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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **MID ARGYLL PARTNERSHIP** will be held in the **ROOM 1 OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MANSE BRAE, LOCHGILPHEAD** on **WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 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 29 June 2016 (Pages 1 - 10)
- (b) Minute of the previous Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group held on 10 August 2016 (Pages 11 - 20)

3. MATTERS ARISING

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

- (a) Progress of implementation of modern apprenticeships schemes within the Council

Update by Talent Management Lead, Argyll and Bute Council

- (b) Update by Argyll College

Update by Darlene Russell, Argyll College

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

6. **COMMUNITY**
7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
8. **THEMES FOR NEXT MEETING**
9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Mid Argyll Partnership

Andy Buntin (Chair)

Linda Syed (Vice Chair)

Lorna Elliott, Community Governance Manager

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**MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL PARTNERSHIP held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on WEDNESDAY, 29 JUNE 2016**

Present: Andy Buntin, Lochgilphead Community Council (Chair)
Lorna Elliott, Community Governance Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Anna Watkiss, Senior Planning Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Inspector Julie McLeish, Police Scotland
Group Manager Stuart McLean, Scottish Fire and Rescue
Amanda Grehan, Carr Gomm
Dave Kent, South Knapdale Community Council
Jim Malcolm, Dunadd Community Council
Mary McCallum Sullivan, Ardrishaig Community Council
Adrian Davis, Inveraray Community Council
Betty Rhodick, Lochgilphead Community Council
Linda Syed, Furnace Community Council & Argyll TSI

1. APOLOGIES

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

Apologies for absence were intimated by:-

Councillor Robin Currie
Councillor Anne Horn
Councillor Donnie MacMillan
Councillor Dougie Philand
Councillor Sandy Taylor
David Jardine, Forestry Commission
Ben Tustin, SEPA
Jim Frame, SEPA
Mary Smyth, Craignish Community Council

Having noted that the Chair, Councillor Taylor had sent his apologies, the Vice Chair, Andy Buntin assumed the role of Chair for the duration of the meeting.

2. MINUTES

(a) Minute of the previous meeting of the Mid Argyll Partnership (MAP) held on 27 April 2016

The Minute of the previous meeting of the Mid Argyll Partnership (MAP) held on 27 April 2016 was approved as a true record.

(b) **Minute of the previous Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group held on 11 May 2016**

The Partnership agreed to note the Minute of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group held on 11 May 2016.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5. UPDATE ON CONSULTATION OF THE CRINAN CANAL CHARETTE (Pages 7 - 10)

The Partnership gave consideration to an update on the Crinan Canal Charrette, and a series of "Rethink the Link" events which were held at various locations across Mid Argyll between the 27th and the 30th of April 2016.

The Senior Planning Development Officer outlined the main issues arising from the Charrette, which included better walking and cycling connections between Lochgilphead, Ardrishaig and the canal; better signage to and from the canal and key opportunity sites where the development or redevelopment could secure improved facilities and environment.

Ms Watkiss advised that an action plan summarising the ideas generated at the events is in the process of being developed, and that moving forward, it is hoped that the momentum of the charrette is maintained by the development of a delivery group, which is to involve local community groups as well as Argyll and Bute Council and Scottish Canals. She advised that ideas generated by the charrette will feed into the potential projects to be considered for support through the Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund.

Discussion took place in respect of other funding opportunities and the inclusion of outlying villages along the canal corridor. Ms Watkiss advised that the charrette feedback exhibition panels are available to view online at <https://www.scottishcanals.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Exhibition-Panels-160623-SMALLEST.pdf>.

The Chair thanked Ms Watkiss for the information provided. Ms Watkiss left the meeting at this point.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services, dated 29 June 2016, submitted.)

6. ECONOMIC FORUM UPDATE

The Chair spoke of the Economic Forum report which had been published in February 2016 and invited Partners to make comment on areas of the report which was of particular interest to them.

Dave Kent of South Knapdale Community Council spoke of the ongoing issues with digital connectivity and enquired as to the progress of a mast sharing update. The

Chair advised that this was a slow process but that Councillor Taylor was working on this. Further discussion took place in respect of the Economic Forum activities with the Community Governance Manager agreeing to circulate the planned meeting schedule of this Committee.

