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A meeting of the **HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held in the **PILLAR HALL, VICTORIA HALLS, HELENSBURGH** on **TUESDAY, 11 MARCH 2014** at **2:00 PM**.

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HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

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MINUTES of MEETING of HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
held in the
on **TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2013**

Present: Councillor George Freeman (Vice Chair)

Councillor David Kinniburgh Councillor Robert G Macintyre
Councillor Aileen Morton Councillor Ellen Morton
Councillor Richard Trail

Attending: Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager
Jane Fowler, Head of Improvement and HR
Julie Young, Sustainable Travel Co-ordinator
Roanna Clark, Young Scot/Dialogue Youth Co-ordinator
Arlene Cullum, Social Enterprise Officer
Brenda Sutherland, Development Worker
Audrey Baird, Community Development Officer
Inspector Claire Miller, Police Scotland
Area Commander Eddie Renfrew, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue
Sam Campbell, NHS Highland
Linda Skrastin, NHS Highland
David Rae, ACHA
Morevain Martin, Argyll Voluntary Action
Commander Iain Riches, Ministry of Defence
John Tacchi, Helensburgh Community Council
Alastair Macbeth, Helensburgh Study Group

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated from:-

Councillor Maurice Corry
Councillor Vivien Dance
Councillor Gary Mulvaney
Councillor James Robb

Joanna Peebles, Scottish Water
Carol Muir, NHS
Martin Turnbull, Youth Services
Yvonne Litster, ACHA

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - 10 SEPTEMBER 2013

The Minute of the Meeting of Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group, 10 September 2013 was approved as a correct record.

4. EDUCATION STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT

Shirley MacLeod advised the group that this item would be addressed at the meeting of the group in March 2014.

5. PARTNER UPDATES

(a) POLICE SCOTLAND

Inspector Claire Miller updated the group with regard to the proposed restructuring of resources in Police Scotland. She advised that in October 2013, Mr McEwan wrote to all Community Council's and partner agencies within Argyll and Bute regarding the restructuring of the Chief Inspector and Inspector ranks only, she further advised that although the proposed changes were only at the consultation stage the span of command is Scotland wide and not only Argyll and Bute.

Inspector Miller spoke of the current situation which consists of 4 command areas, 1 within West Dunbartonshire (known as LA Division) and 3 in Argyll and Bute (known as LB Division). She advised that the proposals sought to reduce the 4 areas to 3, with 1 remaining in West Dunbartonshire and 2 in Argyll and Bute. She advised that the new model would see 2 Area Commanders, and 2 Area Inspectors (1 of each in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands, Oban, Lorn and the Isles and 1 of each for South Argyll, Helensburgh and Lomond). She advised of the other methods of support which would be available throughout the area, namely CID, Road Policing etc.

Councillor Freeman requested that a copy of the presentation be forwarded to Shirley MacLeod for dissemination. Inspector Miller advised that she required to check if this would be acceptable but agreed that if it was she would pass to Shirley MacLeod.

Inspector Miller provided updates in respect of Rural Watch, which she confirmed was well progressed and that it was now to be rolled out to the National Park. She advised that the mobile unit had spent a bit of time off the road due to maintenance issues but was now back on. She advised that disorder was down by 20% from last year. She spoke of the Winter Safety Campaigns, which would see additional high viz patrols in the street during the day and in the evening for the festive party season.

Councillors George Freeman and Ellen Morton thanked the Police for their assistance and support over the 2 weekends of the winter festival. They explained that there had been over 5,000 people on each day with minimum disruption.

(b) SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE

The group were updated by Area Commander Eddie Renfrew, who advised that the Local Area Plans had been presented and were now being scrutinized by local authorities which outlined the top 6 activities, and that the Fire Service were currently awaiting comments/feedback with a view to a new plan for 2014/17 coming out for consultation in coming weeks which addresses the priorities and falls in line with the SOA.

He spoke of referrals for the deaf alerter programme, he explained that for Argyll and Bute wide there had been 39 referrals from the NHS with only 1 in the Helensburgh and Lomond area. He advised of 79 referrals from Social Work with 25 from the Helensburgh and Lomond area. He explained that there was 50 referrals in Argyll and Bute from the local housing authority, however there were none in the Helensburgh and Lomond area. David Rae spoke of a referral he was aware of in the Kilcreggan area. Mr Renfrew advised that this may not have been recorded as a referral by the local housing authority if Social Work had been involved. Mr Rae advised that he would look in to the matter and pass on the information to ensure it was the same referral.

