

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held  
in the CORRAN HALLS, OBAN  
on THURSDAY, 18 AUGUST 2016**

**Present:** Margaret Adams, Ardchattan Community Council (Chair)  
Lorna Elliott, Community Governance Manager, Argyll & Bute Council  
Moira MacVicar, Housing Services Manager, Argyll and Bute Council  
Laura MacDonald, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council  
Naomi Campbell, Modern Apprentice, Argyll and Bute Council  
Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie, Police Scotland  
Iona MacPhail, Regional Manager, ACHA  
Caroline Henderson, NHS Highland  
Nicola Granger, Senior Physiotherapist, NHS Highland  
Sandy Mohamed, Lorn and the Islands Partnership  
Joan Best, Argyll and Bute TSI  
Marri Malloy, Chair of Oban Community Council  
Eleanor MacKinnon, OLI Health and Wellbeing Network

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated by:

Councillor Roddy McCuish  
Councillor Kieron Green  
Councillor Elaine Robertson  
Councillor Neil MacIntyre  
Annie MacLeod, Locality Manager  
Alison Hardman, Health Improvement Team  
Campbell Cameron, Community Broadband Scotland  
Samantha Quarton, Argyll and Bute Council  
Derek Wilson, Scottish Fire and Rescue  
Jane Darby, Kilmore Community Council  
Jessie MacFarlane, Oban Community Council  
Ruaridh MacGregor, Scottish Water  
Peter Bain, Head Teacher of Oban High School

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**3. MINUTES**

**(a) Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Planning Group - 19th May 2016**

The Minute of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Planning Group held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016 was approved as a correct record.

Eleanor MacKinnon confirmed that the second round of funding is now available from the OLI Health and Wellbeing Network.

(b) **Minute of the Third Sector and Communities CPP Strategic Group meeting held on the 24 May 2016 (for noting)**

The minute of the Third Sector and Communities CPP Strategic Group, 24 May 2016 was noted.

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

The Community Governance Manager took the Group through a report which provided highlights from the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee meeting on 9th June 2016 with particular emphasis on matters raised by Area Community Planning Groups which are contained in the submitted report.

**Decision**

The Group noted the contents of the report and requested that the Community Governance Manager take any further comments to the next CPP's Management Committee meeting. It was also agreed to specifically highlight the matter of Area CG Chairs sitting on the Management Committee as the group felt that this matter should be reviewed.

(Ref: Report by Community Planning Manager dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016, submitted)

**5. REVIEW OF SOA DELIVERY PLANS**

The Community Governance Manager informed the Group that this report was for noting and any questions or comments could be fed back through the Community Development Officer to the Community Planning Team.

**Decision**

The Group noted the contents of the report. It was also noted that the review had concentrated on future activities and asked that they receive an update on what the Community Planning Group has achieved so far.

(Ref: Report by Community Planning Manager, dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016, submitted)

**6. WAYS TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION**

The Community Governance Manager took the Group through a report on the findings of two working groups set up by the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay and Oban Lorn and the Isles Area CPG's following the May CPG meetings which provides information on suggested changes to meeting format and communication methods.

**Decision**

The Group:

1. Noted the contents of the report;
2. Agreed the recommendations at 2.1 of the submitted report; and

3. Suggested that a timed agenda be sent to all partners with the full agenda pack to give each partner an allotted time, and suggested that one outcome per meeting, having 6 meeting per year be a good method for moving forward.

(Ref: Report by Community Governance Manager dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016, submitted)

## **7. PARTNERS COMMUNICATION**

### **Police Scotland**

Chief Inspector Baillie introduced herself to the Group. She firstly gave an update on the Road Safety Launch which will commence on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August due to the rise in fatal and serious road accidents. She confirmed that this will be a multi-agency partnership which will result in an increase of police presence stopping cars coming in and out of Oban.

She advised that Police Scotland are currently looking at child safety by making sure that children's car seats are safely fitted into vehicles. She confirmed this will be ongoing for 3-4 weeks to support the road campaign to try to reduce the number of deaths on the roads.

Chief Inspector Baillie advised the Group that they are interviewing for a Youth Engagement Officer on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August to be based in Oban High School and the Oban Police Station. The new youth Engagement Officer will be there to try and improve relationships with young people to help divert them from crime. She confirmed that there will be an article in the Oban Times introducing the new Youth Engagement Officer to the town and explaining what they will be involved in.

Chief Inspector Baillie gave an update on the Taynuilt Police Office and advised that Alison Simpson is transferring post in October. The Taynuilt Office may be closed and the building sold. She assured the Group that the Dalmally Police Officer would be covering Taynuilt and advised that while the current officer had been away on training, there had been no change in volume of incidents in Taynuilt.. She confirmed that Police Scotland will be engaging with the Community Councils affected over this matter

The Community Development Officer introduced Naomi Campbell, Modern Apprentice to Chief Inspector Baillie and suggested it would be beneficial if she arranged a meeting with the new Youth Improvement Officer as their roles both involve youth work.

### **Oban Community Council**

Marri Malloy, Chair of Oban Community Council raised a concern in regard to the number of young adults which are dangerously cycling on the pavements in the Oban area with particular concern around the Stafford Street area. She confirmed that she has contacted Police Scotland numerous times had been advised that it is not a criminal offence. Chief Inspector Baillie agreed take this forward to the OLI Anti-Social Behaviour Group.

Mrs Malloy asked Chief Inspector Baillie if they were still looking into having a multi-agency working group to deal with road closures. Chief Inspector Baillie confirmed that this would not be going ahead due to resource implications.

Discussion took place on an issue which arose at the previous Community Planning meeting in relation to road closures and lack of communication with Oban High School. Chief Inspector Baillie agreed to look into this.

