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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **MID ARGYLL PARTNERSHIP** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD** on **WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2015** at **10:00 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director of Customer Services

BUSINESS

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES

- (a) Minute of the meeting of the Mid Argyll Partnership held on 29 October 2015 (Pages 1 - 10)
- (b) Minute of the meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group held on 12 August 2015 (Pages 11 - 20)

For noting

3. MATTERS ARISING

4. OUTCOME 1: THE ECONOMY IS DIVERSE AND THRIVING

- (a) Scottish Canals
- (b) Community Trusts

5. OUTCOME 2: WE HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SUPPORTS SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

6. OUTCOME 6: PEOPLE LIVE IN SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES

7. COMMUNITY

8. THEMES FOR NEXT MEETING

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Mid Argyll Partnership will take place on Wednesday 27 January 2016 at 10.00am, within the Council Chambers, Kilmory, Lochgilphead.

Mid Argyll Partnership

Councillor Sandy Taylor (Chair)

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**MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL PARTNERSHIP held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on WEDNESDAY, 29 JULY 2015**

Present:

Councillor Sandy Taylor (Chair)

Councillor Robin Currie
Councillor Donald MacMillanCouncillor Ann Horn
Councillor Douglas Philand**Attending:**

Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager
Jane Fowler, Head of Improvement and HR, Argyll and Bute
Council
Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute
Council
Sergeant David Ferguson, Police Scotland
Edward Loughton, Ardrishaig Community Council
Mary McCallum Sullivan, Ardrishaig Community Council
Adrian Davis, Inveraray Community Council
Betty Rhodick, Lochgilphead Community Council
Andy Bunton, Lochgilphead Community Council
Jim Malcolm, Dunadd Community Council
Maggie McLaren – DOCHAS Centre
Lynda Syed, Argyll Voluntary Action
Mary Smyth, Craignish Community Council
David Kent, South Knapdale Community Council
Rod Buchanan, ACHA

The Chair ruled and the Partnership agreed to take item 4, Election of Chair and Vice Chair, after item 10, Any other business.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

Apologies of absence were intimated on behalf of:

Kate MacAulay, NHS
Benedict Tustin, SEPA
Jim Frame, SEPA

2. MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON 29 APRIL 2015

The Minute of the Mid Argyll Partnership meeting held on 29 April 2015 was approved as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

The Chair advised that the feedback which had been received under Outcome 3, Education, Skills and Training Maximises Opportunities for All, at the previous meeting had been picked up at the ACPG and a discussion had been held regarding the opportunities available for school leavers. The Chair advised that he was confident that this topic would be picked up at a future date.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Chair invited nominations for the role of Chair. Councillor Horn proposed Councillor Sandy Taylor be appointed as Chair, this was seconded by Betty Rhodick.

As there were no other nominations, this became the decision of the Partnership.

The Chair invited nominations for the role of Vice Chair. Betty Rhodick proposed Andy Bunton be appointed as Vice Chair, this was seconded by Lynda Syed.

As there were no other nominations, this became the decision of the partnership.

Decision

To appoint Councillor Sandy Taylor to the role of Chair and Andy Bunton to the role of Vice Chair.

5. COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS AND WEBSITE POLICY UPDATE

The Head of Improvement and HR for the Council, presented a report which outlines the different approaches used by the Council when undertaking Public Consultations and highlights the steps being taken to build on the effectiveness of consultation exercises following a request received from the Mid Argyll Partnership.

The Head of Improvement and HR, Ms Fowler advised the partnership that the Council has undertaken a number of different approaches when conducting consultation and this can often depend on the type of consultation. She advised that there are statutory consultations that are required to be carried out in a specific way as well as best practice guidelines which the Council adheres to where possible. Ms Fowler advised the partnership that the Council try and use online methods for consultation as much as possible as research has showed that this is the best method to gain feedback from the public as they are able to do it themselves at a time which is suitable to them, however the Council does recognise that we do have an aging population within Argyll and Bute and not everyone within Argyll and Bute has access to or is able to use the internet. In order to address this, Ms Fowler advised that the Council uses Local Media and places hard copies of the consultations in buildings which are easily accessible to the public, such as libraries. The Head of Improvement and HR also advised that the Council has in place a Citizens Panel, they are used for feedback on general issues as well as specific issues.

The Head of Improvement and HR provided the Partnership with some examples of how public consultation can be used to change proposals and strategies to take into consideration the feedback received.