Mr Renfrew spoke of the Bonfire Campaign which was very successful, he advised that as a service they had not required to attend anything outwith organised events. He spoke of the literature which was coming out in respect of the Winter Safety Campaign. He advised that he would pass to Shirley MacLeod and have them disseminated through the CPP admin.

(c) **SCOTTISH AMBULANCE**

As there was no representation, the Vice Chair agreed that the update on the 1st Responders Initiative would be addressed at the meeting of the group in March 2014.

(d) **NHS HIGHLAND**

As apologies had been submitted from Carol Muir there was no update on the Food and Health – local Food Production and Procurement paper. Shirley MacLeod advised that the paper would be resubmitted at the March 2014 meeting of the group.

Linda Skratsin updated the group in regard to the reshaping of care for older persons. She advised of a recent event held in St Andrews Kirk Hall to aid the development of unscheduled care in the community. She advised that they were currently looking to develop pathways for older persons to remain at home after a fall when there is no requirement for them to remain in hospital. She advised that they were working in tandem with the Scottish Ambulance Service and that the event in the Kirk had been well attended by both the NHS, Scottish Ambulance Service and members of the public.

She addressed the issue of the integrated equipment store which was raised at the last meeting of the group. She advised that this was currently based in Oban, however there was NHS funding available to purchase a property in Lomond Street, Helensburgh. The purchase was to be complete by the end of the financial year, after which time work would be carried out to make the premises suitable and the integrated equipment store would be moved from Oban to Helensburgh.

Sam Campbell spoke to the terms of Mental Wellbeing/Suicide. She advised that 2 people die by suicide in Scotland each day. She

advised that this had been identified as a community issue, as suicide rates generally increase with increasing deprivation and in the current economic climate there had been 762 deaths by suicide in Scotland in 2012. She advised that the national aim of the Choose Life programme had been to reduce death by suicide by 20% to be achieved by 2013.

She advised of the different activities that had been held in the area with a view to highlighting mental health issues, such as Helensburgh's Got Talent and the Walk in My Shoes Tour.

Councillor Freeman advised that he had attended the annual conference in 2012 and found it to be worth while and eye opening. He urged anyone who could, to attend the conference.

(e) **SCOTTISH WATER**

As apologies had been intimated by Joanna Peebles, Regional Community Manager, Shirley MacLeod advised that an update from Scottish Water would be available at the next meeting of the group in March 2014.

(f) **ARGYLL VOLUNTARY ACTION**

The group were updated by Morevainn Martin, who advised that the recent Partnerships with Alzheimers Event "I don't care" held in Hermitage Academy had been a success. She advised that the event was well attended by a variety of different ages within the community and had raised awareness and let the community know of the resources available. She advised of a recent fashion show which had been sponsored by "M and Co" in respect of the "Grey Matters Group" had raised £278, which would go towards the groups Christmas lunch.

The Vice Chair asked if there were any further partner updates.

Roanna Clark updated the group in relation to the Youth Forums. She spoke of up and coming teenagers from the Helensburgh and Lomond area, namely Katie Burke who is the Helensburgh and Lomond member of the Youth Parliament and Liam Butler who is the Chair of the Helensburgh and Lomond Youth Forum. She also advised of the success of the Argyll and Bute Awards Bash which had been held in September. She spoke of the new card scheme which offered rewards for changing lifestyles for the better, with points available for healthy eating etc.

Councillor Freeman asked Ms Clark to provide information regarding Young Scots to Shirley MacLeod to disseminate to the group.

Commander Iain Riches updated the group with regard to recent changes at the MOD base. He advised of future projects to add a further 600 beds, he advised that this was ongoing at present with a view to the first delivery being in 2015 and in 2016 a further project to add another 1,000 beds. He spoke of the married quarters and

updated in regards to future plans and the challenges faced by the MOD in terms of funding for the project.

