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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **OBAN LORN & THE ISLES COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held via **SKYPE** on **WEDNESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2021** at **6:30 PM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director

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13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place at 2.00pm on Wednesday 12 May 2021

Oban Lorn & the Isles Community Planning Group

Councillor Elaine Robertson (Vice-Chair, in Chair)

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**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held by
SKYPE
on WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2020**

Present: Councillor Elaine Robertson (Chair)
Councillor Mary Jean Devon
Councillor Kieron Green
Councillor Jim Lynch
Councillor Roderick McCuish
Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor
Councillor Andrew Vennard
Stuart McLean – Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Laura MacDonald – Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Brian Smith – Community Learning Team Leader, Argyll and Bute Council
Inspector Mark Stephen – Police Scotland
Jenny Dryden – Health Improvement Lead, Health and Social Care Partnership
Kevin Champion – Senior Depute, Oban High School
Grant Young – Mull Safe and Sound
Joan Best – Crossroads North Argyll
Gary Cringles – Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Lynn Campbell – Department for Work and Pensions
Finlay McFee – Avich and Kilcrennan Community Council
Ian Gillies – Tiree Community Council
Dr John Holliday – Tiree Community Council
Guy (Zim) Knight – Seil and Easdale Community Council
Marri Malloy – Oban Community Council
Jane Martin – Iona Community Council
Alison Jones – Development Coll
Colin Wilson – Local Government Boundary Commission
Ailsa Henderson – Local Government Boundary Commission

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first virtual meeting of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Areas Community Planning Group and outlined the procedure for the meeting.

The Chair advised that she would Chair the meeting in place of John Fleming, who had stepped down as Chair of the Group. The Chair thanked John for his valuable input over the last year and advised that she hoped that John could be welcomed back to the Group in future.

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of:

Samantha Somers, Argyll and Bute Council
Albert Bruce, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
John Sweeney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Susan MacRae, Skills Development Scotland

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTES

The minute of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group meeting held on Wednesday 19 February 2020 was approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising

The Chair noted that the last meeting of the Group had taken place in February due to the ongoing pandemic and subsequent cancellation of the scheduled May and August meetings.

The Chair advised that the matter discussed at item 4 (a) of the minute regarding drug related issues in Oban had been discussed with Alastair MacGregor, ACHA, and Craig McNally, HSCP, and had been highlighted to the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee who advised that the Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) would be the lead agency taking this forward. ACHA had also been invited to send a representative to the local ADP forum.

The Chair confirmed that the action agreed at item 8 of the minute regarding an evaluation of out of hours health and social care provision on the islands had been raised with the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee. The Chair requested that the Health and Social Care Partnership be invited to the next meeting of the Group to provide an update on this issue.

4. 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 which met on 23 September 2020.

The Committee Manager outlined the contents of the briefing note, particularly noting the appointment of a new Chair of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee. The Committee Manager also highlighted the presentation by the Head of Development and Economic Growth for Argyll and Bute Council regarding concerns around wild camping and campervans, noting that a sub group had been created to develop an action plan which would be reported to a future meeting of the Group.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group noted the briefing note.

(Reference: Briefing note by Committee Manager, dated 11 November 2020, submitted)

5. PARTNERS UPDATE - 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 Oban, Lorn and the Isles 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: Update by Samantha Stubbs – Strategic Development Manager, Third Sector Interface, dated October 2020, submitted)

(b) 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.

Jenny Dryden outlined the contents of the report, providing details of a variety of support which was provided during the Covid-19 response including: a helpline where those requiring support could access a range of community teams; a community food project; regular telephone calls made to those shielding offering support; the development of a website providing information and support; and leaflets being distributed throughout the Argyll and Bute area with the assistance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. Jenny noted that the Caring for People partnership had been nominated as a finalist in the Scottish Health Awards and expressed thanks to community groups, partners and volunteers who were involved.

