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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **OBAN LORN & THE ISLES COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held **BY MICROSOFT TEAMS** on **WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2023** at **6:30 PM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director

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13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 8 November 2023.

Oban Lorn & the Isles Community Planning Group

Vice Chair – Ryan MacIntyre

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**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held
BY MICROSOFT TEAMS
on WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY 2023**

Present:

- Kevin Champion (Chair)
- Ryan MacIntyre, Scottish Youth Parliament
- Stuart McLean, Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
- Councillor Andrew Kain, Argyll and Bute Council
- Councillor Kieron Green, Argyll and Bute Council
- Councillor Amanda Hampsey, Argyll and Bute Council
- Councillor Jim Lynch, Argyll and Bute Council
- Councillor Luna Martin, Argyll and Bute Council
- Jen Metcalf, Coll Community Council
- Inspector Lee page, Police Scotland
- Sergeant Matt Shaw, Police Scotland
- PC Laura Evans, Police Scotland
- Colin Fleming-MacLean, Scottish Fire and Rescue
- Rory Munro, Health and Social Care Partnership
- John McLuckie, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
- Kirsty Moyes, Community Development Team Leader, Argyll and Bute Council
- Kirsty McLuckie, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
- Theresa Bain, UHI Argyll (Oban)
- Maureen Evans, Community Learning, Live Argyll
- Susan McRae, Skills Development Scotland
- Catriona Petit, New Hope Kitchen
- Linda Duncan, Crossroads
- Petra Pearce, Third Sector Interface

Attending:

- Mary Braithwaite, Luig Community Council
- Colin Buchanan, Luig Community Trust
- Andrew Galloway, Press

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated on behalf of:-

- Fergus Murray, Economic and Development, Argyll and Bute Council
- Jane Fowler, HR and Improvement, Argyll and Bute Council
- Fiona Bornman, Economic & Development, Argyll and Bute Council
- Michelle Mundie, Chief Executive Argyll Community Housing Association
- Jen Broadhurst, Argyll and Bute Citizen's Advice Bureau
- Joan Best, North Argyll Carers
- Becs Barker, Carr Gomm
- Ali Martin, MECOPP
- Laura Corbe, Climate Change
- Lauren Worrell, National Farmers Union
- Carol Flett, Oban and Lorn and the Islands Living Well Network

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP, HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2023

(a) Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Planning Group 8 February 2023

The Minutes of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group meeting held on Wednesday, 8 February 2023 were approved as a correct record.

4. IMPROVING LIVES IN ARGYLL AND BUTE

Consideration was given to a presentation by the Council's Community Planning team on their recent consultation 'Improving Lives in Argyll and Bute'. The presentation included information on the promotion of the consultation; the support provided for non-digital participation and Community Groups and the responses received from the survey. It was noted that the top three priorities within Oban, Lorn and the Isles were housing, transport and infrastructure, and community wellbeing. Information on how the information collated from the consultation would be used to progress the 2023-2033 iteration of the Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan (ABOIP) was also provided.

Decision

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

(Reference: Presentation by Community Planning and Development Team, Argyll and Bute Council, submitted)

5. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Consideration was given to a briefing note which provided information on matters discussed during a meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee, held on 23 March 2023.

The Committee Manager outlined a number of key highlights from the meeting including the Child Poverty Report; the work around financial inclusion; the community wealth building audit and the digital communities work.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council, dated 2 May 2023, submitted)

6. ARGYLL AND BUTE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT

The group gave consideration to a report which provided an update on ongoing wellbeing and prevention activity overseen and delivered by the HSCP Public Health team in Argyll and Bute. Rory Munro presented a number of key messages from the 2022 annual report of the Director of Public Health on Prevention. The full report can be found at:- [NHS DPH Annual Report 2022 \(adobe.com\)](#)

Decision

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

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

7. PARTNERS UPDATE

(a) Police Scotland

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on the recent work and activities of Police Scotland within the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area. The report included information on Road Safety, Fraud Prevention, the roll out of Naloxone to all officers across Argyll and West Dumbartonshire and the reinstatement of the Pub Watch programme.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Police Scotland, submitted)

(b) Scottish Fire and Rescue

The Group gave consideration to a report highlighting the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's (SFRS) FQ4 review of local performance across Oban, Lorn and the Isles for the period 2022-23. The report included information on the local firefighter training plan; incidents during this time period; unwanted fire alarm signals; road and water safety campaigns; community engagement activities; East and West Dumbartonshire and Argyll and Bute Local Senior Officer Activities and home fire safety.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, submitted)

(c) **Hope Kitchen**

The Group gave consideration to the report from Hope Kitchen, Catriona Petit highlighted it has been a difficult time with the cost of living crisis and recent drug deaths. Hope Kitchen has been working with partners and will hold information days where service users will be advised where they can access help.

Catriona also advised that the collaborative working with the Youth Café, Healthy Options and Allenergy had been successful in receiving funding from the Investing in Communities Fund and that they will work alongside Atlantis Leisure to deliver the project, further details on this will be available at the next meeting of the Community Planning Group.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Hope Kitchen, submitted)

(d) **Oban and Lorn and the Island Living Well Network**

Having noted the apologies of Carol Flett of the Oban and Lorn and the Island Living Well Network, the Group gave consideration to a report which provided information on the next meeting of the Living Well Network which was scheduled to be held on 11 May 2023. It was also noted that a further 3 meetings would be organised throughout the year and will be held on Zoom.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Oban & Lorn and the Islands Living Well Network, submitted)

(e) **UHI Argyll (Oban)**

The Group gave consideration to a written report from UHI Argyll (Oban). Theresa Bain had to leave the meeting prior to this item, the Committee Manager advised that he would relay any questions raised by partners for a response.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by UHI Argyll (Oban), submitted)

(f) **Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau**

Having noted the apologies Jen Broadhurst of the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) the Group gave consideration to an update from the Bureau. The update provided statistical information highlighting the rise of clients and advice being given by the Bureau in 2022/23 compared to 2021/22. The update also provided information on the recruitment of volunteer advisors and the advice and support CAB can provide.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Argyll and Bute Citizen's Advice Bureau, submitted)

(g) **Argyll and Bute TSI Update**

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on the work of Argyll TSI during the period 16 February to 21 April 2023. The report included information on Local Strategic Partnerships; Future Funding opportunities as a result of the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund and events taking place across Argyll and Bute, which included the Volunteer of the Year event. Further information was provided in relation to the new and improved digital platform for volunteering; the Argyll and Bute Positive Destination programme and the Argyll and Bute Community Directory, which can be found at <https://abcd.scot>

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Third Sector Interface, submitted)

(h) **Opportunity for Verbal Updates**

Live Argyll – Community Learning

The Group gave consideration to an update from Maureen Evans Live Argyll - Community Learning Services. Maureen provided information relating to drop-in session being held in Oban Library to support customers in undertaking job searches preparing C.V.'s, and basic IT support.

