1. APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were intimated by:-

Michael Breslin
Iain McGlashan
Michael Russell MSP
Cllr Anne Horn
Cllr Robin Currie
Cllr John Semple
Maryanne Stewart
Aileen McLennan
Bob Chicken
John Bakes
Audrey Baird
Helen Watt
Fergus Younger
Phil Hinchcliff
Graham Everett
Peter Stogdale
Jamie McGrigor
David Roger
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - 24 JUNE 2011

The Minute of the last meeting were approved as a true record subject to the following amendments:-

Infrastructure:

Argyll and Bute Council had received funding amounting to 3.9 million from ERDF.

Supportive Business Environment:

Ishabel Bremner enquired why the locally delivered Self-employed Workshop was booked for 10 but only 2 attended and wondered why this was given that Kintyre based businesses were prepared to attend workshops held in Inveraray?

Matters Arising:

Ian McIntyre again raised the issue of the costs in regards the berthing facility in Rothesay. The Chair enquired if he had received a response to this. Ian agreed that he had received a verbal update, but questioned the impending costs in relation to Campbeltown Marina. The Chair responded that the partners involved on the CHORD project were working towards full agreement leading to the compilation of a full Business Case for the project that would be submitted through the Business Gateway for an evaluation of the sustainability.

The Chair advised the group of the CHORD ‘Drop in event’ which had been held on 23 August. This had been a great success with participation and interest from the local community.

Colin Craig, West Coast Motors, was in attendance at the meeting to date the group on transportation changes.

A further request would be sent to Cllr Duncan MacIntyre, Spokesperson for Transport and Infrastructure, to attend the next KIWG meeting.

The Chair commended Jim Smith, Head of Roads and Amenity Services on behalf of Liz Ball, Convener of West Kintyre Community Council on the work undertaken to remediate the road surfaces in Kintyre.

3. INFRASTRUCTURE

(a) WIND TOWER LIMITED

Alan Reid MP reported on a meeting held between Scottish Government and Defence Estates. Discussions were ongoing, but negotiations were constructive and it was hoped to reach a
resolution in the near future. Scottish Water had compiled a report which proposed that they take over the water supply. If agreed this would afford local residents the opportunity to connect to the mains water supply.

(b) **MACHRIHANISH MOD SITE - ABC, IAN WARDROP**
Ian Wardrop provided the group with an update in regards the MACC buy out. A meeting had been held on 18 August between the Scottish Government and HIE. This meeting had enabled discussion to outline the existing main problems, prior to meeting with the MOD. He advised that the consultants were driving the project forward to completion. Ian reported on a meeting with the Big Lottery fund to determine the criteria for applications. It was hoped that an application would be submitted. He advised that there would be community action planning training for 2 of the directors of AK CAP on 17 September and liaison with a VAT expert who had been engaged by HIE. A visit was proposed to South Uist Trust to have an overview of existing projects being undertaken by this Trust. Ian reported on enquiries to use the base and he stressed the need to generate income from these potential customers. Renewable energy focused industry in the local area could result in the provision of sustainable jobs and it would be necessary to encourage this interest.

He stated that it was hoped to convene a public meeting once all negotiations had been concluded. This would enable the local communities to express their views and opinions on the development of the base. Ian reported that power for the new buildings would be installed at the weekend.

Ian expressed thanks on behalf of the MACC for all the support and help that had been received from partners involved in the negotiations to undertake the buy out of the base.

The Chair thanked Ian for this update.

(c) **CAMPBELTOWN AIRPORT - HIA LTD**
A report was distributed from Graham Everett who hoped to attend a future KIWG meeting.

Alan Reid reported that the early morning flight from London to Campbeltown via Glasgow was no longer available. Ian Wardrop stressed the need for more engagement on transportation to ensure effective marketing to encourage more visitors to the area.

**ACTION:** Theresa McLetchie would contact Graham Everett (Head of Service Delivery at Loganair) (to ascertain if there was a foreseeable solution to the issue regarding the London flight and report back to the next KIWG meeting

(d) **SCOTTISH WATER**
Jane McKenzie had submitted a written report which was tabled at
Campbeltown Community Forum Meeting Tuesday 2nd August

Project update given to Meeting by David Lindsay

Community Event discussed for completion of Project (Oct 2011) - it is Scottish Waters intention to hold a community event to mark the end of the project. This event will take place around the end of November beginning of December. We are in very early discussions regarding this however will keep the Community Forum and Members updated at our next meeting scheduled for early October.

