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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, 27 APRIL 2016** at **10:00 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director of Customer Services

BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES

- (a) Minute of the previous meeting of the Mid Argyll Partnership (MAP) held on 27 January 2016 (Pages 1 - 8)
- (b) Minute of the previous meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands CPG held on 10 February 2016 (Pages 9 - 18)

3. MATTERS ARISING

4. UPDATE ON CONSULTATION OF THE CRINAN CANAL CHARETTE

Update by Argyll and Bute Council's Projects and Renewables Manager

5. OUTCOME 1: THE ECONOMY IS DIVERSE AND THRIVING

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

- (a) Integration Update
- (b) Mid Argyll Locality Planning Group Update

Verbal update by Lynda Syed, Argyll Third Sector Interface

- (c) Tackling Loneliness and Isolation in Mid Argyll

Joint Presentation by Lynda Syed, Argyll Third Sector Interface and
Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer

- 7. COMMUNITY**
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Mid Argyll Partnership

Councillor Sandy Taylor (Chair) Andy Buntin (Vice Chair)

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**MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL PARTNERSHIP held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on WEDNESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2016**

Present: Councillor Sandy Taylor (Chair)

Attending: Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager
Anna Watkiss, Senior Planning Development Officer
Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer
Euan Thomson, Assistant Clinical Dental Director, NHS Highland
Inspector Julie McLeish, Police Scotland
Margaret McCallum, Forestry Enterprise Scotland
Darlene Russell, Argyll College
Jacqui MacPherson, Argyll College
Andrew Buntin, Lochgilphead Community Council
Betty Rhodick, Lochgilphead Community Council
Mary Smyth, Craignish Community Council
Jim Malcolm, Dunadd Community Council
Edward Laughton, Ardrishaig Community Council
Adrian Davis, Inveraray Community Council
Lynda Syed, Furnace Community Council & Argyll TSI
Kathleen Johnston, Quality Improvement Officer (by VC from Argyll House, Dunoon)

1. APOLOGIES

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

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of:

Councillor Robin Currie
Councillor Anne Horn
Councillor Donald MacMillan
Councillor Dougie Philand
David Jardine, Forestry Commission
Jim Frame, SEPA
Ben Tustin, SEPA
Dave Kent, South Knapdale Community Council
Fred Bruce, West Lochfyneside Community Council
Mary MacCallum Sullivan, Ardrishaig Community Council

2. MINUTES

(a) Minute of the previous meeting of the Mid Argyll Partnership (MAP) held on 28 October 2015

The Minute of the Mid Argyll Partnership meeting held on 28 October

2015 was approved as a true record.

(b) **Minute of the previous meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands CPG held on 11 November 2015**

Partners agreed to note the Minute of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group, held on 11 November 2015.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

The Chair congratulated Andy Buntin, Convenor of Lochgilphead Community Council on his recent appointment as Chair of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group.

Having noted the time constraints faced by guest speakers and Members, the Chair and the partnership agreed to take the remaining agenda items out of sequence.

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

(a) **Community and Early Years Dentistry**

The Partnership considered a verbal update by Euan Thomson, Assistant Clinical Dental Director of NHS Highland, who provided an update on the recent changes in dental cover in the area. Mr Thomson advised that dentistry is being “re-balanced” all over Scotland, with regular patients being transferred to a general dental register leaving practitioners to treat patients with special needs under a public dental register. Mr Thomson outlined the implications of these changes in the Mid Argyll area, which included the reduction of service in Furnace and staffing changes in the Lochgilphead practise. Discussion took place in respect of the ability to recruit and retain dentists to the area, with Mr Thomson advising that there is a lack of people willing to relocate to the area, despite the financial incentives offered. Further discussion in relation to the services offered in other areas such as Tarbert and Oban and possible locations for extension to the Lochgilphead practise was had. Mr Thomson advised that he was hopeful that the imbalance in the area would be rectified over the course of the next year.

