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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

A meeting of the **HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held **BY MICROSOFT TEAMS** on **TUESDAY, 23 AUGUST 2022** at **10:00 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

### **BUSINESS**

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- (a) Meeting of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group held on Thursday 21 April 2022 (Pages 3 - 16)

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- (f) UHI Argyll (Pages 41 - 42)
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- (h) Opportunity for Verbal Updates

**5. COMMUNITY FOCUS**

- (a) Males Tales and Females Tales - Mental Health and Wellbeing Database

Presentation by John Lewis

[Helensburgh & Lomond Mental Health Directory \(hlwellbeing.com\)](http://hlwellbeing.com)

**6. CLIMATE CHANGE**

- (a) Report by Chair of Climate Change Working Group (Pages 45 - 48)

**7. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Report by Committee Manager  
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**8. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR OF HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND  
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**

Report by Committee Manager  
(Pages 57 - 58)

**9. REVIEW OF FUTURE MEETING ARRANGEMENTS**

Verbal Update by Committee Manager

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 8 November 2022 at 10:00am.

**Helensburgh and Lomond Community Planning Group**

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**MINUTES of MEETING of HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held  
by MICROSOFT TEAMS  
on THURSDAY, 21 APRIL 2022**

**Present:**

David Moore (Chair), Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
 Councillor Lorna Douglas  
 Stuart McLean, Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council  
 Inspector Alan Heron, Police Scotland  
 Theresa Bain, Argyll College UHI  
 Angela Anderson, Time for Change Argyll and Bute/Plastic Free Helensburgh  
 Janice Kennedy, Scottish Enterprise  
 Allan Comrie, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT)  
 Alasdair MacCuish, Helensburgh Gaelic Group  
 Paula Darbyshire, Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface  
 Sarah Davies, Fun First/Plastic Free Helensburgh/Helensburgh Community Council  
 Jen Broadhurst, Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau  
 Rhona Grant, Live Argyll – Community Learning Service  
 Christopher (Chris) Casey, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
 Robert (Bobby) Rennie, Royal Navy  
 Samantha Campbell, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership  
 Gill Simpson, Helensburgh Community Hub  
 Jayne Burnett, Visiting Friends  
 Duncan MacLachlan, Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust/Friends of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs  
 Sophia McArdle, Royal Navy Family and People Support  
 Andrew Galloway, Helensburgh Advertiser/BBC

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chair welcomed everyone and outlined the procedure for the meeting.

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of:

Councillor Iain Shonny Paterson;  
 Councillor Gemma Penfold;  
 Morevain Martin, Garelochhead Station Trust;  
 Susan MacRae, Skills Development Scotland;  
 Kirsty Moyes, Argyll and Bute Council;  
 PC Drew Omand, Ministry of Defence Police;  
 Rita Easterbrook, Department for Work and Pensions;  
 PC Laura Evans, Police Scotland;  
 Sephton MacQuire, Dunbritton Housing Association;  
 Fiona Baker, Destination Helensburgh/Rhu and Shandon Community Council;  
 John Lewis, Males Tales/Females Tales; and  
 Hannah Robinson, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. MEETING OF THE HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP HELD ON THURSDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2022**

**(a) Minutes**

The minutes of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group meeting held on Thursday, 10 February 2022 were approved as a correct record.

**(b) Actions Update**

The Chair provided an update on the status of the actions agreed at the previous meeting of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group. He highlighted that there would be a review of meeting arrangements later in 2022, where the Group would have a chance to provide their views on the ways that the meetings were run. He also provided details of ongoing work around youth participation, and encouraged partners to engage in the production of a Group directory of services.

**4. PARTNERS UPDATES**

**(a) Transport Scotland Update**

The Group considered a written update from Transport Scotland which provided information around scheduled trunk road projects including the installation of solar powered bollards at all minor road junctions between Balloch and Tarbet; the installation of bend warning signs and chevrons at Inveruglas; and scheduled resurfacing projects in the vicinity of Luss and between Tarbet and Crianlarich.

Angela Anderson requested that the Group be updated on the progress of the new road layout proposals between Tarbet and Inverarnan.

Duncan MacLachlan advised that previous overnight resurfacing works between Arrochar and Tarbet had worked very well, despite challenges due to a fractured water pipe.

**Decision**

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. noted that in the absence of a representative from Transport Scotland, any questions would be forwarded to them for a response following the meeting.

(Reference: Report by Neil MacFarlane, North West Area Manager, Transport Scotland, submitted)

**(b) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Update**

The Group considered a report highlighting the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's (SFRS) FQ4 review of local performance across Helensburgh and Lomond for the period 2021-22. The report included information around incidents during this period; recent community safety activity; and new smoke detector legislation.

Chris Casey highlighted that there had been no fire casualties during this quarter and confirmed that Home Fire Safety Visits were ongoing in the area, with smoke detection devices being fitted as required. He also noted the resumption of in-school engagement work, following the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions. He encouraged anyone who may be interested in attending a Teams presentation on fire risk awareness to get in touch with him, as it was a useful resource for those who may be in contact with at-risk individuals in the community.

Sarah Davies thanked SFRS for their quick response to the recent fire in a derelict building near Helensburgh Primary School. She enquired about the future plans for the building, and Stuart McLean agreed to get in touch with the relevant Council officer regarding this and feedback any response to the Group.

Following an enquiry from Alasdair MacCuish, Chris Casey agreed to look into the absence of data relating to Cardross in the report.

### **Decision**

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Chris Casey, Station Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, submitted)

### **(c) Police Scotland Update**

The Group considered an update from Inspector Alan Heron, Police Scotland, which highlighted information relating to the appointment of Chief Inspector Sam Glasgow as the new Local Area Commander; the return of Inspector Roderick MacNeill; the impact of Covid-19 infection rates on staffing levels; the positive impact of the appointments of a Youth Engagement Officer and Defence Community Police Officer; work being carried out to address incidents of youth disorder and anti-social behaviour, including the installation of CCTV in Hermitage Park; the progress of the operation of a fixed site speed camera in Cardross and signage in relation to this; partnership working on the National Park Visitor Management Plan to manage an increased number of visitors to the area during the tourist season; the work of the Counter Terrorism Liaison Officer; the changes arising as a result of the new Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2021 and the ways in which this legislation was being promoted; and continued work to reduce incidents of fraud.

Angela Anderson sought and received confirmation from Inspector Heron that attempted fraud should be reported to Police Scotland in the first instance.

Discussion took place around Operation Ballaton, a response plan for dealing with anti-social behaviour and other issues unique to the National Park. The Chair advised that he had been in attendance at these meetings, and had found them to be very positive and proactive.

Rhona Grant, Live Argyll – Community Learning Service, provided an update on behalf of Thomas Guy-Conroy on the progress of the partnership working to address youth anti-social behaviour issues which had been discussed at the previous

meeting of the Group. She confirmed that a meeting had taken place between relevant partners to discuss events and safe places for young people to attend. Rhona provided examples of potential events including a Thursday night disco, and a midnight football league. She noted that there were costs associated with hosting events such as these, consequently funding sources would have to be identified. She advised that the partners were currently focusing on engaging with young people to build relationships and identify their priorities.

Sarah Davies asked for Helensburgh Community Council to be included in future discussions around this. The Chair and Chris Casey advised that SFRS would also be very interested in assisting with a midnight football league, as this was a good way to engage with young people.

Sophie McArdle noted that, if the discos were to proceed, they would be looking for assistance from any partners who could provide information in relation to safe sex, drugs, alcohol, and internet safety.

### **Decision**

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Inspector Alan Heron, Police Scotland, submitted)

#### **(d) Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership - Public Health Update**

The Group considered a public health update from Samantha Campbell, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership. The update highlighted the launch of the new Community Link Worker service and the progress of the Argyll and Bute Living Well Strategy. Information was also provided in relation to a report by the NHS Highland Director of Public Health, which investigated and provided recommendations in relation to ways to improve mental health and reduce suicide rates across the NHS Highland area.

### **Decision**

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Jennifer Dryden, Health Improvement Lead, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership, submitted)

#### **(e) Live Argyll - Community Learning Service Update**

The Group considered an update from Rhona Grant, Live Argyll - Community Learning Service, which provided information relating to youth services, including the work of youth action groups; opportunities for young people to engage with the Give Holiday programmes; the development of Transition and School Leavers programmes; and the scheduled publishing of the new Youth Work Strategy. The update also included information relating to adult learning and highlighted the opening of new weekly learning hubs for adult learners across all areas; work to address the identified gap in adult literacy and numeracy support; the scheduled publishing of the new Adult Learning Strategy in May; and work to support new

Scots and existing refugee resettlement project on Bute.

Rhona confirmed that she would send out details for the newly recruited Adult Learning Worker for the area when they had started in post.

### **Decision**

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Rhona Grant, Team Leader – Community Learning Services, Live Argyll, submitted)

#### **(f) Strathclyde Partnership for Transport Update**

The Group considered an update from Allan Comrie, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT), which included details of their agreed capital programme for Argyll and Bute. The update also included a link to a recently published document which provided information about SPT's work in the Argyll and Bute area. Allan noted that there was an emphasis on active travel currently, and confirmed that feedback on any of SPTs work could be directed to him or to [enquiry@spt.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@spt.co.uk).

Discussion took place around local cyclepaths, particularly around the design of older cyclepaths not being in keeping with the design of modern cyclepaths, and it was noted that some of the local cyclepaths were part of the national cycle network administered and maintained by Sustrans. The importance of cyclepath maintenance was also highlighted.

