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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

A meeting of the **MID ARGYLL PARTNERSHIP** will be held in the **COMMITTEE ROOM 1, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD** on **TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2016** at **11:00 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry  
Executive Director of Customer Services

**BUSINESS**

**1. APOLOGIES**

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**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

## **Mid Argyll Partnership**

Andy Buntin (Chair)

Lynda Syed (Vice Chair)

Lorna Elliott, Community Governance Manager

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**MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL PARTNERSHIP held in the ROOM 1 OF THE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE, MANSE BRAE, LOCHGILPHEAD  
on WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**Present:** Andy Buntin, Lochgilphead Community Council (Chair)  
Lorna Elliott, Community Governance Manager, Argyll and Bute Council  
Councillor Dougie Philand  
Group Manager Andrew MacClure, Scottish Fire and Rescue  
Dave Kent, South Knapdale Community Council  
Jim Malcolm, Dunadd Community Council  
Mary McCallum Sullivan, Ardrishaig Community Council  
Betty Rhodick, Lochgilphead Community Council  
Helen Rhodick, Lochgilphead Community Council  
Fred Bruce, West Lochfyne Community Council

**1. APOLOGIES**

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

Apologies for absence were intimated by:-

Councillor Robin Currie  
Councillor Anne Horn  
Councillor Donald MacMillan  
Councillor Sandy Taylor  
Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council  
Inspector Julie McLeish, Police Scotland  
Lynda Syed, Argyll TSI  
David Jardine, Forestry Commission  
Ben Tustin, SEPA  
Jim Frame, SEPA  
Mary Smyth, Craignish Community Council

**2. MINUTES**

**(a) Minute of the previous meeting of the Mid Argyll Partnership (MAP)  
held on 29 June 2016**

The Minute of the previous meeting of the Mid Argyll Partnership (MAP)  
held on 29 June 2016 was approved as a true record.

**(b) Minute of the previous Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands  
Community Planning Group held on 10 August 2016**

The Partnership agreed to note the Minute of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and  
the Islands Community Planning Group held on 10 August 2016.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

The Community Governance Manager advised that she had provided feedback to the relevant Council Departments in relation to the comments of Partners at the previous meeting.

Discussion took place in respect of the “Your View Counts” consultation by Police Scotland, with Partners expressing concern that as the consultation is set at a National level it bears no resemblance to what goes on locally. Further discussion took place in relation to local budget constraints and staffing issues which were posing problems within local communities. The Chair agreed to raise these matters with Inspector McLeish and also to look into the progress of the implementation of the monthly drop-in sessions at Lochgilphead Police Station.

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

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

The Partnership gave consideration to a report providing an update on Argyll and Bute Council’s progress in recruiting modern apprentices to date. Members noted that the Council has identified opportunities for young people as a key contributory factor in achieving their mission to make Argyll and Bute a place people choose to live, learn, work and do business, with a commitment to create opportunities for 60 modern apprentices by March 2020. Members noted the rebranding of the Growing Our Own scheme and the work that will be undertaken to achieve Investor in Young People accreditation.

The Community Governance Manager agreed to ascertain the position in relation to apprenticeships in the Health and Social Care sector within the Council; the provision for tourism apprenticeship schemes and the progress of the Reserve and Cadets base in Lochgilphead.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Customer Services, dated 28 September 2016, submitted.)

**(b) Update by Argyll College**

Partners expressed disappointment at the lack of attendance and information provided by Argyll College. Following discussion, they requested that Argyll College be invited to the next meeting of the Partnership to facilitate discussion on the demand and supply of courses available within the Mid Argyll area. Partners were also keen that a representative from the Council’s Education Department; a Careers Officer; local businesses who provide apprentice opportunities and the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) be invited with a view to coordinating the demand for courses together with real career prospects in the local area. The Community Governance Manager agreed to take this forward.

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

The Chair noted that there had been no submission of items for discussion under Outcome 4: Children and young people have the best possible start and advised that the MAKI CPG meeting on 9 November 2016 will be looking at Outcomes 3 and 4. The group noted that all MAP partners were also members of the MAKI Area CPG which feeds directly into the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee and that when meetings were not being held at a location in the Mid Argyll Area, Video Conferencing from a location in Lochgilphead was always provided to facilitate attendance. The agenda will include an update from Police Scotland in relation to the CONTEST strategy and an Education Quality and Standards Report and all partners were encouraged to attend the meeting to take part in the discussion.

