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ARGYLL AND BUTE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

23 February 2007

A meeting of the **ARGYLL AND BUTE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD** on **FRIDAY, 2 MARCH 2007** at **12:30 PM**.

A buffet lunch will be available from 12 noon in the Members' Room

Please note change to timings

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Followed by DRIVESafe Seminar

**MINUTES of MEETING held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on FRIDAY, 10th NOVEMBER 2006**

Present:

Allan Macaskill (Chair)
Eileen Wilson, Argyll and Bute Council
Mike Firth, Scottish Water
David Dowie, Communities Scotland
Julian Hankinson, Association of Argyll and Bute
Community Councils
Jim Clinton, Bute Community Links
Raymond Park, Strathclyde Police
Gordon Anderson, Strathclyde Police
Keith Miller, Forestry Commission Scotland

Geoff Calvert, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue
John Ironside, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue
Alan Milstead, Argyll and the Islands Enterprise
Elaine Garman, NHS Highland
Bill Dalrymple, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs
National Park Association
Carl Olivarius, Argyll and Bute Council
Andrew Campbell, Scottish Natural Heritage
Brian Barker, Argyll and Bute Council

In attendance: Ken MacTaggart, Alba Consultant / AIE

In attendance for “Jackie’s Story”: Pamela MacDonald, Women’s Aid
Naomi Breeze, Breeze Productions

Apologies:

Jacqui MacLeod, Crofters Commission
Gordon Donaldson, Forestry Commission Scotland
Alan McDougall, Fyne Homes
Mitchell Roger, Strathclyde Police
George Harper, Argyll and Bute Council
Andrew Law, Argyll and Bute Council
David McGregor, Scottish Enterprise
Aileen Edwards, Scottish Enterprise
Jim McCrossan, Argyll and Bute Council
Hugh Donaldson, Initiative at the Edge
Deborah Bryce, Initiative at the Edge
George Harper, Argyll and Bute Council
Shirley MacLeod, Argyll and Bute Council

Jim Frame, SEPA
 Robin Banks, Argyll and Bute Council
 Erik Jespersen, NHS Scotland
 Dave Fulton, JobCentrePlus
 Roger Gibbins, NHS Scotland
 Alasdair Oatts, Argyll and Bute Care and Repair
 Fiona Ritchie, NHS Scotland
 Nigel Stewart, Argyll and Bute Council
 James McLellan, Argyll and Bute Council
 Donald MacVicar, Argyll and Bute Council
 Peter Minshall, on behalf of the Volunteer Centre and
 other CVS in Argyll and Bute

1. WELCOME

Allan Macaskill, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. In particular, a welcome was extended to Eileen Wilson, who was attending her first meeting of the Community Planning Partnership as Community Planning Manager, and to Sergeant Gordon Anderson who had been appointed Marlene Baillie's successor as Argyll and Bute's Local Authority Liaison Officer.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 JULY 2006

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2006 were accepted as an accurate record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

The matters arising were those noted on the agenda for the meeting.

4. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Andrew Campbell provided a verbal update on the Management Committee meetings held on 23rd August and on 4th October 2006, confirming that details of all matters would be available in the minutes held on the Council's website.

Andrew advised that discussion took place on 23rd August 2006 on the evaluation update of the Bute and Cowal Area Partnership, consultation on the Scottish Rural Development Plan, the development of Core Path planning, and that an update was provided from the Health and Wellbeing Group as well as the provision of information regarding the position of the Sustaining and Developing our Communities, Culture and Environment Group and the proposal that this Group be partly absorbed into the existing Strategic Housing Forum and that new members for the broader Group, drawn from the Sustaining and Developing our Communities, Culture and Environment Group – and to be known as the Housing and Communities Group - would be SEPA, Scottish Water, Forestry Commission, AliEnergy, Community Regeneration (with respect to reporting to CRF), and Crofters Commission.

Following the Management Committee decision on 23rd August that Andrew Campbell be asked to continue as Chair for a further year, that a Vice-Chair should be appointed who would take the role of Chair at the end

of the Vice-Chair term, it was discussed and agreed at the meeting on 4th October that Raymond Park, Strathclyde Police would be Vice-Chair, taking over as Chair of the Management Committee in 2007.

Raymond Park confirmed being in discussion with Andrew Campbell and that he looked forward to taking on the role of Chair next year following his period as Vice-Chair.

Andrew encouraged partners to read the website and hoped that efforts could be made to reduce paper work.

5. COMMUNITY PLANNING ISSUES

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

Health and Wellbeing Group

Elaine Garman, Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Group, updated partners on the activities of the Group, copies of the report having previously been circulated. This included the Joint Health Improvement Plan (JHIP) and it was noted that local health networks are encouraging partnership working, the Health Improvement Fund and localities' own Action Plans in particular.

Progress is being made in all areas of JHIP actions including partnership working in regard to alcohol, CHD, stroke and cancer, mental health and wellbeing, safer communities, inequalities and will keep progressing development.

Elaine answered questions relating to problems of heart disease and cancer and that these were being addressed with activity in addressing diet in the elderly and the young, with projects encouraging healthy eating, in addition to those included in the JHIP. Elaine explained how the Group were taking matters forward relating to health and that the Group were also promoting good communication.

The partners discussed the importance of healthy eating in school children and although schools were encouraging this it was agreed that commercial outlets should also be encouraged to provide health eating.

Raymond Park advised partners regarding correspondence between Strathclyde Police and the Health and Wellbeing group, that the counselling service was being revamped, with all partners involved.

John Ironside, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue would give support in the Action Plan to bring down barriers.

