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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

A meeting of the **OBAN LORN & THE ISLES COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held in the **MCCAIG SUITE, CORRAN HALLS, OBAN** on **WEDNESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2019** at **2:00 PM**, 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) Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Planning Group - Wednesday 14 August 2019 (Pages 5 - 10)
- 4. PARTNERS UPDATE**
  - (a) Argyll College - Developing the Young Workforce  
Verbal Report by Maggie Melville, Developing the Young Workforce
  - (b) Opportunity for verbal updates by Community Planning Partners
- 5. COMMUNITY FOCUS**
  - (a) Kerrera Community Trust  
Presentation by Aideen Shields, Kerrera Community Trust

- 6. BRIEFING NOTE: COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE (Pages 11 - 12)**  
Report by Community Planning Manager
- 7. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTION PLAN - TRACKER (Pages 13 - 24)**  
Report by Community Planning Manager
- 8. ARGYLL AND BUTE OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2013 - 2023 - OUTCOME 3 (EDUCATION, SKILLS AND TRAINING MAXIMISES OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL)**
  - (a) Fèisean nan Gàidheal  
  
Presentation by Karen Oakley, Development Officer, Fèisean nan Gàidheal
- 9. ARGYLL AND BUTE OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2013 - 2023 - OUTCOME 4 (CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THE BEST POSSIBLE START)**
  - (a) Oban Youth Café / North Argyll Youth Forum  
  
Verbal Report by Maureen Evans, North Argyll Youth Forum
- 10. ARGYLL AND BUTE OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2013-2023 - OUTCOMES 1 AND 2 (THE ECONOMY IS DIVERSE AND THRIVING & WE HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SUPPORTS SUSTAINABLE GROWTH)**
  - (a) Active Travel Update (Pages 25 - 30)  
  
Report by Strategic Transportation Delivery Officer continued from the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Planning Group meeting on Wednesday 14 August 2019.
- 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 2PM IN THE CORRAN HALLS, OBAN**  
Discussion facilitated by the Area Governance Officer on items for inclusion on the Agenda for the above meeting.  
  
Outcomes to be discussed:  
  
Outcome 5: People live active, healthier and independent lives; and  
Outcome 6: People live in stronger and safer communities.

## **Oban Lorn & the Isles Community Planning Group**

John Fleming (Chair)

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**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in  
the MCCAIG SUITE, CORRAN HALLS, OBAN  
on WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST 2019**

**Present:** John Fleming, Avich & Kilchrenan Community Council (Chair)  
Eleanor McKinnon, Project Manager, Rockfield Community Trust  
Councillor Elaine Robertson (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Andrew Vennard  
Samantha Somers, Community Planning Officer, Argyll & Bute Council  
Laura MacDonald - Community Development Officer, Argyll & Bute Council  
Iona McPhail, Regional Manager, Argyll Community Housing Association  
Inspector Mark Stephen, Police Scotland  
Melissa Stewart, Area Governance Officer, Argyll & Bute Council  
Maggie Clark - Health Improvement Lead, Argyll & Bute HSCP (Skype)  
John Sweeney Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

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

Apologies for absence were intimated by:

Councillor Roderick McCuish;  
Councillor Mary Jean Devon;  
Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor;  
Councillor Jim Lynch;  
Morven Gemmill, Locality Manager, Health and Social Care Partnership;  
Morag MacLean, North Argyll Carers; and  
Maureen Evans, Youth Worker, Argyll and Bute Council.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**3. MINUTES**

**(a) Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Planning Group - Wednesday, 8 May 2019**

The minute of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group meeting held on Wednesday 8 May 2019 was approved as a correct record.

The Group noted that there was an action to invite Oban Hospice to attend the meeting but as they had been unable to send a representative they would be invited to a future meeting.

**4. PARTNERS UPDATE**

**(a) Health and Wellbeing Annual Report**

The Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership's Annual Report 2018-2019 on Health and Wellbeing in Argyll and Bute was before the Group for noting.

Members were also made aware that that Kirsty McLuckie was now in post as the new coordinator.

### **Decision**

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group;

1. noted the contents of the report; and
2. thanked Alison Hardman for her hard work and great support to the area.

