also recognised that motorhome usage/rental and ownership continues to rise, whilst some areas have also seen an increase in camping activity. It is expected, and reasonable to assume, that some of these visitor trends/patterns will continue in 2021 and beyond. Some further high level information can be found in **Appendix 1**.

The vast majority of visitors to Argyll and Bute respect the people and places they visit. However, in certain circumstances, challenges can occur and will sometimes result in complaints to various public agencies (Littering, inappropriate disposal of toilet waste, inconsiderate parking, antisocial behaviour, etc.). Sometimes the main issue can simply be the volume and frequency of people using a particular area, week after week.

Visitors and prospective visitors are also more readily sharing locations in a variety of ways on where to camp informally. Some Facebook groups have tens of thousands of users. Even if only a very small number of these actually visit certain locations it could present unintended cumulative effects and issues. The following is not an exhaustive list but examples include - [Google Map of locations created by users](#) , [Park4night](#) , [User generated motorhome map](#), [User generated Wild Camping map](#) and

[Searchforsites](#). Certain locations are also shared widely on activity forums for specific user groups such as fishing, sea kayaking, etc.

4. Detail

The council, working with a wide range of partners/stakeholders (public, third and private sector) has been considering how best we can respond to some of the challenges presented by the surge of demand brought on by the pandemic (within the significant resource constraints faced).

Some of the actions identified by the council in collaboration with partners, which we are trying to progress at the moment, and are at various stages of development, are -

- We are finalising a reporting form/consultation questionnaire which will be promoted shortly to communities, landowners, etc. Which will help document community experience of informal camping. Which in turn should help inform improved collaborative working.
- It has also been identified that clearer guidance and collated resources for businesses/landowners/community organisations could help them better consider increasing overnight motorhome parking provision. Where they are interested in doing so. We are trying to pull together better provision of information on the regulatory aspects and the installation of facilities, which should hopefully help interested parties respond to the opportunity that the increase in motorhomes presents. With the hope this in time will help encourage greater provision of overnight parking for motorhomes and in turn reduce irresponsible parking of vehicles.
- We are currently investigating the practicalities and regulatory aspects to see if it might be appropriate for motorhomes to stay overnight in some suitably identified council car parks, similar to the Forestry and Land Scotland's "Stay the Night Scheme" which took place in 2020. With input and detailed feedback being sourced from the Council's Roads and Infrastructure Service, Planning Service, Fire Scotland and Environmental Health Service of the Council. If we are able to develop a suitable proposal

this would need to go to elected members for consideration and approval as appropriate.

- Creation of new dedicated infrastructure has longer lead in times. Upkeep, management and ongoing running costs of anything created needs to be sustainable. For the past three years we have been working with community organisations across Argyll and Bute, where possible, to access funding from the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund, to help in the creation and improvement of parking and motorhome facilities where visitor pressures can be demonstrated (e.g. Ulva Ferry). Further work on a greater number of facilities (further waste disposal sites , etc.) is needed and we hope to make further progress on this, however this will very much depend on available resources and where there is an agreed solution amongst stakeholders locally for an area.
- Review of the promotion of locations and existing facilities in Argyll and Bute. Ambition to better promote the network of existing facilities, for example, encourage existing motorhome waste disposal points to promote their facilities through CaMPA's (Campervan and Motorhome Professional Association) new guide.
- Better promotion of the Scottish Outdoor Access Code more generally, which is a national priority, to encourage responsible behaviour, more information on this can be found here [NatureScot \(outdooraccess-scotland.scot\)](https://www.naturescot.org.uk/outdooraccess-scotland).
- This list is not exhaustive and the council is also aware of National interventions led by Visitscotland, SNH and others. A key area being the education of people to undertake tourism responsibly.

