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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

A meeting of the **MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD WITH VC LINKS TO THE BURNET BUILDING, CAMPBELTOWN AND THE CUSTOMER SERVICE POINT, BOWMORE, ISLAY** on **WEDNESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2018** at **10:00 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry  
Executive Director of Customer Services

## **BUSINESS**

- 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- 3. MINUTES**
  - (a) Minute of the previous meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group held on 4th October 2017 (Pages 5 - 10)
  - (b) Minute of Short Term Working Group held on 23rd October 2017 (Pages 11 - 12)
  - (c) Minute of the Mid Argyll Partnership held on 20th November 2017 (Pages 13 - 18)
- 4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR**

Report by Area Committee Manager  
(Pages 19 - 20)
- 5. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND FULL PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

Report by Community Planning Manager

(Pages 21 - 22)

**6. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTION PLAN**

(a) Consideration and sign off of MAKI Area Community Planning Action Plan  
(Pages 23 - 36)

(b) Area of Interest: Tourism

Presentation by Argyll and the Isles Tourism Cooperative Ltd (AITC)

**7. COMMUNITY FOCUS**

Fred Bruce, West Loch Fyne Community Council will provide an update on their community led action plan

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

(a) Social Enterprise Update (Pages 37 - 38)

Presentation by Inspiralba

(b) Tourism

Update from Visit Scotland

(c) Highlands and Islands Enterprise

Update from David Smart

(d) Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust (Pages 39 - 44)

Report by ACT Hubs Project Officer

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

(a) Digital Update (Pages 45 - 54)

Report by Graduate Digital Liaison Officer, Argyll and Bute Council

(b) Strategic Housing Investment Plan

Update by Team Leader - East

(c) ACHA

Presentation by Regional Manager

(d) Scottish Water

Update by Corporate Affairs Manager

**10. PARTNERS UPDATE**

Opportunity for verbal updates by Community Planning Partners

**11. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS 2018/19**

Report by Area Committee Manager  
(Pages 55 - 58)

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 2ND MAY 2018 10:30AM IN THE CUSTOMER SERVICE POINT, BOWMORE, ISLAY**

Discussion facilitated by the Area Committee Manager on items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting.

Outcomes to be discussed:-

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

**MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**

Andy Buntin (Chair)

Shona Barton, Area Committee Manager (Clerk)

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**MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD WITH VC FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN BURNETT BUILDING, CAMPBELTOWN AND CUSTOMER SERVICE POINT, BOWMORE, ISLE OF ISLAY on WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2017**

- Lochgilphead:** Andy Buntin, Convener, Lochgilphead Community Council (Chair)  
Shona Barton, Area Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council  
Rona Gold, Community Planning Manager, Argyll and Bute Council  
Samantha Somers, Community Planning Officer, Argyll and Bute Council  
Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council  
David Smart, Highlands and the Islands Enterprise  
Derek Wilson, Group Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue  
Inspector Julie McLeish, Police Scotland  
PC Michelle Rusden, Police Scotland  
Margaret Pratt, Convener, West Kintyre Community Council  
Fred Bruce, Convener, West Lochfyne Community Council  
Councillor John Armour  
Councillor Robin Currie  
Councillor Anne Horn  
Councillor Donald MacMillan  
Councillor Sandy Taylor
- Islay:** Petra Pearce, Argyll Third Sector Interface

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

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

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of:-

Tracy Preece, Argyll and Bute Choose Life Coordinator, NHS Highland  
Alison McGrory, Health Improvement Principal, NHS Highland  
Campbell Cameron, Community Broadband Scotland  
Jean Mary Knowles, Islay and Jura Transport Forum  
Margaret Wallace, Argyll Third Sector Interface  
Mary MacCallum Sullivan, Ardrishaig Community Council  
Betty Rhodick, Lochgilphead Community Council

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of absence intimated.

**3. MINUTE OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP HELD ON 19 APRIL 2017**

The Minute of the meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group, held on 19 April 2017 was approved as a true record.

Matters Arising:-

- An update in relation to item 6(a) Health and Wellbeing Team – Annual Update, was circulated. The Senior Area Committee Assistant agreed to circulate the update by email to the distribution list for partners who were not in attendance.
- The Community Planning Manager provided an update to the item 5(d) Participatory Budgeting. She advised that the recent project to strengthen and grow Gaelic had been a success and that Council had agreed that the Supporting Communities Fund be allocated through Participatory Budgeting as a pilot project in 2018/19. Ms Gold further advised that the Community Development Officer would continue to provide support and assistance to applicants.

#### **4. REVIEW OF MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The group gave consideration to a report highlighting the revisions to the Area Community Planning Group (ACPG) Terms of Reference (TOR).

##### **Decision:**

The Group agreed:

1. to adopt the revised Terms of Reference contained in the report;
2. to adopt the meeting schedule and dates submitted in the report; and
3. that the Terms of Reference for the group would be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure their ongoing currency and appropriateness for the work of the group as it develops over time.

(Ref: Report by Area Governance Manager, dated 4 October 2017, submitted.)

#### **5. REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**

The group gave consideration to a report outlining the current membership detail together with changes and additional organisations who have, through local circumstances, joined the ACPG since membership was agreed in March 2015. Discussion took place in respect of organisations from a number of sectors where there is currently no representation. The Area Committee Manager agreed to seek appropriate representation from those sectors which were highlighted.

##### **Decision:**

The Group agreed:

1. the changes and additional organisations, as outlined at Appendix 2 of the report and subject to the inclusion of representatives from the sectors highlighted during the discussion; and
2. that the membership of the group would be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure currency and appropriateness for the work of the group as it develops over time.

(Ref: Report by Area Governance Manager, dated 4 October 2017, submitted.)

## **6. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

The group gave consideration to a report relating to the appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group.

Councillor Horn nominated Andy Buntin as Chair, this was seconded by Inspector McLeish. Andy Buntin accepted the nomination and continued in his role as Chair.

The Chair asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Discussion took place, with Members failing to agree on a suitable replacement. Having noted that it would be desirable to have another community representative as Vice Chair, the Area Committee Manager advised that she would contact the members of the Group and highlight that this would be discussed at the next meeting.

### **Decision:**

The Group agreed to continue consideration of the appointment of a Vice-Chair to the next meeting.

(Ref: Report by Area Governance Manager, dated 4 October 2017, submitted.)

## **7. STANDING ITEM: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The group gave consideration to a briefing note outlining the consideration given by the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee to issues raised by Area CPG Chairs within their respective areas and highlights from the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee meeting held on 20 September 2017.

Discussion took place in respect of the form in which highlights are brought to the public forum, with partners noting that the document could be circulated in the wider community. Further discussion was had in relation to the possibility of including a link to the website on fortnightly bulletins and annual reports as a means of encouraging the general public to look further into matters within their local areas. The Chair encouraged all partners to share the information in their own communities and suggested that Community Council's also have a responsibility to distribute information. The Community Planning Manager agreed to take the points raised on board, and suggested that it may be useful to produce highlights from the ACPG meetings. The Area Committee Manager agreed to take this matter forward.

David Smart of Highlands and Islands Enterprise gave a brief update in relation to the works being undertaken to ensure a wider coverage of mobile and broadband provision across Argyll and Bute.

### **Decision:**

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

(Ref: Briefing Note by Community Planning Manager, dated 4 October 2017, submitted.)

**8. CONSIDERATION AND SIGN OFF OF THE MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTION PLAN AND DISCUSSION OF THE SCRUTINY ROLE FOR THE AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS**

The Community Planning Manager took the group through the requirement placed on the Council by the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 to produce locality plans, and the process by which the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Action Plan was devised. Having given consideration to the Plan, partners expressed dissatisfaction and concern at the content particularly as it failed to cover issues that have been expressed in a number of areas within the locality, with many advising that they were not in a position to agree to the current version of the Plan.

**Decision:**

The Group agreed:-

1. To the formation of a Short Term Working Group, comprising of 5 or 6 partners to determine the issues they wish to see contained within the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Action Plan; and
2. That the Working Group would progress this with the process to be complete by the end of November to allow it to be considered by the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee prior to it being brought to the next meeting of the ACPG in February 2018 for agreement.

(Ref: Briefing Note and Area Community Planning Action Plan by Community Planning Manager, dated 4 October 2017, submitted.)

**9. CONSIDERATION OF WEST KINTYRE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN**

The group gave consideration to the West Kintyre Community Action Plan 2017-2023, which is a "living plan" designed to tackle issues such as rural depopulation; health and wellbeing; transport; infrastructure; enterprise and development within the area.

Discussion took place in respect of housing for single people; the acquisition of land and bursaries and grants for start-up businesses within the West Kintyre area.