Further discussion was had in relation to the availability of fibre optic in certain areas, particularly Inveraray where it is advertised as being available but is not. The Chair advised that there would be an update on this matter under Outcome 2: We have infrastructure that supports growth, at the next meeting of the MAKI Community Planning Group.

7. OUTCOME 2: WE HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SUPPORTS GROWTH

The Chair noted that there had been no submission of items for discussion under Outcome 2: We have infrastructure that supports growth, but advised that discussions under agenda item 5 (Economic Forum Update) touched on this. He also advised that there would be an update from Community Broadband Scotland at the MAKI CPG meeting on 10 August 2016.

General discussion took place in respect of implementing the Single Outcome Agreement amid Council budget restraints; the poor state of roads within the South Knapdale area and the issues faced by the Lochgilphead Armed Forces Committee in the run up to Armed Forces Day on 18 June 2016. The Community Governance Manager agreed to feedback the comments of Partners to the appropriate officers of the Council.

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

(a) Police Scotland Update

Members were given a verbal presentation by Inspector Julie McLeish, who provided a brief overview of work in the Mid Argyll area. She spoke of the positive response to the recent air weapon amnesty; the implementation of the new Chief Constable Phil Gormley; the decrease in dishonest crimes such as theft and housebreaking; the slight increase in violence; the increasing detection rates and the challenges faced by Police Scotland in relation to cybercrime, terrorism and road safety.

Inspector McLeish spoke of the "Your View Counts" consultation and advised that it was possible to take part by accessing the Police Scotland website. She also spoke of budget cuts affecting Police Scotland, and advised that they were looking at efficiency measures rather than service cuts.

Discussion was had in relation to community engagement; the possibility of holding monthly drop-in sessions at Lochgilphead Police Station; the cycling policeman who is increasing visibility in the local area; and road policing resources.

The Chair thanked Inspector McLeish for the information provided.

(b) **Scottish Fire and Rescue Update**

The Partnership gave consideration to a short presentation outlining the priorities of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. Group Manager McLean spoke of the prevention and protection activity carried out in the Mid Argyll area over the last 12 months. He highlighted a number of initiatives including home fire safety visits, bonfire strategies and road safety. He spoke of the four main stations covering the Mid Argyll area, and advised of the recruitment issues of each station. Group Manager McLean further advised of the expansion of the young firefighter scheme in the area, and outlined the life skills and responsibilities it affords young people.

Discussion took place in respect of road safety with Group Manager McLean advising road traffic collisions are a major concern in Argyll and Bute and as such funding was provided to allow for a full-time partner to work with the Road Safety Group, which identifies issues and raises awareness of road safety.

The Chair thanked Group Manager McLean for the information provided.

(c) **Street Furniture Update**

The Chair advised that the issue of street furniture was brought to his attention at the last meeting of the MAKI Community Planning Group by the Youth Forum. Mr Buntin circulated photographs of signage outside a local store in Lochgilphead which was causing an obstruction. Inspector McLeish advised that there are restrictions which apply to signage on a public footpath. Mr Buntin advised that with the possibility of improvements as a result of the Charrette it was important that the issue is addressed, and suggested that this matter be brought to a future meeting of the Partnership for further discussion.

(d) **Social Prescribing in Argyll and Bute**

The Partnership gave consideration to an update from the Project Manager of Carr Gomm, who advised that the organisation had been commissioned by NHS Highland to carry out a two year project on whether social prescribing would work in Argyll and Bute. Ms Grehan advised that Carr Gomm would be looking into whether or not communities have support networks which would support individuals presenting at their GP's with non-clinical needs. She advised that the pilot area is Mid Argyll, and outlined the steps taken so far in gathering information from providers and GP's on what is available and what information could benefit GP's, with a view to lightening their caseloads. Ms Grehan advised that the next step was to meet with Community Councils to ascertain whether they currently play a role in this support, or whether they have capacity to provide this role in the future if the relevant information was made available to them.

Discussion took place in respect of the differences between urban and country living; the difficulties of addressing patient confidentiality and joint

networking in communities.

The Chair thanked Ms Grehan for the information provided.

9. COMMUNITY

Mary McCallum Sullivan of Ardrishaig Community Council spoke of the community engagement with the Charrette process and advised that they were looking forward to good outcomes.

