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11 October 2011

#### NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS LOCAL AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL, CAMPBELTOWN on WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2011 at 10:00 AM, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director - Customer Services

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### MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS LOCAL AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Councillor Donald MacMillan – Chair Councillor Rory Colville – Vice-Chair

Contact: Theresa McLetchie - Tel: 01546 604511

# MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS LOCAL AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD, PA31 8RT on WEDNESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2011

Present: (Chair)

Councillor Donald MacMillan

Councillor Rory Colville
Councillor Anne Horn
Councillor Anne Horn
Councillor John Semple
Shirley MacLeod
Argyll and Bute Council
Lynda Thomson
Eileen Wilson
Audrey Baird
Councillor Alison Hay
Councillor John Semple
Argyll and Bute Council
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Alistair MacGregor ACHA
Yvonne Litster ACHA
Glenn Heritage Third Sector

Partnership.Argyll Voluntary

Action

Bob Chicken Tarbert & Skipness CC

Andrea Henderson Furnace CC
Jeanette Laughton Ardrishaig CC

Alex Purdie Strathclyde Fire & Rescue

Campbeltown

Police Station Councillor John Semple

Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie Strathclyde Police

Susan Paterson Community Representative

Jim Martin Campbeltown CC Donnie Cameron NHS Highland

Islay

Servicepoint Lesley Anderson CBS Manager

Hamish Campbell Islay CC

Gigha Lukas Lehmann Gigha Heritage Trust

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Councillor Robin Currie Councillor Douglas Philand Councillor Donald Kelly Shelagh Cameron Mary McGugan Leonard McNeill Colin Davidson

Jura Community Council
Colonsay Community Council

Kate Murray Elaine Thomson Hector Thomson Elizabeth Rhodick

#### 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 2011

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 May 2011 were approved as a true and correct record.

Councillor Semple enquired when the Agenda items deferred from this meeting would be afforded discussion. Shirley MacLeod replied that these items would be discussed at the meeting scheduled for November. This had not been possible at this meeting to maximise time available for discussion on the outcome of the CPP Self Assessment Exercise.

#### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

#### 4. ACHA - PRIORITIES AND ACTIVITIES

Alistair MacGregor, Chief Executive – Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) – gave an informative presentation detailing projects which had been undertaken by ACHA.

After his presentation, Alistair offered a question time to the group and the following issues were raised:-

Councillor Anne Horn enquired on ACHA's policy in regards reparative work to owner occupiers whose property adjoined an ACHA property, and whereby damage had occurred. Alistair replied that contractors employed by ACHA would work to the contract specification and ensure that any damage would be addressed

Bob Chicken thanked Alistair for his presentation and enquired if a breakdown on both the land bank units and the waiting list he had detailed within the presentation could be provided. Alistair replied that Yvonne Litster, Regional Manager would provide a breakdown on both of these.

ACTION: Yvonne Litster would provide details of both to Theresa McLetchie who would disseminate this to MAKI LACPG members.

Lukas Lehmann informed the group of the Renewables 'Rent a Roof scheme'. Alistair was not aware of this initiative and enquired if Lukas could provide details for him.

ACTION: Theresa McLetchie would provide Lukas with Alistair MacGregor's contact details.

Alistair reported on ACHA's energy efficiency policy and potential small wind turbine developments on land owned by ACHA. Glenn Heritage enquired if Alistair was aware of the Scottish Biomass Support scheme.

Alistair was aware of this; however he detailed concerns in regards the technology and level of liability.

Councillor Hay raised the issue of homeless people being temporarily housed in local communities. Alistair responded that when the Scottish Parliament had passed legislation in 2001 – Homelessness' Act – this had impacted considerably onto Local Authorities. Referrals for homeless people had become a priority, with Local Authorities needing to adhere to the Act. The vast majority of these referrals did not present a problem or difficulty.

Glenn Heritage enquired if ACHA were engaged in discussions around the Reshaping Care for Older People transition fund. Alistair was aware of the ethos of this, but requested that Glenn provide more information for him.

ACTION: Glenn Heritage would provide Alistair with information in regards the Reshaping Care for Older People transition.

The Chair thanked Alistair for his informative presentation. He fully appreciated the many issues and problems which ACHA had inherited. He extended his congratulations and thanks on behalf of the MAKI LACPG for the hard work and effort undertaken by AHCA and wished them every success for the future.