Keith Miller, Forestry Commission Scotland, confirmed a new strategy using key themes including health improvement with various health initiatives.

Jim Clinton, Bute Community Links, advised that through a meeting group progress has now been made in addressing assistance with the programme.

Argyll and the Islands Local Economic Forum

The report on the activities of the Argyll and the Islands Local Economic Forum, copies having previously been circulated, was noted.

Alan Milstead updated the partners on the report in regard to the Mull Pool where work had started. Questions on progress regarding the designation of a Marine National Park and a discussion ensued. The section in the report on statistics on measurement of economic development activities was highlighted and Alan emphasised the importance of Ken MacTaggart's presentation being brought to the meeting. The Chair reported that he had written looking to Northern Ireland to contribute in addition to the Scottish Executive's contribution.

Dunbartonshire Economic Forum

There was no update from Dunbartonshire Economic Forum. It was agreed that Eileen Wilson would write to Aileen Edwards requesting an update to the next meeting.

Housing and Communities Group

It was noted that the first meeting of the combined Strategic Housing Forum and the CPP Housing and Communities Group would be held on Friday, 8th December 2006 and that an update would be brought to the next meeting.

Update on Bute and Cowal Local Community Planning Pilot

Eileen Wilson provided a verbal update on the progress on the Bute and Cowal Local Community Planning Pilot. Eileen advised that she had written to all partners, encouraging representation from local organisations to the seminar to be held on Friday 1st December 2006 in Strachur Village Hall, 10.00 am – 3.45 pm and would feed back the specific actions to the next meeting.

(b) INITIATIVE AT THE EDGE

The Partnership noted the Annual Report on the three islands of Colonsay, Coll and Jura received from Hugh Donaldson, Initiative at the Edge Co-ordinator, copies having previously been circulated.

Hugh Donaldson had provided information prior to the meeting on the situation regarding Local Development Officers, advising that Paula Darnton-Smith, Coll DLO, had left and that a new DLO, originally from Coll, and now returning to the island, had been appointed.

Hugh had also advised that Colonsay was due to go out of designation and that a plan had not been forthcoming of how this would continue working but that they managed to get assistance from the Community Land Unit with three months' extra funding put into place and were to bring together the crofting remit and their proposals regarding new housing. Hugh would be making a case to influence the Community Planning Partnership decision to retain the community link.

Hugh Donaldson had also confirmed he would bring updates on this information to the Management Committee on 6th December 2006.

The partnership discussed the need for the Scottish Executive to make finance available to enable the islands to improve and agreed that partners should be involved in encouraging agencies to prioritise working in the island areas.

6. COMMUNITY PLAN PROPOSAL FOR 2007 – 2012

Eileen Wilson reported to the meeting on the future Community Plan proposal, copies of which had previously been circulated, together with the proposed implementation schedule. It was noted that the Plan would be built around the leading Rural Area vision for Argyll and Bute and developed through a process of collaboration where partners and communities have the opportunity to comment on the proposed key topics to be addressed by the partnership over the five year period to 2012.

The meeting agreed the timing outlined in the Community Plan Implementation Schedule.

7. STRATHCLYDE FIRE AND RESCUE

With reference to minutes of meeting held on 11th November 2005, John Ironside of Strathclyde Fire and Rescue gave a presentation on the organisation's new role and function following re-structuring.

John Ironside explained that the organisation welcomed the challenge of being given the duty and power of restructuring following the introduction of the 2005 Fire Service Act. He emphasised the priorities for the Service would be Community Engagement, Safer Communities and Prevention, the wider Rescue role taking on offshore water rescue, being in the right place at the right time, and by being a local authority based service would be consulting with effective partners. There were now 10 areas of command in Strathclyde, previously covered by 5 larger areas, making the Argyll and Bute team more accessible to the local community in terms of need. Among the priorities for the Argyll and Bute area would be vulnerable persons, anti-social behaviour, unwanted fire signals. The service would be looking to the Partnership for assistance.

John Ironside answered various questions in regard to volunteer and retained fighters and it was hoped to encourage manpower resources returning to the area. Discussion also took place regarding the ongoing proactive visits to householders and building on the involvement of the service with local groups, providing information and providing awareness of assistance available.

The Fire and Rescue Vision document to the year 2015 is available on the Website - <http://www.google.co.uk/search?hl=en&q=Strathclyde+Fire+and+Rescue+Vision&btnG=Search&meta=cr%3DcountryUK%7CcountryGB>

8. ARGYLL AND THE ISLANDS LOCAL ECONOMIC FORUM STRATEGY

Ken MacTaggart, Independent Economic Adviser to the Argyll and the Islands Economic Forum, gave a presentation on the Strategy for Argyll and the Islands Economic Forum. The aim of the strategy was to promote prosperity and wellbeing for the people of all parts of Argyll and the Islands. The list of objectives and steps taken to measure progress and effect measurement of the strategy was explained. The strategic framework objectives include Growing Business, Global Connections, Skills and Learning, Strengthening Communities and Sustaining the Environment.

Figures were presented showing steady statistics regarding new Business Formation through the Banks, figures on the numbers Unemployed fluctuated between May 2004 and September 2006, with figure slightly improved, percentage of businesses able to access Broadband had steadily increased over the period April 2004 to December 2005. Population figures in the Argyll and the Islands area (including the Isle of Arran) for the period mid 2004 to mid 2005 showed a decline of -0.4%. Figures relating to ineffective Housing Stock showed a high percentage of holiday homes and vacant dwellings in Argyll and Bute in relation to the total number in Scotland. Domestic Waste Re-cycling was showing a positive trend.