Sarah Davies agreed to share a copy of a report which had been prepared in relation to transport facilities for the potential new golf club housing development. Allan advised that he would be interested in reading this, although any planning applications were likely to be subject to Council consideration.

Duncan MacLachlan enquired about public transport provision for rural communities to access the new swimming pool in Helensburgh. Allan encouraged Duncan to raise this with local Councillors, as they could then raise this at the appropriate SPT Committee.

### **Decision**

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Allan Comrie, Senior Transport Planner, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, submitted)

#### **(g) Department for Work and Pensions Update**

The Group considered an update from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), which included statistical information on clients receiving Universal Credit and other benefits across the Argyll and Bute area, as well as information on various initiatives that the DWP were involved in.

The update highlighted progress with the Way to Work initiative to assist people in returning to work; support available to assist with increases in energy bills, the cost of living and childcare costs; changes to the amount of time that a claimant is able to seek work only within their preferred sector; changes to the rules for those with a terminal illness; a campaign to encourage those on tax credits to investigate the possibility of transferring to Universal Credit; the roll out of the new Adult Disability Payment (ADP); support available for those fleeing Ukraine; and new guidance available from the Money and Pensions Service.

### **Decision**

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group:

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. noted that in the absence of a representative from the Department for Work and Pensions, any questions would be forwarded to them for a response following the meeting.

(Reference: Report by Elizabeth MacBrayne, Employer & Partnership Manager, Department for Work and Pensions, submitted)

#### **(h) Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau Update**

The Group considered an update from Jen Broadhurst, Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). The update highlighted an increased number of queries to the service, with a particular rise in queries relating to debt, specifically energy debt. It was noted that this had resulted in additional funding being obtained for the employment of a part-time energy debt specialist to increase the debt support provided.

The update also included information relating to an increase in clients seeking support to avoid eviction following the confirmed resumption of face-to-face sessions by Her Majesty's Court & Tribunals Service; an increase in complex client issues and clients suffering from mental health concerns; attempts to seek funding to assist vulnerable clients; the commencement of the Spring 2022 Adviser Training Programme; an ongoing consultation exercise to review the work of the CAB; and research which had been carried out in relation to the private housing market across Argyll and Bute.

### **Decision**

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Jen Broadhurst, Bureau Manager, Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau, submitted)

#### **(i) Helensburgh Community Council Update**

The Group considered an update from Sarah Davies, Helensburgh Community Council, which provided an overview of the Community Council's activities. The update provided information on their response to the recent golf club housing



development proposals; participation in beach cleans; work to tidy shrub beds and pick up litter in Colquhoun Square; the response to the Empowering our Educations consultation; the need to ensure that lottery money allocated to Hermitage Park was spent in appropriate areas following the disbandment of the Friends of Hermitage Park; discussions with the Council around continued issues with infrastructure maintenance; continued work with Plastic Free Helensburgh on a litter bin survey and the designation of Helensburgh as one of nine Plastic Free Communities in Scotland.

Sarah highlighted the success of the recent Vision for Helensburgh public consultation event, and advised that there was now a focus on taking forward the identified priorities. She also provided information about discussions on the progress of the Helensburgh Waterfront Development; the work of the Tree Conservation Trust around the area; and the placement of a new bench at the start of the John Muir hiking trail.

She advised that the Community Council had also unanimously supported the introduction of 20mph speed limit in Helensburgh, and had written to the Council about this.

### **Decision**

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Sarah Davies, Helensburgh Community Council, submitted)

### **(j) Fun First Update**

The Group considered an update from Sarah Davies, Fun First, which provided information in relation to Fun First's scheduled sessions and activities; new sessions in Rosneath; new Toddler and Parent Yoga and Baby Massage classes; a successful Easter celebration event; their successful Supporting Communities Fund, Arnold Clark Community Fund and Health and Wellbeing Fund applications; planned future activities; and the ways in which anyone interested could access information about Fun First.

Sarah particularly highlighted Fun First's nomination for Military Charity of the Year at the Celebrating Forces Families Awards 2022, advising that they were very proud as a largely volunteer-led charity to have been nominated for a national award. The Chair congratulated Fun First on behalf of the Group on their nomination and wished them the best of luck for the award ceremony.

Sarah encouraged anyone who may know of families requiring support to signpost them to Fun First. She also encouraged attendance at the upcoming Sustainable Parenting Event at Helensburgh Community Hub.

### **Decision**

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Sarah Davies, Fun First, submitted)

**(k) Time for Change Argyll and Bute Update**

The Group considered an update from Angela Anderson, Time for Change Argyll and Bute, which provided information in relation to the organisation's recent interactions with MSPs and the Scottish Government. The update also included details of a recent report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; the impact of the war in Ukraine on food and energy sources; various consultation responses; engagement with the Council; efforts to improve voter turnout in advance of the upcoming local government elections; the progress of Carbon Literacy training; monitoring of local planning applications and regulations; and information around the different communication channels used by Time for Change Argyll and Bute.

Angela highlighted the complexities of co-ordinating a Regional Climate Action Hub in an area like Argyll and Bute with extremely complex geography, and noted that discussions around this were ongoing.

**Decision**

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Angela Anderson, Time for Change Argyll and Bute, submitted)

**(l) Plastic Free Helensburgh Update**

The Group considered an update from Angela Anderson, Plastic Free Helensburgh (PFH), which confirmed that Helensburgh was now an accredited 'Plastic Free Town' and provided background information on how this had been achieved. The update also included information around the organisation's recent meetings; work to improve litter bin provision; work with local takeaway providers to reduce waste; the installation of a litter picking station and water fill up station; and information in relation to consultation and planning responses.

The update also included information in relation to a number of scheduled future events, including regular beach cleans with partners encouraged to sign up to the Big Plastic Count event.

Angela highlighted the impact of the landfill tax in instances where a lot of litter was collected, and noted that lobbying was ongoing around this. She also encouraged partners to get in touch with PFH if they were aware of any instances where sewerage was still being directed onto the shore, as they were assisting partners in efforts to reduce this and improve water quality.

Sarah Davies advised that good partnership working was taking place with Scottish Water and SEPA, noting that a representative had recently been in contact with PFH in relation to top up taps.

**Decision**

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Angela Anderson, Plastic Free Helensburgh, submitted)

(m) **Males Tales/Females Tales Update**

The Group considered a written update from John Lewis, Males Tales/Females Tales, which provided details of the upcoming Wellbeing and Community Day on 14 May in the Drumfork Community Centre. The update also included details of partnership working with Helensburgh Community Hub on a Menopause Café; the recruitment of volunteers to run peer support groups; and the production of a Helensburgh and Lomond Wellbeing Directory.

**Decision**

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group:

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. noted that in the absence of a representative from Males Tales/Females Tales, any questions would be forwarded to them for a response following the meeting.

(Reference: Report by John Lewis, Males Tales/Females Tales, submitted)

(n) **Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Update**

The Group considered an update from Hannah Robinson, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park (LLTNP), which provided details of the Mission Zero and Visitor Management papers which had been considered at a recent board meeting.

**Decision**

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group:

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. noted that in the absence of a representative from LLTNP, any questions would be forwarded to them for a response following the meeting.

(Reference: Report by Hannah Robinson, Sustainable Development Adviser, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park, submitted)

(o) **Skills Development Scotland Update**

The Group considered an update from Skills Development Scotland (SDS) which included school leaver statistics for the 2020-21 period. The update also included a link to the Annual Participation Measures and information relating to current trends.

**Decision**

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group:

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. noted that in the absence of a representative from SDS, any questions would be forwarded to them for a response following the meeting.

(Reference: Presentation by Susan MacRae, Area Manager, Skills Development Scotland, submitted)

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

Gill Simpson, Helensburgh Community Hub

Gill Simpson confirmed that she would provide an update from Helensburgh Community Hub for circulation to the Group following the meeting.

Jayne Burnett, Visiting Friends

Jayne Burnett advised that Visiting Friends continued to offer a one-to-one befriending service, and had also provided opportunities for people to attend joint events. She provided examples of a recent joint event with Grey Matters Active Aging, and an upcoming 'Bake Off' style event with Jean's Bothy.

Jayne advised that many people were keen to attend joint events, but were still more comfortable attending smaller events. She provided information around the ongoing work to encourage members to address the barriers to people being comfortable in public spaces following the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions, and noted that the organisation had been helping people with transport and general support.

Jayne advised that Visiting Friends were happy to get referrals for new members, and were continually looking for volunteers. She noted that Visiting Friends had 35 matches at the moment.

Rhona Grant asked about the age range of people for Visiting Friends services, and Jayne confirmed that all adults were welcome, although the largest proportion of the client base were elderly people. Jayne agreed to provide details of Visiting Friend's website and leaflets to Rhona to be shared through the Live Argyll Community Learning Service network. The Chair advised that any electronic copies of leaflets could also be shared via the Group's Basecamp site.

Alasdair MacCuish, Helensburgh Gaelic Group

Alasdair advised that the work of the group was continuing, with the next session starting on 26 April.