Councillor Ellen Morton advised that in recent years she felt that she doesn't receive the same information as she used to as a local member. Further discussion was had in this regard with Commander Riches advising that he would invite the 3 local members an invite to attend the next meeting on site.

Councillor Freeman suggested that the MOD be invited to attend the next available Business Day regarding the Maritime Change Programme.

6. ISSUES RAISED BY THIRD SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS

The group were given a short presentation from Morevainn Martin on the Community Empowerment Bill Consultation. She advised of the Councils and the Third Sector Partnerships responsibilities in taking part in the consultation. She advised that the Council should consult and engage with Communities in identifying and prioritising the outcomes that are to be delivered and ensure community engagement is properly planned, resourced and integrated across partners. She highlighted the closing date for consultation as 24th January 2014 and advised that all partners could go on to the Scottish Government website and follow the link "respond to the consultation online" to have their say.

Alastair Macbeth who attended the meeting on behalf of the Helensburgh Study Group asked the following questions:

1. What steps had been taken by the Council to respond to the document?
2. What steps have the Council taken to consult with local communities? and
3. Can the Council request an extension to the deadline date for the consultation process?

The Vice Chair advised that the Council have not responded to the proposal as yet, he confirmed that the questions raised by Mr Macbeth would be directed to the appropriate person who would provide the answers to both Mr Macbeth and the Community Council's.

Morevainn Martin agreed to forward a copy of the presentation to Shirley MacLeod to be disseminated round the partners.

7. ISSUES RAISED BY COMMUNITY COUNCILS

John Tacchi enquired as to what happened with the Community Resilience Plans. Shirley MacLeod advised that the inaugural meetings of Community Council's should have addressed these issues, Mrs MacLeod advised that she would contact John Tacchi directly in this regard.

8. ARGYLL AND THE ISLES COAST AND COUNTRYSIDE TRUST

The group were given a short presentation by Julie Young, Development

Officer who outlined the vision, structure and sustainable business model of the Trust. Ms Young advised that the trust was still in its infancy and was hoping to have more of a “friends of” structure. Its aim was to support existing groups, share information and co-ordinate action. Ms Young further advised that membership was only open to residents of Argyll and Bute with membership costing £5.00 per person.

The Vice Chair thanked Ms Young for her informative presentation.

9. THIRD SECTOR ASSET TRANSFER

The group were given a short presentation by Brenda Sutherland, Development Worker on the benefits of asset transfer. She outlined the application process and the decision making process. Ms Sutherland advised that there are five important factors which should be adhered to when considering an application for asset transfer, these are the capacity of the organisation, the suitability of the asset, any risk involved, the social impact of the project and the financial sustainability. She also advised that The Big Lottery would not fund anything above the market value of the asset.

Arlene Cullum advised that the presentation had been about bringing to the attention of the partners the opportunities available to people as the current economical climate had seen an increase in asset transfer, and that she hoped that partners would use this knowledge to pass on the information where appropriate.

The Vice Chair thanked Ms Sutherland for the informative presentation.

10. ACHA UPDATE

The group were given a short presentation by David Rae. Mr Rae advised that ACHA had a total stock of 5,091 properties, with 1,002 of these properties being in the Lomond area. He explained that in terms of the Investment Programme, which has an end date of 2015, each property must meet a criteria which would make them compliant with the tolerable standard and energy efficient. He explained that in the Lomond area 72% of properties had already been improved, therefore they were considerably ahead of the game. Mr Rae spoke of a new housing development, known as Hood Court, which had already received a significant demand.

Further discussion took place in regard to the Welfare Reform and Bedroom Tax. Mr Rae advised that ACHA had recently received a Big Lottery award to provide ACHA residents with advice in this regard.

Audrey Baird spoke of a recent meeting she had attended with the Trussell Trust who had estimated between 800-1200 cases which would require the use of a food bank in the Lomond area, and were looking to set up a food bank facility in the area. Ms Baird confirmed that she would

send information to the group regarding the next meeting of the Trussell Trust.

The Vice Chair thanked both Mr Rae and Ms Baird for the information provided.