## 5. OUTCOME OF COMMUNITY PLANNING SELF ASSESSMENT EXERCISE - ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL - IMPROVEMENT AND STRATEGIC HR

Jane Fowler intimated that she hoped the group would have a substantive discussion in regards the outcome of the Community Planning Self Assessment exercise and then made a short presentation to the group.

Following on from Jane's presentation, Hamish Campbell felt that the terminology and language needed to be in layperson terms.

Councillor Colville stated that he appreciated Bute and Cowal LACPG was working well. However, they had achieved this via a different route and the MAKI area would have different views and aspirations. Councillor Semple reiterated that the MAKI area was different in terms of both the geography and local communities.

Councillor Horn reported that both the Mid Argyll Partnership (MAP) and Kintrye Initiative Working Group (KIWG) were working well and functioning effectively

#### Decision

Following extensive discussion, the group agreed on the following recommendations:

1. To take into account existing partnerships within the Mid Argyll,

- Kintyre and the Islands area.
- 2. To ensure that the communication contained within reports and papers be in effective and clear language.
- 3. To review Community Council representation at the Management Committee Group and LACPGs assisted by Argyll and Bute Council.
- 4. To strengthen Community Councils effectiveness as key local community groups and representatives.
- 5. To enable local community planning issues to be more driven by local communities.
- 6. To facilitate a process in which views imparted by local communities are fed back as part of ongoing, effective community consultation and engagement..

### 6. BETTER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RESOURCE PACK - COMMUNITY SERVICES

The group considered a report detailing the competing of the Argyll and Bute's Community Planning Partnership in the Scottish Government's National Better Community Engagement Programme and selection to partipcate.

#### Decision:

The group agreed to note the report.

(Ref: A report by Audrey Baird, Community Development Officer, 7 September 2011, submitted).

### 7. COMMUNITY COUNCIL BY-ELECTIONS, ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL, CUSTOMER SERVICES

The group considered a report providing informatin on the recent Community Council By-Elections.

Shirley MacLeod stated that in relation to page 28, the named individuals were duly elected.

Jeanette Laughton voiced her concerns in regards the timing of the By-Election. In her opinion, this had been badly timed and did not take into account that many Community Councils had been unable to announce or advertise the By-Election due to this being within a holiday period. Shirley MacLeod replied that Argyll and Bute council had been under enormous pressure to commence the By-Election process and the closing date of 18 August had been decided as it was determined that schools would have re-commenced and people with families would have more available time to submit nominations and applications. Charles Reppke

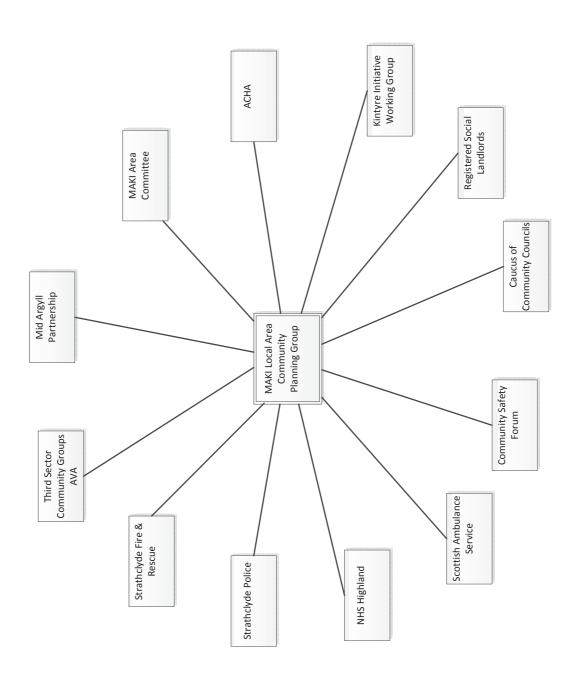
was over-viewing this and consideration would be given to a further round of By-Elections. Shirley would feedback comments to Charles Reppke.

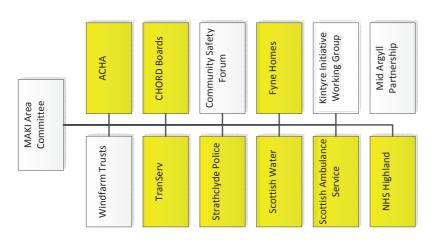
#### **Decision:**

The group agreed to note the report.

