

**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in the
TIMBER PIER BUILDING, DUNOON
on TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2018**

Present: Willie Lynch, Dunoon Community Council (Chair)

Alistair McLaren, Argyll TSI
Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager, Argyll & Bute Council
Stuart McLean, Area Committee Manager, Argyll & Bute Council
Councillor Alan Reid
Samantha Somers, Community Planning Officer, Argyll & Bute Council
Sharon MacDonald, Community Development Officer, Argyll & Bute Council
Iain MacInnes, Digital Liaison Officer, Argyll & Bute Council
Iona MacPhail, Regional Manager, ACHA
Elaine Cameron, ACT Hubs Project Officer, ACT Hubs
Helen Dick, Argyll and the Isles Tourism Cooperative
Carron Tobin, Argyll and the Isles Tourism Cooperative
Blair Moglia, CalMac Ferries
Ailsa Clark, Inspiralba
Paul Roberson, Police Scotland
Eddie McLaughlin, Scottish Fire and Rescue
Jas J Wilson, Hunter's Quay Community Council
Kirstie Reid, Strachur Community Council
Eleanor Stevenson, South Cowal Community Council
Eileen Connel, Ardentenny Community Council
Thomas McAlister, UnLtd

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

Apologies were received from :-

Campbell Cameron, Community Broadband Scotland
Alison McGrory, NHS
Councillor Jim Anderson

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were intimated.

3. MINUTES

(a) Bute & Cowal Community Planning Group - 3rd October 2017

The minute of the Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group meeting of 3rd October 2017 was approved as a correct record.

4. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND FULL PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

The Group gave consideration to a briefing note outlining the highlights from the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee meeting and full Partnership held on 5th December 2017.

Decision

The Group noted the contents of the briefing note.

(Ref: Briefing Note by Community Planning Manager, dated 6th February 2018, submitted).

5. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTION PLAN

(a) Area of Interest: Tourism

The Group gave consideration to a presentation and video from Carron Tobin of Argyll and the Isles Tourism Cooperative (AITC).

Discussion took place around the 'Wild about Argyll' campaign and Ms Tobin agreed to circulate the online and video links.

Decision

The Group noted the presentation and information.

(Ref: Presentation by Carron Tobin dated 6th February 2018, submitted).

6. COMMUNITY FOCUS

The Community Development Officer for Bute and Cowal noted the opportunity for community groups to participate in CPG meetings to raise awareness of their projects and seek support from partners, and made a plea for local groups to take up this chance. It was noted that the Third Sector Interface links strongly to this work and agreed that Ms Macdonald should encourage the Bute Island Alliance to attend the May CPG meeting which is in Bute, and work with Dunoon groups to encourage input from one of them to the August meeting which is to be held in Dunoon.

7. ARGYLL AND BUTE OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2013-2023 - OUTCOME 1 (THE ECONOMY IS DIVERSE AND THRIVING)

(a) Social Enterprise in Argyll Update

The Group gave consideration to a presentation from the Development Manager at Inspiralba.

She provided information on the census of Social Enterprise in Argyll and Bute, the characteristics and the future of Social Enterprise in the area.

Decision

The Group noted the presentation.

(Ref: Presentation by Development Manager, Inspiralba dated 6th February 2018, submitted).

(b) **Tourism**

The Group gave consideration to an information strategy update report from the Regional Director of Visit Scotland. The report detailed the background to the closures of the Tourist Information Centres across Argyll and Bute and provided figures in relation to those offices earmarked for closure. It also noted that there would be regional hubs created in Islay, Mull, Oban and Rothesay.

Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

(Ref: Report by Regional Director, Visit Scotland dated 6th February 2018, submitted).

(c) **Highlands and Islands Enterprise**

The Group gave consideration to a progress report from the Head of Special Projects at Highland and Islands Enterprise.

Decision

The Group noted the contents of the progress report.

(Ref: Report by Head of Special Projects, HIE, dated 6th February 2018, submitted).

(d) **Strategic Urban Regeneration Fund (SURF)**

Unfortunately there was no one in attendance from the Strategic Urban Regeneration Fund. It was agreed this item would be discussed at the next B&C Community Planning Group meeting when discussing Outcome 1 (The Economy is Diverse and Thriving).

(e) **No Fuss Events**

Unfortunately there was no one in attendance from No Fuss Events. It was agreed this item would be discussed at the next B&C Community Planning Group meeting when discussing Outcome 1 (The Economy is Diverse and Thriving).

(f) **Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust**

The Group gave consideration to a report on the Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust (ACT) Hubs Project, who have an active role in promoting tourism. ACT was established in April 2014 with a main vision to maintain, enhance and promote the coast and countryside of

Argyll so that residents and visitors can enjoy it forever.

