MINUTES of MEETING of CPP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held in the BOARD ROOM, AROS, HOSPITAL ROAD, LOCHGILPHEAD on WEDNESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2008

Present: Superintendent Raymond Park, Strathclyde Police (Chair)

Eileen Wilson, Argyll and Bute Council Community Planning Partnership Manager Geoff Calvert, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue Elaine Garman, NHS Highland Sue Gledhill, HIE Argyll and the Islands Andrew Campbell, Scottish Natural Heritage Alan Murray, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport David Dowie, Communities Scotland Brian Barker, Argyll and Bute Council Margaret Fyfe, Argyll and Bute Council Muriel Kupris, Argyll and Bute Council Kevin O'Hare, Scottish Water James McLellan, Argyll and Bute Council David Penman, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue Moira MacDonald, Argyll and Bute Council Hughie Donaldson, latEdge Glenn Heritage, Argyll and Bute Volunteer Centre Peter Wotherspoon, latEdge, Jura Stephen Sunderland, Scottish Government Rural Payments and Inspections Directorate Roanna Taylor, Argyll and Bute Young Scot/Dialogue Youth Jane Fowler, Argyll and Bute Council John Davidson, Islay and Jura CVS - Item 11 onwards

In attendance:

Sonya Thomas, Argyll and Bute Council

Apologies

Gordon Donaldson, Forestry Commission Scotland Malcolm MacFadyen, Argyll and Bute Council David Price, Argyll CVS Bill Dundas, Rural Payments and Inspections, Scottish Government

1. WELCOME

Raymond Park welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies intimated.

2. MINUTES OF FULL PARTERNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON 9 NOVEMBER 2007

The Minutes of the meeting of 9 November 2007 were accepted as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

Another Argyll and Bute Post Office has been earmarked for closure, the consultation period expires in approximately 3 weeks time. Kirn Post

Office has been given a temporary reprieve to allow the community to explore a possible buy-out.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28 NOVEMBER 2007

The Minutes of the meeting of 28 November 2007 were accepted as an accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Enterprise Company Changes

As of April 1 it becomes part of HIE.

The focus will now be on Government Economic Strategy and sustainable growth. The future is more focused and they will work more with businesses that have growth potential, but will not provide support to businesses that have growth potential, but will not provide support to businesses that just cater for local needs. The intent is to work much closer with Local Authorities. A discussion followed on the support for small local businesses and the Council developing the Business Gateway to become the first port of call for assistance.

Action Point – Item on next Management Committee Agenda

Jane Fowler, AIE, Scottish Enterprise Dunbartonshire

(b) Citizens Panel – Tender Process

Eileen Wilson reported there has been a good response and the short listing will be done tomorrow. Overall it looks very positive.

(c) Engaging Young People

Update by Roanna Taylor – The Youth Forum will meet in 2 weeks, prior to the next CPP Full Partnership meeting. They will have the Full Partnership agenda for discussion and the opportunity to add items to the agenda as the intention is for two young people to attend the next Full Partnership meeting.

It is felt that the Youth Forums are not accessing a wide enough audience.

Roanna Taylor is to contact Active Schools to develop the engagement of our youth.

Concerns were raised that Dialogue Youth needs funding and that currently each area is going about this in its own way.

Reassurance was given that under the new funding arrangement, Dialogue Youth will not become a casualty

Action: Roanna Taylor

(d) Migrant Workers

Lucinda Gray recently headed up a local group.

It was noted that one point of the Argyll and Bute Local Plan links with the Government Economic Strategy for increased population and the CPP is positive about promoting population growth but this needs to encompass housing and infrastructure.

Lucinda felt it was too early to focus the group but identify clearer aims and the need to look at the good practical work undertaken in other areas and other projects.

The vacant MOD land at Campbeltown and Helensburgh were discussed.

ACTION POINT – Bring more people into the debate – develop a communication plan to promote change.

Item on the next CPP Management Committee agenda.

It was suggested that perhaps the MOD could be invited to the next meeting regarding land at Campbeltown and Helensburgh.