Maureen added that the post of Co-ordinator for Literacies Worker is out for advert, social media platform is being revamped, the recruitment for new MSYP's will begin in May with elections being held in November and that they are currently planning the summer G.I.V.E. programme with you people being rewarded (trip or visit) for doing some volunteering in their local community.

Crossroads North Argyll

Linda Duncan advised that Crossroads continue to provide respite for unpaid carers with 61 clients receiving around 178 hours of support per week. 6 new carers have been recruited with 8 clients on the waiting list. Crossroads continue to work in partnership with other agencies to facilitate more effective hospital discharges.

Skills Development Scotland

Susan MacRae advised that Skills Development Scotland (SDS) are awaiting on the results of the Wither's review which was implemented by the Scottish Government to look at schools around Scotland, this should be available by end of May. Susan added that exams are ongoing with SDS advisors attending to give advice on positive destinations to the pupils.

8. CLIMATE CHANGE

(a) Climate Change Working Group Highlight Report

Consideration was given to a report which highlighted the ongoing work of the Climate Change Working Group. The report outlined the proposal to produce a strategic Action Plan as a means to address the climate emergency in Argyll and Bute; the approved governance arrangements to support the Climate Change Project Manager post and the ongoing work on the recruitment of a Project Manager.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Chair of the Community Planning Partnership Climate Change Working Group, dated 27 April 2023, submitted)

(b) Opportunity for Updates on Community Based Initiatives

Colin Buchanan, Isle of Luing Community Trust, advised that they were successful in obtaining a significant grant to sustain and mitigate against shoreline erosion.

Decision

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

9. COMMUNITY FOCUS

(a) Luing Community Trust

Colin Buchanan from Isle of Luing Community Trust gave a short presentation on the exciting work that the Trust is carrying out on Luing, specifically the development of a small scale slate enterprise to regenerate the economy on the island. Colin advised that the Trust have the mineral rights to the slate with the income generated being used to support housing, employment and climate change related projects. .

The Trust has been working with Historic Scotland and Historic Environment Scotland with extensive consultations undertaken. A feasibility study suggested that the project will support 5 full time jobs and the extraction of 200 tonnes of slate per year.

Colin advised that Scottish slate has not been available for the last 60 years, with the majority of slate available being Spanish. This enterprise would provide material for walling stone, drystone dyking and high value craft products. The expectation is to bring in £100k per year to develop other projects.

A Screening and Scoping Application has been submitted to the Council and Marine Scotland, they have until the end of May to respond.

It is also hoped going forward that planning can be sought for a facility to be used as a visitor attraction, which will bring further income to the island through tourism.

This is a major achievement for the Island and Argyll and further information can be found at <https://isleofluing.org/about-isle-luing/isle-luing-community-trust>

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2023

The Chair reminded partners that he would be standing down as Chair in August, and encouraged partners to consider volunteering for this enjoyable position.

The Committee Manager gave thanks to Kevin who has served almost 24 months in the chair and will be a huge loss to the Area Community Planning Group, to which all partners agreed and passed on their best wishes.

Date of the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 16 August 2023.

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Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Oban Lorn & The Isles Area Community Planning Group****16 August 2023**

Appointment of Chair of the Oban Lorn & The Isles Area Community Planning Group

Summary

The following report provides information relating to the appointment of a Chair for the Oban Lorn & The Isles 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 Chair.

1. Purpose

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

2. Recommendations

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

3. Background

3.1 The current Chair, Kevin Champion, intimated his intention to stand down as Chair of the Community Planning Group at the conclusion of the previous meeting. The Group is therefore required to nominate a member to take on the role of Chair.

4. Detail

4.1 According to the Terms of Reference the 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 Chair the person must be a member of the Oban Lorn & The Isles Community Planning Group.

4.3 Some further information on the commitment required:-

- Attend meetings of the Oban Lorn & The Isles Community Planning Group;

- Attend meetings of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee or the Full Partnership;
- Time commitment of at least 4 Community Planning Group meetings per year in February, May, August and November and 4 pre-agenda meetings per year in January, April, July 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 in consultation with the Vice-Chair.

5. Conclusions

5.1 The Area Community Planning Group is asked to consider the appointment of a Chair.

6. SOA Outcomes

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

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Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Oban, Lorn and the Isles
Area Community Planning Group****16 August 2023**



Community Planning Partnership Management Committee Update

This briefing relates to the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee which was held on 22nd June 2023. The briefing is for noting and relevant discussion.

Summary

The CPP Management Committee met on the 22nd June 2023 with the meeting being held virtually. This update provides an overview of the discussion which took place.

Reports which were discussed at the meeting can be found by following this link - [Agenda for Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership - Management Committee on Thursday, 22 June 2023, 10:00 am - 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 during the April 2023 cycle of meetings. The Management Committee were advised that the utilisation of hybrid meeting equipment in Helensburgh and Lomond (HL) and Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands (MAKI) continues to be positive.
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- The Community Planning Partnership Management Committee recognised the issues raised by the Dunoon Gourock Ferry Action Group and would request clarification on the specific ask from the Bute and Cowal ACPG as it mentions that it wants to see 'action' from the Management Committee however it's not clear what action it wants to see in reference to this matter. If deemed appropriate as a next step, the Community Planning team could facilitate a discussion between the Chair of the CPP Management Committee, the Chair of Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group and the Chair of the Dunoon Gourock Ferry Action Group.

The Management Committee is also interested to know more about any existing community partner involvement regarding this issue within the Bute and Cowal area. Transport Infrastructure is one of the top three priorities identified through the consultation process earlier this year which will feed in to the forthcoming focus group discussions to help inform the new 10-year Outcomes Improvement Plan. The Area Community Action Plan for Bute and Cowal will also be updated in 2024 and there will be opportunities to discuss transport issues in Dunoon and surrounding area within that engagement process.

CROSS CUTTING THEMES

Climate Change

Stan Philips provided a presentation in addition to his paper on Addressing the Climate Emergency in Argyll and Bute project by the Climate Change Working Group (CCWG). Consideration was also given to who should sit on the Climate Change Steering Group (CCSG) which will manage the climate change action plan project over the next two years.

Mr Philips advised that, once established, the CCWG would manage the function and support the CCSG, continue to seek funding, monitor the action plan and continue to report progress to the CPP Management Committee. Cllr Currie added that the Council had declared a climate emergency and was open to suggestions on what else the Council could be doing to be more involved in this.

It was also noted that Stan intends to step down as the Chair of the CCWG once the climate change action plan project is established.

Financial Inclusion

Fergus Walker highlighted the range of work being delivered around financial inclusion, including Scottish Welfare Fund, Discretionary Housing Payments and School Clothing Project.

Mr Walker advised that he is looking to further enhance data matching to better identify communities in particular need and that a 2 year project is about to start in partnership with the Poverty Alliance and the Third Sector to evidence local and national factors that affect poverty.

Community Wealth Building (CWB)

Takki Sulaiman advised that work was being taken forward on a CWB - Audit, Strategy and Business Plans with CLES having been appointed as consultants. The plans will look at the five pillars of CWB (plural ownership of the economy, making financial power work for local places, fair employment and just labour markets, progressive procurement of goods and service and socially just use of land and property).