A discussion then took place on the relevance of the Mid Argyll Partnership (MAP) discussing strategic matters which were also covered at Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group meetings. Members also discussed the fact that they were volunteers who needed to carefully target their activities in order to represent their communities effectively and that it was important to take stock of the best way to do this and to consider new ways of working. It was noted that the Kintyre Initiative Working Group had already merged with the MAKI Area CPG. Members also were very interested to hear of the Community Council Caucus arrangements in Bute and Cowal and asked for more information on this initiative with a view to moving to this way of working.

The Community Governance Manager gave an undertaking to provide a report on practicalities of combining the Partnership and the Community Planning Group and setting up a caucus of Community Councils, similar to that in the Bute and Cowal area for the next meeting.

**6. COMMUNITY**

Andy Buntin of Lochgilphead Community Council provided an update in relation to the playpark on the front green, which is being progressed as part of the Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund. He also advised that following the success of the Celtic Pictish Festival earlier in the year, plans were being put in place to host this again next year together with the Viking Festival, which will take place on the front green.

Betty Rhodick of Lochgilphead Community Council advised that Armed Forces Day 2017 had provisionally set for 17 June with the commemoration of the Aiden Conflict being the theme. Discussion was had in relation to the Council's insurance policy and the Community Governance Manager confirmed that she would ask the Council's Area Governance Officer to contact Mrs Rhodick to discuss the matter further.

Helen Rhodick, also of Lochgilphead Community Council enquired about the preparations for Remembrance Sunday. The Senior Area Committee Assistant advised that this was being led by the Council's Members Services Officer.

Group Manager Andrew MacClure of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service spoke of the recent prevention and protection activity carried out in the Mid Argyll area and circulated information relative to the Home Safety Visit initiative. Group Manager MacClure advised that the young firefighter scheme was continuing in both the Campbeltown and Islay areas. He also advised of the issues of recruiting and retaining staff at retained stations in Lochgilphead, Inveraray and Tarbert. He outlined the incentives being put in place to ensure that stations remain adequately staffed. Discussion surrounding fire hydrants took place with Group Manager MacClure agreeing to look into issues in the West Lochfyne area.

Councillor Philand took the opportunity to thank Partners for taking the time to complete the recent consultation from the Boundary Commission. He expressed his delight that there would be no changes to the boundaries within the Argyll and Bute. Councillor Philand gave further information in relation to recent meetings of the A83 Taskforce, with the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful still being high on the list of priorities for the Taskforce. He outlined ongoing road works at various points on the A83 and the imminent roadworks at Strone Point, Inveraray. Councillor Philand further advised of the changes ahead as the Integrated Joint Board were to make significant savings, which would result in the redesign of various services. He also advised of the Government's Mental Health Strategy Consultation and advised that the idea of early intervention was being endorsed by the Board. Councillor Philand advised that a specific Government Minister for mental health had been appointed.

Jim Malcolm of Dunadd Community Council spoke of the most recent meeting which 40 members of the community attended to discuss Kilmartin House museum. He advised that they were now looking at how the Community Council can assist tourism in the Dunadd area.

Fred Bruce of West Lochfyne Community Council spoke of the various projects which included the installation of cycle paths and walkways; the benefits of being well represented on the local Health Forum and the changes within the area which included the sale of the local shop in Minard. Mr Bruce spoke of the falling school roll and the concern of the community that this may make the closure of the school a possibility.

Dave Kent of South Knapdale Community Council advised of a recent meeting with the local MP in relation to the ongoing issues by the lack of connectivity. He advised that progress on this matter was still slow; however a further meeting was scheduled with the MP in October.

Mary McCallum Sullivan of Ardrishaig Community Council advised of the village meeting which had been arranged for 4 October 2016, with various organisations, such as Argyll and Bute Council and Scottish Canals attending. She outlined the purpose of this meeting and advised that progress in relation to the charrette was going well.

### **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business for discussion.

### **8. THEMES FOR NEXT MEETING**

Following discussion Partners agreed that further discussion was required in relation to Outcomes 3 (Education, skills and training maximises opportunities for all) and the need to review ongoing work should be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

### **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Partners agreed that the next meeting of the Partnership would take place on Wednesday 14 December 2016 at 10.00am. Venue to be confirmed.