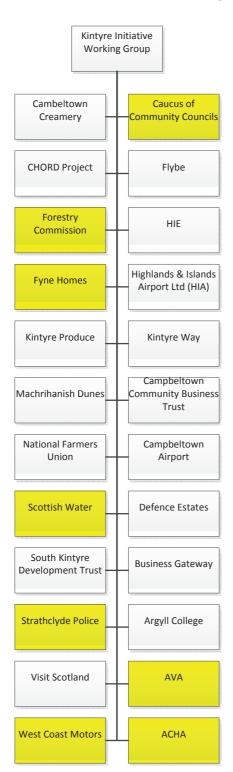
(Ref: A report by Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager, dated 20 August 2011, submitted).

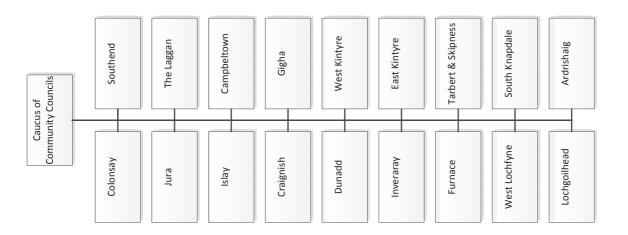
The Chair thanked everyone who had attended the meeting.

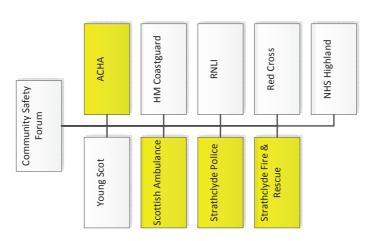


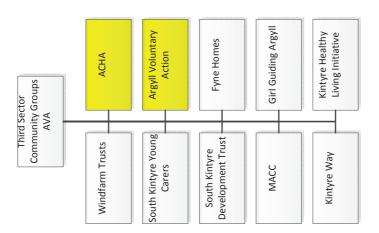


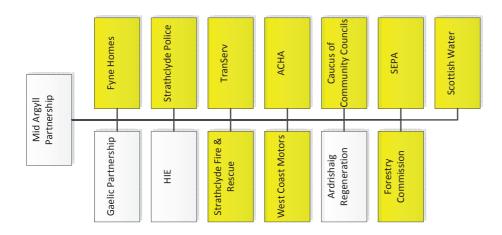
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#### **CPP Consultation Diary**

**Information Request - November 2010** 



**Local Area Community Planning Groups** are developing local consultation diaries, gathering information about what consultations are currently underway and what consultations are being planned.

The Consultation Diaries will provide an overview of all the consultation being done in Argyll and Bute. This will allow Local Area Community Planning Groups to become more aware of the volume of consultation that are being undertaken by community planning partners. It also means we can access the results of a consultation that might help us plan our work. If we are planning a consultation, we can check the diary to avoid clashing with another consultation. We can also use the diary to make contact with people who have recent experience of consulting to talk over the methods they used and any learning points they can share with us.

We would like to know about

- 1. **Proposed Consultations** those planned for the future
- 2. Current Consultations those consultations that are happening now
  - Local (consultations at LACPG or even more local level)
  - Argyll and Bute Wide
  - Organisational but with potential Argyll and Bute outcomes
- 3. Recent Consultations those that have happened recently. Even if they have been completed we can add them so that anyone planning a consultation can see if something similar has been conducted recently. It can also indicate if and when a report will be produced and where to get a copy. Any outcomes or changes that have resulted from it can also be highlighted here.

If we are able to get web links for the consultations more detailed information about that consultation could be accessed. If web links can't be established we would look for a brief description of the consultation which should include the name and phone number of someone you can contact for further information or discussion.

If you are organising a consultation, please fill in this form, either electronically or on paper, then email or post the completed form to:- eileen.wilson@argyll-bute.gov.uk

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Please complete a separate form for each consultation exercise.