Mr Thomson provided a verbal update in relation to dental services for children and young persons. He spoke of changes in the way services are delivered to children from infancy to primary school ages, with the introduction of the Child Smile programme and the Endip Initiative, which have replaced the treatment programmes which previously took place in schools. Mr Thomson advised that the aims of these programmes was to capture children who may have otherwise slipped through the net, with the focus being on families in areas of deprivation and “looked after” children. Discussion took place in respect of the referrals system and the link in to the Getting It Right For Every Child (GIRFEC) movement.

The Chair thanked Mr Thomson for the information provided and for the ongoing work in the area to address the short fall. Mr Thomson asked

Partners to email him directly at euan.thomson@nhs.net should anything else occur.

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

(a) **Argyll College**

The Partnership were given a verbal update from Darlene Russell and Jacqui MacPherson of Argyll College in relation to the ways in which the College identify the skills needed within communities and general information on the courses available in the local area. Discussion was had in relation to a number of misconceptions surrounding local facilities. Ms Russell agreed to forward a regular newsletter, outlining developments within the college and its courses to the Senior Area Committee Assistant, who in turn would circulate to Partners by email. Further discussion took place in relation to access courses; the development of courses in line with the new Integration Joint Board and specifics in relation to hospitality and travel and tourism courses. Partners noted that the college ran a restaurant premises in Oban offering “on the job” training, Mrs MacPherson advised that although there had been extensive enquiries they were unable to locate a comparable premises in Mid Argyll. Discussion was had in relation to the facilities in the recently closed Resource Centre in Lochgilphead with the Area Governance Manager agreed to furnish the Council’s Head of Facility Services with Ms Russell’s contact details in an effort to open discussions.

The Chair thanked both Ms Russell and Mrs MacPherson for the information provided.

Decision:

The Partnership noted that Argyll College would be invited to attend the next meeting of the Partnership where Outcome 3: Education, Skills and Training maximises opportunities for all, was being discussed, and further agreed that an update on the progress of implementation of modern apprenticeship schemes within the Council would also be tabled at that meeting.

(b) **Forestry Enterprise Situation Update**

The Partnership gave consideration to a report outlining the position of the Forestry Enterprise Scotland in relation to the support given to the “Rural Skills” programme in Mid Argyll; the replacement for the Forestry Apprenticeship; the full-time internship for a forestry student and the position in relation to the development of a volunteering programme. Discussion took place in respect of the success of local people securing apprenticeships, with Ms McCallum advising that she was only aware of two local boys who had begun their careers with an apprenticeship. She advised that both had done well and were still working with the Forestry Enterprise Scotland in Mid Argyll. Further discussion took place in

respect of funding for apprenticeships with the Chair suggesting that there were changes being made at Government level which may be of benefit to large employers.

The Chair thanked Mrs MacCallum for the information provided.

The Area Governance Manager took the opportunity to provide an update, which had been provided by SEPA. She advised that SEPA had begun looking into modern apprenticeships in relation to SOA 3, however she stressed that they may not necessarily provide a local opportunity, given SEPA's national role. Mrs MacLeod further advised that in the past SEPA had provided job opportunities for Graduates and Trainees and that they try to ensure that any vacancies, are publicised locally, although their website was still the main source for jobs and vacancy information.

Mrs MacLeod advised that as always Partners are able to contact SEPA directly in relation to any new or ongoing environmental issues/concerns.

6. UPDATE ON CONSULTATION OF THE CRINAN CANAL CHARETTE

The Partnership gave consideration to a verbal update by the Council's Senior Planning Development Officer, who advised that the funding bid had been successful and that the tender process had now begun. Mrs Watkiss advised of the ongoing discussions with the Mid Argyll Initiative (MAI) and both Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig Community Councils. She advised that this was still very much a work in progress. Discussion took place in respect of the delay in the process, with both Mr Buntin and Mr Laughton in their capacity as Convenors of Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig Community Council's respectively advising that they were happy to wait until April to continue the process. Concern over the use-by date of the secured funding was expressed, with Mrs Watkiss confirming that the timetable was still to be agreed. Discussion in relation to the involvement of Community Council's bordering the canal corridor was had with Mary Smyth requesting that Craignish Community Council be included in discussions going forward. Mrs Watkiss spoke of the intention to host an information evening and that she would keep all Community Council's informed of progress.

The Chair thanked Mrs Watkiss for the information provided.

