



3 March 2021

## NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **ARGYLL AND BUTE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** will be held via MS TEAMS on **WEDNESDAY, 10 MARCH 2021** at **2:00 PM**, which you are requested to attend.

## AGENDA

1. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES (JOE MCKAY)**
2. **APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES AND REVIEW OF ACTIONS (RONA GOLD)**  
(Pages 3 - 12)
3. **CROSS CUTTING THEMES**
  - (a) Community Wealth Building (Samantha Somers) (Pages 13 - 18)
  - (b) Update on Child Poverty (Joanna MacDonald)
  - (c) Update on Climate Change (Samantha Somers)
  - (d) Update on Digital Inclusion (Martin Turnbull)
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS (STUART MCLEAN)** (Pages 19 - 24)
  - (a) Update on Wild Camping (Fergus Murray)
  - (b) Update on A83 (Pippa Milne)
5. **OUTCOME 5 & 6 UPDATES - HEALTHY INDEPENDENT LIVES AND SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITIES**
  - (a) Community Safety (Laura Evans and Sheena McLean)
  - (b) Suicide Prevention Steering Group (Alison McGrory)
6. **COVID 19 IMPACT AND BUILDING BACK BETTER**
  - (a) Building Back Better as CPP cross cutting theme? (Rona Gold and Kirsteen Murray)

(b) Joint strategic needs assessment highlighting impact of Covid (Sarah Griffin)

(c) Social Mitigation (Alison McGrory)

**7. PROMOTION AND CONSIDERATION OF GAELIC (CRISTIE MOORE)** (Pages 25 - 28)

**8. AOCB**

(a) CPP Bulletin (Nicola Reaney)

**9. CLOSE**

**ARGYLL AND BUTE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP -  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held by MS Teams  
on WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2020 at 10:30 AM**

<b>Present:</b>	Joe McKay, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (Chair)	
Martin Jones, Argyll College UHI		Pippa Milne, Argyll & Bute Council
Kirsteen Murray, Argyll & Bute TSI		Derek McCrindle, Scottish Enterprise
Cathleen Russell, Chair of B&C Community Planning Group		John Paterson, Police Scotland
Morag Goodfellow, HIE		Brian Gibson, Police Scotland
Rona Gold, Argyll & Bute Council		Laura Evans, Police Scotland
Fergus Murray, Argyll & Bute Council		Douglas Wilson, Police Scotland
Joanne MacDonald, HSCP		Stuart Green, Argyll & Bute Council
Stan Phillips, NatureScot		Stuart McLean, Argyll and Bute Council
Mhairi Paterson, North Ayrshire Council		Brian Connelly, Social Enterprise Scotland
David Rennie, Argyll and Bute Council		Nicola Reaney, Argyll & Bute Council
<b>Apologies:</b>		
Councillor Robin Currie, Argyll and Bute Council		Patricia Renfrew, Health & Social Care Partnership
Anthony Standing, Skills Development Scotland		Yasmin Bowden, Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament
Donna Bell, Scottish Government		Shona Barton, Argyll & Bute Council
Anne Paterson, Argyll & Bute Council		Alison McGrory, NHS Highland
Samantha Somers, Argyll & Bute Council		Albert Bruce, H&L Community Planning Group
Angela Noon, DWP		Martin Turnbull, Argyll and Bute Council
Rosie Sumsion, Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament		Rhona Grant, Argyll and Bute Council
Stuart Mearns, Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park		Patricia O'Neil, Argyll & Bute Council
Laura Cameron, H&L Community Planning Group		

## 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Joe welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies.

## 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 23 SEPTEMBER AND ACTION TRACKER

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Updates on outstanding actions:

National recovery report to be advised to partners – Pippa has had no update on this, mainly due to still being in Covid response, action to be marked as ongoing.

Suicide Prevention – Action to be marked as complete.

Outcome 3 Update – Anthony Standing, outcome lead, was unable to attend this meeting and the action will be moved into the New Year.

Cross Cutting Themes - Rona will write to partners to expand on cross cutting themes after the updates given today, action to be marked as ongoing.

### **3. UPDATES FROM GROUPS ON CROSS CUTTING THEMES**

#### **(a) Community Wealth Building Presentation Brian Connelly, Scottish Enterprise and Mhairi Paterson, North Ayrshire Council**

Mhairi Paterson, CWB Coordinator, North Ayrshire Council (NAC) and Brian Connelly, Scottish Enterprise gave a presentation on Community Wealth Building.

Mhairi introduced Community Wealth Building (CWB) as a new economic concept based on enhancing wellbeing and inclusion. The presentation provided background to North Ayrshire Council's CWB Strategy, its objectives based on the five CWB pillars, the work undertaken thus far and planned next steps. There was emphasis on the need to work closely with communities, local and regional anchor organisations and across silos to deliver the social, economic and environmental benefits of Community Wealth Building.

Brian explored the concept of CWB from the perspective of an anchor institute exploring the application of the five pillars from within the organisation. One of the key points raised was to avoid exploring CWB pillars in isolation, with several opportunities to explore how they interact. In addition, there is a need to ensure that CWB looks to properly engage with communities as part of the process of implementation.