The most recent project information will be updated on their web site shortly.

Slaty Farlan

Storm Facility - Confirmation that we have been able to commission part of the new storm facility following the rainfall in week ending 14 August 2011. Supplementary Treatment Facility - Work on programme for acceptance testing Aug/Sept 2011. Marine outfall installation - Completed end of June 2011. New security fence installed

Kinloch Park Pumping Station (KPPS)

We have a new storm pumps (800l/s) at KPPS set on automatic control to replace the need for the temporary hydrainer pumps. Existing Hydrainers pumps removed. Over 4000 cubic meters have been pumped successfully from the KPPS storm well and discharged to the Loch through the new outfall at Slaty Farlan.

Final commissioning of the foul (100l/s) and storm pumps on programme for acceptance testing Aug/Sept 2011. The tideflex valve has been installed on the end of the existing KPPS outfall and the existing flap valve removed.

Sewer Upgrades

Sewer Upgrades on St John St will be completed in September 2011 The existing large diameter sewers have been cleaned out this week.

Commissioning Update

Successfully completed commissioning of the SAF process stream at Slaty Farlan. The new treatment process has maintained excellent effluent quality within the design envelope even though it has been shocked by Trade Effluent discharges (ceased as of mid to late July.) We have final commissioning checks to complete on the Storm return sequence which will require flows. At KPPS the foul pumps are operating successfully and achieving the required flow rates. The storm pumps are now partially commissioned and left in automatic mode.
4. **TRANSPORT**

(a) **LINKAGES OUT OF KINTYRE**

Colin Craig reported at Agenda item 4 (c).

(b) **A83 - JULIAN GREEN**

A report providing an update on Roads issues was tabled at the meeting.

1. **CAPITAL SURFACING SCHEMES**

All capital resurfacing work in Kintyre (including surface dressing) is now complete. Surfacing work was carried out through the Council’s partnership agreement with Breedon Aggregates Ltd. Surface dressing work was won in tender by Colas Ltd. White lining is still outstanding, but this work is planned for completion in the very near future.

Schemes completed are as follows:-

- A83 – Seal Point to Balochroy
- A83 - Westport to Bellochantuy (surface dressing).
- B842 -Dippen
- B842 - Kildonan
- B8001 -Cloanaig

2. **NEXT YEAR’S CAPITAL SCHEMES**

A list of surfacing schemes to be carried out next year in Kintyre is currently being compiled. The level of importance of each route will affect the level of priority for each named scheme; so it is likely that the majority of next year’s capital surfacing budget will, again, be spent on the A83 Campbeltown to Tarbert Road and the B842 Carradale Road.

3. **WINTER MAINTENANCE**

Formal winter stand-by commences on 28th October this year. Work to replenish grit bins and stock up road-side salt heaps will be carried out during October. The winter maintenance regime (gritting routes and times etc.) will largely remain unchanged from last year’s.

4. **SCOTTISH WATER**

Scottish Water’s sewerage works in Campbeltown are now nearing completion with any remaining work expected to be complete by mid
September.

For further information please contact: Stewart Clark, Contracts Manager West Argyll and The Isles, on 01546 604893. Alternatively, e-mail stewart.clark@argyll-bute.gov.uk

(c) UPDATE ON SERVICE ROUTES
Colin Craig reported on the new timetable and vehicles now in place. There were now 5 daily return services (one of which - 1630 was from Glasgow terminating in Ardrishaig). He advised on the success of the 0630 service which enabled travellers to successfully connect with flights, trains in Glasgow for ongoing travel. The decision to reduce waiting times and the stop-over in Inveraray had overall been well received and reduced the journey time by 30 minutes. However there had been some adverse reaction to the reduction of the stop-over. The new vehicles were all fitted out with one level toilet facilities on board.

Discussion followed in regards the possibility of re-routing the service via Glasgow airport. Colin replied that a lot of passengers alighted along Great Western Road - to detour via Glasgow airport would not necessarily prove advantageous or popular. Jane Mayo suggested that discussion could be undertaken with taxi firms in Glasgow to promote taxis being available at stops along the route on the outskirts of Glasgow. This could assist passengers departing on flights from Glasgow airport.