The Chair advised that as a Council, we view Community Councils as a major partner and advised that they play a major part in feeding back the views of the community to the Council, however noted that some public consultations are complex and hard to understand. The Chair advised it had been brought to his attention that Community Councils occasionally find the consultations complex and confusing and are therefore not always able to provide the feedback in which they would like.

Edward Laughton advised that often emails are missed and it can be difficult to find the consultation on the Council website, he advised that face to face contact with officers is always a preferred method and asked Ms Fowler if it would be possible to have Officers of the Council to attend Community Council meetings and explain the consultations. Mr Laughton also highlighted that it may be beneficial if Elected Members could come to Community Council meetings with items that they are looking for feedback on from the Community not just attend in order to solve the problems of the Community Council. Ms Fowler advised that ideally this would happen and Officers would visit Community Councils she advised that unfortunately this is not logistically possible due to the size of Argyll and Bute as well as the number of consultations that are run. Ms Fowler emphasised that although the Council is unable to provide Officers to attend Community Council meetings, the Council does have an obligation through best practice guidelines to ensure that consultations are accessible to the community. Ms Fowler advised that the Council could provide briefings for Elected Members on the public consultations that are ongoing, and then the Elected Member would be able to provide some information regarding the Consultation on behalf of the Council, they would also be able to provide the contact details of an Officer which the Community Council could contact if they were to require some further information. The Chair advised that this would be useful to Elected Members.

Betty Rhodick suggested that a “pop up” could be added onto the Council Website in order to draw the general public's attention to Public Consultations. The Partnership undertook a discussion on this and the accessibility of the Public Consultations page on the Council's website in general.

Jim Malcolm asked Ms Fowler if a demographic imbalance was an issue when gaining feedback from public consultations. Mr Malcolm highlighted an issue with young people who may not be adequately represented when a large amount of consultation is done through community groups. Ms Fowler advised that the Council do take this into consideration. She advised that the demographic is a major factor in considering the method to use in terms of public consultation. Ms Fowler advised that the Citizens Panel mirrors the population of Argyll and Bute Council, which does have an aging population therefore can be used as a check. Ms Fowler advised that when feedback on a consultation does require input specifically from young people they use the youth service and education to engage specifically with a younger demographic.

Lynda Syed advised that as a community group, when you provide a contribution to a consultation, you never learn what happens to this feedback or find out the views of others. The Partnership held a discussion on benefits of gaining feedback following public consultations. Ms Fowler noted the views of the Partnership.

Councillor Horn asked Ms Fowler if the process they use to engage with third sector partnerships given their lack of resources and other constraints in which they face.

Ms Fowler advised that the Council relies on the Third Sector Partnership to engage with Third sector groups within Argyll and Bute.

Rod Buchanan asked Ms Fowler how the Council recruits Young People onto the Citizens Panel as he advised that ACHA often has trouble gaining the views of young people. Ms Fowler advised that the Citizens Panel is outsourced to an external company however the Youth Service and Education Service are used to help engage with Young People, Ms Fowler advised Mr Buchanan that she could provide him with contact details for the Youth Service and Education departments of the Council which would be able to assist ACHA in engaging with young people.

The Area Governance Manager advised that the Area Governance Officer in her role as Community Council Liaison Officer forwards on to Community Councils any consultations she is made aware of. The Area Governance Manager agreed to discuss with the Head of Improvement and HR a more effective method of flagging public consultations to Community Councils.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services, dated 29 July 2015, submitted)

6. OUTCOME 1: THE ECONOMY IS DIVERSE AND THRIVING

The Chair advised that unfortunately there had been no Officers available to provide information on this item and due to the workshop that the Partnership had previously had, suggested that we defer this item until the next meeting of the Partnership at which time we can invite an Officer along to discuss this item and how it fits into the SOA. The Chair advised that by the next meeting the ACPG would have met as well as the CPP Management Committee and therefore the Area Governance Manager would be in a better position to report back to the Partnership.

Edward Laughton advised that Ardrishaig, along with other communities had developed Community Trusts which are there to drive forward ideas and to put them into place by secure funding and backing. Mr Laughton suggested that it might be beneficial if we could invite representatives of these trust to the next meeting of the Partnership to be involved in the discussions particularly under this item. The Partnership agreed that it would be beneficial to invite representations from these trusts. The Area Governance Manager agreed that she would take this action forward and would ask the Members of the Partnerships for recommendations as to who should be invited to the next meeting.

Decision

The Partnership agreed to defer the discussion of this item until the next meeting and agreed that Community Trusts should be invited.

7. OUTCOME 5: PEOPLE LIVE ACTIVE, HEALTHIER AND INDEPENDENT LIVES

(a) ARGYLL AND BUTE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP OUTLINE STRATEGIC PLAN

Councillor Dougie Philand provided an outline of the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership.