(Reference: Report by Alison McGrory - Health Improvement Principal, HSCP dated 14 August 2019, submitted)

18:41- At this point in the meeting the Health Improvement Lead, Argyll & Bute HSCP left and took no further part in the meeting

### **Police Scotland**

Inspector Mark Stephen highlighted to the Group that reported antisocial behaviour and common assaults were low for the current quarter setting the levels at a 5 year low for Oban despite the town being at its busiest. This was aided by local license premises who had established their own forum called Pub Watch which Police Scotland attend and work closely with along with the licensing team from Dumbarton.

Members heard how a summer safety campaign was launched with the Neighbourhood Rural Watch as part of a multi-agency approach which had a focus on fraud prevention in the rural community. The Royal Bank of Scotland employed a Fraud Prevention Officer who, working in conjunction with Youth Engagement Officer, would train Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV) to deliver the program aimed at raising awareness to people in rural areas about fraud prevention (in particular against online fraud) and gave advice on online safety. Confirmation was sought and received by the Group that it is encouraged that the public report all cases of fraud to Police Scotland so that they can input data into the intelligence system to help create a national picture of reported incidents.

Members were made aware of a New Driver project to be run in conjunction with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service at Oban fire station aimed at 17-25 year olds who have recently passed their driving test.

The Group noted that the new Divisional Commander was in post and engaging well with Police Officers and the public.

Discussion focused on the impact of road closures from Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) on other road users and what could be done to put information into the public domain to help explain the reasoning behind the timescales involved. It was agreed that comments would be passed on to Gillian Gardiner of the Road Policing Unit to progress.

19:05 At this point in the meeting Inspector Stephen left and took no further part in the meeting.

### **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

John Sweeney updated the Group on current statistics which included an increase in the numbers of deliberate and grass fires though this had also been affected by the very dry conditions for the time of year and that there is a focus on approaching high risk properties in relation to smoke detection.

The Group heard that in relation to partnership working the Fire Service are offering to train people in the use of CPR with the British Heart Foundation; that Oban's first Pride parade was led by the Fire Service; and there is ongoing engagement with local schools with fire safety talks as well as supporting the Police's Young Drivers' project.

Members further noted that 6 people had been successfully recruited for local area.

Discussion focussed on the importance of fire doors in flats and the Group thanked the Fire Service for their response to a recent fire in an ACHA property. The Fire and Rescue Service was invited to ACHA's Annual Tenant Conference which the Community Action Team will attend.

#### **(b) Scottish Water**

The Group considered a report submitted by the Regional Communities Manager, Scottish Water which provided an update on work being undertaken in regard to wastewater disposal from campervans in the North of Scotland and Western Islands.

#### **Decision**

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group;

1. noted the update;
2. agreed that the Vice-Chair would pass comments back to the Regional Communities Manager, Scottish Water in relation to a damaged mains water pipe at Lonan Drive; and
3. agreed to ask that the wastewater project be applied to Oban, Lorn & the Isles.

(Update by Regional Communities Manager, Scottish Water dated 14 August, submitted)

## **5. COMMUNITY FOCUS**

#### **(a) Rockfield Community Trust**

Consideration was given by members to a presentation shown by Eleanor McKinnon, Rockfield Community Trust, which highlighted the progression of the capital works programme and provided detail on the four core themes as – Arts & Culture, History & Heritage, Education & Enterprise, Community Wellbeing which aims for activities and services to be offered across the whole spectrum of society.

**Decision**

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group;

1. thanked Ms McKinnon for the informative presentation; and
2. noted the information provided in the presentation.

(Reference: Presentation by Ms McKinnon, Rockfield Community Trust dated 14 August 2019, submitted)

**6. HIGHLIGHTS FROM CPP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Group considered a briefing note which related to the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee held on Wednesday 26 June 2019 where issues raised by the Area Community Planning Group Chairs were considered.

**Decision**

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Planning Group;

1. noted the contents of the briefing note; and
2. agreed to accept Paul Devlin's offer to engage further with the community of Dalavich regarding volunteer fire crews.