Mhairi noted that NAC are early on in their CWB journey, but they have already benefitted from lessons learnt. The key is engagement with “anchors” in communities and having clear vision that can be bought into, with collaboration to help deliver that. Brian agreed that CWB is a journey, whereby you learn with a proactive approach based in best practice from elsewhere, while finding the approach that works best in your individual area to make the local economic development strategy collaborative, inclusive and sustainable with democratically controlled local economies. CWB must provide tangible outcomes for the long term, with a serious commitment to take that forward and a desire to retain the wealth in a specific geographical area.

Morag asked where we are trying to get to with CWB – need to understand how it has worked in other areas and filter that into the partnership to agree what to take forward in Argyll and Bute. She felt it would be beneficial to take forward points and questions as discussion points in a wider discussion offline.

Cathleen asked if Argyll and Bute are going to adopt a model similar to that in NAC. Pippa noted that in many respects there are elements of this that we are already applying in the area and would want to ensure to include that within the key CPP theme. Pippa felt it would be worth getting volunteers from CPP to form a sub group to do work around developing a response to “what CWB means for us”. Fergus

agreed that a group needs to be formed to have more detailed conversations with Brian and Mhairi, as this is something that Argyll and Bute has to embrace and move forward on given the remoteness and unique challenges of this area. Mhairi and Brian noted that they would be happy to contribute.

Kirsteen added that CWB is not currently not part of the Argyll and Bute recovery plan, and is keen to have a role in the recovery plan taken up by the CPP group (and the outcome group already exists) so there needs to be ownership of the 2 existing work streams with any additional group set up. She noted that we are the economy most disadvantaged after Covid and that we really need to get on with this. Kirsteen is happy to be part of a sub group but outcome 1 and the recovery plan could be utilised to take action and mainstream this in our other work. Kirsteen expressed that the important thing is that we are moving forward on this to benefit our communities. Cathleen agreed that this needed a community and council approach.

**ACTIONS – Rona to look into where these discussion already exists to ensure that all CWB pillars are addressed at the same time and who is to be involved in the discussions.**

**Nicola to share emails for Mhairi and Brian to the relevant partners so facilitate further discussion off table.**

Joe gave thanks to Mhairi and Brian for their presentation.

### **(b) Update on Child Poverty**

Joe thanked Joanna for her support to this item as Chair of the Child Poverty Working Group (CPWG) and for her ongoing work to bring partners together on this.

Joanna said it was a privilege to be chairing the CPWG, the group comprises members from all partners, and meets regularly, with a huge focus on child poverty issues and impacts (especially over last 9 months with Covid). Statistics are collated monthly that allow them to see the impact of Covid on child poverty in Argyll and Bute – which is sadly a deteriorating position in the short term. At the groups last meeting there was an update on the provision of a full time programme assistant to support work on child poverty and young carers. The group also discussed the work on child poverty action plan reporting, including children's rights. Joanna felt it was fitting to have this update after the CWB presentation as tackling child poverty also has real ownership and commitment in Argyll and Bute; it is multi-agency in the truest sense. The Child Poverty Action Plan report is due to be published in February 2021, and will be notified to the Scottish Government.

Joe thanked Joanne for her update and all work behind done the scenes to make a difference on this matter, Joanna said it is very much a team effort.

### **(c) Update on Climate Change**

Joe noted that David works for the council's Community Planning and Development team and is facilitating the Climate Change Group to get Partners together on Climate Change. David then gave his presentation. The Climate Change group is

looking to build on and promote the work being done by partners – common themes, good practice etc. The group will next meet early in the New Year. This group is also linking to the Council Climate Change Board and their work with the Council decarbonisation plan, which has just been approved. David asked if there were any other partners that would like to join this work. Derek noted he would like to be included in future meetings. The group are pulling together an easy to understand climate change directory which can show the good work of the council and partners, and how they can be involved on future projects. The group is keen to expand to look at wider climate change impacts and what else is happening in the wider communities throughout the area and to set up a directory of, and promote, the positive work on climate change being done and the CPP can help move that forward.

Argyll and Bute is one of the most successful regions in Britain for its ability to offset carbon emissions.

The link to the council decarbonisation plan can be found here <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s168952/Decarbonisation%20Plan%20-%20Master%20Copy%20v11.0%20Autosaved.pdf>

Derek asked if there is a specific sub group that is looking at business opportunities of being net zero carbon. David advised that was not something the group were looking at presently and would welcome Derek's attendance to add this to the discussion. Morag added there is a "green" element of the wider economic resilience forum and that the work of the climate group could also align with that.

**ACTION – David to follow up on that with Morag off table and add Derek to Climate Group meeting distribution list.**

Cathleen asked if the council is linking with Education on this, to which David noted that Education are part of the climate change board, and they have provided a large number of examples in the decarbonisation plan, that will all be taken on board by the climate group, Fergus agreed that Education are an integral part of that board and that will remain the case moving forward.

#### **(d) Update on Digital Inclusion**

Martin was unable to attend the meeting but Joe thanked him for his report which shows the excellent positive impact in getting devices out to people in Argyll and Bute through two projects. One is a community social enterprise project, the other is a Scottish Government project and the council has linked with both to support these. If anyone has any comments on questions on Martins paper they can be forwarded to him at [martin.turnbull@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:martin.turnbull@argyll-bute.gov.uk).