Councillor Philand advised that the legislation that brings health and social care together is under the Public Bodies Joint Working Scotland Act. He advised under the legislation there were two models to choose from and reported that Argyll and Bute had decided to adopt a body corporate model. Councillor Philand advised that the model follows a shadow board system which has been established and will go live in April 2016. He reported that the Joint Integration Board was required to create a scheme of delegations which was approved by the Scottish Government in June 2015. He advised that on the board, there are 8 voting members, four from NHS and four from the Council who are Councillor Horn, Councillor Devon, Councillor Robertson and himself. He advised that other officers and community representatives sit on the board however do not have voting rights, he advised however that the hope is that all members of the board will make the decisions and not just the voting members. Councillor Philand advised that a strategic plan for the next three years is required to be in place under the legislation before the board becomes operational in April 2016. Councillor Philand advised that it is the view of the board to involve the public from an early stage and therefore they have issued the consultation, which was included as part of the Agenda pack for this meeting. He advised that the feedback received from this consultation will be used to form the strategy document which will then go out for further consultation before it is agreed.

The Partnership held a discussion on the update provided on the Health and Social Care Integration and the benefits it may bring to the area and the services which are available to local people.

The Partnership discussed the importance of early intervention in health care and hoped that the new way of working would allow for that. The Partnership particularly discussed how encouraging the community to become more active in all stages of life is a key part to early intervention. The Partnership held a discussion on ways in which encouraging active lifestyles within the area could be achieved.

The Chair thanked Councillor Philand for his update and asked the Partnership to use this opportunity to get their views across. A query was raised as to when the deadline for consultation was, Councillor Philand advised that there was no date as such however they are looking to begin writing the strategy as soon as possible and therefore the sooner the better.

(b) FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RURAL AREAS

The Community Development Officer for Argyll and Bute Council advised the Partnership that she was here to specifically discuss health and wellbeing grants. Ms Baird advised that Health and Wellbeing grants are given to communities to allow them to provide an opportunity to make the community more active. She advised that within Mid Argyll there is approximately £7377 to be given out and groups can apply for this grant. The Community Development Officer provided the Partnership of some previous examples in which the grants have helped in Mid Argyll, which included the Rowing Club in Ardrishaig and Blarbuie Woodlands in Lochgilphead.

(c) **DOCHAS CENTRE UPDATE REPORT**

Maggie McLaren provided an update on the work of the DOCHAS Centre, in particular the work they do in their Circle of Friends Programme. She advised that the centre had been successful in securing funding and was using this funding to provide a befrienders service to the area. She advised that the funding received was used to train up volunteers and to pay for travel. Ms McLaren reported that although they only cover areas within the postcode PA30-31 this is still a large area and travel is a large expense. She reported to the Partnership that they currently have ten matches with three volunteers waiting for PVG checks to be returned, however advised that they have always had more referrals than volunteers. As a solution to this, early on, they agreed to run a bi-monthly event where people can come along and socialise with other people. She reported that the scheme had been successful in securing additional funding and therefore have recruited a co-ordinator who can ensure the scheme runs successfully. Ms McLaren reported that they had received a few referrals from Tarbert however at present did not have any volunteers for Tarbert, however advised that they currently run similar bi-monthly events and noted that they have a similar set up in Islay.

Ms McLaren advised the Partnership of some of the other services which are offer by the DOCHAS centre in Lochgilphead and provided in Mid Argyll, particularly the free Counselling service which is funded by MacMillan. She advised that they offer the only free Counselling Service within the area and they offer home visits where they can support people who are unable to attend the centre. Ms McLaren reported that they had recently purchased iPads which, using facetime, can be used to provide Counselling for people in rural areas. Ms McLaren advised that the DOCHAS Centre works well with all of their partners and hopes that the Partnership now has a better understanding of the work in which they carry out.

(d) **MEN'S SHED**

Lynda Syed from Argyll Voluntary Action provided an update on the Men's Shed project. Ms Syed provided some background information regarding the Men's Shed Movement, and explained to the Partnership what it is. Ms Syed advised that within the area they have been seeking to see if there would be interest in setting one up. Ms Syed advised that they have held several pop up workshops and have developed an interest which has resulted in a mailing list being created with over thirty people from a wide range of different backgrounds however it has proven problematic to find a suitable time for anybody interested to get together.

