

**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in  
CASTLE HOUSE, DUNOON  
on TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2015**

**Present:**

Willie Lynch (Chair)  
Councillor Gordon Blair                      Councillor Michael Breslin  
Councillor Bruce Marshall

Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager  
Kenny Mathieson, Bute and Cowal Community CAUCUS  
Chief Inspector Paul Robertson, Police Scotland  
David McKenzie, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park  
Robert Thorburn, BT  
Morag Brown, Business Improvement Manager  
Carol Muir, Argyll and Bute ADP Coordinator  
Rona Gold, Community Planning Manager  
Kirsty Flanagan, Head of Strategic Finance  
Paul Convery, Planning Officer  
Sharon MacDonald, Community Development Officer  
Allan MacRaid, Interloch Transport  
Dee Hancock, Homestart  
Roseanne McClusky, ADDACTION  
Carol O'Sullivan, ADDACTION

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
Councillor James McQueen  
Donald Melville, Business Gateway  
Pat Trehan, Health and Social Care Integration  
Stephen Whiston, Health and Social Care Integration  
Alistair McLaren, THI  
William MacDonald, Scottish Fire and Rescue

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

The Chair ruled and the Group agreed to take items 7. (b) BT – Future Rollout plans, 8. (b) Update on Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme and 9. (b) ADP Activities Update Report out of sequence to facilitate officer attendance. These items were therefore taken after item 3. Minutes of the agenda.

**3. MINUTES**

**(a) Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group 11 August 2015**

The minute of the Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group meeting of 11 August 2015 was approved as a correct record.

(b) **Cowal Transport Forum 11 September 2015**

The minute of the Cowal Transport Forum, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015 was noted.

(c) **Forward Dunoon and Cowal 1 October 2015**

The minute of the Forward Dunoon and Cowal Group, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 was noted.

(d) **Minute of the Third Sector and Communities CPP Strategic Group meeting held on 26th August 2015**

The minute of the Third Sector and Communities CPP Strategic Group meeting, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015 was noted.

7. (b) **BT - Future Rollout Plans**

A BT representative took the Group through a presentation which outlined the progress of the rollout of Superfast Fibre Broadband for Argyll and Bute, which included a timescale breakdown per area with particular emphasis on outstanding rural connectivity issues and the challenges involved in this process.

**Decision:**

The Group noted the presentation.

(Ref: Report by BT dated 10 November 2015, submitted)

8. (b) **Update on Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme**

The Business Improvement Manager provided the Group with a verbal update on the Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme for Bute and Cowal. The first group will be arriving on Bute in December, where accommodation will be provided by Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) and Fyne Homes. Other resources being made available will include education, translation services, medical provision and community based support.

More information on the resettlement Programme can be found using the following link:

<http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/news/2015/nov/bute-will-welcome-syrian-families-christmas>

**Decision**

The Group noted the report.

(Ref: Verbal update by Business Improvement Manager dated 10 November 2015, submitted)

**9. (b) ADP Activities Update Report**

The Argyll and Bute ADP Coordinator took the Group through a presentation on the Argyll & Bute Alcohol & Drug Partnership which provided an update on the purpose of the partnership, current workings and statistical breakdowns of the local area, as well as outlaying future plans for the partnership.

**Decision**

The Group noted the presentation.

(Ref: Presentation by Argyll & Bute Alcohol & Drug Partnership dated 10 November 2015, submitted)

**4. STANDING ITEM: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Community Planning Manager took the Group through a report which provided feedback on the discussions that took place at the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 with particular emphasis on matters raised by Area Community Planning Groups.

**Decision**

1. The Group noted the report; and
2. Requested a report on HIE work currently being undertaken be brought to the February Community Planning Group meeting.

(Ref: Report by Community Planning Manager, dated 10 November 2015, submitted)

**5. REVIEW OF SOA DELIVERY PLANS**

The Community Planning Manager took the Group through a presentation on the 2015/2016 review of the SOA Delivery Plans, which included an outcome breakdown, the current monitoring system in place, an update on the ongoing review of delivery plans and emphasis on prioritising prevention of inequalities.

**Decision**

1. The Group noted the presentation; and
2. Noted that a further report will be brought back to the February Community Planning Group.
3. Noted concerns expressed by the Third Sector representatives regarding barriers to accessing funding, particularly in regards to Integrated Care Funding.

(Ref: Presentation by Community Planning Manager dated 10 November 2015, submitted)

**6. PLANNING OUR FUTURE - UPDATE BY ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**

The Head of Strategic Finance took the Group through a report which went to full Council on the 22 October as well as a presentation to provide an update on the rollout of public consultation to seek the views of our communities on savings options and suggestions for innovation, efficiencies and income growth.

It was noted that as part of the consultation process all alternative suggestions can be submitted for further investigation by officers and that the full results of the consultation will be published on the Argyll and Bute website.

### **Decision**

The Group noted the report and presentation.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director, Customer Services dated 22 October 2015, submitted)

## **7. OUTCOME 2: WE HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SUPPORTS SUSTAINABLE GROWTH**

### **(a) Progress Update on Local Development Plan**

The Group considered a report and presentation on the Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan. The report provided an update on the recently adopted Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan and highlights areas for future involvement of community planning in assisting with the delivery of the plan.

### **Decision**

The Group noted the report and presentation.