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS**

Stuart McLean gave a summary of the paper, noting that the November Area Community Planning Groups (ACPGs) held across the 4 areas were the first to be held since February (due to Covid). In September members from the council Governance and Community Development teams met with the Chairs and Vice

Chairs and it was agreed that future meetings would be held virtually for November and February and a demonstration session on the use of Skype was offered and was appreciated by those who participated.

There was broad agreement that the November meetings were successful and inclusive. Rachel Whyte of Islay Community council was voted Vice Chair for the MAKI ACPG, and the OLI ACPG considered a report to fill their vacant Chair and Vice Chair roles, confirming that they will be filled at the February 2021 meeting.

H&L ACPG raised concerns regarding the lack of clarity and guidance around befriending and the lack of communication with voluntary organisations. Kirsteen noted that this matter has already been followed up with the organisation that had raised it and was due to a misunderstanding because in terms of the COVID response, the Caring for People Manager was representing the Caring for People Partnership which included both Council and HSCP, so there would have been no separate communication from HSCP. In the same conversation the organisation had raised that they no longer knew their local HSCP contacts. Kirsteen has already raised this with Charlotte Craig, HSCP who will be sending a communication to highlight clear lines of communication with the local or nation teams so groups know how to escalate matters arising to the appropriate HSCP members. The Argyll and Bute TSI will forward that communication on to all third sector organisations. Stuart thanked Kirsteen for her response.

H&L ACPG asked the Management Committee 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 (raised by Rosie Sumsion, Member of Scottish Youth Parliament). Joanna said that children's rights underpins the work of the child poverty action group and she can provide a specific response to the group. Rona added that this is being looked at in specific legislation in the Argyll and Bute Children's Forum (where the outcome 4 lead sits). There can also be liaison with the members of the Scottish youth parliament on how best to involve young people on Community Planning. Young people are welcome at ACPGs, and work last year considered specific timings and meeting locations to support attendance. Rona suggested that could be revisited given the new digital format of meetings. At CPP Management Committee there are specific membership places for members of the Scottish Youth Parliament, and the CPP team can speak to them to ensure that input from policy areas they are looking at is fed into the management committee.

Rona asked partners to share any ideas or good practice of how they are engaging with young people to help us improve.

**ACTIONS - Joanna to provide a specific response to the H&L ACPG on this.**

**Rona and Stuart to discuss ACPG meeting format to ensure youth can still engage with that.**

**CPP team to liaise with MYSPs to raise matters to the Management Committee.**

**Partners to forward ideas or good practice of how they are engaging with youth to Rona.**

The MAKI ACPG asked for the poor attendance of partners to be highlighted at the Management Committee. Joe asked for the reasons behind low partner attendance to be explored and that there was more information needed to identify the cause and invigorate attendance. Stuart noted that he will be meeting all the ACPGs in February and will review the governance around membership to ensure it is accurate.

**ACTION – Stuart to feedback to CPP MC as required regarding MAKI membership update and attendance.**

**5. UPDATE ON WILD CAMPING**

Fergus gave an update on the issue of irresponsible wild camping. Since the last Management Committee there has been a meeting held with 15 different stakeholders represented to discuss this complex issue. There is no single solution and we need to be mindful of unintended consequences of actions on private sector operators, fragile business models and the impact on communities. A virtual survey was 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 to use as a basis to fine tune a draft action plan. The survey is out for comments with stakeholders now.

This is a national issue, which has developed over a period of time (exacerbated by the pandemic) and one that will not go away. We need to be realistic with what limited resources can achieve. There is a need to identify short, medium and long term options to tackle this issue, and these will form an action plan going forward. A poster to communicate what we are doing is being amended and will be issued to communities soon.

One of the big issues is how we can resource this and make use of what we have already, and fill any gaps, in a difficult financial time. We are trying to encourage private sector and communities to get involved and view this as an opportunity e.g. can they help to provide facilities that motor homes can use, can communities create overnight stay areas, can farmers open up any land for motorhomes (no licence needed if max 3 on site). There has been success securing £10k funding for a motor home disposal option in Oban, but it is challenging to find site for that. There has also been an application to the tourism and infrastructure fund that will address some issues if successful. There is a need to focus on the critical infrastructure issue such as fresh water, waste water facilities and rubbish disposal. We also recognise that access to some areas will need to be restricted to camping and motor homes and we will need to work with the forestry commission and other partners to move that forward.

Fergus noted that by the next CPP meeting in the New Year he hoped to have the survey results and a draft action plan in place.



Derek noted that the national parks are forming a steering group to look at this issue and Pippa advised him that we already link in with Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park, with an end of season review planned for later in December. Fergus also noted that the National Park attend his meetings.

Douglas noted how the season is extending and spreading outwith the traditional time period of Easter to October. He also asked to be copied on the survey for comment and the draft action plan.