Some other useful links on managing informal camping can be found here -

- [Guidance - Managing informal camping under the Land Reform Act 2003.pdf \(outdooraccess-scotland.scot\)](https://www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot/land-reform-act-2003)
- [memorandum of understanding - re informal camping.pdf \(argyll-bute.gov.uk\)](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/memorandum-of-understanding-re-informal-camping)
- [Home - Campa](#)

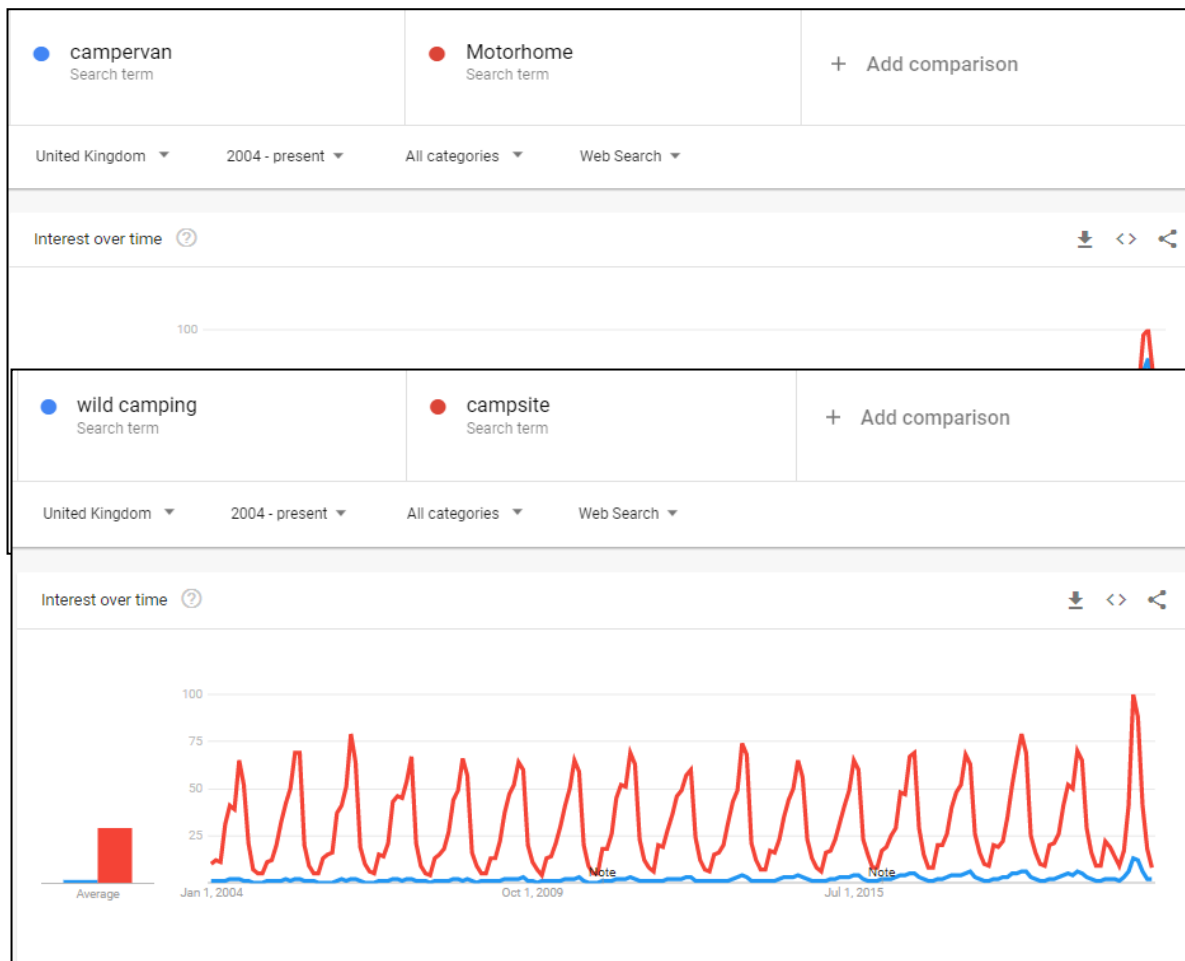
5. Conclusions

Argyll and Bute Council continues to work with partners to respond to the challenges and opportunities presented, seeking solutions that will benefit our communities and reduce negative impacts where possible.

6. SOA Outcomes

- **Outcome 1 - In Argyll and Bute the economy is diverse and thriving** – tourism is an important part of Argyll and Bute’s rural economy and we are required to adapt to help support the growth of the sector.
- **Outcome 2 - We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth** – Infrastructure investment is bid for in a targeted approach, working with industry and communities.