**Decision:**

The Group agreed to note the contents of the West Kintyre Community Action Plan 2017-2023.

(Ref: West Kintyre Community Action Plan, submitted.)

**10. SERVICE TRANSFORMATION OPTIONS**



The group gave consideration to a presentation outlining the transformation strategy of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. Information was provided in relation to the financial implications, delivery model and the plans for the future firefighter as well as the implications of a failure to transform the service. Further information can be found at <http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/transformation.aspx> .

### **Decision:**

The Group agreed to note the contents of the presentation.

(Ref: Presentation by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, submitted.)

## **11. PARTNERS UPDATE**

David Smart of Highlands and Islands Enterprise provided details on the Argyll Enterprise Week, running from 6 to 10 November 2017, and asked Partners to circulate the information within their communities and through their social media channels.

Inspector McLeish provided a brief overview of the activities of Police Scotland within the area. She updated on the number of road traffic accidents at Strone Point in Inveraray and of the concerns raised in relation to the signage and diversion routes in place for this area. Inspector McLeish also advised of the new resources for the Campbeltown area; the local recruitment programme, which would begin towards the end of October; the ongoing review of Police estates and the Your View Counts website survey. She asked that Partners take the time to complete the survey and encourage communities to take part.

Andy Buntin provided a brief update on the activities of Lochgilphead Community Council, which included the administration of a micro-grant scheme and the pursuit of an upcycling/recycling shop at Lingerton Waste Disposal Site. Mr Buntin also advised of the change in arrangements for this year's Remembrance Sunday Commemorations and the Crinan Charette, which was holding a show of plans relating to proposed works in Ardrishaig and at the Corran roundabout, and invited partners to attend.

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group would take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 within the Council Chambers, Kilmory, Lochgilphead with VC facilities available in the Burnett Building, Campbeltown and the Customer Service Point, Bowmore, Isle of Islay.

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**MINUTES of MEETING of the MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS SHORT TERM WORKING GROUP held in COMMITTEE ROOM 1, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD on MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

**Present:**

Andy Buntin, Lochgilphead Community Council (Chair)  
Councillor Robin Currie, Argyll and Bute Council  
David Smart, Highlands and Islands Enterprise  
Fred Bruce, West Lochfyne Community Council  
Edward Laughton, Ardrishaig Community Trust  
Catherine Bowes, Ardrishaig Community Council  
Margaret Wallace, Third Sector Interface  
Shona Barton, Area Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council  
Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Andy Buntin welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Short Term Working Group and introductions were made around the table.

Apologies were noted from Inspector Julie McLeish (Police Scotland), Donald Watt and Nicola Gillespie (Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership) and Lynda Syed and Petra Pearce (Third Sector Interface).

**2. REMIT OF SHORT TERM WORKING GROUP**

A document was considered which outlined the remit of the Short Tern Working Group.

The Group agreed the information contained in the document.

**3. DRAFT MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTION PLAN**

The Group discussed the draft Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Action Plan. The Community Development Officer outlined the process which had been undertaken which resulted in the creation of the draft plan.

Discussion took place on the following issues:-

- The disparity in responses received across the MAKI Area
- Community led Action Plans which are not included in the draft of the Plan
- How will the monitoring of actions be undertaken?
- The importance of the A83 across the MAKI area and the issues around infrastructure and safety
- The impact of the investments by the whisky industry on Islay

It was noted that there would be an opportunity for further community engagement during the consultation on the Plan in 2018, and that discussion could be scheduled for the meeting of the Area CPG being held on Islay in May 2018.

The Working Group agreed:-

- (1) To amend the draft Plan, to include the following:-
  - (i) reference to the A83 across the area,
  - (ii) an action for work to be undertaken to collate information on the impact of the distillery investments on Islay with particular reference to transport;
  - (iii) the community led Action Plans which were missing from the draft, and
  - (iv) that the links to the existing Action Plans would be updated.
- (2) That the Plan would be amended and then circulated by e-mail to members of the Working Group for agreement,
- (3) That the draft of the Plan would be submitted to the next meeting of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee for approval, and thereafter to the next meeting of the MAKI Area CPG for agreement.

#### **4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Working Group agreed that there was no requirement for a further meeting.

**MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL PARTNERSHIP held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD  
on MONDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2017**

**Attending:** Andy Buntin, Lochgilphead Community Council  
Iain Jackson, Governance and Risk Manager, Argyll and Bute Council  
Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council  
Inspector Julie McLeish, Police Scotland  
Betty Rhodick, Lochgilphead Community Council  
Fred Bruce, West Lochfyne Community Council  
Rosemary Turner, Craignish Community Council  
Mary McCallum Sullivan, Ardrishaig Community Council  
Edward Laughton, Ardrishaig Community Council  
Lynda Syed, Furnace Community Council  
Nicky Brown, Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust  
Councillor Anne Horn  
Councillor Donnie MacMillan  
Councillor Dougie Philand  
Councillor Sandy Taylor

**1. WELCOME AND 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  
Jennifer Nicoll, HIE  
David Jardine, Forestry Commission  
Mary Smyth, Craignish Community Council

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**3. MINUTE OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 8 MARCH 2017**

The Minute of the previous meeting of the Mid Argyll Partnership (MAP) held on 8 March 2017 was approved as a true record.

**4. ISSUES WITH NEW APPOINTMENTS SYSTEM AT MID ARGYLL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AND INTEGRATED CARE CENTRE (MACHICC)**

Discussion took place in respect of issues relating to the new appointment system at the Mid Argyll Community Hospital and Integrated Care Centre (MACHICC), specifically relating to the Medical Practice. A number of concerns were raised, these included:-

- the need to disclose ailments and symptoms to the receptionist, prior to being given either a phone slot with a Doctor or an appointment with the Senior Nurse Practitioner;
- the ways in which results of blood tests and urine samples were advised;
- the inability to make an appointment for a face-to-face consultation with a Doctor in the first instance;
- the possible workload issues for the Senior Nurse Practitioner and
- prescribing by over the phone appointments.

The Chair, Mr Buntin advised that Lochgilphead Community Council had written to the Business Development Advisor at MACHICC regarding the number of concerns they had received from members of the local community. Mr Buntin advised that the response received had been negative and advised that it was now proposed that the appointment system be rolled out throughout Mid Argyll. Further discussion took place in respect of the evaluation of the system; the need for people to lodge complaints with the Medical Practice and the possibility of raising the issue in other forums such as the local Health Forum.

### **Outcome:**

The Partnership:-

1. requested that the Governance and Risk Manager write to the Business Development Advisor at Lochgilphead Medical Practice highlighting the issues discussed and inviting both the Practice Manager and Business Development Advisor to attend the next meeting of the group; and
2. requested that a copy of the letter and the response be circulated to the group ahead of the next meeting of the group.

## **5. SCOTTISH WATER & FLOODING ISSUES**

Councillor Horn spoke of the ongoing flooding issues in Tarbert and Clachan. She spoke of the 5 residential properties and 2 businesses in Tarbert which are frequently flooded out with raw sewage. She outlined the difficulties faced by the residents, who could not use the ground floor of their properties and found it difficult obtaining building insurance. Councillor Horn advised that for years Scottish Water have advised that they were trying to resolve the issues and more recently that the issues were tidal, despite the tide being out at the time.

Councillor Horn sought the support of the Partnership in addressing these issues, which also had the support of the local MP and MSP.

### **Outcome:**

The Partnership requested that the Chair raise this matter at the CPP Management Committee meeting on 5 December 2017, and feedback the outcome of discussions to Councillor Horn.

## **6. VISIT SCOTLAND CENTRE**

Councillor Horn addressed the partnership in relation to the closure of Visit Scotland offices in both Tarbert and Inveraray. She outlined the loss of jobs within the area

together with the loss of training opportunities for young people. Discussion took place in respect of the need to have some form of information centre in an area steeped in history and the possibility that the Heart of Argyll could address the issues in the Mid Argyll and Inveraray area, with the support of the Partnership.

The Community Development Officer provided information about the Argyll and the Islands Tourism Cooperative (AITC), who were organising a series of Mini Tourism Summits across the region, with the Mid Argyll and Inveraray one taking place on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December between 12.00 Noon and 5.00pm at The Isthmus Café Bistro in Tarbert. Further information about the event can be found at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/argyll-the-isles-mini-tourism-summit-heart-of-argyll-inveraray-tickets-39161319561>.

**Outcome:**

The Partnership requested:-

1. that the Chair raise this issue at the CPP Management Committee meeting on 5 December 2017, with a view to bringing it to the MAKI CPG meeting in February 2018 as part of the action plan; and
2. that this issue be referred to the MAKI Area Committee meeting for discussion on 6 December 2017.