11. SOA PROGRESS REPORT

Jane Fowler provided the group with a progress report on the Single Outcome Agreement. She advised that the objective of the agreement was the growing population and economic development. She advised that the Community Planning Events which had been scheduled to take place in November had been postponed and that they were now scheduled to take place in February. Following some discussion the group agreed that Thursday 6th February 2014 would be the best date to carry out the events.

12. DUCHESS WOOD LOCAL NATURE RESERVE COMMITTEE

Shirley MacLeod updated the group in relation to recent activity undertaken by the Duchess Wood Local Nature Reserve. Councillor Aileen Morton advised of future plans at Duchess Woods including the outdoor nursery which was in the process of being organised alongside STRAMASH. She advised that it was still in the early stages with issues such as planning still being addressed. Councillor Morton advised that Duchess Wood Local Nature Reserve, along with the Friends of Duchess Woods were involved in planning events in relation to the John Muir Way.

(Reference: Report by Area Governance Manager, Customer Services dated 10 December 2013, submitted.)

13. HIGHLIGHT REPORT HELENSBURGH COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

Shirley MacLeod provided the group with an update regarding the main pieces of work undertaken by the Helensburgh and Lomond Community Safety Forum.

(Reference: Report by Area Governance Manager, Customer Services, dated 9 December 2013, submitted.)

Alcohol

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

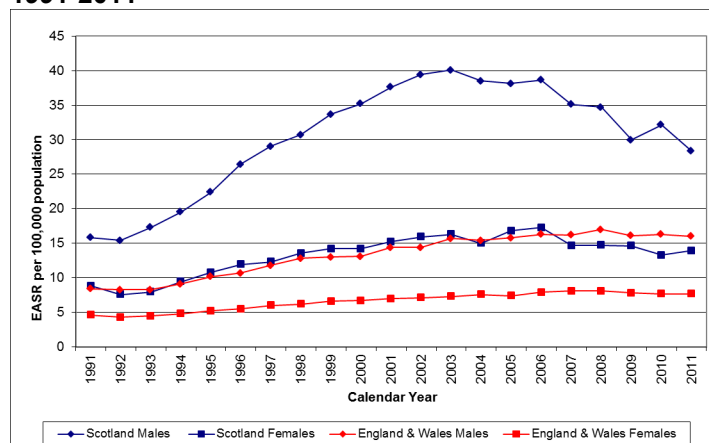
The Area Community Planning Group is asked to:

- 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



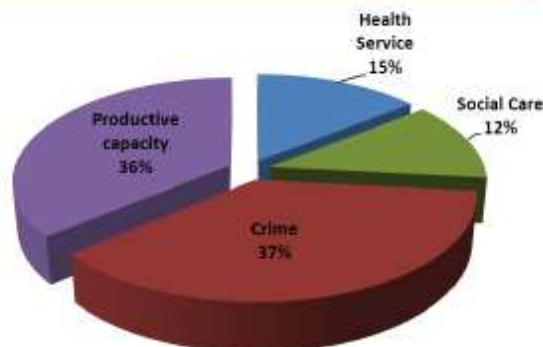
(Monitoring and Evaluating Scotland’s Alcohol Strategy Third Annual Report December 2013)

“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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Third Sector Partnership

Partner Update December - 2013 – March - 2014

Name of Organisation.....Argyll Voluntary Action Third Sector Forum

Please provide an update under the following headings

Training and Events:

- The Helensburgh & Lomond open referendum debate will be held in the Victoria Halls on 10th March
- The 'Be Aware Prepare for Winter' event was very well attended with the public gathering information from a wide variety of organisations supporting older people
- Work with Backchat Youth project to prepare them for reopening at Easter to deliver services to disaffected young people in the Churchill area
- Work with Kilcreggan Youth project to secure funding and ongoing development
- Numerous bespoke supports/ training to organisations
- Grey matters now moved to Scout Club and has long list of speakers for coming year
- Joint Christmas party between Grey Matters and Visiting Friends took place and was very well attended.