The Chair reported on disruption to some of the local workplace on the loss of the commuter bus service. He enquired if the 0630 service from Campbeltown could be altered to a 0645 departure to assist some of the passengers affected. Colin replied that to undertake this would detract from an 1100 arrival time in Glasgow, missing the southbound connections. Departing at 0630 was an optimum time to avoid commuter traffic on the outskirts of Glasgow. Furthermore, the decision to stop the commuter bus had been at the instigation of Argyll and Bute council.

Colin reported that West Coast motors were still in the process of resolving issues on the Oban corridor and would need to liaise with Argyll and Bute council on this issue. He reported on the success of the Kintyre Express from Campbeltown to Ballycastle, Northern Ireland. To date, 1000 passengers had travelled on the route - the majority of whom had been family groups. The Chair suggested that more strategic marketing of the Kintyre Way - promoting the walking route - may result in more visitors. This would, hopefully, generate more revenue for the local area. In addition, the provision of accommodation, recently refurbished to a high standard of quality would attract visitors.

**ACTION:** It was agreed to write to Duncan MacIntyre on behalf of the KIWG in regards the issues concerning the connection to
Oban.

ACTION: It was agreed to contact Jim Smith, Head of Roads to remove the signage NO IRELAND FERRY SERVICE as soon as possible.

5. SUPPORTIVE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

(a) BUSINESS GATEWAY - MARY KENNEDY
Mary Kennedy provided a report for the meeting.

(b) HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS ENTERPRISE
HIE provided a report for the meeting.

(c) TAILORED TRAINING - ARGYLL COLLEGE
Darlene Russell gave a short presentation advising the group on VC usage to disseminate courses.

The Chair thanked Darlene for her informative presentation and suggested that Argyll and Bute council should contact Darlene with regard to their recent decision to look at the development of VC technology in order to draw on her experience, and perhaps look at modifying the VC etiquette detailed within Darlene’s presentation to their own practices.

(d) AGRICULTURE - DOUGIE MCCORMICK NFU / SANDY PIRIE
Fergus Younger provided a written report for the meeting.

- **Lamb Groups**
  It had been a challenging period for groups with the live trade being so high. Groups will need to renegotiate with their partners to be able to compete with the live auction. Islay Lamb currently sending trial lambs to a central belt butcher wholesaler. Argyll Hill Lamb will take part in their 2nd trade show this November in Lochaber working through Fortieths. AHL website soon to go live.

- **Argyll Food Producers – Food from Argyll**
  Group attending 12 large events this year, events are slightly down this year –numbers and spend. Some good media coverage from events, and a steady flow of associate members using the brand.

- **Argyll Abattoirs**
  
  **Mull** now open again sharing slaughter man with Islay and receiving some initial butchery help from the ex Arran slaughter/butcher man. Helped secure funds from council and the Noble trust, facility also successful with a Princes Countryside Trust application.

  **Islay** open meeting held on the 2nd August, 9 now on the working group.
Further negotiations with the Abattoir owners will be held this month.

Arran - facility is likely to close as it has been sold to new owners and they appear to be likely to run it as a shop only.

Transnational approach to Forum work
Forum successful in their Leader bid to secure funding for a transnational cooperation project – Taste of Rural Europe. Delayed start due to partner problems, agreement currently being ratified by Polish partner. This project will allow development funds for: Regional Food Labelling, linking Hospitality to Local products, engaging young people, red meat processing training, regional food promotion, developing new products and new media marketing.

Forum unsuccessful in joint bid with UHI to the Northern Periphery Programme project for WOODSWORC a farm woodland collaboration project to link farming and forestry. Now working on a farm woodland collaboration project focused on North Kintyre area, addressing new planting, invasive species, wood fuel and unproductive small scale woodlands.

Argyll and Isles Strategic Tourism Partnership
Helping support this group to adopt an Argyll brand developed through the Argyll food producers as an umbrella brand for the region and working towards Tourism Expo 2012.

Dairy
Working to support First Milk and SAC to deliver a home grown fodder trans-regional project between Kintyre, Pembrokeshire and Cumbria. Overall aim is to improve milk quality going into each plant, reduce farmer input costs and improve the long term sustainability of each area.

Forum Website
Currently being reviewed to be a more user friendly site.

SAOS hosting of Development Manger
Arrangement is working well, useful crossovers with other areas being developed.

