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COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

12 March 2008

A meeting of the CPP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE will be held in the BOARDROOM, AIE OFFICES, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD on WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH 2008 at 10:00 AM. (Please note change of start time)

Refreshments will be available from 9.45 am

AGENDA

- 1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES
- 2. ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS FULL PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON 14 MARCH 2008 NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA (to follow)
- 3. MATTERS ARISING
- 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 2008(Pages 1 - 8)
- 5. MATTERS ARISING
 - (a) Citizens Panel
- 6. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT AND FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND Incorporating Big Lottery, European Funding and Local Community Planning (to follow)
- 7. INWARD MIGRATION (ENCOMPASSING MIGRANT WORKERS) Lucinda Gray to report back (to follow)
- 8. SMALL PRACTICE RESEARCH PROJECT Public engagement research project to support the Future Planning of Health Services on Coll & Colonsay – Christina West (Pages 9 - 18)
- 9. UPDATE ON THE FUTURE USE OF OLDER PEOPLE SERVICES Sandra Greer (to follow)

10. PARTNERSHIP FEEDBACK

- Enterprise Company Changes Sue Gledhill
- Young Scot/Dialogue Youth/Youth Focus Roanna Taylor (to follow)

11. FUNDING

Funding Hub Minutes and Pitch Report of 6 February 2007 (Pages 19 - 22)

12. AOCB

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 14 MAY AT OBAN FIRE STATION AT 10.00 AM

Note: The Funding Hub will follow on from this meeting.

Agenda Item 4

MINUTES of MEETING of COMMUNITY PLANNING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held in the AROS Board room, LOCHGILPHEAD on Wednesday, 6th February 2008

Present:: Superintendent Raymond Park, Strathclyde Police (Chair) Eileen Wilson, Argyll and Bute 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

ITEM	DETAIL	ACTION
1.	WELCOME Raymond Park welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies intimated	
2.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS FULL PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON 9 TH NOVEMBER 2007 The Minutes of the meeting of 9 th 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 approx 3 weeks time. Kirn Post Office has been given a temporary reprieve to allow the community to explore a possibly buy-out.	
3.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28 TH NOVEMBER 2007	
	The Minutes of the meeting of 28 th November 2007 were accepted as an accurate record.	
4.	MATTERS ARISING	
a)	Enterprise Company Changes	
	As of 1 st April it becomes part of HIE working within three teams-	
	Business Growth Growth at the Edge (GATE) Transformation Projects and Partnerships.	
	 The focus will now be on the Government Economic Strategy and sustainable growth. The future is more focused and the work will increasingly concentrate on three areas. With business' that have growth potential Strengthening local communities, especially in fragile areas Improving regional competitiveness through conditions and infrastructure. 	
	But they will not provide support to business' that just cater for local needs.	

	The changes are being viewed as an opportunity to work much closer with Local Authorities'.	
	A discussion followed on the support for small local business' and the Council developing the Business Gateway to become the first port of call for assistance. HIE will continue support after April 1 st to allow new business support systems to be put in place.	Jane Fowler, A.I.E, Scottish Enterprise Dunbartonshire.
	The Local Economic Forum will also cease to exist as of April 1 st . It is expected that new structures will be put in place with the emphasis on business' and their scope to influence the economy, with possible use of HIE wide panels and web based input.	Dunbartonsnire.
	ACTION POINT - Item on next Management Committee Agenda	
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	
	audience. Roanna Taylor is to contact Active Schools to develop the engagement of our youth.	Roanna Taylor
	Concerns were raised that Dialogue Youth needs funding, and that currently each area is going about this in it's own way. Reassurance was given that under the new funding arrangement, Dialogue Youth will not become a casualty.	
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 also needs to encompass housing and infrastructure - and a clear strategy for achieving this needs to be developed.	