(Reference: Briefing note by Community Planning Officer dated 14 August 2019, submitted)

**7. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTION PLAN - TRACKER**

The Group considered a progress update report on the individual actions contained within the Area Community Planning Action Plan Tracker.

Discussion took place in respect of the actions which were classed as not on track and members of the Group noted that the actions were being progressed and work is ongoing to pursue these actions.

**Decision**

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group;

1. noted the contents of the report; and
2. agreed more detail can be provide in future reports in the form of bullet points; and
3. agreed that as no information on progress had been forthcoming from Roads and Amenities Inspector Mark Stephen be approached to establish if actions OLI11 and OLI12 had been undertaken. If the actions currently marked as not on track prior had not been progressed it was agreed to refer the matter to the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee.

(Reference: Report by Community Planning Officer dated 14 August 2019, submitted)

## **8. UPDATE ON PLACE STANDARD CONSULTATION**

The Group considered a briefing note which related to the ongoing consultation 'How good is your place?'. The Group noted that the results of the consultation will form the next iteration of the Area Community Planning Action Plan and that there was an intention to share anonymised findings with local communities to assist them in developing Community Led Action Plans.

Discussion focused on the geographical areas where those who had responded to the consultation were from and what can be done to encourage an increase in the number of respondents in other areas.

### **Decision**

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group;

1. noted the information provided; and
2. agreed to invite the Group members to share with their own networks in effort to promote participation

(Reference: Report by Community Planning Officer dated 14 August 2019, submitted)

## **9. ARGYLL AND BUTE OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2013-2023 - OUTCOMES 1 AND 2 (THE ECONOMY IS DIVERSE AND THRIVING & WE HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SUPPORTS SUSTAINABLE GROWTH)**

### **(a) ACHA Annual Update**

The Group gave consideration to a presentation by Iona McPhail, Regional Manager, Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) on their Annual Update which highlighted stock details as of 31 March 2019; current developments such as the opening of the latest phase of the Bowmore Housing Development; and information about affordable rents and fuel poverty.

Particular focus was made on ways to encourage local community groups in the Oban area to make grant applications to the Community Action Fund.

Further information on the Community Action Fund can be found here – <https://www.acha.co.uk/services-community-action-fund/>

### **Decision**

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group;

1. thanked Ms McPhail for the informative presentation; and
2. noted the information provided in the presentation.

(Reference: Presentation by Ms McPhail, ACHA dated 14 August, submitted)

(b) **Active Travel Update** (Pages 7 - 12)

The Area Governance Officer tabled a briefing report (attached to this minute item) which had been prepared by the Strategic Transportation team to summarise the investment in projects which the service had been involved in.

**Decision**

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group agreed to a continuation of the report to the next meeting of the Group to facilitate a more in-depth discussion on the detail provided and that community transport should be looked at by the Group at a future meeting.

(Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Strategic Transportation, Argyll and Bute Council dated 14 August 2019, tabled)

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 13TH NOVEMBER 2019, 2PM 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 2.00pm on Wednesday 13 November 2019 in the Corran Halls, Oban. The focus of the meeting would be on outcomes 3 & 4 (Education, skills and training maximises opportunities for all and children and young people have the best possible start).

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**Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership****Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group****13 November 2019**

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**Briefing Note: Community Planning Partnership Management Committee update**

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This briefing relates to the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019, and its consideration of issues raised by Area Community Planning Group Chairs. The briefing is for noting and relevant discussion.

**Summary**

The CPP Management Committee met on the 18<sup>th</sup> September in the Civic Centre, Helensburgh

Area Community Planning Group chairs raised matters of concern within their local areas with the CPP Management Committee, and these matters were considered and responded to. A report outlined the main issues from the last set of Area Community Planning Group meetings.

Further information is available in the *meetings, minutes and agendas* section of the website: <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/community-planning-partnership>

**Highlights**

- It was agreed to change the frequency of the CPP Full Partnership meeting to a minimum of every two years instead of every year. This helps the team to provide more support to the action plans.
- The responses to date of engagement to help inform the next local community action plans were considered. The CPP Management Committee agreed to extend the engagement until the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019.
- A collective response from the CPP to the Police Scotland strategic consultation was agreed.
- It was agreed for all partners to use the hashtags #abcpp and #abgetinvolved

in addition to #abplace2b in promoting the CPP on social media.