Duncan MacLachlan, Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust/Friends of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs

Duncan MacLachlan advised that the Friends of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs had been successful in securing alternative funding for the Two Lochs project, to ensure the provision of temporary toilet facilities and wardens. He advised that this

funding was not at the same level as it had been previously, but would still ensure that some provision could be put in place. He thanked Argyll and Bute Council; Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park; Luss Estates Company; the Hannah Stirling Loch Lomond Fund; and the local Just Giving Business Support Scheme for their support. He advised that the Friends would also be applying to NatureScot's Green Recovery Fund to support an additional interface for visitors.

Duncan confirmed that the layby litter scheme on Loch Lomondside would be continuing, and it was hoped that this would be as successful as it had been in the previous year. Sarah Davies advised that they were following a similar model in Helensburgh, and this was a good example of partnership working. Duncan confirmed that the layby litter scheme had been a collective operation, with lots of good examples of partnership working.

Duncan also confirmed that the Windows on the Loch project would continue when wardens and volunteers were available.

## **5. COMMUNITY FOCUS**

### **(a) Partnership Approach to Water Safety**

The Group considered a presentation by Chris Casey, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. The presentation provided an overview of the multi-agency approach to water safety which included raising water safety awareness; delivering preventative measures; identifying and addressing water safety risks in the area; and reviewing incidents and making interventions to prevent the reoccurrence of similar events.

The presentation also provided information in relation to water fatalities statistics; an overview of Scotland's Drowning Prevention Strategy; the aims of the Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) group; the actions arising from the work of the PAWS group; and the requirements of the partners involved in the PAWS group.

Allan Comrie noted that the new water safety signs in Balloch were very prominent and well located. Angela Anderson offered PFH's support to the PAWS group, as they were in regular contact with water users through their efforts to clean beaches and improve water quality.

It was agreed that a representative from the PAWS group would contact Police Scotland's Youth Engagement Officer to progress joint engagement with schools.

The Chair advised that any community groups who were interested in finding out more about the work of the PAWS group could contact Chris Casey. He also noted that arrangements would be made to distribute leaflets and information in advance of the Summer holidays.

Rhona Grant advised that she would ask Thomas Guy-Conroy to make contact with Chris Casey to share this information through the Live Argyll Community Learning Service network and the Active Schools programme.

### **Decision**

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and

noted the information provided.

(Reference: Presentation by Christopher Casey, Station Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, submitted)

## **6. CLIMATE CHANGE**

### **(a) Minutes of the Climate Change Working Group meeting held on Thursday, 17 February 2022**

The minutes of a recent meeting of the Climate Change Working Group, held on 17 February 2022, were before the Group for noting and relevant discussion.

Angela Anderson, as the Group's representative on the Climate Change Working Group, provided additional information in relation to the work of the Working Group in building up a platform to disseminate information across the area, and developing an action plan for the required mitigations and adaptations to address the climate change emergency. She noted that the Working Group meet on a monthly basis and the next meeting was taking place on 22 April 2022. She encouraged anyone who may wish to raise something with the Working Group to get in touch with her.

#### **Decision**

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group:

1. considered and noted the minutes of the Climate Change Working Group meeting held on 17 February 2022; and
2. considered and noted the additional information provided by the Group's Climate Change Working Group representative.

(Reference: Minute of the Climate Change Working Group, held on 17 February 2022, submitted)

## **7. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Group considered a briefing note which provided information around matters discussed during a virtual meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee, held on 16 March 2022.

Stuart McLean particularly highlighted the attendance of the new Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament (MSYPs); an update provided in relation to the Child Poverty Working Group; an update from Lorna Byrne in relation to applications to the Scottish Welfare Fund; the work of the Digital Communities Group; and an update provided by Fergus Murray in relation to the Strategic Transportation Projects Review 2 (STPR 2).

The Chair advised that MSYP Ryan MacIntyre had discussed an initiative to recycle electronic devices at the meeting, and he was keen to clarify further details of this initiative to ensure that it could be promoted within relevant organisations. Stuart McLean agreed to seek clarification around this initiative from MSYP MacIntyre following the meeting, and advised that he would feedback any further information to the Group.

**Decision**

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the briefing note.

(Reference: Report by Shona Barton, Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council, dated 21 April 2022, submitted)

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Chair thanked everyone in attendance at the meeting, and thanked all partners for their continued proactive work in the community.

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group would take place on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022 at 10am.

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# **Helensburgh and Lomond CPG Briefing Report**

## **Q1 2022/23**

## **Performance & Activity Report**

<b>From:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2022</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>
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## Introduction

Welcome to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Community Board Performance Report. This performance report is designed to provide citizens, stakeholders and partners with information relating to Community Board based activity undertaken by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Whilst using historic statistical benchmarking data, consideration must be taken of the somewhat random nature of fire related incidents and events, and how this can pose difficulties in interpreting emerging patterns and trends. This is of specific relevance where Community Board level data is analysed due to the relatively small number of actual incidents/events that occur in Community Board areas.

However, regardless of statistical anomalies, emerging patterns and trends in fire related incidents and events can assist the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Community Planning Partners plan and implement preventative intervention initiatives to target reducing fire related incidents and events.

## Local Firefighter Training Plan

Below is a list of subjects the operational crews have been focusing on within this period. Each subject has been covered both practically and theoretically and recorded in the Fire Service Training recording system.

	April	May	June
Training Subjects	BA & CFBT	RTC & Extrication	Hazmat
	Tac-Vent	Casualty Care	Refuse & Wildfire

## Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

Ward	3 Year Average	2021/22	2022/23
Helensburgh & Lomond South	1	1	1
Helensburgh Central	4	4	4
Lomond North	0.3	0	1
<b>Community Board Total</b>	5	5	6

## ADF Casualties

Ward	3 Year Average	2021/22	2022/23
Helensburgh & Lomond South	0	0	0
Helensburgh Central	0.6	2	0
Lomond North	0	0	0
<b>Community Board Total</b>	0.6	2	0

## Deliberate Secondary Fire Setting

Ward	3 Year Average	2021/22	2022/23
Helensburgh & Lomond South	7.6	9	8
Helensburgh Central	7	10	6
Lomond North	9	12	6
<b>Community Board Total</b>	23.6	31	20

## Fires in Non-Domestic Property

Ward	3 Year Average	2021/22	2022/23
Helensburgh & Lomond South	0	0	0
Helensburgh Central	1.3	2	1
Lomond North	0	0	0
<b>Community Board Total</b>	1.3	2	1

## Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies

Ward	3 Year Average	2021/22	2022/23
Helensburgh & Lomond South	0	0	0
Helensburgh Central	2	4	1
Lomond North	1.3	1	2
<b>Community Board Total</b>	3.3	5	3

## Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

Ward	3 Year Average	2021/22	2022/23
Helensburgh & Lomond South	5.6	6	5
Helensburgh Central	12	16	15
Lomond North	7.3	7	9
<b>Community Board Total</b>	25	29	29

## Incidents/Activities of Note

### Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

We are continually working with partners and targeting our top offenders which are Education including Infant/Primary/Secondary Schools, and Residential/Care Homes.

A new UFAS Policy is currently being devised by SFRS with an aim at reducing UFAS Incidents further. Regrettably there is no timescale identified for completion of this

### Road & Water Safety campaigns

We have also identified the need for further Road safety awareness, not only to residents, but also those visiting the area with partnership working alongside Police Scotland and Argyll & Bute Council.

Our Community Advocates and operation crews have been assisting the PAWS group in delivering Water safety advice and training

### Community Engagement Activities

- Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR)
- Fire, Water & Road Safety Talks –Presentations into schools with practical demonstrations and interactive scenario floorboards.
- Continue to deliver Fire Safety advice via telephone and provision of smoke detection where none is fitted. HFSV's are carried out where there is a threat of fire from criminal activity.
- Represented on the MARAC for those affected by domestic Violence.
- Continue to support "Make the Call" Campaign and "On Call" recruitment drive for retained and volunteer stations.
- Support and assist Police Scotland with Call blockers training and fitting of units.
- Supporting PAWS group and engaging with the public, #RESPECTTHEWATER campaign.
- Online training for partners with risk awareness within the training via MS Teams.
- Engaging with communities for Summer TAP safety advice.

### Home Fire Safety

As part of our commitment to building a safer Scotland we offer everyone in Scotland a free home fire safety visit. We'll help you sort out a fire escape plan and provide information about smoke, heat and carbon monoxide alarms.

**For a Free Home Fire Safety Visit, please:**

- call [0800 0731 999](tel:0800 0731 999)
- text "FIRE" to 80800 from your mobile phone.

**Twitter link:** <https://twitter.com/abewdhq>



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Keeping people safe

**POILEAS ALBA****Argyll and Bute****Helensburgh and Lomond - Area Community Planning Group  
Partner Update – Police Scotland****Resourcing**

4 new Probationers have arrived at Helensburgh from the Scottish Police College.

Work is ongoing to review capacity for targeting local problems with a small team of dedicated officers. Action plans have been drawn up to tackle anti-social behaviour, drug misuse and violence in hot spot areas and increased hi visibility patrols in these areas is hoped will increase public confidence and build relationships with local communities.

Together with colleagues across Argyll work is being undertaken to recruit staff into the remote areas of the division (Inc. Rothesay) and a working group currently exists around recruitment and retention.

**Ongoing Work of Note**

During this quarter we have concentrated efforts on positive role models for children and young people. Working with our partners at Live Argyll, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Ministry of Defence Police and Royal Navy Police we have been delivering football sessions every Friday night throughout the summer holidays to young persons aged between 12 and 17 years old. We have consistently had between 40 and 70 attendees, both boys and girls, and have used this as an opportunity to build positive relationships with the young people whilst enhancing awareness of the positive impact that they can have on our communities with the overall aim to reduce crime and the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.