	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.	Eileen Wilson
e)	 Communities Scotland The whole of the Scottish Government Housing Division along with Communities Scotland is being re-organised in 6 sections. 1) Regeneration 2) Housing Access and Support 3) Housing Systems 4) Social Housing 5) Investment Delivery 6) 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	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 the 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	

6.	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.	
7.	Report noted LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING – SUSTAINABILITY	
	WORKSHOP As one of the key principles of the new Fairer Scotland Fund is <i>'Empowering communities and individuals to influence and inform the decisions made by CPP's'</i> 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 assistant with developing a protocol to enable the voluntary sector to participate more effectively with Community Planning	Eileen Wilson to contact Glen Heritage
8.	INITIATIVE AT THE EDGE	
a) b)	 Verbal Up Date From Hughie Donaldson Agreement from all Partners needed soon for support, and the need for a dedicated person was highlighted. latEdge will meet with the James McLellan and other Senior Officers from Argyll and Bute Council to discuss this. It is anticipated that as of Jan 2010 latEdge will lose it's distinct status and become mainstreamed within Community Planning. ACTION POINT – This needs fuller discussion and Hugh Donaldson will come back with more detail of requirements Letter From Lismore Community Development Trust Noted. 	Hugh Donaldson

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 e-mail	Eileen Wilson
	b)	Jura Development Trust	
		Leaflet distributed for information and up-dates. Developments noted.	
10.		FUNDING	
	a)	European Funding Programme Up-Date Noted.	
	b)	Summary Of Funding Hub Pitches 28 th 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	
		The next meeting will take place on 19 th March in the AIE Boardroom, Lochgilphead.	

The Funding Hub meeting followed this.

Agenda Item 8







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REMOTE SERVICE FUTURES Coll, Colonsay, Achiltibuie and Ardnamurchan

A Knowledge Transfer Partnership project

Centre for Rural Health, UHI Millennium Institute Argyll & Bute Community Health Partnership Mid Highland Community Health Partnership HIE Argyll and Islands Enterprise

Stephen Whiston Head of Planning Contracting & Performance NHS Highland

Christina West Clinical Services Manager (Primary Care), Oban Lorn & Isles Locality

March 2008

1.Introduction

Remote Service Futures is a Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) Project. It aims to produce a toolkit of good practice for working with communities and stakeholders on remote community service design. The project will work with communities over two years looking at methods of participation and generating ideas and sharing knowledge involved in designing remote services that are sustainable for the future.

Stakeholders in the project include local community members, health and social care professionals, the NHS, the Council, Argyll and Islands Enterprise, community planning, voluntary organisations, the Scottish Ambulance Service, education providers, politicians and any others with an interest in the local and wider community. The idea of the project is to identify methods to facilitate exchange of information within and between stakeholders to help ease decision-making about what services should be like in the future.

During the project, community members and stakeholders from four peripheral communities will be facilitated in: identifying their service requirements; identifying information needs; locating information; sharing information and using it to generate ideas for sustainable future services. The project focus is involving stakeholders in innovative ways. One outcome of the project should be potential sustainable service design ideas for the participating remote communities that have emerged from stakeholder's thinking and that are realistic and informed. The idea of the project is to find best practice in integrating stakeholders in the planning process. Ideas for service designs that emerge should be consensual and capable of being implemented. The major output of the project is a toolkit of good practice for involving remote communities and their stakeholders in service design decision-making.

2. What is a Knowledge Transfer Partnership?

Remote Service Futures is funded through the Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) scheme.

"Knowledge Transfer Partnerships is Europe's leading programme helping businesses to improve their competitiveness and productivity through the better use of knowledge, technology and skills that reside within the UK knowledge base. Each partnership employs one or more high calibre Associates (recently qualified people) to work on a project, which is core to the strategic development of the business." [http://www.ktponline.org.uk/]

The objectives of the KTP programme are:

- Facilitating the transfer of knowledge and the spread of technical and business skills, through innovative projects undertaken by high calibre, recently qualified, people under the joint supervision of personnel from business and the knowledge base;
- Providing company-based training for graduates in order to enhance their business and specialist skills within the context of the project;
- Stimulating and enhancing business relevant education and research undertaken by the knowledge base;
- Increasing the extent of interactions by businesses with the knowledge base and their awareness of the contribution the knowledge base can make to business development and growth." [http://www.ktponline.org.uk/]

3. Project aims

This project aims to develop appropriate methods to explore local people's perceptions of:

- how current health services are used to meet current population needs;
- how services, other agencies and local people (health, council, voluntary sector, etc) work together to meet current population needs;
- what services will be needed in future and how these might best be provided by services, other agencies and local people;
- the role of health services in current and future community sustainability.