## ARGYLL AND BUTE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP CONSULTATION DIARY ENTRY

A. Key Points				
A1.Title of consultation				
A2. Purpose of consultation				
A3. Key contact perso Name	n for the consultation			
Council Service / Partner organisation				
Telephone number Email				
A4. Approximate start date (dd/mm/yy)	A4. Approximate end date (dd/mm/yy)			
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Strategic Finance  Community Services	Improvement and HR			
Adult Care Children and Families	Education Community and Culture			
Development and Infra Roads and Amenity Se Economic Developmen	ervices Planning and Regulatory Services			
Customer Services				
Governance and Law Facility Services	Customer and Support Services			
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C1. Which of the following groups will you Elected Members Council Officers Voluntary groups Community Councils Community / Local Forums Third Sector Partnership Disability Network Elderly Forum Citizens' Panel User groups Tenants / Residents Associations Other groups (please write in)	ou consult with? (Check all that apply.)  Argyll and Bute Youth Forum  Young people / youth groups  General public / residents  Community Planning Partnership  Community Planning Partners  Parents  Parent Councils  School pupils  Pupil Councils  Service users  Potential Service Users			
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D. How are you ca	arrying out the consultation?			
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Articles in newsletters	Posters / flyers			
Information sheets	Presentations			
Letters	Press release			
Website	Press advert			
Libraries Other	Service points / community centres			
D2. If you have checked 'other', please give details:				
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E. Consultation events  E1. Are you planning any events as part of this consultation?  Yes No				
E2. If you are planning event Number of planned events Type of events	ts, please briefly describe their number and types.			
When you know dates and locations of the events, please give your LACPG contact the details so that these can be entered into the events diary.				
F. Geographic areas covered				
F1. Which parts of Argyll and Bute will the consultation cover? (Tick all that apply) Argyll and Bute wide				
F2. If you have said that the consultation will cover 'other' areas, please give details:				

#### G. Feeding back the consultation results

When you have written a final report for the consultation, please sent an electronic copy to your LACPG contact(s) for distribution.

#### Thank you for completing this form.

#### Please send it to:

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**Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership** 

**Economy Thematic Group Report Management Committee June 8 2011** 



#### 1. SUMMARY

1.1 The last meeting of the Economy Thematic Group took place on 25 May and this report provides a summary of issues covered. The group remains focussed on identifying and recording measures which will enable changes in the local economy to be identified and tracked or treated as appropriate.

#### 2. ISSUES DISCUSSED

**2.1**. The revised scorecard format is now In place but a further request has been made to partners to provide specific measures for inclusion in future reports Final revisions will be completed at the next meeting.

Updates from partners present illustrated progress against SOA and CPP objectives.

- 2.2 A presentation made by Skills Development Scotland (SDS) covering data on youth destinations, modern apprenticeships and employability led to an interesting discussion on the reasons behind some of the trends and the need to understand the economic implications A pilot exercise by SDS and partners looking in more detail at the data and possible ways to address the underlying issues is ongoing
- **2.3** The scheduled presentation on the agricultural sector and SRDP carried forward from the last meeting was not able to take place

Next Economy Thematic Group meeting will to be held on 31 August 2011

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### **Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**

Management Committee Date: August 2011



#### **Social Affairs Thematic Group Update Report**

#### 1. SUMMARY

**1.1** This report summarises the continued progress made by the Social Affairs Thematic Group.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

**2.1** That the Management Committee note the progress made by the Social Affairs Thematic Group.

#### 3. DETAIL

3.1 At the group's most recent meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011 a number of key issues were discussed and scrutinised including; Getting It Right for Vulnerable Young People, Argyll and Bute Strategic Community Safety Partnership, Argyll and Bute's Children, the Strategic Housing and Communities Forum and Performance Management.

In addition, a number of presentations were made on the following topics; Youth Work, child trafficking, the educational psychological service and early years interventions.

The next meeting of the SATG is 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2011.

- 3.2 A paper presented on Getting It Right for Vulnerable Young People was presented which outlined the work being undertaken to reshape services to children and young people who have particular vulnerabilities due to their emotional or mental health needs.
- 3.3 After consideration of the Argyll and Bute Strategic Community Safety Partnership highlight and exception report it was agreed that a paper on domestic violence and violence against women will be brought to the next Social Affairs thematic group meeting.
- 3.4 The group viewed a film produced by the Mid Argyll Youth Project entitled "The Gilp" which the group produced for a project they had been selected to participate in by the Scottish Parliament as part of

- the Scottish Parliament's Community Partnership Programme. The film highlighted the negative media stereotypes of young people and the impact this can have on them in their local communities.
- 3.5 The group also viewed a film produced by pupils of Dunoon Grammar School and Women's Aid which aimed to raise awareness of Child Trafficking in Britain.
- 3.6 A presentation on Early Years Intervention given by Anne Paterson, Quality Improvement Manager Early Years, outlined the Early Years Framework policy document which was published jointly by the Scottish Government and COSLA in 2008. Significant progress has been made within Argyll and Bute in relation to the National Outcomes and these are being met through the current intervention work programmes, Service Review and Implementation Plan.
- 3.7 The group also reviewed their performance scorecard within Pyramid and a revised version was considered, however further development is needed to ensure that it is equally focused on all partnerships within the group; Strathclyde Police, Health, Fire and Rescue and the Third Sector.
- 3.8 The next meeting of the Social Affairs Thematic CPP group will feature presentations from Luette Roberts, Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Co-ordinator for Argyll and Bute, Islay High School on Curriculum for Excellence and Marlene Baillie from Strathclyde Police on crime and community safety issues.