Jim Malcolm of Dunadd Community Council advised that as a result of the A'Cruach Windfarm development and consultations they now had a full quota of Community Council members.

Betty Rhodick advised of the forthcoming Celtic Pictish Festival set to take place on 6 August 2016. The Senior Area Committee Assistant agreed to circulate posters to all Community Council's in the area.

Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer advised that as a result of the circulation of list of potential speakers for Community Council meetings, she had received an email from David Jardine of the Forestry Commission advising that they would be willing to attend Community Council meetings in Mid Argyll on a "need to attend" basis. She advised that this would normally be in respect of the consultation on the update of the Land Management Plans for a particular forest, in relation to a particular development proposal which might affect a forest or if a particular local issue had arisen which the Forestry Commission Scotland may be involved in resolving. Ms Baird advised that she would circulate Mr Jardine's contact details.

Linda Syed of Furnace Community Council advised that the reinstatement of the shoreline at Queen Elizabeth Cottages in Furnace was now complete. She advised that local residents had celebrated by throwing a street party. Ms Syed further advised of issues faced by local residents battling Japanese Knotweed growing on Council land. She advised that she would appreciate information from anyone else who has found themselves in a similar situation. Ms Syed advised that Furnace Community Council AGM was scheduled to take place in July.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Linda Syed in her capacity as representative of Argyll TSI advised of the difficulties faced in finding a group of people to take over the running of the very successful annual Lantern Parade, which until recently had taken place on Bonfire weekend in Lochgilphead. She advised that appeals were being run in the local press to find a suitable Event Management Team to take the event forward. She advised of a presentation given to Lochgilphead Community Council by Artmap and the funding opportunities for the event. She advised that any offer of help would be greatly appreciated, and urged other Community Council's to spread the word in their communities.

11. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Community Governance Manager spoke to the terms of reference for the Partnership and advised that Councillor Taylor had intimated his intention to stand down from the post of Chair. Ms Elliott outlined the process for nomination of Chair and Vice Chair.

Linda Syed nominated Andy Buntin for the position of Chair of the Mid Argyll Partnership. This was seconded by Betty Rhodick.

Betty Rhodick nominated Linda Syed for the position of Vice Chair of the Mid Argyll Partnership. This was seconded by Andy Buntin.

With no-one being otherwise minded, this became the decision of the Partnership.

12. THEMES FOR NEXT MEETING

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

Outcome 3: Education, skills and training maximises opportunities for all; and
Outcome 4: Children and young people have the best possible start

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.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Partners agreed that the next meeting of the Partnership would take place on Wednesday 28th September 2016 at 10.00am, within Room 1, Lochgilphead Community Centre.

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

Mid Argyll Partnership

Development and Infrastructure
Services

29 June 2016

Crinan Canal Charrette Update

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides an update on the Crinan Canal Charrette – Rethink the Link – which was held on 27-30 April 2016 at various locations across Lochgilphead, Ardrishaig, Cairnbaan and Crinan. Information, including films documenting the event can be found at

<https://www.scottishcanals.co.uk/regeneration/charrettes/re-think-the-link-crinan-corridor-charrette/>.

1.2 The main issues coming out of the charrette related to:

- Better walking and cycling connections between Lochgilphead, Ardrishaig and the Canal;
- More signage to and from the Canal;
- More local events;
- Opportunities relating to enhanced marine tourism and arts and cultural facilities;
- Public realm improvements;
- Key opportunity sites where there development or redevelopment could secure improved facilities and environment.

1.3 An action plan summarising the ideas generated is being developed.

1.4 It is recommended that the Mid Argyll Partnership notes the content of this report.

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

Mid Argyll Partnership

**Development and Infrastructure
Services**

29 June 2016

Crinan Canal Charrette Update

2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 This report provides an update on the Crinan Canal Charrette which has been previously reported to the Mid Argyll Partnership. The charrette event – Rethink the Link – was held on 27-30 April 2016 at various locations across Lochgilphead, Ardrishaig, Cairnbaan and Crinan.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Mid Argyll Partnership notes the content of this report.

4.0 DETAIL

4.1 As previously reported to the Mid Argyll Partnership, Rethink the Link was a partnership event hosted by Scottish Canals and Argyll and Bute Council with a focus on maximizing the benefit of the Crinan Canal to the local area.

