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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 **WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH 2017** 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 13 December 2016 (Pages 1 - 4)
- (b) Minute of the previous meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group held on 8 February 2017 (Pages 5 - 8)

3. MATTERS ARISING

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Verbal update by Community Governance Manager, Argyll and Bute Council

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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 COMMITTEE ROOM 1,
KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2016**

Present: Andy Buntin, Lochgilphead Community Council (Chair)
Lorna Elliott, Community Governance Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Anne Horn
Councillor Donald MacMillan
Councillor Dougie Philand
Councillor Sandy Taylor
Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Inspector Julie McLeish, Police Scotland
Sgt Iain MacNicoll, Police Scotland
Jackie McPherson, Argyll College
Fiona McAlpine, Argyll College
Fred Bruce, West Lochfyne Community Council
Jim Malcolm, Dunadd Community Council
Betty Rhodick, Lochgilphead Community Council
Helen Rhodick, Lochgilphead Community Council
Mary Smyth, Craignish Community Council
Lynda Syed, Furnace Community Council and Argyll Third Sector Interface

1. APOLOGIES

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

Apologies for absence were intimated by:-

Jim Frame, SEPA
Ben Tustin, SEPA
David Jardine, Forestry Commission
Jennifer Nicol, HIE
Mary McCallum Sullivan, Ardrishaig Community Council
Dave Kent, South Knapdale Community Council

2. MINUTES

(a) Minute of the previous meeting of the Mid Argyll Partnership (MAP) held on 28 September 2016

The Minute of the previous meeting of the Mid Argyll Partnership (MAP) held on 28 September 2016 was approved as a true record.

(b) Minute of the previous Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group held on 9 November 2016

The Partnership agreed to note the Minute of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group held on 9 November 2016.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Betty Rhodick of Lochgilphead Community Council advised that date of the Armed Forces Day 2017, had been changed to 10 June 2017.

The Chair updated the group in relation to his discussions with Police Scotland in relation to the "Your View Counts" consultation; the Rural Watch initiative and the drop in surgeries, the trial of which had been very successful.

4. MODERN APPRENTICE OPPORTUNITIES

(a) Argyll College and UHI

The group gave consideration to a presentation which outlined the modern and foundation apprenticeship opportunities available in the Mid Argyll area. Ms McPherson of Argyll College spoke of the positive partner relationships between Argyll College, Lochgilphead Joint Campus and Skills Development Scotland, which assist in the delivery of a positive outcome for students. She also spoke of the commercial courses such as First Aid and Food Hygiene, all of which are welcomed by the local community. Ms McAlpine of Argyll College spoke of the engagement of communities and the part they play in setting future course formats.

Discussion was had in regard to the development of the Health and Social Care courses; the minimum number for courses criteria and transport issues within the area.

Having previously noted the apologies of David Jardine, the Community Governance Manager advised that the Forest Enterprise Scotland Modern Apprenticeship scheme had come to an end, due to the completion of the European Social Fund project. Ms Elliott advised that further funding was being sought and when it is secured it is hoped to re-introduce a Forestry Modern Apprenticeship. West Argyll Forest District, which has been a leader in Forestry Apprenticeships, hopes to be involved in this process when it comes on stream.

The Chair noted that small businesses were also providing apprenticeship opportunities. He advised that having received a presentation from the Manager of MACPool at the last meeting of Lochgilphead Community Council, he was pleased to note the progress being made by the young apprentice there. He advised of not only the career opportunity that is afforded but the essential life skills being developed.

The Chair thanked both Ms McPherson and Ms McAlpine for the information provided.

Councillor Donald MacMillan joined the meeting at 11.30am.

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5. COMMUNITY

Inspector McLeish of Police Scotland provided information on the Festive Safety campaign. She also provided a brief update on efficiency savings and advised that the information relating to Police station closures previously reported by the press was misleading. She advised that the purpose of the efficiencies was not to reduce the service but to look into the possibility of co-locating with other service providers in an effort to modernise facilities to cope with modern day policing.

Fred Bruce of West Lochfyne Community Council issued a plea to members to encourage participation on the local health forums. He outlined the good work carried out by the health forum and advised that this was an opportunity for local communities to make a difference in areas which matter most to them. He also advised of the recent EE Communications presentation given to the Community Council providing information on the new emergency service system.

The Community Development Officer advised that the Third Sector grants were now open to Community Council's. She advised that information was due to be released on 19 December 2016 and she would arrange to have this circulated by the Community Council Liaison Officer.