**7. CLOSURE OF PUBLIC TOILETS**

Discussion took place in respect of current budget consultation which included the proposals for the closure of 36 of the 57 public conveniences in Argyll and Bute. Partners expressed their concern at the proposals with health and tourism being the main areas of concern. Further discussion was had in relation to the possibility of asset transfer and working in partnership with the Council, with the example of the working arrangement between the Council's Amenity Services and West Kintyre Community Council in respect of the toilet facilities provided in Tayinloan being cited. Further concerns were raised as Ardrishaig Community Council had intimated that through discussions with the Amenity Services Manager, it had become apparent that the opportunity for partnership working was no longer a viable option. The Chair advised that discussions at the MAKI Community Planning Group had included issues with campervans on Islay dumping their waste water and advised that going forward the closure of public conveniences could be an issue on a wider scale.

The Senior Committee Assistant agreed to circulate the link to the consultation on the Council's website.

**Outcome:**

Partners requested that the Governance and Risk Manager draft a letter on behalf of the group in consultation with the Chair, in response to the consultation, expressing the concerns raised.

**8. WAY FORWARD FOR GROUP/PROPOSED NEW WAYS OF WORKING**

The Chair spoke to the remit and guidelines of the group and to previous discussions on the way forward. Discussion was had in relation to the continuation of the group

and the need for Partners to play an active role in setting the agenda and bringing forward local items that could be fed into the community planning process through this vehicle. General discussion took place in respect of the level of administrative support being provided by the Council's Governance and Law department.

**Outcome:**

The Partnership agreed that the group would continue to function in its current format.

**9. PARTNER UPDATES**

Councillor Horn advised that Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust had expressed an interest in the Visit Scotland office, and were awaiting the outcome of discussions in this regard. Councillor Horn introduced Nicky Brown to the group and advised that she was carrying out a freelance role in community development on behalf of the Trust and would be with them for an initial period of 24 weeks.

Councillor Philand encouraged partners to participate in the current budget consultation, which could be found at <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planningourfuture2017>.

Rosemary Turner of Craignish Community Council, spoke of the dissatisfaction of the Community Council at the response they received in relation to the letter they had submitted to the Health Service in respect of the new appointment service at Lochgilphead Medical Centre.

Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer encouraged partners to view and participate in the Supporting Communities Fund digital site, which can be found at <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/abpb>.

Lynda Syed of Furnace Community Council spoke of the success of the monthly newsletter and the over 60's exercise group, which had originally began on a 6 week trial, but had proven so popular, with an excess of 30 participants, was still going strong. Ms Syed also spoke of the preparations for the Christmas lunch for the elderly, which is taking place on 9 December 2017. Ms Syed further advised that despite having received assurances a year ago from the Council, the community were still awaiting lighting for the footpath. She asked the elected members in attendance to take this matter forward.

Inspector Julie McLeish of Police Scotland advised of the staffing changes within the area and the roll out of the anti-bullying campaign in schools across Argyll and Bute. Inspector McLeish further advised of the upcoming festive campaigns with the drink drive campaign starting on 1 December 2017.

Councillor Taylor encouraged partners to view and participate on the public consultation on budget savings, and asked that the Senior Committee Assistant circulate the link to the group following the meeting. Councillor Taylor advised that the closing date for the consultation is 2 January 2018.

Betty Rhodick of Lochgilphead Community Council advised that the Remembrance Day Commemorations had gone well and expressed her gratitude to Police Scotland in respect of their participation and assistance on the day. She outlined upcoming



events including the Christmas Lights Switch On, which will take place on 1 December 2017 at the MAYDS Centre. She also advised that she would be attending the next meeting of the Integrated Joint Board and would ensure that the concerns in relation to the new appointment service at the Medical Centre were raised.

Fred Bruce of West Lochfyne Community Council spoke of ongoing discussions with Scottish Water in relation to the purchase of land; the issues in relation to the footpath at the War Memorial in Minard and the first tranche of funding from the windfarm, which had secured funding for small projects within the area. Mr Bruce advised of ongoing discussions with BEAR Scotland in relation to progressing works on the A83.

Edward Laughton of Ardrishaig Community Council advised of a number of projects which included works at the John Smith Memorial; ongoing discussions regarding fencing at the King George field; the possible asset transfer of the public conveniences; the renovation of the North Hall; and the maintenance works in Robbers Den which had been possible due to funding secured from the Scottish Rural Development Fund. He advised that this area was now included in the Council's Core Paths. Mr Laughton spoke of the successful partnership working with Scottish Canals in relation to the regeneration works at the old Gleaner Site.

Councillor MacMillan advised that he was glad to see the Partnership continuing and thanked Partners for their continued support.

The Chair, Andy Buntin of Lochgilphead Community Council spoke of the revision of the Community Action Plan following discussions at the last meeting of the MAKI CPG. He advised that lobbying was currently being undertaken to get inclusion on the Rural Deal and the Single Investment Plan. Mr Buntin further advised that it was hoped that lobbying would include the A83 Taskforce for inclusion of the whole A83 corridor within the MAKI area. Mr Buntin spoke of the microgrant which had seen a number of local charities benefit from funding, and he advised that there was still some money left for distribution.

## **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Partners noted that the date for the next meeting of the Mid Argyll Partnership was yet to be confirmed.

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**Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership****Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group****7 February 2018**

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**Agenda Item**

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**Appointment of Vice-Chair**

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**Summary**

The following report provides information relating to the appointment of a Vice-Chair for the MAKI Area Community Planning Group. It outlines the expected time commitment and also gives information on the role. The Area Community Planning Group is asked to consider making an appointment to the position of Vice-Chair.

**1. Purpose**

1.1 This report asks the Area Community Planning Group to consider the appointment of a Vice-Chair.

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 The Area Community Planning Group is asked to consider the appointment of a Vice-Chair.

**3. Background**

3.1 At the meeting of the MAKI ACPG held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017, members considered the appointment of a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Group. Andy Buntin was confirmed as Chair of the Group for a second two year term, but there failed to be agreement in terms of a Vice-Chair for the Group. It was agreed that the item be continued to the February 2018 meeting to give members the opportunity to think about possible nominations.

3.2 According to the Terms of Reference the Vice-Chair, if elected, would serve for a term of 2 years with an option to be re-elected at the end of this time. However, no one person can serve for more than 2 consecutive terms.

3.3 The current Chair, Andy Buntin, is now serving his second term as Chair and as such will be stepping down from this position in October 2019. To facilitate some

continuity for the Group it is suggested that it would be beneficial if the person nominated to take on the Vice-Chair position had aspirations or would be willing to take on the role with a view to eventually becoming Chair of the Group.

#### **4. Detail**

4.1 According to the Terms of Reference the Vice-Chair, if elected, would serve for a term of 2 years with an option to be re-elected at the end of this time. However, no one person can serve for more than 2 consecutive terms.

4.2 The current Chair, Andy Buntin, is now serving his second term as Chair and as such will be stepping down from this position in October 2019. To facilitate some continuity for the Group it is suggested that it would be beneficial if the person nominated to take on the Vice-Chair position had aspirations or would be willing to take on the role with a view to eventually becoming Chair of the Group.

4.3 In order to be considered as a candidate for the position of Vice-Chair the person must be a member of the MAKI ACPG.

4.4 Some further information on the commitment required:-

- Attend meetings of the MAKI ACPG and deputise for the Chair in his absence
- Deputise for the Chair at meetings of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee or the Full Partnership
- Time commitment of at least 4 CPG meetings per year in February, May, August and November and 4 pre-agenda meetings per year in January, April, July and October
- To participate in any Short-Term Working Groups as required
- To engage with officers of the Council in terms of setting the Agenda for the CPG in consultation with the Chair

#### **5. Conclusions**

5.1 The CPG is asked to consider the appointment of a Vice-Chair.

#### **6. SOA Outcomes**

6.1 This report does not link to any specific Outcome as it relates to the administrative arrangements.

#### **Name of Lead Officer**

Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager

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These are the highlights from the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Full Partnership meeting on the 5th December 2017 at The Three Villages Hall, Arrochar. These are for information purposes for Area Community Planning Groups and partner organisations to distribute freely.