Ms Syed advised that they are currently looking to secure a venue and currently have two options in mind. Ms Syed explained the venues and their locations to the partnership. She advised that as well as trying to secure a venue, they are working towards carrying out a needs analysis for the project. Ms Syed reported that the Councils Community Development Officer is currently designing the survey and Ms Syed asked the representatives on the Partnership if they would consider inviting them along to their groups to gather their views.

The Partnership held a discussion on the idea and the proposed locations for

the project. Edward Laughton advised that in Ardrishaig there are several empty buildings that could be suitable for this project, which are all owned by Scottish Canals, however he has been unable to get plans from Scottish Canals as to what their plans are for the buildings. Councillor Currie advised that at a recent Mid Argyll Kintyre and the Islands Meeting and they gave a report as to what their plans were for the area and suggested they could be invited along to a future Partnership. The Mid Argyll Partnership agreed that they would invite Scottish Canals along to the next meeting to give an update on their development plans within Mid Argyll under Outcome 1, The Economy is Diverse and Thriving.

Decision

The Partnership noted that the Area Governance Manager would invite Scottish Canals along to the next meeting to discuss progress on their plans for Mid Argyll under Outcome 1, The Economy is Diverse and Thriving.

8. COMMUNITY

Councillor Horn advised that Tarbert had a run of very successful festivals so far this year and it was hoped that it would continue with Tarbert Fair which was being held this weekend.

Edward Laughton advised that Ardrishaig had a very successful Gala Day at the weekend and had been very lucky with the good weather. Mr Laughton advised that he was hopeful that the Committee would continue their hard work next year and the community will need to show their appreciation to ensure they do not quit.

Rod Buchanan advised that ACHA are currently carrying out work on flats on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead. He reported that the work would include the re-pointing of the exterior of the building and it is hoped that this will help to tidy up the street. He advised that similar work would also be carried out on Church Terrace in Tarbert.

Sergeant David Ferguson reported that following the implementation of the new drink driving limits last year, drink driving across the whole of Scotland looks to have been reduced by around 25-50% which is a brilliant result. He advised that although this is a positive step forward, Police Scotland are continuing to work to reduce this further. Sergeant David Ferguson advised that Police Scotland are continuing to work hard to reduce the number of rogue workmen who have been targeting the elderly within the area. He advised that Police Scotland are working closely with the Council's Trading Standards Team and the Citizens Advice Bureau but reported that unfortunately an elderly local woman recently lost a large amount of money to the rogue tradesmen. He advised that Police Scotland would be happy to come to any local groups to discuss the risks directly with the local community so that hopefully they can be more aware and hopefully not put themselves at risk. He advised that the positive news is that any rogue traders which have been caught in the area to date, have been from out with the area however he advised that this shows how far they are willing to come. Sergeant David Ferguson advised the Partnership that the Police really rely on intelligence from the public to catch rogue tradesmen and stated that he hopes the community can work together to try and prevent anyone

else being hurt by these criminals.

Betty Rhodick provided an update on the Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day. She asked the Partnership to remember that although this event is held in Lochgilphead, it is the Armed Forces Day for the whole of Argyll and Bute. Ms Rhodick advised that the following comments had been left on the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Veterans Message Board following the event:

“I have attended a large armed forces day in Edinburgh, we marched up the Royal Mile to our inspection point then were dismissed and told to make our way to Princes Street Gardens where we would get a cup of tea, well that was the servicemen the dignitaries went off for a civic reception. My first armed forces day parade in Stirling was uneventful, the next was at Bridge of Alan, where a couple of us gate crashed the officers tent, we left gracefully when spotted. The third and what will be my last Stirling Parade saw us queue up to pay £4 for a pint, £4 for a nip, £4 for a very small portion of chips. No doubt Stirling council will have profited from this, you never know it might even have covered the dignitaries wee after parade do.

Lochgilphead you put them to shame, a simple parade, followed by an in inspection, dismissed to partake in the hospitality provided, first drink free and remainder at normal bar prices. Well done Betty and Geordie Rhodick, I will see you next year. I was totally gobsmacked how the majority of shop windows were displaying service memorabilia, photographs of the local servicemen, the recruiting posters were that auld they were recruiting for the Argylls. Once again, well done Lochgilphead.”

Ms Rhodick noted that this post proved how successful the day was and advised the Partnership that she was very disappointed that a week before the Parade, Scottish Water began work on the front green, and Argyll and Bute Council dug up the bottom of Argyll Street. She noted that this had caused the organising Committee a great deal of stress, and advised that we need to communicate better to ensure that if a parade or event is planned in the community, work is not carried out which could jeopardise this event.