Decision:

The Partnership noted that an update on progress would be brought to the next meeting of the group.

7. BROADBAND AND MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

The Partnership gave consideration to a verbal update by the Council's Senior Planning Development Officer, who outlined a number of programmes which aimed to improve the digital infrastructure across Mid Argyll, making specific reference to the project on the Craignish peninsula and the role out of superfast broadband, which was now available in Lochgilphead and Tarbert. She advised that it would be available in both Furnace and Inveraray over the course of the next six months. Discussion took place in respect of the role out of the mobile infrastructure project;

the changes to legislation in respect of requirements for coverage and the ways in which people can find out about when their area is due to get superfast broadband.

The Chair thanked Mrs Watkiss for the information provided.

8. OUTCOME 4: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THE BEST POSSIBLE START (CONTINUED)

(a) Presentation on Early Years Collaborative

Partners gave consideration to a verbal update from Kathleen Johnston, Quality Improvement Officer, who advised that Argyll and Bute Council are part of the Early Years Collaborative, which is a national strategy aimed at improving outcomes for children both now and in the future. She advised that Kintyre had been the first area within Argyll and Bute to benefit from partnership working between community planning partners, including those in the private sector, who are involved in work with children and young people. Ms Johnston explained that an objective of the programme was to improve the links between agencies in order to deliver the key aims. She further explained that the programme was currently being rolled out in the Cowal area, which faced different challenges, from the differing backgrounds of the people to the geographical area. Discussion took place in respect of ways in which the programme can assist the health of mothers as well as children and how information learned from the Kintyre roll out could assist in the Cowal roll out. Ms Johnston advised that the design of the pathway was about utilising existing resources, but that it was recognised that for some projects there would be an increase in resources. She further advised that the team had looked towards their assets to assess what has worked well and what can be utilised with a view towards the sustainability of the project.

The Chair thanked Ms Johnston for the information provided.

9. COMMUNITY

Edward Laughton, Convenor of Ardrishaig Community Council advised that they are currently heavily involved in supporting the Mid Argyll Initiative (MAI) and progressing works in relation to A'Curach Windfarm. Mr Laughton further advised of a Youth Hub which had been set up in premises between the Co-op and the local newsagents/post office premises. Mr Laughton confirmed that the Community Council had responded directly to the Leader of Argyll and Bute Council by letter in response the Planning Our Future consultation.

Inspector Julie McLeish of Police Scotland advised of the appointment of the new Chief Constable, Phil Gormley. She advised that it is anticipated that there will be some changes ahead. Inspector McLeish advised that Chief Constable Gormley was driven towards local community policing. She further advised that priorities continue to be road safety, anti-social behaviour and drugs.

Adrian Davis of Inveraray Community Council spoke of the development of the Community Company which had been created around 18 months ago, with a view to

the purchase of the pier. He outlined a number of issues which had arisen in relation to the Community Right to Buy. Mr Davis also spoke of a successful meeting of the local community in order to discuss options for the refurbishment of the Community Hall and the poor state of the A83.

Betty Rhodick advised of arrangements for the local Armed Forces Day, which is taking place on 18 June 2016 on the Front Green, Lochgilphead.

Andy Buntin of Lochgilphead Community Council advised that the Community Council had also responded directly to the Leader of the Council by letter in response to the Planning Our Future consultation. He advised that similar to Ardrishaig Community Council, they were concentrating on A'Curach Windfarm development. Mr Buntin advised that the recent family ceilidh and information evening in the Argyll Hotel, had been a success. He advised that the online consultation was ongoing and that it was hoped that a public meeting would be held at the end of February.

Jim Malcolm of Dunadd Community Council advised that they were also concentrating on the A'Curach Windfarm development. He spoke of the pooling of resources between Lochgilphead, West Lochfyneside and Dunadd Community Council's where following Lochgilphead's ceilidh evening, they had hosted a coffee morning and West Lochfyneside held an afternoon tea. He advised that it was hoped that this would encourage participation and engagement from other members of the community.

Lynda Syed on behalf of Furnace Community Council advised of the disappointment that work behind houses on the shore side has ceased after 2 days. She outlined the current priorities, including continuing the fight for proposals on the speed limit between the villages of Furnace and Minard.