- The Full Partnership complements the meetings of the Management Committee and Area Community Planning Groups to share best practice from the past year and set direction for the year ahead.
- The CPP Terms of Reference specifies that members of the Full Partnership are representatives of organisations and partnerships involved in the delivery of Argyll and Bute's Outcome Improvement Plan (previously SOA/ Community Plan). These predominately come from those organisations named within the membership of the CPP's Management Committee, Chief Officers Group, Area Community Planning Groups and Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan Delivery Plans.
- The meeting was held in a conference and workshop format rather than a board style to increase number of attendees, allow opportunity for networking and allow people to find out about matters relevant to their area of interest/ work.
- 70 delegates attended from a wide range of partner organisations.
- Councillor Aileen Morton, Council Leader and Chair of the Full Partnership opened the meeting and informed delegates that Community Planning is all about working together in partnership to address our shared goals of growing the population and the economy.
- Jamie Hepburn MSP for Employability and Training gave the key note address highlighting the Scottish Governments commitment to skills development and training.
- Representatives from Helensburgh Youth Forum and Grey Matters gave a joint presentation on the intergenerational work in the Helensburgh and Lomond area and their recent GIVE programme.
- Chief Superintendent Hendren, Chair of the CPP Management Committee, reinforced a key message that Community Planning is about working in partnership with each other, and encouraged people to come forward to take part in helping deliver under 6 key themes, known as outcomes.
- Jennifer Nicoll, Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and Outcome Lead for The Economy is Diverse and Thriving gave an update on activities within the delivery plan including Oban as a University Town and Argyll Enterprise Week.
- Gail McClymont, Police Scotland and Outcome Lead for Safer and Stronger Communities showed how community justice, mental health and road traffic collisions

were the priorities for this year and how all other aspects of safe and stronger communities sat alongside these priorities.

- Fraser Durie, Argyll College UHI and Outcome Lead for Education, Skills and Training Maximises Opportunities for all, showed how partners working to maximise the synergies between organisations and themes had developed the priorities for this year.
- Ruth Cairns and representatives from Helensburgh Youth Forum led a workshop on Youth Volunteering.
- Gillian Davies from the Health and Social Care Partnership led a workshop focused on a ten-year mental health strategy.
- Steven Bone from Skills Development Scotland led a workshop on the career pathways available on the My World of Work website.
- Pupils from Hermitage Academy's junior choir and ukulele band entertained delegates at lunchtime.
- Commander John Livesey from the Ministry of Defence spoke about future accommodation plans for Her Majesty's Naval Base Clyde.
- Julie McLeish, Police Scotland and Julie Millar, Argyll & Bute Council informed delegates on the work being undertaken by the Joint Recruitment and Retention working group to collectively address challenges being faced by all public sector organisations.
- Samantha Campbell, NHS Highland spoke on the Cool 2 Talk initiative available for young people aged 12 - 26 and encouraged all partners to continue to promote the service.
- The Community Justice workshop was led collaboratively by Craig McNally, Alcohol and Drug Partnership coordinator, Scott McLellan, Scottish Prison Service and Mary Holt, Community Justice Coordinator.
- Jennifer Nicoll and Morag Goodfellow of HIE led a workshop on Cluster Development focusing on technology in Sandbank and marine in Dunbeg and the opportunities there.
- Dr Christine McArthur from the Health and Social Care Partnership in conjunction with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Scottish Ambulance Service led a workshop on the ongoing work to manage and prevent falls.
- Pippa Milne, Argyll & Bute Council spoke of the ongoing work to get a "Rural Deal" for Argyll and Bute.



## MAKI Area Community Planning Action Plan

### CPP Management Committee response to proposed actions, 5 December 2017

#### Recommendation:

MAKI Area Community Planning Group consider and agree the proposed Area Community Planning Action Plan.

#### Background:

At its meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017, the MAKI Area Community Planning Group did not accept to agree the actions within the draft Community Planning Action Plan and agreed to meet on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 to address concerns.

On 5 December the CPP Management Committee called a special meeting of its members to consider the proposals put forward by the MAKI working group looking at the Area Community Action Plan for 2018/19.

#### Detail:

The specific actions considered are below with a note showing where this has been either adapted, reworded or is a new action to address proposals received by the working group.

#### Islay

New Action	Lead Organisation
Work with CALMAC to develop a demand forecast for vehicular traffic to and from Islay, as well as across the island, for the coming decade.	Area Community Planning Group

**Note from CPP MC 5 Dec: Proposed Islay 2020 summit may have some information following it relevant to the above action. Also the Community Council were looking at this.**

**Across Area**

<b>Action Adapted to include more communities</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>
Report on progress of the implementation of the timetable for superfast broadband especially within the outlying rural settlements and promote uptake with community.	HIE

<b>Action Reworded</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>
A permanent solution for the full length of A83 as part of the National Transport Strategy full review. Lobby Transport Scotland on this.	Area Community Planning Group

<b>New Action</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>
ACPG to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the HIE Argyll and Bute Transport Connectivity and Economy Research Report, June 2016, and identify further improvements.</li> <li>• Meet with the MAKI representatives on the A83 Taskforce to explore the best way to input to that group on the concerns particular to MAKI.</li> </ul>	Area Community Planning Group

<b>Action adapted to include more communities</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>
Speed/road surveys to be conducted on the A83 corridor to identify any locations that may require additional speed checks and/or educational initiatives	Police Scotland



# Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Action Plan 2017-2020



## Introduction

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act requires Community Planning Partnerships (CPP) to have focused action plans to reduce inequalities within a community. The use of statistics, your feedback from the Place Standard Consultation held in April 2017 and local partners' knowledge has determined what activity needs to take place (and where) in the next 1 to 3 years.

The plan will be reviewed every 12 months and monitored at quarterly Area Community Planning Group meetings.

The actions contained within this plan do not feature in any other plans and complement ongoing activity from individual organisations. Some of the issues highlighted through the engagement in developing these plans are being addressed in plans such as:

- Health and Social Care Locality Plans
- Economic Development Action Plans
- Individual service plans of organisations
- Health and Wellbeing Network Plans

All partners in the Community Planning Partnership are committed to working together when engaging with the local community. Contact [communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk) for best practice.

## What activity is already happening within the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area?

The following activities are happening within the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area.

- Health and Social Care Partnership Locality Plans
- [Lochgilphead, Ardrishaig and Tarbert Regeneration Fund](#)
- [Inveraray CARS](#)
- [Campbeltown CARS](#)
- [Crinan Canal Charrette](#)
- [Local Economic Development Action Plans](#)
- CHArts
- [Kilmartin House Museum Redevelopment](#)

The following activities are being explored in Community Planning's strategic delivery plans:

- Develop a multi-agency solution to the challenges faced by the new Early Years / Childcare regulations
- Actions from the Anti-Poverty strategy which relate to Child Poverty (Health and Social Care Partnership)
- Promotion, embedding and evaluation of Cool to Talk (to improve mental health in young people) following the launch in Campbeltown, June 2017 (Health and Social Care Partnership)
- Implement the Community Triage Pilot Project in Lochgilphead – on response to people in distress and/or mental health crisis (Police Scotland)

## Existing Community Led Action Plans

The CPP is aware of the following Community Led Action Plans within the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands area. A Community Led Action Plan is a community-owned and community-led document identifying the needs of a community which sets out actions to address these.

[Ardrishaig](#)

[East Kintyre](#)

Lochgilphead

[Southend](#)

[Campbeltown](#)

Isle of Colonsay

[Tarbert and Skipness](#)

West Loch Fyne

[Craignish](#)

[Isle of Jura](#)

[West Kintyre](#)

[Dunadd](#)

## Focused local area community planning work in 2017-2020

The communities that will be the focus of targeted local community planning partnership work in 2017-2020 are **Lochgilphead**, **Campbeltown** and **Ardfern**, with a focus on the A83 across the area particularly in terms of road safety and infrastructure. The CPP also recognises that neighbouring communities will benefit from any targeted action. For more information, see page 7.

## What actions are Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership committing to do in the area?

We have consulted with Area Community Planning Groups and local communities to determine where focused activity should take place and what key themes require action. The actions will help reduce the inequality of outcome experienced by communities living in these areas and will complement the existing strategic activity and community-led action plans already happening within the area.