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**MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY  
PLANNING GROUP held in the BURNETT BUILDING, CAMPBELTOWN WITH VC  
FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN THE HOUSING MEETING ROOM, KILMORY LOCHGILPHEAD  
AND THE CUSTOMER SERVICE POINT, BOWMORE, ISLE OF ISLAY  
on WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2016**

**Present:**

- Campbeltown:** Andy Buntin, Lochgilphead Community Council (Chair)  
Lorna Elliott, Community Governance Manager, Argyll and Bute Council  
Councillor Rory Colville  
Councillor Donald MacMillan  
Councillor Sandy Taylor  
Councillor Anne Horn  
Superintendent Gail McClymont, Police Scotland  
Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie, Police Scotland  
Tim Smith, Highlands and Islands Airport Ltd  
Niall Colthart, Highlands and Islands Airport Ltd  
John Lamont, Highlands and Islands Airport Ltd  
Douglas Ellis, Transport Scotland  
Paul MacAskill, Transport Scotland  
Peter Lundie, Calmac  
David Cannon, Calmac  
Margaret Wallace, Argyll Third Sector Interface  
Brian Reid, Locality Manager, Health & Social Care Partnership
- Lochgilphead:** Councillor Robin Currie  
Group Manager Andy McClure, Scottish Fire and Rescue  
Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council  
Alan Murray, Royal Voluntary Service  
Sarah Murray, Royal Voluntary Service
- Islay:** Jim Porteous, Islay Community Council  
Glenmore Roberts, Islay Community Council  
Garry MacLean, Islay Community Council  
Lloyd Wells, Locality Manager, Health & Social Care Partnership

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

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

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of:-

Samantha Somers, Argyll and Bute Council  
Jeannie Holles, Argyll and Bute Council  
Roy Bogle, Logan Air  
Kelly Coats, Home-start Majik  
Dee James, Home-start Majik  
Alison Hay, Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce  
Campbell Cameron, Community Broadband Scotland  
John Dreghorn, NHS  
Mary MacCallum Sullivan, Ardrishaig Community Council  
Betty Rhodick, Lochgilphead Community Council

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**3. MINUTE OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP HELD ON 10 AUGUST 2016**

The minute of the meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group, held on 10 August 2016 was approved as a true record.

Matters Arising:-

Further to previous discussions on potential developments or improvements to the Air Discount Service (ADS) particularly in respect of NHS patients, the Community Governance Manager read out a section of a minute from the Islands Transport Forum meeting on 29 September 2016, where this item was discussed in more detail. Members of the group noted that any further discussion on the issue would need to take place after the release of the Autumn Statement in November and the draft Scottish budget in December.

In relation to ferry service issues and specifically the issue of customers with mobility problems, Peter Lundie of Calmac advised the group of the development of a Disability Assistance Course being run in-house by Calmac, to upskill customer facing staff. Mr Lundie advised that the course consisted of both a theory and practical element and outlined the legislation behind it. He further advised that the feedback received from both customers and staff had been positive, and that going forward they hoped to use statistics currently being collated to taper the course to meet the specific needs of their customers.

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

**(a) Community Planning Partnership Management Committee Update**

The group gave consideration to a briefing note, outlining the consideration of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) to issues raised by Area CPG's at their meetings in August 2016; the Alcohol and Drug Partnership's Annual Report for 2015-16; updates to progress on the delivery of actions contained within the delivery plans for Outcomes 2 and 6 and a focus group session on the review of the Joint Health Improvement Plan (JHIP). The group noted that the CPP had recently signed up to the Care Leaver's Covenant and that invites had been extended to all four Area CPG Chairs to attend future CPP Management Group meeting to discuss items of a localised nature.

**Decision:**

The group agreed to note the contents of the report.

(Ref: Briefing Note by Community Planning Manager, dated 9 November 2016, submitted.)

(b) **Local Partnership Plans: Locality Planning**

The group gave consideration to a briefing note from the Management Committee providing information on recent developments relating to the community planning element of the Community Empowerment Act and the development of locality plans.

Discussion took place in respect of how this will affect the work of the Community Planning Groups, specifically in relation to the development of Locality Planning. The group also noted that Argyll and Bute Council would soon be engaging with communities to help prepare the Local Development Plan and noted that this was a further opportunity for partnership working.

The Community Governance Manager explained “new tools” – a Place Standard tool and a Community Planning Outcome Profile tool - had been developed and could be used to assist with the locality planning process.

**Decision:**

The group agreed:

1. that the next meeting of the MAKI Community Planning Group in February 2017, will focus on Locality Planning;

(Ref: Briefing Note by Community Planning Manager, dated 9 November 2016, submitted.)