On behalf of Argyll TSI, Lynda Syed updated the group in relation to the success of the Christmas lunch and delivery service that took place from the Parish Church hall in Lochgilphead on Christmas Day, and the forthcoming Walking Football Festival in Lochgilphead. Ms Syed circulated the current TSI newsletter to Partners.

Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer advised Partners that the closing date for Third Sector Grant applications was 8 February 2016; and highlighted the success of Dave Kent of North Knapdale Community Council who had been awarded £625 in the Health and Wellbeing Network Bingo. It was also noted that the Future Funding event has been postponed and it is hoped that it will now take place in April or May.

10. THEMES FOR NEXT MEETING

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

Outcome 1: The economy is diverse and thriving; and

Outcome 5: People live active, healthier and independent lives.

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 forward to the ACPG.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Following discussions in relation to suitable dates for the next two meetings of the Partnership, it was agreed that these would take place on:-

Wednesday 27th April 2016 at 10.00am and Wednesday 29th June 2016 at 10.00am, 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 ROOM 2, COMMUNITY CENTRE, STEWART ROAD, CAMPBELTOWN, PA28 6AT WITH VC FACILITY AVAILABLE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY AND THE CUSTOMER SERVICE POINT, BOWMORE, ISLE OF ISLAY on WEDNESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2016

Present: Andy Buntin (Chair)

Campbeltown: Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Robin Currie
Councillor Rory Colville
Councillor Donald MacMillan
Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
John Dreghorn, Locality Manager, Adult Services MAKI
Margaret Wallace, Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface
Andrew Hemmings, Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel
Eva MacDonald MBE, Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel
Kathryn Wilkie, Area Education Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Donnie Cameron, NHS Highland
Colin Renfrew, Chief Executive, Fyne Homes
Steve Byrne, Campbeltown Community Council
Cathie Duncan, Campbeltown Community Council
Georgie Thomas, ALIenergy
Mhairi Croll, Kintyre Youth Enquiry Services
Phil Edwards, Kintyre Youth Enquiry Services
Stuart King, Kintyre Youth Enquiry Services
Jess Morkel, Kintyre Youth Enquiry Services
Mandy Robertson, Kintyre Youth Café
Evelyn McLatchie, Kintyre Youth Café
Iona Reid, Kintyre Youth Café
Tracy Chambers, Link Club

Lochgilphead: Lorna Elliott, Community Governance Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Sgt Lana Stewart, Police Scotland
Jim Devaney, Group Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Iain Ritchie, North Knapdale Community Council

Bowmore: Petra Pearce, Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

Apologies for absence were intimated by:-

Jeanie Holles, Community Learning Development
Alison Hay, Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce
Dave Kent, South Knapdale Community Council
Margaret Pratt, West Kintyre Community Council
Jean-Mary Knowles, Islay and Jura Transport Forum
Roy Bogle, Logan Air
Darlene Russell, Argyll College

Councillor Sandy Taylor

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 11 November 2015**

The Minute of the meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group held on 11 November 2016 was approved as a true record.

(b) **Mid Argyll Partnership (MAP) held on 27 January 2016 (for noting)**

The group agreed to note the Minute of the Mid Argyll Partnership (MAP) held on 27 January 2016.

(c) **Third Sector and Communities CPP Strategic Group held on 24 November 2015 (for noting)**

The group agreed to note the minute of the Third Sector and Communities CPP Strategic Group held on 24 November 2015.

4. 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 November 2015. The report provided further information on the commitments of the CPP in relation to consultation processes; consistency of approaches in how items are included within SOA:Locals and the Community Led Initiatives appendices; the inclusion of young people and agenda items relating to issues for them at all meetings; the "island proofing" of the SOA Delivery Plans; the review of the criteria of the Integrated Care Funding and the progress of the involvement of Scottish Water in community planning processes in recognition of their key role in providing/developing/improving local infrastructure.

Discussion took place in respect of the Shoreline Project, Bowmore, and the inclusion of young people and agenda items relating to issues for them. The Area Governance Manager agreed to issue invites to the Argyll and Bute Youth Forum and work with the Council's Area Education Officer to create a timetable for attendance for representatives from local schools dependant on the area in which the meeting is being held.