- Community Planning Partnerships are required to publish a report on Children's Rights. The responsibility for this was delegated to Alex Taylor and the Argyll and Bute's Children Group, with a request to Alex to engage with the Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament and all 8 High Schools in the production of the report.

### **Matters Raised by Area Community Planning Group Chairs**

The points raised from the previous meetings of the area community planning groups and the response to these at the Management Committee is below:

**Action an appropriate response to the concerns raised by the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands CPG in relation to action MAK112, specifically the difficulty in obtaining information around the outstanding speed surveys – particularly from the Council department with responsibility for carrying these out.**

Response: Pippa Milne will provide details of Officers who are responsible for carrying out speed surveys to Shona Barton. It was noted that there is a waiting list for the equipment and that the findings of these reports will be presented to the relevant Area Committee.

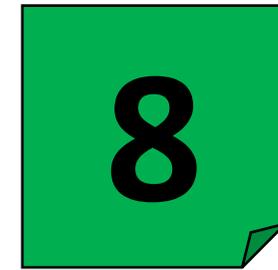
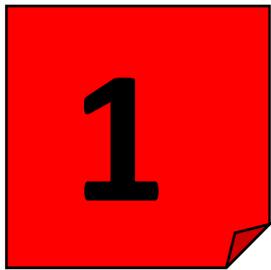
### **Concluding Point for Action by Area Community Planning Groups**

Communicating Community Planning is a priority for the Partnership and we welcome issues raised at Area Community Planning Groups, where these cannot be resolved locally, to be highlighted to the Argyll and Bute Management Committee meetings. The next formal meeting of the Community Planning Management Committee is 4 December 2019.

We welcome partners at Area Community Planning Groups sharing and linking to #abplace2b Instagram account of the council which has many followers and excellent images submitted by people showcasing Argyll and Bute.

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# Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Action Plan Update on Progress



Progress as at October 2019

**Actions which are classed as “not on track”**

Reference No.	Date agreed	Community Name	Lead Organisation	Action and Update
OLI01	October 2017	Oban	Argyll & Bute Council	<p><i>Facilitate the expansion of small and medium sized businesses in Oban specifically:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>To consolidate leases and maximise business space</i></li> <li>• <i>Creation of new serviced business land at Glenshellach</i></li> </ul> <p>Fergus Murray advised that he did not feel the action was deliverable in its present form. He suggested amending it to the following: Facilitate the expansion of small and medium sized businesses in Oban, Lorn and the Isles.</p> <p>This would link to ongoing work e.g. working with MICT and HIE to build a small business park in Tobermory, reviewing the small business estate in Oban to consolidate leases and maximise business space; upgrading Kirk Road, creation of new serviced business land at Glenshellach and the implementation of the Oban Strategic Framework. Of these suggestions, only the review of the small business estate and creation of new serviced business land would be applicable for this action as the need identified was specifically identified within Oban itself.</p> <p>Following discussion at February 2019 meeting, agreed to have focus on Oban and surrounding area (e.g. Dunbeg) and to keep this as not on track. Concerns over traffic to south of town – with a feeling from the CPG that</p>

Reference No.	Date agreed	Community Name	Lead Organisation	Action and Update
				development should not happen in this area.

**Actions which are classed as “on track”**

Reference No.	Date Agreed	Community Name	Lead Organisation	Action and Update
OLI02	October 2017	Mull	Argyll & Bute Council	<p><i>Improve the infrastructure at Craignure Harbour</i></p> <p>Last Harbour Board Meeting - September 2019</p> <p>The Argyll and Bute Harbour Board -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted the report.</li> <li>2. Approved that Officers continue to engage with the local community and partners (Transport Scotland, CMAL and Calmac) to take the findings of the report forward; and</li> <li>3. Approved that Officers make arrangements to move the process onto the next stage to produce an outline business case for both interim and long-term options.</li> </ol>
OLI05	October 2017	Oban	Argyll & Bute Council	<p><i>Investigate road transport issues and develop solutions</i></p> <p>A Project Initiation Framework is being developed for the Oban Strategic Development Framework. This framework intends to identify a range of different development opportunities for the future growth of Oban over the short, medium and longer terms. These opportunities require coordination to ensure scarce resources are used efficiently together with the identification of potential funding partners. It should be noted that a number of</p>