**ACTION – Fergus to send relevant information to Douglas. CPP admin to provide Fergus with contact details for Douglas.**

Cathleen noted how the National Park actions such as moving on wild campers has been pushing them into the Cowal area. She also noted work ongoing regarding the bottle return scheme and its effects on the islands. With campers bringing food to islands and then trying to dispose of the waste, she felt the bottle return scheme needed to be factored into the plans. Fergus advised that motor homes contribute approximately £100 a night to the local economy, but he recognises the additional pressures on the seasonal increase in population due to tourism and gave reassurance that all waste aspects are under consideration.

## **6. AGREE PARTNERSHIP GROUPS SITTING UNDER 6 OUTCOMES FOR FUTURE UPDATES**

Rona asked that, in addition to the information in her report, can partners please forward any comments or contributions to her to ensure we can capture all the key partnership groups that sit under each of the 6 outcomes. This will enable full updates on these to be provided to the management committee meetings next year.

**ACTION – Partners to forward any updates and comments to Rona.**

## **7. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2021**

Rona noted the proposal to hold quarterly meetings in 2021 - March, June, September and December 2021 (with Full Partnership taking place in either September or December). Depending on current rules and guidance at that time, the Full Partnership may be held online and the CPP team are looking at options to do that, either provided for us or by hosting it ourselves.

**ACTION – Partners to forward any comments on the proposed schedule of meetings for 2021 to Rona.**

## **8. AOCB**

John noted that Brian Gibson will retire from Police Scotland before the next Management Committee meeting and he wanted to extend his thanks for all Brian's work within the CPP and Police Scotland. Joe added his best wishes to Brian for a long and happy retirement and also thanked him for all his support to the CPP over the years. Brian noted that Marlene Bailey, Douglas Wilson and Laura Evans will become the community planning leads for the police for Argyll and Bute area.

**A83**

Cathleen asked what the committee is doing about the A83 as the current situation is having a massive negative effect on infrastructure in the Cowal area. Joe noted that the A83 is an item he had also planned to raise for discussion and he has raised it to the highest levels in his own organisation.

Pippa added that the work to look at an alternative corridor route was a step in the right direction, but the ongoing situation of only daylight operation of the OMR, continued instability of the hill, and the time period to progress to a permanent solution was unacceptable. The Council, on 26 November, agreed a motion for the Leader to write to the First Minister and the Cabinet Secretary for Transport requesting urgent consideration of the interim measures and involvement in whatever group oversees that. 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 has raised this with both BEAR and Transport Scotland and is pushing to see how quickly we can get an interim solution looked at. The Council's roads team are looking at other suggestions. She noted that various alternative routes are being used and we need to mitigate any negative impact of that and look to how we can improve them.

Morag said the recent Argyll and Bute Overarching Recovery Group discussed the A83 and they agreed it is important that we are all lobbying at a senior level. She asked if partners could share the lobbying they are doing to ensure we are aligned in our messaging.

Fergus added that this is a critical issue for Argyll and Bute. We are trying to encourage people to live and invest in the area, while everyday there is messaging on the radio that the A83 is closed. This is not a great incentive to investors. He agreed it is important to all raise this as an issue that needs to be addressed, the council has responded as strongly as it can in the letter to the First Minister. Most options are long term but an immediate response is needed. He said the Strategy Transport Review Plan 2 (STRP2) is another big issue, this is looking at transport infrastructure over the next 10 years and is concerned what has been left out of the scope of that. He is working with HITRANS and HiE to communicate that to government.

Cathleen suggested overnight ferry crossings would take some pressure off the roads and it would be good to proactively get the message out that the area is still open and can be reached by ferry, Pippa is happy to raise those points. Fergus added that the Argyll Resilience Forum have requested to Transport Scotland that the Dunoon ferry operates 24 hours. Both BEAR and Transport Scotland attend that forum and the views of members were clearly articulated to them at that meeting.

John wondered if there has been consideration of a national media communication to advise we are open for business. Pippa said this has been an ongoing challenge at steering groups meetings and has had mixed success at national levels giving inaccurate information on OMR opening (or not) and the media have not been as responsive as we would like them to be.

It was agreed that this is not the time to set up a new group to deal with this issue, as various stakeholder meetings are already looking at this. Partners were asked to raise the A83 in any forum that they are able to, to the highest level through strategic groups to government. The more people that can raise the important issues, the better, as this is now a major ongoing risk and we need to all challenge the timescales around it – especially as we come into the winter.

**ACTIONS – All Partners to raise the issue of the A83 to the highest levels in their organisations.**

**Rona will gather issues from Partners and prepare a letter, on behalf of CPP, to bring together what is being covered in other existing groups.**

#### **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be advised in due course.

#### **10. CLOSE**

Joe thanked all for attending the meeting and thanked all those who provided supporting papers, he wished Brian Gibson a happy retirement and wished everyone a good Christmas and happy new year.