The project proposed here is a 6-18 month 'pilot' involving four communities to test methods of data gathering and exploring community empowerment in assessing and designing services to meet future needs. The Primary Health Care teams/communities identified are, **Coll, Colonsay, Achiltibuie and Ardnamurchan**.

Within Argyll and Bute the islands of Colonsay and Coll have been selected. Colonsay is an island situated a 2.5 hour ferry ride from Oban. The population of 126 residents are provided with health care services by one GP and a part time (15 hours a week) community nurse who are based on the island. The community nurse is linked in to a mainland community nursing team, based in Easdale for professional support and supervision. A health care assistant works variable hours, depending on the health needs of the community. Health services including podiatry, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and dental visit the island at regular intervals. Services including community childrens nurse, Macmillan nurse specialist, Marie Curie nurses and dietetics will visit on request. Residents requiring specialist health services are referred to specialist services based in Oban and/or Glasgow.

Coll is an island situated a three hour ferry ride from Oban. The population of 220 residents are provided with health care by one GP, one part time double duty community nurse/midwife (30 hours a week) and a health care assistant (15 hours a week). Health services including podiatry, Diabetes Specialist Nurse, physiotherapy, dietitian, dental and optometrist visit the island on a regular basis. A health visitor based on Tiree visits three monthly. The audiologist will visit the island as required. Residents requiring specialist health services are referred to specialist services based in Oban and/or Glasgow as appropriate.

The integrated equipment store provide a regular service to the islands as required, delivering equipment which assists individuals to remain in their own community.

Emergency health services are provided by the GP and nurses on both islands, supported by the Scottish Air Ambulance service who will mobilise an air ambulance to transfer patients to the mainland and specialist emergency units. If bad weather results in the air ambulance being unable to attend the island, the Ministry of Defence Sea King can be mobilized to assist local health care staff and transfer patients.

The project aims to develop within NHS Highland the knowledge, skills and understanding to devise and implement new methods of public engagement, with the ultimate goal of producing a toolkit to facilitate remote and peripheral service reconfiguration involving all stakeholders, particularly the public.

4. **Project objectives**

- Collate international information on rural community and stakeholder engagement.
- With communities and other stakeholders, devise community plans for public engagement.
- Devise community and stakeholder engagement plans that utilise new methods, processes and products.
- Implement engagement plans and formatively evaluate.
- Produce community service design ideas.
- Produce and test a toolkit for stakeholder engagement and dissemination strategy.
- Explore potential for commercialisation of the toolkit produced provided through consultancy/ training.
- Produce a final report on best practice in rural stakeholder engagement around service design.

5. Project principles

- This project is about ensuring safe, sustainable health services for the future that meet the requirements of remote communities and that are developed in partnership with remote communities; the project is *not* part of a cost improvement plan.
- The endpoint of this project must not lead to 'cuts' in overall service provision. That is, people should still be able to obtain the appropriate quality/levels/types of care, close to home, that they require.
- That the study may lead to actual service provision improvement e.g. through fostering or supporting schemes or ideas for schemes to provide appropriate services to meet current and future needs.
- That those living in these remote locations can expect to have as much spent, per head, on their health services as the average Scottish resident or the average Scottish remote/ rural resident (whichever is greater amount).
- That service providers agree the principle of working in partnership to support the project and using its results.
- That all ideas are potentially 'on the table', that we can allow ourselves to 'think the unthinkable' (although there is no onus on actually doing that) and that we think 'outside of the box' about future service provision. All arrangements are subject to national contracts and workforce agreements.
- That we proceed collaboratively.