**5. WORKING GROUP UPDATE - IMPACT ON POPULATION CHANGE ON JURA**

The group gave consideration to a briefing note and a verbal update by the Community Governance Manager on the findings of a workshop which was instigated by the MAKI CPG following discussion on the anticipated population increase on the island of Jura, at its meeting on 10 August 2016.

Information from the workshop held on the 6<sup>th</sup> in respect of the new job opportunities, which are due to come on stream during 2017 and the potential impact on public services such as transport; education; health provision; amenity services, housing provision and broadband, were intimated to the group, with Partners noting that these issues had been highlighted to both the CPP Management Committee and the relevant service providers.

A follow up workshop, attended by several of the Area CPG members present, was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November and the Community Governance Manager gave a verbal update on the main issues that were being taken forward by the appropriate service provider namely housing; the capacity of the Scottish Water network on the island; the capacity of the ferry between Jura and Islay and matters relating to Islay Airport.

Tim Smith of HIAL gave a brief overview of HIAL operations, and advised that they currently operate around a schedule provided by the preferred service operator (PSO) Logan Air. Mr Smith provided some technical information in relation to the capacity and strength of the runway and apron at Islay airport, together with parking arrangements for aircrafts and the restrictions faced depending on the size of aircraft. He further advised that HIAL are currently working with Logan Air to try to improve the service from Glasgow to Islay.

Discussion took place in respect of the attendance of Calmac at Future CPG meetings and the duplication of work when they already attend Ferry User Group meetings throughout Argyll and Bute. David Cannon of Calmac advised that through his attendance at the Islay Ferry User Group he was already in discussions with Islay Ferry Committee to discuss the wider capacity issues relating to ferry services within the area.

Area CPG Members took the view that it was important that Calmac should continue to be involved with the CPGs to maintain links with the overall delivery of the SOA and it was suggested that purely operational matters relating to service delivery should be signposted to the relevant Ferry Users Group while matters of a more strategic nature should be considered by the Area CPG. . Mr Cannon advised that he would feedback the thoughts of the meeting to both CALMac and the Ferry User Groups to further discuss the linkages between them and the Area CPGs.

### **Decision:**

The group agreed to note the contents of the briefing note; the verbal update and the clarification on the role of both Calmac and Transport Scotland.

(Ref: Briefing Note by the Community Governance Manager, dated 9 November 2016, submitted.)

## **6. COMMUNITY SAFETY**

### **(a) Strategic Community Safety Tasking & Coordinating Partnership**

The group gave consideration to a briefing note outlining the purpose of the Strategic Community Safety Co-ordinating and Tasking Partnership (SCSCTP) and the role they have in the delivery of Outcome 6: People live in safer and stronger communities and in providing strategic guidance on community safety matters to the CPP Management Committee.

Partners noted that community safety matters raised at Area CPG meetings by members would be forwarded to the SCSCTP for consideration.

Additional information on the partnership was also provided by the Partnership's Chair Chief Inspector Baillie

### **Decision:**

The group agreed:

1. to note the contents of the briefing note; and
2. to assist with the cascading of seasonal community safety information through their social media and other communication channels.

(Ref: Briefing Note by Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie, Chair of the Strategic Community Safety Tasking and Coordinating Partnership, dated 9 November 2016, submitted.)

Councillor Currie enquired about the recent BBC news story in relation to the number of possible Police Scotland office closures and the effect this will have on local policing.

Chief Inspector Baillie advised that there had been an ongoing review of police estates since the force merged to become Police Scotland. She advised that the current assessment of the police estate locally, confirmed that many of the buildings no longer met current operational requirements and were too big, wrongly located or unsuitable for adaptation to deliver modern working practices. She advised that there were some premises within the area that they would want to retain, such as Campbeltown police office, but it's clear that some buildings are not being used to their maximum potential or are not necessarily fit for purpose to support the delivery of modern policing services. She advised that Police Scotland were currently consulting with partners and local communities on a range of opportunities available for areas such as Lochgilphead and Oban, which could include relocation or shared premises to support the delivery of joined-up services to communities. Chief Inspector Baillie further advised that the review identified offices that could be considered for disposal, as demand for services did not support the need, such as with the premises in Taynuilt and Inveraray which are currently unoccupied. She advised that Dalmally Police office will remain open with the ability to support a response to incidents and the officer at Dalmally will also perform the Police Community Liaison link with the Taynuilt Community Council and other community groups. Chief Inspector Baillie advised that they were currently in the process of finalising plans for a similar Community Liaison model for Inveraray. There were also on-going discussions with partners such as Scottish Fire and Rescue Services to support having a police presence in its building, which would allow Police Scotland to continue with a visible police presence within the Carradale community and support the delivery of effective response and community policing in the area.