Discussion followed on population figures showing migration to Argyll and Bute and it was noted that in comparison with Highlands and Islands there was steady growth in Argyll and Bute. The meeting also discussed the constraints on Housing and the need to address improvement in affordable housing as well as employment rates. It was acknowledged that there was a need to maintain the inward migration and for retaining young people.

9. SCOTTISH WATER'S INVESTMENT PLAN FOR WATER AND SEWERAGE

Reference minutes of last meeting held on 7th July 2006, Mike Firth gave a presentation on Scottish Water's Investment Plan for Water and Sewerage. He accepted that Scottish Water had not previously been looking to the future but had focussed on the here and now, that there had been a historic lack of investment, with no significant funding for growth, headroom was used up and had experienced tightening EU standards.

Scottish Water plan over the next four years for £2.15 billion to continue quality improvements, are now specifically funded to enable development and can say yes to development, with new rules for developers to pay for upgrade of sewers and water mains.

He explained new market rules being applied where Scottish Water are funded to upgrade treatment works, where the developer pays for sewers and water mains required to service new homes, with a new infrastructure charge of approximately £500 per property. Scottish Water makes a reasonable cost contribution (RCC) of up to £2,800 per home, with model running costs refunded if development approved subject to maximum level of RCC, that developers no longer require to build network models, and Communities Scotland fund £14 million a year for affordable housing.

Scottish Water were now working more effectively with local authorities, prioritising areas such as Quality and Growth Projects for Water and Wastewater Treatment at Port Charlotte, Carradale, Belmore-Garelochhead, Tiree, Kilmelford, Dunoon and Taynuilt, Growth Projects for Waste Water Treatment at Ardfarn, Campbeltown, Tighnabruaich, Shandon and Port Ellen and for Growth Projects for Water Treatment at Ardrishaig, Arinagour-Coll and Lochdon-Mull.

Various questions were put to and answered by Mike Firth. Discussion included issues regarding planning permissions which were being addressed and in regard to problems with old infrastructure and the associated health and safety issues, the planning authority would investigate making it a condition on applications for planning permission for new works that the old infrastructure be removed. Discussion also followed on the high costs of housing for those sites without water. The partnership would welcome Scottish Water's involvement in the Community Planning Theme Groups.

10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:

It was agreed that future meetings of the Community Planning Partnership be held as follows:-

- Friday, 2nd March 2007
- Friday, 6th July 2007
- Friday, 9th November 2007

11. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

11.1 Coastal Marine National Park

It was noted that the timing for consultation on the designation of a Coastal Marine National Park did not fit in with timing of future meetings of the Partnership. The two more favourable areas, out of 10, being considered in the consultation were (1) Islay, Jura and Tiree, and (2) Ardnamurchan, Tiree, Coll and Mull. The Council will be responding regarding the consultation to the Scottish Executive in January 2007, having requested an extension to the period of consultation, and partners were also encouraged to respond through the Partnership. It was noted that Scottish Natural Heritage were responding as part of SEERAD.

11.2 Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

John Ironside asked for volunteers with Strathclyde Fire and Rescue's communications strategy.

11.3 Communities Scotland

David Dowie provided an update to the meeting on the activities of Communities Scotland about their balanced programme in various areas, about Development Plans for Argyll and the Islands including the Initiative at the Edge islands of Coll, Colonsay and Jura, housing affordability and that they are working with the Crofting Commission. There has been substantial investment in housing over the last three years and first time buyers on to the housing market. The impending local authority housing stock transfer, which had been put back to 21st November 2006, would have a large impact on employment as well as housing. Revisions in the Local Plan would free up land for housing.

11.4 Housing Stock Transfer

It was noted that the housing stock transfer from Argyll and Bute Council to the Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) was being held up due to ACHA's Investment Plan issues and should soon be drawn to a conclusion. The details were being taken to the Council on 15th November and if all conditions of the transfer are satisfied, the transfer would be completed following 7 days' notification to tenants when all housing services currently provided by the Council would transfer to ACHA.

12. THANKS

Allan Macaskill thanked John Ironside, Ken MacTaggart and Mike Firth for their presentations on behalf of Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, Argyll and the Islands Economic Forum and Scottish Water respectively.

13. AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE: JACKIE'S STORY

Reference minutes of the management committee meeting held on 19 April 2006 it was agreed that a performance of the play "Jackie's Story" be provided as part of the Domestic Abuse Strategy to raise awareness of particular issues and barriers which can be faced when experiencing domestic abuse within a rural area and the need to continue to educate and create greater awareness for men, women, children and young people, agencies involved and employers and the public at large.

The meeting were invited to attend the performance of "Jackie's Story", following adjournment for lunch, when Pamela MacDonald, Women's Aid, introduced Naomi Breeze of Breeze Productions, who gave a powerful performance of the one-woman play enacting the story of one woman's experience of mental and physical abuse.

