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A meeting of the **BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held in the **EAGLESHAM HOUSE, ROTHESAY** on **TUESDAY, 4 MARCH 2014** at **1:30 PM**.

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Verbal update by Area Governance Manager

BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

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**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in the
EAGLESHAM HOUSE, MOUNTPLEASANT ROAD, ROTHESAY
on TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2013**

Present: Councillor Robert Macintyre (Chair)

Councillor Bruce Marshall Councillor Isobel Strong
Councillor Alex McNaughton

Jane Fowler, Argyll and Bute Council
Liz Marion, Argyll and Bute Council
Arlene Cullum, Argyll and Bute Council
Shirley MacLeod, Argyll and Bute Council
Brenda Sutherland, Argyll and Bute Council
Alistair McLaren, Argyll Voluntary Action
Lorna Crawford, Argyll and Bute CHP
Joanne Currie, NHS Highland
Gary Stitt, Police Scotland
Eddie Renfrew, Scottish Fire and Rescue
Sue Gledhill, Highlands and Islands Enterprise
Julie Young, SNH
Iain McNaughton, Sandbank Community Council
Margaret Soudan, Befrienders
Cathy Bertin, Befrienders
Lorna Alquist, Cowal Community Care Forum
Grace Strong, Bute Community Council
Frank Baxter, Bute Community Council
Ian Gillespie, Bute Community Council
Catherine Davidones
David Dorris

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated from:-

Carol Muir, NHS Highland
Viv Hamilton, NHS Highland
Alison McCrossan, Scottish Health Council
Eileen Wilson, Argyll and Bute Council
Joanna Peebles, Scottish Water

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group Meeting of Tuesday 3 September 2013 were approved as a correct record.

4. PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

(a) POLICE SCOTLAND

Chief Inspector Gary Stitt from Police Scotland gave a presentation in regards to proposed structural changes within Police Scotland. He advised the proposed change in Argyll and Bute is based on a model that is successful in West Dunbartonshire.

The group gave further discussion to potential difficulties that local police officers could encounter travelling between the geographical areas within their allotted area. This could impact onto both statistics and local community issues.

The Group noted the information provided.

(b) SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE

Eddie Renfrew from Scottish Fire and Rescue advised the Group that they have a new fire plan which will cover between 2014-2017 and this fits in with the Single Outcome Agreement.

He spoke about safety tips to reduce the chances of having a chimney fire and agreed to email the Area Governance Assistant a copy of the leaflet.

The Group noted the information provided.

(c) SCOTTISH WATER

There was no one present from Scottish Water so this item will continue to the March 2014 meeting where Joanna Peebles, the new Regional Community Team Manager will be present.

(d) NHS HIGHLAND

Food and Health

It was agreed that the report on Food and Health would come to the March 2013 meeting.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Lorna Crawford gave an update to the Group on mental health and wellbeing in Argyll and Bute.

Decision

1. The Group noted the paper;
2. The Group agreed to provide support for the ongoing stakeholder consultation regarding the Choose Life Project Service Level Agreement;
3. The Group considered their role in relation to prevention of

- suicide and self harm in Argyll and Bute; and
4. The Group agreed to invite Tracy Pearce from Choose Life to the next Bute and Cowal business day.

(Ref: Report by Lorna Crawford dated October 2013, submitted).

(e) ARGYLL VOLUNTARY ACTION

Alistair McLaren from Argyll Voluntary Action gave an update in regards a drop in service for young people in Dunoon, and also asked about an update on behalf of the Cowal Dog Club.

The group received a very informative presentation from Cathy Bertin on the befriending project for young people /children in Mid Argyll. The group asked a number of questions and were provided with detailed answers, and with an information leaflet it was noted that there is an appeal for befrienders on Bute, where they are much needed.

(f) SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE

The group gave consideration to a report which updated on the progress with the Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust.

Decision

The group noted the report

(Ref: Report by Development Policy Manager, dated 4 December 2013, submitted).

(g) HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS ENTERPRISE

Sue Gledhill from Highlands and Islands Enterprise updated the group on partnership initiatives in regards business/enterprise in both Bute and Cowal. It was agreed that Sue would pull together a small sub group to identify a way forward for linking in delivery of SOA indicators for the Bute and Cowal areas and bring a report to the March meeting.