Discussion took place around the positive aspects of community working and innovation which had come about through the Covid-19 crisis and how this could be sustained. Jenny confirmed that an evaluation was in process to capture lessons learned and to assist in maintaining positive partnership working.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Alison McGrory - Health Improvement Principal, Health and Social Care Partnership, dated 11 November 2020, submitted)

(c) Mull Community Council

The Group considered an update submitted by Mull Community Council which detailed the activities undertaken by the Community Council in response to the pandemic including the implementation of a website, Mullhealth, which provided information on shopping and advice for businesses with frequent updates on changes in Government policy.

In the absence of a representative from the organisation, Councillor McCuish asked that the Committee Manager gain feedback from the Community Council as to

whether the number of visitors during the Covid-19 crisis had had an impact on their resources.

The Community Development Officer requested information as to whether challenges highlighted around the flow of shopping from Tesco had subsided. Councillor Devon advised that this issue appeared to have been resolved, with shopping largely back to normal on the island.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group:

1. noted the update; and
2. noted that in the absence of a representative from Mull Community Council the Committee Manager would take back any questions to Mull Community Council and circulate any responses to the Group.

(Reference: Update by Mull Community Council, dated 11 November, submitted)

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

Joan Best, Crossroads North Argyll

The Chair advised that she was also the Chair of the Crossroads North Argyll Group.

Joan advised that many of the Crossroads staff had been working from home throughout the crisis, providing telephone support to unpaid carers which had then moved on to providing doorstep support to check how unpaid carers were coping. Joan noted that assistance had also been provided by the Group in delivering shopping and prescriptions where required.

Joan advised that the Group had restarted face-to-face support in August when they were able to and were now also able to provide respite. Joan noted that a grant had been received to provide free respite and travel for unpaid carers until the end of January 2021, advising that the Group would analyse what funding remained at this time.

Brian Smith, Community Learning Team Leader

Brian Smith provided details of the way in which the community learning service had adapted to the requirement to move learning online during the pandemic and noted that a number of platforms had been used to provide support to those who needed it. Brian advised that the team had also been involved in the Caring for People effort by assisting with phone lines; delivering food parcels and prescriptions; and producing scrubs and face masks. Brian noted that the team had also assisted with school hubs for the children of essential workers to allow them to work during the lockdown period.

Brian provided details of different projects around digital support, including the Digital Connections project which had seen 400 devices provided to the community

to assist them in staying digitally connected. Brian noted that the Connecting Scotland project had also seen over 1000 devices being delivered to schools to assist with online learning. Brian outlined work which had been carried out by the team with young people, including work to re-engage pupils who had struggled throughout lockdown; work with youth forums; work around increased youth participation; work around health and wellbeing following concerns raised in the Lockdown Lowdown consultation; work with Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament (MSYPs) in look at a recovery plan; work around new United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) legislation being incorporated into Scots Law in 2021; and a successful bid to the Scottish Government's Youth Work Education Recovery Fund which would allow the team to work with partners to create a project which could be offered to young people and would incorporate outdoor learning and an SQA award.

Brian gave details of how the team were involved in the No One Left Behind initiative, assisting both young people and adults to identify and overcome challenges and barriers which they may be facing. Brian advised that since August the team have been able to begin some face-to-face support again although the majority remained online.

The Chair thanked Brian for this update, applauding the team for their partnership working and it was agreed that Brian and a number of youth representatives would be invited to attend a future meeting of the Group to provide an update on the work which was being carried out. Councillor Devon agreed to contact Brian regarding future engagement with the Corporate Parenting Board.

Laura MacDonald, Community Development Officer

Laura MacDonald advised that Community Engagement Training which had originally been scheduled for March had now been rescheduled to take place virtually in late November and information would be sent out to community groups and Community Councils around this.