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**MINUTES of MEETING of CPP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held in the NHS BOARD
ROOM, AROS, HOSPITAL ROAD, LOCHGILPHEAD
on Wednesday, 7th February 2007**

Present: Andrew Campbell, Scottish Natural Heritage (Chair)
Eileen Wilson, Community Planning Manager
Bill Dundas, SEERAD
Brian Barker, Argyll and Bute Council
Elaine Garman, NHS Highland
Geoff Calvert, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue
Gordon Anderson, Strathclyde Police
Jane Fowler, Argyll and Bute Council
Julia Hankinson, Association of Argyll and Bute Community Councils
Malcolm MacFadyen, Argyll and Bute Council
Peter Minshall, Argyll CVS
Raymond Park, Strathclyde Police
Sue Gledhill, HIE Argyll and the Islands

In Attendance: Pat Logan, Argyll and Bute Volunteer Centre
Nicola Debnam, Argyll and Bute Council
Martin Turnbull, Argyll and Bute Council

Apologies: Muriel Kupris, Argyll and Bute Council
David Dowie, Communities Scotland
Kevin O'Hare, Scottish Water
Alan Milstead, HIE Argyll and the Islands
James McLellan, Argyll and Bute Council
Blair Fletcher, Argyll and Bute Council
Aileen Edwards, Scottish Enterprise

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Andrew Campbell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of 6th December 2006 were accepted as an accurate record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Community Regeneration Outcome Agreement - Stocktake Feedback

Reference minutes of last meeting, item 7, it was agreed that Muriel Kupris be asked to inform the Management Committee of the response regarding additional funding.

Action note: Muriel Kupris to report back to next meeting on 18th April

(b) Engaging Children and Young People in Community Planning

Reference minutes of last meeting, item 9, in regard to information on the website, Eileen Wilson advised that this would be discussed at the Community Planning

Network meeting to be held on 8th February and it would be suggested that this topic tie in to Community Safety Forum/Young Scot seminar.

Action note: Eileen Wilson to report to Management Committee, 18th April 2007

(c) Big Lottery Fund 'Hub'

Reference minutes of the last meeting, item 10, Eileen Wilson updated the meeting on progress. She had met with the Council's Corporate Funding Officer who was progressing invitations to the local partnership 'hub' as well as arrangements for the panel to meet on the afternoons of each Management Committee meeting. The panel would be briefed prior to the next meeting on 18th April.

Action note: Eileen Wilson/Arlene Cullum

(d) Community Planning Issues – Health and Wellbeing Group update

Reference minutes of last meeting, item 12(a), Eileen Wilson advised that she and Fiona Ritchie were endeavouring to arrange a suitable date for both of them to meet prior to the next Management Committee meeting, to which Fiona would be invited.

Action note: Eileen Wilson

(e) Local Economic Forums

Reference discussion at the last meeting, item 12(c), when it was agreed there would be a report back regarding Construction, one of the key sectors for growth, Sue Gledhill advised after consultation with the industry locally a number of areas for attention had been identified and action was being taken to address them. The Construction College at Kilmory was due to open later in 2007 and provide much needed local training opportunities helping to retain young people in the area. A Construction Industry advisor had also been secured to focus on the Argyll area full time rather than covering as part of a wider area.

After discussion on the synergy and the possible involvement of young people, e.g. under the Not in Education or Employment Training (NEET) strategy, it was agreed that Sue would report back on progress made.

Lucinda Gray, Head of the Developing Skills Team at HIE Argyll and the Islands, would be happy to provide further details on the local initiatives within construction to any interested partners. Her contact details are:-[Tel: 01546 605408](tel:01546605408), e mail: lucinda.gray@hient.co.uk

Action note: Sue Gledhill to report to meeting on 18th April on progress, providing a presentation on the involvement of NEET

(f) Initiative at the Edge – Broadband issues

Reference discussion at the last meeting, item 12(e), when Alan Milstead undertook to look at the problems which the islands were experiencing with Broadband, Sue Gledhill advised that Alan had received reports of various problems experienced in the Highland area. Having looked into the matter, Sue advised that problems would be dealt with on an individual basis by supplying BT with name, address, telephone number and an explanation of the problem. In order that problems in other rural areas within Argyll and Bute could be brought to the attention of BT it was agreed

that Community Councils would obtain details of individual cases for Community Councils to forward to BT.

Action notes: Julian Hankinson to advise Community Councils in Argyll and Bute; and Sue Gledhill to feedback to latE

4. THE COMMUNITY PLAN 2007 – 2012

(a) Partnership Day held on 23rd January 2007

Eileen Wilson provided feedback from the Community Planning Partnership Day held on 23rd January which produced a good, positive evaluation. Eileen presented the first draft of the Community Plan, drawn up as a result of the Partnership Day, and went through the vision, key facts, themes and priorities, outlining the essential elements required for measuring progress and performance.

It was agreed that examples of good practice should be illustrated in the Plan and Eileen would contact those who attended the Partnership Day in January and feedback regarding recognition and promotion of what they are doing.

Eileen requested that partners submit photographs of people and evidence of partnership working for inclusion in the Community Plan document.

The meeting discussed how various groups, such as Community Safety Forum and Health and Wellbeing group involve young people in the community and the Police and Fire groups were also to be encouraged to involve youths in local CPP groups.

Action note: Eileen Wilson to progress and All partners for photographs

(b) Biennial Conference – 15th June 2007

Eileen Wilson spoke to the meeting regarding preparations for the CPP Biennial Conference to be held in June and advised she would visit the Pavilion, Rothesay in early course to look at the facilities available and at the logistics for ferry travel. The topics for the day would centre round the leading rural area vision and arrangements would now be made to invite a keynote speaker and look at the format for the day.

Action note: Eileen Wilson

5. LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2007 – 2010

Nicola Debnam discussed the report and executive summary consultative draft on the development of a local transportation strategy for Argyll and Bute, copies having previously been circulated. It was noted that roadshow events were being held throughout January and February at Mull, Oban, Helensburgh, Bute, Campbeltown, Dunoon, Lochgilphead and Islay where a wide range of stakeholders would be consulted on the new strategy. Nicola reported that comments so far were very positive. The consultative draft would proceed to the Council's Area Committees, Strategic Policy Committee, the full Council and to Community Planning Partnership at their next meeting on 2nd March.