5. ISSUES RAISED BY THIRD SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS

There were no issues raised by Third Sector Partnerships.

6. ISSUES RAISED BY COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Fly Tipping

Iain McNaughton from Sandbank Community Council commented that £150 minimum for fly tipping was set too low.

Public Toilets

The Group had a discussion around public toilets in the Bute and Cowal area.

Parking Clocks and Progress on the Decriminalisation of Parking in Argyll and Bute

It was agreed that Paul Farrell would forward the paper on decriminalisation of parking to Iain McNaughton, and that the Caucus of Community Councils would thereafter prepare a paper on parking issues (including potential parking clocks) for submission to and consideration at the March meeting.

7. COMMUNITY SAFETY HIGHLIGHT/EXCEPTIONS REPORT

A report updating the Area Community Planning Group regarding the main pieces of work undertaken by the Area Community Safety Partnerships was considered.

Decision

The Group noted the work undertaken.

(Ref: Report by the Area Governance Manager dated 8 November 2013, submitted).

8. PRIMARY SCHOOL STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT

It was agreed that this item would be taken at the March 2013 meeting.

9. SOA PROGRESS REPORT

The Head of Improvement and HR spoke on the SOA that the Council had endorsed in June 2013. She advised a 3 year improvement plan had been drawn up, spoke regarding the themes which make up the SOA as well as outlining the process for taking forward area based engagement events.

Decision

The Group noted the update provided by the Head of Improvement and HR.

10. COMMUNITY PLANNING CONSULTATION EVENTS

The Bute and Cowal Community Development Officer advised that the Consultation events were currently 'on hold'. She advised of forthcoming workshops which would be held:-

Rothsay	-	17 January 2014
Dunoon	-	20 January 2014

Liz advised that on 20th January 2014 from 5pm, question time with video conference for the two schools will be available.

Decision

The group agreed the workshop dates.

11. THIRD SECTOR ASSET TRANSFER

Brenda Sutherland from the Social Enterprise Team gave a presentation to the group and updated everyone on recent issues regarding the benefits and the process of Third Sector Asset Transfer.

Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

(Ref: Presentation by Development Worker dated 3rd December 2013, submitted).

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Alcohol

Craig McNally, Senior Health Promotion Specialist (Alcohol & Drugs), Argyll and Bute CHP

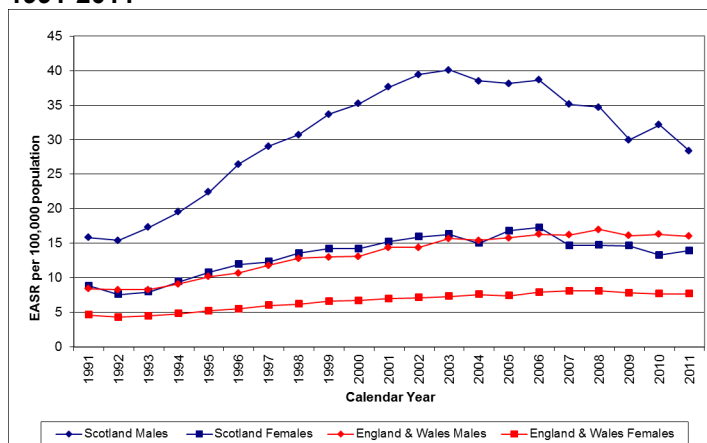
The Area Community Planning Group is asked to:

- Note this paper.
- Encourage an increase in the delivery of or participation in alcohol education and interventions by stakeholders.
- Encourage engagement in Local Drug & Alcohol Forums (or Substance Misuse Groups)

1 Context and Background

“Reducing population levels of alcohol consumption as a component of reducing alcohol-related harm is a key outcome of Scotland’s alcohol strategy.”