Consultations:

- ABC budget consultation – outputs returned (hoping to see final document and feedback for communities / groups who contributed)
- Community Empowerment Bill second round completed

Good News items:

- Friends of Duchess Wood have secured funding to deliver a Walking Play as a part of the John Muir event. They have also developed a years plan for events in the wood
- Third Sector Forum held in Cove Burgh hall with a significant number attending and new funding opportunities discussed.
- Helensburgh Visiting Friends (befriending) grows to support 60+ with volunteer based service
- Facilitated older peoples representation to inform event in March around person centred care; older people felt listened to, ideas taken into account and event redesigned accordingly – now need to build on this

Challenges:

- Funding & capacity – balancing demand and resources available
- National events; good to be invited and asked to deliver (eg masterclass), delivering 'Objectives' workshop at ABSSEN conference.

Signature: Morevain Martin Date: 11th March 2014 ..

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**Argyll and Bute Community Planning
Partnership**

**Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community
Planning Group
11 March 2014**



Community Planning Group Area Forum Events

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** This report is to update the area Community Planning Group on the progress to date for the Area Forum events.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** The area Community Planning Group notes the progress to date of the delivery of community engagement events to consult on the SOA 2013-23.
- 2.2** The area Community Planning Group agrees to a further, more detailed, report to be presented at the June meeting. At this time, the group can consider how best to utilise the information gathered at the events to ensure feedback is used by partners to inform future planning and activities of the group, including the area Economic Development Action Plan (EDAP).

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** The Management Committee agreed to run area forum events to engage with communities on the SOA 2013-23. The CPP was awarded funding of £4,000 towards the events from Education Scotland.
- 3.2** These events were designed to give the CPP the opportunity to fulfil the engagement commitments required as part of the community planning and SOA development process.
- 3.3** The focus of the events was agreed to be the overarching outcome for the SOA: 'Argyll and Bute's economic success is built on a growing population'. Events are entitled: **"Helensburgh and Lomond - A Good Place to Live, Work, and Play?"**

It was agreed that the results from the events will feed into the development of the SOA Delivery Plans and the forthcoming Argyll & Bute Population Summit.

- 3.4** Helensburgh and Lomond Community Planning Group appointed a steering group to plan and deliver the events. Thanks are due to this group for their work and support.
- Thanks are also due to the two chairs for the events, John Tacchi and Finlay Craig.

4. DETAIL

4.1 A total of 13 events have been held, including two in Helensburgh and Lomond on 6 February 2014. See Appendix 1 for details of attendance.

4.2 Events were held over an afternoon and evening, as follows:

- a. Discussion workshops, in 'world café' format, with 6 tables/groups considering each of the 10-year outcomes facilitated by CPP partner representatives; and
- b. Question Time-style public debate with a panel of eight key partners.

Attendance was good and all received significant support from partners in acting as facilitators and scribes, sitting on panels, and setting up stalls to engage with attendees.

4.2 Questions regarding ways of attracting more people to stay in, or return to, Argyll and Bute were posed at the workshop event using powerpoint voting (PPV).

The same questions are posed on the online survey to allow those unable to attend to engage in the process. 515 survey forms were completed online, 79 of which are from Helensburgh and Lomond.

4.3 The workshops generated lively debate under each of the 6 long-term outcomes, as well as some useful suggestions of what might be taken forward. Evaluation by participants was very positive.

The Question Time debates gave communities the opportunity to question key strategic partners.

A large amount of information has been gathered and is now in the process of being analysed. A more detailed report will be produced for the area CPG, to be presented at the June meeting. Partners will be asked to consider what actions might be taken forward by this area Community Planning Group.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 Initial conclusions across all events appear to focus on the need to prioritise Outcomes 1 and 2.

Margaret Fyfe
Argyll and Bute Council
Community Development Manager
25 February 2014

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Appendix 1

Attendance at Events

Workshop events

Area	Date	Attendance			
		CPP	Third Sector/ Community	Other	Total
Rothesay	17 January 2014	13	21	4	38
Dunoon	20 January 2014	21	25		46
Helensburgh	06 February 2014	26	30	19	75
Islay and Jura	29 January 2014	9	21		30
Tiree in partnership with Tiree Development Trust	01 February 2014	6	35		41
Oban	04 February 2014	24	32		56
Mull in partnership with Mull and Iona Community Trust	10 February 2014	16	27		43
Campbeltown	14 February 2014	18	11		29
Tarbert	18 February 2014	16	26		42

Question Time Events

Area	Date	Attendance			
		CPP	Third Sector/ Community	Other	Total
Bute and Cowal	03 February 2014	12	22	6	34
Oban, Lorn & Isles	04 February 2014	19	9	7	35
Helensburgh and Lomond	06 February 2014	19	20	35	74
Mid-Argyll, Kintyre & Islands	18 February 2014	17	20		37

*Breakdown of attendance is approximate until full analysis has been carried out.