#### 4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 Significant progress has been made since the start of the year in achieving the group's objectives and this progress will continue throughout the following year through the development of strong partnership links and increased scrutiny and development of the Social Affair Thematic Group scorecard.

#### For further information contact:

Cleland Sneddon Executive Director – Community Services Argyll and Bute Council

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### Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

Management Committee Date: 15 June 2011



#### **Title: Update Report on Environment Thematic Group**

#### 1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report summarises progress which the Environment Thematic Group has made in regard to developing and implementing actions in the Community Plan, and in developing a scorecard and work programme.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

**2.1** That the Management Committee note the progress which the Environment Thematic Group has made in progressing outcomes from the agreed action plan and scorecard for the group.

#### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Environment Thematic Group meets quarterly and is progressing in delivering the outcomes and actions relating to the Environment of Argyll and Bute contained in the Community Plan.
- 3.2 At the February meeting it had been agreed that officers and partners would meet with the Chair to bring forward proposals for an amended scorecard and bring this to the May 2011 meeting. At the meeting on 26 May 2011, the Group were presented with a revised scorecard, prepared on the basis of these discussions. The Group discussed the existing and proposed scorecards noting that there remained an issue regarding setting measures that were meaningful and the difficulty in extracting local figures from those collected nationally. In principle, it was agreed that the existing scorecard should remain although this should incorporate some of the elements of the proposed scorecard. It was also agreed that a further meeting between officers, partners and the Thematic Chair should take place and that they be asked to report back to the August meeting of the Thematic Group when it is anticipated that the scorecard can be finalised.
- The meeting received an update following a Community Seminar on Invasive Non-Native Species held in January, a discussion on the Zero Waste Plan and a report on Walking Routes to Schools. The Group also received presentations from RPID, SAMS and SEPA.
- 3.4 Strategic Partnership reports were submitted by the Argyll and Bute Renewable Alliance, Kintyre Recycling Ltd, Argyll and Bute Local Biodiversity Partnership and the Argyll and Bute Local Access Forum. The reports were noted by the group.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

**4.1** The Environment Thematic Group continue to concentrate on their performance management role by developing and refining their Performance Scorecard.

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### Strategic Partnership Highlight



### & Exception Report

Strategic Partnership (Name of Partnership you are reporting on)	Third Sector and Communities CPP Sub-group
CPP Thematic Group (i.e Economy, Environment or Social Affairs)	
CPP Outcome (please select – you can select more than one outcome)	CPP/CP01 – competitive and successful businesses
Please refer to attached table for more detail on each	CPP/CP02 – sustainable economic assets
CPP Outcome.	CPP/CP03 – vibrant towns that are centres of economic growth
	CPP/CP04 – promoting our cultural, social and natural heritage
	CPP/CP05 – Utilising our environment to create employment and prosperity
	CPP/CP06 – Protecting our unique area
	CPP/CP07 – services are planned and delivered based on local need
	CPP/CP08 – overall health, wellbeing, independence and social inclusion are improved
	X CPP/CP09 – people feel safe and secure
	CPP/CP010 – our diverse culture is celebrated