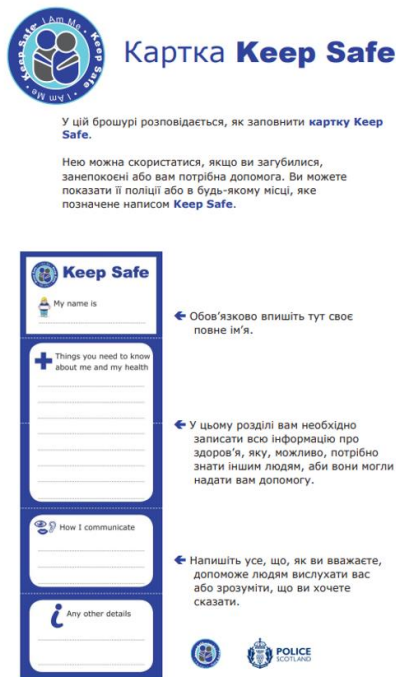
Police Scotland, Royal Navy Police and Ministry of Defence Police have established joint patrols of Helensburgh Town Centre on weekends to promote the safety and wellbeing of members of the public and prevent criminality taking place or escalating. The patrols are also being utilised to work with licensed premises, including staff and managers promoting the responsible sale of alcohol. The overall objective is to adopt a collaborative approach to provide a safe recreational environment, maximising public safety and reduce anti-social behaviour and disorder.

We are working closely with the Drug and alcohol Partnership to look at ways to better support families affected by Drugs Deaths in the Community. We are meeting with our partners from NHS and We are With You to establish how Police Scotland can play an effective role locally in prevention and support and are scheduled to attend a number of local groups to establish greater working relationships and actively try and reduce the stigma of addiction.

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**Keep Safe – Ukrainian Support**

Updates have been provided previously around the Keep Safe initiative, which operates throughout Scotland with Argyll and Bute having over 50 Keep Safe Places throughout its communities. Keep Safe was designed with disable people however it can be used by anyone who feels lost, scared or vulnerable when out in the community. Ukrainian translated Keep Safe materials have been shared with all Keep Safe places and key contacts through the Violence Against Women and Girls Partnership to enable people from Ukraine to be aware and be able to access Keep Safe places if they feel vulnerable when in our communities.



**Картка Keep Safe**

У цій брошурі розповідається, як заповнити картку Keep Safe.

Нею можна скористатися, якщо ви загубилися, занепокоєні або вам потрібна допомога. Ви можете показати її поліції або в будь-якому місці, яке позначене написом **Keep Safe**.

**Keep Safe**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

← Обов'язково впишіть тут своє повне ім'я.


Things you need to know about me and my health

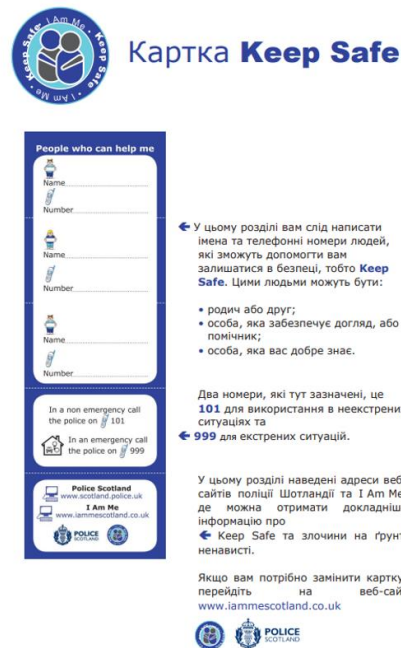
← У цьому розділі вам необхідно записати всю інформацію про здоров'я, яку, можливо, потрібно знати іншим людям, аби вони могли надати вам допомогу.

How I communicate

← Напишіть усе, що, як ви вважаєте, допоможе людям вислухати вас або зрозуміти, що ви хочете сказати.

Any other details





**Картка Keep Safe**

**People who can help me**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Number \_\_\_\_\_

← У цьому розділі вам слід написати імена та телефонні номери людей, які зможуть допомогти вам залишатися в безпеці, тобто **Keep Safe**. Цими людьми можуть бути:

- родич або друг;
- особа, яка забезпечує догляд, або помічник;
- особа, яка вас добре знає.

Two numbers, which are specified here, are **101** for use in non-emergency situations and **999** for emergency situations.

In a non emergency call the police on **101**

In an emergency call the police on **999**


**Police Scotland**  
www.scotland.police.uk

**I Am Me**  
www.iammescotland.co.uk

← У цьому розділі наведені адреси веб-сайтів поліції Шотландії та I Am Me, де можна отримати докладнішу інформацію про **Keep Safe** та злочини на ґрунті ненависті.

← **Keep Safe** та злочини на ґрунті ненависті.

Якщо вам потрібно замінити картку, перейдіть на веб-сайт [www.iammescotland.co.uk](http://www.iammescotland.co.uk)



**Doorstep Crime Guidance**

A newly established partnership agreement between Police Scotland, Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) and Argyll and Bute Council Trading Standards provides a more robust process for reporting and identifying those who carry out doorstep crimes such as fraud and consumer protection offences. When Police Scotland and Argyll and Bute Council Trading Standards are contacted by the public and notified of an incident where criminals have purported to carry out works such as driveway and roofing repairs, professional trade's people from ACHA will now attend and provide an independent assessment of the work carried out.





This will provide Police Scotland and Argyll and Bute Council Trading Standards a clearer ability to determine if any crime has taken place and if so what charges are relevant.

### **Road Safety**

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022, officers from the Roads Policing Unit and Community Engagement Team held a Facebook Live Q&A in relation to motorcycle safety as Bute and Cowal are popular areas not only for resident motorcyclists but also visitors to the area, particularly in summer. This was the first Facebook Q&A live session held in this manner with 21 comments of engagement which was well received.

### **Youth Engagement**

In response to increasing demand for positive engagement with children and young people across Cowal, Bute and Helensburgh, an additional Youth Engagement Officer post has been created to service Bute and Rothesay to supplement PC Mark Toner who will now be based solely in Helensburgh. This additional capacity will allow us focus on re-establishing previously successful Police Scotland Youth Volunteer Groups and to work more closely with Care Experienced Young people to deliver on our responsibilities as a corporate parent. We are looking at opportunities to learn from Glasgow's implementation of the 'Respect' Programme and options to utilise our Youth Engagement Officers to deliver against the outcomes and provide support and reduce harms for Care Experienced Young People.

### **Suicide Prevention**

We are delighted that the Friendship Bench has now been installed in Kilcreggan in conjunction with the Community Council. The Friendship Benches have been

provided through funding and partnership work with Cove and Kilcreggan Community Council, Argyll and Bute Council, Dunoon Mens Shed, the Corra Foundation and Bute Sign and Graphics and provide a place for people to sit and enjoy their area, but also support numbers on the sign provided on the bench for Samaritans, Breathing Space and Shout and we would encourage people to ask anyone sitting there “are you ok” as a way to reduce isolation and loneliness often leading to poor mental health.

### Road Safety

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022, the Drive Scot Free Event will be held at Dunoon Grammar School. This includes a number of assessors from the Institute of Advanced Motorists attending to offer free driving inputs including driving licence legislation, eye sight tests, manoeuvrability sessions as well as an assessment drive. Local support for this has been appreciated with Morrison’s, Shearwater Marine Services, Western Ferries and Argyll and Bute Council providing donations to enable the event to run. The event has been promoted on Social Media, Dunoon Observer as well as a number of posters and leaflets delivered to petrol stations, cafes, opticians and GP practices. The event is open for everyone.

**Drive Scot FREE Event**

Dunoon Grammar School  
Sunday 7th August 2022  
10.30am til 3.30pm

- Aimed at all drivers and motorcycle riders
- Updates on road traffic legislation
- FREE Assessment ride/drive with an Institute of Advanced Motorists assessor
- Manoeuvrability session
- Increase your confidence and gain valuable advice

Logos: IAM RoadSmart, SHEARWATER SMS MARINE SERVICES LTD, POLICE SCOTLAND POILEAS ALBA, Morrison's Since 1899, westernferries, Argyll and Bute COUNCIL

The aim will be to recreate this event in the Helensburgh area next year and planning will start for this at the end of this month and if any partners would like to be involved please let us know.

### Your Police Survey

Police Scotland has continued to meet the needs of our communities during a demanding and difficult period for the people of Scotland. Understanding the views and priorities of Scotland's diverse communities is fundamental to how Police Scotland responds to the needs of the public. Our public engagement activities help us improve how we deliver our policing services in local communities,

ensuring they are accessible for everyone. This survey will help us improve how we deliver policing services in your area.

Our Annual Police Plan sets out what we will do to keep our communities safe. It has been developed using your responses to last year's survey – along with focus groups, workshops and other ways we listen to you. The survey is designed to be completed online – you can visit [\*\*consult.scotland.police.uk\*\*](https://consult.scotland.police.uk)

**What happens with what you tell us?**

It is vital that we listen, understand, and take action using your views and experiences. Our Annual Police Plan 2022/23 sets out what we will do to keep our communities safe and this has been developed using your responses to last year's survey, along with focus groups, workshops and other ways we listen to communities.