Andy Bunton advised that Lochgilphead had benefited from a very successful visit from the Vikings despite the event being organised at very short notice. He reported that it was a success and was glad to see the primary classes that were able to attend and benefit from the visit. He advised that he is looking forward to seeing them back again next year. Mr Bunton reported that Lochgilphead Community Council were really pleased to see that a number of shops had tidied themselves up and asked the Partnership if there was anything the Council could do to force the other premises in the street to carry out some work to the external of the buildings. The Chair advised that he, along with Councillor MacMillan and Philand, had raised this issue with the planning department before and unfortunately, at this stage enforcement action can not be taken. Mr Bunton advised that Lochgilphead Community Council were planning on putting a notice in the local paper congratulating the businesses who have carried out work to the exterior of their buildings in a hope to shaming some of the ones in a poor state to take action.

Jim Malcolm advised that Dunadd Community Council had carried out community engagement to identify the most important issues to the community. He advised that broadband had been the top. He advised that he had reported this issue to BT and

advised that the community feel strongly about improving the broadband. He advised that he did not get a response however he has found out that BT are making improvements to the broadband in the Dunadd area. Mr Malcolm advised his fellow Community Councillors to find out what your community wants, do a bit of background research and take this knowledge to BT and you will get results.

9. THEMES FOR NEXT MEETING

The Partnership noted that the themes for the next meeting would be:-

Outcome 2: We have infrastructure that supports growth.

Outcome 6: People live in safer and stronger communities.

The Chair advised that members of the Partnership should look at these outcomes prior to the next meeting and think about how they impact their community. He advised that we can then use the Partnership to bring together common issues and then carry these issues forward to the ACGP. The Area Governance Manager circulated a copy of the Single Outcome Agreement for Mid Argyll to allow members the opportunity to identify issues and bring them forward to the next meeting.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Partnership noted that the next meeting of the Partnership would take place on Wednesday 28 October 2015 at 10am within the Council Chambers, Kilmory, Lochgilphead.

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MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in the CUSTOMER SERVICE POINT, BOWMORE, ISLAY WITH VC FACILITY AVAILABLE IN THE HOUSING MEETING ROOM, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD AND AT THE CUSTOMER SERVICE POINT ON THE ISLE OF COLONSAY on WEDNESDAY, 12 AUGUST 2015

Present: Councillor Rory Colville (Chair)
Councillor Robin Currie Councillor Donald MacMillan
Councillor Sandy Taylor

Bowmore: Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Inspector Julie McLeish, Police Scotland
Watch Commander David Cowley, Scottish Fire and Rescue
Alison Guest, Clinical Services Manager, NHS Highland
Tracy Preece, Health Improvement Officer, NHS Highland
Petra Pearce, Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface
Paul Graham, AITC
Donald Ewen Darroch, Jura Community Council
Malcolm Ogilvie, Islay Energy Trust

Lochgilphead: John Dreghorn, Interim Locality Manager, NHS (Vice-Chair)
Brian Reid, Locality Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Moirra MacVicar, Housing Services Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Kathryn Wilkie, Area Education Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Colin Renfrew, Chief Executive, Fyne Homes
Yvonne Angus, Area Manager, ACHA
Kerrien Grant, Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE)
Claire McFadzean, Marketing Officer, MACC
Margaret Wallace, Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface
Kathy Duncan, Campbeltown Community Council

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

Apologies for absence were intimated by:-

Dave Kent, South Knapdale Community Council
Andy Buntin, Lochgilphead Community Council
Iain Ritchie, North Knapdale Community Council
Alison Hay, Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce
Campbell Cameron, Community Broadband Scotland
Eleanor Sloan, Kintyre Health and Wellbeing Network
Lorraine Paterson, Head of Adult Services, Health and Social Care

Mary Wilson, Argyll and Bute CHP
Jim Smith, Head of Roads and Amenity Services, Argyll and Bute Council
Rona Gold, Community Planning Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Anne Paterson, Education Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Jeannie Holles, Adult Learning Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Carol Keeley, Emergency Planning Officer, Argyll and Bute Council

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. **MINUTES**

(a) **MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP HELD ON 13 MAY 2015**

The Minute of the meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group held on 13 May 2015 was approved as a true record.

(b) **MID ARGYLL PARTNERSHIP (MAP) HELD ON 29 JULY 2015**

The group agreed to note the Minute of the Mid Argyll Partnership (MAP) held on 29 July 2015.

(c) **KINTYRE INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP (KIP) HELD ON 26 JUNE 2015**

The group agreed to note the Minute of the meeting of the Kintyre Initiative Partnership (KIP) held on 26 June 2015.