Action: Eileen Wilson

(e) Communities Scotland

The whole of the Scottish Government Housing Division along with Communities Scotland is being re-organised in 6 sections.

Regeneration
Housing Access and Support
Housing Systems
Social Housing
Investment Delivery
Communities Analytical Services

There is now a question mark as to whether Communities Scotland will remain a Partner of Community Planning. It was agreed to write to Mike Foulis, Director for Housing and Regeneration, Communities Scotland – copying to Jim Mather MSP/relevant Minister, setting out our concerns and requesting that Communities Scotland continue to participate in CPP.

Action: Eileen Wilson

5. FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND AND SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENTS

Letter from John Swinney

John Swinney's letter was discussed highlighting the overall

economic purpose, the 5 strategic priorities and the 15 key objectives.

It was felt that the CPP could and should do more – there should be cohesion of service delivery at local level.

Single Outcome Agreements

Guidance has been received from COSLA.

The CPP has been mapped to the 15 National Outcomes against the matrix of 45 indicators.

The CP Partners need to identify and match themselves/their organisations with he National Outcomes – Argyll and Bute Council will not always take the lead.

Fairer Scotland Fund

There is a £320,000 reduction in monies available for 2008/9, therefore activities that can be contracted or the re-deployment of staff need to be identified. The priority needs to be in managing this reduction, and the CPp needs to indicate the principles for the contraction. Is there a possibility that Health and Equalities and Community Regeneration can be pulled together. In the longer term there is a fund increase which could possibly provide support for community or voluntary organisations.

ACTION POINT – The Management Committee agreed the benefit of the Single Outcome Agreement and that there would be a continuation of discussion at future Management Committee meetings.

6. AUDIT SCOTLAND UPDATE Report noted.

7. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOPS -EILEEN WILSON

As one of the key principles of the new Fairer Scotland Fund is *"Empowering communities and individuals to influence and inform the decisions made by CPPs"* there is a clear opportunity to work more closely with colleagues in Community Learning and Regeneration and with the Voluntary Sector to deliver Local Community Planning. The Sus it Out training went well and the intention is still to deliver local community planning across Argyll and Bute with CP partner volunteers trained in Sus It Out facilitation but in future this should be done in closer partnership with Community Learning and Regeneration and the Voluntary Sector. In the meantime Glenn Heritage offered assistance with developing a protocol to enable the voluntary sector to participate more effectively with Community Planning.

Action: Eileen Wilson to contact Glen Heritage

8. INITIATIVE AT THE EDGE

(a) Verbal Update from Hughie Donaldson

Agreement from all Partners needed soon for support, and the need for a dedicated person was highlighted. IatEdge will meet with James McLellan and other Senior Officers from Argyll and Bute Council to discuss this. It is anticipated that as of January 2010 IatEdge will disappear and become a partner of Community Planning.

ACTION POINT – this needs fuller discussion and Hugh Donaldson will come back with more detail of requirements.

(b) Letter from Lismore Community Development Trust Noted

9. PARTNERSHIP FEEDBACK

(a) Funding for DRIVESAFE

The project needs more funding. Partners are to contact Eileen or Dave McBride with their organisational requirements. Dave is currently looking into Private Sector funding.

ACTION POINT – Eileen Wilson to continue discussion with Partners via email.

(b) Jura Development Trust

Leaflet distributed for information and updates. Developments noted.

10. FUNDING

- (a) European Funding Programme Update Noted
- (b) Summary of Funding Hub Pitches 28 November 2007 Noted.

11. CITIZENS PANEL

Report attached.

The survey focused on 4 themes within Vibrant Communities.

12. HAPPY TO TRANSLATE

A presentation was given by Rohini Sharma Joshi on the services available from Happy to Translate.

Further information can be obtained from their website -

www.happytotranslate.com

13. 2008 REVISED MEETING SCHEDULE Noted.

14. AOCB

No matters arising.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 19 MARCH 2008, AIE OFFICES, LOCHGILPHEAD

The next meeting will take place on 19 March in the AIE Boardroom, Lochgilphead.