For details log on to the Local Transport Strategy box on the Council website Home Page at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

6. ARGYLL AND BUTE YOUTH STRATEGY

Martin Turnbull provided a presentation on the Argyll and Bute Youth Strategy and gave the definition of the Argyll and Bute Youth Work Plan. Three defining features of youth work are - youth choose to participate; work must build from where young people are; and youth work recognises the young person and the youth worker as partners in the learning process. The age group for youths is 11 to 25 year olds, with particular emphasis on the 11 to 18 year olds. There had been a good rate of response on a consultation exercise. Availability of jobs, affordable housing, sports facilities, entertainment facilities and things for young people to do generally all rated poorly. There was better feedback on an individual basis regarding young people's local areas, e.g. a nice place to live, is usually safe, has a great environment and great people. Services received were rated highly and young people believed they gain significant wider benefits from taking part in youth work activities.

Martin answered various questions and advised on locally based activities. It was felt that young people should be encouraged in volunteering work. The meeting also discussed links which could be made between the Youth Forum and the Partnership and agreed that the Partnership attend local events. Further questions would be put to young people and a report back to the Partnership.

A full version of the Youth Link statement on youth work can be found on the Youth Link website: www.youthlink.co.uk

Action note: Martin Turnbull to report back to Management Committee

7. DTI CONSULTATION ON POST OFFICE NETWORK

There had previously been circulated DTI consultation document on The Post Office Network and subsequent report which Brian Barker had prepared for submission to Argyll and Bute Council and which was provided as background to the consultation.

Following discussion it was agreed that the matter would come back to a future meeting once a definitive list of post offices facing closure was made available.

Action note: Brian Barker to report back to Management Committee

8. COMMUNITY PLANNING ISSUES

(a) Update on CPP priorities

(i) Health and Wellbeing Group

Elaine Garman updated the management committee on the activities of the Health and Wellbeing Group, copy report having previously been circulated.

It was noted that a sub group had now been set up to initiate the process of reviewing the Health and Wellbeing Group and details will be fed back to the Management Committee.

Action note: Elaine Garman

(ii) Argyll and the Islands Economic Forum

Sue Gledhill provided an update on the activities of the Argyll and the Islands Local Economic Forum in Alan Milstead's absence as he was attending to-

day's meeting of the Local Economic Forum.

Recent economic activity by the LEC between September and November included 10 out of 21 new business starts on the islands, £2.5 million had been granted to the marine laboratory at Dunstaffnage to fund expansion, and 34 other projects had been approved. Andrew Thin, new Chair of SNH, had outlined priorities for SNH, such as, a new corporate strategy which puts Scottish people at the heart of SNH activity with links to Council and Enterprise, looking at what planning activities are the most effective, that there is potential to release much greater value from 50 reserves managed by SNH, and recognising that Argyll network was working well and is effective in local partnerships.

Sue advised that the December LEC meeting received a presentation on Growing our Own/Working on Health in Argyll and Bute (GOO/WHAB), an initiative focusing on employment issues in health, designed to keep students working locally. Argyll College was picking up again.

Sue confirmed the successful launch of Highland Year 2007, a year dedicated to the celebration of highland culture, supported by three funding partners, the Scottish Executive, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Highland Council. Over 30 national agencies support the delivery of Highland 2007, with additional support from many partners, sponsors and suppliers. There are 20 events planned for Argyll and Bute.

(iii) Dunbartonshire Economic Forum

There was no update from Dunbartonshire Economic Forum.

(iv) Strategic Housing and Communities Forum

The meeting noted the activities of the reconstituted Argyll and Bute Strategic Housing and Communities Forum, minutes of meeting held on 8th December 2006 having previously been circulated.

Malcolm MacFadyen spoke to the meeting about the Forum's developing work plans that it had picked up from the last two groups and in the future there would be more explicit statements/emphasis on Equal Opportunities and specific Planning issues (sustainable design, affordable housing) as key objectives.

The Management Committee's decision regarding reconstitution of the Forum had been positively received.

(b) Bute and Cowal Local Community Planning Pilot

There was submitted and noted report by Shirley MacLeod, Bute and Cowal Local Community Planning Pilot Co-ordinator, copies having previously been circulated.

Eileen Wilson reported on the successful seminar held in Strachur on 1st December 2006. A follow up meeting from the event had been held and themes agreed - Anti Social Behaviour, Health and Wellbeing, Local Economic Forums, Housing and Communities and Culture and Environment - should be progressed by existing groups where possible, with the critical factor for the pilot being to ensure that the

identified issues are acted upon and progressed. A small management group for the pilot would meet to ensure an overview of progress.

It is planned to hold a local event again later in the year, to continue networking and communication. It was proposed to repeat the seminar on an annual basis and this process may be considered for other localities in the Argyll and Bute area.

(c) Initiative at the Edge

The updates from the islands of Jura and Coll, copies having previously been circulated, were noted.

Andrew Campbell confirmed that Fiona Carswell was the recently appointed Local Development Officer on Coll and that projects are progressing. Most projects on Jura are doing quite well although the fast passenger ferry may not go ahead this year until funding is secured for the infrastructure.

9. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

(a) Sustainable Design Guide (Construction)

Jane Fowler produced copies of the Council's Sustainable Design Guidance leaflet for information. The aim of the guidance is to ensure that any proposed development is appropriate for its context and is sustainable into the future, that it does not simply meet the applicants' immediate needs.