Lynda Syed of Furnace Community Council and Argyll Third Sector Interface (TSI) advised of the SMART meters which are being installed in the area. She outlined the purpose of these meters and confirmed that they were free. She asked people to be mindful of vulnerable persons within their areas who may be concerned when approached by the company.

Ms Syed further advised of the Mid Argyll Action Plan, which is currently in draft form and will be presented to the Integrated Joint Board (IJB) in December for finalising. She advised that she would send the information to Community Councils and asked them to provide feedback as the plan would continue to grow and change.

Ms Syed also circulated information on the work being carried out by Argyll TSI over the festive season and appealed for volunteers and willing participants.

Sgt Iain MacNicoll of Police Scotland asked all to be aware of a number of scams within the area. He advised that these take the form of both email and telephone correspondence and outlined a particularly nasty case in the Tarbert area.

Andy Buntin of Lochgilphead Community Council advised of the progress being made in the pursuit of the Lochgilphead Coat of Arms. He advised that it was hoped that the use of the Coat of Arms would help in the promotion of the town. Mr Buntin also asked Community Councillors to ensure that they respond to the Boundary Commission consultation and the Council's Budget consultation.

6. PROPOSED NEW WAY OF WORKING

The group gave consideration to a report outlining the current working arrangements Community Council's have in place in other areas with regards to linking into Area Community Planning Groups and to recommended 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.

Discussion took place in respect of the engagement with organisations and services, the original purpose of the Mid Argyll Partnership and administration support and associated costs. Having taken into account the comments of the group and the lack of Community Council representation at the present meeting, the Community Governance Manager agreed to ask the Community Council Liaison Officer to circulate the information to all Community Councils with a request that this item be added to Community Council agendas for discussion with a deadline for returning views and other proposals for alternative ways of working. Partners agreed that this item be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Mid Argyll Partnership.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

8. THEMES FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The group agreed that the next meeting would focus on proposed ways of working.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting of the Mid Argyll Partnership was still to be confirmed.

**MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY
PLANNING GROUP held in the LORN ROOM 2, ARGYLL AND BUTE HOSPITAL,
LOCHGILPHEAD WITH VC FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN THE TRAINING ROOM,
CAMPBELTOWN HOSPITAL, CAMPBELTOWN AND AUDIOLOGY, ISLAY HOSPITAL, ISLE
OF ISLAY
on WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2017**

- Lochgilphead:** Andy Buntin, Lochgilphead Community Council (Chair)
Lorna Elliott, Community Governance Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Rona Gold, Community Planning Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Robin Currie
Councillor Anne Horn
Councillor Donald MacMillan
Councillor Sandy Taylor
Kelly Coats, Homestart Majik
Jacqueline Greenlees, Improvement Service
Simon Roudh, Improvement Service
Mary McCallum Sullivan, Ardrishaig Community Council
Betty Rhodick, Lochgilphead Community Council
Margaret Pratt, Convenor, West Kintyre Community Council
- Campbeltown:** Samantha Somers, Community Planning Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Area Commander Marlene Baillie, Police Scotland
Margaret Wallace, Argyll Third Sector Interface (Argyll TSI)
Zena Coffield, South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT)
Cathy Duncan, Campbeltown Community Council
- Islay:** Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Petra Pearce, Argyll Third Sector Interface
Catherine Gilchrist, Islay Community Council

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of:-

Councillor Rory Colville
Alison Hay, Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce
Campbell Cameron, Community Broadband Scotland
Barrie McCutcheon, Watch Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue
John Dreghorn, Locality Manager – MAKI, Integrated Joint Board

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**3. MINUTE OF THE MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY
PLANNING GROUP HELD ON 9 NOVEMBER 2016**

The minute of the meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group, held on 9 November 2017 was approved as a true record.

4. STANDING ITEM: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

(a) Report by Community Planning Manager

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 November 2016; proposals for the engagement of people in the Local Development Plan 2; the development of a Community Justice Transition Plan for Argyll and Bute; additional funding to run a project aimed at supporting young people, in particular young men, with support to prevent mental health crisis and the 2016-2020 Community Safety Strategy which has been launched at the CPP Management Committee. The group noted that the Chairs of the four Area Community Planning Groups were now official members of the Management Committee. The Chair intimated how useful he had found the meeting to be. He also advised that the MAKI area would be highlighted at the Management Committee meeting in March and suggested that the issue of vacant buildings in the area be raised.