6. PARTNERS UPDATE

(a) Health and Social Care Partnership - Public Health

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

Jenny provided an overview of key points within the report, including the appointment of a new Associate Director for Public Health; the Living Well Strategy launch; grant funding in place across Argyll and Bute; a number of events which had taken place on adverse childhood experiences; the Cool to Talk service; the recruitment of 5 smoking cessation officers; and the use of conversation cafes to facilitate public engagement. Jenny also highlighted that the report format had been redesigned to increase accessibility.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Alison McGrory - Health Improvement Principal, Health and Social Care Partnership, dated 11 November 2020, submitted)

(b) **Opportunity for verbal updates by Community Planning Group Partners**

Grant Young, Mull Safe and Sound

Grant Young advised that Mull Safe and Sound was a mental health and community isolation support group which was started in September 2016. Grant noted that the Group provided peer-to-peer support to people across a wide age range, from people in their 20s to people in their 90s. Grant provided details of the way in which the Group had to adapt to Covid-19 and changing national guidance, advising that the Group had circulated leaflets with the assistance of the postal service which had included contact numbers for organisations such as the Samaritans for those who may have been struggling. Grant noted that the Group had provided virtual peer-to-peer support using Skype and Zoom and noted that a new men's support group had started on Monday and had been well attended.

Grant advised that the Mull Safe and Sound group is self-funded and applies for statutory funding where available. Grant noted that throughout the lockdown period, the core focus of the Group was on keeping in contact with their members and keeping them safe by sending out care packages and letting them know that support was still available.

In response to a question from Councillor McCuish, Grant confirmed that the number of visitors on the island had not affected the Group and noted that the Group was open to anyone requiring support. Councillor Devon praised the Group's activities and advised that they also assisted in signposting people to other services within the community and ensuring that visitors felt welcomed as part of the community. It was agreed that Grant would forward a leaflet to the Community Development Officer to be circulated to anyone who may be interested in their work.

Lynn Campbell, Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)

Lynn Campbell advised that the 5 DWP offices throughout Argyll and Bute had remained open during the lockdown period for vulnerable customers and provided details of additional measures put in place to ensure safety during the pandemic. Lynn noted that most interaction with customers since March had taken place digitally or by phone. Lynn advised that DWP were now working with customers around new initiatives and that 13,500 new employees were being hired to support with the increase in caseload sizes for the service. Lynn provided details around the recruitment of youth employability coaches; work around the Kick-start initiative; and work which was ongoing to ensure that all applications were processed in a timely manner. In response to a question from the Chair, Lynn confirmed that the DWP work in partnership with the Council's Community Learning Team.

Lynn advised that Oban was one of the hardest hit areas in the UK during lockdown, with an increase in caseload of 300% and advised that partnership working had been important in managing this. Lynn provided details of a video chat service pilot which would run on the 18th of November and noted that Oban Job Centre had been selected to trial this with customers. Lynn confirmed that she would contact Councillor Devon out with the meeting to discuss a constituents experience in

applying for Disability Living Allowance.

Councillor Lynch advised that staff in Oban Job Centre had been helpful when contacted and expressed concern that employment issues would increase, noting that plans should be put in place to combat this. Lynn confirmed that a new DWP service leader had been appointed for the west district and a meeting had taken place with Argyll and Bute Council's Chief Executive and Head of Development and Economic Growth to highlight key areas where work is required. Lynn noted that work was being undertaken to analyse caseloads and demographics to gain a better understanding of customer's needs. Brian Smith advised that the Community Learning Team, alongside other partners, had also worked with DWP around digital employability hubs.

Inspector Mark Stephen, Police Scotland

Inspector Stephen advised that the Police had faced significant challenges and changes to the way they worked during Covid-19 and in light of regular changes in guidance, noting that the Police focus was on ensuring that there were sufficient resources in place to attend priority 1 and 2 calls where required. Inspector Stephen confirmed that all officers in the area have access to all necessary PPE equipment to respond to any situation. Inspector Stephen outlined a new system whereby low priority calls could be dealt with by call centre teams to ensure that there are enough staff available to deal with emergency calls where required.

Inspector Stephen provided an update on the upgrade to the custody centre and the training of officers in Mull, Tiree and Oban to use appropriate equipment to deal with significantly violent situations without the need to wait for teams coming from other areas, noting that rural stations now had access to the appropriate equipment in case it was required and were aware of how to use it if needed, although the need to use this equipment was not anticipated. Inspector Stephen confirmed that Police Scotland's policy continued to be to explain, engage and encourage before resorting to enforcement.