Appendix 1 - Google Trend graphs below illustrate interest in relevant online search terms over time, within the UK as a whole.



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Basecamp

Area Community Planning Groups – February 2021



What is it?

- Online website which allows all members of the Area Community Planning Group to:
 - Access relevant documents relating to the ACPG
 - Provide information on action points arising from the meetings or action plans
 - Share information about relevant items of interest with other members
 - Better network with other ACPG members inbetween meetings

Why should I get involved?

- Requested by members
- Enhanced way of working together – especially as we can't meet in person at the moment to do that important face to face networking
- If meeting attendance is problematic then updates can be provided in advance
- We are one big team – this is our team space!

Next steps

- Demonstration at ACPG meeting
- Who is right person in your organisation to be on Basecamp, provide updates and get involved?
- Joining email will be sent out following meeting
- Try it!
- For those who are not able to access Basecamp for whatever reason, all important information will continue to be sent out via email to ensure no-one misses out

Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group****3 February 2021**

Gaelic Development across Argyll and Bute

Summary

This report looks at the role of the Gaelic language in Argyll and Bute and considers what value this asset can bring to the improvement outcomes. The partners are asked to continue to support the promotion and usage of this language.

1. Purpose

- The role of ABC's Gaelic development worker is outlined.
- A survey on Gaelic prevalence and priorities is being conducted.
- Some information on the value of Gaelic to Argyll and Bute's outcomes is offered.
- Some information on the context of the Gaelic language is offered also, including the priorities of Argyll & Bute Council's Gaelic Language Plan.
- Finally some suggestions are made as to how partners can continue to support the development and interest in the language.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Area CPG members are requested to:

- Support the promotion of Gaelic where possible
- Consider Gaelic as an option when looking at new and existing initiatives
- Connect interested parties with Gaelic Development Worker
- Have an awareness of the Argyll and Bute Gaelic Language Plan and where possible support the objectives
- Be aware of [Colmcille 1500 funding](#) and celebration which relates to initiatives linking Scotland and Ireland.
- Complete and promote the survey, noting that it is for everyone whether they have any knowledge of or interest in Gaelic or not. All views are welcome.

3. Background

Since around the 5th Century the Gaelic language has been spoken in Argyll.

Today there are still communities in Argyll and Bute where Gaelic is part of everyday life. Including schools and community groups, from Gaelic Choirs to Fèisean to language classes and cafes. These provisions cover all ages.

Gaelic has been on the decline in Argyll and Bute and the 2011 Census showed a decrease of 15% in the number of Gaelic speakers.

The Gaelic Language Plan directly links with the six joint outcomes of the Council's Corporate Plan.

In November 2020 a part-time 18 month Gaelic Development Worker role commenced. This post is part funded by Bòrd na Gàidhlig.

4. Detail

4.1 The remit of the Gaelic Development Worker is to:

- Increase awareness
- Link and coordinate Gaelic activity
- Develop capacity of community groups
- Deliver a Gaelic Gathering 2021
- Other actions relating to Business/economics/tourism; language learning and heritage and history

4.2 Gaelic Survey

Part of the role is to deliver on the Gaelic Gathering actions collected in 2019. These are wide and varied and more information was needed from the community to decide which to take forward. The survey runs from 14 January to 14 February and is aimed at all in Argyll and Bute whether they use Gaelic or not. The findings from the survey will be fed back to the Gaelic Policy Lead and will help the council make the best use of its resource and identify which actions from the Argyll Gaelic Gathering are a priority for local communities. People can take part here: <https://bit.ly/38Huqlo>.

4.3 Diverse value of Gaelic

Gaelic is woven into the fabric of Scotland and has great value in many areas including education, economy, tourism and communities. It has a link to each of the six SOAs. A 2014 study by HIE estimated the potential economic value of Gaelic to be between £82M and £149M.

In Argyll and Bute there are currently 11 schools offering Gaelic Medium Education (GME) ranging from early years to Primary and

High School provisions. Plus many schools offering Gaelic Language in the Primary School (GLPS).

There are also many community groups and provisions in Argyll and Bute. They range from Bookbug sessions for parents and toddlers to choirs, Fèisean, language classes and conversation groups.

Bilingualism is shown to have health benefits and increases a persons ability to pick up other languages.