The work CLES are being asked to do has been divided into lots:

- Lot 1 is an audit of existing best practice and a mapping exercise against each of the five pillars,
- Lot 2 is to identify case studies that can be replicated across Argyll and Bute and identify opportunities relevant to our local and strategic plans,
- Lot 3 is the development of a CWB strategy and action plan, and
- Lots 4 and 5 are the development of 2 business cases and models to move actions forward in two areas (proposed to explore a business model for Community Energy and a food hub but the final focus will be determined by the audit and mapping exercise).

Digital Communities

Alex Edmonstone provided an update on the CLD Partnership, advising that Digital Skills is a key theme in the 3 year strategy. As such, a digital work stream group has been created to look at digital inclusion and complete a mapping exercise. Alex also advised that a pilot to provide free Wi-Fi access (dongles) to those with an identified learning need in Helensburgh had gone well and it was hoped this could be rolled out across a wider area.

Iain MacInnes advised the R100 fibre roll out is progressing in Argyll and Bute, with installation currently being undertaken at Ardfern. Unfortunately, the roll out had experienced delays due to lack of accommodation available for contractors.

As part of the Shared Rural Network Infrastructure programme to install 4-5G in rural areas, the Argyll and Bute area is due to have 50 new mobile masts installed. Iain advised that this is a considerable investment in the area to target partial and not spots in network coverage. Three have gone live and there are 18 more at the planning stages across the area. Digital Hubs have been installed and are operating on Iona and Islay and drop in sessions have been organised to show residents how the hubs work. Digital hubs are also planned for Coll and Tiree but there have been some supply issues that have delayed the start of work at those sites.

Building Back Better

Kirsty Moyes detailed the successful structures and ways of working with the community that have been developed since the start of the pandemic and gave an overview of the engagement undertaken with communities. This included regular meetings, peer to peer working, targeting funding to meet needs and the Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan consultation.

Kirsty also outlined what is happening in partnership work on the identified themes with recommendations on how to progress on gaps and building this work with communities going forward, taking learning from the positives and challenges during that time.

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN

John McLuckie provided an update on the ongoing work on the new Outcome Improvement Plan, specifically the top 3 themes (Transport Infrastructure, Housing and Community Wellbeing). John advised that the themes had been discussed in detail at a CPP Management Committee Development Day in Arrochar on 18 May 2023. This was followed up with a survey which was circulated to all partners to complete to gather intelligence and insight on the top themes.

Output from the Development Day included the preference to meet in person and extended meetings as required to deep dive into topics and to create a steering group to direct the creation of the ABOIP over the next few months. The steering group would ideally look to be in place by July / August consisting of 3 - 4 members of the CPP Management Committee, focus groups would happen in September / October and then the data will be analysed before the ABOIP is published in November / December.

UPDATE ON WIDER PARTNERSHIP WORK

David Adams-McGilp, VisitScotland Regional Director, Argyll and the Isles, and Cathy Craig, CEO Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative, gave a presentation on the VisitScotland Action Plan and the current state of tourism in Argyll and Bute.

David explained the outcomes of the national plan are across four strategic outcomes:

- SPREAD includes easing visitor number pressure in certain areas and encouraging/promoting visitors to areas with more capacity and looking at extending the traditional visitor season. There is work ongoing on how to measure how successful this strategy will be and David noted that Scottish tourism is still in a post Covid recovery and growth phase.
- SPEND covers public and private investment in our tourism facilities, destinations and experiences to improve visitor experience in Argyll and Bute.
- SUSTAINABILITY is a key part of the action plan and the current Scottish Government Tourism strategy and the National Strategy For Economic Transformation (NSET) both share a commitment to destination net zero.
- SATISFACTION looks at ensuring positive local attitudes to area tourism using community engagement, visitor management, the rural tourism infrastructure fund and industry / tourist satisfaction. It is important that communities do not have development imposed upon them but that they are part of the planning to make the most of local assets.

Cathy gave an overview of the tourism industry in Argyll and Bute, advising that the value of the local tourism market had not recovered post pandemic with visitor numbers down with continued negative effect to local businesses. The 2023 visitor

survey is currently underway and although tourism is making progress, this year's market is looking to be more depressed than last year, with over half of businesses surveyed in the area saying they were struggling financially.

In 2023 a new area tourism website was launched and there had been various marketing campaigns to attract visitors to the area, especially to boost low visitor numbers in Mid Argyll and Kintyre. Recruitment of staff within businesses in Argyll and Bute remains a critical challenge.

On a positive note, interest in our area is high and funding from Highlands and Islands Enterprise had enabled the recruitment of a travel trade expert who represented Argyll and Bute at national exhibitions and secured sign up by 21 new travel operators to add Argyll and Bute destinations to their itineraries.

ARGYLL AND BUTE HOUSING EMERGENCY

Cllr Robin Currie notified the Management Committee that the Council had declared a housing emergency and encouraged all partners to attend a Council housing summit that is due to be held in October / November to agree action on how this can be addressed. Morag Goodfellow, Highland and Island Enterprise, added that as housing had been identified as a priority in the ABOIP consultation this can be taken forward by the CPP Management Committee via the Strategic Housing Forum.

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Connecting Communities Collective

The Connecting Communities Collective is a new partnership set up in the Oban area, thanks to funding secured from the Community-Led Local Development Fund and Investing in Communities Fund. It grew out of the understanding that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts; that by working together, essential sector organisations can save resources, share learning, and reach to serve more people in their communities. In response to this, the Collective came together to address the challenges facing organisations regarding resources and capacity for partnership work.

Over the three years of funding, our focus will be on: developing and offering health and wellbeing programmes and events for community members, especially those experiencing hardship associated with access to food, fuel poverty and mental health; continuing dialogues with wider partners in order to identify strengths and gaps; and work together with wider partners to address these gaps and expand on our shared efforts to serve our communities.

As part of the bid we have also committed to learning more about [Community Wealth Building](#), which has been introduced and discussed during workshops and events put on by the Collective. Our sessions have focused on identifying challenges facing our region, and discussed solutions which will help redirecting wealth back into the local economy, places control and benefits back into the hands of local people. We look forward to continuing these conversations at future sessions.

For delivering on the Collective's work we've employed a Development Officer, Mika Schroder, to help organise events, link up work between organisations and explore new development opportunities, including shared funding bids. Her work over the Autumn will focus on reaching out to potential Partners to share information about a Collective Membership aimed at bringing more groups together for future collaborations. **As part of this work, she'd like to hear directly from what organisations and social enterprises around Oban want to see happen within the Collective, so feel free to email her with ideas that can form part of a survey to be sent out in the Autumn.** Her email address is mika@lornhealthyoptions.co.uk

During the Autumn we will also be piloting our Collective Tickets, through which we will be offering wellbeing-related experiences to people commonly served by our Partners. We are keen on expanding the number of experiences, as well as the reach of our Tickets, so please get in touch if you know people who would benefit, and we can explore ways to make that happen.