In response to a question from the Community Development Officer, Inspector Stephen confirmed that good levels of compliance had been seen across the area following challenges during the summer relating to an influx of people from other areas at a time when guidance had differed across Scotland.

Gary Cringle, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Gary Cringle advised that although there has been a national spike in domestic fire incidents, this does not appear to have been the case in the local area. Gary confirmed that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service had generally coped well throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, noting that there had been a small increase in accidental dwelling fires linked to the increase in time people were spending in their homes. Gary advised that there had been a decrease in the number of Road Traffic Collisions in the area which the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service had to respond to, likely due to a decrease in traffic..

Gary confirmed that community engagement remained high on the priority list for the service, noting that the service continued to attend properties who reported no working smoke detection throughout lockdown, although at that time only high risk

home fire safety visits were being carried out with appropriate PPE following an initial telephone assessment.

Gary advised that it was hoped to capture medium and low risk referrals for home fire safety visits as restrictions were eased, noting that in the interim the Service would continue to promote community safety messages. Gary confirmed that the Service continued as normal to action AP1 forms identifying the most vulnerable people within the community. Gary provided details of the Make the Call initiative which encouraged people to identify at risk individuals who may benefit from intervention.

Discussion took place around the new legislation coming into force around smoke detection systems in February 2022 and the ways in which this would impact people, as well as the support available from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. In response to a question from Councillor Devon, Gary confirmed that he would request clarification as to whether recruitment was being carried out specifically for the islands or if the ongoing recruitment process was part of a national campaign.

7. 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 Oban, Lorn and the Isles 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 and circulate responses to the Group.

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

8. BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSALS

The Group considered a report which advised of the Boundary Commission for Scotland's proposals for Argyll and Bute area.

Colin Wilson and Ailsa Henderson provided an overview of the changes proposed to the ward boundaries within Argyll and Bute and provided information around the framework which the Local Government Boundary Commission operated within.

Discussion took place around the benefits of Coll and Tiree being represented separately by their own Councillor; the increased representation which could be achieved by having Councillors local to the island communities they represent; the difference in requirements of island and mainland communities; the requirement for sufficient consultation with rural and island communities; the restrictions created by the need for parity across wards; potential changes required in terms of legislation; the definition of effective and convenient local government; and the need for more consultation to take place within communities to ascertain their views.

It was agreed that the Boundary Commission would arrange a further meeting with representatives from the Coll and Tiree communities. Ailsa invited further questions and comments to be addressed to the Local Government Boundary Commission, particularly around the community's definitions of effective and convenient local government as well as any potential solutions in terms of the division of wards 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/

The Chair thanked the Local Government Boundary Commission representatives for their presentation and noted that she would be interested to see the results of the consultation.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group;

1. noted the position;
2. noted that a further meeting would take place between the Local Government Boundary Commission and community representatives from Coll and Tiree; and
3. 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 11 November 2020, submitted)

9. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR OF THE OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

The Group considered the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group.

The Committee Manager outlined details of the report and discussion took place around the roles and the benefits of the Group being led by someone from the local community. Assurance was provided to interested parties that guidance and support would be available from Councillor Robertson as the Group's current Vice-Chair, as well as from the Governance and Community Planning teams.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group agreed to continue the report to the next meeting of the Group in February 2021 to allow a review of the Group's membership.

(Reference: Report by Governance Officer, dated 11 November 2020, submitted)

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group would take place by Skype at 6:30pm on Tuesday 17 February 2021.

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Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Oban, Lorn and The Isles Community Planning Group****17 February 2021**

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 May 2022.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to confirm the governance arrangements of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles 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 Oban, Lorn and the Isles Cowal Area CPG for 2021/22 will be:-

- Wednesday 25 August 2021
- Wednesday 10 November 2022
- Wednesday 16 February 2022

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

- Wednesday 12 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.

For further information please contact:

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Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference

Appendix 2 – Membership list

Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

Terms of Reference: Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group

The Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group is a sub group, and report 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 Oban, Lorn & the Isles.