Decision:

The group agreed to:

1. note the response set out in section 4 of the report, to issues raised by Area Community Planning Groups and
2. request that the Area Governance Manager, Shirley MacLeod, take any further comment to the CPP's Management Committee meeting on 24 March 2016.

(Ref: Report by Community Planning Manager, dated 10 February 2016, submitted.)

5. REVIEW OF SOA DELIVERY PLANS

The group considered a report providing an update on the review of the SOA Delivery Plans. Members of the group noted how the current delivery plans were submitted to the Scottish Government in June 2014 and the Management Committee agreed to review these after October 2015. Further information in relation to the process for review was given with Members noting that a revised set of SOA Delivery Plans, one for each of the six outcomes, would come to the Area Community Planning Group meetings in May 2016. The SOA:Locals would then be developed and the Area Community Planning Group chairs would be invited to a meeting to explore options to develop the SOA:Locals.

Decision:

The group agreed:-

1. To note the progress to date;
2. to note that the revised delivery plans will be brought to the May meeting of the Area Community Planning Group; and
3. to note that the revision of the SOA:Local will commence thereafter.

(Ref: Report by Community Planning Manager, dated 10 February 2016, submitted.)

Due to issues with the video conferencing and lync facilities, participants in both the Council Chambers, Kilmory, Lochgilphead and the Customer Service Point, Bowmore, Islay left the meeting after discussion of agenda item 5 (Review of SOA Delivery Plans). The group requested that their dissatisfaction at the quality of the facilities be recorded.

6. REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS

The group gave consideration to a report providing information relating to the implementation of the current Terms of Reference and the revised ways of working which have now been in operation for a period of one year.

Decision:

The group agreed that the current Terms of Reference and Revised Ways of Working should continue for further period of one year.

(Ref: Report by Area Governance Manager, dated 10 February 2016, submitted.)

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

(a) Community Learning and Development (CLD) Partnership

The group gave consideration to a report providing information on the progress of the work carried out by the Argyll and Bute Strategic CLD Partnership with the publication of a web based Community Learning and Development (CLD) Plan. Members of the group noted that the basic duties and responsibilities of the Strategic Guidance for CLD, and its associated legislation, have been fulfilled up to the present time, however that continuing monitoring and input from partners, communities and other stakeholders should ensure that the learning needs of the community, and of its vulnerable groupings in particular, continue to be addressed effectively.

Decision:

The group agreed to note the contents of the report and further noted that a more detailed report on this matter will be tabled for consideration at the May 2016 meeting of the CPG.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Community Services, dated 10 February 2016.)

(b) Education Standards and Quality

The group gave consideration to a report outlining the progress being made within Education in Argyll and Bute. Particular successes were highlighted within the report, these included an increase in positive destination figures, with particular reference being made to Tarbert Academy who had achieved a success rate of 100% and had been noted nationally and Campbeltown Grammar School who had a success rate of 95.5%. Members noted the next steps in the continuing work with schools to focus on raising attainment and achievement for all pupils and the development of leadership at all levels.

Discussion took place in respect of the active play and book bug sessions being offered by the Early Years Service and the positive impact on literacy and attainment on youngsters. Further discussion was had in relation to the second language initiative in primary schools, with the Area Education Officer agreeing to provide further information to Councillor Currie relating specifically to Gaelic areas.

Decision:

The group agreed to:-

1. 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 children and young people.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Community Services, dated 10 February 2016, submitted.)

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

(a) **Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service**

The group gave consideration to a report by Kintyre Youth Enquiry Services (KYES). Mhairi Croll introduced the Service and the young representatives, Stuart King and Jess Morkel who gave a short presentation on the aims and objectives of the service and the different ways in which the Service supports young people between the ages of 12 to 25 in the Kintyre and Islay area. Stuart and Jess spoke of the recreational and sporting activities available in the area and provided information on how sport has the power to contribute to relationship building as well as improving health. They advised of the social advantages of taking part in outdoor activities as well as the enhancement of interpersonal skills. Stuart and Jess outlined plans for a future exchange programme with a school in Glasgow and an outdoor adventure weekend at Benmore Education Centre.

