

ARGYLL AND BUTE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES of MEETING held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD on FRIDAY, 2 MARCH 2007

Present:

Councillor Allan Macaskill (Chair)	Elaine Garman, NHS Highland
Councillor Robin Banks (Vice-Chair)	Gordon Anderson, Strathclyde Police
Andrew Campbell, SNH	David Penman, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue
Raymond Park, Strathclyde Police	Geoff Calvert, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue
Eileen Wilson Argyll & Bute Community Planning Partnership	Nick Purdy, Forestry Commission Scotland
Fiona Ritchie, Argyll and Bute CHP	Kevin O'Hare, Scottish Water
Peter Minshall, CVS in Argyll and VC	Gordon Donaldson, Forestry Commission Scotland
Julian Hankinson, Assoc. of Community Councils in Argyll & Bute	Sue Gledhill, HIE Argyll and the Islands
Muriel Kupris, Argyll and Bute Council	Alex Robertson, Communities Scotland
	Brian Barker, Argyll and Bute Council
	James McLellan, Argyll and Bute Council

Apologies

Bill Dalrymple, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority	Jane Fowler, Argyll and Bute Council
Lesley Campbell, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority	David McGregor, Scottish Enterprise
George Harper, Argyll and Bute Council	Aileen Edwards, Scottish Enterprise
Shirley MacLeod, Argyll and Bute Council	Councillor George Freeman, Argyll and Bute Council
Andy Law, Argyll and Bute Council	Erik Jespersen, NHS Highland
Maira MacDonald, Argyll and Bute Council	Douglas Hunter, Argyll and Bute Council
Keith Miller, Forestry Commission Scotland	Jim McCrossan, Argyll and Bute Council
Deborah Bryce, Initiative at the Edge, Jura	Alasdair Oatts, Argyll and Bute Care and Repair
	Jim Frame, SEPA
	Malcolm MacFadyen, Argyll and Bute Council
	Jim Clinton, Community Links

1. WELCOME

Allan Macaskill, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Kevin O'Hare, Scottish Water, David Penman, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and Fiona Ritchie, NHS Highland, who were attending their first meeting.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10TH NOVEMBER 2006

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2006, subject to the following adjustments, were accepted as an accurate record.

Item 7 – Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

It should be noted that restructuring followed the introduction of the “2005 Fire (Scotland) Act” and not the 2005 Fire Service Act and that “the areas of command were previously covered by 4 larger areas” and not 5.

3. MATTERS ARISING

The matters arising were those included on the agenda for this meeting.

4. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

- (a) The minutes of the Community Planning Management Committee meeting held on 7 February 2007, copies having previously been circulated were noted. An amendment was noted to item 8(c) of the minutes – Initiative at the Edge – “the fast passenger ferry may not go ahead this year until funding is secured for the revenue”, not the infrastructure. It was also noted that Initiative at the Edge were currently sourcing potential funders in order to fund three months’ revenue which would help to show the need and develop the longer term sustainability.
- (b) The Partnership also noted the activities of the Committee Chair, Andrew Campbell, since the Partnership meeting held on 10 November 2006.

Matters arising from the Migrant Workers Forum held in Oban on 20 November 2006 were discussed and it was agreed that partners would do all they could to assist in attracting workers to the area. The Bute and Cowal Local Community Planning Pilot review meeting held in Strachur on 1 December 2006 was very successful, with positive feedback received.

5. THE COMMUNITY PLAN PROPOSAL FOR 2007-2012 - DRAFT PLAN

Eileen Wilson answered various questions on the proposed format for the Draft Community Plan 2007-2012 which outlines the Leading Rural vision for outstanding environment, vibrant communities and forward looking, with priorities for Environment, Culture, Economy, Housing, Health, Public Sector Reform and Integration, Communication and Capacity Building. The Draft Plan will be submitted to the Management Committee at their meeting on 18 April and the Final Plan launched at the Community Planning Biennial Conference to be held on 15 June 2007.

6. LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY

The Report and Executive Summary on the Local Transport Strategy for Argyll and Bute, copies having previously been circulated, were noted. For details log on to the Council website consultation page at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

7. COMMUNITY PLANNING ISSUES

(a) UPDATE ON CPP PRIORITIES (THEME GROUP LEADERS)

Health and Wellbeing Group

Elaine Garman spoke to the meeting on the activities of the Health and Wellbeing Group, copies having previously been circulated. The update was noted.

Argyll and the Islands Local Economic Forum

Sue Gledhill provided an update to the meeting on the activities of the Argyll and the Islands Local Economic Forum, copies of which were laid on the table.

Dunbartonshire Economic Forum

The report on the activities of the Dunbartonshire Economic Forum, copies having previously been circulated, was noted.

Strategic Housing and Communities Forum

The report on the activities of the Strategic Housing and Communities Forum, copies having previously been circulated, was noted.

Bute and Cowal Local Community Planning Pilot

The Management Committee noted the update provided by Shirley MacLeod, copies having previously been circulated, outlining progress in taking forward the Bute and Cowal localised Community Planning Pilot and providing details of the proposed future structure of the project.

(b) Initiative At The Edge

Andrew Campbell gave a verbal update on behalf of Initiative at the Edge on the activities of the Development Officers for the islands of Coll and Jura.

Intimation had been received from Anne Clark of her retirement after 26 years service with the Islay and Jura Council for Voluntary Services and the Chair expressed the Partnership's appreciation of her work.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Partnership meeting will be held on Friday 6 July 2007.

As he would not be standing for re-election in the local authority election to be held in May 2007, and would be retiring from the Council and as Chair of the Community Planning Partnership, Allan thanked partners for their co-operation during his chairmanship of the Partnership. The Partnership's Vice-Chairman, Robin Banks, would also be retiring.

Andrew Campbell, Chair of the Community Planning Management Committee, thanked Allan and Robin for their chairmanship and support.

9. DRIVESafe SEMINAR

DRIVESafe Seminar was held immediately following this meeting. Invitations had been extended to all Partners and those involved in the DRIVESafe initiative to explore the issue of employers' responsibilities where members of staff regularly drive as part of their work.