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 Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group is to:

- Oversee the development and implementation of the Area Community Planning Action Plan for Oban, Lorn & the Isles
- 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 Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group has the authority to:

- contribute to the development of an Area Community Planning Action Plan for Oban, Lorn & the Isles.
- monitor progress of the Area Community Planning Action Plan for Oban, Lorn & the Isles.
- provide the scrutiny role for the Community Planning Partnership within Oban, Lorn & the Isles 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 Oban, Lorn & the Isles to understand their needs 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.
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Short Term Working Groups

Short Term Working Groups initiated by the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group must:

- be approved at a meeting of the Oban, Lorn & the Isles 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 Oban, Lorn & the Isles 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 Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group
- any changes to the above must be approved by the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group and recorded in the minute of the meeting

Equal Opportunities & Fairer Scotland Duty

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

In doing so The Bute and Cowal 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 Oban, Lorn & the Isles area.
- Membership is open to all organisations public sector, third sector, private sector, community organisations and partnerships operating within the Oban, Lorn & the Isles area with an interest in at least one of the outcomes identified in the 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 Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Committee and one other Elected Member from an Argyll & Bute Council Oban, Lorn & the Isles 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 Oban, Lorn & the Isles 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 Oban, Lorn & the Isles 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

Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group members have the following responsibilities:

- To consistently attend the scheduled Oban, Lorn & the Isles 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 Oban, Lorn & the Isles 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 Oban, Lorn & the Isles 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 Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group meetings.
- To contribute to the development, on-going monitoring and review of the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Action Plan.
- To participate in short term working groups as required.

Meetings

Chair

- The Chair and Vice Chair of the Oban, Lorn & the Isles 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 Oban, Lorn & the Isles 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 Oban, Lorn & the Isles 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 Oban, Lorn & the Isles 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 Oban, Lorn & the Isles 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, Governance & Law.

- 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 Oban, Lorn & the Isles 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 Oban, Lorn & the Isles 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 Oban, Lorn & the Isles 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 Oban, Lorn & the Isles 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 Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group meeting held on 11 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 amend number of days meeting papers are to be circulated prior to meeting date

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

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Appendix 2

Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Groups Membership

Organisation	Name
Argyll and Bute Council	Cllr E Robertson Cllr Sir J McGrigor Cllr A Vennard
Community Councils	Mull Iona Coll Tiree Oban Glenorchy & Innishail Taynuilt Avich & Kilchrenan Luing Kilninver & Kilmelford Seil & Easdale Kilmore & Kilbride Dunbeg Lismore Appin Connel Ardchattan
Police Scotland	Inspector Mark Stephen PC Michelle Rusden
Scottish Fire and Rescue	John Sweeney
Health & Social Care Partnership (OLI)	Morven Gemmill
ACHA	Alastair Macgregor
West Highland Housing Association	Leslie McInnes
Highlands & Islands Enterprise	Catriona McKnight/Morag Goodfellow
Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface	Kirsteen Murray/Katrina Sayer
Health & Wellbeing Network	Kirsty McLuckie
BIDS4Oban	Andrew Spence Yvonne MacLean
Scottish Federation for Small Businesses	Janet Waterworth
Argyll & Isles Strategic Tourism Partnership	Carron Tobin
Argyll College	Maggie Melville (Developing the Young Workforce)
Cal Mac	Blair Moglia
Development Coll	Alison Jones
Hope Kitchen	Stuart Chalmers
Access Panel	Ken Johnson
Oban Tourism	Linda Battison
Tiree Trust	Kathleen MacKinnon
Crossroads	Joan Best
North Argyll Carers	Morag MacLean & Arlene Colewell
Oban Youth Forum	Maureen Evans
Oban Youth Cafe	Kirsty McLuckie
Oban Communities Trust/Rockfield	Eleanor McKinnon
Oban High School	Kevin Champion

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Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group****17 February 2021**

Appointments of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group

This report relates to the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group (OLI ACPG).

Summary

John Fleming tendered his resignation as Chair of the OLI ACPG in September 2020, following his resignation as a community councillor. Additionally Councillor Elaine Robertson has now served two consecutive terms as the Vice-Chair of the OLI ACPG and, in accordance with the Terms of Reference for the Group, having served the maximum term permitted, is no longer eligible to be re-appointed to this position.