Discussion took place in respect of the job club; life skills class and the thematic drop-in sessions all on offer through the service.

The Chair thanked both Stuart and Jess for the information provided and congratulated Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service on the wide range of services provided.

Decision:

The group agreed to note the contents of the report and the presentation.

(Ref: Report by Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service, dated 10 February 2016, submitted.)

(b) **Kintyre Youth Café, incorporating Kintyre Young Carers' Project**

The group gave consideration to a report by the Kintyre Youth Café incorporating Kintyre Young Carers's Project. Mandy Robertson introduced the Service and the two young representatives, Evelyn McLatchie and Iona Reid who gave a short presentation on the "Choices for Life" project currently being taken forward by the group in partnership with Police Scotland, Education, Health, Young Scot and Youth Services. They advised that the aim of the project was to provide information to third and fourth year pupils in an attempt to raise awareness of the effects

smoking, drugs and alcohol, online safety and negative peer pressure can have. Evelyn and Iona spoke of the interaction between Lochgilphead Joint Campus, Tarbert Academy and Campbeltown Grammar School in driving forward the project, targeting “legal highs” which it is hoped will soon be rolled out to schools throughout Argyll and Bute.

Discussion in relation to the reduction in youth offending was had with Ms Robertson advising that in the last quarter youth offending has remained static while motoring offences in young people have increased. She advised that the Service was currently working with Police Scotland to provide education in this regard.

The Chair thanked Ms Robertson, Evelyn and Iona for the information provided and congratulated Kintyre Youth Café, incorporating Kintyre Young Carers Project for the service that they offer in the Kintyre area.

Decision:

The group agreed to note the contents of the report and the presentation.

(Ref: Report by Kintyre Youth Café, incorporating Kintyre Young Carers' Project, dated 10 February 2016, submitted.)

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

(a) Air Issues

The group gave consideration to a report highlighting the concerns raised regarding the commercial air service operated by Loganair between Islay and Glasgow. Members of the group noted that the capacity of air services and cost of fares are commercial matters for Loganair.

The group were concerned by the lack of attendance from Loganair and discussed the possibility of inviting Mr Bogle to the next meeting of the group to provide further details in relation to the issues previously outlined and to further issues related to the Patient Transport Scheme, which is currently under review. The Area Governance Manager advised that Mr Bogle had provided a key facts document, that outlined a number of points raised previously. She advised that she was unsure as to whether Mr Bogle intended this to be circulated to the wider group, but that she would check with him and if appropriate would forward to the group by email for information.

Further discussion took place in respect of the possible knock on effects to the NHS as a direct result of the service run by Loganair being delayed, and similar issues arising in the Kintyre area also. The Locality Manager advised that there was a clause within the Patient Transport Policy which allowed GP's to make a decision on how best to transport patients. He

further advised that he was unaware of the impact on the Kintyre area but would raise this with Maimie Thompson, Head of Public Relations and Engagement for NHS Highland, at their next meeting.

Decision:

The group agreed:

1. to note the contents of the report; and
2. requested that Loganair be invited to the next meeting of the ACPG meeting in May to facilitate further discussion on air fares, service issues and the Patient Transport Scheme and requested that Maimie Thompson, Head of Public Relations and Engagement for NHS Highland also be invited to the May meeting to discuss the review of the Patient Transport Scheme.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services, dated 10 February 2016, submitted.)

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

(a) Standing Item: Health and Social Care Integration

The group considered a report providing an update on progress on the actions undertaken to establish the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership since its last meeting. The report highlighted the operating arrangements of the Integration Joint Board until 1 April 2016; the various management appointments to date; the consultation on the Strategic Plan 2016-2019 together with an indicative timetable; the ways in which staff and public could become involved and the contribution this has to the objectives of the Partnership and the establishment of the 8 Locality Planning Groups which will advise the Integration Joint Board of the need and priorities in each locality. Members noted that the project is on target to enable the full transition to the Health and Social Care Partnership on 1 April 2016.

Discussion was had in relation to the recruitment and retention of staff to the area and to the links between the Locality Planning Groups and the Community Empowerment Bill with the Area Governance Manager advising that there were significant pieces of work being driven forward by the review of the SOA and the Integration of Health and Social Care. Mrs MacLeod advised that she hoped that the Council's Community Governance Manager and Community Planning Manager would develop these over the next twelve months.