Further information and copies of the guidance can be obtained by contacting the Council's Development Projects Unit, Email: catherine.mcnally@argyll-bute.gov.uk or by viewing the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

(b) Community Planning and Community Safety Partnership Working - Scottish Fire Service College – Fire Service Course

Geoff Calvert advised that a 5-day course on Community Planning and Community Safety Partnership Working would be held at the Scottish Fire Service College, Gullane, from 26th March 2007 to 30th March 2007.

Action note: Eileen Wilson to email details to CPP Management Committee

For further details log on to www.scottish-fireservicecollege.org

(c) Digital Switch Over

Eileen Wilson informed the meeting of an invitation from Dave Rushton, Institute of Local Television and Department of Geography and Sociology, University of Strathclyde to attend a forum to be held on 14th February on Scotland's Public Service Spectrum. This forum would provide an opportunity to discuss Scotland's future spectrum requirements for public service broadcasting and wireless broadband, to assist an informed response to Ofcom's consultation on Digital Dividend access and regulation before the consultation closes on 20th March.

For further details Email to: local.tv@virgin.net

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 18th April 2007 at 10.30 am in the SNH Offices, Kilmory Industrial Estate, Lochgilphead.

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CPP Management Committee; Chairman's Update

Since the last full Partnership meeting on 10th November 2006 I have attended the following events on behalf of Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership.

20/11/06 **Migrant Workers Forum**, Oban. An informal group of public sector and voluntary groups focussing on improving the level of information and support available for migrant, principally foreign workers in Argyll.

22/11/06 **Meeting with Andrew Goudie**, Scottish Executive Head of Finance and our CP link with the Exec Management Team.

1/12/06 **Dunoon and Cowal Pilot review meeting**, Strachur.

6/12/06 **CPP Management Committee**, Lochgilphead

13/12/06 **Local Enterprise Forum**, Lochgilphead.

14/1/06 **Meeting with CPP Manager** to plan and discuss forthcoming events.

23/1/07 **CPP Partnership day**, Lochgilphead

25/1/07 **Argyll and Bute Social Enterprise Network meeting**, Connel. A group of social enterprise bodies who meet quarterly to progress their common agendas and in this case discuss linkages to community planning.

7/2/07 **CPP Management Committee**, Lochgilphead, followed by **"Drivesafe"** planning meeting, followed by Argyll Rural Forum meeting to discuss **Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP)** implementation in Argyll.

8/2/07 **Community Planning Network** meeting, Stirling. Scotland wide event organised by the Scottish Executive Community Planning Unit.

19/2/07 **Voluntary Sector Engagement in Argyll and Bute**, Lochgilphead. A meeting with voluntary sector partners to discuss how best they can engage in community planning.

Andrew Campbell
21/2/07

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ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL
**COMMUNITY PLANNING
PARTNERSHIP**
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
DATE: 2nd March 2007

DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY FOR ARGYLL AND BUTE

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) has had a key role in developing this new local transport strategy and those partners who have engaged with us have been instrumental throughout the process. We are pleased to present the new strategy in draft form and seek endorsement of the strategy from the CPP.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the CPP:

- note the production of the draft Local Transport Strategy (LTS);
- note the key role played by many of the CPP partners in the development process and the inclusion of their views in the final version of the strategy;
- endorse the strategy in principal given it's status within the overarching Community Plan.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 Following guidance from the Scottish Executive, the involvement of the CPP was sought in the development of a new LTS for Argyll and Bute. Many of the CPP partners engaged in the process and took part in a series of workshops in late 2005. These workshops gathered the key source material for developing the new LTS and allowed a network of partners to be established.
- 3.2 Throughout the development of the strategy, both the CPP Management Committee and the network of partners were kept up to date with progress. The presentation of this draft document to the CPP brings the process full circle, with a view to the Partnership taking ownership of the final publication.
- 3.3 Many of our partners / stakeholders have already provided comment on the LTS which will be reflected in the final version.
- 3.4. The timetable for adoption of the strategy is detailed below:

Date	Action
19/01/07	Draft strategy published on Council website, including online comments form.
22/01/07	Draft strategy sent to CPP network of partners, other stakeholders and Council members.
23/01/07 – 06/03/07	Public consultation roadshows throughout the area.
07/02/07	CPP Management Committee updated on draft strategy and process for

	approval.
02/03/07	Present strategy to CPP Full Partnership meeting and seek endorsement.
06 & 07/03/07	Present strategy to Council Area Committees for final comment.
16/03/07	Deadline for comments on the strategy.
22/03/07	Present strategy to Council Strategic Policy Committee.
25/04/07	Seek final ratification of strategy at full Council meeting.

- 3.5. It is proposed that the CPP Management Committee and the Council's Strategic Policy Committee will receive an annual update of progress regarding the actions detailed in the strategy.

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16th February 2007

LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Moving Forward sets out plans and policies for transport in Argyll and Bute over the next three years.

The strategy has been developed in the context of national and regional transport policy, as reflected in the new National Transport Strategy and Regional Transport Strategies.

The transport strategy has been broken down into four chapters covering; **Where we are now**, **What we want to achieve**, **The action we will take** and finally **How we will measure our progress**.

Where we are now

- Most trips within our area take well over 1 hour and any trips outwith the area to major centres such as Glasgow or Edinburgh, on the whole, take over 2 hours. For island residents these journeys take significantly longer.
- The condition of our road network is currently well below the Scottish average, with a significant backlog of essential works. Much of the road network is no longer fit for purpose and weak roads and bridges force weight restrictions to be applied impacting on the local economy.