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				<p>projects continue to be taken forward such as the delivery of an improved Kirk Rd, the new premier inn and 300 new social rented houses at Dunbeg, the development of Scottish Sea Farms new hatchery at Barcaldine and improvements of the port marshalling area.</p> <p>An update on this went to the OLI Area Committee in September 2019.</p>
OLI06	October 2017	Oban	Argyll & Bute Council	<p><i>Review and explore parking arrangements within the town</i></p> <p>Stuart Watson provided the Group with a verbal update on Oban's parking arrangements in November 2018, the following was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Phone payments can now be made for parking, accounts can be set up through the Council website.</li> <li>•A trial of cashless payments at car parks is currently being undertaken in Luss and Arrochar. If successful this will be rolled out.</li> <li>•It was noted that the current parking arrangements in Oban are continually monitored and reviewed on an ongoing basis. A review would be held once the summer figures had been collated.</li> <li>•The Group held a conversation around the lack of promotion and advertising around the new parking legislation and how it affects the Oban area. It was noted that clearer guidance is needed as where parking is available and the cost breakdown. Bid4Oban Ltd had agreed to assist in the preparation of a leaflet. It was suggested that this could be downloaded by those</li> </ul>

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				<p>wishing to make copies available rather than incurring print costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Off-street parking permits can be purchased for 3, 6, 9 or 12 month periods at a cost of £135, £250, £360 or £475respectively.</li> <li>•It was noted that if a customer has an Argyll and Bute Council parking permit this can be used in any car park across the local authority.</li> <li>•Information about parking is available on the website - <a href="https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/car-parks-oban-lorn-and-isles">https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/car-parks-oban-lorn-and-isles</a></li> </ul>
OLI09	October 2017	Mull, Iona, Coll and Tiree	Health and Social Care Partnership	<p><i>Evaluate out of hours health and social care provision on the islands.</i></p> <p>Work is currently underway to roll out a “single island model” to GP services in Mull and Iona and engagement with Patient Participation Groups has been happening recently alongside the Scottish Ambulance Service. They hope to have one GP recruited and in post by July/August time and 4 more in the Autumn. It will then be for the practice to decide if they wish to opt-in or opt-out of the Out of Hours service and whether there will be a requirement to use locums for Out of Hours work. A presentation on the single island model was provided to the August 2018 meeting of the Area Community Planning Group but there are no plans as such to take forward the work on evaluating the out of hours provision on the islands.</p>
OLI12	October 2017	Taynuilt	Argyll & Bute Council	<i>Use speed detecting equipment to determine whether speeding cars is an issue for this community</i>

Reference No.	Date Agreed	Community Name	Lead Organisation	Action and Update
				This has been requested to the Council's Traffic and Development Manager.

**Actions which are classed as “complete”**

Reference No.	Date agreed	Community Name	Lead Organisation	Action and Update
OLI03	October 2017	Mull, Iona, Coll and Tiree	Community Councils	<p><i>Encourage communities to support motorhome, touring caravan and camping facilities and promote marketing around these</i></p> <p>Following discussion at the February 2019 meeting, agreed to move this to in progress. It was noted that Calmac are now distributing the leaflet on driving to vehicles using the Mull ferry which is welcomed by the community.</p>
OLI04	October 2017	Connel	Police Scotland	<p><i>Use speed detecting equipment to determine whether speeding cars is an issue for this community</i></p> <p>Met with Stuart Watson to discuss this further and he asked for clarification on which road in Connel the community wished to receive feedback on. This question was posed to the Area Community Planning Group in May 2018 with the decision being that the community council should be written out to.</p> <p>The consensus at the February 2019 meeting was that it would be the A85 and Mark Stephen, Police Scotland would speak to the Community Council to get confirmation on which section of the A85 they feel would benefit from this.</p>
OLI07	October 2017	Dunbeg	Argyll & Bute Council	<p><i>Upgrade Kirk Road as part of Dunbeg masterplan</i></p> <p>This is now complete.</p>
OLI10	October 2017	Mull, Iona, Coll	Police Scotland	<p><i>Promote work of Police on the islands</i></p>