Decision:

The group agreed to note the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Head of Strategic Planning and Performance, dated 10

February 2016, submitted.)

Andrew Hemmings of the Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel enquired as to the position of the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services in relation to the road safety initiative at Carradale Primary School as discussed at the last meeting of the group. The Area Governance Manager advised that she had received an update, which she would in turn circulate to the group, advising that there were a number of difficulties. Firstly, that the signs didn't comply with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 (TSRGD), and for Argyll and Bute Council to erect the signage, approval would be required from Scottish Ministers. She advised of further difficulties relating to Planning Consents and the advertising of a private company on the signage. Mrs MacLeod further advised that advice had been offered in regards to the alternative sightings for the signs.

Having noted the dissatisfaction of the group, the Chair agreed that this item would be added to the agenda for the next meeting of the group.

11. THIRD SECTOR UPDATE

The group gave consideration to reports from the Kintyre, Mid Argyll and Islay and Jura areas in relation to matters within the third sector since the last meeting of the group.

Discussion took place in respect of Saltire Scheme; the temporary employment of a Town Centre handyman by SKDT and the possibility of him being made available to carryout work in other areas of South Kintyre; stalled spaces funding and the staffing changes within Homestart Majik.

Decision:

The group agreed to note the contents of the reports.

(Ref: Reports by Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface, dated 10 February 2016, submitted.)

12. PARTNER UPDATES

Colin Renfrew of Fyne Homes provided an update in relation to the demand for housing. He advised that Fyne Homes cover housing needs in the Bute, Cowal, Mid Argyll and Kintyre areas and that areas are prioritised on a demand basis. He spoke of the recent developments in Lochgilphead, with the development of 101 affordable homes in the old school site and the possibility of a further 10 units in the near future, and advised of three development sites in the Cowal area. Mr Renfrew further advised the group of the three turbine windfarm project at Glenbarr, which was granted planning permission in 2015. Mr Renfrew stipulated that this was not a commercial venture and that there were still issues that required to be ironed out and that he would keep the group updated as the project progressed.

The Chair, Andy Buntin, Convenor of Lochgilphead Community Council advised of the windfarm funding obligations, which is currently undergoing a consultation on a 10 year plan for the town; the Scottish Canals consultation on the Crinan Canal Charette and the continuing development of the Mid Argyll Initiative.

Cathie Duncan of Campbeltown Community Council advised that at the last meeting of the Community Council, speakers from the NHS attended to give an update on Adult Care issues within the area. She further advised of the permanent Campbeltown to Ardrossan Ferry Service and the ongoing discussions in relation to the Council's Service Choice proposals.

Further discussion took place in respect of the Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme, with Donnie Cameron of NHS Highland advising that there will be 5 families brought to Campbeltown in either April or May. He advised that there would be no great surge on resources and as yet no housing had been identified. He further advised that information would be made available as time progressed.

13. PROPOSED 2016/17 MEETING DATES

The group gave consideration to a report outlining the proposed cycle of meetings within the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands (MAKI) area from May 2016 to April 2017. Discussion took place in respect of the venue for the meeting scheduled to take place in August 2016, and the possibility of using the NHS video conferencing facilities for all meetings of the Community Planning Group. The Locality Manager agreed to clarify whether this would be possible and advise the Senior Area Committee Assistant by email.

Decision:

The group agreed to:

1. endorse the agreed cycle of Community Planning Group meeting as detailed in the attached appendix; and
2. agreed that the Community Planning Group meeting scheduled in August 2016 takes place on the Isle of Islay.

(Ref: Report by Area Governance Manager, dated 10 February 2016, submitted.)

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chair enquired as to whether the young representatives of Kintyre Youth Enquiry Services and Kintyre Youth Café had found the meeting useful. All representatives agreed that there was a place for young people to attend as it was a good way of keeping in touch with what is happening within local communities.

Partners noted that the next meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group will take place on Wednesday 11 May 2016 at 10.00am within the Council Chambers, Kilmory, Lochgilphead.

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