

MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES LOCAL AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in the MCCAIG SUITE, CORRAN HALLS, OBAN on WEDNESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2010

Present: Councillor Duncan MacIntyre (Chair)
Councillor Roderick McCuish
Councillor Gordon Chalmers
Councillor Donald MacDonald
Councillor Donald McIntosh
Councillor Elaine Robertson
Douglas Hendry, Link Director
Kenneth Macdonald, Area Manager – Customer Services
Jane Gillies, Area Committee Assistant, Customer Services
Duncan Martin, Community Councils
Eleanor MacKinnon, AVA
Laura MacDonald, Community Regeneration
Jo Smith, Communications Manager
John Lauder, SusTrans
Clary Elliot, SusTrans

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of the following:

Councillors Mary-Jean Devon
Councillor Neil Mackay.
Eileen Wilson (Community Planning Manager)
David Whiteoak (NHS)
Lesley McInnes (West Highland Housing Association)

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 MAY 2010

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2010 were approved as a correct record, subject to amendment to reflect Eleanor MacKinnon's attendance.

3. PRESENTATION - SUSTRANS (SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT CHARITY)

John Lauder and Clary Elliot from Sustrans provided the group with a useful and informative presentation on progress on the multi-use path from Oban to Fort William. Further updates to be provided periodically.

4. LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT - REPORT BY ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

It was agreed to continue consideration of the adoption of a draft Local Area Partnership Agreement for the Area Community Planning Group to the next meeting to allow partners to discuss with their respective agencies.

5. THE NEW VISION FOR ARGYLL AND BUTE - REPORT BY ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

The Group noted the report by the Head of Improvement and Strategic HR on the New Vision for Argyll and Bute.

6. BUDGET CONSULTATION WORKSHOP - ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

Jo Smith (Communications Manager) and Douglas Hendry (Executive Director - Customer Services) gave a slide presentation and talk on the Council's budget, showing where high areas of expenditure are and explaining the reasons.

All agreed that the Third Sector should be involved at an early stage to allow assessment of where they could fit in and to consider cost implications to them, in addition to volunteer willingness and whether organisations are qualified to assist.

Note of combined responses from Third Sector circulated for information.

7. ADULT LEARNING DISABILITY CONSULTATION - ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (COMMUNITY SERVICES)

The Group noted the report by Jim Robb, Head of Adult Care, Argyll and Bute Council, advising that Adult Care Management staff will be consulting and communicating with service users, carers, community groups, staff and other stakeholders on the emerging short listed options for the review of services for adults with a learning disability in Argyll and Bute.

8. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE - ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

The Group noted the terms of a report by Eileen Wilson and acknowledged the progress made in delivering the Community Engagement Strategy. The Strategy was agreed and adopted by the Community Planning Partnership in May 2009.

9. CONSULTATION DIARY - ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

The Group agreed to the proposals in the report by Eileen Wilson and added that there is a need to incorporate a means of feedback.

The next update on the Consultation Diary to be brought to the January LACPG and four-monthly thereafter.

10. COMMUNITY POLICING PLAN 2010/11 - OBAN NORTH AND LORN - STRATHCLYDE POLICE

Chief Inspector Glen Bland presented a report on Oban North & Lorn policing plan, highlighting an increase in police officers in the area and working with neighbouring police forces, resulting in better detection and enforcement of crime in the area.

11. LOCAL AREA COMMUNITY PLAN

Seminar 1 feedback is being analysed and incorporated into the draft plan and will form the basis of discussion at Seminar 2 to be held on Saturday 20th November 2010 in Oban High School. A report to be brought to November meeting of the LACPG.

The Group discussed the possibility of including access to Pyramid to all partners (read only).