The Partners at the core of the Collective are:

- **Healthy Options** works to empower its clients for making positive changes in their lives to make long-lasting changes to improve physical, mental and emotional well-being;
- **Hope Kitchen** provides a safe place for people to get food, shelter and be made to feel welcome at their café as well as at their Green Shoots Community Garden ;
- **ALI Energy** works to address fuel poverty and reduce carbon emissions by promoting and advising on sustainable energy use and renewable energy generation;
- **Youth Café** offers a place for young people to call their own to hang out, meeting friends, cook and over time build relationships with experienced youth work staff; and
- **Atlantis Leisure** runs a community-run facility focusing on supporting a wide spectrum of sporting and non-sporting needs within the community.

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OFFICIAL**Partners Intelligence Portal**

Police Scotland is committed to Keeping People Safe. Our priority is on the protection of those at risk of harm through prevention, early intervention and the robust investigation of those who pose such a risk. We are committed to working with our Partners in the public, private and third sectors to ensure our approach to Public Protection is focused, meaningful and collaborative. This commitment allows us to continually improve the service and support provided to victims and their families, whilst working towards protecting those at risk of harm.

Crimes such as child sexual abuse, human trafficking, sexual offences or domestic offences are often concealed from authorities, and may have occurred recently or in the past, all of which contributes to challenging, complex and sensitive enquiries. It may be that our partners have information which could be vital in contributing to a bigger picture. As part of our commitment and drive to improve, we are expanding the use of the Partners Intelligence Portal (PIP) through awareness and training to relevant organisations.

PIP is a secure and confidential electronic system, developed by the Police Service to enable partner agencies to share important information they receive during the course of their work. This portal provides capable partners with the means to securely and discreetly submit key information, whilst maintaining safeguards which protect the source of the information. PIP is an information collection portal, and does not replace current incident or crime reporting methods, in particular the mechanism for child or adult referral.

PIP is a tool which should enhance the procedures already in place for all.

The information provided through the PIP portal will be dealt with as intelligence by Police Scotland. Intelligence is the useable form of information which has been subject to recognised processes to risk assess and determine how freely it can be used. This process is aimed at developing information around the threat, risk and harm posed by perpetrators and locations. By trying to capture what you already see, hear and know it will provide invaluable opportunities to target those who pose risk and protect those at risk of harm. The key aim is to provide a safe and secure pathway for Partner Agencies to share information that they believe the police need to know about in the investigation and prevention of crime.

This training has been delivered to a number of housing associations in Oban, Lorn and the Isles and we will continue to roll this out wider. If you require any further information please contact ArgyllDumbartonshireCommunityEngagementTeam@scotland.police.uk

Youth Engagement

Choices for Life presentations were delivered to all S1 pupils from Oban High School which included inputs on Water and Fire safety, Hate crime and LGBT awareness, Drugs and Alcohol awareness, Weapons input (No Knives Better Lives), Internet safety and cyber bullying. This is on the back of inputs done within the Campbeltown area at the beginning of the year. Such inputs are crucial in helping the young people in Argyll make the best choices for their own lives as they start to socialise with friends away from the support of parental control.

The importance of these decisions can be seen in Oban, where reports have increased during the early summer of anti-social behaviour involving a small number of young persons in Oban and particularly around Station Square. Patrols have been stepped up by officers in the town, who have

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been seizing alcohol from some teenagers and dispersing groups that have been involved in causing alarm to nearby residents and visitors. During July, four young people were arrested despite a number of warnings, due to the severity of their behaviour and subsequently referred to the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA). Police are working closely with local partners to identify those involved and take action where necessary as well as signposting some of those involved to more meaningful activities provided by a variety of third sector organisations. As well as this, options are being explored for additional CCTV in Station Square. Residents are encouraged to report anti-social behaviour to Police Scotland to ensure all incidents are being formally recorded and responded to.

Similar initiatives, but to a lesser degree, are in place both in Lochgilphead and Campbeltown where youth related ASB has occurred. Local Police monitor trends in behaviour, shown through calls for service from members of the public, to implement targeted responses to the problems communities face.

Fraud Prevention

An input was delivered to the Mull Musical Minds group which include a number of people with lived experience of dementia. This talk educated the group on the common scams that are being used and how to keep themselves safe from these scams.

As previously discussed by PC Laura Evans in this forum, should any groups wish for an input on common scams and frauds, please, link with either PS Shaw or PC Evans and we'll endeavour to get one sorted for you.

Pedlar Act

July saw a spike in an unusual crime type within OLI and MAKI, whereby a coordinated group of visitors to the area sought to engage our more rural communities with doorstep selling, in contravention of the Pedlars Act 1871. The reason such laws are in place is due to the pressure techniques used against residents during such selling and the fact that such acts tend to go hand in hand with dishonesty offences, such as thefts, rogue trading and frauds. Over 2 days Police responded to multiple calls and arrested 3 different people. This response was assisted by use of media to spread awareness of the issue taking place, whereby the communities then fed back timely information to permit action by our Officers. The response and support from the public meant that the group quickly moved on from the area, realising that it was not possible to continue their activities without sanction. This is a strong example of the strength the communities in Argyll have in tackling issues like this, when we all pull together to tackle it.

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Oban, Lorn and the Isles CPG Briefing Report

Q1 2023/24

Performance & Activity Report

From:	1st April 2023	To:	30th June 2023
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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.

Training Subjects	April /May/June
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CFBT ● Tac Vent ● Casualty Care ● RTC and Extrication ● Knotts, Ladders & Pumps ● Marine Firefighting

Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Oban North & Lorn	1.3	0	3
Helensburgh Central	2.6	1	6
Community Board Total	4	1	9

ADF Casualties

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Oban North & Lorn	0	0	0
Oban South & Isles	0.3	0	1
Community Board Total	0.3	0	1

Deliberate Secondary Fire Setting

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Oban North & Lorn	3	2	2
Oban South & Isles	2	1	2
Community Board Total	5	3	4

Fires in Non-Domestic Property

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Oban North & Lorn	1.3	1	2
Oban South & Isles	1.6	0	3
Community Board Total	3	1	5

Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Oban North & Lorn	2.7	2	3
Oban South & Isles	3.3	7	2
Community Board Total	6	9	5

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Oban North & Lorn	9.6	7	11
Oban South & Isles	24.7	25	27
Community Board Total	34.3	32	38

Incidents/Activities of Note

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

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

A new UFAS mobilisation policy has been devised by a dedicated project team within SFRS with an aim at reducing UFAS Incidents further. This policy is now live from 1st July 2023 and should result in a reduction of unwanted fire alarm signals.

Road & Water Safety campaigns

We've been working alongside Police Scotland, Loch Lomond Park Rangers and various other Partners across all sectors, engaging with the local community at various identified hotspots. We provided advice and literature relevant to Road & Water Safety (including drug and alcohol misuse and ASB). We have maintained a presence through Operation Ballaton meetings, allowing us to provide attendance of operational crews to support Loch Lomond Park Rangers, at specific hotspots in the park across busy summer weekends. Community Action Team and LALOs have received training input on the use of VR Headsets in preparation for delivering Road Safety lessons.