(d) **FERRY SUB-GROUP HELD ON 26 JUNE 2015**

The group agreed to note the Minute of the meeting of the Ferry Sub-group held on 26 June 2015.

4. **ISLAND COMMUNITIES**

The group considered a report outlining the mechanisms for community input to the Area Community Planning Group across the MAKI area. The Area Governance Manager updated Partners in respect of an earlier meeting she had with both Islay and Jura Community Councils. She outlined the basis of discussions and advised that she had agreed to take forward the production of a guidance note outlining the purpose of the Community Planning Group and the processes involved. She explained that she would undertake this prior to the Community Council By-elections. Further discussion took place in relation to the timings of the meetings, the focus of the agenda and the possibility of elected Members circulating the information round Community Council meetings if community input remained low.

Decision:

The group agreed:-

1. to note the contents of the report;
2. requested that the Area Governance Manager produce a guidance note prior to the next round of Community Council By-elections; and
3. requested that a report be brought to the next Area Community Planning

Group meeting, providing an update on the progress made in relation to the mechanisms being put in place to support engagement with local communities.

(Ref: Report by Area Governance Manager, dated 12 August 2015, submitted.)

5. STANDING ITEM: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The group considered a report outlining the response by the CPP Management Committee to key matters highlighted by the Area CPG's at their meetings in May 2015. The report provided further information on the commitments of the CPP Management Committee in relation to Health and Social Care Integration; public attendance at Community Planning Management Committee meetings and further information on how Area CPG's could be involved in consultations and how they can be supported to communicate the SOA:Local. Partners noted that the CPP Management Committee would release a fortnightly document on current consultations within the area, which would be distributed to the group by the Senior Area Committee Assistant. Following discussions, the Area Governance Manager agreed to seek clarity from the CPP Management Committee in respect of when the EKOS report would be made public and take forward the possibility of advertising forthcoming meetings of the ACPG in the local press.

Decision:

The group agreed:-

1. to note the contents of the report; and
2. requested that the Area Governance Manager, take further comment to the CPP Management Committee meeting on 30 September 2015.

(Ref: Report by Community Planning Manager, dated 12 August 2015, submitted.)

6. OUTCOME 1: THE ECONOMY IS DIVERSE AND THRIVING

(a) PROGRESS OF DELIVERY OF SOA OUTCOME 1

The group considered a report providing an update on progress at an overall strategic level for the period to end July 2015. The report detailed the successes and key achievements to date for Outcome 1. General discussion took place in respect of the involvement and investment being made by HIE across the region to support businesses, social enterprises, communities and infrastructure.

Decision:

The group agreed:-

1. to note the contents of the report; and
2. to invite both Calmac and Transport Scotland to the ACPG meeting

in November to provide an update in terms of Outcome 2: We have infrastructure that supports growth.

(Ref: Report by Area Manager, Highlands & Islands Enterprise, dated 12 August 2015, submitted.)

(b) **MACC BASE - DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

The group were given a presentation by Claire McFadzean, Marketing Officer of Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC). Ms McFadzean outlined her role within the Company and outlined the priorities going forward on both the charitable and development strands of the business. She advised of the ways in which MACC contribute to the Charitable sector within the locality, and the positive impact that it has on local businesses. Ms McFadzean highlighted the key opportunities and the priorities of the base which included the expansion of the existing leases as well as securing new long term tenancies. She outlined the current position in relation to the aquaculture business and various renewable energy projects as well as the current spaceport bid. General discussion took place in relation to the timescales of the spaceport plans and also the effects this would have on current existing business set up on the base.

The Chair thanked Ms McFadzean for the informative presentation and wished MACC luck with the ongoing spaceport plans.

Decision:

The group agreed to note the contents of the presentation.

(Ref: Presentation by Marketing Officer, Machrihanish Airbase Community Company, dated 12 August 2015, submitted.)

(c) **RURAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

The group gave consideration to a presentation by Malcolm Ogilvie, of the Islay Energy Trust. Mr Ogilvie outlined the structure and the key aim of the Trust, and spoke of the project areas, which included the installation of free insulation to homes on the island. Mr Ogilvie also spoke of partnership working with a variety of groups and organisations, and the challenges faced while driving the project forward. Mr Ogilvie advised that going forward there was a need to engage with the Grants Development Officer and establish a Grants Advisory Panel and develop a process for applications to the Trust and select some small revenue-generating projects. General discussion took place in relation to grid connectivity and other innovative ways in which the additional energy could be utilised.