Discussion took place on the range of objectives to help fulfil their vision.

Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

(Ref: Report by ACT Hubs Project Officer dated 6th February 2018, submitted).

8. ARGYLL AND BUTE OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2013-2023: OUTCOME 2 (WE HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SUPPORTS SUSTAINABLE GROWTH)

(a) Digital Update

The Group gave consideration to a report providing an update on various digital infrastructure projects which are ongoing in the area including Superfast Broadband, other Broadband issues and mobile communications.

Decision

The Group noted the report.

(Ref: Report by Digital Liaison Officer dated 6th February 2018, submitted).

(b) Community Broadband Scotland

The Group gave consideration to a report from Campbell Cameron, CBS Adviser on Kyles Community Broadband (KCB) who have published a fresh State Aid Consultation for the supply of Superfast Broadband for the area of the Kyles of Bute.

The report advises that KCB Board plan to issue a fresh invitation to tender shortly for that service to be provided via the usual procurement channels. It is expected that project costs of c. £2.5m will be delivered via SRDP managed funds. The full project paper which will be completed for HIE approval will detail the project costs, funding package and on-going project sustainability.

The SAPC seeks to identify if any commercially provided service is proposed for the project area.

Decision

The Group noted the information report.

(Ref: Report by CBS Adviser dated 6th February 2018, submitted).

(c) **ACHA Annual Update**

The Group gave consideration to a detailed presentation from the Regional Manager of ACHA.

Ms MacPhail discussed the key issues which are stock rationalisation, investment and regeneration, ACHA's Estate Management Action Plan, Community Action Fund; and Argyll Homes for All (AHFA).

Ms MacPhail advised that there is £2,500 available in the Community Action Fund for the Bute and Cowal area and asked that if anyone was interested in a grant before the end of the financial year to contact her.

Decision

The Group noted the presentation.

(Ref: Presentation by Regional Manager, ACHA, dated 6th February 2018, submitted).

(d) **Scottish Water**

Unfortunately there was no one in attendance from Scottish Water. It was agreed this item would be discussed at the next B&C Community Planning Group meeting when discussing Outcome 2 (We have Infrastructure that supports sustainable growth).

9. PARTNERS UPDATE

Scottish Fire and Rescue

Mr McLaughlin from Scottish Fire and Rescue gave an update to the Group. He advised that there have been 250 fire incidents in the last quarter and they have attended 175 home fire safety visits in the area. He confirmed that they ran a local campaign and undertook 39 home fire safety visits locally and advised they are available for anyone and to get in touch with the local office if you require one.

In responding to a question about fire hydrant checks Mr McLaughlin agreed to provide the requested information to Hunter's Quay Community Council.

He discussed the young volunteer firefighter programme. and agreed to circulate information on this to the group.

Police Scotland

Paul Robertson from Police Scotland gave an update to the Group on the last quarter. He confirmed that Bute and Cowal have a new Inspector called Duncan McLean who will be moving to the Dunoon area next month.

He advised the festive period went very well with less violence and anti-social behaviour crimes with an ongoing action plan in the key hot spot areas. He confirmed there has been a reduction overall in the last quarter.

He advised that the new Youth Engagement Officer is continuing to progress and develop and Mr Mitchell at Dunoon Grammar School has been very supportive in working alongside them. He is also developing a Police Scotland Youth Volunteer group and will shortly be advertising for adult volunteers. ,

He advised that he is continuing to work closely with the licenced premises in the area to help reduce the amount of crimes.

Third Sector Update

Alistair McLaren gave an update to the Group on the traumatic and difficult year that Argyll TSI has faced with staffing difficulties but confirmed that interviews are taking place soon for a new Chief Executive which will be the start of something new.

CalMac Ferries

Blair Moglia from CalMac Ferries gave an update on the last Community and Stakeholder Board meeting which took place on 19th January and confirmed that the Terms of Reference for the group and all minutes are on the CalMac website.

10. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS 2018/19

The Group gave consideration to a report on the dates of future meetings of the Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group.

Decision

The Group agreed the dates as follows:-

- Tuesday 14th August 2018 at 10am in the Timber Pier Building, Dunoon
- Tuesday 6th November 2018 at 10am in Eaglesham House, Rothesay
- Tuesday 5th February 2019 at 10am in the Timber Pier Building, Dunoon
- Tuesday 7th May 2019 at 10am in Eaglesham House, Rothesay

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 1ST MAY AT 10.00 IN EAGLESHAM HOUSE, ROTHESAY

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group would take place at 10.00am on Tuesday 1st May 2018 in Eaglesham House, Rothesay.