## CPP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING ACTION GRID – from 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020

Complete	In Progress	Outstanding	<i>Please highlight actions as per traffic light system to show progress</i>
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Date Set	Action	Who	Required by Date
3/6/20	Pippa to find out when the national recovery report is due and advise CPP MC.	Pippa	Ongoing
23/9/20	Add Outcome 3 update to future CPP MC for discussion.	CPP Team	2021
23/9/20	CPP team to expand on the detail of each cross cutting theme	CPP Team	Ongoing
2/12/20	Rona to look into where discussion already exists to ensure that all CWB pillars are addressed at the same time and who is to be involved in the discussions.	CPP Team	March 2021
2/12/20	David to follow up on Climate Change with Morag off table and add Derek to Climate Group meeting distribution list.	CPP Team	January 2021
2/12/20	Joanna to provide a response to H&L ACPG on the 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.	Joanna	March 2021
2/12/20	Rona and Stuart to discuss ACPG meeting format to ensure youth can still engage with that.	Rona / Stuart McLean	February 2021
2/12/20	CPP team to liaise with MYSPs to raise matters to the Management Committee.	CPP Team	March 2021
2/12/20	Partners to forward ideas or good practice of how they are engaging with youth to Rona.	All	February 2021
2/12/20	Stuart to feedback to CPP MC as required regarding MAKI membership update and attendance.	Stuart McLean	February 2021
2/12/20	Fergus to send camping survey and draft action plan information to Douglas.	Fergus	January 2021
2/12/20	Partners to forward details of all groups sitting under the 6 outcomes to Rona.	All	February 2021
2/12/20	Partners to forward any comments on the proposed schedule of meetings for 2021 to Rona.	All	January 2021
2/12/20	All Partners to raise the issue of the A83 to the highest levels in their organisations.	All	January 2021

**Management Committee****Date: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

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## **Community Wealth Building – Proposed Approach**

### **1.0 Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide the CPP Management Committee with a proposed way forward to look at taking forward Community Wealth Building in Argyll and Bute.

### **2.0 Recommendations**

The CPP Management Committee are asked to:

- Agree the proposal for 5 workshops
- Advise on attendance from organisation to each workshop
- Commit to ensuring staff input and attend the relevant workshop

### **3.0 Background**

The CPP Management Committee received a presentation on Community Wealth Building at its meeting in December 2020 by Mhairi Paterson (North Ayrshire Council) and Brian Connelly (Scottish Enterprise).

An action was taken at that meeting to look further at what Community Wealth Building meant for Argyll and Bute.

### **4.0 Detail**

Following the CPP Management Committee meeting in December, contact has been made with Fergus Murray, Morag Goodfellow and Kirsteen Murray (Outcome Leads) to ascertain how we obtain a fuller understanding of what is already happening in Argyll and Bute in terms of Community Wealth Building, and what further can be done.

Appendix 1 shows the detail of the proposals for 5 workshops, 1 for each pillar, with an overview of the discussion to be had in each workshop and the proposed attendees. Following these workshops, a report will be produced outlining what is

already happening within Argyll and Bute and an action plan developed to fill any gaps.

Management Committee members are asked to approve the approach and advise of other attendees.

## 5.0 Conclusions

In order to establish how to take forward Community Wealth Building in Argyll and Bute, a mapping exercise determining what is already happening and where the gaps are needs to be undertaken. The proposed workshops will enable the CPP to see what activity is already happening and provide an action plan to fill any gaps.

## 6.0 Implications

Strategic Implications	This relates to a cross-cutting theme of the ABOIP.
Consultations, Previous considerations	Outcome Leads for Outcomes 1 and 2 have been contacted in relation to these proposals.
Resources	No financial resources required at this stage. Attendance from relevant partners is requested.
Prevention	N/A
Equalities	N/A

For more information, contact Samantha Somers, Community Planning Officer, 01546 604464

## References

[Minutes of CPP Management Committee meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020](#)

## Appendices

Appendix 1 – Proposed Workshops on Community Wealth Building

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### Proposal:

- 5 workshops (one for each pillar).
- TSI, Council and HIE to lead sessions with facilitation and support from Community Planning team.
- All partners to attend workshop 1, with relevant partners to attend other workshops.
- Workshops will explore:
  - What is currently happening under this pillar in Argyll and Bute?
  - Who is involved?
  - What are the next steps for us as a CPP to take this forward?
  - Is this working group as inclusive as possible? Are there other third sector partners or community organisations we should be including at this stage?

<b>1. Fair employment and Just Labour Markets</b>	
Issue/Challenge according to <a href="#">CLES</a> :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-work poverty</li> <li>• Zero-hour contracts / temporary contracts</li> </ul>	
Solution according to CLES:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community wealth building not only aims to improve employment opportunities but also worker rights by, for example, promoting recruitment from lower income areas, inclusive employment practices, committing employers to the paying living wage and building progression routes for employees.</li> <li>• Often the biggest employers in a place, the approach anchor institutions take to employment can have a defining effect on the employment prospects and incomes of local people. Working with human resource departments within anchor institutions to stimulate the local economy through progressive employment and local labour market activities has proved a powerful tool.</li> </ul>	
Things to explore in an initial workshop:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are all CPP partners signed up to the Living Wage?</li> <li>• What is the picture in the private and third sector? How can we encourage more? What are the challenges that need to be overcome?</li> <li>• Who are the big anchor organisations outside of the public sector?</li> <li>• Procurement practice for public sector contracts as a lever to encourage fair employment and prevention of in-work poverty e.g. not holding contract values for third sector organisations steady for 10 years which drives down wages in real terms. This is because third sector contracts typically only allow for direct staff costs plus 10-12% overheads so third sector organisations cannot make efficiency savings year on year.</li> <li>• How do we achieve a change in commissioning practice, especially through HSCP (ABC procures on their behalf).</li> </ul>	
<b>People and Organisations potentially relevant to this pillar</b>	
<b>Suggested attendees</b>	
Ishabel Bremner	Argyll & Bute Council
Jim Paterson	Argyll & Bute Council
Jane Fowler	Argyll & Bute Council
	Employability Partnership