Activity Summary in Period (please state period you are reporting on) February 2011 – June 2011	<ul> <li>The Third Sector and Communities CPP Sub-group has met twice, in February and May. It meets again on 30 August. Activities to date include:</li> <li>Chair (Cllr Rory Colville) and Vice Chair (Glenn Heritage) elected.</li> <li>Partnership Agreement approved.</li> <li>Partners include: Argyll and Bute Third Sector Partnership, NHS Highland, Strathclyde Police, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, RSLs, HIE, Argyll and Bute Association of Community Councils, and Argyll and Bute Council.</li> <li>The outcomes of the former partnerships (Fairer Argyll and Bute (FAB) Partnership; Demonstration Project Board; Argyll and Bute Social Economy Partnership; CPP Funding Hub; CPP Equality and Diversity Sub-group) have been considered in order to draw up a new Action Plan for the Third Sector and Communities Subgroup. Three outcomes have been agreed:</li> <li>1. Communities are actively engaged in, and influencing, community planning</li> <li>2. Third Sector and Community Councils have access to information and support, including training opportunities</li> <li>3. Vulnerable individuals and groups have access to services appropriate to their needs</li> <li>A draft Action Plan was considered at the May meeting, and it is hoped this can be finalised and approved at the next meeting in August 2011.</li> </ul>
Key Challenges & Actions to Address	<ol> <li>The workplan for the Sub-group includes:</li> <li>Approval of an Action Plan that reflects all partners' contributions to the outcomes.</li> <li>Development of a scorecard for monitoring the work of the Subgroup</li> <li>Development of a Compact for Third Sector and CPP</li> <li>Consideration of future funding seminars for the Third Sector</li> <li>Showcasing of positive partnership work and community engagement at the CPP Conference, now re-scheduled to September 2011</li> </ol>
Name	Margaret Fyfe
Date	5 August 2011

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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL MAKI LOCAL AREA COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING GROUP 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2011

#### **RENEWABLES UPDATE**

#### 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Renewable Energy sector has the potential to fundamentally and positively transform the economy and communities of Argyll and Bute. In order to achieve this outcome the Argyll and Bute Renewable Energy Action Plan (REAP), approved by the CPP16th June 2010, was developed from a key action in the Argyll and Bute Community Plan 2009-2013, to facilitate a co-ordinated partnership approach to renewable development in Argyll and Bute.
- 1.2 This paper is intended to update the group on renewables work and developments currently ongoing within MAKI / Argyll and Bute, including ongoing delivery of the Argyll and Bute Renewable Energy Action Plan.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Local Area Community Planning Group is asked to note the contents of this report.

#### 3. DETAIL

- 3.1 There has been ongoing delivery of the REAP, with the assistance of key partners and the Argyll and Bute Renewables Alliance (ABRA). The REAP is currently undergoing an annual review, by lead partners Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Argyll and Bute Council, with input from key partners, in order to identify key priorities and produce a plan which is focused on collective outcomes.
- 3.2 The following are updates on key areas of ongoing work driven by the REAP:
  - Argyll and Bute Renewables Alliance (ABRA)

ABRA brings together key partners including Argyll and Bute Council, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Scottish Government, Marine Scotland, Scottish Power Renewables, Scottish and Southern Energy, the Crown Estate, Scottish Natural Heritage and Skills Development Scotland. The alliance facilitates a co-ordinated partnership approach and ensures a strategic overview of renewable development in Argyll and Bute. It aims to develop a greater awareness of all the issues relating to this development, as well as assist with implementation of the REAP.

The Argyll and Bute Renewables Alliance has held two of the three meetings proposed for 2011 –18<sup>th</sup> March and 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011; the final meeting is scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

The second meeting of the alliance built upon the key themes and issues identified from the inaugural meeting. The key agenda items at this second meeting were transmission, the work of HIE, and port and harbour infrastructure requirements – considering the future needs of the industry to support and develop offshore wind and marine renewable energy projects.

Partners agreed that there is a need for more coordinated and joined up discussions, between public and private sectors, in order to; secure alignment of partner plans, objectives and future investment, recognise collective requirements, create a common understanding of the needs and challenges, and identify effective options for working in partnership to overcome barriers and maximise opportunities presented by this industry, at a strategic level.

Partners will now consider the role of ABRA in developing a common position towards key renewable developments and issues, such as transmission and distribution, and port and harbour infrastructure requirements, outlining how ABRA intends to assist coordination of partner planning. As well as identify key priorities, which will inform the forthcoming review of the REAP.

Progress with these actions will be reviewed at the meeting of the alliance 28<sup>th</sup> October, where the topics for discussion will be communications, socioeconomic benefit, skills and coordinating decisions for future port and harbour infrastructure requirements.

#### NRIP – Campbeltown

Campbeltown / Machrihanish is a prioritised harbour and manufacturing location in the National Renewables Infrastructure Plan (NRIP), the Council is working with HIE to secure the development of this renewables Hub.