6. **Project outputs**

- Review document of international methods of rural stakeholder engagement.
- 4 x individual community plans for stakeholder engagement processes.
- 4 x community project plans that utilise new methods, processes and products for stakeholder engagement.
- Formative evaluative updates: the processes and methods used; when and where used; numbers of people involved; community and Associate feedback and reactions.
- 4 x briefings of community ideas for future healthcare (and other service) design in the participating communities.

- Toolkits for stakeholder engagement on healthcare design and training in remote and peripheral communities.
- Dissemination strategy.
- Report and business plan for commercialisation of toolkit of stakeholder engagement methods.
- Final report.

7. Implications for NHS Highland, the CHPs and community planning partners

The project opens up a number of potential opportunities and issues for NHS Highland, the CHPs and their partners. It provides a unique and focused opportunity to fully involve and engage with the public in shaping their future health service and needs.

It directly informs the wider issue of remote rural community sustainability and development and so directly relates to the CHPs' community planning partnership agenda and the socio-economic agenda of Highlands & Islands Enterprise.

The project directly challenges NHS Highland and the CHPs to be open and transparent regarding resource and health and activity information as detailed in the governing principles.

There is also a need for a concerted communication process throughout the length of the project not only with the community, but our staff, the local GP, visiting professionals, other stakeholders and local politicians. This will be supported by NHS Highland's Communications Team.

A robust project structure is required to ensure progress is maintained and outcomes are met. There will be an overarching steering group comprising the key project stakeholders and two operational groups, Oban Lorn and Isles Group, headed by Christina West Clinical Services Manager and John Lyon Clinical Director and a Mid Highland Group led by Alison Phimister, Locality Manager.

It will provide NHS Highland CHPs and partner organisations with a toolkit to progress community engagement in the future.

8. Duration

The general stages of the project are detailed in the project plan below with a start date of February 2008.

		Project Months							
Project stage	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
Knowledge Base & Company Induction									
Training & Development, MPhil registration									
Completion of detailed action plan	*								
Holidays									
Information collation	*								
Community plans devised		*							
Project plans devised			*						
Public engagement plans implemented & evaluated						*			
Community design plans produced							*		
Public engagement toolkit produced								*	
MPhil thesis submitted									
Final report									*

The project will last 24 months, starting from the point at which the KTP Associate commences work.

9. Start date

3rd March 2008.

10. Funding

RSF is funded, through the KTP scheme, by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and Scottish Executive. It is part-funded by NHS Highland, SEHD Remote and Rural Research Initiative and HIE Argyll & the Islands.

The total budget for the project over 2 years is $\pounds 103,704$ with funding from the following sources

KTP initiative	57,230
NHS Highland	25,000
HIE Argyll & Islands	10,000
UHI	11,474

Addendum – Project information and operation

11. The partners and their responsibilities

<u>The company partner is NHS Highland</u>. They are responsible for providing accommodation for the KTP Associate and workplace supervision. They are responsible for supporting the KTP Associate in the approved work of this project, in delivering the identified outputs and in publicising the work.

<u>Centre for Rural Health, UHI are the knowledge base partner</u>. They are responsible for knowledge, research and education-related work of the Associate. They are responsible for providing access to knowledge resources and a research environment, consisting of attendance at seminars, events and courses. They are responsible for identifying a programme of continued development and education with the KTP Associate and facilitating and supporting their access to this.

The KTP Associate is employed by the scheme to conduct the work of the project under the day to day supervision of the company partner and the educational and research supervision of the knowledge partner. The KTP Associate has specific outputs to produce in terms of the project and a programme of education and personal development is to be agreed with the KTP Associate that they must also fulfil.

12. Groups, their functions, membership and meeting

<u>12.1</u> Local Management Committee: The role of the LMC is for the KTP Scheme to ensure that work on the KTP is progressing satisfactorily. On approval, at 3-monthly intervals, they can then approve release of finance into the project. LMC meetings are to check progress against agreed project milestones and discuss any issues arising. Minimum attendance at the LMC is Neil Duncan, Jane Farmer, Christina West – or their appointed representatives and the KTP Associate. Stephen Whiston will be Chair of this group with Secretarial support provided by the KTP scheme.