	Skills Development Scotland
	Argyll College
HR Representative	All CPP Partners
3 <sup>rd</sup> sector provider organisation	Elected via TSI

## 2. Plural ownership of the local economy

Issue/Challenge according to [CLES](#):

- In-work poverty
- Wages have fallen yet economy has grown – wealth goes to shareholders/dividends

Solution according to CLES:

- Promotion of locally owned and socially minded enterprises - these include public sector insourcing, municipal enterprises, worker ownership, co-operatives, community ownership and local private ownership.
- These models enable wealth created by users, workers and local communities to be held by them, rather than flowing out as profits to shareholders.

Things to explore in an initial workshop:

- Where do we see examples of community benefit?
- How do renewables fit into this? Where do we have communities benefitting from renewables?
- Community benefit clauses in procurement contracts?
- What is the Social Enterprise picture in Argyll and Bute? How do we promote this/encourage more Social Enterprises?

### People and Organisations potentially relevant to this pillar

#### Suggested attendees

Julie Young	ACT
	Mull and Iona Community Trust
Andy Spence	Oban BIDS
Audrey Martin	Argyll and Bute Council
Malcolm MacMillan	MACC
	Fyne Futures
Anne MacColl-Smith	Argyll & Bute Council
	Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust (Hydro Scheme?)
Sam Stubbs	Third Sector Interface



### 3. Making Financial Power work for local places

Issue/Challenge according to [CLES](#):

- Small businesses accessing credit from banks
- Reduced connection between lenders and communities

Solution according to CLES:

- Harnessing the wealth that exists locally, rather than seeking to attract national or international capital. For example, local authority pension funds are encouraged to redirect investment from global markets to local schemes. Mutually owned banks are supported to grow, and regional banking charged with enabling local economic development are established.

Things to explore in an initial workshop:

- What role does renewables have here?
- Where are the local credit unions in Argyll and Bute? What role do they have locally?
- How can we take this further in Argyll and Bute?

#### People and Organisations potentially relevant to this pillar

##### Suggested attendees

	Ardrishaig Development Trust (Renewables)
Audrey Martin	Argyll & Bute Council
	Credit Unions?
Third sector representative from local sustainability network run by TSI	TSI to arrange election.

### 4. Progressive Procurement of goods and services

Issue/Challenge according to [CLES](#):

- When it comes how money is spent and services commissioned by anchor institutions, cost is often the dominant determining factor in who gets the contract. Environmental credentials, social value and decent employment conditions tend to be weaker considerations. #

Solution according to CLES:

- Community wealth building promotes the progressive procurement of goods and services, as this spending power can be a means through which greater economic, social and environmental benefits can be achieved.
- By adapting their procurement processes and decision making, anchor institutions can create dense local supply chains and ecosystems of local enterprises, SMEs, employee owned businesses, social enterprises, cooperatives and other forms of community ownership. This is important because these types of businesses are more likely to support local employment and have a greater tendency to recirculate wealth and surplus locally.

Things to explore in an initial workshop:

- What is the current picture in Argyll and Bute?
- Do all partners have a local approach to procurement? Are national partners able to use local businesses eg garages?

#### People and Organisations potentially relevant to this pillar

##### Suggested attendees

Procurement representative	All CPP partners
Jayne Jones	Argyll & Bute Council
	Food from Argyll
Stephen Whiston	HSCP Market facilitation group

**5. Socially just use of land and property**

Issue/Challenge according to [CLES](#):

- The current state of landownership is a major driver of inequality, as a few private owners benefit from speculation on property markets whilst the majority suffer the consequences of unaffordable house prices.
- A huge amount of wealth is held through the land and property assets of anchor institutions, and in the past anchors would act to ensure that publicly owned land secured benefits for the local community, for example municipal town halls and local parks. However in recent decades over 2 million hectares of public land has been sold off to private interests.
- These trends have been exacerbated by conditions of austerity, with local authorities especially under pressure to sell off land and property assets rather than investing in their social, economic, and environmental value for the local community.

Solution according to CLES:

- Local land and property assets represent a base from which local wealth can be accrued through equitable forms of ownership, management, and development. Through a community wealth building approach, these assets are owned and managed in ways which ensure that they generate wealth for local citizens, rather than enclosed by private interests.
- The goal here is not simply for a local authority or anchor institution to ‘own more land’, but instead to ensure that the land they do own is run by and for the people. This can be understood through the concept of ‘the commons’- the idea that the land held by public institutions is owned by all of us, together. To achieve this, public land owners should develop governance and management structures where communities can take direct control of common assets, for example through transferring under-utilised assets to Community Land Trusts, or working through Public-Commons Partnerships. The local state should engage citizen groups to get involved in the governance and management of municipal assets at every level.
- By advancing a ‘commons’ approach to public land and assets, anchors can ensure that our shared buildings, parks, and other land holdings helps to create good local economies, ensure sensible environmental stewardship, and advance social justice.