## Lochgilphead

Action	Lead Organisation
Develop Phase II of Kilmory Industrial Estate	Argyll & Bute Council
Regenerate the town of Lochgilphead. This action is currently in the Economic Development Action Plan.	Argyll & Bute Council
Build relationships with the Youth Forum	Lochgilphead Community Council
Increase the number of apprenticeships (foundation, modern and graduate) in the area with a view to expanding this across the MAKI Area in future.	Skills Development Scotland
Develop community hub for young people	Lochgilphead Community Council / MAYDS

## Ardfern

Action	Lead Organisation
Investigate if Community Transport provides for children/families	Short –life Community Transport Group led by Third Sector Interface
Investigate the potential of a youth group to use the facilities of Ardfarn Fire Station	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

## Campbeltown

Action	Lead Organisation
Work with Machrihanish Airbase Community Company to grow and develop further by having an increase in the number of businesses based at the airbase with high-skilled jobs	HIE
Promote the Machrihanish Airbase Community Company as an innovative opportunity to businesses, including the potential of a Spaceport	HIE
Explore the parking issues and options in Campbeltown	Area Community Planning Group

## Islay

Action	Lead Organisation
To develop a demand forecast for vehicular traffic to and from Islay, as well as across the island, for the coming decade.	Area Community Planning Group

## Across Area

Action	Lead Organisation
Report on progress of the implementation of the timetable for superfast broadband especially within the outlying rural settlements and promote uptake with community.	HIE

Action	Lead Organisation
A permanent solution for the full length of A83 as part of the National Transport Strategy full review. Lobby Transport Scotland on this.	Area Community Planning Group

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ACPG to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the HIE Argyll and Bute Transport Connectivity and Economy Research Report, June 2016, and identify further improvements.</li> <li>• Meet with the MAKI representatives on the A83 Taskforce to explore the best way to input to that group on the concerns particular to MAKI.</li> </ul>	Area Community Planning Group

Action	Lead Organisation
Speed/road surveys to be conducted on the A83 corridor to identify any locations that may require additional speed checks and/or educational initiatives	Police Scotland

## Background Information and statistics on why we have chosen these communities

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2016 ranked two of the twenty-nine data zones within Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands as being among the 15% most overall deprived data zones in Scotland. Both of these data zones are within Campbeltown.

The Improvement Service's Community Planning Outcome Profile tool looks at Intermediate Geography Zones (IGZ) and ranks these against 8 outcomes: Out of Work Benefits, Child Poverty, S4 Tariff Rate, Positive Destinations, Crime Rate, Emergency Admissions, Early Mortality and Depopulation. It is worth stating that the most up to date data within the tool is from 2014 however at that time the IGZ of Campbeltown was ranked as the third area within Argyll and Bute experiencing the poorest outcomes with Lochgilphead ranking as the tenth.

All Outcomes		Comparison against over similar communities across Scotland		Improvement	
Ranking against all Argyll and Bute Communities (poorest outcome to best) (1-22)	Name of area	Ranking and whether it is faring better or worse than other similar communities	Name of area	Ranking within Argyll and Bute (least improvement to most) (1-22)	Name of area
3	Campbeltown	3, worse	Campbeltown	7	Mid Argyll
10	Greater Lochgilphead	4, worse	Greater Lochgilphead	10	Greater Lochgilphead
14	Kintyre Trail	12, worse	Kintyre Trail	11	Campbeltown
16	Whisky Isles	15, worse	Whisky Isles	12	Kintyre Trail
20	Mid Argyll	21, better	Mid Argyll	18	Whisky Isles

*Source: Improvement Service Community Planning Outcome Profile Tool, June 2017*

49 people responded to the Place Standard consultation on Campbeltown, Drumlemble, Sound of Kintyre and Southend. The categories where respondents felt there was significant room for improvement were: Traffic and Parking, Work and Local Economy, Care and Maintenance and Influence and Sense of Control.

41 people responded to the Place Standard consultation on Lochgilphead. The categories where respondents felt there was significant room for improvement were: Public Transport, Streets and Spaces, Facilities and Amenities, Social Interaction and Care and Maintenance.



A total of 174 people responded to the consultation from the MAKI area on the communities of: Achnamara, Ardfern, Ardrishaig, Cairnbaan, Campbeltown, Carradale, Craighouse, Craobh Haven, Crinan, Drumlemble, Ford, Inveraray, Gigha, Isle of Islay, Lochgair, Lochgilphead, Minard, Muasdale, Sound of Kintyre, Southend and Tarbert.

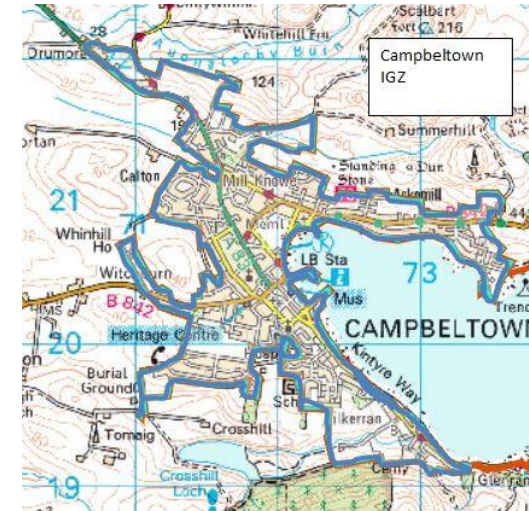
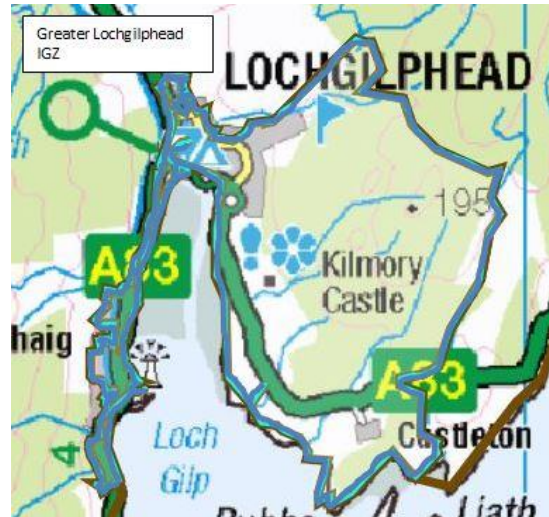
The CPP will monitor statistics and feedback from community consultations and will assess on an annual basis whether the communities receiving focused action should change.

### **What is an Intermediate Geography Zone and what area does it cover?**

The Scottish Government uses data zones to examine small area statistics. The geography of Scotland is dissected into local authority boundaries and a data zone is a small area with a population between 500 and 1000. Intermediate Geography Zones are aggregations of data zones and contain between 2,500 and 6000 people. They were created as there was a need for a statistical level between data zone and local authority area was required as not all statistics are able to be released at data zone level. The current version of the Community Planning Outcome Profile tool uses the 2001 data zones of which there are five Intermediate Geography Zones (IGZ) in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area: Campbeltown, Greater Lochgilphead, Kintyre Trail, Mid Argyll and Whisky Isles. The naming and boundaries of these zones is determined by the Scottish Government and maps are useful to identify the boundaries. The next update of the CPOP will use 2011 boundaries and a new IGZ of Knapdale will be included.

The statistics used by the Improvement Service to determine the rankings looks at these IGZ however the Community Planning Partnership is aware that focused activity will benefit the wider area.

## Maps of Intermediate Geography Zone Areas



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**Social Enterprise - Small and Local with Significant Impact in Argyll**

The 2017 Social Enterprise Census for Scotland demonstrates the significance of Social Enterprise in the rural context with 34% of Scotland's social enterprises with only 18% of the nation's population. This is particularly relevant in Argyll and Bute, one of the top 3 local authority areas with the lowest population densities and highest density of social enterprise per capita, at 1.6% of the population and 4.4% of Scotland's Social Enterprises<sup>i</sup>

But many folks don't even know what a Social Enterprise is... It's a community business, or a business that trades services or goods for community benefit, rather than private profit, and in Argyll this includes a whole host of enterprises running vital services including; fuel filling stations, village shops, care services for older people, youth work and childcare services, community halls and environmental projects which enhance the tourism offering. These are run by a volunteer board and may employ staff, but any profits are reinvested for the community benefit. 80% of Social Enterprises in Argyll are also Charities.

Social Value Lab who undertook the national census have just published the Census the Social Enterprise in Argyll and Bute Report 2017<sup>ii</sup>, which confirms the importance of Social Enterprise for the area. The total income of the being £57million with an additional £30.3 million of Housing Association income for Argyll's economy. This is a significant contribution to the rural economy in terms of economic benefit, with the social benefit being more significant still, as many Social Enterprises indicated that there was not an alternative provider of their services and many delivering essential services which ensure rural communities can survive and thrive.

Most of these enterprises are small scale (with 70% of Social Enterprises having a turnover of less than £100k) and 48% delivering activities in a single neighbourhood or community. The Report was launched at a network Event in Inveraray on 30<sup>th</sup> November which was organised by Senscot, Unltd and local Charity Inspiralba. Representatives from Social Enterprises from Across Argyll met with partners from Scottish Government, Argyll and Bute Council and Highlands and Islands Enterprise and now hope the data will assist in raising the profile of the importance of the sector for our rural economy and communities across Argyll.

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<sup>i</sup> Social Enterprise Census 2017 Report, Sept 2017 <http://www.socialvaluelab.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Census-2017-Main-Report.pdf>

<sup>ii</sup> Social Enterprise in Argyll and Bute Report, November 2017, Social Value Lab link to be included.