Members of the group are required to nominate and elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair from their number to carry out these roles.

Recommendation

Partners are asked to nominate and appoint two members of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group to carry out the roles of (a) Chair and (b) Vice-Chair of the group for the next two year period.

Key Points for Consideration

The current Vice-Chair of the Area Community Planning Group, Councillor Robertson, has served the group for two consecutive two year periods. In accordance with the group's Terms of Reference this is the maximum period for which this role can be held over and a new appointment to the role is required.

The role of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Area Community Planning Group can be carried out by any member of the group with support and guidance for these positions being provided from the Council's Community Planning and Governance Teams. Additionally, these roles provide an important link between the area and Community Planning Partnership Management Committee with the persons appointed being invited to participate in meetings of the CPP Management Committee.

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Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Oban, Lorn and the Isles
Area Community Planning Group****17 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 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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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 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.

Crossroads North Argyll Update

We were successful in securing funding from Independent Age and The Community Recovery Fund to provide free respite for unpaid carers in Oban and Lorn for 3 months from November. Also included in the funding was money to develop a free respite pilot on the islands of Coll, Tiree and Mull.

Independent Age also gave us free tickets, for unpaid carers, to a Christmas Show "That'll be the Day" (the U.K.'s most popular touring Rock&Roll show). This was all done over Zoom. Feedback from the unpaid carers was that it was a very enjoyable evening in the comfort of their own homes. Normally, it is very difficult for unpaid carers to attend any shows like this, so it was a treat.

One quote from an unpaid carer – "Just wanted to say I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the show after watching it last night. It was like being at "The Royal Variety Show".

We were very lucky to be able to take our Monday Support Group, for unpaid carers, out for Christmas Lunch to Poppies. They thoroughly enjoyed it as they get picked up from home and driven to Poppies. Their meal is paid for and they got a wee gift from Santa too. We received funding from The Oban Common Good Fund, to run the Monday Support Group.

One Quote from an unpaid carer – "I had a great time at Poppies for our Christmas Lunch. It was like I was being looked after for once. It is nice to meet with other unpaid carers as they understand what being in a caring role is like. The staff at Crossroads are great."

The Board and myself had to take the difficult decision to cease face-to-face support from January of this year because of the existing lockdown. All staff are keeping in touch with the unpaid carers by phone and also doing doorstep visits, picking up prescriptions and groceries if required.

Some of the staff have now received their vaccination, so we will hopefully be on our way to opening up the face-to-face support again soon, when it is safe to do so, following the proper guidelines.

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MULL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

With the approaching pandemic Mull formed an Island representative Crisis Management group. The Community Council was an important part of the Mull Crisis Management group with four representatives directly involved and full reports given to the full Community Council at every meeting. This has continued to date. The first decision we all made was to quarantine the island. This was quickly followed by full support for this action from the Scottish government. During the first Lockdown by far the biggest task was to set-up an island wide shopping service. This has been continued for the vulnerable and a commercial delivery service for the whole Island is available. There is also a shopping service available for anyone having to self isolate. Regular reports on the Ferry services are received and people are encouraged to shop locally. Volunteers all over the Island continue to maintain contact with the elderly and vulnerable by telephone. A new initiative is to try and set up zoom coffee mornings with donated equipment.

Before the pandemic arrived a website was established called Mullhealth. The website is updated on a daily basis. To date it has had 120,000 page views from 120 countries around the world.

For the children over Christmas Santa visited the villages in "decked out" pickup trucks (I think we had 3 different Santa's!) and presents were received. We are now all working on competitions for over January, February and March.

Together with Hope Kitchen a Foodbank is running. About 30 families have benefitted but at this moment the number is increasing quite rapidly. A local business man donated 30 turkeys at Christmas.

In the first Lockdown Aldi's very kindly helped out by providing Nappies, for a nappy delivery service. They are difficult to get and expensive on the Island. This service is now being introduced again.

The Community Council are still working hard within the MCM group and have supported island wide initiatives with the full Council whenever required.