### **Lorn and Islands Partnership**

Sandy Mohamed introduced himself to the Group and advised he had been in post for 3 weeks with a partnership which has been funded until March 2017. He advised that the project has been late in starting due to national Elections but advised he will be covering 4 islands, Luing, Lismore, Easdale and Kerrera. These islands have low populations and it can be difficult to resource community development activity on an individual island basis therefore his role would be looking at a proposal for joint working and to come up with an individual plan for each island. Mr Mohamed agreed to come back to future Community Planning Group meetings and update the Group on his progress.

The Lorn and Islands Partnership was also invited to join the Area Community Planning Group

### **OLI Health and Wellbeing Network**

Eleanor MacKinnon advised that she is currently reviewing the joint improvement plan for OLI Health and Wellbeing Network. She spoke about the link to the recent survey that they carried out and it was agreed that the Senior Area Committee Assistant would re-send this survey to partners.

### **Argyll and Bute TSI**

Joan Best advised the Group that the Community Transport Group for the Argyll and Bute Workshop will now take place on \* at 10:30am-3:30pm at the Great Western Hotel.

### **Ministerial Visit**

The Chair advised that she and the Vice chair had been involved in the recent ministerial visit from Kevin Stewart, Cabinet Minister for Local Government and Housing and had discussed Area Community Planning.

Eleanor MacKinnon advised that the Cabinet Minister had also met with Oban Communities Trust and the Oban Winter Festival at Rockfield which was successful. Mrs Malloy advised that the Cabinet Minister also visited Atlantis Leisure.

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

### **(a) Sustainable Transport on Mull and Iona**

The Community Governance Manager advised that no one would be in attendance from the Mull and Iona Sustainable Transport Group as this

project has been successfully completed. The group had received an award for its activities. She confirmed that the full project report is on the Mull & Iona Community Trust website.

(b) **Tiree Charette Update**

Paul Le Roux from Tiree Islands Future Community Charrette gave a presentation to the Group.

Some of the topics he spoke about were the population decline in Tiree, the employment challenges they face on the island, housing and the strategic response.

He advised his next steps are to establish a short term working group to:-

1. Prioritise key findings and recommendations
2. Develop the next Growth Plan (2-3 year outlook)
3. Consult with other groups and authorities to ensure alignment

And to Publish socio-economic report (website and other outlets) and Publish Growth Plan.

**Decision**

The Group noted the contents of the presentation.

(Ref: Presentation by Paul Le Roux, Tiree Islands Future Community Charrette dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016, submitted).

(c) **Community Broadband Scotland**

The Group considered a report relating to the Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband (DSSB) activities which are due to be completed by 2020 or before.

**Decision**

The Group noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Campbell Cameron, Community Broadband Scotland dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016, submitted).

(d) **Scottish Water**

Unfortunately no one from Scottish Water could attend this meeting. The Community Governance Manager agreed to forward an update by email to the Group once this has been received from Scottish Water.

(e) **Strategic Housing Investment Plan**

A report providing an update on the Argyll and Bute Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) 2015-2020, with a particular focus on the outputs delivered in the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area over the last five years; the

current projects onsite; and the proposals for future development over the next four years with an indication of available resources, was considered.

### **Decision**

The Group noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Housing Services Manager dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016, submitted).

(f) **ACHA Update**

Iona MacPhail, Regional Manager at ACHA took the Group through a presentation and spoke about affordable housing in Oban, Lorn and the Isles, advised there are 600 applicants for housing in Oban, and discussed the future phases for ACHA building.

Ms MacPhail asked that Group if they had any particular areas that they feel require investigation by ACHA for new housing and asked if there was a need for any particular groups within the area that require specific types of housing to be built.

### **Decision**

The Group:

1. Noted the contents of the report and presentation; and
2. Felt more houses should be allocated to workers such as Teachers and Police coming into the area.

(Ref: Report and Presentation by Regional Manager, ACHA dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016, submitted).

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

(a) **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - Annual Update**

Unfortunately Scottish Fire and Rescue could not attend, therefore the Community Governance Manager took the Group through a report which provided a breakdown of Scottish Fire and Rescue's community safety activities that had taken place over a twelve month period.

Nicola Granger, Senior Physiotherapist, NHS Highland has been working closely with Scottish Fire and Rescue regarding Falls, Trips and Slips and gave a full account of the work that has been undertaken and gave an update on the prevention of falls in the community with older people. Discussion took place on exercise classes for the elderly as people felt the classes were too expensive.

### **Decision**

The Group noted the contents of the report and the additional information

provided by Ms Granger

(Ref: Report by Scottish Fire and Rescue dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016, submitted. Verbal update by Nicola Granger, NHS Highland dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016, submitted).

**(b) Community Justice Strategy Consultation**

The Group considered a report on the Community Justice Scotland Act (2016) Strategy Consultation.

**Decision**

The Group noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Community Justice Officer dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016, submitted)

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY AT 6:30PM IN THE CORRAN HALLS, OBAN**

The Group noted that the dated of next meeting is Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30pm and the themes for the next meeting would be :-

Outcome 3: Education, skills and training maximises opportunities for all

Outcome 4: Children and Young People have the Best Possible Start

The Chair Advised that Members of the Partnership should consider how these outcomes impact on their communities and submit potential agenda items to the Senior Area Committee Assistant by email.

It was noted that the following items had already been submitted for consideration

**Outcome 3**

Education Quality and Standards Report  
CLD Partnership Plan Update

**Outcome 4**

CONTEST strategy presentation by Police Scotland  
Keeping Our Children Safe on line – Oban High School  
Children's Plan