6. PLANNING AND PLACE - TOWN CENTRE AND WATERFRONT

(a) CHORD PROJECT
Campbeltown CHORD

General comment – drop in event held on 23 August to update the public on all the projects happening in Campbeltown.
THI

- Work started at Old School.
- Heritage Trail re-launched for 2011.
- Recent visit from HLF and HS - positive feedback received.
- Old Courthouse (THI Reserve List) – report has been presented to MAKI Committee recommending Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process is undertaken by Council on behalf of Strathclyde Building Preservation Trust (SBPT). SBPT have submitted Stage 1 funding applications to all funders - HLF, HS and ERDF.

Kinloch Road

Public Realm –

- Public realm associated with the new road is being procured through roads contract – information is now included within Park Square tender invitation documentation;
- Public realm associated with Kinloch Road down to Royal Hotel is ready to progress to detailed design stage taking on board consultation comments and with ongoing liaison with the Royal Hotel;
- Installation of public realm along Kinloch Road re-phased to follow the KRH Marine works. The Royal Hotel will be progressing their public realm areas ahead of this (likely to be November 2011).

Roads Depot Remediation -

- Excavation of hydrocarbon contamination complete with additional excavation of foundations / old wall remnants etc. also undertaken;
- Final remediation tasks to be undertaken by ACHA and included in the legal agreement for land transfer.

ACHA Funding -

- Legal Agreements now signed.

Campbeltown Berthing Facility

- Technical / Feasibility study complete and was presented to the Board in early August.
- Agreement to gain commitment from all partners before progressing to Full Business Case.

(b) TOWN HALL UPDATE

Town Hall – Project Update: The two community organisations leading the development. (South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT) and Campbeltown Community Council (CC)) are working well together, sharing responsibilities and working jointly to move the
project forward. Work to support the partnership is ongoing. Interviews to appoint the Development Worker who will deliver the community engagement plan have been undertaken. An initial meeting with the Big Lottery Growing Community Assets has taken place. The meeting went well and they offered positive feedback on our progress so far and additional support if needed. David Rennie from the Social Enterprise Team has been based in Campbeltown one day per week giving ongoing support to the local groups taking the project forward. This is proving useful and will help to support the new development worker into post. Updated drawings and costings have been prepared and are now available to support THI, ERDF and GCA bids.

(c) **TOWN CENTRE MANAGER - AILEEN MACLENNAN**

There was a report from the Town Centre manager updating on local issues and events held in the local area.

The Chair asked that a letter be drafted to Councillor Dick Walsh, Leader of the Council, requesting the reinstatement of major event funding apportioned to major events including the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival which needed more financial support.

Susan Paterson reported that next year marked the 20th year of the Festival and commended the success of the event just held in August.

Ian Macintyre noted that the Tarbert Seafood Festival had also been a great success.

7. **INWARD INVESTMENTS - KEY FACTORS**

(a) **BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS SCOTLAND**

Ian Davison Porter gave a detailed presentation on the background and basic principles of the Business Improvement Districts Scotland.

He provided details of two websites to enable attendees to gain further information:

- [www.civitasadvisors.com](http://www.civitasadvisors.com)
- [www.bids-scotland.com](http://www.bids-scotland.com)

The Chair thanked Ian for his informative presentation and stated that Business Improvements Districts Scotland (BIDS) would remain on future KIWG Agendas for further group discussion.

The Chair stated that due to time constraints the following Agenda items would be discussed at the next KIWG meeting:-
Inward Investments – Key Factors

(b) Kintyre Product / Tourism and Marketing
(c) Kintyre Way
(d) Energy (Renewables).

8. LOCAL AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING (LACPG)
It was noted that the next meeting of the LACPG would take place on 7
September 2011 at 10.00a.m. in the Council Chamber, Kilmany,
Lochgilphead with VC connections between Islay, Jura and Colonsay
Servicepoints and the Campbeltown Police Station.

9. A.O.B.
Ian Macintyre raised 2 issues for discussion:-

Tarbert – need for a pedestrian crossing
Co-operative store in Tarbert – whereby, according to Ian, there was a
10% mark-up on certain items.

ACTION: Theresa McLetchie would make contact with Ian in regards
these issue.

The Chair advised that the next KIWG meeting was scheduled for:-

21 October 2011 – 10.00a.m. Town Hall, Campbeltown

thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 12.15p.m.