Things to explore in an initial workshop:

- What is the current picture in Argyll and Bute?
- Where are the challenges?
- What can we do more of?

**People and Organisations potentially relevant to this pillar**

**Suggested attendees**

Audrey Martin – Place Making team	Argyll & Bute Council
David Rennie	Argyll & Bute Council
	HIE

**Management Committee****Date: 10 March 2021****Agenda Item:**

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**Area Community Planning Groups – February 2021 Meetings****1. Purpose**

This paper presents key matters arising during the Area Community Planning Group meetings that were held virtually in February 2021.

**2. Recommendations**

The Management Committee is asked to:

- a) note the Highlights detailed at 4.0; and
- b) consider what measures can be taken to ensure youth engagement with the Groups in future.

**3.0 Background**

There are four Area Community Planning Groups, one in each of the Council's administrative areas (Bute and Cowal; Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands; Helensburgh and Lomond; and Oban, Lorn and the Isles).

In accordance with decisions made by the Management Committee in June 2017 the groups are supported by staff from the community planning and community development team in all areas, with administrative and governance support for meetings provided by the Committee Services team.

These meetings were the second round to be held on a virtual basis. Prior to the meetings discussion took place with the 4 Area Chairs/Vice Chairs and a standard agenda template was agreed. There was good attendance at all 4 meetings by a variety of partners.

## 4.0 Highlights

All groups considered:

- CPP Management Committee Update.
- Area Community Planning Group Governance Arrangements
- Covid-19 stay at home guidance
- UK Withdrawal from the EU
- Update on A83

All groups were also given a demonstration on Basecamp which was well received. Invites to use the system have now been issued to those partners who have expressed interest.

Cristie Moore, the Council's Gaelic Development Worker attended the MAKI and Helensburgh and Lomond meetings and provided an update on the work that she will be carrying out to support the promotion and usage of the Gaelic language. She will be attending the Oban Lorn and the Isles and Bute and Cowal meetings in May.

Highlights from specific meetings were as follows:

### **Bute & Cowal**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group agreed to elect Willie Lynch (Dunoon Community Council) and Charles Dixon-Spain (ColGlen Community Council) as Chair and Vice Chair of the Group respectively for the next two year period.

Colglen Community Council advised that they had successfully received £31,000 via two rounds of funding. The money will be used to cover the cost of mileage for volunteers involved with prescription and food delivery associated with their resilience work and for an open air space for the community to access during restrictions.

Rural and Operations Director and Building and Facilities Manager from Mount Stuart Trust updated the Group on the issues faced by their business, particularly in regard to exporting their produce, since the UK's withdrawal from the EU. They advised that the dairy, beef and sheep business was very strong but they were cautious about the future which will be monitored closely.

The Group considered a report which outlined the housing supply and demand activity within the Bute and Cowal area. Discussion focussed on the need to be

cautious about putting excessive demand on existing infrastructure, such as schools, required to support new houses.

### **Helensburgh & Lomond**

Neil MacFarlane, Transport Scotland, gave an overview of upcoming works to be completed on the Trunk Road network and an update on the A83. Questions had been submitted to Neil in advance of the meeting and these were dealt with, to the satisfaction of those attending. In particular it was mentioned that Transport Scotland were working with the council and the National Park to look at potential solutions to parking within Arrochar and along the A83 and were keen to work with the community and local businesses with this.

John Lewis, Males Tales, provided the Group with information around the background of Males Tales and their work supporting males with their mental health since the creation of the group in November 2019. Support is available through various different avenues, including group peer support, one-to-one peer support and a buddy system. Information was provided around a number of activities undertaken by the group, including the sponsorship of a local football team; the hosting of a Christmas day event to combat loneliness; the launch of a Males Tales website (<https://www.malestales.co.uk/>); early discussions with a submarine service charity around supporting veterans and submariners in the area; and seeking funding to ensure that the group remained sustainable. John confirmed that a Females Tales group would be launched in the summer, having recruited a number of female volunteers who were undergoing training. John advised that he ensured that he and all peer support workers went above and beyond the basic requirements for training.

### **Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands**

A number of partners were in attendance and provided updates to the Group – these included Scottish Fire and Rescue, Police Scotland, Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Scottish Ambulance Service and Transport Scotland. A number of written updates were also provided.

The Group considered a report on informal camping which had been requested and was seen as a key area of concern in the MAKI Area. The Group noted the work that is ongoing and that a report would be submitted to the MAKI Area Committee in March.

The Group considered the information which had been provided in terms of the Management Committee update and specifically the concerns over attendance at the Group meetings. A number of issues were discussed and it was agreed that a survey of members would be carried out to identify any barriers to attendance and

how what could be done to improve participation. This survey was issued on 22<sup>nd</sup> February and the results will be reported to the next meeting in May.

