MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD on WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH 2014

Present: (Chair)

Councillor Rory Colville

Councillor Robin Currie Councillor Anne Horn
Councillor Donald Kelly Councillor John McAlpine
Councillor Donald MacMillan Councillor Sandy Taylor

Campbeltown by video link

Councillor John Semple

Attending Shirley MacLeod Area Governance Manager

Eddie Renfrew Group Commander Scottish

Fire and Rescue

Craig McNally Senior Health Promotion

Specialist

Duncan Clelland Community Development

Officer

Margaret Wallace AVA

Bob Chicken Tarbert and Skipness

Community Council

Adrian Davis Inveraray Community Council

Campbeltown by video link

Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie

1. APOLOGIES

The Chair ruled, and the Group agreed, to adjourn at 2.00p.m. for lunch and reconvene at 2.15p.m.to allow for lunch

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the table.

Apologies for absence were intimated by:-

Christina West, NHS Highland Donnie Cameron, NHS Highland

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. MINUTES

(a) MAKI CPG MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2013

The Minute of the meeting of Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group held on 4 December, 2013 was approved as a true and correct record.

Councillors Currie and Horn requested that the update discussed at the December meeting in regards the service point dealing with public enquiries for Police Scotland be forwarded to them as a matter of urgency.

(b) MID ARGYLL PARTNERSHIP (MAP) MEETING HELD ON 11 DECEMBER, 2013.

The Minute of the meeting of the Mid Argyll Partnership (MAP) meeting held on 11 December 2013 was noted.

(c) KINTYRE INITIATIVE WORKING GROUP (KIWG) MEETING HELD ON 13 DECEMBER, 2013.

The Minute of the meeting of the Kintyre Initiative Group meeting held on 13 December 2013 was noted.

4. PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

(a) POLICE SCOTLAND

Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie updated the group on crime priorities for the MAKI area. She outlined these across the various local areas:-

Mid Argyll have identified 4 priorities that the Community would like to see tackled by Police Scotland - 1. Drug Use/Drug Dealing 2. Road Safety/Road Crime 3. Violence/Anti social behaviour and 4. Dishonesty.

South Kintyre have identified 1. Drug Use/Drug Dealing 2. Road Safety/Road Crime 3. Vehicle Parking and 4. Violence/Anti social Behaviour.

Kintyre and the Islands have identified 1. Road Safety/Road Crime 2. Vehicle Parking 3. Drug use/Drug Dealing and 4. Violence/Anti social behaviour

She continued that the ward plans should be published in April this year and would include actions that Police Scotland would be undertaking to address the issues identified.

Chief Inspector Baillie verified that the Span of Command would be implemented on

1 April 2014 and would merge OLI and MAKI Command. She would be the Area Commander responsible for operating policies in both these areas

Discussion continued around various issues which included the

recent spate of burglaries in the MAKI area and the accessing of police services at the Bowmore Service point. Chief Inspector Baillie outlined that details were being finalised in terms of the practical implementation of working in partnership with the local authority in providing this Public Counter service to the public.

The Chair thanked Chief Inspector Bailie for her informative update.

Decision

The group noted the update.

(b) **SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE**

The group considered a report from Group Commander Eddie Renfrew which was tabled at the meeting and provided the detail of a dwelling house fire at Col na Sithe; Upper Kilchattan; Colonsay. He advised that at present there was no Fire & Rescue mapping information, regarding hydrant locations or pressures, currently in place for remote/island communities. However, he continued that these may be available from Scottish Water. Group Commander Renfrew emphasised that the local fire crews would have knowledge of existing mains supplies and, in addition, he hoped they would be conversant with available open water sources.

After a series of questions, it was agreed that Group Commander Renfrew would identify a way forward to deal with issues which his incident had raised and would forward to elected Members details of the actions taken.

Decision

The group noted the update from Scotland Fire and Rescue.

(c) NHS HIGHLAND

The group gave consideration to a report by Craig McNally, Senior Health Promotion Specialist (Alcohol & Drugs). The report detailed information and a number of inter-related strands to ensure that individuals and communities have access to appropriate information, knowledge and skills which enable them to make positive, well informed, choices regarding their alcohol use.

The Chair thanked Craig McNally for his informative update.

Christina West had also submitted a MAKI Locality update

Decision

The group noted the reports.

(d) **SCOTTISH WATER**

There was no update from Scottish Water.

(e) ARGYLL VOLUNTARY ACTION

Margaret Wallace had proved an update from Glenn Heritage, which detailed information from the Third Sector and Communities CPP Sub Group.

Decision

The group noted the update.

(f) ACHA

Decision:

The group noted the presentation from ACHA which was detailed within the Agenda pack.

(g) HIGHLIGHT/EXCEPTIONS REPORT - MAKI 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.

5. HIGHLIGHT/EXCEPTION REPORT - MID ARGYLL PARTNERSHIP

The group considered a report which updated on the main areas of work undertaken by the Mid Argyll Partnership (MAP).

Decision

The group noted the report.

6. HIGHLIGHT/EXCEPTIONS REPORT - KINTYRE INITIATIVE WORKING GROUP

The group considered a report which updated on the main areas of work undertaken by the Kintyre Initiative Working Group (KIWG).

Decision

The group noted the report.

Councillor John McAlpine left the meeting at 3.00p.m.

7. ISSUES RAISED BY COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Bob Chicken, Tarbert and Skipness Community Council detailed 2 issues

of concern. These were the need for an initiative to include young people on Community Councils and continuing concerns of the local community in regards the A83.

Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager acknowledged that this issue was still being given consideration by the Short Life Working Group (SLWG) instigated to review this. She confirmed that she would advise the Community Planning Group when a decision had been made by the SLWG.

In regards issues on the A83, Shirley MacLeod stated that representation from both Transport Scotland and BEAR had been requested to attend the forthcoming MAKI Area Committee meeting scheduled for April in Campbeltown to respond to local community concerns.

8. ISSUES RAISED BY THE THIRD SECTOR PARTNERSHIP

This issue was dealt with at Item 4(e).

9. LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN - 2014-2018

The Area Governance Manager tabled the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Economic Development Action Plan 2013-2018.

Decision

The group agreed that the report would be disseminated to local Community Councils Secretaries for their review.

10. FUTURE MEETING PROGRAMME

The group heard an update from the Area Governance Manager in regards future meeting dates.

Decision

The group noted the meeting dates update.

11. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP CONSULTATION EVENTS

The group considered a report from the Community Development Officer which provided an update on the progress to date for the recent Area forum events.

Discussion followed on the success of the recent local events and Members commended the hard work and effort by Duncan Clelland, MAKI Community Development Officer in synchronising these.

Decision

The group noted the update and agreed to the recommendations contained within the report.

(Reference: Report by the Community Development Manager, dated 25 February 2014, submitted).