

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held  
in the CORRAN HALLS, OBAN  
on WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2018**

**Present:** Margaret Adams, Ardchattan Community Council (Chair)

Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager, Argyll & Bute Council  
Stuart McLean, Area Committee Manager, Argyll & Bute Council  
Samantha Somers, Community Planning Officer, Argyll & Bute Council  
Stuart Watson, Traffic & Development Manager, Argyll & Bute Council  
Sybil Johnson, Senior Planning & Strategies Officer, Argyll & Bute Council  
Phil Cummins, Locality Manager, Health and Social Care Partnership  
Councillor Elaine Robertson  
Councillor Roddy McCuish  
Councillor Jim Lynch  
Councillor Andrew Vennard  
Councillor Kieron Green  
Norman Hutchison, Transport Scotland  
Amy Phillips, Transport Scotland  
Kevin McKechnie, Transport Scotland  
Julian Senior, Coll Development Trust  
David Smart, Highlands and Islands Enterprise  
Mark Stephen, Police Scotland  
Adam McKenzie, Police Scotland  
Kevin Devine, Scottish Ambulance Service  
Iona MacPhail, Regional Manager, ACHA  
Marri Malloy, Oban Community Council  
Jessie McFarlane, Oban Community Council  
Duncan Martin, Oban Community Council  
Jane Darby, Kilmore Community Council  
Colin Morrison, Ardchattan Community Council  
Ailsa Clark, Inspiralba  
Kirsten Johnson, Argyll TSI  
Sue Pagan, Dementia Scotland  
Caroline Gillanders, North Argyll Voluntary Car Scheme  
Penny Cousins, Appin Development Trust  
Lynda Mitchell, Ali Energy  
Alistair Spouce, Andrew Spence, BID4OBAN  
Shona Neil, CalMac

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

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

Apologies were received from:-

Alison Hardman, NHS  
Pamela MacLeod, NHS  
Eleanor MacKinnon, OLI Health and Wellbeing Network  
David Hanlon, Scottish Fire and Rescue

Michelle Rudsen, Police Scotland  
Peter Bain, Head Teacher of Oban High School  
Campbell Cameron, Community Broadband Scotland

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were intimated.

## **3. MINUTES**

### **(a) Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Planning Group - 11th October 2017**

The minute of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Planning Group meeting of 11th October 2017 was approved as a correct record.

Councillor Robertson confirmed that the defibrillator donated to the Town of Oban has now been installed at Station Square. She confirmed that there are now 2 defibrillators available in the Oban area.

The Chair confirmed that Ardchattan now has two defibrillators installed and thanked ACHA for all their help with the installation. She advised that Ardchattan Community Council are now in the process of getting sponsorship and funding for another.

## **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) meeting held on 5th December 2017.

### **Decision**

The Group noted the contents of the briefing note.

(Ref: Briefing Note by Community Planning Manager, dated 14th February 2018, submitted).

## **5. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTION PLAN**

### **(a) Area of Interest: Transport**

The Community Planning Officer gave an update following the last Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Planning Group where the Action Plan was signed off and the Group agreed to focus on road transport and road safety.

Discussion took place around the A85 between Oban – Connel and the number of fatalities which have happened in the last year. Adam McKenzie confirmed that there has been a downward trend in fatalities in Argyll and Bute as a whole, in particular on the A85 with motorcyclists. He advised they have held Awareness Days in Inveraray for motorcyclists and there has been 6 people less killed than last year with an average of

being down 50%. He confirmed Argyll and Bute are doing very well due to the joined up multi-agency thinking and media support.

Discussion took place around the response time for all agencies to get to an accident, how long it takes for accident investigation and how things could be improved.

The Group then heard from Sybil Johnson, Senior Planning and Strategies Officer who provided information on the actions contained within the development plan. It was noted that the key issues raised in the OLI area related to traffic management and parking.

Discussion took place on the road safety plans in place by Transport Scotland and the investigations that are currently ongoing. The Group also noted that there needed to be further work in terms of alternative road access when the roads were closed because of road traffic accidents and the importance of communication from Traffic Scotland and other partners.

## **6. COMMUNITY FOCUS**

### **(a) Community Transport initiatives in Oban, Lorn and the Isles**

The Group considered a briefing from Martin Arnold, Community Transport Officer on the community transport schemes in the OLI area.

#### **Decision**

The Group noted the briefing report.

(Ref: Briefing report by Martin Arnold, Community Transport Officer dated 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018, submitted).

### **(b) Community Transport Model for Oban**

Unfortunately there was no one present to speak to this item, but it was noted that a group lead by the TSI has been formed and an initial meeting has taken place.

### **(c) North Argyll Voluntary Cars and Appin Community Transport**

The Group heard a presentation from Appin Community Development Trust on the Appin Community Transport Scheme and from Caroline Gillanders on the transport model operating across North Argyll.

Discussion took place on the rationale, business plan and fundraising issues which these groups are dealing with.

#### **Decision**

The Group noted the information provided and agreed that they provided good background information for the model to be developed for Oban.

(Ref: Presentation by Appin Community Development Trust dated 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018, submitted).

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

**(a) Argyll and the Isles Tourism Cooperative Ltd (AITC)**

It was noted that information on this item would be circulated to the Group in due course.

**(b) Social Enterprise in Argyll Update**

Given that Ailsa Clark had been unable to remain at the meeting for discussion of this item the Group noted a briefing provided by her and was agreed that Ailsa would attend a future meeting of the CPG to provide verbal update on this matter.

**(c) 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 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018, submitted).

**(d) Highlands and Islands Enterprise**

The Group gave consideration to a progress report and verbal input 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 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018, submitted).

**(e) 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. 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.

## **Decision**

The Group noted the information provided.

(Ref: Report by ACT Hubs Project Officer dated 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018, submitted).

### **(b) ACHA Annual Update**

The Group gave consideration to a 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).

## **Decision**

The Group noted the presentation.

(Ref: Presentation by Regional Manager, ACHA, dated 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018, submitted).

### **(c) Scottish Water**

The Group considered a briefing from the Corporate Affairs Manager, Scottish Water which included information on local projects.

## **Decision**

The Group noted the update.

(Ref: Briefing report by Corporate Affairs Manager, Scottish Water dated 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018, submitted).

## **9. PARTNERS UPDATE**

### **Police Scotland**

Mark Stephen advised on the local Transport Group which provides an early intervention drivers scheme for young people aged between 17-25 years old. The scheme encourages young people to be more aware of their driving styles and teaches them to improve their driving experience.

It was noted that the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers are due to have their passing out ceremony in March. It was also noted that one person has been charged in relation to the theft at the BP Petrol Station in Oban.

### **Locality Manager**

Phil Cummins introduced himself as the new Locality Manager for OLI, having taken up post in November. He advised on the Lynn of Lorn Care Home Inspection and the national new GP contract.

## **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY AT 18.30PM IN THE CORRAN HALLS, OBAN**

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group would take place at 6:30pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in the Corran Halls, Oban.

## **11. DATE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS 2018/19**

The Group gave consideration to a report on the dates of future meetings of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Planning Group.

## **Decision**

The Group agreed the dates as follows:-

- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 6:30pm in the Corran Halls, Oban
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 2pm in the Corran Halls, Oban
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 6:30pm in the Corran Halls, Oban
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 2pm in the Corran Halls, Oban

The Group agreed to hold one of the above meetings in Oban High School once the new school is available.