

**MINUTES of MEETING of HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING  
GROUP held in the VICTORIA HALLS, HELENSBURGH  
on TUESDAY, 18 JANUARY 2011**

**Present:** Councillor Vivien Dance (Chair)  
Councillor Daniel Kelly  
Councillor George Freeman  
Councillor Andrew Nisbet  
Councillor Al Reay  
Charles Reppke – Head of Governance and Law  
Jolyon Gritten – Access Manager  
Eileen Wilson – Community Planning Manager  
Margaret Fyfe – Service Officer  
Alex Downie – Linkwork Training Trust  
Anne Marie McCann – Dunbritton Housing  
Nigel Millar – Helensburgh CC  
Tony Davey – Cardross CC  
Nick Davies – Cove & Kilcreggan CC  
Murdo MacDonald – Cove & Kilcreggan CC  
Katrine Wreford – Rosneath & Clynder CC  
Geoff Calvert - SFR  
Neil Sturrock – SPT  
Katrina Sayer – Argyll Voluntary Action

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished them all a Happy New Year.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were intimated from:-

Councillor David Kinniburgh  
Councillor Ellen Morton  
Councillor William Petrie  
Councillor James Robb  
David McCaughey – SFR  
George Watt – Chamber of Commerce  
Neil Black – LLTNP  
Anne Helstrip – NHS  
Gillian Barclay – Argyll Voluntary Action

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest

**3. MINUTE OF MEETING 16 NOVEMBER 2010**

The Minute of Meeting 16 November 2010 was approved as a correct record subject to :-

Amendment of 'Neil Black – SPT' to read 'Neil Black – LLTNP'  
Amendment of 'Neil Sturrock – LLTNP' to read 'Neil Sturrock – SPT'

Item 5. Deletion of paragraph 2.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

##### Minute Item 8

Eileen Wilson, Community Planning Manager informed the Group that she had received no feedback on suggested local partners. A reminder to this effect will be issued to the Group.

##### Minute Item 11.

Eileen Wilson, Community Planning Manager, informed the Group that the date of the Management Group meeting on 10 February, had been changed to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at Kilmory.

#### **5. CORE PATHS PLAN**

The Group were updated in a presentation by the Access Manager on the finalised Draft of the Core Path Plan. Mr Gritten demonstrated how information such as maps and documents could be accessed online. The consultation on the draft Plan will end on 4 April 2011 at 12.00 noon after which a twelve week period will continue to allow any potential objections to be resolved.

##### **Decision**

Noted the presentation by the Access Manager

#### **6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TOOLKIT DEMONSTRATION/PRESENTATION**

The Group were briefed in a presentation by Alex Downie, Linkwork Training Trust, on the national aims of the Better Community Engagement Programme which is a learning programme to support and improve practice in engaging with communities. The group were also briefed on the initial aims of the engagement pilot and on the changes since the project commenced. An update on the progress made so far and discussion was had on the way forward. A training day for LACPG group partners is to be held at the end of February on a date to be agreed. Partners were asked to email their preferred dates to Belinda Hamilton following the meeting.

##### **Decision**

Noted the contents of the presentation.

#### **7. LOCAL PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHT AND EXCEPTION UPDATE**

The Group were advised by the Community Planning Manager, that there had been no feedback to date and she reiterated a request to the group for this information.

## **8. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CPP SUB-GROUP**

The Group were advised by the Community Planning Manager that the sub group had now formed and that the next meeting would be on 22 February 2011. Ms Wilson explained that the newly formed group was an amalgamation of several other groups and was not an additional group. She agreed to provide feedback to the March meeting.

## **9. MARITIME CHANGE PROGRAMME**

The Group were updated by the Head of Governance and Law that the Council were currently engaging with the MOD and were in the process of exchanging information. He informed that a new Commodore had recently been appointed and that it was hoped to arrange a meeting with him at the earliest opportunity.

### **Decision**

- i. Noted the verbal update by Head of Governance and Law
- ii. Agreed to continue as a standing item on the agenda

## **10. THEMATIC GROUP UPDATES**

### **(a) UPDATE REPORT ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS THEMATIC CPP GROUP**

The Group were asked to note the contents of a report by the Area Customer Services Manager on a meeting held by the Social Affairs Thematic CPP Group held on 8 November 2010.

### **Decision**

Agreed to note the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by ACSM, dated 15 December 2010, submitted)

### **(b) UPDATE REPORT ON ECONOMY THEMATIC GROUP**

The Group were asked to note the contents of a report summarising the continued progress made by the Economy Thematic Group in implementing actions in the Community Plan and in developing a scorecard and work programme.

### **Decision**

Agreed to note the progress made to date.

(Ref: Report by D Cowan, Highland Enterprise, dated 15 December 2010, submitted)

### **(c) UPDATE REPORT ON ENVIRONMENT THEMATIC GROUP**

The Group were asked to note a report summarising the current

activity of the Environment Thematic Group.

### **Decision**

Agreed to note the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by A Campbell, SNH, dated 15 December 2010, submitted)

## **11. EDUCATION SERVICE REVIEW - SCHOOL ESTATE STRATEGY**

The Group were updated on the current situation regarding the Schools Estate Strategy by the Head of Governance and Law and a briefing note from Councillor Morton, Educations Spokesperson to the same effect, was distributed. Murdo MacDonald, Cove and Kilcreggan Community Council, thanked the chair for the opportunity to discuss the issue at this meeting as the new proposals would be out prior to the next LACPG meeting. Mr MacDonald distributed a paper reinforcing the view of the importance of rural schools for the sustainability and regeneration in communities.

The Chair gave assurances that any feedback received to date would be incorporated into the decision making process on forming any new proposals.

### **Decision**

Agreed to continue discussion of this item at March meeting of Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group.

## **12. AOCB**

There was no other competent business for discussion.

## **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 15 March 2011