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**Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands  
Area Community Planning Group**  
**Date:** 7 February 2018  
**Agenda Item:**



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## ACT Hubs update

### 1.0 Purpose

We have been invited to this meeting as a partner with an active role in promoting tourism through our ACT Hubs project. We are also a delivery partner for SOA Outcome 5 (People live active, healthier, and independent lives). We will briefly introduce our organisation and provide you with an overview of our ACT Hubs project.

### 2.0 Recommendations

Our membership is a clear way of demonstrating widespread community support and of ensuring that we are progressing projects that reflect area priorities. Members can influence the types of projects we deliver, and we are keen that as many individuals, groups, and businesses as possible in your area sign up for ACT membership, which is currently free. Community support for our projects through planning and delivery is invaluable. More information on membership is available at [www.act-now.org.uk](http://www.act-now.org.uk) or email [info@act-now.org.uk](mailto:info@act-now.org.uk).

### 3.0 Background

Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust (ACT) was established in April 2014. We are a registered charity (SCO44733) with a vision to maintain, enhance and promote the coast and countryside of Argyll so that residents and visitors can enjoy it forever. We have a range of objectives to help fulfil this vision. Our objectives are:

- To care for and enhance our environment - working strategically and locally.
- To encourage people to enjoy and benefit from our environment.
- To encourage investment that will improve our environment.
- To share ideas on how to care for, enhance and enjoy our environment.
- To increase opportunities for local people such as employment, training, and volunteering.
- To work in partnership with individuals or groups with an interest in our environment.

We are a small organisation with two permanent staff – a full time development manager and a part time finance officer. Additionally, four project staff and two contractors contribute to the delivery of four projects on a full- or part-time basis. Our Board has a maximum of 12, with four agency representatives and eight community representatives. We are also supported by a team of advisors with expertise in a variety of subjects. Our membership is open to anyone living in Argyll and the Isles. Members are kept up to date with a quarterly newsletter and can be invited to join project steering groups or suggest projects for ACT to deliver.

We have a proven track record of successful project delivery but have reached capacity with our existing staff. We are finalising our Growth Strategy and hoping to secure support from HIE and key agencies to resource a Business Development Officer to identify income options and help us to build a sustainable financial model.

### **4.0 ACT Projects**

Our objectives are delivered through projects which have brought in over £1.5M of funding to Argyll and the Isles since 2014. We work across Argyll and the Isles on a variety of place and people-based projects. Current projects include peatland restoration in Islay (CANN project); eradication of *Rhododendron ponticum* in Glen Creran, Appin (Glen Creran); woodland activities for people with poor mental health across Argyll (Branching Out); employability training and service provision in Helensburgh and Lomond (ACT Argyll); supporting long-distance routes across Argyll to work co-operatively and pool resources for marketing and income generation (LDR forum); and supporting communities to develop projects that will enhance tourism (ACT Hubs).

Our Branching Out project runs innovative programmes of woodland-based activities, in partnership with the NHS and Forestry Commission Scotland, for people with poor mental health. The project helps to tackle chronic problems such as anxiety and depression by getting people back to nature and encouraging peer-support through teamwork in the woods. There are five teams across all four localities of Argyll and Bute delivering 12-week programmes for participants. For more information and to watch a short film about the project see <https://www.act-now.org.uk/en/what-we-do/233-branching-out>.

Our ACT Hubs project is working with communities to help plan projects that will enhance tourism in the local area, encourage people to explore the great outdoors, and benefit the local economy. We are supporting a range of community projects including access, interpretation, habitat improvement and volunteering programmes. ACT Hubs is part-financed by ACT and part-financed by the Scottish Government and the European Community Argyll and the Islands LEADER 2014-2020



programme. We have a full-time project officer and part-time finance and marketing officers. ACT Hubs is currently funded until June 2018.

### **4.1 ACT Hubs community projects**

In Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles we are working with the Lochgilphead Phoenix Project to support their plans for developing the Corran area in Lochgilphead in to an accessible area with nature trails and wildlife viewing opportunities. The area is owned by the Council, and is infested with the invasive plant, Japanese knotweed. Eradication of Japanese knotweed from the area is an essential foundation to future development. The Phoenix Project are investigating the possibility of obtaining responsibility for the area from the Council. ACT Hubs is commissioning a feasibility study for the eradication of Japanese knotweed. This study will benefit anyone taking responsibility for the area by providing costs and timescales for Japanese knotweed eradication.

We are also working with the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust to support their ideas for attracting visitors to the island for a variety of short- or long-term volunteering roles. ACT Hubs is developing guidance for setting up a volunteer programme.

In Cowal, we are working with the Tighnabruaich District Development Trust and Kilfinan Community Forest, with input from local residents including primary school pupils, to develop a leaflet describing and mapping local walking trails. The aim of the leaflet is to encourage people to spend more time in the area by highlighting the opportunities to explore on foot. ACT Hubs has facilitated meetings with representatives of the local groups and co-hosted a public meeting about the project. ACT Hubs has also supported development of the leaflet content and commissioned the design of a leaflet covering Tighnabruaich and North Kames. The leaflet will be available in print and electronic versions in Spring 2018. The community have also organised path marking and maintenance to encourage more people to explore the area of Tighnabruaich and Kames. A further two leaflets are planned to map paths in and around Portavadie and Kilfinan.

In Helensburgh and Lomond we are working with the Loch Long Jetty Association (LLJA) to develop plans for a floating pontoon and visitor moorings at the Teighness slipway in Arrochar. The pontoon will provide safe pedestrian access to Loch Long. The aims of this project are to provide a facility that will encourage greater use of Loch Long for leisure activities and attract more visitors to Arrochar by boat. The project was initially developed by Arrochar, Tarbet and Ardlui Community Council but the LLJA has been set up as a registered charity to continue the project. Planning permission has been granted for the pontoon. ACT Hubs is supporting the development of plans for the pontoon, particularly sourcing, and applying for capital funding. ACT Hubs also aims to formulate brief guidance on the process of installing a pontoon for other communities who want to embark on a similar project.

In addition to location specific projects we are supporting ideas that have a strategic approach and cover a wider area across Argyll and the Isles. These projects include a review of visitor giving schemes and how these could be used to generate income for the maintenance of long-distance routes; a guide to developing regional food trails to showcase local produce; and the design of an info-graphic to illustrate the long-distance route network with links to the transport network and other infrastructure such as electric vehicle charging points. We are working in partnership with Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) on several of these projects.

### **5.0 Conclusions**

Overall, we want to ensure that the coast and countryside that is being promoted as a product for tourism in Argyll and the Isles is managed and maintained in a positive way. We are aware of a general concern for visitor management and the capacity of Argyll to cope with increased visitor numbers. However, we are also inspired by the enthusiasm of communities to enhance their environment for the benefit of residents and visitors. Current and future activities of ACT, particularly through ACT Hubs, aim to support communities and enhance visitor experiences by contributing to improved infrastructure such as access, interpretation, facilities, and habitat management.

Our activities also contribute to our priority activity in Outcome 5 which is to “promote awareness of opportunities and activities to increase use of the outdoor environment”. We want to encourage better health and wellbeing through increased outdoor activity for people of all ages and abilities. We are currently making a short film about the advantages of outdoor activity and how regular activities can be included in daily routines. We believe that people who engage with their environment through outdoor activities will be encouraged to take better care of their surroundings. This will have great benefits for all current and future generations of residents and visitors in Argyll and the Isles.

Our ACT Hubs project is due to end in June 2018. However, plans to extend the project until September 2018 (within the existing budget) and to develop new approaches to build upon the success of ACT Hubs are underway. Community support, demonstrated through membership, is particularly important when developing new projects and applying for funding.

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### **References**

For more information: [www.act-now.org.uk](http://www.act-now.org.uk)

**Appendices**

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**Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership****Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group****Wednesday 7th February 2018**

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**Digital Infrastructure – Area Update**

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**Summary**

The following report provides an update on the various digital infrastructure projects which are ongoing in the area including Superfast Broadband, other Broadband issues and mobile communications.

**1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 Work has continued on a number of programmes which aim to improve the digital infrastructure across Argyll. This report provides an update on the various projects within the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Area Community Planning Group is asked to note the contents of the report.

**3.0 Detail**

The work being undertaken in relation to digital infrastructure relates to broadband or mobile communications.

**3.1 Next Generation Broadband**

Next generation broadband within Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands is all being delivered through the Highlands and Islands project and Community Broadband Scotland supported community projects. No BT commercial deployment is being progressed in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area

- 3.2 Work continues on building the new infrastructure network to support next generation broadband. Having completed the subsea cable links in 2014/15, land based backhaul and local access fibre cables are required to connect communities. Whilst telephone exchanges will continue to provide a service in relation to telephone calls only a handful of exchanges will handle next generation

broadband services, new access cables running from these “headend” exchanges directly to new communication cabinets within communities will ensure that the superfast speeds reach the local cabinets.