Glendaruel Bridge, west Cowal

- Sustaining viable public transport services is difficult in our remote and sparsely populated area. Many services operate at a low frequency, thus the task of integrating services is rarely easy.
- There is a mix of rail, bus, ferry and air services in Argyll and Bute which go some way to reduce the remoteness of the area, however many of these services are costly to the passenger.
- In many of our towns and villages a lack of “safe” walking and cycling links reduce the opportunities to take part in active travel.
- Safety is a major issue in Argyll and Bute where people have to travel further than elsewhere in the country to access basic services. The accident rate per head of population is amongst the highest in Scotland.
- Traffic volumes in Argyll and Bute are relatively low and in some locations road traffic is actually decreasing.

These challenges have set the framework for the strategy in identifying the things we need to do make transport better for everyone in the area.

What we want to achieve

Working with our partners we have developed a vision for transport in the area along with a number of objectives we want to achieve.

Our vision is to enable a vibrant Argyll and Bute and our objectives are to:

- Encourage a growing and sustainable economy in Argyll and Bute.
- Enhance people's transport experience.
- Manage the effect of transport on Argyll and Bute's rich natural environment.
- Support social inclusion, especially for our remote and island communities.
- Improve journey safety and personal security for everyone in Argyll and Bute.

In order to achieve these objectives, a variety of options are available to us. It is expected that no single option can achieve the objective and that a balanced package of measures will be required.

The action we will take

We have developed an action plan of policies and plans under the following option themes:

Infrastructure

- Implement programmed approach to road improvements.
 - Tackle road maintenance backlog.
 - Traffic management.
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- Ensure all new development supports this strategy.
 - Mitigate the effects of climate change on the transport network.



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Passenger transport

- Enhance existing routes.
- Improve travel information.
- Improve booking facilities.
- Encourage integrated ticketing.
- Promote timetable and service integration.
- Improve parking at transport interchanges.
- Support air services.

- Review fare costs.
- Promote demand responsive services.
- Improve interchange facilities.
- Continue Community Transport provision.
- Develop Accessibility Planning.



Provision of real time information on local and long distance bus services

Freight Transport

- Develop a freight strategy.
- Encourage modal shift.
- Develop a strategic freight network.
- Identify opportunities for developing freight interchanges.
- Promote improvements to the national strategic transport network within and outwith the area.

Sea Transport

- Improve marine infrastructure / vessels.
- Review transport options for our islands.
- Review ferry network options.
- Improve parking at transport interchanges.
- Review of fare costs.
- Develop improved interchange facilities.

Active Travel

- Develop Travel Plans.
- Promote provision of necessary infrastructure.
- Promote benefits of active travel in terms of health / environmental gain.

Safety

- Improve driver behaviour.
- Review speed limits.
- Support measures to reduce vehicle speed in communities.

How we will measure our progress

We need to be able to judge how effectively the strategy is working, and whether we are achieving our objectives and those of the country as a whole. The annual update to the Action Plan will indicate what we have achieved and where we need to make greater efforts.

The strategy may need to be adjusted to reflect changing circumstances and we have developed a set of indicators that should let us know when our policies and actions need to be altered. This information will be gathered to inform the preparation of the next local transport strategy.

ARGYLL AND BUTE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP**HEALTH AND WELLBEING THEME GROUP UPDATE – MARCH 2007**

Activities since the last Community Planning Partnership have focused on

- future funding for Healthy Living Centres
- a review of the HWTG

It has been agreed that while the HWTG will continue to seek alternative NHS funding for Islay Healthy Living Centre, the Health Improvement Fund monies will be earmarked for this use. This will deplete what can be offered to other small public health projects throughout Argyll and Bute but the potential loss of HLC input was too great to risk. It was also noted that a similar arrangement may have to be agreed for Bute and Kintyre subject to agreement of plans put forward.

With regard to the review of the HWTG – we have commenced that process. A sub group has now been set up. This will initiate the process but will ensure that the process is as inclusive as possible.

Other issues:

- The application for a Scottish Executive telecare grant of £141,000 has been approved. 30% will be allocated this financial year and 70% next financial year. The grant was made to the Health and Social Care Partnership.
- The initial response to the Joint Health Improvement Plan Audit was low so a further letter and audit form has been sent out to partners.

Elaine C Garman
Chair – Health and Wellbeing Theme Group

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COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP: Sub-group update March 2007

STRATEGIC HOUSING & COMMUNITIES FORUM

- **Inaugural meeting** held 8th November 2006, Inveraray. Combined the Strategic Housing Forum and the former Community Planning Partnership 3rd Theme Group. A revised remit and core membership was approved.
- **Agenda** included following standing items:
 - Community Plan
 - Scottish Water Development Programme
 - Planning Issues (Local Plan, Affordable Housing Policy, Renewable Energy Policy)
 - Local Housing Strategy
 - Communities Scotland's Investment Programme
 - Homelessness Strategy
 - Community Regeneration
 - Supporting People Strategy
 - National & Local Research
- **Next meeting**, 16th March 2007, Council Chambers, Lochgilphead to include presentation by Strathclyde Fire & Rescue on home safety checks and a performance of the homelessness drama "H is 4" commissioned by the Council's Community Services.
- **Current / Future actions relevant to Community Planning Partnership**
 - Report on Citizen's Panel Consultation regarding Local Housing Strategy progress
 - Collective input to Community Plan review
 - Proposal to review the applicability of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation in the rural context of Argyll and Bute, and conduct research into improving rural deprivation indicators
 - Develop detailed proposals for use of additional Council Tax revenue on second homes, to improve the provision of affordable housing
 - Promote the Wider Action Role of Registered Social Landlords within the context of community regeneration
 - Support activities designed to raise awareness of homelessness and to promote a proactive "re-branding" of the services/issues
 - Support Equalities Impact Assessments of relevant strategies and plans
 - Report to partners on the Bramley "Local Housing Need and Affordability Model for Scotland"