<u>12.2</u> <u>Steering Group:</u> The Steering Group is to oversee management of the project operationally. The Steering Group will advise on dissemination and publicity and will advise on the strategic implications of the project. The Steering Group will review the financial report and review the risk management profile. The Steering Group will make operational decisions. The Steering Group will meet bi-monthly.

Steering Group members

Name	Organisation	Position in Partner organisation	Role in Steering Group	
Jane Farmer	UHI Millennium Institute	Chair in Rural Health Policy & Management, Centre for Rural Health, UHI	Chair	
Amy Nimegeer	NHS Highland	KTP Associate	KTP Associate	
David Heaney	University of Aberdeen	Senior Lecturer, University of Aberdeen Centre for	Knowledge Base Mentor	
Stephen Whiston	NHS Highland: Argyll & Bute CHP	Head of Planning Contracting & Performance	Company base lead (Argyll & Bute)	
Stella Cockburn	NHS Highland	Management Accountant	Company base finance input (Argyll & Bute)	
Christina West	NHS Highland	Clinical Service Manager, Argyll & Bute CHP	Company base operational lead	
Alison Phimister	NHS Highland: Mid Highland CHP	Assistant General Manager Mid	Company base assistant lead	
John Lyon	NHS Highland: Argyll & Bute CHP	Medical Director	Company base (medical input)	
Community Representative				

13.3 Stakeholder Reference Groups:

Each participant community will have a reference group consisting of stakeholders. Groups will be established by the Associate once in post and their membership will vary according to which agencies are significant local stakeholders. Reference groups will: advise on community interaction, advise on strategic implications of information coming/going to communities and other stakeholders; act as a guide and sounding board for the project 'on the ground', act as a formal conduit for information into and out of the communities. Reference groups will meet formally at agreed intervals, but there will be significant interaction between the KTP Associate and the group members on an ongoing basis.

14. Budget and financial reporting

Budget and financial issues will be a standard agenda item reviewed at each LMC meeting and each Steering Group meeting.

15. Access to information

A key aspect of the project is informing stakeholders of each others' perspectives and gathering knowledge about the community and its service requirements. As part of this all stakeholders will be encouraged to ask questions; such as – how much is spent in providing primary health care to the community?; what is the 'cost' of a general practitioner or a community nurse?; how many emergency ambulance callouts have their been to the community over the last 5 years?, etc. It is important that these questions are answered informatively and quickly. By adhering to this '*Terms of Reference*', the stakeholders (including NHS Highland) are agreeing to: provide information where at all possible or say that they cannot provide it and give a reason why within 3 weeks of the question being asked. Without genuine exchange of information and co-operation, this project runs the risk of failure.

16. Contribution to NHS Corporate Objectives

The project is an objective of the CHPs Delivering for Health action plan regarding modernising services. The Chief Operating Officer is the executive lead for the project.

17. NHS Staff Governance

Staff in the project will have the opportunity for direct involvement and contribution to the development of outcomes.

18. NHS Patient Focus and Public Involvement

The project has at its core PFPI and will be in accordance with all relevant national guidance and SHC standards for public engagement.

19. NHS Clinical Governance

The project will inform the service issues considered and options developed.

20. NHS Equality Impact Assessment

The project will comply with equality and diversity standards and will be impact assessed accordingly.

Agenda Item 11

Funding Hub 6th Feb 2008

Pitches

Two groups pitched at the Funding Hub

- 1. Jura Passenger Ferry sub group of Jura Development Trust (JDT)
- 2. Antlers, Jura (Tea room, craft shop, gathering point) JDT

Attendance at the main meeting (14)