- 3.3 During 2017, we saw further new connections which meant that next generation broadband was available to a large number of premises in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area many for the first time. Work continues in many of these locations to extend the fibre services to as many premises as possible within the initial budget of the project. This initial budget has made more connections than originally expected through technological advancements and efficiency savings. Additional funds have also been made available through the Gainshare or Clawback mechanism that was written into the initial contract with BT. A summary of all Cabinets across Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands is contained at Appendix 1.
- 3.4 Once the new fibre cabinets are live, customers who want access to superfast broadband must order the upgraded fibre service from their internet service provider. Members of the public can check whether they are able to order a next generation service at [www.digitalscotland.org/whereandwhen](http://www.digitalscotland.org/whereandwhen). If they are not able to order a next generation broadband service they will be given an indication of whether the service is likely to be available within their exchange area and if so when the first premises are expected to be connected.
- 3.5 BT Long Reach-Very High Speed Digital Subscriber Line (LR-VDSL)  
BT have been conducting a trial from the Whitehouse and Clachan exchanges into the use of LR-VDSL. This is an extension of the initial trial in North Tolsta on the Isle of Lewis. LR-VDSL is the revectoring of the broadband signal which allows it to travel further along the old copper network, harnessing higher signal power and wider frequency ranges in order to deliver faster speeds. We are waiting on the results and outcome of the trial.
- 3.6 Highlands and Islands Programme  
The Highlands and Islands (H&I) programme in Argyll is currently expected to connect 82% of premises when taken with the commercial rollout.
- 3.7 The first live premises through the HI programme in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands were made during the summer 2015 when the first premises in the area were connected and local exchanges went live. Further fibre connections have since been made available in the most exchange areas across Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands, many of these areas have received a fibre service ahead of the initial timescales within the first rollout plans. There has been some unforeseen technical difficulties in some exchange areas which has seen major delays and caused distress to expected customers.
- 3.8 Work is continuing across Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands with the initial contract was due to end Dec17 however a contract extension has been given due to additional funds being made available, this will see continued deployment during 2018.

3.9 Community Broadband Scotland

Community Broadband Scotland (CBS) operates to support communities in taking forward their own broadband solution where coverage through the above programmes is not expected.

- 3.10 During 2017, unfortunately the ABInternet who were building the wireless network entered administration. The GPA board tried everything to try and keep the project alive however state aid regulations ultimately deemed this impossible, CBS have been working with communities in the Gigaplus Argyll intervention area with an update provided by Campbell Cameron from CBS is expected

**Other broadband issues**

3.11 Extension of Funding

Additional funding was received from Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) and the Scottish Government which will extend the rollout.

- 3.12 In addition to government funding, the Phase 1 contracts provide for a “gain share” clause to clawback funding if the project reached agreed take up levels. This saw BT make a payment of £17.8 million which will be used to extend coverage. It must be stressed that take-up of the new upgraded service could be better, it currently standing at around 40%. To assist with raising awareness of the access to SFB and increase take-up I have some cards which can be distributed across the area for people to take away with them.

3.13 Reaching 100% (R100)

A Scottish Government (SG) commitment is that every premise in Scotland is to have access to Superfast Broadband with broadband speeds >30Mbps by 2021. The R100 has split Scotland into 3 Lots North (Lot1), Central (lot2) and South (Lot3). This has now entered the procurement stage with Invite to Tender (ITT) being published. Most of Argyll and Bute is in Lot1 which has been allocated £384M of the £600M fund committed by the SG. The procurement exercise is expected to last around 9 months with the expected contract commencement date of late 2018/beginning of 2019. Very little information will be available during this period due to commercial sensitivities.

**Mobile Communications**

3.14 Commercial upgrades

When Ofcom awarded the contract for delivering 4G across the UK it included a stipulation that 95% of premises within Scotland receive coverage. 4G coverage is available to some parts of Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands, with coverage improvements changing on a regular bases for some mobile operators. Further 4G deployments are planned as numerous planning applications have been approved however it is still not clear when full network activation will be complete. Appendix 2 outlines all the current mast locations and the proposed new masts sites.

- 3.15 Alongside the 4G licence, amendments have been made to the licences issued by Ofcom to the mobile operators to implement 90 percent geographic voice coverage throughout the UK by no later than 31 December 2017. Significant movements have been made towards this target. I have provided a wide frame coverage maps in Appendix 3. These are taken from Ofcom's coverage data and show coverage for Vodafone (map1 voice), (map2 data) and EE coverage (map3 voice) and (map4 data). As you can see data coverage from EE is slightly better. This is mainly down to the new Emergency Service Network contract (ESN) that EE were award. This is to provide 4G coverage for the blue light services (Fire, Police and Ambulance)
- 3.16 Credit must be given to the Councils planning teams for their continued efforts in seeing these numerous planning applications progress through the system, with a considerable number of these being quite contentious sites in designated and sensitive areas. In the last two years there has been just under 200 applications for new mast sites or mast upgrades across Argyll and Bute from various network operators.
- 3.17 Other activities  
As well as MNO commercial upgrades and the ESN program there are other programs currently being progressed. There is the Emergency Service Mobile Communication Program Extended Area Sites, these are site that are being progressed by the Home Office to provide additional coverage in areas that are not commercially viable. There is also the 4G infill program which is being progressed by Scottish Futures Trust which is building robust masts that are suitable for holding multi operator equipment, with adequate power and fibre backhaul capabilities. This is also aimed at areas that are not commercial viable
- 3.18 One of the main reasons to the historic bad mobile coverage is the general topography of Argyll and Bute. Due to the licence obligations placed on some operators by Ofcom and government agreement by the other MNO's to provide similar coverage, this is why we require such a large number of mast sites. Additionally the ESN is mainly targeted at the road network and data connections require a general direct line of site for data transfer.

#### **4.0 Conclusion**

- 4.1 Digital connectivity across the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area is constantly improving with the continuation of the fibre rollout programmes and the upcoming R100. Digital Scotland has outlined that it is possible that further funds may be required to meet the government's commitment to the R100 and that further procurements may be required to achieve this milestone target of 100%. Rollout is expected to continue during 2018 with coverage extending across more of the rural exchange areas. Progress on mobile coverage is although slow, we will continue to press for improved coverage through both commercial and publically funded programmes.



## **5.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Policy – the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) and Economic Development Action Plan support improvements in the digital infrastructure.
- 5.2 Financial – Across Scotland funding of £600m has been committed to the R100 programme across Scotland. No direct financial implications to the Council at the present time.
- 5.3 Legal – none.
- 5.4 HR – None.
- 5.5 Equalities – the differing nature of the deployment of new technology has the potential to lead to inequalities in terms of access to digital services including those which support business and personal development.
- 5.6 Risk – there is an overall risk that the economic benefits arising from modern digital infrastructure are not fully realised. There are risks that those areas which do not benefit from digital infrastructure could become less attractive locations within which to live and work which could have implications in relation to the SOA objective of growing the population. The various programmes are reliant on new technology and innovation which is developing rapidly. Some projects are reliant on commercial operator decisions to invest whilst grant funding is necessary for many aspects of digital infrastructure improvement in Argyll. These aspects all create a level of uncertainty around the extent of infrastructure improvements.
- 5.7 Customer Service – improvements in broadband and mobile technology improve the opportunities for digital based customer services.

## **6.0 SOA Outcomes**

- 6.1 This report links to Outcome 2 – We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth.

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### **Appendices**

- 1 Exchange/Cabinet overview
- 2 Map of current and proposed mast sites
- 3 Ofcom mobile coverage maps

**Appendix 1**

Exchange Location	Cabinet No.	Exchange Location	Cabinet No.
Achnamara	In progress	Kilmartin	2
Aros	1	Lochgilphead	12
Barbreck	1	Machrihanish	2
Bowmore	2	Minard	2
Campbeltown	10	Port Askaig	2
Carradale	1	Port Charlotte	2
Clachan	1	Port Ellen	3
Crinan	1	Portnahaven	In progress
Colonsay	R100	Skipness	R100
Gigha	R100	Southend	1
Glenbarr	In progress	Tarbert	2
Ford	1	Tayinloan	R100
Furnace	2	Tayvallich	1
Jura	1+1	Whitehouse	1
Inveraray	2		
Kilkenzie	R100		

Achnamara and Glenbarr exchanges: Work on roll-out has started, but it's taking a little longer than expected to reach. Delivery timescales depend on many factors and can be subject to change. BT will have services to this exchange area as soon as they can.

Portnahaven: Work on roll-out has started, but it's taking a little longer than expected to reach you. A cabinet has been built and is going through the process. Delivery timescales depend on many factors and can be subject to change. We will have services to your area as soon as we can.