(Ref: Report and presentation by the Planning Manager dated 10 November 2015, submitted)

### **(b) Cowal Fixed Link Working Group**

The Chair of the Cowal Fixed Link Working Group took the Group through a report informing the meeting that the Cowal Fixed link Working Group was a new project being introduced under SOA Outcome 2 and it's plan is to produce a Local development action plan with a focus on economic growth for Argyll and Bute covering essential services connectivity including road, integrated transport, rail, ferries, ports, air, active travel, digital technology and grid, CHORD, TIF and Maritime Change Programme.

### **Decision**

The Group noted the report.

(Ref: Report by Cowal Fixed Link Working Group dated 10 November 2015 submitted)

### **(c) Scottish Water Activity Update**

A report was not submitted and no representative was present at the meeting therefore this item was not discussed.

### **Decision**

1. The Group requested a report be circulated via email; and
2. Requested attendance by Scottish Water to the February Community Planning Group meeting.

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

### (a) Report on Community Safety Partnership

The Chief Inspector, Police Scotland took the Group through a report informing members of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group on progress towards establishing a new Community Safety Partnership structure and the rationale for this undertaking.

Chief Inspector Paul Robertson submitted appreciation to Councillor Marshall as the Chair of the Cowal Community Safety Forum for the contribution the Group had made and its effectiveness on resolving local matters.

#### **Decision**

The Group noted the report.

(Report by Argyll and Bute Council Community Safety Coordinator dated 10 November 2015, submitted)

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

### (a) Standing Item: Health and Social Care Integration

The Group considered a progress report on the actions undertaken to establish the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership since its last meeting. It was noted that the consultation process has been extended to the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

#### **Decision**

The Group noted the report

(Ref: Report by Programme Lead Integration dated 10 November 2015, submitted)

## 10. PARTNERS UPDATES

### Police Scotland

Chief Inspector Paul Robertson provided the Group with the following verbal update:

- Minor assaults – 4 less at present than last year, with a detection rate consistently over 80%.
- Increase in reported domestic assaults in the Bute and Cowal area, with a detection rate in excess of 93%.
- There is a 18.8% reduction rate in Cowal and 20% reduction rate in Bute on disorder statistics, with reported instances down 20% from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.
- A Pub Watch Group has been set up in Cowal with 9 licensed premises currently signed up to it.
- Cowal Games and the MOD revival weekend went very well from a policing perspective.
- A police van will be set up in Bute to welcome and assist Syrian refugees.
- Community intelligence helped lead to the seizure of one million pounds worth of drugs and subsequent arrests in Bute.

(Ref: Verbal update by Police Scotland representative dated 10 November 2015, submitted)

#### Scottish Fire and Rescue

William MacDonald from Scottish Fire and Rescue had submitted apologies for the meeting so therefore no update was provided.

#### Third Sector

Alistair McLaren submitted apologies for the meeting therefore no THI update was provided.

#### Interloch Transport

Allan MacRaild informed the Group that Interloch raised £150, 000 for new vehicles and that these are now in operation he also stated that Interloch currently employ seventeen members of staff which include four full time and thirteen part time.

(Ref: Verbal update by Interloch Transport representative dated 10 November 2015, submitted)

#### Homestart

Dee Hancock informed the Group that Homestart have recently secured premises in Kirn and currently employ five members of staff.

(Ref: Verbal update by Homestart representative dated 10 November 2015, submitted)

#### Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park

David McKenzie provided the Group with the following verbal update:

- A new development plan is in place.
- Your Park has been introduced with new bylaws.
- A television series on the national park is currently running on channel 5 and includes parts of the Bute and Cowal area,
- Councillor Blair informed the Group that funding for a new pavement that will allow pedestrian access from the ferries to the National Park area has been approved.

(Ref: Verbal update by Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park representative dated 10 November 2015, submitted)

#### Bute and Cowal Community CAUCUS

Kenny Mathieson provided the group with the following verbal update:

#### **Boundary Commission Proposals**

Most Community Councils and the Caucus sent letters of objection. In addition Dunoon Community Council gathered forty individual letters and sent them to Edinburgh. Sandbank and Kilmun Community Councils raised petitions which were signed by the public and these were also sent.

#### **Health and Social Care Integration**

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership strategic plan 2016/17-2018/19 consultation questions and public drop in events were distributed including using social media and members participated in the event at Cowal Community hospital.

### **Other items raised**

- The Caucus will be taking part in the consultation on Argyll and Bute spending proposals.
- The Caucus has been asking questions of CalMac about their service to Gourock, in particular safety of passengers getting on/off ferries, restricted room on boats for prams, wheelchairs and suitcases. Lastly linkage with buses to Inverclyde hospital and trains to Glasgow. It was reported that replies from the Operations Manager have been somewhat dismissive so far.

(Ref: Verbal update by Bute and Cowal Community CAUCUS representative dated 10 November 2015, submitted)

### NHS

An NHS representative was not present at the meeting and therefore no update was provided.

### Housing Associations

Housing Association representatives were not present at the meeting and therefore no update was provided.

### HIE

An HIE representative was not present at the meeting and therefore no update was provided.

### **Decision**

The Group noted the various verbal partner updates.

## **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group meeting will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016, 9.30am, Eaglesham House, Rothesay.