4.2 During the course of the four day event more than 200 participants took part in addition to the 25 children from five local primary schools and local residents who engaged with the pre-charrette activities and awareness raising. Further information, including films documenting the event can be found at <https://www.scottishcanals.co.uk/regeneration/charrettes/re-think-the-link-crinan-corridor-charrette/>.

4.3 The main issues coming out of the charrette related to:

- Better walking and cycling connections between Lochgilphead, Ardrishaig and the Canal;
- More signage to and from the Canal;
- More local events;
- Opportunities relating to enhanced marine tourism and arts and cultural facilities;
- Public realm improvements;
- Key opportunity sites where there development or redevelopment could secure improved facilities and environment.

4.4 Following the event, the charrette team consolidated the ideas generated over

the four days to produce a report outlining the event and a draft action plan. This information is to be shared with the local communities at feedback events being planned for 24/25 June 2016.

- 4.5 Moving forward we hope to maintain the momentum of the charrette by developing a delivery group to involve local community groups as well as Argyll and Bute Council and Scottish Canals. Ideas generated by the charrette will feed into the potential projects to be considered for support through the Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Crinan Canal Charrette has been successfully completed but the implementation of the action plan summarising the aspirations from the charrette will require continued support of the communities along the canal corridor as well as Scottish Canals and other partners.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy – supports Single Outcome Agreement, Economic Development Action Plan (EDAP), MAKI area EDAP and Local Development Plan objectives.
- 6.2 Financial – the Council contributed financially to the running of the charrette. Decisions on any financial support to the action plan have yet to be made.
- 6.3 Legal – none.
- 6.4 HR – staff resource supported the charrette and will be required to support the implementation of the action plan.
- 6.5 Equalities – none.
- 6.6 Risk – none.
- 6.7 Customer Service – none.

Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services
Policy Lead Councillor A Morton
13 June 2016

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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 FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN THE HOUSING MEETING ROOM, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD AND THE BURNETT BUILDING, CAMPBELTOWN on WEDNESDAY, 10 AUGUST 2016

Present: Andy Buntin, Lochgilphead Community Council (Chair)

Islay: Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager
Councillor Robin Currie
Councillor Donald MacMillan
Councillor Sandy Taylor
Petra Pearce, Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface
Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer
Alex Purdie, Scottish Fire and Rescue
Donald Ewan Darroch, Jura Community Council
Janet Waterworth, FSB and Islay Ferry Committee
Roy Bogle, Loganair
Andy Fisher, Islay Young Firefighters
Jean Knowles, Chair of Islay and Jura Transport Forum

Lochgilphead: Yvonne Angus, ACHA
Anne Paterson, Acting Head of Education
Stewart Clark, Marine Operations Manager
Moira MacVicar, Housing Services Manager
Alison Hay, Argyll Chamber of Commerce
Julie MacLeash, Police Scotland

Campbeltown: Margaret Wallace, 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:

Councillor Rory Colville

Margaret Pratt, Convenor WKCC

Mary MacCallum Sullivan, Ardrishaig Community Council

Campbell Cameron, Community Broadband Scotland

Mary Holt, Community Justice

Ruaridh MacGregor, Scottish Water

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 May 2016**

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

(b) **Mid Argyll Partnership (MAP) held on 29 June 2016**

The Group agreed to note the Minute of the Mid Argyll Partnership (MAP) meeting held on 29 June 2016.

(f) **Third Sector and Communities CPP Strategic Group held on 24 May 2016**

The Group agreed to note the Minute of the Third Sector and Communities CPP Strategic Group meeting held on 24 May 2016.

4. STANDING ITEM: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Area 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 and the responses from the Management Committee which were contained in the submitted report.

Decision

The Group noted the contents of the report.

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

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

(a) **Young Firefighters Groups**

(i) **Islay and Jura Young Firefighters**

Andy Fisher, Scottish Fire and Rescue took the Group through a report on activities undertaken by the Islay and Jura Young Firefighters, highlighting the voluntary work being undertaken by individuals, the partnership work with other agencies, as well as the benefits that the service is providing to young people on Islay and how the scheme is also beneficial to Scottish Fire and Rescue in terms of recruitment.

