

MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in the TEMPLAR'S HALL, HARBOUR STREET, TARBERT on WEDNESDAY, 5 JUNE 2013

Present:

(Chair)

Councillor Douglas Philand

Councillor Rory Colville

Councillor Anne Horn

Councillor John Semple

Councillor Robin Currie

Councillor Donald MacMillan

Councillor Sandy Taylor

Attending

Shirley MacLeod

Eileen Wilson

Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie

Christina West

Group Commander Eddie Renfrew

Alison McGrory

Audrey Baird

Antonia Baird

Matthew Boyle

Audrey Martin

Area Governance Manager

IOD Project Officer

Police Scotland

NHS Locality Manager – Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay

Scotland Fire & Rescue

Health Improvement Principal

Community Development Officer

AVA

Quality Improvement Officer

Development Projects and Renewables Manager

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated by:-

Councillor Donald Kelly

Donald Cameron, NHS Highland

Yvonne Litster, ACHA

Maryanne Stewart, AVA

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

(a) MINUTES

The Minute of the meeting of Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group held on 6 March, 2013 was approved as a true and correct record.

(b) MINUTES

The Minute of the meeting of the Mid Argyll Partnership held on 13 March, 2013 was noted.

(c) MINUTES

The Minute of the meeting of the Kintyre Initiative Working Group held on 26 April 2013 was noted.

3. PRIMARY SCHOOL STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORTS

The group gave consideration to a report detailing the progress being made within Education in Argyll and Bute.

Discussion followed in regards local schools achievements and attainments and the need to encourage people to come and work in the local area. Good infrastructure and schools would hopefully encourage people to make the decision to relocate.

Decision

The group agreed to note the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director of Community Services, dated 26 April, 2013, submitted).

4. JOINT HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The group gave consideration to the draft Joint Health Improvement Plan.

Decision

The group agreed

1. To note the Plan
2. That the Plan and Consultation document would be disseminated again to local Community Councils and CPG contacts.

(Reference: Report by the Health Improvement Principal, Argyll and Bute CHP, 5 June 2013, submitted)

5. NEW COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

The group gave consideration to the Community Planning Partnership's Community Engagement Strategy.

Decision

The group agreed to note the report.

6. ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL GAELIC LANGUAGE PLAN CONSULTATION

The group gave consideration to the draft Gaelic Language Plan.

Discussion followed in regards the report being more substantive and the group were encouraged to provide feedback to the Head of Improvement and HR by the middle of July.

Decision

The group agreed to note the Plan.

7. PROPOSED AREA FORUMS

The group considered a report which detailed feedback from the discussion which took place at the March round of Area Community Planning groups in regards to proposed Autumn ACPG events.

Discussion followed and the group detailed the difficulties in scheduling an event which would effectively engage with local communities.

Decision

The group agreed that the working group would give further discussion to decide upon the purpose and process to stage an event in the MAKI and this issue would be brought to the MAKI CPG in September for a decision.

8. ISSUES RAISED BY COMMUNITY COUNCILS

There were no issues raised by Community Councils.

9. ISSUES RAISED BY THE THIRD SECTOR PARTNERSHIP

Antonia Baird raised issues in regards the lengthy travel which was routinely taken by patients and visitors to Paisley Hospital. This proved extremely arduous and time consuming using 3 buses to undertake travel.

10. PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

(a) POLICE SCOTLAND

Chief Inspector Baillie reported that the transition to a national force had been undertaken without duress and business had continued as usual.

She reported on a decline in crime trends and informed the group of the appointment of a Community Police officer in Tarbert.

Councillor Semple enquired on the progress in regards speed limits. Chief Inspector Baillie reported that work was currently being undertaken on this issue.

(b) SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE UPDATE

Group Commander Eddie Renfrew reported that his area of remit now covered both East and West Dunbartonshire. He informed the group that Scotland Fire and Rescue service were hoping to appoint Local Authority Liaison Officers.

He was hoping to address the ongoing problem at the Tarbert station which was still being under-manned. In addition, he reported that they were hoping to instigate a formal qualification for the young Fire Fighters.

Eddie informed the group on the severity of fires during the recent dry period and reported that the Service were hoping to identify 'hot spots' of the fires.

(c) **UPDATE - NHS HIGHLAND**

Christina West detailed ongoing recruitment problems in the Radiotherapy Department. She informed the group of a Clinical Service Review on Islay and an update on the work being undertaken by the Chemotherapy Service.

She updated the group on the creative marketing being progressed by Furnace CC in the recruitment of a GP.

Christina advised of a recent meeting held in Campbeltown to address the bed closures and proposal for a Methadone clinic.

(d) **UPDATE - SCOTTISH WATER**

There was no update from Scottish Water.

(e) **UPDATE - ARGYLL VOLUNTARY ACTION**

Audrey Baird updated the group on the recent Volunteer Awards where there had been 143 attendees. AVA would be celebrating 1 decade of volunteering on 27 June.

(f) **UPDATE - COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

The group considered a report providing updates on Community Safety Partnership issues which have taken place over the last few months.

Decision

The group agreed to note the report.

(g) **UPDATE MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE**

Audrey Martin updated the group in regards BT being awarded the contract valued at 146 million. HIW would be the main contact for the first phase. MAPS would be available and these would be disseminated out to contacts. Argyll and Bute Council would liaise with HIE in regards confidentiality issues with BT.

It was hoped that BT would address 'not spots' and a report would come to full Council and it was hoped that the completion date would be December, 2014.

Audrey Martin reported that she had no detail in regards the TV signal quality. She advised that Gerry Wilson was involved in these discussions and she would request an update

Decision

The group agreed that this report would be emailed out.