**Complete the survey in a different way**

A British Sign Language version of this survey is available at <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/bsl-version-your-police-2022-2023>. You may find this version easier if you use BSL to communicate. Please let us know if you want to complete the survey in a different way (for example, over the phone): [InsightEngagement@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:InsightEngagement@scotland.pnn.police.uk).

Your response is anonymous and you will not be identified through the information you provide unless you choose to identify yourself in your responses.

If you are a young person aged 12-25, there is more information about how to claim your 150 Rewards points shown after you submit your response. Not a Member yet? Go to [young.scot](https://young.scot) to sign up.





## Argyll & Bute Citizens Advice Bureau Community Planning Update August 2022



The Bureau has been extremely busy over the last few months seeing an unprecedented rise in requests for advice and support from clients across all areas of Argyll & Bute.

We celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in May at a small event for staff, volunteers and invited guests, where we recognised the contribution the Bureau has made over those 20 years to the 93,000 clients and increasing the local economy by approx. £12 million. This year is already demonstrating a similar benefit with us securing £1.1 million in client financial gain for around 1100 clients.

The costs of living crisis has pushed our energy enquiries up by 89% between September and July compared to the same period the previous year. And the bureau has been working very hard to reduce waiting times which are currently sitting at approximately 6 weeks for non-urgent cases. Our case numbers overall have increased by 31%.

We have relocated in Helensburgh to the Helensburgh Community Hub 116 East Princes Street, Helensburgh G84 7DQ and are looking forward to better partner collaborations with other organisations located in the Hub.

Our Volunteer Adviser training Programme recommences in September, more information is on our website [www.abcab.org.uk](http://www.abcab.org.uk) and application packs are available for interested trainees from [info@abcab.org.uk](mailto:info@abcab.org.uk)

We have been attending local events, highland games and local shows over the last few months and engaged with the council's welcome Ukrainian Refugee events in Dunoon and Oban recently. If partners are aware of local events that they think would benefit with the attendance of our selves they are asked to let us know by emailing [info@abcab.org.uk](mailto:info@abcab.org.uk)

The Bureau will hold our A.G.M on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov and invite partners to join the Bureau as a member to help shape the strategic direction and future work of the Bureau. (an application is attached)



# Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Under the Memorandum and Articles of the Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau you are required to become a member in order to be able to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

I, NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (Block capitals)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ (Block capitals)

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Post code \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

wish to be registered as a member of Argyll & Bute Citizens Advice Bureau, a Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a share capital, under the following category.

(Please tick appropriate box below)



A) "LOCAL RESIDENT MEMBER" - open to any individual (aged 16 or over) who resides in the Operating Area of Argyll & Bute.

B) "LOCAL GROUP MEMBER" - open to any individual who is nominated for membership by a voluntary, statutory or other organisation or body operating within the Operating Area or by a department of a statutory organisation or other body operating within the Operating Area.

C) "VOLUNTEER WORKER MEMBER" - open to any individual who is a member of the volunteer staff of the bureau

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## Argyll & Bute Community Planning Partnership

### Area Meetings

Date: August 2022



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### Partner update – Public Health

The Argyll and Bute HSCP Public Health team is pleased to provide an update on three areas of work: Money Counts Training, Smoke Free Hospital Ground's Legislation and Scotland's Suicide Prevention Strategy Consultation.

#### **Money Counts Level 1 Training Course**

**The Money Counts Level 1 Training** is short information awareness sessions, delivered in partnership with Young Carers and Child Poverty at Argyll and Bute HSCP (Health and Social Care Partnership) and the Argyll and Bute Health Improvement Team.

The Course Aim

- Increase understanding of poverty and its impact
- Increase confidence to ask about money worries
- Increase knowledge of support services for money matters

Six courses have been delivered online with a total of 21 attendees from a variety of the HSCP and 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations throughout Argyll and Bute. Attendees reported an increase in confidence in ability to talk with someone about money issues after the session.

**For more information contact:**

Heather.McAdam@nhs.scot

#### **Smoke Free Hospital Ground's Legislation**

The current NHS Highland Policy prohibits smoking on hospital grounds ([https://www.nhshwellbeingatwork.scot.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/NHS\\_Highland-Smoke\\_Free\\_Policy.pdf](https://www.nhshwellbeingatwork.scot.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/NHS_Highland-Smoke_Free_Policy.pdf)). The Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Act 2016 added new legislation to The Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005<sup>[3]</sup> to strengthen adherence to NHS Board policies.

The 2005 Act made it an offence to smoke in wholly or substantially enclosed public spaces, which included smoking inside a hospital building. The additional legislation creates new offences; permitting others to smoke in the no-smoking area outside hospital buildings and smoking in this no-smoking area. The no-smoking area outside a hospital building is specified as 15 meters from the entrance.

The main aims of introducing a formalised no-smoking area around hospital buildings are to:

- support the de-normalisation of smoking;
- help reduce the use of tobacco across the population;
- prevent or reduce exposure to second-hand smoke; and
- ensure the NHS in Scotland is exemplar in the promotion of good public health.

All hospitals will display signage to raise awareness of the legislation which will come into effect on the **5<sup>th</sup> of September 2022**.

Anyone who has quit smoking or tried to quit knows how hard it can be. The Argyll and Bute Smoke-Free Service is here to help with network of trained Smoke-Free Advisers who can provide FREE advice and support to anyone who is thinking about stopping smoking.

There is a range of specialist support options to suit everyone who is motivated to quit or cut down which includes;

- Specialist Advisers
- Regular support, tailored to your needs
- Ongoing help throughout the process of quitting
- Quit Smoking Medication
- Cut down to quit plan
- Working with Community Pharmacists
- Go Smoke Free at home and in your car

This link will take you to a referral page where your details will be passed to your local adviser: [Contact Us | Smoke Free Highland \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#) or you can contact the Stop Smoking Adviser for your area directly. Their contact details are below:

**Bute:**

Mandy Allison  
Tel.01700501521

**Cowal:**

Kate Paton Tel.01369708349 or  
Kathy Graham Tel.07972678923

**Helensburgh and Lomond:**

Sherry Burns Tel. 07795612590

**Kintyre:**

Caroline Glen  
Tel. 07812485058

**Mid Argyll, Carradale and Muasdale:**

Jill Denton Tel.07707868351

**Oban, Lorn and Islands:**

Sherry Burns Tel: 07795612590

**For more information contact:**

[Lynn.Garrett3@nhs.scot](mailto:Lynn.Garrett3@nhs.scot)

**Scotland's Suicide Prevention Strategy Consultation**

The Scottish Government and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) will publish a new Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan for Scotland, in September 2022.

This strategy will be long term, outcomes focused and will replace the Suicide Prevention Action Plan which was published in 2018 which is currently delivered through the National Suicide Prevention Leadership Group (NSPLG).

The Scottish Government are seeking views on the draft Strategy and Action Plan with the consultation open until midnight on Sunday 21 August 2022. The consultation is hosted via Citizen Space, the Scottish Government's online consultation platform. You can access the consultation using this link: <https://consult.gov.scot/mental-health-unit/suicide-prevention-strategy-for-scotland>

You may also wish to read the consultation document which contains the same questions as the online version but provides the option to respond 'offline'. This document can be accessed using this link: <https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781804357040>

If you have any questions, you can contact the Strategy development team directly by emailing: [contact@suicidepreventionengagement.scot](mailto:contact@suicidepreventionengagement.scot)

Following the launch of the new National Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan in September, Argyll and Bute Suicide Prevention Strategic Group aims to develop a new Argyll and Bute specific Suicide Prevention Action Plan with the input of the wider Argyll and Bute community. The Argyll and Bute Suicide Prevention Strategic Group is also working to ensure that the membership of the steering group has representation from professionals, groups and organisations supporting those who face higher risk factors and are from higher risk groups for suicide.

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## Helensburgh Community Council

### Annual Report 2021-2022

#### Vale

I start this report by paying tribute to two community councillors whose recent untimely deaths came as a sudden shock and robbed the Community Council of their sound advice and public service experience.

John Tacchi contributed greatly to public life in Argyll & Bute over decades, firstly as an Argyll & Bute councillor and subsequently as a Helensburgh Community Councillor. He was completely involved in community life across a range of interests. He was chairman of the Horticultural Society and a particularly enthusiastic supporter of our rugby club.

Roger Ferdinand died in a swimming accident in Greece. He was a prominent figure in the retail sector of the town and a forthright member of the Chamber of Commerce. He extended his talents and abilities by becoming a Community Councillor for the past four years as our Secretary.

Both men shared a deep affection for the town and had a strong sense of community spirit to make the town a better place. Both embodied the ethos of the volunteer spirit which is a strong component of community life in the town. The actions of volunteers and volunteer groups are instrumental in keeping the town from the borders of decay. These cover a range of diverse activities from community groups and hubs, woodland groups, tree conservation, shrub beds maintenance, and beach cleans.

#### Annual Review

With the assistance of ZOOM, the HCC succeeded in functioning during the epidemic and its subsequent aftermath. We will continue with our ZOOM experiment, since it allows members of the HCC and the community wider access to meetings. As a result, we were able to pretty well carry out our normal functions and also, we managed to pursue various initiatives on behalf of the community. Our series of webinars via ZOOM, orchestrated by Tariq Durrani and covering a wide field of topics continued to be a success and also engaged the community. We also finally brought to realisation an exhibition titled; 'Visions for Helensburgh' which had been delayed by the COVID epidemic.