Alcohol-related deaths (underlying cause), Scotland, England & Wales, EASR, by gender, 1991-2011



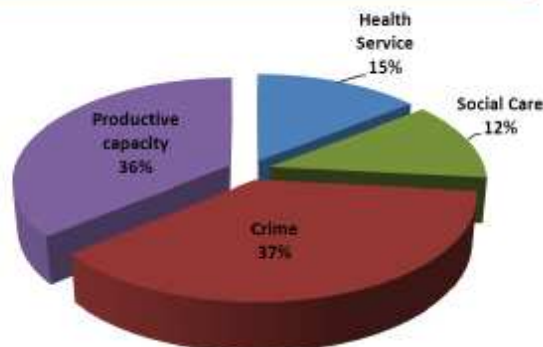
(Monitoring and Evaluating Scotland’s Alcohol Strategy Third Annual Report December 2013)

“The overall rate of hospitalisation associated with alcohol conditions amongst the intermediate geographies (within Argyll & Bute CHP), was 1117 per 100,000 population, relative to an overall Health Board rate of 1291 per 100,000. Significantly higher rates were in four of the intermediate geographies of Dunoon, Campbeltown, Oban North and Oban South, the latter the highest at 2255 per 100,000.”

(Adult Health Profiles 2012 – Epidemiology & Health Science Team (Public Health))

ARGYLL AND BUTE - COST OF ALCOHOL HARM BREAKDOWN

HEALTH SERVICE:	£4.01m
SOCIAL CARE:	£3.45m
CRIME:	£10.42m
PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY:	£10.10m
TOTAL COST:	£27.98m



(The Cost of Alcohol in Argyll and Bute 2010/11 – Alcohol Focus Scotland)

According to Alcohol Focus Scotland the cost of alcohol related harm to Argyll & Bute was around £28 million in 2010/11. This equates to £314 per head of population in Argyll & Bute.

The 'ScotPHO Alcohol and Drugs Profiles 2013' indicated that Argyll & Bute Council had the highest rate in Scotland for combined on and off trade premise licences at 80.7 per 10,000 population.

Statistics on the use of alcohol amongst young people in Argyll & Bute show that there is a higher than average experimentation and use of alcohol than the rest of Scotland (*Argyll & Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership Strategy 2013-2016*).

2 Ongoing Activity Aimed At Reducing Alcohol Related Harm

Argyll & Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership Strategy 2013-2016 has the following as one of its four priorities: "Health in Argyll & Bute is maximised and communities feel engaged and empowered to make healthier choices regarding alcohol and drugs". The ADP indicates that there needs to be 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 ADP makes the point that prevention of problematic use of alcohol "is more cost effective and desirable than treating established problems". The ADP prevention strategy covers a wide range of activities using many different methods for both focused and whole population approaches. In line with the Joint Health Improvement Plan 2013 – 2016 this work uses an "assets based approach" aimed at creating and supporting healthy communities by building on assets and resources already present in these communities. It involves breaking down boundaries and not looking at topics such as harmful drinking or smoking in isolation from other factors in health, such as poverty, employment status, educational attainment etc. This approach can include activities and programmes aimed at reducing risky behaviours and/or improving community attitudes to alcohol use and can be delivered in settings ranging from Nurseries and Schools through to Adult Education Centres and Older People's Forums. The types of activities that have already been delivered in some areas of Argyll & Bute include:

Oh Lila & Rory – two programmes designed by Alcohol Focus Scotland for use with nursery and primary age children respectively which aim to increase children's resilience and ability to talk about issues that are happening in their home, including alcohol and parental drinking. The training has increased staffs awareness of the issues and confidence to support children when such issues are highlighted.

Schools and Youth service education – across Argyll & Bute there are a range of approaches to the delivery of alcohol education within schools. The Health Improvement Team as well as Drug & Alcohol service Providers and Youth Services supports schools by delivering a variety of activities and programmes which compliment the Curriculum For Excellence including alcohol education at assembly, alcohol workshops within the classroom and alcohol as part of focussed programmes for specific groups. In addition to this there is work being delivered by Peer Educators in some schools in Argyll & Bute. These are young people who have been trained and are supported to deliver alcohol and drug messages to their peers. A number of schools in Argyll & Bute have established programmes of on-site support delivered by external organisations where young people can go and talk about issues including their own or someone else's alcohol use.

Community Action Lochgilphead Ardrishaig (CALA) – This community based local action group has focussed on the issues associated with alcohol within the Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig community. The project has helped raise awareness of some of the issues associated with alcohol use within the community through surveys, community meetings and awareness raising campaigns. They have used the information they gathered to encourage

change at an individual and organisational level. It is hoped that they will be able to expand the project to take in the whole of Mid-Argyll in the near future.