Community Engagement Activities

- Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) following every domestic incident
- Community Action Team (CAT) visited various Caravan and campsites offering appropriate fire safety advice
- In June CAT attended careers day in Oban High with various partners including DYW and Police Scotland
- Fire, Water & Road Safety provided to schools and local community groups with practical demonstrations using new interactive scenario floorboards.
- Continue to deliver Fire Safety advice via HFSVs and provision of smoke detection
- Representation on Multi Agency Risk Assessment (MARAC) for those affected by domestic violence
- Continue to support 'Make the Call' campaign and On Call recruitment drive for retained and volunteer stations within Argyll and Bute
- Supporting Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) group and engaging with the public: #RESPECTTHEWATER campaign
- Engaging with communities utilising spring/summer Thematic Action Plans TAP
- Victim support referral pathway set up
- CAT and Appin On call crew members, Sarah Keating and TJ Telfour delivered a Water Safety Scotland presentation to Appin Primary and Barcaldine Primary Schools

EWDAB LSO Activities

- Continued roll out of new fleet SFRS Electric Vehicles and on-station charging points within the area
- Beginning of training sessions on new Virtual Reality headsets in preparation for road safety awareness within the community
- We held a joint multi agency water exercise in Mugdock Quarry to allow operational crews to simulate a water rescue exercise with Police Scotland, HM Coastguard and Scottish Ambulance Service
- Watch Commander Chris Spence joined EWDABs Community Action Team as one of our Local Area Liaison Officers
- Congratulations to Tarbert WC Dennis on completion of his fundraising bike ride from Carlisle to Cramond Beach. A fantastic total of over £2000 has been raised so far.

- In May WC Tony McGloin attended DYW Argyll and Bute Opportunities for young people and employers conference at Queens Hall, Dunoon. The event allowed partners from various sectors to discuss opportunities for young people across Argyll & Bute

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:08000731999)
- Text "FIRE" to 80800 from your mobile phone.

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

Skills Development Scotland

Oban, Lorn and Isles Update

August 2023

Service Delivery in Oban, Lorn and Isles

School Service Offer

Oban High School, Tiree High School and Tobermory High School

Our careers advisers work delivering career guidance to enable young people from S1-S6 to develop their Career Management Skills via a range of group work and 1-1 coaching conversations. We work closely with our partners within the school to identify young people who are considered most at risk of not making a positive progression from school. Helping those young people to develop their career management skills and move onto education, employment, or training when they leave school. For more information click this link [What We Do - Scotland's Career Service](#)

Update

School Leaver Destinations Follow Up

- Over the school holidays we are currently contacting all school leavers from Oban High School, Tiree High School and Tobermory High School (**approx.190 pupils**) to ensure that they have secured a positive destination post leaving school and offer support to any that haven't.
- These results will be published by the Scottish Government sometime in the new year.
- Please click here to see last year's results. [Scottish Government School Leaver Destinations.](#)

Exam Results Helpline

Almost 145,000 learners across Scotland will receive their SQA results on Tuesday 8 August 2023

Skills Development Scotland's (SDS) Results Helpline will be there to offer information, advice and guidance to Scotland's young people and their parents and carers.

The SDS Results Helpline number is **0808 100 8000** – this goes live on results day and SDS's expert advisers will have access to information on course vacancies at UK colleges and universities, Confirmation and Clearing, advice about Foundation, Modern and Graduate Apprenticeships and jobs, volunteering, training, or staying on at school.

The 2023 Results Helpline opening hours are:

- Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 August - 8am to 8pm
- Thursday 10 and Friday 11 August – 9am to 5pm

Post School Service Offer

Our Next Steps service supports young people aged 16 – 18 (extended to 26 for care experienced young people) who are unemployed, helping them to build up their career management skills and move on to and sustain a range of options as appropriate. We also offer a service to any adult who wishes to develop their career management and employability skills and move into employment or support a career change.

Individuals can access face to face help at our local centre, **SDS Oban Centre 114 Albany Street Oban PA34 4AG**. We also offer virtual and telephone support. Please contact **01631 564 697** for an appointment.

PACE: Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE)

PACE is the Scottish Government’s initiative dedicated to responding to redundancy situations. Through providing skills development and employability support, PACE aims to minimise the time individuals affected by redundancy are out of work. PACE brings together 24 organisations, together with the Scottish Government to provide free and impartial advice, guidance and support for individuals affected by redundancy. Our PACE activity is co-ordinated by our Chair Pamela Little.

Update

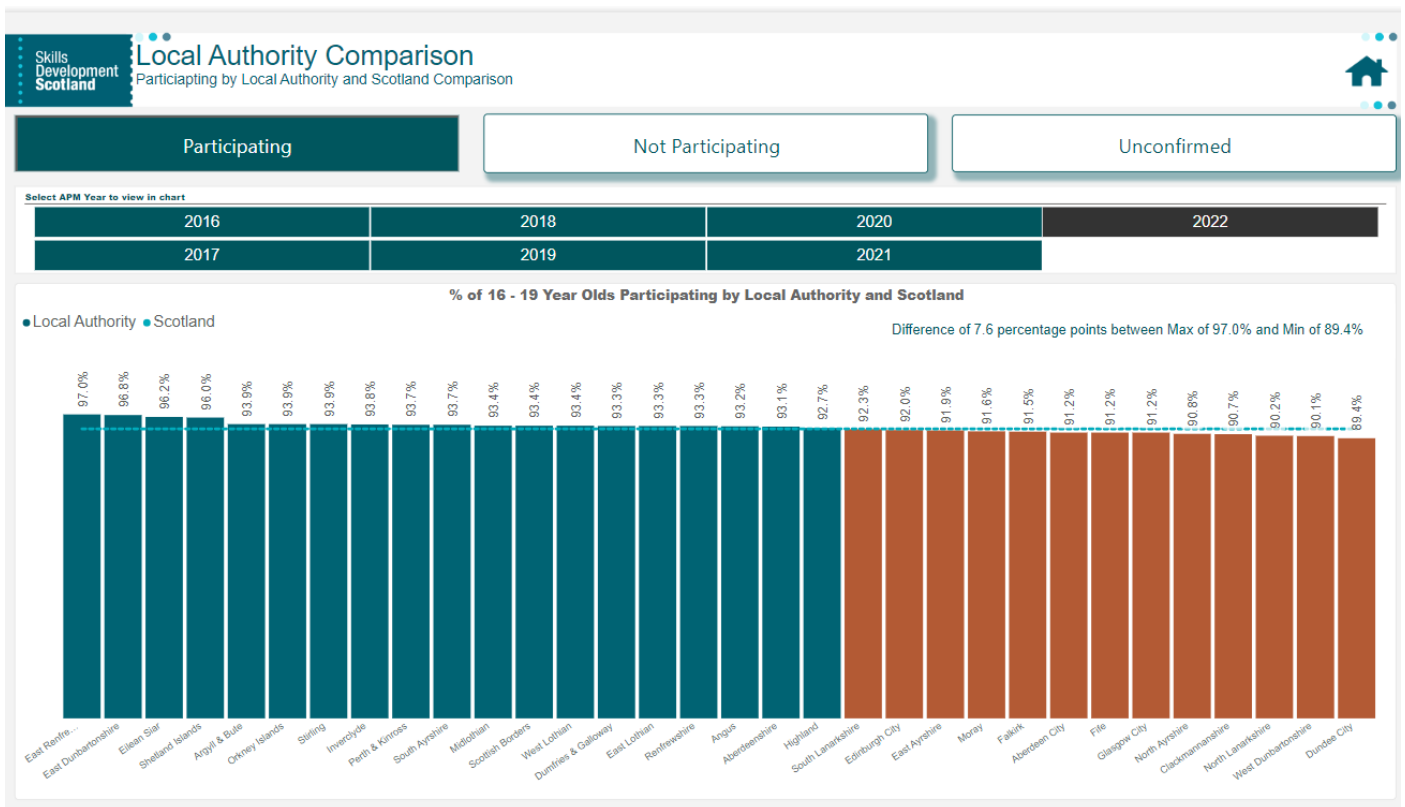
- In the current quarter of the financial year, we have had **limited** PACE activity. Please contact pacenationalteam@sds.co.uk for any further information