Jura exchange: 1 cabinet is live and the other is currently going through the process.

Currently there are no plans for Gigha, Kilkenzie, Skipness or Tayinloan exchange areas. These will be part of the R100 programme.

Colonsay was part of the GPA programme and was de-scoped from BT/HIE programme for the purposes of state aid regulation.

Appendix 2



### Appendix 3

This map shows mobile availability in your area. Please select your network to view availability from your provider.

Vodafone

Voice

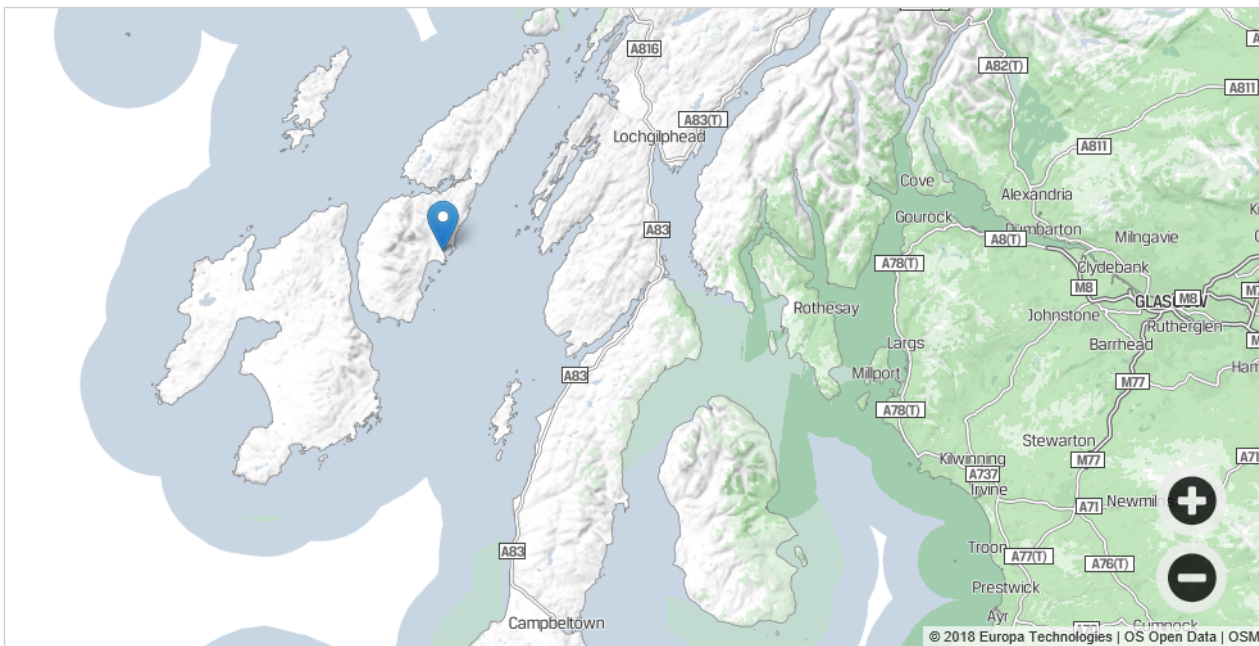
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EE

Voice

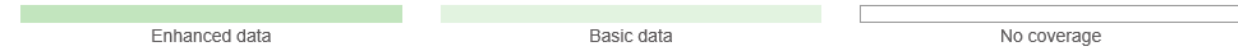
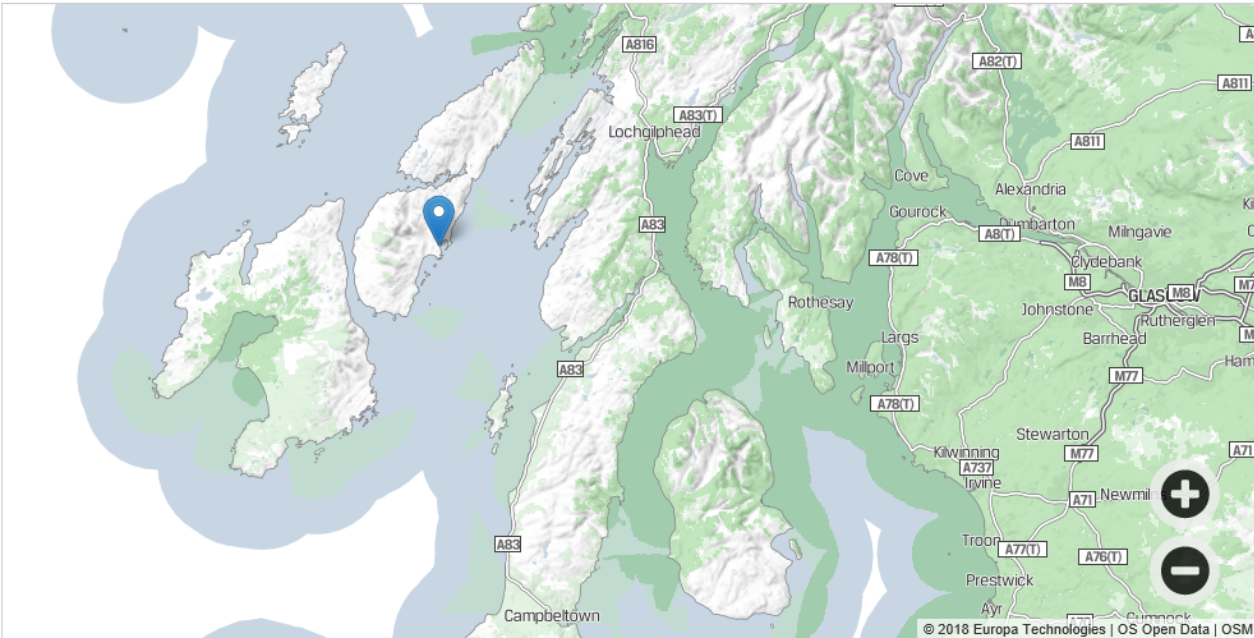
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**Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership****Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group****7 February 2018**

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**Agenda Item**

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**Dates for future meetings – 2018/2019**

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**Summary**

The following report provides information relating to the proposed CPG meeting schedule for the period from August 2018 to June 2019. The proposed dates, times and locations are detailed in the Appendix to the report.

**1. Purpose**

1.1 This report asks the Area Community Planning Group to consider and agree dates for meetings for the period from August 2018 to June 2019.

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 The Area Community Planning Group is asked to agree the dates for meetings as shown in the attached appendix and to consider the venues for meetings including the May 2019 meeting, which has historically been held in an island location.

**3. Background**

3.1 The dates for meetings of the CPG have already been agreed up until June 2018. The Council at its meeting held in November 2017 agreed a schedule of future meetings up till June 2019 including suggested dates for the Area CPG meetings. The suggested date for the May 2019 meeting is Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, unfortunately this clashes with the OLI CPG meeting. Therefore, to facilitate possible officer attendance at both meetings it is suggested that the May 2019 meeting is moved to take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May – this would be in line with previous meetings.

3.2 According to the Terms of Reference the Area Community Planning Group should agree the schedule of meetings.

#### **4. Detail**

- 4.1 All Area CPG meetings are held on a quarterly basis in the months of May, August, November and February in line with the Terms of Reference which were agreed by the Group in March 2015. This cycle ties in with the meetings of the CPP Management Committee and allows for discussion to take place on the relevant Outcomes prior to them being discussed by the Management Committee. .
- 4.2 The meetings of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands CPG will take place in the months of May, August, November and February and historically have been held alternately between Lochgilphead and Campbeltown with the May meeting being held in an island location. All meetings commence at 10am. It is suggested that a similar model is adopted for future meetings.
- 4.3 The pre-agenda process begins some weeks earlier, with meetings being held with the Chair and Vice-Chair to discuss the format of the agenda. A proposed timetable for the meetings and deadline dates for reports being submitted is attached as an Appendix to this report.

#### **5. Conclusions**

- 5.1 Given that the arrangement for meetings worked well in 2017/18 it is suggested that the CPG agrees to adopt a similar pattern for their meetings for the period from August 2018 to June 2019.

#### **6. SOA Outcomes**

- 6.1 This report does not link to any specific Outcome as it relates to the administrative arrangements.

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Appendix – Dates for future meetings



Call Out E-mail	Pre Agenda	Front Sheet Agenda Issue	Full Pack Agenda Issue	<b>COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP</b>	Venue	Start time
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	TBC	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2018	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018</b>	TBC	10.00am
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	TBC	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2018	<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>	TBC	10.00am
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	TBC	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>	TBC	10.00am
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	TBC	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019</b>	TBC	10.00am

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