As such, Campbeltown / Machrihanish featured in the recent 'Scottish Offshore Renewables Development Sites – West Coast Cluster' brochure, developed by Scottish Development International, Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise, as a priority manufacturing site. A number of similar sites and smaller support sites were identified along the west coast of Scotland. Further information and the brochure can be found at <a href="https://www.sdi.co.uk/resources/brochures/energy/scottish-offshore-renewables-development-sites-west-coast-cluster.aspx">www.sdi.co.uk/resources/brochures/energy/scottish-offshore-renewables-development-sites-west-coast-cluster.aspx</a>.

Argyll and Bute Renewables Interactive Map

The Council Renewables Interactive Map has been developed and is available from the Council website at <a href="www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/LocalViewExt/Sites/Renewable\_Energy/">www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/LocalViewExt/Sites/Renewable\_Energy/</a>. It provides up-to-date and detailed information relative to renewable energy developments throughout Argyll and Bute. This has recently been updated to display information on solar panel developments, in addition to on and off-shore wind, hydro, marine (wave & tidal) and biomass previously displayed.

Work is ongoing to display the various Community Benefit packages associated with numerous on-shore windfarm developments. The Development Projects and Renewables Team are working closely with Community Energy Scotland to further develop this information and consider opportunities coming forward for local communities to benefit from renewable energy developments.

3.3 Members of the Development Projects and Renewables team are continually liaising with developers and community groups in order to maximise the opportunities to secure community benefit from developments across Argyll and Bute. The following are notable developments and projects currently proposed and ongoing, specifically within the MAKI area:

#### An Suidhe Wind Farm

The consultation on the Community Benefit Package for this on-shore wind farm development ended April 28<sup>th</sup> 2011. As a result Scottish Community Foundation will administer the fund, worth £28,500 indexed linked in line with inflation, which is due to be launched autumn 2011. Scottish Community Foundation is working with the relevant local communities in order to convene a local panel to consider applications. The fund will be open to applications from community groups and charities within the area of benefit, which is defined by a 10km radius from the centre of the site. Further information on this fund can be found at <a href="www.rwe.com/web/cms/en/309992/rwe-npower-renewables/sites/projects-in-operation/wind/an-suidhe/local-benefits/">wind/an-suidhe/local-benefits/</a>.

#### Islay Tidal Device

Members of the Economic Development and Development Projects and Renewables teams are continuing to liaise with SPR and Islay Energy Trust, including updates from SPR at the Argyll and Bute Renewables Alliance, as this development progresses. Further testing is planned throughout 2011, if successful installation is anticipated to be throughout 2013. Further information on this development is available at:

www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/sound of islay.asp

#### SSE Islay Offshore Wind Farm

Similarly engagement with SSE is ongoing; however this project is at an early stage. At present Scottish and Southern Energy anticipate that an application

to develop this site will be submitted to the Scottish Government towards the end of 2013. Further information on the project and public exhibition day materials are available from <a href="www.sse.com/Islay/ProjectInformation/">www.sse.com/Islay/ProjectInformation/</a>.

Ocean Flow Energy Sanda Sound, Tidal Device

Members of Development Projects and Renewables team attended the Ocean Flow Energy public information day held in Campbeltown 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011, where proposals to locate a demonstration tidal energy device in the Sanda Sound, Kintyre, were presented. The project proposes to locate one grid connected turbine, offshore from Pennyseorach Caravan Park, Kintyre. The project team have been liaising closely with South Kintyre Development Trust throughout its development.

Environmental surveys are planned for 2011. An application for consent was due to be submitted to Marine Scotland June 2011. If consent is granted installation is proposed during 2012 and it is expected the operational life of the project will be c.5 years. Further information can be found <a href="https://www.oceanflowenergy.com">www.oceanflowenergy.com</a>, and presentations from the day can be circulated by members of Development Projects and Renewables.

Leading edge community benefit – National Forest Estate

Forestry Commission Scotland announced February 2011, that it has streamlined its procedures for leasing land for renewable energy development, allocating five 'Lots' across the National Forest Estate to successful developers to identify potential sites for windfarm developments.

In doing so it has successfully required leading edge payments of £5,000 per MW installed per annum from these developments to communities.

'Lot 3' covering West and North-west Scotland encompasses the MAKI area. The commission will be working with E.ON – for developments greater than 5MW - and Scottish Power Renewables - developments less than 5MW - to identify potential sites in this area. The Development Projects and Renewables team will continue to liaise with developers and the forestry commission to maximise the opportunities presented for community benefit.