Annual Participation Measure

The Annual Participation Measure (APM) reports on the education and employment activity of 16 to 19 year olds in Scotland. It is the source of the Scottish government’s national performance indicator “Percentage of young adults 16 to 19 year olds participating in education, training or employment”.

The APM method takes account of all status of 16- to 19-year-olds in Scotland over one calendar year from the 1st of April to the 31st of March. We report on if they are participating, not participating and unconfirmed is based on which status an individual spent to the greatest numbers of days within the year.

See below the Annual Participation Measure from 2022



Update

- The 2023 Annual Participation Measure is due to be published on 31st August.
- This link will take you to the where the information will be published [Link to Annual Participation Measure](#)

Local Partnership Support

SDS local teams are involved in supporting the following partnerships.

- DYW – supporting our DYW colleagues with employer events in schools.
- Local Employability Partnership - member of the LEP
- Corporate Parent responsibilities – supporting Corporate Parent Board and working closely with the Through Care Forums
- CLD – supporting CLD Partnership Board
- Community Justice – member of Community Justice Board

Skills Development Scotland - General Update

Review of Skills Landscape Published

Scottish Government has published the report and recommendations from the Independent Review of the Skills Delivery Landscape. It was led by James Withers, formerly Chief Executive of Scotland Food & Drink. This report follows consultation, a call for evidence and submissions from a range of stakeholders.

The full report and recommendations are available here [Fit for Future: developing a post school learning system to fuel economic transformation](#)

Employer Support

Skills Development Scotland works directly with employers across Scotland, providing trusted advice that helps employers invest in existing skills, develop new talent using equal and inclusive recruitment, and get the right products to grow their business.

Update

- Find out more at our new employer hub [SDS Employer Hub](#) or contacting us on 0800 783 6000

Local contact

Susan MacRae Area Manager Argyll & Bute and Eilean Siar

susan.macrae@sds.co.uk

Further information

skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk - Corporate Website

myworldofwork.co.uk - for all your work, skills and learning needs

apprenticeships.scot - for all the latest on apprenticeships

LiveArgyll – CLD Update

- Acting Community Learning Manager – Rhona Grant
- New Literacy Co-Ordinator appointed – Hugh O’Hagan. Local workers will be appointed soon
- **GIVE** Programme has been running all summer (Partnership with Oban Youth Cafe and H2O) – young people volunteer in the community and get a reward of an activity or a trip. Local partners include Hope Kitchen, Glencruitten Garden, Dunollie Castle and Scottish Fire and Rescue
- **Summer Sensations** – 2 day Induction programme for P6/7 pupils from all feeder primaries (including islands). Over 200 young people signed up. One day at Atlantis and the next at Oban High School. Partnership between, Atlantis, Active Schools, CLD, Oban Youth Café, Hebridean Pursuits and local schools.
- Adult Worker post is now part-time - Mondays at Oban Library – Employability Drop-in with Job Centre+ in morning and IT Drop-in in the afternoon. Driving Theory class on a Tuesday afternoon

Maureen Evans
August 2023

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We have 63 clients at the moment. We have 9 new carers and we have 12 carers on the waiting list.

We are now providing 140hrs per week in total, 18hrs a week are for Care at Home, paid for by Social Work or Self-Directed Support.

We are going to Tiree to meet with potential staff and speak with local organisations regarding starting a respite service on the Island.

The service on Mull is growing, we now have 4 staff covering the island.

We are also receiving more referrals for respite on the Isle of Seil too. So we are getting out to the remote and rural areas of Oban, Lorn and the Isles.

We are looking for more staff so that we can work through the waiting list and get people started as soon as we can.

Joan Best
Crossroads North Argyll

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**Argyll & Bute Community Planning
Partnership
Area Community Planning Group
Partnership update
Date: August 2023**

Partner update – Public Health

The paper provides an update on ongoing wellbeing and prevention activity overseen and delivered by the HSCP Public Health Team in Argyll and Bute.

Public Health Intelligence

Saskia Schmitz has now joined the Public Health team in Argyll and Bute as Public Health Intelligence Specialist. The Public Health Intelligence team (PHIT) are part of the Public Health Directorate and provide an expert resource on epidemiology, demography and population health evidence. A key piece of work for the PHIT has been developing profiles for the four community planning partnerships in Argyll and Bute. Saskia is currently contributing to the Children's Health and Wellbeing Profiles Project, which aims to illustrate central aspects of the health and wellbeing of children and young people in the NHS Highland board area. The Children's Health and Wellbeing profile reports will present an overview of indicators relevant to the health of children in each partnership area. Going forward, Saskia will support PH projects and will work closely with the NHS Highland Health Intelligence team.

Money Counts

The Money Counts Level 1 awareness raising sessions continue to be delivered remotely. These sessions help to highlight and promote the Argyll & Bute Worrying about Money leaflet produced by the Independent Food Aid Network (IFAN). As well as being available in English, the Worrying about Money leaflet is also available in Arabic, Gaelic, Polish and Ukrainian, and, following a suggestion from a participant, it is now available in an Easy Read version. To access these leaflets, follow the link below then go to the Argyll & Bute section of the website. Some paper copies are also available. Please contact nhsh.abhealthimprovement@nhs.scot if you would like any paper copies for your organisation.

[Cash First Leaflets | IFAN \(foodaidnetwork.org.uk\)](https://www.foodaidnetwork.org.uk)

Living Well Networks

In April 2023, a new model of delivery was implemented, there is now a lead Living Well Network (LWN) Coordinator for each Locality, with a two-year Service Level Agreement in place. Although there has been a reduction in the number of LWN Coordinators, quarterly LWN meetings are still currently being held in each. The LWNs provide an opportunity for people to come together to find out what issues matter to local communities; to plan activities and events together; and to network with individuals, services and organisations. The LWNs will now work in partnership with Locality Planning Groups, by supporting engagement work within communities, sharing any identified local needs, raising issues and providing feedback to/from communities.