Andrew Campbell (SNH) Chair, Arlene Cullum (ABC Corporate Funding Officer), Eileen Wilson (CPP Manager), Rhona Sutherland (HIE AI, Strengthening Communities), Kerrie Redington (HIE AI, Strengthening Communities), John Davidson (Islay and Jura CVS), Glenn Heritage (Argyll and Bute Volunteer Centre), Gillian McInnes (Argyll Community Housing Association), Roanna Taylor (Argyll & Bute Young Scot/Dialogue Youth), Alison MacKenzie (A&B Education - Principal Officer, Childcare), Shona Strachan (ABC European Policy Assistant), Hughie Donaldson (Initiative at the Edge), Muriel Kupris (ABC Community Resources Manager), Margaret Fyfe (ABC Community Learning and Regeneration and Voluntary Support)

Matters Arising

Minutes of Previous Meeting (28 November 2007)

Approved with amendment by John Davidson - 11. AOCB John Davidson, Islay and Jura CVS, brought to the attention of the partnership the need for support to Argyll CVS to ensure its future and to avoid the potential loss of funding for the sector if it was not fully functioning. He agreed to pass the date of the Argyll CVS to Eileen Wilson for circulation to interested parties to be able to offer support.

CPP European Funding

Shona Strachan explained that over the last few weeks the CPP European Steering Group have met and a report went to the CPP Management Group today. Projects to be focussed on 'Creating a Robust and Dynamic Economy' with an emphasis on third sector, volunteer and NEET agendas. Discussion also took place around provision for village halls. The guidance so far suggests that £6.75m may be available but may be as much as £11m. A more realistic planning timetable is also proposed. Papers on this topic will be posted on the CPP website.

Concerns were raised regarding match funding for European projects and how this fits with Scottish Rural Development Programme. Action – Arlene invite Ross Lilley to Funding Hub.

Fairer Scotland Funding

Scottish government funding stream direct to local authorities bringing together different strands of regeneration in a new outcomes based package. Meetings with partners to date have been positive and based on joint working to include areas outwith the previous regeneration areas and better engagement with third sector. Funding is in the region of £860k at the moment

but potentially will grow to more than previous funding. Fits well with European funding.

BIG Applications (Lottery)

The number of Awards for All applications approved has dropped considerably this quarter. There followed a discussion on the distribution of Lottery funds.

Update on GRANTNET

None

Update from Argyll CVS AGM

Argyll CVS has lost the Admin officer based in Lochgilphead. New funding coming through so positive future for developing a service again. Some new members on the Board. The third sector team at Communities Scotland have requested a 'sensible' Business Plan.

Action Everyone is invited to feed in comments to the redraft which has a deadline of 31st March 2008.

Volunteers Centre AGM (held at the same time)

The 'Time Bank' project has now ended. New funding required and a Lottery application is in. The Time Bank project pitched at a previous Funding Hub meeting and was invited to prepare a paper for the CPP Health and Wellbeing Theme Group with the advice and guidance of Susan Dawson, ABC Health Development Officer.

Arlene to send Glenn feedback from Hub.

Future HUB Meetings

Arlene Cullum tabled a paper on the context for the Funding Hub and a discussion took place on how it might operate better. We are working in a new environment with Single Outcome Agreements including the Social Economy movement, greater emphasis on CPP, community involvement etc and a greater requirement to make more 'intelligent' decisions linked to national targets. Some of the issues raised included;

Is there methodology required to 'score' projects in a methodical manner and in order for them to carry our endorsement?

Should we be looking to pull in 'experts' for specific topics?

Eleven pitches have been delivered so far and the general feeling is that these have been successful from both sides. Many of those presenting pitches have welcomed the opportunity to 'trial run' their bids.

Action – Arlene to send round background and questions for return by 19th March 2008.