It was also noted that members could nominate a substitute to attend and this has been confirmed to all Group members by e-mail.

The Group also highlighted the importance of having youth engagement at the meetings and agreed that this should be forwarded to the Management Committee for further discussion.

### **Oban, Lorn and the Isles**

The Oban Lorn & the Isles Community Planning Group agreed to appoint Kevin Champion from Oban High School and Rachel Lawlor from North Argyll Youth Forum, as Chair and Vice Chair of the Group respectively for the next two year period.

Crossroads North Argyll reported that they had been successful in securing funding from Independent Age and The Community Recovery Fund to provide free respite for unpaid carers in Oban and Lorn and to develop a free respite pilot on the islands of Coll, Tiree and Mull.

North Argyll Carers Centre advised that since lockdown doorstep visits had ceased and that these had been replaced with telephone and Zoom calls. Carers have been offering extended networks of support including the creation of intergenerational groups with activities such as a Knitting Bee which had been nominated for an award. The roll out of vaccinations for paid for carers was underway and they were looking to secure more funding for alternative respite options for carers.

Hope Kitchen advised that the food bank is now serving 120 people, up from 20 pre-pandemic. They commended the great partnership working in developing the Caring for People care line and the Flexible Food Fund in combatting food insecurity coupled with welfare visits. Hope Kitchen have also developed an online mental health directory in conjunction with Mental Health Forum.

Living Well advised that the network of monthly Zoom meetings with the islands continues to be productive and helpful and they hope to continue with this format when lockdown restrictions are lifted.

Police Scotland advised that they were planning for a busy summer with an influx of visitors expected and they were recruiting officers to manage prisoners in Oban Custody Centre along with two summer secondments.

Lorn Healthy Options advised that their charity helps people with long term physical and mental health issues by offering a 12 week programme which combines one-to-one fitness sessions with self-management by helping people to manage their conditions and live life to the fullest and build links back into the community. They

advised that during the first six months of the pandemic they took over 2,000 calls and offered videoed personalised support. They are part funded by the HSCP as well as other third sector organisations and employ 5.5 full time equivalent staff and are currently promoting a fund raising campaign.

#### 4.1 Further Actions

It is requested that the Management Committee note the report and the successful meetings held in February 2021.

The Management Committee are asked to consider what measures can be taken to ensure youth engagement with the Groups in future as highlighted by the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group.

#### 5.0 Implications

Strategic Implications	Meetings of the Area Community Planning Group held in February covered various Outcomes.
Consultations	No prior circulation of this report.
Resources	No direct resource implications however consideration of the issues raised and following courses of action may have a knock on effect on finance and/or staff resource
Prevention	Contributes to the prevention agenda
Equalities	Contributes toward reducing inequalities

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**References:** n/a

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**Management Committee****Date: 10 March 2021**

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## **Gaelic Development in Argyll and Bute**

### **1.0 Purpose**

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

### **2.0 Recommendations**

2.1 CPP members are requested to:

- Support the promotion of Gaelic where possible
- Consider Gaelic as an option when looking at new and existing initiatives
- Connect interested parties with Gaelic Development Worker
- Have an awareness of the Argyll and Bute Gaelic Language Plan and where possible support the objectives
- Be aware of Colmcille 1500 celebrations which relates to initiatives linking Scotland and Ireland.

### **3.0 Background**

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

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

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

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

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

### **4.0 Detail / Main issues / Proposals (Please use your own appropriate heading and sub headings for this part)**

4.1 The remit of the Gaelic Development Worker is to:

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

#### 4.2 Gaelic Survey

Part of the role is to deliver on the Gaelic Gathering actions collected in 2019. These are wide and varied and more information was needed from the community to decide which to take forward. A survey ran between 14 January and 14 February and was aimed at all in Argyll and Bute whether they use Gaelic or not. The findings from the survey are being collated and will be fed back to the Gaelic Policy Lead and will help the council make the best use of its resource and identify which actions from the Argyll Gaelic Gathering are a priority for local communities. The respondents came from across Argyll and Bute.

#### 4.3 Diverse value of Gaelic

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

In Argyll and Bute there are currently 11 schools offering Gaelic Medium Education (GME) ranging from early years to Primary and High School provisions. Plus many schools offering Gaelic Language in the Primary School (GLPS).

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

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

#### 4.4 Relevance of Gaelic today

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

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

#### 4.5 Heritage of Argyll and Bute

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

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

#### 4.6 Argyll and Bute Gaelic Language Plan

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

- Using Gaelic
- Learning Gaelic
- Promoting Gaelic

### 5.0 Conclusions

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

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

The Gaelic development worker can be contacted on [cristie.moore@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:cristie.moore@argyll-bute.gov.uk).

### 6.0 Implications

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Strategic Implications	The report relates to all outcomes of the ABOIP
Consultations, Previous considerations	The Gaelic consultation was live between 14 January and 14 February. It was promoted via Argyll Gaelic Forum, through Council mailing lists, CPP bulletin. Results are

	currently being collated.
Resources	N/A
Prevention	N/A
Equalities	This report relates to the Gaelic Language Act 2005 which gives Gaelic language the same weighting as the English language.

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**Appendices**

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