4.4 Relevance of Gaelic today

570,000 Scottish Gaelic learners signed up to Duolingo in the first year of the course. This is one demonstration of the level of interest and relevance of Scottish Gaelic to people across Scotland and beyond.

The Gaelic Tourism Strategy highlights Gaelic language and culture as a unique selling point. It also shows the interest from those abroad who have Scottish heritage.

4.5 Heritage of Argyll and Bute

Gaelic has been spoken in Argyll and Bute since the 5th Century. It is present in many place names and can often be used to help interpret the landscape.

In the 2011 Census Argyll and Bute had the third highest number of people aged over three with some Gaelic language skills (6%). It had the fourth largest number of people for a council area.

4.6 Argyll and Bute Gaelic Language Plan

Argyll and Bute Council have a commitment to produce and deliver on a [Gaelic Language Plan](#) as part of the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act, 2005 and the National Gaelic Language Plan. The plans use three main sections which cover a wide range of engagements and initiatives:

- Using Gaelic
- Learning Gaelic
- Promoting Gaelic

5. Conclusions

Gaelic is a great asset for Argyll and Bute, one that offers a great deal across many domains.

There is opportunity to link to Gaelic development by taking part in and promoting the Gaelic survey and looking for ways to promote and support Gaelic more widely.

The Gaelic development worker can be contacted on crisatie.moore@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

6.0 SOA Outcomes

This report relates to all of the SOA outcomes.

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Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group****03 February 2021**

Briefing Note: Community Planning Partnership Management Committee Update

This briefing relates to the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee on 2nd December 2020. The briefing is for noting and relevant discussion.

Summary

The CPP Management Committee met on the 2nd December 2020 with the meeting being held virtually given the current restrictions which are in place in regard to public gatherings.

This was the second Management Committee meeting since the beginning of the restrictions. This update provides an overview of the discussion which took place.

Further information is available in the *meetings, minutes and agendas* section of: <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/community-planning-partnership>

Highlights

- Mhairi Paterson, CWB Coordinator, North Ayrshire Council (NAC) and Brian Connelly, Scottish Enterprise delivered a presentation on Community Wealth Building (CWB) as a new economic concept based on enhancing wellbeing and inclusion. The presentation provided background to the strategy and its objectives based on the five CWB pillars, the work undertaken thus far and planned next steps. Working closely with communities, local and regional anchor organisations and across silos was highlighted as a priority to ensure the successful delivery of social, economic and environmental benefits.
- Joanna MacDonald, as Chair of the Child Poverty Working Group (CPWG), advised the Management Committee that Covid had impacted on child poverty in Argyll and Bute. The Child Poverty Action Plan report is due to be published in February 2021, and will be forwarded to the Scottish Government in due course.

- David Rennie, Argyll and Bute Council, delivered a presentation regarding the ongoing work of the Climate Change Group which is looking to build on and promote the work being done by partners. The Group is also linked to the Council Climate Change Board. David advised that the Climate Change Group is keen to explore the wider climate change impacts and what else is happening in the wider communities. This approach would help support the establishment of a directory of the positive work on climate change being which would then be promoted.
- Fergus Murray, Head of Development and Economic Growth - Argyll and Bute Council, gave an update on the issue of irresponsible wild camping. Since the last Management Committee there had been a meeting held with 15 different stakeholders to discuss this complex issue with a virtual survey being created to engage with, and get comment from, the local community to understand the impacts of wild camping and motor homes and to map existing assets and resources. The data gathered from the virtual survey will be used as a basis to fine tune a draft action plan that should be available early in 2021.
- In response to concerns raised by the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group (ACPG) regarding the lack of clarity and guidance around befriending and the lack of communication with voluntary organisations Kirsteen Murray, Argyll & Bute Third Sector Interface, confirmed that this matter had been addressed. Kirsteen advised that the misunderstanding had arisen as the Caring for People Manager was representing the Caring for People Partnership which included both Council and HSCP, and consequently there would have been no separate communication from HSCP.
- The Management Committee were asked to consider what difference the new United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child legislation could make to decision making and engagement within the Community Planning Partnership framework by the Helensburgh and Lomond ACPG. Joanna MacDonald responded that children's rights underpins the work of the child poverty action group and that she would provide a specific response to the group. Rona Gold added that this was being looked at in specific legislation in the Argyll and Bute Children's Forum (where the Outcome 4 Lead sits) and that young people are welcome at ACPGs, with work haven been undertaken last year to consider specific timings and meeting locations to support attendance and that there are specific membership places for members of the Scottish Youth Parliament at the CPP Management Committee. Rona suggested that this could be revisited given the new digital format of meetings.
 - It was agreed that officers from Community Development and Legal and Regulatory Support would discuss future meeting formats to ensure youth can still engage and that partners would forward ideas or good practice of how they were engaging with youth to Rona Gold.
- The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Island ACPG asked that the poor attendance of partners be highlighted at the Management Committee. The Chair noted that more information was needed to identify the cause and invigorate attendance. Stuart