Workplace alcohol education sessions – As part of a Healthy Working Lives initiative or simply as a way of increasing staff knowledge and understanding about the issues associated with alcohol use a number of organisations have requested alcohol workshops and information stalls to come to their workplace. These have included NHS Highland, Argyll & Bute Council as well as several private companies. These have sometimes been delivered in conjunction with wider health checks and awareness raising of other health issues.

Alcohol Brief Interventions - ABI is a population wide approach to reducing the harms associated with alcohol use. It is aimed at reducing the average consumption of the whole population and as such is targeted at people drinking at hazardous and harmful levels NOT AT DEPENDANT DRINKERS. Hazardous drinking patterns can include anyone who drinks more than six units (female) or eight units (male) of alcohol on a regular basis. As such the target group for delivery of ABI in Scotland is a relatively high percentage of the population. ABI should routinely be delivered within Primary Care settings (including GP practices), A&E departments and Maternity Services. It can also be delivered within a variety of wider settings including any organisation or agency who is supporting/working with the public.

Alcohol & Drug Partnership Local Forums – there are seven local drug and alcohol forums (or Substance Misuse Groups) across Argyll & Bute. Each one is a partnership of local organisations and individuals interested in reducing the harm associated with drug and alcohol use. They support a variety of activities within their community both by providing grants to local groups and by taking a leadership role on events and activities aimed at raising awareness. Partners include Local Councillors, Youth Organisations, Schools, Housing providers as well as Drug & Alcohol service providers. The forums all welcome the participation of new members and are happy to support local initiatives.

3 Next Steps

Where possible partners should be encouraged to engage with their local Drug and Alcohol Forum (or Substance Misuse Group). By doing so they will both help increase the knowledge of their workforce and the population they serve as well as help target local strategy to the areas/issues of greatest need. Managers should encourage and support staff to participate in alcohol training including Alcohol Brief Interventions. The resultant learning can then be used and/or cascaded to the wider population. CPG partners can also promote workplace and community based alcohol education activities and participation in events such as Alcohol Awareness Weeks or Alcohol Free Months. By doing this in conjunction with reviewing alcohol policies and strategies communities across Argyll & Bute can reduce the risk of harm associated with alcohol.

**Health Improvement Team
Argyll and Bute CHP
January 2014**

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ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL**Bute and Cowal Community Planning
Group****CUSTOMER SERVICES****February 2014**

**Community Safety Forum Exception reporting to the Local Community
Planning group**

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this Paper is to update the Area Community Planning group regarding the main pieces of work undertaken by the Area Community Safety Partnerships in the last time period.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the ACPG :

- 2.1 Note the exception report provided below (If further detail is desired the full minutes are published on the Council website)
- 2.2 Consider whether there are any specific tasks or issues which it wishes the CSP to undertake or review
- 2.3 Note that the groups are considering the future direction of Community Safety provision and how best to support it.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Area CSP is a partnership focusing on community safety issues in a broad sense and undertakes various pieces of work in this arena.
- 3.2 There is a move to align all service provision with the outcomes identified in the Single Outcome Agreement, to which all Public sector partners are signatories
- 3.3 The Area Community Safety partnerships had an agenda item this round of meetings requesting that they consider the future role of the Forums and what their future would or should be. It was noted that the Chair of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee, Chief Superintendent Barry McEwan is also leading on the work stream relating to outcome 6 of the Single Outcome Agreement "People live in safer and stronger communities" and that he will be providing a strategic lead and tasking on community safety. The possibility of the remit of the local community safety groups being subsumed within the local Community Planning group was raised.

The potential for a strong strategic lead was welcomed since this could provide necessary focus for the partners efforts, however, the forums were both seriously concerned that to amalgamate the groups when the CSF is already a subgroup of the Area community planning group, would lead to the loss of focus on local issues and also the loss of the local understanding of how issues can be resolved and locally appropriate methods of dealing with problems.

One ground of concern is that the agenda of the full Area Community Planning groups are very broad. It was noted at both meetings that this was a major issue for members of the local community safety forums to consider, and while more detailed proposals would probably be forthcoming at future meetings, Forum members may wish to consider viable models for the delivery of the Community safety agenda.