Superintendent Gail McClymont stressed that the reduction of officer numbers is completely separate from the number of offices/estates.

Tim Smith of HIAL advised that similar co-working opportunities were being investigated with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, supported by the Scottish Government for the best utilisation of provisions.

The Chair, thanked Chief Inspector Baillie; Superintendent McClymont

and Mr Smith for the information provided.

(b) **Police Scotland: Your view counts survey**

The group gave consideration to an update in relation to the online survey - "Your view counts". Superintendent McClymont advised that the survey, which can be found at [www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts](http://www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts) has been designed to allow communities to tell the Police what's important to them, at a time that's convenient to them, as its open all year round, around the clock. Superintendent McClymont advised that this new process is about accessibility and flexibility and that Police Scotland are continuing to meet directly with different communities across the country throughout the year, to ensure that everyone can have their say, whether they can access a computer or not.

Superintendent McClymont advised that she would forward a hard copy of the survey to the Community Governance Manager for circulation to the wider Community Planning Group.

**Decision:**

The group agreed to note the contents of the update.

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

(a) **CLD Partnership Plan**

The group gave consideration to a briefing note which outlined the progress of the Community Learning and Development (CLD) Strategic Partnership in responding to the Scottish Government's Strategic Guidance for Community Planning Groups (2012) and the possibility that the Community Planning Outcome Profile Tool be used to collate learning needs from communities and vulnerable groupings. Discussion took place in respect of the geographical area and the difficulties faced by some in travelling to and from central Mid Argyll for training opportunities. The Community Governance Manager agreed to feedback the comments of the group to the Adult Learning Manager.

**Decision:**

The group agreed:

that a section on learning needs be included in the Locality Plan, which is to be discussed at the next meeting of the MAKI Community Planning Group in February 2017 in conjunction with the Community Planning Outcome Profile tool.

(Ref: Briefing Note by Community Learning Manager, dated 9 November

2016, submitted.)

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

**(a) CONTEST Strategy - Preventing the radicalisation of children online**

The group gave consideration to an update outlining the UK Government's counter-terrorism strategy (CONEST), the aim of which is to reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence. Superintendent Gail McClymont advised of the four main work streams of the strategy, Prevent, Prepare, Protect and Pursue, and advised that the Prevent stream is a safeguarding strategy aimed at reducing the number of children and vulnerable persons who may become a target of extremists. She advised that the implementation of the Counter-terrorism and Security Act placed a duty on a number of agencies, including the local authority, police, education and health authorities to work together to prevent radicalisation. Superintendent McClymont further advised that not all terrorism is Islamic based and advised that in this part of the county Sectarianism is a bigger worry. Superintendent McClymont advised that she would be happy to arrange for training to be provided should any partners require this.

**Decision:**

The group agreed to note the contents of the update and that there were currently no known cases or incidents of radicalisation in this area.

**9. PARTNERS COMMUNICATION**

**(a) Ferry Service Disruptions**

The Chair advised that this item had been discussed under item 5 (Working Group Update – Impact on population change on Jura).

**(b) Camper Van facilities on Islay**

The group gave consideration to a briefing note outlining a number of issues raised by Islay Community Council, particularly in relation to the increase in the number of camper vans/mobile homes visiting the island and issues relating to the level of facilities provided for the vehicles.

Discussion took place in respect of the lack of grey water/chemical waste facilities; litter bins; car parking areas - particularly during Feis week; the possibility of increasing the information provided to camper van/mobile home areas and the similar issues faced on other islands within Argyll and Bute and how they deal with them. Partners noted that the issue also affected mainland communities, particularly those serviced by single track roads. There was also discussion on the wider economic benefit and

Councillor Currie intimated that he sat on the Board of Directors of a community owned campsite and gave information on this. There was also discussion of the responsibilities of various partners and it was noted that several if the issues fell under the remit of Argyll and Bute Council. Councillor Robin Currie agreed to arrange a meeting between the appropriate Council officer and Islay Community Council to facilitate discussions in this regard.