Decision

The Group noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Scottish Fire and Rescue dated 10 August 2016, submitted)

(ii) **Campbeltown Young Firefighters**

Alex Purdie, Scottish Fire and Rescue took the Group through a report on activities undertaken by the Campbeltown Young Firefighters, which has been running successfully since 2008. Mr Purdie acknowledged the importance of the work being undertaken by volunteers, the positive impact the scheme is having on the Campbeltown Community and gave examples of how the scheme had helped individuals to eventually gain employment within Scottish Fire and Rescue.

Decision

The Group:

1. Noted the contents of the report and;
2. Praised the work being undertaken.

(Ref: Report by Scottish Fire and Rescue dated 10 August 2016, submitted)

(b) **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Update**

Alex Purdie, Scottish Fire and Rescue 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, a detailed breakdown of Local Community Safety Engagement that had taken place across Argyll and Bute, a statistical breakdown of Home Fire Safety visits that had taken place and a breakdown of operational activity across Argyll and Bute.

It was also noted that Scottish Fire and Rescue are engaging with the Health and Social Care Partnership on their falls prevention strategy and are currently waiting for training which will take place at the end of August.

Decision

The Group noted the contents of the report.

(Ref; Report by Scottish Fire and Rescue dated 10 August 2016, submitted)

(c) **Road Safety Initiative**

The Group considered a report on the erection of road safety signs at school locations. The Area Governance Manager informed the Group that unfortunately due to the signage not being compliant with statutory legislation Argyll and Bute Council are not able to support the rollout of this initiative as the signs cannot be placed on public roads.

Councillor Currie along with other members of the Group noted disappointment at this decision as they felt the signs were very effective.

The Group held a discussion on alternative ways of implementing the signage.

Decision

The Group:

1. Noted the contents of the report,

2. Noted disappointment at the decision and;
3. Noted this item was now concluded.

(Ref: Report by Head of Roads and Amenity Services dated 10 August 2016, submitted)

(d) **Addiction Services**

A report was not provided and a representative was not present at the meeting, therefore this item was not discussed.

(e) **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 10 August 2016, submitted)

The Chair ruled and the Group agreed to take item 6. (g) Air Issues out of sequence to facilitate Roy Bogle's attendance. This item was therefore taken after item 5. (e) Community Justice Strategy Consultation.

6. (g) **Air Issues**

Roy Bogle, Logan Air provided the Group with a verbal update, the following points were noted:

- Reliability issues have improved
- The punctuality on the Islay route is currently at 70% which is an increase on last year.
- A corporate market has been introduced and the airline now offers golf days and whisky tours which are proving popular.
- Loganair offered assistance to the ferry services during their period of reduced service but it wasn't required.
- A peak morning and evening service is provided for the community.
- Planning for 2017 is currently underway and Mr Bogle asked the Group that if they were aware of any Events or Festivals taking place to let him know so that extra flights can be scheduled if required.

The Group held a discussion on the feasibility of other routes being introduced, the possibility of larger aircrafts and the possibility of increased frequency of the flights. Mr Bogle agreed to look into suggestions by the Group.

Decision

The Group noted the contents of the verbal update.

(Ref: Verbal update by Logan Air and NHS Highland dated 10 August 2016, submitted)

6. OUTCOME 2: WE HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SUPPORTS GROWTH

(a) Jura Community Business Plan

The Community Development Officer took the Group through a report which highlighted a request by the Jura Community Business to be included into the SOA local and for the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group to recognise that the project links to the Single Outcome Agreement.

Decision

The Group:

1. Noted the contents of the report
2. Agreed the recommendations at 2.0 of the submitted report and;
3. Requested that the flowchart at appendix A be amended in respect of criteria 3.3 and be brought back to a future meeting.

(Ref: Report by Community Development Officer dated 10 August 2016, submitted)

(b) Impact of Population Change on Jura

Donald Ewan Darroch on behalf of Jura Community Council took the Group through a report on the Impact of the potential population change on Jura and how the current infrastructure in place would not be suitable if there is an increase in population due to potential new jobs coming into the area.

Decision

The Group

1. Noted the contents of the report and;
2. Agreed to set up a working group to look at what changes to the current infrastructure would be required in order for Jura to be able to accommodate an increase in population.

(Ref: Report by Jura Community Council dated 10 August 2016, submitted)

(c) Community Broadband Scotland

The Group considered an update report on the Superfast Broadband rollout activities that are due to be completed by 2020 or before.

