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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held in the **VICTORIA HALLS, HELENSBURGH** on **WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2011** at **7:00 PM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director - Customer Services

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HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

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MINUTES of MEETING of HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in the VICTORIA HALLS, HELENSBURGH on TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2011

Present: Councillor Vivien Dance (Chair)
Charles Reppke – Governance and Law
Councillor Ellen Morton
Councillor Al Reay
Councillor Nisbet
Councillor Freeman
Lynda Thomson – Organisational Development Manager
Gillian Barclay – Argyll Voluntary Action
Eileen Wilson – Community Planning Manager
Neil Sturrock – SPT
Belinda Ruthven – Area Governance Assistant
Nick Davies – Cove and Kilcreggan Community Council

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated from :-

Councillor James Robb
David McCaughey – Strathclyde Fire and Rescue
Viv Smith – NHS
Morevain Martin – Senior Development Officer
George Watt – Chamber of Commerce
Tony Davey – Cardross Community Council
Nigel Millar – Helensburgh Community Council

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest

3. MINUTE OF MEETING 17 APRIL 2011

The Minute of Meeting 17 April was approved as a correct record.

4. BETTER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RESOURCE PACK

The Group was briefed on a report previously distributed by Morevain Martin, Senior Development Officer, on the Better Community Engagement event which had been held on 4th August and was asked for feedback and considerations on the terms, details and findings contained in the distributed report.

Decision

1. Agreed to provide feedback to the Senior Development Officer on points raised during discussions.

2. Agreed that discussion of this item is continued to November meeting of Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group where points raised will be addressed by the Senior Development Officer.

(Ref: Report by Senior Development Officer, distributed)

5. OUTCOME AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMUNITY PLANNING SELF ASSESSMENT EXERCISE

The Group was given a presentation by Lynda Thomson, Organisational Development Manager on the outcome and recommendations received from the Self Assessment Exercise which had commenced in March 2011. The key messages at both a local and at a strategic level were discussed.

Decision

Following discussion, it was agreed that the following points should be considered.

1. Presentation should be more evidence based.
2. Noted that the group does not have 'decision-making' powers.
3. It was suggested that a revised format for meetings with partner organisations being rota'd to take a lead at designated meetings and provide briefings and updates to these. Other standing items would be area performance information and community feedback.
4. More feedback should be provided following community events in order that tangible evidence of progress or lack of such is evidenced.
5. Common goals should be established.
6. That other Area Community Partnerships are looked at to ascertain what works in those areas.
7. That a 'plain English' approach is taken at meetings.

6. MARITIME CHANGE PROGRAMME

The Group was provided with an update by Charles Reppke, on the current situation regarding the Maritime Change Programme, and was informed that Scottish Enterprise, West Dunbartonshire Council and Argyll and Bute Council had recently come together to engage with the MOD to discuss what opportunities would come to the area as a result of the programme. Fergus Murray continues to liaise with MOD on key issues and Mr Reppke advised that a long term approach should be looked at for any potential gains to the area.

It is hoped that a date for members to visit the base to see the facilities

will be confirmed in the very near future.

Decision

To note the verbal update by the Head of Governance and Law.

7. THIRD SECTOR UPDATE

The group was briefed by Gillian Barclay – Argyll Voluntary Action, on recent events within the Third Sector Partnership that had resulted in Scottish Government temporarily withholding all funding to the Partnership. She indicated that it was hoped that following the expulsion of Bute Community Links from the Partnership the issue would be resolved and that funding would then be forthcoming. If successful, Ms Barclay informed that it was hoped that AVA would accordingly open a money clinic in Helensburgh as there was a lack of such facilities in the area. This clinic would advise on such matters as fuel poverty, access to benefits and debt advice.

Decision

Agreed to note the update by the Third Sector Partnership.

8. COMMUNITY COUNCIL BY-ELECTIONS

The Group was briefed on a paper by the Area Governance Manager which contained information on the recent Community Council By-Elections

Decision

Agreed to note the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Area Governance Manager, dated 20 August 2011, submitted)

**Argyll and Bute Community Planning
Partnership**

**Management Committee
Date: August 2011**

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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 9th 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 22nd 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 Lurette 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 Affairs Thematic Group scorecard.

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**Argyll and Bute Community Planning
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**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
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**Management Committee
Date: 15 June 2011**

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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.
- 3.3** 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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