The vacant LWN Coordinator post in Helensburgh and Lomond has now been recruited to with a new LWN Coordinator starting on 15th August.

Further information on the LWNs and contact details for your area can be found here: <https://www.ablivingwell.org/living-well-networks>

Living Well Strategy and Prevention Board

In June of 2023, the Living Well Steering Group and the Prevention Board agreed to a merger with an aspiration of embodying a philosophy of prevention, by focussing on wellness, not illness, empowering those within Argyll and Bute to live well. The five-year Argyll and Bute Living Well Strategy and Living Well branding will be retained and utilised to achieve the aspiration outlined above. A copy of the strategy is available at www.ablivingwell.org/living-well-strategy.

The Living Well Steering Group and the Prevention Board will be replaced by the 'Living Well' Board. The Living Well board will provide strategic direction to the Living Well and Prevention agenda, with the aim of creating supports and services which take a preventative approach to improving the physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of people across Argyll and Bute, enabling them to live well.

The Living Well board will ensure that all a multi-agency approach is taken, with all partners working together with a shared vision and responsibility to provide cohesion and clarity around wellbeing services. This will include ensuring funding is allocated wisely, aligned with the shared vision of all partners, avoiding duplication across partners.

The Living Well board will coordinate the efforts of all associated subgroups, providing strategic direction, authorisation, accountability and support to their respective aims. They will monitor the progress, and resolve any issues arising, reviewing and make recommendations on any business cases or proposals arising from the subgroups. Subgroups include frailty, wellbeing project and community assets/coproduction.

The 2019-2024 Living Well Strategy was developed following extensive engagement and consultation with our communities, our staff and our third sector partners, reflecting what people told us was needed to improve self-management across Argyll and Bute. The outcomes of this engagement resulted in four themes:

- People – People living in Argyll and Bute have the tools and support they need to support them to Live Well
- Community – There are a wide range of local services to support people to Live Well
- Workforce - Staff are able and motivated to support the people they see to Live Well
- Leadership – Effective Leadership is in place to support the delivery of the Living Well strategy

Following further engagement through the Prevention Board, both the Living Well Steering group and Prevention Programme board agreed to merge Living Well and the Health and Wellbeing Programme. The above themes and corresponding action plans have therefore been incorporated into the programme structure and action planning.

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Oban and Lorn and the Islands Living Well Network

07/08/2023

Recent Highlights

Thursday 11th May 2023 - Oban and Lorn Living Well Network Meeting - 15 of us met at Oban Community Fire Station for a really productive morning of meeting and networking.

Tuesday 20th June 2023 – Oban, Lorn and the Islands Network Meeting by Zoom, focussing on Patient and Community Transport. Challenges discussed have been taken to Locality Planning Group.

Coming soon

Wednesday 16th August 2023 – Living Well on Coll Event – 14 Network members are joining me on the lovely Isle of Coll for the day where we will be sharing information with the local community at An Cridhe Community Centre.

Wednesday 23rd June 2023 – Oban Lorn and the Islands Network Meeting by Zoom to discuss how we might best spend **£15,000 of Alcohol and Drug Partnership funding** which is to be spent supporting people and their families with Alcohol, Drug and Gambling addictions. Please contact Carol if you are interested in attending this meeting.

Wednesday 29th November 2023 – Oban, Lorn and the Islands Network Meeting by Zoom supporting the Network priority of **Signposting**. Network members will be invited to share information about the work they do and the support they provide across the area. A great chance for members to share information, network and find any common ground for joint working. Carol will give an update on the work she is undertaking to try and get more information about the support that is available to the right people in our communities across Oban, Lorn and the Islands (Signposting). This work includes:-

- **Community Posters** – ‘Living Well in Oban, Lorn and the Islands – Part1 and 2’ (see below)
- Living Well in Oban, Lorn and the Islands **Article in the Oban Times** and the Island papers
- **Facebook** – hopefully combining the 2 previous facebook pages
- **Living Well on Coll** Event on 19th August – see above

Please e-mail tcmhwn@gmail.com if you would like to hear more about the Oban, Lorn and the Islands Living Well Network.

Carol Flett

Living Well Network Coordinator

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Living Well in Oban, Lorn and the Islands – Part 1

Please share this information from our Living Well Network Members as widely as you can within your communities - Thankyou

Self referral to **Smoking Cessation services** Email: nhsh.absmokefreeservices@nhs.scot
Tel: 08457573077

For support with weight management or any other Dietetic support, contact **Argyll & Bute Dietetic Service**. Voicemail: 01631 789 041 or Email: nhsh.dietitiansdirect@nhs.scot

Macmillan Cancer Community Support Workers Argyll

Chris 07866146475 Chris.Holden@nhs.scot, & Jennifer 07866 146499 jennifer.o'hara1@nhs.scot

Screening Engagement Officer - free training sessions for professionals and volunteers aiming to increase the uptake of NHS Screening among people likely to miss out. 2023 focus is Cervical & Bowel Screening. 07779 996 420 or Angela.Anderson@nhs.scot

Pain Association Scotland meets monthly online, introducing people living with chronic pain to self-management skills, creating practical, positive change leading to an improved quality of life.
www.painassociation.co.uk 0800 783 6059

Versus Arthritis- Visit www.versusarthritis.org to find out more about supported self-management, information, exercises and volunteering. Or email LiveWell@versusarthritis.org

North Argyll Carers Centre - support to unpaid carers from 5yrs upwards in the OLI area. 01631 564422 or info@northargyllcarers.org.uk www.northargyllcarers.org.uk

Gemma Mckie, **Dementia Advisor for Alzheimer Scotland**, Oban. Provides support for people living with dementia and their carers/families. 01631 570614 or gmckie@alzscot.org

Need help to improve your health and wellbeing through physical activity and wellbeing support? **Healthy Options** is here to help. Self-refer www.lornhealthyoptions.co.uk/thrive

Shannon Morrison, **Technology Enabled Care** Technician 01546 605517 or telecare@argyll-bute.gov.uk supporting people to self-manage their health through Telecare and stay happy, safe and independent in their own homes.