**Visions for Helensburgh.** Norman McNally and his team brought together a greatly appreciated display inclusive of most of the community organisations and groups within the town. There was widespread interest and appreciation from the community and the

exhibition was deemed as success. The themes discussed included the environment, new development, health and well-being, the Navy and community assets. The community gave us clear indications of their views and expectations which formed the basis of the statistical analysis of the event. It presented a comprehensive picture of community priorities and expectations. The subject of a waterfront strategy attracted significant interest, ranging from Craigendoran through to Kidston Point. But the rejuvenation of the pier to become usable again and the 'grey area' of phase 2 of the waterfront development were the subjects of most debate at the exhibition.

**The Pier.** The concept and proposal for the pier was very well received and there were no negative comments from the community. A small sub-committee has been formed involving our Vice Convener Peter Brown, the Visions coordinator Norman McNally and Maurice Corry, now Provost of Argyll & Bute, along with Tim Henderson a maritime civil engineer. The aim is to make the pier functional and commercially viable by extending it into deeper water to attract vessels the size of the Waverley and perhaps smaller cruise ships to earn revenue through berthing fees etc. Initial reaction has been positive and supportive. We now need to press on with technical issues and design concepts and a business case.

**War Memorial Garden Survey.** The HCC conducted a survey of the Memorial Garden in Hermitage Park which had fallen into neglect and was a poor advertisement for the town. Since the survey, tentative correction measures are taking shape to improve the situation but it will take a concerted effort from the community to restore the garden to its former status as a credit to the town.

**Litter Bin Survey.** In conjunction with Plastic Free Helensburgh, the HCC recently conducted a survey of litter bins in the town principally concerning their inadequate function and appearance. Litter is a source of concern not only from a hygiene perspective but also it presents a lasting unfavourable impression of the town to visitors particularly tourists. On the waterfront it is a particularly bad problem and encourages seagulls to become more of a nuisance than they normally are. We hope to proceed with remedial action on the survey in conjunction with Argyll & Bute.

**The 'Grey Area'.** This area of the waterfront development takes its uninspiring name from the current prediction that the area enclosing the current carpark and the prospective demolition of the old swimming pool will be left with a cover of Grade 1 hard core. This is in the absence of any planning consideration for the space apart from the Council pursuing a retail option. The HCC has been seeking discussion with Argyll & Bute on the future of the space and the statistical results from the Visions for Helensburgh exhibition will allow us to reflect the firm views of the community. We are pursuing progress on this issue as a matter of urgency. This is in line with Scottish Government policy under the Community Empowerment Act of 2015 which allows communities greater oversight on decisions that matter to them.

**Helensburgh Leisure Centre.** The construction of the new swimming pool and leisure centre is nearing completion and handover. The contractors, Heron Bros, have attended to the construction phase extremely well and the project manager kept the community informed of progress. The site was maintained in a clean and tidy condition and the contractors kept very well to the schedule. The building occupies a commanding area of the waterfront and is an

impressive structure which will be greatly appreciated by the community and outlying areas in the future.

### **Problem Areas**

**Decay.** Maintenance of the infrastructure of the town is a constant element of the work that the Community Council is engaged in. Small observations of decay begin to mount up to noticeable issues which can attract the observations of the community and visitors alike. It is therefore important that particular emphasis is placed on a maintenance programme which maintains the standards and functions of the town estate. Examples include, bent cycle stands hit by incompetent drivers; overflowing litter bins caused by inadequate volume and an unsuitable collection regime; the inappropriate procurement of street lighting equipment in which spare parts are difficult to source, leading to long lead times for repair; maintenance and cleanliness of seating benches in the square; CHORD road/pavement repair in the town centre; etc. Outside the town boundary, the cycle track over the hill to the Arden roundabout has potholes and overhanging vegetation presenting hazards to cyclists.

A maintenance schedule for the multi-million CHORD project lies dormant and leads to future concerns for the maintenance of the other multi-million investments in the town, the new Leisure Centre and the Lottery investment in Hermitage Park. It is appreciated that budgetary considerations are very much to the fore in this age of austerity. But it is difficult to reconcile this argument with the community's knowledge that a great deal of council tax is collected from the town without appreciable benefit to the maintenance of local services.

**Communication and Engagement.** The erratic communication and engagement between the Community Council and Argyll & Bute remains an issue. Anecdotally, this is explained by the volume of communication traffic that Argyll & Bute staff have to deal with. However, the issue is also expressed widely within the community and creates a reputational damage which lingers. The solution lies in a conscious effort to be more pro-active and engaged with the Community Council and treat it as a partner in common cause, rather than an adversary to be treated with suspicion. In this regard, we congratulate the recently elected Argyll & Bute Councillors for the Helensburgh and Lomond area and look forward to future engagement and working together.

**Consultation Processes.** Like other community councils we are sometimes inundated by consultations on a wide variety of subjects. Responses in good faith are barely acknowledged and any collective information that is gathered is not shared, nor is there any end solution of the consultation process made known. This leads to a less than motivated approach from the public and a diminution of the consultation aims and ambitions. The consultation process requires examination and improvement.

### **Summary**

The Community Council faces a local election in October when all twenty councillor posts will be up for election or re-election. As the serving Convener, I should like to pay tribute to all my colleagues who have supported the community over a number of years and have represented the interests of the community during the stresses and strains of the pandemic. On a personal

note, I have valued greatly the support given to me and the dedication of service they have given to the town. They represent a cross-section of the town, both male and female, serving a common aim of making the town a better place. They are of course volunteers and have a non-political affiliation.

We are constantly on the lookout for councillors who reflect all sectors of the community, from retailers to the young professionals living in the town, including Naval personnel. We also try to engage with the youth of the town to participate in community matters and a notable example of this was Rosie Sumsion a former Hermitage Academy pupil who gave us valuable service and insight on the youth scene in the town, while still at school.

With the results of the Visions exhibition we have a clear direction from the community input on planning for the future. The exhibition also indicated that the Navy was now very much part of the town and Helensburgh was categorised as a 'Naval' town by respondents to our exhibition survey.

We continue to be blessed with a thriving retail sector and our restaurant and café scene continues to gain prominence. Voluntary groups ranging from youngsters in Fun First, the Community Hub, to senior citizens in Grey Matters – Active Aging, do sterling work in support of the town. Our environmental interest lies in the two principal woodlands organisations, the Community Woodlands Group and Duchess Woods and also our Tree Trust who continue to nurture trees on the streets. We have also established liaison with Plastic Free Helensburgh and collaborated with them on several environmental projects. This is not to forget our volunteers who turn out for beach cleans and shrub bed maintenance in Colquhoun Square.

It is not too early to raise the focus on the centenary of the invention of TV by John Logie Baird which will take place in 2025/26. His invention was a major world achievement and is likely to attract considerable attention to the town. A small planning group has been formed to anticipate the event and includes the grandson of JLB, Iain Baird. If the expected influx of tourists and visitors is realised, it is vital for the reputation of the town that the maintenance of our town infrastructure is treated with increasing attention and priority from now until the centenary celebrations.

It has been a year bedevilled by post-epidemic and austerity issues which have to be faced and overcome. The Community Council remains optimistic that the town will survive and prosper but it needs positive attitudes and the willingness of everyone to participate. We shall do all we can to encourage a more pro-active relationship with Argyll & Bute Council to improve communication and engagement between us. In this way we can combine our abilities and energies to benefit the town and local areas and continue to make a positive contribution to local society.

Norman Muir

Convener

Helensburgh Community Council      June 2022



# UHI | ARGYLL

UHI Argyll will be welcoming students back into our centres this year. We expect most students to come in for classes, there may be some who are granted permission to work from home, but this will be assessed on an individual basis.

Our FE students will start classes w/c 29<sup>th</sup> August, followed by our HE students w/c 5<sup>th</sup> September. Inductions for all students will take place during the week of 29<sup>th</sup> August. We are still running our 'Applicant Days' every Tuesday 9am-midday. These are aimed at students joining this year to come in and get help with IT, enrolment, funding or just for a look around the centre and meet the staff.

We have students enrolled on the following courses in Helensburgh:

- Access to Nursing
- Childhood Studies : An Introduction
- Computing with Digital Media NC
- Early Education and Childcare NC
- Introduction to a Career in Social Care
- NQ Business, Administration and Marketing
- SVQ Social Services (Children and Young People)
- Childhood Practice HNC
- Computing HNC
- Horticulture HNC
- PGDE (Primary)
- PGDE (Secondary)
- Social Sciences HNC
- Social Services HNC
- Business and Management BAH
- Child & Youth Studies BAH
- Childhood Practice BAH
- Criminology BAH
- Early Learning and Childcare (Graduation Apprenticeship)
- Geography and Criminology
- History with Gaelic Studies BAH
- Interactive Media BScH

We also have applications for the following NQs which begin w/c 29<sup>th</sup> August:

- National 5 English
- Higher English
- National 5 Maths
- National 5 Application of Maths
- Higher Maths

Applications can still be made and will close on the course start dates.

We recently held an open day to coincide with SQA results day, we had some visitors which may result in applications. This was our final open day before the start of the academic year, however, if you are aware of anyone who would like any further information on applying for our courses or funding, we can be contacted on 01631 559538 or [ACHelensburgh@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:ACHelensburgh@uhi.ac.uk). We are open Monday-Friday 8.45-6 (8.45-5 Friday) and encourage visitors to drop by and speak to us, no appointments are required.