### **Decision:**

The group agreed that the issues raised by Islay Community Council be fed back to the CPP Management Committee for consideration.

(Ref: Briefing Note by Islay Community Council, dated 9 November 2016, submitted.)

The Chair invited updates from other Partners in attendance at the meeting.

The Community Development Officer advised that South Kintyre Development Trust were in the process of updating their community action plan. She advised that due to time constraints it hadn't been possible to consult with partners but that an early draft plan would be circulated in due course giving an opportunity for partners to feed in and also to promote partnership working.

Group Manager Andy McClure of Scottish Fire and Rescue spoke of partnership working and the emphasised the ongoing training programme in respect of CPR which is being delivered by the Fire Service in conjunction with the British Heart Foundation in local communities. He advised of two incidents in the area where the Fire Service had provided support to casualties with chest pains while awaiting the ambulance crew. Group Manager McClure advised that he had prepared a short update outlining Quarter 2 statistics, which the Senior Area Committee Assistant would circulate to the group by email following the meeting.

Margaret Wallace of Argyll Third Sector Interface highlighted the plight of the Kintyre Youth Café. She advised that they had recently been served a notice to quit their premises by the end of December. She advised that although they had sourced new premises these would not be ready until April 2017. Group Manager McClure advised that the community fire station may be able to assist. He advised that he would furnish Ms Wallace with the contact details of Ronnie Soudan to put in place the necessary arrangements.

Brian Reid of the Health and Social Care Partnership advised that the pulling together of locality plans was now in the final stages, he advised that he would be happy to share these plans with community planning partners. The Community Governance Manager advised that she would be happy to circulate these to the group once they became available.

- 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2017 WITHIN LORN ROOM 2, ARGYLL AND BUTE HOSPITAL, LOCHGILPHEAD**



The group noted that the focus of the next meeting, which was scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 8 February 2017 at 10.00am within Lorn Room 2, Argyll and Bute Hospital, Lochgilphead with VC facilities available in the Training Room, Campbeltown Hospital and the Audiology Department, Islay Hospital would be on Locality Planning, with the inclusion of the learning needs of the community.

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# ARGYLL COLLEGE UHI

FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS

# Introduction to Argyll College UHI

- Argyll College first started in 1999 and has been growing ever since.
- Now the college consists of 10 centres throughout Argyll and the Islands and is also one of the 13 partners that make up the University of the Highlands and Islands.
- Students can study right through from S3 level to a full degree and Postgraduate level.

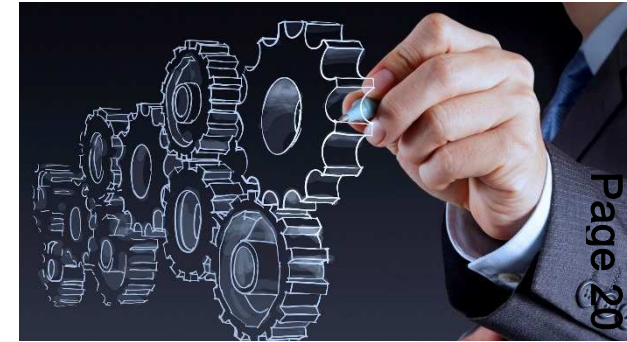
# What is a Foundation Apprenticeship?

- Foundation Apprenticeships take two years to complete and provide work-based learning opportunities for secondary school pupils in S5 and S6.
- Young people spend time out of school at college or with a local employer, and complete the Foundation Apprenticeship alongside their other subjects like National 5s and Highers.
- For young people it's the chance to get a head start on their career by gaining an industry-recognised qualification, work on real projects and broaden their career options when they leave school.