Decision

The Group:

1. Noted the contents of the report AND;
2. Noted disappointed at the lack of progress in implementing superfast broadband in the Islay and Jura area.

(Ref: Report by Community Broadband Scotland Representative dated 10 August 2016, submitted)

(d) **ACHA**

The Group considered a report which provided an Annual update on Argyll Community Housing Association for the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Area.

The Group held a discussion regarding West Highland housing association choosing to build in Jura and ACHA choosing not too as well as discussing new builds in Islay that are not on a bus route and plans to build houses on a site that does not have a public footpath into the village.

Decision

The Group noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by ACHA dated 10 August 2016, submitted)

(e) **Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2016**

The Housing Services Manager took the Group through a report on the Argyll and Bute Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2015-2020 for the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area for the last five years as well as the current project on site and the proposals for future development over the next four years with an indication of available sources.

The Group held a discussion regarding clarification over the number of proposed houses to be built on Jura. The Housing Services Manager clarified that six houses would be built.

Decision

The Group:

1. Noted the contents of the report and;
2. Noted and welcomed the significant investment that is being put into housing.

(Ref: Report by Housing Services Manager dated 10 August 2016, submitted)

(f) **Scottish Water Update**

The Group considered a report submitted by Scottish Water which provided a breakdown of current activities being undertaken by Scottish Water in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Area.

Decision

The Group noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Scottish Water dated 10 August 2016, submitted)

(h) **Ferry Service issues**

The Group considered a report by Caledonian MacBrayne that provided responses to queries raised by members of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Community Planning Group.

The Group noted disappointment at the lack of Caledonian MacBrayne representation at the meeting.

The Group held a discussion in relation to several issues raised regarding Caledonian MacBraynes ferry services in Islay and Jura which included, the unsuitability of the gangways for people with mobility issues and the reliability issues the service face as well as the contingency plans that have and/or haven't been put in place.

Decision

The Group

1. Noted the contents of the report and;
2. Requested that a representative of Caledonian MacBrayne and Transport Scotland be invited to the November CPG meeting.

(Ref: Report by Caledonian MacBrayne dated 10 August 2016, submitted)

(i) Pier Infrastructure

The Marine Operations Manager took the Group through a report which provided an update on Argyll and Bute Councils Piers and Harbours Asset Management Plan.

It was noted that an Elected Members workshop on Piers and Harbours would be held in September.

The Group held a discussion with particular emphasis on future plans for the piers in Islay and Jura and it was noted that Argyll and Bute Council at present have no plans to transfer assets to community groups and will be looking at suitability of the current infrastructure in place.

The Marine Operations Manager informed the Group that discussions with Transport Scotland are ongoing with regard to the ferry review.

Decision

The Group noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Marine Operations Manager dated 10 August 2016, submitted)

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

(a) Argyll and Bute's Children - Operational Plan

The Acting Head of Education took the Group through a report which provided an update on the approach to the delivery of Argyll and Bute's Children in order to support the Integration of Health and Social Care in Argyll and Bute.

Decision

The Group

1. Noted the contents of the report and;

2. Agreed for this item to be brought back for discussion at the November CPG meeting where outcome 4 is a designated outcome at the meeting.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director Community Services dated 10 August 2016, submitted)

8. REVIEW OF SOA DELIVERY PLANS

The Area 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.

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

9. WAYS TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION

The Area 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 and;
2. Agreed the recommendations at 2.1 of the submitted report.

(Ref: Report by Community Governance Manager dated 10 August 2016, submitted)

10. PARTNERS COMMUNICATION

No partner updates were intimated.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2016, AT 10AM IN THE BURNETT BUILDING CAMPBELTOWN

The Group noted that 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.

Councillor Sandy Taylor thanked the chair for a productive meeting and Councillor Robin Currie expressed that he felt the meeting had been very productive and useful.

A special thank you was noted to Sharon McHarrie not only for her assistance at the meeting but also for her hard work throughout her length of service with the Council and the Group expressed best wishes to Sharon in her new job.

Appreciation was also noted to the staff in Islay Service Point for giving up their broadband width allowance in order for the meeting to link electronically to sites in Lochgilphead and Campbeltown.

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