New members with an interest in helping to build healthier communities are always welcome. If you would like more information about the Living Well Network, if you have information you would like to share with the network or if you would like to receive information to share among your community, contact the Oban, Lorn and the Islands Living Well Network Coordinator Carol tcmhwn@gmail.com



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Living Well in Oban, Lorn and the Islands – Part 2

Please share this information from our Living Well Network Members as widely as you can within your communities - Thankyou

It helps to talk! **Relationships Scotland Couple Counselling Argyll**. 0300 111 0031
or info@argyllcouplecounselling.org www.argyllcouplecounselling.org

Home-Start Lorn- one-to-one support, friendship and group work for families in Oban, Lorn and the Isle of Mull. manager@homestartlorn.org.uk or 01631566749

Hope Kitchen, a local charity serving Oban, Lorn and the Isles comprises New Hope Community Café and Green Shoots Community Garden. Contact obanhopekitchen@gmail.com or 01631 565730 www.hopekitchen.org

Ali Martin, **MECOPP** Support and Development worker with the Gypsy Traveller Community, Mid and North Argyll. ali@mecopp.org.uk 07398830408

Samaritans listening service available 24/7, no pressure or judgement, just a safe and confidential space to talk through how you are feeling . Call 116 123

Transforming Loss in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, Rachel Gwilym, Grief Recovery Specialist, End of Life Planning Facilitator and Funeral Celebrant. www.rachelgwilym.com, 01879 555 220

Social Security Scotland support for people across Argyll and the Islands in a way that works best for them. 0800 182 2222 and ask for help to claim from local delivery. www.socialsecurity.gov.scot to see Scottish Government benefits available.

enquiries@alienergy.org.uk or call 01631 565 183 to get free, confidential and impartial energy advice and access to financial help with energy bills from local charity **Alienergy**.

Argyll and Bute Council Welfare Rights service. Irene Boyd, Oban Lorn and Islands Welfare Rights Officer 01631 572182 for benefits advice and help with completion of some application forms.

Bute Advice Centre is supporting low income households across Argyll to access a cash grant through the Flexible Food and Fuel Fund. Call 01700 502782 for a confidential chat.

GamCare, Affected by Gambling – need Help? Call 0808 8020 133 (24hrs a day)

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Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface Partner Update – OLI ACPG Period: 14th April 2023 to 16th July 2023.

Local Strategic Partnerships

At the June 2023 **Community Planning Partnership (CPP)**, A&B TSI CEO presented a fourth paper on moving the **local Community Wealth Building (CWB)** agenda further forward. The paper noted proposals for the governance of CWB locally and the arrangements for awarding the research contract to the Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES).

In partnership with the Council and Inspiralba TSI has commissioned research from the Social Value Lab into the **health of social enterprises in Argyll and Bute**. Results from this research are expected to be published in Autumn 2023.

At the end of June, A&B TSI commissioned a three day Combined First Aid at Work and Paediatric First Aid course at Atlantis Leisure Centre in Oban for Third Sector organisations. There was interest in the course from a variety of small to medium groups across A&B with attendees ranging from Mull and Oban to Helensburgh & Lomond.

The TSI national network is continuing to work on a response to the cost-of-living crisis and to advocate for Fair Funding for the Third Sector.

Future Events

The next meeting of the **Argyll and Bute Social Enterprise Network is scheduled for Thursday 24th August at 2pm in the newly refurbished Inverary Hub**. There is an option to attend remotely. For more information and to register attendance follow the [Social Enterprise Network Tickets, Thu 24 Aug 2023 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

On Wednesday 6th September at The Rockfield Centre in Oban there will be a workshop exploring Community Wealth Building (CWB) in Argyll. The workshop follows on from a session conducted in May however, attending that previous session is not a prerequisite to participation. This session forms part of the work that The Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) and the Resource Collective have been commissioned to undertake by Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface for the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership. To find out more about the workshop in Oban and similar workshops in other areas of Argyll and Bute follow the link [Citizen Led Community Wealth Building Series | Eventbrite](#)

A&B TSI are organising a **Volunteer Conference at The Rockfield Centre in Oban on Friday 8th September 11am to 4pm**. Please pencil the date in your diaries. More details to follow once the agenda has been confirmed. **Brian Grout has been appointed as the Co-ordinator for the Argyll and Bute Positive Destinations Programme** and will be speaking at the Volunteer Conference in September. The programme offers support for anyone over the age of 15 with barriers to further education or employment by offering a 6-month volunteering placement in organisations across Argyll and Bute, with mentors to support personal development. To register go to [Register \(argylltsi-funding.org.uk\)](#)



Keep Oban Beautiful

... is the aim of local people who are passionate about Oban and who believe that the town could be an even more attractive place for residents and visitors alike.



We intend to support the on-going community involvement in beautifying Oban in various ways, whether by encouraging residents to protect and plant trees, helping to look after community gardens and flower beds, clearing litter from our streets and beaches and most importantly, getting together with like-minded members of our community.

Together we can make a difference!



Previous Projects

Black Lynn

- Removing invasive alien plants,
- planting trees
- providing a seating area overlooking the burn

On-going Projects

Oban Spring Clean

- Town wide litter pick
- Last weekend of March
- Fantastic community collaboration



Projects in-planning

Waterfall Walk

Take an unused scrap of woodland adjacent to Oban High School and nurture it back to a space where humans & wildlife can thrive

- Removing junk & invasive alien plants
- Develop wetland
- Provide a seating area by waterfall

McCaig's Tower

- Rejuvenate the formal garden both within & outside the tower
- Rehabilitate the wooded area outside the tower to improve aesthetics, biodiversity & neighbour relations.



Future Projects

Gardens, planters & boxes

- Corran Halls
- Street Planter boxes

Woodland Fragments

- Keep campaigning for better protection of Oban's green spaces
- Connect green spaces to create a wildlife corridor through town

Litter awareness

- We love OSC but would prefer it didn't have to happen!



Future Projects

Heavily dependent on working with Council

- Usually council land
- Require a lease for funding applications
- Need Planning Department to action protection

Volunteers

- Individuals, Community Groups & Businesses
- Get involved, share ideas, coproduction

We'd love to hear from you keepobanbeautiful@gmail.com

Climate Change Working Group**Date: 2 August 2023**

Climate Change Working Group Highlight Report

Argyll and Bute Climate Action

1.0 Executive Summary

This CPP sub-group, known as the Climate Change Working Group are planning the production of 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.

The Climate Change Working Group recently agreed to start the project by recruiting a Project Manager this financial year.

The project has been delayed due to underestimating the time taken to conclude a Memorandum of Agreement.

2.0 Highlight Report

2.1 Action Plan background

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 Funding

The Climate Change Working Group are currently pulling together a funding package to support the post of the Climate Change Project Manager.

The cost of a Project Manager post is estimated to be in the region of £120,000 over two years, which would include the salary of an appropriately qualified climate leader, associated employer costs, T&S costs, etc.

Subsequent to previous calls for funding contributions, we had two firm contributions from partners:

£20,000	NHS Highland - Argyll & Bute Health and Social Care Partnership
£50,000	Argyll and Bute Council

We have also the following bids in with the following organisations and are awaiting news on the success or otherwise of these bids:

£15,000	NatureScot
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Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface (TSI) are also supportive of the proposal in principle and are exploring funding opportunities.

2.3 Progress

The Climate Change working Group decided to start the project with the budget we currently have.

The finalisation of the Memorandum of Agreement between the CPP and the hosting body (Argyll Countryside Trust) is now complete, which was required to establish the governance arrangements.

The Project Manager post is now advertised and can be viewed here:

<https://www.act-now.org.uk/news/new-climate-change-action-project-manager-vacancy>

We'd appreciate it if this opportunity was circulated widely amongst your contacts.

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 actively pursuing the recruitment of a Project Manager to start this Action Plan work and hope to have someone in post shortly, once we have completed the recruitment processes.

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