McLean noted that the membership of each ACPG would be discussed at the February cycle of meetings. The Management Committee requested that the outcome of these considerations be reported as required.

- The Group discussed the ongoing situation regarding the A83 and the effect it was having on all Argyll and Bute communities. Key points which were highlighted included:-
 - Pippa Milne advised that exploratory work to look at alternative routes was a step in the right direction, but the ongoing situation of only daylight operation of the Old Military Road (OMR), continued instability of the hill, and the time period to progress to a permanent solution was unacceptable.
 - The Council are looking at the possibility of utilising the forestry road for haulage as businesses have raised concerns regarding the slowness of the OMR convoy route when it is open. Pippa Milne had raised this with both BEAR and Transport Scotland and is pushing for an interim solution.
 - Fergus Murray reported that as we are trying to encourage people to live and invest in the Argyll and Bute area the continual negative attention was becoming a critical issue.
 - Morag Goodfellow, Highland and Islands Enterprise, said the recent Argyll and Bute Overarching Recovery Group discussed the A83 and agreed it is important to lobby at senior levels and that messages are consistent.

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Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group****03 February 2020**

Area Community Planning Group Governance Arrangements

Summary

The report asks for a review of the current Terms of Reference, the membership of the Community Planning Group and also asks members to note the dates for meetings up until February 2022.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to confirm the governance arrangements of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group (Area CPG) specifically the Terms of Reference, membership and note the future meeting dates.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Area CPG members are requested to:

- Consider and adopt the Terms of Reference submitted in this report (Appendix 1) and to agree that these be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure their ongoing currency and appropriateness for the work of the Area CPG as it develops over time.
- Consider the membership of the group as attached (Appendix 2) and agree any changes which may be required.
- To agree that the membership of the group be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure currency and appropriateness for the work of the group as it develops over time.
- To note the meeting schedule and dates submitted in this report.

3. Detail

- 3.1 The Area CPG Terms of Reference were last reviewed and agreed in February 2020. An updated version, which has been amended to reflect some changes in language and terminology, is attached at Appendix 1.

3.2 Meeting dates for Area Community Planning Groups are approximately half way between the programmed meetings of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committees to enable effective and timeous reporting of matters to that committee. To that effect members are asked to note that the meeting dates for the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area CPG for 2021/22 will be:-

- Tuesday 24th August 2021
- Wednesday 03rd November 2021
- Wednesday 02nd February 2022

Dates have already been agreed up to June 2021 as follows:-

- Wednesday 5th May 2021

3.3 The membership of the Area CPG was last reviewed in February 2020 and there have been some additions made throughout the year. The Area CPG are asked to consider whether any changes should be made to the membership which has been updated and the details of which are attached at Appendix 2.

3.4 The membership will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure currency and appropriateness for the work of the group as it develops over time, however there is provision for additional organisations to join the group at any stage to accommodate local circumstances.

4. Conclusions

4.1 Given the development of Local Action Plans and the future focus of the work of Area Community Planning Groups the meeting is asked to review and agree the attached Terms of Reference, the current membership of the group and the meeting schedule and dates.

5. SOA Outcomes

Not applicable. The report relates to the administration of the Area CPG.

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Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference

Appendix 2 – Membership list

Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

Terms of Reference: Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group is a sub group, and reports to, the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

It is an unincorporated partnership of agencies and organisations with membership drawn from the public sector, third sector, private sector, community organisations and partnerships that have an interest in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands.