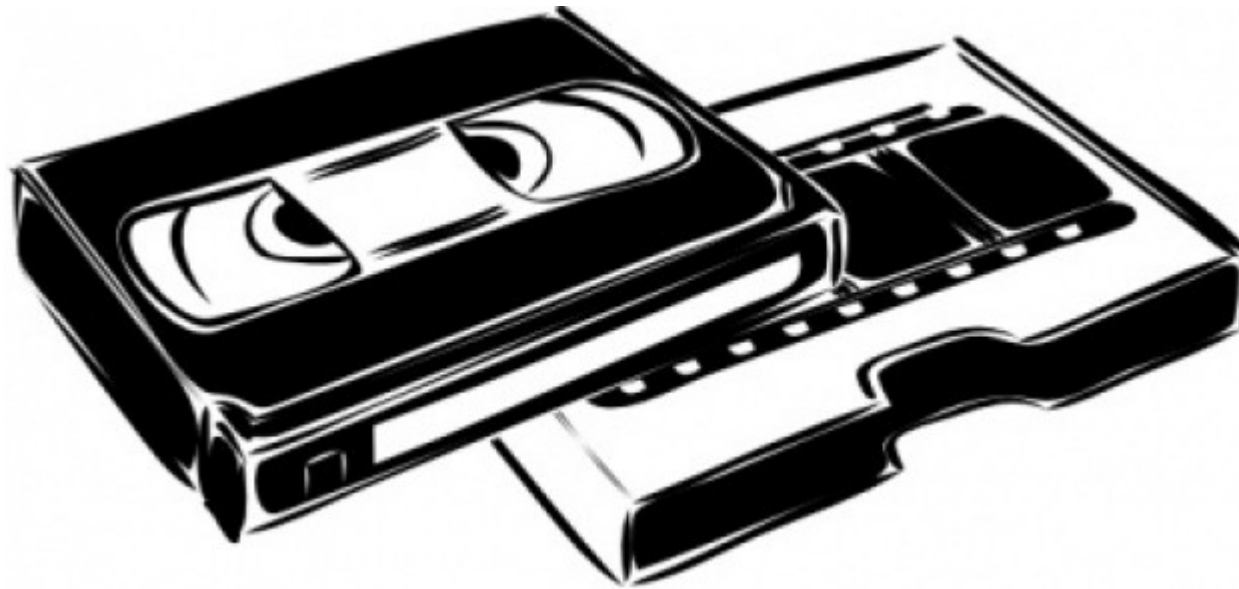
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# Engineering

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- You can go onto a modern apprenticeship afterwards or you might want to go on to study for an HNC, HND or degree in one of the following areas: • renewable energy • machine design and maintenance, testing and measurement • electronics • high voltage power systems • electrical installation design • information technology



# Business Skills

- Compared to the rest of the Highlands and Islands, Argyll has a higher proportion of managers, directors and senior officials in employment and a higher instance of self-employment. In recent years employment in the Business and Financial Sector in Argyll has increased by 7%. You'll do a work placement as part of the apprenticeship.
- You could consider a career in one of the following areas: • Customer Service • Business Analyst • Telemarketer • Customer Advisor • Human Resources • Project Manager • Procurement Manager • Marketing

# Health & Social Care

- There are about 200,000 social service workers in Scotland today working across the industry and working with a range of different service users. Since 2008 there has been a steady increase in the number of people working in the social services sector (5.3%) and this workforce now makes up 7.7% of Scottish employment. This includes people working in social work, social care and early years.
- You could consider a career in one of the following areas: • Healthcare support worker • Support roles in social care or health related fields • Personal assistant in care home • Related health and social care jobs in local authorities, private sector and charities

# Digital Skills

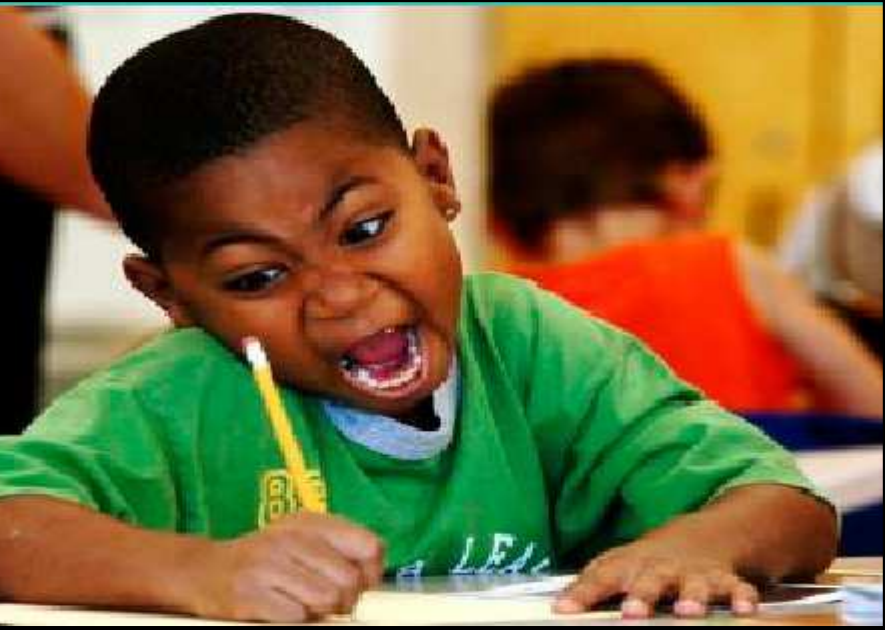
- There are more than 73,000 ICT and digital technology professionals working directly in IT and in digital technology roles in businesses across Scotland. IT and digital technologies are seen as an enabler for business growth, exciting opportunities can be found in sectors such as; Financial Services, Life Sciences and Health and Creative and Cultural industries.
- You might want to go on to study for an HNC, HND or degree in one of the following areas: • Web Development • Software Development • Technical Support