Discussion on the impact of the increase in number of campervans/mobile homes visiting the area and issues relating to the level of facilities provided for the vehicles on both island and remote mainland communities was had with partners keen to see joined up working between the Council's Amenity Services, Highlands and the Islands Enterprise (HIE) and local communities. The Chair advised that this issue would be included as an item for discussion under Outcome 1 – The economy is diverse and thriving at the next meeting of the group. The Community Planning Manager agreed to clarify the support being provided by HIE and feedback to partners during discussions at the next meeting.

Decision:

The group agreed to note the contents of the briefing note.

(Ref: Briefing Note by Community Planning Manager, dated 8 February 2017, submitted.)

(b) Amendment to Area CPG Terms of Reference

The group gave consideration to a briefing note, outlining a proposed amendment to the Area Community Planning Groups Terms of Reference, specifically in relation to the tenure of the current office bearer and their ability to stand for re-election.

Decision:

The group agreed to the proposed amendment to the Area CPG Terms of Reference and to note that all current office bearers would be able to stand for election to a second term in office should they wish to do so.

(Ref: Briefing Note by Community Governance Manager, dated 8 February 2017, submitted.)

5. PARTNERS UPDATE

The Chair, Andy Buntin spoke of the recent meeting of Chairs and Vice Chairs for the four Area CPG's which highlighted important issues in the other areas of Argyll and Bute. Mr Buntin advised that he'd be happy to raise issues at future meetings which were of particular interest to partners.

Area Commander Marlene Baillie of Police Scotland spoke of the ongoing works in relation to the Police Estates Strategy and the priorities of the Service over the previous months and those going forward. She advised that the festive period, which although was busy in terms of policing was low level in terms of serious and organised crime. Area Commander Baillie further advised of the volunteer scheme, with adult volunteers in Campbeltown having now been recruited and about to undertake a days' training at Tulliallan and advised that the recruitment of youths to the scheme was now being progressed.

Margaret Pratt of West Kintyre Community Council advised that they were in the process of updating their community action plan. She advised that significant changes were envisaged due to the changing views and priorities of the community. Mrs Pratt advised that community discussions centered around ideas such as retaining young people in the area.

Margaret Wallace of Argyll Third Sector Interface (TSI) spoke of the ongoing struggle of Kintyre Youth Café in finding suitable premises to relocate to, having been served notice on their current premises. Mrs Wallace advised that unfortunately Campbeltown Fire Station was considered as unsuitable, despite the efforts of Scottish Fire and Rescue to assist. She outlined ongoing discussions with an organisation for premises in the centre of town but advised that negotiations have been difficult. The Community Planning Manager asked Mrs Wallace to get in touch with her directly if there was any way in which Community Partners could assist.

Zena Coffield of South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT) advised that they are currently conducting a feasibility study into the purchase of the old Post Office in Campbeltown and advised that this may be a suitable premises for the Youth Café. Ms Coffield advised that due to the implementation of the Community Empowerment Act, this may take a while to conclude. Mrs Coffield also advised of the review of the South Kintyre community action plans and advised that these would be circulated to partners as soon as possible.

6. COMMUNITY PLANNING OUTCOME PROFILE TOOL - COMMUNITY PROFILES

The group took part in a discussion using information provided by the Community Planning Outcome Profile Tool (CPOP) and local knowledge regarding the outcomes and inequalities of outcomes experienced by communities in the CPG Area within the context of Community Planning, Single Outcome Agreement's overarching objectives and the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act Locality Planning legislation. A demonstration of the Place Standard Tool was provided by the Community Development Officer and a short presentation highlighting the CPOP was provided by the Improvement Service.

General discussion took place in respect of the priorities for the area, these focused predominantly on housing, jobs, connectivity and infrastructure.

Decision:

The group agreed that a briefing note summarising the outcomes of discussions be forwarded to the next meeting of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee for consideration.

(Ref: Briefing Note by Community Governance Manager, dated 8 February 2017, submitted.)

Note: The VC link to Islay and Campbeltown was lost at this point.

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7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The group 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 consider how these outcomes impact on their communities and submit potential agenda items to the Senior Area Committee Assistant by email.

The Community Governance Manager advised of a restructuring within the Council's Governance and Law department. She advised that whilst future meetings would continue to be supported, exact details of that support would be confirmed in due course.

It was noted that the proposed date of the next meeting, 19th April 2017, clashed with another meeting attended by several of the members and that a potential change of date was to be discussed with the meeting scheduler.