Purpose

Argyll & Bute is a large and diverse area. Communities inevitably have different issues even within the overall umbrella of a community plan for the whole area.

Area Community Planning Groups are the vehicle to ensure that there is effective community planning delivery, as set out in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, at a local level by:

- Contributing to the oversight role of the whole partnership by means of highlighting issues and making recommendations to the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee.
- Acting on behalf of the Community Planning Partnership via its Management Committee to oversee the implementation of Community Planning Action Plans (known as 'locality plans' within the Community Empowerment Act).
- Acting on behalf of the community to ensure that local concerns and priorities are highlighted to the Community Planning Partnership via the Management Committee.

Role

The role of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group is to:

- Oversee the development and implementation of the Area Community Planning Action Plan for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands.
- Encourage effective working across community planning partners at an area level.
- Act as a conduit to ensure that local priorities are met and local issues addressed.

Remit

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group has the authority to:

- contribute to the development of an Area Community Planning Action Plan for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands.
- monitor progress of the Area Community Planning Action Plan for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands.

- provide the scrutiny role for the Community Planning Partnership within Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands considering regular performance monitoring reports and providing information to the Management Committee by submitting written reports on challenges that cannot be resolved locally, where these challenges relate to partnership working and not single agencies. A representative of a community group or statutory body or business that is not a member of the group may also attend a meeting with prior agreement from the chair to provide additional information should a specific issue of concern to the group be scheduled as an agenda item.
- form short term working groups to undertake defined pieces of work as required by the group.
- engage with communities within Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands to understand their needs.
- inform and consult on issues relating to Community Planning at an area level.
- contribute to a Community Planning annual report for Argyll and Bute on progress on the agreed outcomes and best practice in partnership working.

Short Term Working Groups

Short Term Working Groups initiated by the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area Community Planning Group must:

- be approved at a meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group and its purpose recorded in the minute of the meeting, with clarity on the objective and output of the group and the start and end date of the work.
- have a named member of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area Community Planning Group acting as lead officer for the group.
- have a list of members of the group agreed at inception.
- have an appropriate source of administrative support identified and agreed at inception
- Where relevant, have an appropriate funding package identified at inception and a named member of the short term working group undertaking financial responsibility for the initiative.
- provide regular reports of activity and progress to the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group.
- any changes to the above must be approved by the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group and recorded in the minute of the meeting.

Equal Opportunities & Fairer Scotland Duty

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group will ensure that equal opportunities are considered in each of their remitted activities, any expected negative impacts are mitigated and that promotion of equal opportunities is central to its on-going activities.

In doing so The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group will consider the responsibilities placed on it by The Fairer Scotland Duty. This duty places a legal responsibility on particular public bodies in Scotland to pay due regard to (actively consider) how they can reduce inequalities of outcome, caused by socio-economic disadvantage, when making strategic decisions.

Criteria for Membership

- Membership is drawn from public sector, third sector, private sector, community organisations and partnerships operating within the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area.
- Membership is open to all organisations public sector, third sector, private sector, community organisations and partnerships operating within the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area with an interest in at least one of the outcomes identified in the Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan.
- Organisations can self-nominate, be invited to join or have a statutory obligation to participate.
- In order to ensure democratic accountability, the Chair and Vice Chair from the Argyll & Bute Council, Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee and, one other Elected Member from an Argyll & Bute Council Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee Ward not already represented by the Chair or Vice Chair will sit as members of the group.

In order to ensure democratic accountability, community councils situated within the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area will sit as a member of the group. Subject to local needs, this may be individual community councils, or by way of a caucus arrangement agreed by the community councils situated within the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area, or alternatively one community council representing all of the community councils on a rotational basis. The community council undertaking this role will be nominated by the other community councils within the area on an annual basis or more frequently if agreed locally.

- In order to comply with legislation which governs Community Planning in Scotland, some organisations have a statutory obligation to participate in community planning. The organisation will nominate the most appropriate person within their organisation to sit as a member of the group where relevant.
- In order to reflect the needs of the community and range of activities covered by the Area Community Planning Action Plan, other organisations and partnerships operating within the local area are also able to sit as members of the group.
- In order to obtain a balanced representation of the above and to ensure a community focussed approach, a ratio of no more than 50% public sector membership should be maintained throughout the lifetime of the group.
- The representatives ought to be able to speak on behalf of their organisation and where appropriate commit funding and other resources to local partnership activity.
- Membership should reflect the needs of the community and can therefore change subject to approval by a simple majority vote of the other members of the group.