4. IMPLICATIONS

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| 5.1 | Policy | Adoption of the proposal will assist in delivery and reporting of aspects of the SOA and the Community Plan |
| 5.2 | Financial | None, |
| 5.3 | Personnel | None |
| 5.4 | Equalities Impact Assessment | None. |
| 5.5 | Legal | None |

For further information, please contact Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager
tel 01369 707134

Bute Community Safety Forum Exception Report Nov 2013

Theme	Community Safety Outcome'	Issue and Actions	Comment	Outcomes/ Indicators
<p>Personal and Home Safety</p> <p><i>Considers the safety of the individual in areas such as accident prevention, online safety, fire safety, home security, bogus and scam callers</i></p>	<p>No cold calling initiative</p> <p>Festive disorder</p>	<p>An update was provided No cold calling areas are by their nature localised and specific to the local community.</p> <p>Police noted that there had been no serious incidents of disorder over the Christmas period</p>	<p>Trading standards are seeking external funding to take this initiative forward</p> <p>The police will be running an initiative promoting the safety of female customers in the night time economy, and will also be hosting an internet safety event at the joint Campus.in the near future</p>	
<p>Travel Safety</p> <p><i>Includes issues that and individuals may encounter such as pedestrian safety, road traffic accidents, water safety, public transport safety</i></p>	<p>Parking decriminalisation</p>	<p>Chair previously wrote to head of roads re the requirement for changes in signage and parking</p>	<p>The chair has been assured that these issues are in hand by the roads service, and this is being monitored by the area committee</p>	
<p>Safety of Vulnerable Groups</p> <p><i>Deals with issues in relation to individuals or groups who may be vulnerable including elderly people, young children, victims of hate crime and sexual violence</i></p>	<p>TESSA</p> <p>Fire safety</p> <p>Sexual Health</p>	<p>8 Schools are engaged in this project and there is now an additional worker working with young people with learning difficulties</p> <p>It was noted that the number of incidents was down this quarter, however special service calls such as flooding and RTAs were up</p> <p>The forum heard Laura Stephenson from Argyll and Bute CHP</p>	<p>Tessa wish to extend this service , however the forum were concerned that funding is only certain until 2015</p> <p>The chair wished his thanks be passed to the service for the way in which an incident at Feradd Court was resolved</p> <p>The forum noted the report but also wished its contents circulated within the community to raise awareness locally re the issues of sexual health and attitudes</p>	
<p>Environment Safety</p> <p><i>Environment safety concerns the aesthetics of communities and neighbourhoods and includes vandalism and criminal damage, graffiti, fly tipping, littering, dog fouling</i></p>	<p>Minimise criminal damage/crime against persons/property</p> <p>Dog fouling</p>	<p>A leaflet campaign was discussed and further detail will be brought to the next meeting</p> <p>This continues to be an issue, in specifi locations</p>	<p>The cost detail was deferred to the next meeting due to staff absence</p> <p>It is noted that the new traffic wardens should be In place by 12th May and that these officers will also be able to issue</p>	

<p>and secondary fires</p>			<p>fouling fines</p>	
<p>Public Space Safety <i>This deals with people's safety in their communities and public perception of safety including anti social behaviour, public disorder and violence.</i></p>	<p>ASB CCTV Cameras</p>	<p>An update was provided 7 cases remain open.</p>	<p>Bute currently accounts for approx. 20% of ASB cases, - some of this particualy noise cases, may be due to poor soundproofing on older buildings</p>	

<i>ipping, littering, dog fouling and secondary fires</i>	Dog fouling	There is joint working being undertaken by street scene and the police	Patrols will be undertaken outside normal office hours	
	Rural watch	This is a new project which is similar to neighbourhood watch but for rural areas	Outcomes are to be monitored by all partners	
Public Space Safety <i>This deals with people's safety in their communities and public perception of safety including anti social behaviour, public disorder and violence.</i>	Litter	There is a continuing issue re rubbish from Ardenslate shop being dumped by pupils, the school police and street scene are working together to address this.	A number of approaches are being considered including checking enforcement routes which may be open as well as additional litter patrols	
	Bins	There have been a number of complaints re bins not being collected, but when investigate this has been due to them not being out early	The Area governance officer is contacting amenity services to enquire how the 8.00 deadline for putting bins out can be more widely publicised	
	CCTV	The camera has resulted in an improvement in its current location at Hanover Street	The camera is likely to be moved to a new location shortly	