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ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL**Helensburgh and Lomond Community
Planning Group
March 2014****CUSTOMER SERVICES**

**Duchess Woods Local Nature Reserve Committee (DWLNRC)
highlight/exception report to Community Planning Group**

1. SUMMARY

1.1.1 The purpose of this Paper is to update the Helensburgh and Lomond Community Planning Group regarding activity undertaken by the Duchess Wood Local Nature Reserve Committee (DWLNRC).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the CPG :

- 2.1 Note that the DWLNRC is a contributing Partner of the CPG and that the Friends of Duchess Wood voluntary group undertakes a substantial amount of the actual day to day work in the wood.
- 2.2 Note the report provided below (If further detail is desired the full minutes of DWLNRC are published on the Council website).
- 2.3 Consider whether there are any specific tasks or issues which it wishes the Committee to undertake or review.

3. DETAIL

3.1 The Duchess Wood Local Nature Reserve (DWLNR) was created as under the original 15-year Management plan drawn up by Luss Estates, the landowners, and Dumbarton District Council, of which A&BC is the successor authority. A&BC discharge this responsibility through the Duchess Wood Local Nature Reserve Committee (DWLNRC). The Committee is working to a management plan covering the period between 2012 and 2016 which incorporates both maintenance and development of the Woodland, and is seeking to further strengthen the current partnership arrangements regarding the responsible usage of the Duchess Woods.

3.2 One strand of strengthening the partnership arrangements is the reporting now being undertaken to the CPG.

4. IMPLICATIONS

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| 4.1 | Policy | Reporting by the DWLNRC to the Community Planning Group assists in delivery, reporting and monitoring of aspects of the SOA and the Community Plan |
| 4.2 | Financial | None. |
| 4.3 | Personnel | None. |
| 4.4 | Equalities Impact Assessment | None. |
| 4.5 | Legal | None. |

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Theme	Issue and Actions	Comment
Education, skills and training	<p>The Committee had previously agreed that they would like to explore the idea of a pre-5 Outdoor Nursery being provided within Duchess Wood and hoped that Stramash would work in partnership with them to take this forward.</p> <p>In addition to work undertaken by Amenity Services, the Friends of Duchess Wood (FODW) provide significant support in terms of ongoing maintenance and development of the Wood. The Friends make every effort to involve the community in this, and also seek to develop their skills through training.</p> <p>The events being run as part of the John Muir Events will include a Bug Life event suitable for children.</p>	<p>Unfortunately the Stramash Board have decided that it will not be feasible to open a nursery in Duchess Wood for August 2014. However, they still have a strong wish to expand into the Helensburgh area and will continue to explore possibilities for 2015.</p> <p>The group are in Discussion with the Employability team as to work which may be undertaken. There will be a menu of options which can be presented and these are currently being defined.</p> <p>FODW also run regular weekend work parties, these are advertised locally.</p> <p>All local primary schools will be contacted to ask if they would be interested in sending a group of children along to this event.</p>
Events and awareness raising	<p>A number of events have taken place in the last few months. While these have increased the use of the Wood, appropriate controls have needed to be in place.</p> <p>Gary Collins from the Tri- events group reported that the Zombie theme night, held in October was a real success despite inclement weather. Tri-events hope to run the event again this year.</p> <p>Following on from the decision of the DWLNRC to take part in the launch of the John Muir Way in Spring 2014. The Committee confirmed they would run events to tie in with the Events programme planned.</p> <p>There have been two green Gym Days held so far, which participants enjoyed</p>	<p>Over 80% of participants in this event came from outside the immediate area from the surrounding towns and settlements. The event organisers were praised for appropriate clean up and protection of the Thurgood bridge. The Tri-events group have made a donation to the Friends of Duchess Wood.</p> <p>The Friends of Duchess Wood are co-ordinating a number of events including the launch of a Flower Walk, with a John Muir-themed Walking Theatre Company play and a Bug life event.</p> <p>Unfortunately these have been poorly attended so far and there is a need to look at attendance if the green gym is to be extended this year. Further discussion will be had with healthcare providers to raise awareness.</p>
Maintenance and infrastructure	<p>The planting of Scots Pine trees has been raised as being a development opportunity.</p>	<p>Funding is available, but planting would need to take place within a month to ensure the optimum time for planting these trees.</p>