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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

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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

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****Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community
Planning Group****17th 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 \(outdooraccess-scotland.scot\)](#)
- [memorandum of understanding - re informal camping.pdf \(argyll-bute.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Home - Campa](#)

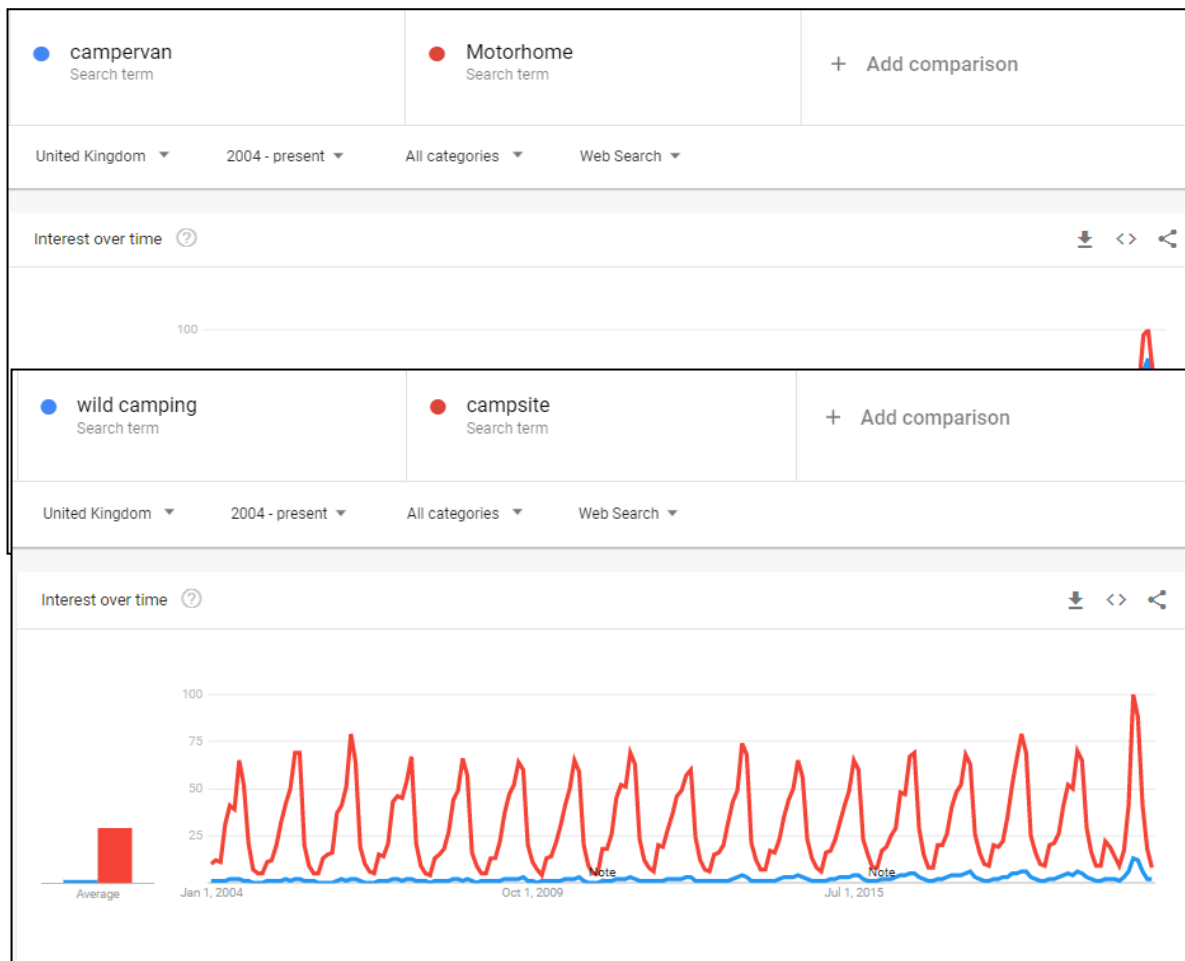
5. Conclusions

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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