Role of Members

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group members have the following responsibilities:

- To consistently attend the scheduled Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group meetings. (Consistency in attendance by members is necessary to build momentum and progress the activities of the group).
- Appoint a substitute to attend meetings on their behalf if they are unable to attend.
- To communicate information relating to the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group with other members and officers within their own organisation and other organisations operating within the area of activity they represent.
- To communicate information relating to their organisations area of activity to other members of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group at meetings.
- To raise community planning related issues (that is issues related to Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership's Local Outcome Improvement Plan) on behalf of the community at Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group meetings.
- To contribute to the development, on-going monitoring and review of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Action Plan.
- To participate in short term working groups as required.

Meetings

Chair

- The Chair and Vice Chair of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group will be elected by the members of the group and will be appointed for a period of two years.
- The outgoing Chair and Vice Chair can stand for re-election at the end of the two year period.
- However, no one person can serve in the role of Chair or Vice Chair for more than two consecutive two year periods.
- Should either the Chair or Vice Chair resign their position during their term of office, the office bearer must either notify the group in person at a scheduled Area CPG meeting or contact the chair in writing advising formally of their intention to stand down. Members will be advised of the resignation timeously and an election to fill the vacant post will be conducted at the next scheduled Area CPG meeting.
- Nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair positions will be proposed and seconded by Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group members. Each member will have one vote and a simple majority vote will determine the outcome of the election process.
- The elected Chair, or in their absence, the Vice-Chair shall preside over the meeting. If both are absent, partners will choose a member from the floor to preside.
- Members should respect the authority of the Chair who will decide matters of order, competency, relevancy and urgency.

Quorum

- The quorum for a meeting will be 5.
- If a quorum is not present within 10 minutes of the scheduled start of a meeting or if at any point after a meeting has commenced attendance falls below the quorum the meeting will be declared inquorate.
- If a quorum is not present, at the Chairperson's / Vice-Chairperson's discretion, the meeting shall proceed and any decisions taken will be homologated at the next meeting.
- For purposes of the quorum, participation of partners by video-conferencing or telephone conference links will be considered as present.

Frequency of Meetings

- The Area Community Planning Groups of the CPP will normally meet once each quarter (4 times each year).
- These meetings will normally be held in February, May, August and November.
- Where business requires, further meetings can be called with agreement of the Chair subject to the required notice being given.

Conduct of Meetings

- Meetings of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group will be held in public.
- Observers can only participate in discussion with the agreement of Chair.
- Members must declare any conflict of interests at the start of a meeting and take no part in the consideration of the relevant item.
- Observers wishing to participate in discussion must declare any interest in the subject under discussion.
- All meetings will be minuted and a minute made available through the Council's website and available from a link through the community planning partnership website.
- Meetings of the Area Community Planning Groups will be conducted in accordance with the lead partner's (Argyll & Bute Council) standing orders for meetings subject to any necessary changes as set out above (mutatis mutandis).

Decision making

- All members of the group have equal status.
- Each member has one vote.
- The Chair retains the casting vote.
- All decisions must be clearly minuted with a brief summary of the discussion and reason for decision recorded as well as the outcome.
- The minutes should clearly record who or whatever organisation is responsible for action.
- Observers and persons attending the meeting in an advisory capacity may provide information but are not part of the decision making process and are not able to participate in a vote.

Accountability

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group is an integral part of Community Planning in Argyll & Bute and is accountable to the following bodies:

- Full Community Planning Partnership via the Management Committee.
- Community within its local area.
- Argyll & Bute Council as lead partner of Community Planning.

Support

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group will be supported by:

- A Lead Officer to facilitate and promote the smooth operation of the group and work closely with group members to ensure a supportive structure, which responds to the needs of the members in addressing issues.
- Administrative support, organising meetings, taking minutes and associated administrative support will be provided by Argyll and Bute Council, Legal and Regulatory Support.
- A Local Community Development Officer will have a key role, working in partnership with organisations in the support of community groups, organisations and individuals, particularly those who do not traditionally engage in community issues, to participate in local community planning.