Mr Ogilvie advised that the Islay Energy Trust, as one of the first charitable organisations to tackle a project of this nature, would be happy to share information on the challenges faced and lessons learned with other likeminded groups.

The Chair thanked Mr Ogilvie for the informative presentation and congratulated Islay Energy Trust on the development of the programme.

Decision:

The group agreed to note the contents of the presentation.

(Ref: Presentation by Director of Islay Energy Trust, dated 12 August 2015, submitted.)

7. OUTCOME 5: PEOPLE LIVE ACTIVE, HEALTHIER AND INDEPENDENT LIVES

(a) HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION

The group gave consideration to a report outlining the progress on the action undertaken to establish the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership. The report highlighted the approval of the Integration Scheme, the interim operating arrangements to be implemented in both the Council and the NHS until April 2016, the new management appointments, and the production of the 3 year Strategic Plan. General discussion took place in relation to the possible difficulties in the merging of two workforces.

Decision:

The group agreed to note the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by the Head of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 12 August 2015, submitted.)

(b) HEALTH IMPROVEMENT TEAM

The group considered a report highlighting key achievements for the Health Improvement Team during 2014-15. These include building capacity for health improvement within the Health and Wellbeing Network and small grant fund; supporting the activity of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership; empowering communities and promoting the principles of co-production; developing skills such as Mental Health First Aid; hands on health promotion activity such as alcohol awareness at Tiree Music Festival and delivering nation programmes such as Choose Life and Healthy Working Lives.

General discussion was had in relation to the partnership working and the support given to the preventative approach by the Health Improvement team and the availability of services supporting alcohol addiction within island communities. The Health Improvement Officer agreed to seek information on the evidence that national and local initiatives assist in each specialist area, and circulate to the ACPG. Partners expressed concern that a lot of initiatives are run in main towns within Argyll and Bute and not in the rural areas. The

Area Governance Manager agreed to take this issue to the next CPP Management Committee meeting in September.

Decision:

The group agreed:-

1. to note the contents of this report; and
2. requested that the Area Governance Manager invite the Argyll and Bute ADP Co-ordinator, Carol Muir, to a future meeting of the ACPG to provide an update on the services available in relation to addiction within island communities.

(Ref: Report by the Health Improvement Principal, dated 12 August 2015, submitted.)

(c) ACHA - ANNUAL UPDATE

The group gave consideration to a report providing an annual update in relation to housing stock figures for the MAKI area, the services provided by ACHA, the level of investment in homes throughout the MAKI area, initiatives for 2015/16, examples of community work, the current new build programme and ACHA's current priorities. Discussion took place in respect of the availability of one bedroom properties in the Campbeltown area, the possibility of fitting sprinkler systems in homes where there are access difficulties and the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) in Inveraray.

Having noted that Colin Renfrew, Chief Executive of Fyne Homes was in attendance the Chair invited Mr Renfrew to provide an update in respect of ongoing work and commitments of Fyne Homes. Mr Renfrew outlined the current new build projects, a number of community initiatives and the current spend on repairs to properties annually. Mr Renfrew further advised that he was involved in a windfarm project at Glenbarr, which had been delayed due to issues with the National Grid and SSE. He advised that it was hoped that grid connection would take place in March 2017. He explained that once this was confirmed it would allow a community consultation to take place.

Decision

The group agreed to note the contents of the report by ACHA and also the verbal update by Fyne Homes.

(Ref: Report by Area Manager, ACHA, dated 12 August 2015, submitted.)

(d) HOUSING UPDATE ON THE DELIVERY PLAN

The group gave consideration to a report highlighting the progress of the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP). Discussion took place in respect of the need for differing types of accommodation within different areas, and the perception that there is a lack of

certain types of properties. The Housing Services Manager advised that the investment programme is determined in accordance with the needs of those on the waiting lists. The Area Manager for ACHA explained that the waiting lists do not reflect the shortages of one bedroom properties or sheltered housing in the Campbeltown area nor of three bedroom properties in Tarbert. She advised that to influence the Strategic Housing Investment Plan, you need to be on the waiting lists for the size of property that is required. The Housing Services Manager agreed to confirm this position in writing for Mrs Duncan, representative of the Campbeltown Community Council and the Tenants and Residents Association, Campbeltown. Further discussion took place in respect of the provision for two units on Jura, with the Housing Services Manager agreeing to discuss the matter further with Mr Darroch of Jura Community Council, independently of the meeting.

Decision:

The group agreed to note the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Community and Culture, dated 12 August 2015, submitted.)