# What do I need to do?

- You should be entering S5 with a strong desire to pursue a career in one of these industries.
- Ideally you should have achieved three National 5 qualifications by the start of the programme, including Maths and English.
- We will expect you to have an excellent school attendance record and a reference from your school.
- You will need to be ready to work at SCQF level 6.

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**Proposed New Way of Working**

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**1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide information on the current working arrangements Community Councils have in place in other areas with regards to linking into Area Community Planning Groups and to recommend new ways of working which would facilitate participation with key strategic partnerships within the area such as Area Community Planning Groups (ACPGs) while taking into account the fact that community councillors are volunteers with a variety of demands on their time

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 Members are requested to consider the contents of the report and to adopt the new way of working outlined in section 5.1

**3. Background**

3.1 The Mid Argyll Partnership has provided a forum for networking and collective working over the years since the Group was first established.

3.2 The Partnership has regularly reviewed its way of working to take into account of changing external environments and, at the meeting held on 28 September 2016, the Group discussed whether there were more appropriate ways of working given the increasing number of requests for community councils to link into a variety of strategic partnerships in the area

3.3 Members invited officers to put together a report which made suggestions for new ways of working which would facilitate participation with key strategic partnerships within the area such as Area Community Planning Groups (ACPGs) while taking into account the fact that community councillors are volunteers with a variety of demands on their time.

3.4 Whatever the Group decide, it should be pointed out that in terms of the local government budget settlement, there are 20% savings to

be taken from the Governance and Law Service from next year's budget and as a result of this, the service will unlikely be in a position to have staff resources available going forward to support partnership groups to existing levels. This should be taken into consideration by the Group when determining any future arrangements.

#### 4. Detail

4.1 All Community Councils are members of their Area Community Planning Groups in their own right.

4.2 Information on the current working arrangements Community Councils have in place in other areas with regards to linking into Area Community Planning Groups is detailed below:

**Bute & Cowal** – A Community Council Caucus formed to allow all 12 Community Councils opportunities to network and to consider whether collectively they wish to propose items to feature on the ACPG agenda. The Caucus also agrees which community councillors will attend the ACPG and other partnership meetings and provide feedback to the other CCs afterwards.

The Council provides a meeting venue in Dunoon and in Bute and facilitates the VC connection between the 2 venues. The Caucus appoint their own Convener and Secretary and the latter prepares the minutes, sets the meeting schedule and provides detail of the meetings to the Council. The Council then books the venues and VC facility. No other administrative support is provided by the Council.

When considering what items to put forward, consideration is also given to whether the Caucus has any suggestions for how things may be resolved/taken forward. From time to time, officers receive an invitation to attend the Caucus meeting but the group is largely self-sufficient.

**Helensburgh & Lomond** – Individual Community Councils link directly to the local ACPG and other strategic partnerships within the Helensburgh & Lomond area.

**Oban, Lorn & the Isles** – As above although there has been some discussion about establishing a Community Council Caucus as there are a number of matters which are ongoing and affect a number of community councils. The Council is not involved in progressing this and has not been asked to provide any support the proposed Caucus.



## 5. Conclusions and Next Steps

5.1 A Caucus style approach to networking and collective working would work well for the Mid Argyll Partnership and is a return to the original purpose of the group. Being run by the members, it would provide an independent informal forum where discussion about items of common interest and collective action could be taken on an ad hoc basis as required by the matter in hand.

5.2 Community Councils would be able to attend the MAKI Area CPG on an individual basis should they wish to do so as well as providing input via the Caucus. This would enable direct input into local community planning matters and associated strategic discussions.

5.3 The Community Council Liaison Officer would be able to provide support and guidance during the transition between the current arrangements and a Caucus style arrangement and the Council would be able provide admin support to facilitate the initial meeting.

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