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## Argyll & Bute TSI Update for the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group – 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022

1. The **Volunteer of the Year Awards** were held in June. Congratulations to Sarah Davies who was named Regional Hero of the Year for Helensburgh and Lomond. Congratulations to local volunteers Autumn Brown, Alan Payne, Elizabeth Lambert, Alistair McKenzie, John Lewis and Margaret Horrell who were short-listed in their relative categories.
2. The TSI distributed £40,000 worth of grants for the government under the **Community Based Adult Learning fund**, several Helensburgh and Lomond groups were successful.
3. The TSI recently supported Welcome Fairs for the resettlement of Ukrainian Refugees in Dunoon and Oban. 75 free SIM cards were secured from Vodafone which were passed to Argyll and Bute Council for distribution to Ukrainian refugees.
4. The Scottish Government are expected to confirm the year 2 funding for the **Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund** imminently. Year 1 saw many successful organisations and groups in Helensburgh and Lomond receive funding. This funding has enabled them to deliver much needed support to tackle social isolation, support mental health and help build resilience. Year 2 is likely to be in the region of the original grant size of £285k. All going well the fund will be open for applications in September.
5. **The new Joint Commissioning Strategy** which was agreed at the Integration Joint Board meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – see <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s184458/Cover%20Report%20JSCS.pdf> enshrines the principles of three year funding for third sector organisations and co-production. Whilst the strategy is an excellent first step it will require a clear delivery plan and will need to be properly resourced. To take this further a very successful meeting on co-production was hosted by the TSI at the Inveraray Hub in June 2022 and a proposed model will be further developed over the coming months.
6. A **Training Needs Analysis** survey has been sent out to the voluntary sector, in partnership with the Council, and this will inform the strategy for the future provision of training for our sector over the coming 12 months. Results out shortly.
7. Excellent progress has been made on the **Argyll and Bute Community Directory** with over 872 organisations now loaded with full contact details and service information. The aim is to launch a first version of the directory in September. The intention is to achieve something akin to the Glasgow Helps

directory (<https://www.glasgowhelps.org/>) and the Dumfries and Galloway service locator (<https://dglocator.org.uk/>) which are both searchable and interactive.

8. The TSI is looking to develop a pan-Argyll and Bute approach to identifying and sharing volunteers as well as to underline the distinction between paid and voluntary activity as the public sector prepares to further reduce expenditure from 2024. To advance this the TSI are planning a **Volunteer Conference**. The conference is likely to be in late September with a date to be announced in the coming weeks.
9. The **YPG mentor and volunteer placement programme** continues to deliver for Young People aged 16-24 with over 30 young people on the programme, many of which are from the Helensburgh and Lomond area. There are now 3 excellent mentors in the Helensburgh area, all making a tangible difference to the young people being supporting. Going forward, the TSI is looking to expand the principles and model of the programme to other client groups such as low-level ex-offenders, people with learning disabilities and those experiencing mental ill health.
10. The TSI **Inveraray Hub** is proving to be a valued regional resource and is in great demand. The Hub is available to book on the TSI website [Inveraray Hub Booking - Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface \(argylltsi.org\)](#)
11. The **Argyll Community Lottery** continues to support local groups. £62,694 has been raised to date, with 106 good causes currently being supported.

**Climate Change Working Group****Date: 8 August 2022**

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## **Climate Change Working Group Highlight Report**

### *Argyll and Bute Climate Action*

#### **1.0 Executive Summary**

Over the past year, the Climate Change Short Life Working Group has been revived as a CPP sub-group, known as the Climate Change Working Group.

It took a fresh look at its remit and potential outputs, which have ultimately centred on producing a Climate Change Action Plan for Argyll and Bute.

The Action Plan is proposed to be produced by employing a Climate Change Project Manager to lead the process.

More recently, the Climate Change Working Group has been finalising the details of the work entailed in such a process, and are now actively seeking funding for the creation of the post.

#### **2.0 Highlight Report**

##### **2.1 Action Plan**

The purpose of the Action Plan is to establish a region-wide climate risk assessment and to develop an integrated set of adaptation, mitigation and engagement actions.

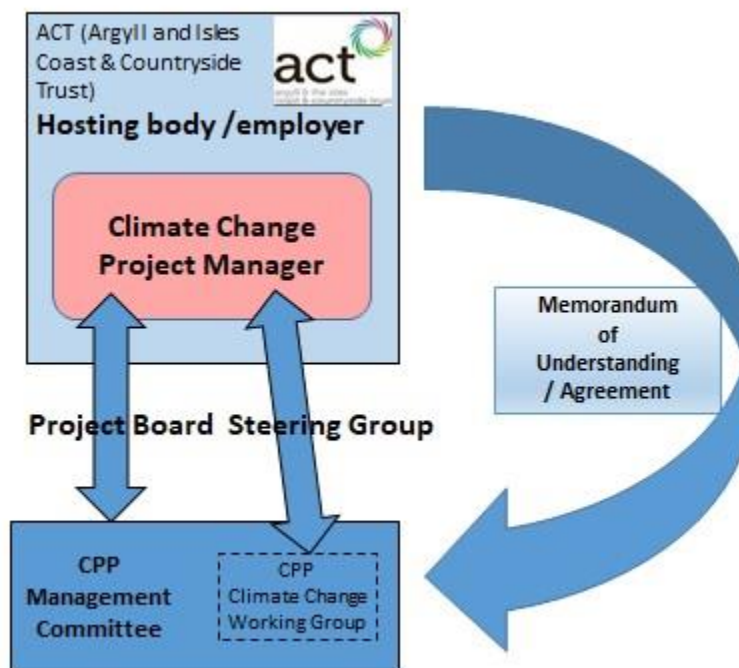
The proposed post of Climate Change Project Manager will bring organisations, businesses and communities together to develop a shared vision and understanding of climate change risks and opportunities across the Argyll and Bute region. It will identify priorities for communities, areas and sectors that will establish where (both spatially and thematically) and how the region can increase resilience and adapt, mitigate and engage on climate change issues.

It will identify, but not reproduce, climate change work either already happening or part of an organisation or business's own responsibilities.

##### **2.2 Governance**

Governance arrangements and structures have been developed in order to support the Climate Change Project Officer post.

Various discussions with partners have taken place about how best to create and support this post and the following structure was approved by the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee last month:



The post would be hosted by ACT (Argyll and Isles Coast & Countryside Trust) under a Memorandum of Understanding / Agreement with the CPP Management Committee.

Ultimate responsibility for the project would lie with the CPP Management Committee, who would act as de-facto Project Board, with day-to-day management supported mainly by a sub-set of the Climate Change Working Group.

### 2.3 Funding

The Climate Change Working Group are currently pulling together a funding package to support the post of the Climate Change Project Manager. Some funds have already been forthcoming from CPP partners, and we are now pursuing external funding sources to complete the planned budget.

### 3.0 Summary

1. We propose producing a strategic Action Plan process as the best, and most thorough, way to address the climate emergency in Argyll and Bute.
2. We have an approved governance arrangement for the Climate Change Project Manager post.
3. We are continuing to pursue funding options for the project.

**Stan Phillips, Chair, CPP Climate Change Working Group**

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**Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership****Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group****23 August 2022**

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**Community Planning Partnership Management Committee Update**

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This briefing relates to the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee which was held on 22 June 2022. The briefing is for noting and relevant discussion.

**Summary**

The CPP Management Committee met on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 with the meeting being held virtually given the current restrictions in place and in line with the Council's current approach.

This update provides an overview of the discussion which took place.

Reports which were discussed at the meeting can be found here [Browse meetings - Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership - Management Committee - Argyll and Bute Council \(argyll-bute.gov.uk\)](#)

**Highlights****Matters Arising from Area Community Planning Groups**

- An update was provided on the discussions which had taken place at all 4 Area Community Planning Groups which had been held in April 2022. The meetings had been well attended with a variety of interesting presentations given.
- The Management Committee noted the current situation in regard to office bearer positions, noting that Alistair Moodie (Lochgoil Community Council) had been appointed as Vice-Chair to the Bute and Cowal Area CPG and that the MAKI Vice-Chair position remains vacant.

**Shaping Places for Wellbeing**

The Committee heard from Alex Wilde, Shaping Places for Wellbeing Project Lead - Dunoon. Alex is leading on the project which is one of six case study projects across Scotland that have been established by the Improvement Service with two-year funding from the World Health organisation.

It was noted that Alex will report to the Bute and Cowal ACPG, who will feedback on the project's progress to the Management Committee

Alex provided an update on her work so far. Alex started work on the project at the end of April and has been immersing herself in what is happening in Dunoon and across Argyll and Bute. She welcomed the generosity of all those who have shared their thoughts and ideas with. Alex aims to feed into health data collected by Public Health Scotland, looking at where there are public health inequalities and what opportunities there are for potential investments and small scale projects. The project will explore:

- How places can deliver on wellbeing
- How an approach to place can be further embedded
- What are the needs and opportunities
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Themes arising so far include: mental health; addictions; skills and employment; leisure; people transitioning from school to work; and people transitioning from work to retirement. Key groups identified so far include: carers; and women and children.

It was agreed that partners should get in touch with Alex with suggestions of people she should be liaising with.