(e) PATIENT TRANSPORT POLICY

The group gave consideration to the Policy of Financial Assistance to support travel to and from hospital. The Clinical Services Manager advised the group of the timescales involved in the implementation of the Policy and explained that this was important for those in remote areas, and in particular for those on the islands of Islay and Jura. She explained that the Policy was as a result of the relocation of government budgets in June to localities. Ms Guest explained that the relocation of funding offered an opportunity to alter the way in which services are administered, for example the implementation of telecare and tele-medication. Discussion took place in respect of air travel, with this being identified as one of the main issues in Islay. The group noted that the cost of a flight almost doubles when it involves Islay as opposed to somewhere like Campbeltown. The group noted that this was as a result of a Public Service Obligation (PSO) as opposed to being a commercially viable flight.

Decision:

The group:-

1. agreed to note the Patient Transport Policy; and
2. requested that the Area Governance Manager invite the Council's Strategic Transportation Manager and the Chief Executive of Logan Air to the next meeting of the ACPG, to report on public service obligations with a view to the inclusion of flights from Islay in this service.

(Ref: Policy of Financial Assistance to support travel to and from hospital by NHS Highland, submitted.)

8. OUTCOME 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND TRAINING MAXIMISES OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

(a) EDUCATION QUALITY AND STANDARDS REPORT

The group gave consideration to a report highlighting the major achievements made within Education in relation to the actions outlined in the Education Action Plan for 2013/14. Discussion took place in relation to the overall progress of Argyll and Bute schools across all course levels and in particular the trends of Intermediate 1 and 2 figures for years between 10/11 and 13/14. The Area Education Officer agreed to clarify this information with the Head of Service and feedback to Councillor Taylor by email.

Decision:

1. The group agreed to note the continuing progress made in relation to Education within Argyll and Bute; and
2. Note the commitment of staff and the success and achievements of our children and young people.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Community Services, dated 12 August 2015, submitted.)

9. OUTCOME 4: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THE BEST POSSIBLE START

(a) INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN

The group gave consideration to a report providing an update on the progress made in relation to Outcome 4 of the SOA. The report outlined the performance measures at the end of FQ4 of 2014/15 and the successes, key achievements and key issues in relation to Outcome 4 over the past year. Discussion took place in relation to the inclusion of bi-lingual classes. The Area Governance Manager agreed to seek clarification as to the timescales for the bi-lingual programme and feedback to Councillor Currie by email.

Decision:

1. The group agreed to note the progress made in the delivery of Outcome 4 over the past year; and
2. Note the planned review of the performance indicators set within Outcome 4 to develop increasingly meaningful performance indicators to measure performance for the year ahead.

(Ref: Report by Head of Education, dated 12 August 2015, submitted.)

10. THIRD SECTOR UPDATE

The group gave consideration to a report outlining the representation routes for third sector organisations in Argyll and Bute in relation to the Area Community Planning Group.

The group also considered a report providing an update on matters within the third sector since the last meeting of the group.

Discussion in relation to the amalgamation of the Islay and Jura CVS and Argyll Voluntary Action took place, with Members noting that the service would now be known as Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface.

Decision:

The group agreed to note the contents of both reports.

(Ref: Report by Chief Executive Officer, Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface, dated 12 August 2015, submitted.)

11. CAMPBELTOWN SAILING CLUB REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN SOA

The group considered a report which outlined a project being run by Campbeltown Sailing Club, which the Kintyre Initiative Partnership had voted, should be included within the appendix of the SOA:Local for MAKI. Discussion on whether the project was developed enough to meet all the criteria required for inclusion within the appendix of the SOA:Local was had, with the group agreeing that further information on the project was required.

Decision:

The group requested that a report be brought to the next meeting of the ACPG providing further information on the project to enable an informed decision to be reached.

(Ref: Report by Area Governance Manager, dated 12 August 2015, submitted.)

12. UPDATE REPORT ON CPG CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The group considered a report providing an update in terms of the position relating to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the MAKI Area CPG.

Decision:

1. The group agreed to note the contents of the report; and
2. Agreed to postpone the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair until the next meeting of the ACPG in November 2015.

(Ref: Report by Area Governance Manager, dated 12 August 2015, submitted.)

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2015 AT 10.00AM WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY

The Area Governance Manager advised that at the next meeting of the group, discussion on Outcome 2: We have infrastructure that supports growth and Outcome 6: People live in safer and stronger communities would be had. She invited Partners to submit areas for discussion under these outcomes.

Partners noted that the next meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands CPG will take place on Wednesday 11 November 2015 at 10.00am within the Council Chambers, Kilmory, Lochgilphead.