Malcolm MacFadyen
Head of Community Regeneration
23 February 2007

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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL
CORPORATE SERVICES**

**COMMUNITY PLANNING
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

7 FEBRUARY 2007

BUTE AND COWAL PILOT

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report outlines progress in taking forward the Bute and Cowal localised Community Planning Pilot, and gives an indication of the proposed future structure of the project.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Management Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

3.0 DETAIL

3.1 The Committee will recall that an evaluation of the Bute and Cowal pilot in 2006 indicated that the Pilot had failed to achieve some of its original objectives. The evaluation highlighted that there had been:

- little influence on the partners
- a lack of clarity of the purpose of the pilot
- often nothing concrete to decide upon
- sporadic attendance from some of the partners
- insufficient community representation, though the Community Reps who participated found the experience positive

The CPP Management Committee considered the report and highlighted the need for change. The Committee tasked the Community Planning Manager, Pilot Co-co-ordinator and Council's Policy and Strategy Manager with producing recommendations for the way forward.

The pilot group considered this matter and agreed to a new set of objectives for the Area Partnership which are:

- To broaden community involvement
- To have a local influence on service provision
- To identify areas of concern and address these via CPP partners

The rationale for this change is that there will be:

- Focus on partners as the main delivery mechanism
- Focus on areas where partnership working can add value
- Less bureaucracy
- Enhanced community involvement.

The Area Partnership also agreed changes to the process to reflect the change in objectives and criticisms of the process from the evaluation. It was agreed that the new process would comprise:

- Two events as workshops/seminars each year timed to influence the planning and budget setting cycles of the main partners
- A small core group to plan and manage the seminars – led by the coordinator for the Area Partnership
- Meetings between the seminars focused on particular topics or issues. These could be:
 - Ad hoc time limited groups of particular groups/organisations focused on issues identified by those bodies as a common concern to be addressed
 - More formal meetings of partners to consider broader or more complex issues that need more concerted effort

The workshops/seminars would be 'mini-conferences' enabling a large number of organisations/community groups to take part – perhaps 5 to 10 times as many as at present. Participants would benefit from the numerous networking opportunities and be able to take part in specific sessions of interest to them. They would also be able to avoid sitting through discussions which are not relevant.

This process would allow partner organisations to gather information, test out ideas and discuss draft plans prior to agreement. Community organisations would also have opportunities to raise issues and concerns affecting them as well as present ideas where they are seeking support.

The process would also tap into existing organisations, networks and research without creating new structures that duplicate existing arrangements. As a result, the Area Partnership would capture many voices through greater attendance by more diverse range of organisations.

3.2 To progress this, a seminar was held at Strachur Village Hall on 1st December 2006. Over 80 people attended, from all of Bute and Cowal's communities, and attendees included community reps and organisations, services providers, voluntary groups and business people. The event comprised keynote speakers in the morning, followed by 4 thematic workshops, networking opportunities, and a plenary session in the afternoon identifying ways forward for

localised Community Planning. The event was evaluated very positively, and generated a significant degree of enthusiasm for effective localised Community Planning in the Bute and Cowal area.

Key issues/themes identified at the seminar were:

1. Anti Social Behaviour
2. Health and Well Being
3. Local Economic Forums
4. Housing and Communities
5. Culture and Environment.

3.3 At the follow up meeting from the seminar it was agreed that each of these themes should be progressed by existing groups where at all possible, and that the critical factor for the pilot was to be able to ensure that the identified issues are acted upon and progressed, ie to ensure that the pilot has a degree of accountability for matters brought to it's attention, and that the enthusiasm for the pilot and localised Community Planning which has been generated is not lost. It was further agreed that a small management group for the Pilot will meet to ensure an overview of progress, to ensure delivery and to maintain the momentum which has been generated. Attendees at the seminar will be provided with a 6 monthly newsletter updating them on progress, and inviting feeding in of issues for the next seminar. The next seminar will take place in late 2007.

Membership of the pilot management group comprises:

Shirley MacLeod, Pilot Co-ordinator
Eileen Wilson, Community Planning Manager
Margaret Johnston, Community Representative
Alan MacDougall, Fyne Homes
Janet Crook, Communities Scotland
Inspector Marlene Baillie, Strathclyde Police
Bridget Paterson, Interloch.

This management group has identified that the issues brought forward at the seminar will be progressed:

1. Anti Social Behaviour issues will be progressed by the Community Safety Forums.
2. Health and Well Being issues will be progressed by the Public Health Networks.
3. Local Economic Forums will be progressed by AIE, lead by Alan Milstead.
4. Housing and Communities issues will be progressed by Fyne Homes, led by Alan MacDougall.
5. Culture and Environment- this will initially be progressed by linking into the work of Eileen Rae, the Council's Arts Development Officer, and by identifying links to the work of the National Park Authority, Community Futures Groups etc.

It is intended that by progressing these issues in this way, through groups linked to the pilot and leading on such specific topics, actions identified will be progressed to the satisfaction of those who raised them at the December seminar, and that this method of working will prove effective in delivering localised Community Planning in the Bute and Cowal area.

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Date: 25th January 2007