	Japanese Knotweed	Luss Estates were praised by a committee member for how they dealt with this issue elsewhere e.g. their use of signage, Images of this are being forwarded to council officers to consider how best to take this forward.
Other Issues	<p>Events Policy</p> <p>New noticeboards and way markers are being planned.</p>	<p>The policy has had some revisions made which will hopefully balance the need to protect the wood with the desire to use it as much as possible.</p> <p>Babcocks are working with the Friends of Duchess Wood in the creation of the boards.</p>

ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL**Helensburgh and Lomond Community****CUSTOMER SERVICES****Planning Group****March 2014**

Community Safety Forum Exception reporting to Area 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 Forum .

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 CSF to undertake or review.
- 2.3 Note that the group together with the groups in the other administrative areas, are considering the future direction of Community Safety provision, and how best to support it.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Area CSF is a partnership focusing on community safety issues in a broad sense, which undertakes various pieces of work in this arena.
- 3.2 Helensburgh and Lomond CSF met on the 21st Feb 2014.
- 3.3 There is currently a move to align all service provision with the outcomes identified in the Single Outcome Agreement, to which all public sector partners are signatories.
- 3.4 The Area Community Safety partnerships had an item on their agenda 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. The subject of this workstream is “People live in safer and stronger communities”. Chief Inspector McEwan will be providing a strategic lead, and is mooted the creation of a “tasking group” for the delivery of community safety.

- 3.5 The possibility of the remit of the local community safety forums being subsumed within the local Community Planning Group was raised.
- 3.6 The potential for a strong strategic lead was welcomed since this could provide necessary focus for the partners’ efforts. It was also noted that since its recommencement in 2012, the Helensburgh and Lomond Community Safety Forum has struggled with attendance, and that this may be an indicator of how it was viewed by members. The Chair also noted that some of the work of the forum could be replicated easily within the Area Community Planning Group. It was decided to take no further action however until the framework being suggested by the Chief Superintendent is clarified.

4. IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 **Policy** Adoption of the proposals will assist in delivery and reporting of aspects of the SOA and the Community Plan
- 4.2 **Financial** None,
- 4.3 **Personnel** None
- 4.4 **Equalities Impact Assessment** None.
- 4.5 **Legal** None

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Helensburgh and Lomond 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>Fire plans</p>	<p>Despite a lack of central funding availability, it is hoped that Arrochar can be a suitable pilot location</p> <p><i>The consultation on Local fire plans is complete and the information gathered is being used to inform the plans themselves, and thereby the service priorities.</i></p> <p><i>The fire service in the area was recently the subject of a full inspection by HM inspectors.</i></p>	<p>Trading standards are seeking funding for this initiative</p> <p>The forum was consulted and is being asked to identify others who may wish to have an input.</p> <p>The inspection concentrated mainly on retained and volunteer crews – the inspectors were very impressed both by the by crews competence and professionalism but also by the level of equipment available.</p>	
<p>Travel Safety</p> <p><i>Includes issues that individuals may encounter such as pedestrian safety, road traffic accidents, water safety, public transport safety</i></p>	<p>A 83</p> <p>RTA Scenario</p> <p>Stickers</p>	<p>The forum asked that input re an alternative solution for diversion in the event of the A83 being closed be sought from the council roads department.</p> <p>Police and Fire service will be working together to try to arrange a Road traffic accident scenario such as has been held in other areas.</p> <p>The possibility of producing “drive on the left” for hire cars has been mooted. The Cost of this is being investigated as well as the most effective way of</p>	<p>Having considered the response received from the service, the group asked the Area Governance officer to write again requesting further details and clarifications.</p> <p>This is a very effective way of raising awareness of road safety issues and is produced in conjunction with the local secondary schools – it is hoped that a DVD will be made which can be turned into a short film.</p>	