Issue of Papers

- The agenda and papers for the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group will normally be issued 7 days prior to the date of the meeting.
- The Chair can agree to accept late papers.
- The draft Agenda detail will normally be circulated four weeks in advance to allow members to propose items for inclusion.
- The agenda and papers will be published on the Argyll & Bute Community Planning Partnership website, the Argyll & Bute Council website and available from a link through the community planning partnership website.

Communications

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group is encouraged to share any best practice in partnership working locally with the wider Community Planning Partnership. Case studies and examples of partnership working making a difference can be sent to cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk to be shared and promoted. For example this may be through the regular CPP e-Bulletin. The CPP e-Bulletin is available to members of the Area Community Planning Groups and sign up is via cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk. Paper copies are available and it is downloadable from the webpage.

Winding Up

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group is a sub group of the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership.

- If the Argyll & Bute Community Partnership is dissolved, the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group will cease to exist by default.
- If a review of Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership delivery structure should recommend that Area Community Planning Groups should be dissolved to facilitate a new delivery structure, the decision whether or not to wind up the group will be made by the Argyll & Bute Community Planning Partnership following consultation with the Area Community Planning Groups and Argyll & Bute Council as lead partner for community planning within the area.

- Area Community Planning Group members may initiate a proposed wind up of the group by submitting a report outlining the reasons why it was felt the group was no longer required to the Management Committee in the first instance. The decision whether or not to wind up the group will be made by the Argyll & Bute Community Planning Partnership following consultation with Argyll & Bute Council as lead partner for community planning within the area.

Approved and adopted at the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group meeting held on 4th March 2015.

Amended March 2015 to reflect a change in the meeting cycle.

Amended March 2016 to clarify procedure if either the Chair or Vice Chair resigns during their term of office and change to number of days meeting papers are to be circulated prior to meeting date in line with current practice.

Amended February 2017 to clarify procedure if outgoing office bearer wishes to stand for re-election.

Amended February 2019 to clarify terms in respect of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan/ Area Community Planning Action Plan.

Amended February 2020 to reflect changes in language.

Amended February 2021 to clarify language and terminology and to include reference to Fairer Scotland Duty.

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Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Groups Membership

Partner Organisation	Contact Name
Argyll and Bute Council	Cllr A Horn, Cllr D MacMillan BEM, Cllr J Armour
Community Councils	Southend, The Laggan, Campbeltown, West Kintyre, East Kintyre, Tarbert & Skipness, Gigha, Islay, Jura, Colonsay, South Knapdale, North Knapdale, Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead, West Lochfyne, Furnace, Inveraray, Dunadd, Craignish
Police Scotland	Inspector Julie McLeish, Laura Evans, Gail McClymont
Scottish Fire and Rescue	Albert Bruce
HM Coastguard	David Graham
Health and Social Care Partnership	Alison McGrory, Tracy Preece
Highlands and Islands Enterprise	Morag Goodfellow
TSI	Petra Pearce, Linda Syed, Samantha Stubbs
ACHA	Yvonne Angus
Fyne Homes	Teresa Shields, Colin Renfrew
West Highland Housing Association	Graeme Bruce
Living Well Network - MAKI	Antonia Baird, Tracy Chambers, Sandra Macintyre
Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce	Alison Hay, Jane MacLeod
Argyll and the Islands Strategic Tourism Partnership	Carron Tobin
Citizens Advice Bureaux	Gillian McInnes
Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel	Andrew Hemmings, Evelyn MacDonald
Youth Forums	Martin Turnbull, Brian Smith, Dawn Park
Clyde Fisherman's Association	Kenny McNab
National Farmers Union	Lucy Sumsion
Skills Development Scotland	Anthony Standing, Susan MacRae
Caledonian MacBrayne	Blair Moglia
Department for Work and Pensions	Elizabeth MacBrayne, Lynn Campbell
Live Argyll	Robert Judge
Transport Scotland	Neil MacFarlane
University of Highlands and Islands	Martin Jones
South Islay Development Trust	Alyson McGillivray

South Kintyre Development Trust	Eric Spence
Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust	Jane Cowen
Scottish and Southern Energy	Kelly Scott
Balfour Beatty	John Rennie