### **Cross Cutting Themes**

#### **Climate Change**

Ross McLaughlin presented on the report, noting that the Climate Change Working Group had been exploring the opportunities available to take forward a Project Manager or similar post to create a strategy for climate change with an Argyll and Bute wide approach at a total cost of around £120k over two years. It was proposed that the post should be hosted by third sector partner, ACT for day-to-day management, with project governance being provided by a Steering Group of members from the Climate Change working group. It was estimated that the post would require funding support of £60,000 per year, for a minimum of two years and that the majority of this funding would likely be sought from external sources.

The Management Committee agreed to the following recommendations: (1) that a Project Manager post be created with this proposed management / governance structure of partnership working presented in the paper; and (2) that resources of around £120,000 should be sought to fund the post and its associated costs.

#### **Child Poverty**

Mandy Sheridan provided an update on this theme with it being noted that:-



- School clothing re-use projects are being introduced across Argyll & Bute. These emphasise the re-use and recycling of school uniforms. This is being rolled out area by area. Now established in Helensburgh and Campbeltown and are working well. The next will be Rothesay and Dunoon. The intention is to expand across the islands, MAKI and OLI areas by the end of the year.

### **Digital**

Nicola Hackett reported that the Community Learning and Development Partnership (CLD) had identified that a new working group dedicated to the cross cutting theme of Digital Communities was needed to take work forward. This has been established and the group's terms of reference (TOR) have been agreed. Hall Aitken has been commissioned to look at mapping existing provision, volunteers, venues, training needs and connectivity to enable the CLD Digital Skills Plan to be progressed. The project group will also engage with education and other work streams, to identify barriers then look at how to tackle these with interventions and actions implemented with further funding sought as required.

Melissa Dundas outlined the bid for Islands' Infrastructure Funding which proposes to enable 4 pilot village halls (Iona, Coll, Tiree and Islay) to benefit from ICT equipment and establish digital hubs. If the funding bid is successful, the project will support community empowerment, increase digital inclusion, enable business use and recreation and facilitate Near Me clinics. The project will also support 9 of the 13 strategic objectives in the Islands Plan. The project intends to appoint Digital Champions in each community and it is hoped that it will act as a pilot for expanding the concept to other islands and rural mainland locations. Melissa expects to receive notification of the outcome of this funding bid by early August. March 2023 is the deadline for the project's delivery.

### **Building Back Better (Communities)**

Rona Gold reported that Ann Loughrey has been appointed to an 18-month fixed-term position of Building Back Better (Communities) Worker, jointly funded by Third Sector Interface (TSI) and Argyll and Bute Council. The post was created with the aim of engaging with community groups in recognition of the issues they may now be facing because of the COVID 19 pandemic. Ann will be reviewing the support needed to ensure that volunteering activities are sustainable. She will also be conducting an evaluation of a micro grant fund for village halls and exploring ongoing needs.

## **Outcome 6: Community Safety Partnership – 2021/22 Progress Update**

Laura Evans presented the following report: [Update: Outcome 6 – People Live in Safer and Stronger Communities](#).

Highlights included:

- Graphic Mind Map showing challenges, achievements and activities over the year 2021/22

Priority 1 – We live in a safe and positive community

- Making sure victims of domestic abuse could reach out for support.
- Signposting information was circulated through Living Well Networks and holiday accommodation providers. This will continue and expand next year to include any small business.

Priority 2 – We encourage safer road and water use

- The Argyll and Bute Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) group was established.
- A water safety education package was created and circulated.
- Improved water safety signage was designed and installed.
- The focus will now move towards road safety, supporting elderly drivers and working with local transport groups.

Priority 4 – Our vulnerable groups are supported and included

- More than 700 people have received face to face delivery of fraud prevention support.
- The group is seeking to secure more funding for call blockers.

## **Upcoming CPP Work**

Rona Gold introduced two new members of the Community Planning team: John McLuckie, who will join on 11<sup>th</sup> July as Partnerships Lead (Community Planning); and Lucy Dunbar, who has recently taken up the post of Community Planning Officer. John will be looking at how best to identify outcomes for the next Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan (ABOIP). As part of her work, Lucy will support the Community Wealth Building Working Group to map related partner activities.

## **Annual Report**

Rona Gold informed partners that Lucy will be in touch over the next few weeks to begin gathering case studies and other information for the Annual Report.

## **Working towards a revision of the Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan (ABOIP)**

It was noted that the end date of the current ABOIP is March 2023. As a ten year plan, the document has helped set direction but unforeseen events have arisen during those ten years leading to the need for reflection on whether this is still the best direction to follow. Rona Gold had presented a 2-year plan for conducting this review including extensive engagement, to the CPP in December 2019, however the pandemic seriously affected implementation.

A detailed plan outlining how information will be gathered to review the existing, and create the next ten-year Outcome Improvement Plan will be brought to the September Management Committee meeting, with a view to engaging with communities during September and October. Rona proposed that the next 10-year plan may be less text-heavy and would likely include a review of progress on priorities after 3 years.

It was agreed that all partners should notify Rona of any community engagement activities planned for the September-October period to enable collaboration where possible.

The importance of the Community Planning Partnership in the Argyll and Bute area, and the requirement to be clear on the specific priorities for the new ABOIP to align with partner plans and strategies and with well-coordinated consultation was highlighted. It was also noted that the new plan needs to be understood by communities in plain English and local community plans also need to be recognised. It was also noted that the Council would be setting its political priorities at the Council meeting in September.

## **MSYP Update**

Ryan MacIntyre reported that the 160 Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament will be meeting next week in Cumbernauld to set their priorities for the next two years. The motion to be brought forward by the Argyll and Bute Members is for the provision of study rooms for senior secondary school pupils. The recent Scottish Youth Parliament priorities debate included discussion on drugs misuse, educational attainment, the right to food and the climate emergency.

The Argyll and Bute MSYPs plan a roadshow to tour the secondary schools in Argyll and Bute in August to establish contacts and ensure young people are represented and have their priorities identified. Information on the roadshows will be shared on their Instagram and Facebook pages.

### **Levelling Up Fund Overview**

Fergus Murray reported that the Council is preparing two bids for the Levelling Up Fund. There will be a bid for up to £20m for regeneration work which will include investment in Rothesay Town Centre around the former Royal Hotel and Guildford Square and around Dunoon Pier, which could tie in with the Shaping Places for Wellbeing - Dunoon Project.

There will also be a bid for up to £50m which will focus on transportation and infrastructure. One of the aims is to improve transport connections to Islay and Jura, specifically to unlock the potential of the spirit industry, including the provision of a low-carbon Jura Ferry. Road improvements and active travel routes are also proposed for Port Askaig. A further aim is to provide a secondary entrance to Dunbeg as part of the Dunbeg corridor with a new commercial area and additional housing. The bid also requests funding for improvements to the Tobermory – Salen road, a green fuelling station in Oban and development of the UAV Hub at Oban Airport.

### **Outcome 1**

#### **Argyll and Bute Employability Partnership (ABEP)**

Ishabel Bremner presented a report, which can be found in full here: [Employability Partnership Delivery Plan, 2022-25](#).

Ishabel reported that the delivery plan had been created to focus on service delivery requirements and approaches, plus employability interventions for vulnerable residents and communities. The Scottish Government is seeking finalised delivery plans by June 30<sup>th</sup>. ABEP will provide bi-annual updates to the CPP MC with regard to the new delivery plan.

**AOCB**

The Chair offered congratulations to PC Stephen Tanner on Tiree, who had been awarded the Queen's Police Medal and to John Fraser on Coll, who had been awarded the Queen's Fire Service Medal.

**Scottish Government Place Directors**

Rona Gold reported that the Scottish Government had created a role description for proposed Place Director positions. A Scottish Government Civil Servant would be appointed to the role and will join the CPP.

**Feedback on Digital Meeting Platform for CPP**

It was agreed that the CPP Team would circulate a short survey to capture the feedback of everyone on meeting format and preferences.

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**Appointment of Vice-Chair of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group**

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**Summary**

The following report provides information relating to the appointment of a Vice-Chair for the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group. It outlines the expected time commitment and also gives information on the role. The Area Community Planning Group is asked to consider making an appointment to the position of Vice-Chair.

**1. Purpose**

1.1 This report asks the Area Community Planning Group to consider the appointment of a Vice-Chair.

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 The Area Community Planning Group is asked to consider the appointment of a Vice-Chair.

**3. Background**

3.1 The previous Vice-Chair, Sephton MacQuire who attended the meetings as representative of Dunbritton Housing Association has recently advised that he will no longer be a member of the Group. This leaves the position of Vice-Chair vacant.

**4. Detail**

4.1 According to the Terms of Reference the Vice-Chair, if elected, would serve for a term of 2 years with an option to be re-elected at the end of this time. However, no one person can serve for more than 2 consecutive terms.

4.2 In order to be considered as a candidate for the position of Vice-Chair the person must be a member of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group.

4.3 Some further information on the commitment required for the role:-

- Attend meetings of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group;
- Attend meetings of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee or the Full Partnership, if the Chair is unable to attend;
- Time commitment of at least 4 CPG meetings per year in February, May, August and November and 4 pre-agenda meetings per year in January, April, August and October;
- To participate in any Short-Term Working Groups as required; and
- To engage with officers of the Council in terms of setting the Agenda for the CPG.

## **5. Conclusions**

5.1 The Helensburgh and Lomond ACPG is asked to consider the appointment of a Vice-Chair.

## **6. SOA Outcomes**

6.1 This report does not link to any specific Outcome as it relates to the administrative arrangements.

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