Minute

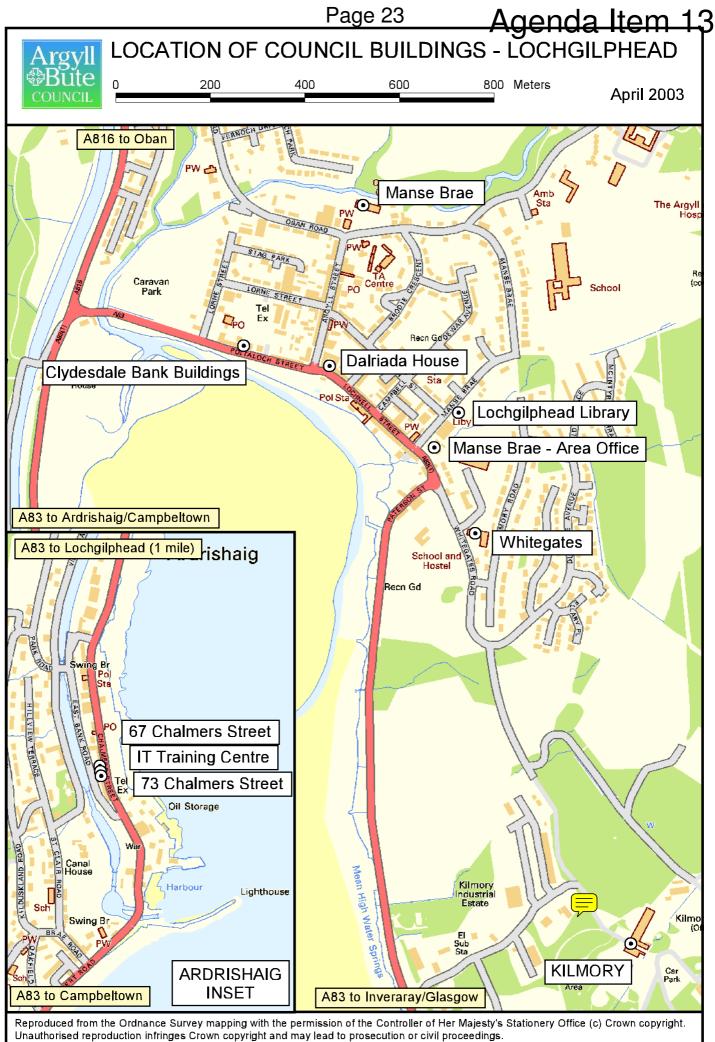
Thanks to Gillian MacInnes, ACHA for taking the minute.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 19th March at HIE AI Offices, Kilmory.

PITCH DATE	8 th February 2008
PROJECT NAME	Jura Fast Passenger Ferry
CONTACT DETAILS	Deborah Bryce, Development Officer, Initiative at the Edge, 01496 820161
Project Description	The Jura Fast Ferry Service will provide a 3-year summer only passenger based service running between Craighouse and Tayvallich. Additional bus services are required during the day and Saturdays and Sundays. Outcome of this project is contribute to sustainability of Jura through considerably reducing journey time and cost to enable social, health, educational and business developments. Most funding is in place with need for development of Tayvallich end for which funding is being applied to from SNH, Forestry Commission, HIE AI and ABC.
Feedback from Hub	The project is well researched and developed as part of the Isle of Jura Community Plan and is essential to the success of other projects in development such as Antlers. It fits well with the AB Community Plan. Hub have suggested potential European sources and SRDP with offers of support from LEADER Officer and ABC European Assistant.
Recommendations	Note support for the project.

PROJECT NAME	The 'Antlers' Renovation
CONTACT DETAILS	Elaine Campbell, Development Officer, Jura Development Trust
Project Description	The project will refurbish the Antlers building in Craighouse to build a tearoom with space for selling craft goods and an interpretative display of 'Jura Life'. The project has been identified as fitting the communities own priorities, shown by an island wide poll conducted by Argyll & Bute Council. The new facility is seen as a first step in reducing the impact of social isolation by providing a central meeting space, and also in boosting economic activity by creating extra jobs and increasing the tourism 'spend'. The Trust's intention is to lease the building. The business plan demonstrates that the business has a high likelihood of being profitable, and that the lease will provide a long term income for the Trust. An application to BLF for 50% of costs has been submitted.
Feedback from Hub	The group commended the Isle of Jura Community Plan and the development of a sustainable vision for the Antlers project. The project fits well with the AB Community Plan. Hub have suggested potential European sources and SRDP with offers of support from LEADER Officer and ABC European Assistant.
Recommendations	Note support for the project.



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