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		and Tiree		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Social Media has been used to highlight crime prevention advice particularly with regards to fraudulent online and banking scams</li> <li>•Local media outlets have also been utilised to highlight local crimes and provide crime prevention advice</li> <li>•Officers regularly attend community council meetings on the island to offer advice, and update the community on current crime trends and local work</li> <li>•Officers regularly attend and are actively involved in local community shows and events such as: Salen &amp; Bunessan Shows, Salen Bonfire Night, Christmas Events, Mull &amp; Tiree Highland Games, Road Safety Initiatives, School inputs including Human Rights / Crime Reporting, After School Clubs and Mull Eagle Watch</li> </ul>
OLI11	October 2017	Kilmelford	Argyll & Bute Council	<p><i>Use speed detecting equipment to determine whether speeding cars is an issue for this community</i></p> <p>Stuart Watson has advised that a flashing 30mph sign was installed on the A816 in the Autumn of 2017 and it is hoped that this will have made a difference.</p>
OLI13	October 2017	Oban	Health and Social Care Partnership	<p><i>Investigate transition between children and adult disabled services, and set up focus group.</i></p> <p>At Oban High School, the transition process between children and adult disabled services is well established and working well, starting approximately 18 months before a young person leaves school. Young people are well supported during school but there is a fear from</p>

Reference No.	Date agreed	Community Name	Lead Organisation	Action and Update
				<p>families of support and access to activities once a young person has left school. Young people are supported through this process with adult workers becoming familiar with the young people throughout this time. Young people have the chance to participate in lifeskills courses, both within the school and with Argyll College UHI where there is also the potential to work towards a NQ qualification. Skills Development Scotland also work with young people to consider supported employment options after school.</p> <p>Recognising that there was a need for a greater choice of activities for young people once they had left school, a focus group was set up with Social Workers, Youth Work, Community Education and the Oban Youth Café. Funding was found for the Youth Café to set up a group on a Monday specifically for those currently in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year with additional support needs with feedback from the taster sessions so far being very positive. It is hoped that funding can be sought to sustain this group on a permanent basis for young people with additional support needs going through the transition process of leaving full-time education.</p> <p>In terms of actions, this action is ultimately complete, with a request to be made to community planning partners to assist with funding suggestions or as a forum to engage (e.g. internet safety). This was done at the CPG meeting in May 2018.</p> <p>It was agreed that it may be appropriate to promote this</p>

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				model to other areas of Argyll and Bute as an example of good practice and that the priority for the moment would be to enable the group to bed in and establish itself, before setting up additional opportunities for these young people.
OLI14	October 2017	Dunbeg	Argyll & Bute Council	<p><i>Use speed detecting equipment to determine whether speeding cars is an issue for this community</i></p> <p>This speed survey has been carried out and was found that there was not an issue with speeding cars. This was rejected by the community and a second speed survey was carried out, with the same results.</p> <p>The trunk road near the petrol station and the cemetery is recognised by the community as an “accident blackspot”. Evidence from Police Scotland was put forward to the community at the February 2018 meeting which showed that 5 collisions had happened in 2017 between Oban and Taynuilt which was a decrease from the previous year but that out of the 19 collisions that had happened in the last 3 years, 8 of these were between Oban and Connel bridge, directly impacting the Dunbeg community. Enhanced information on the types of individuals involved, types of vehicles and time of day etc has been provided by Police Scotland but is not available for publication.</p>
OLI08	October 2017	Dunbeg	HIE	<p><i>Identify where small business units could be sited and supply within the European Marine Science Park</i></p> <p>Jennifer Nicoll, HIE Argyll and the Islands Area Manager</p>

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				<p>attended the OLI Area CPP meeting in November and provided an update on the progress with the European Marine Science Park, the focus of which is on the growth of the marine business cluster rather than wider business occupation. This is in line with conditions of our European Funding. The options for businesses are on the HIE owned industrial estate at Glenshellach, where 4 new plots are on the market, part-serviced and available for development and on the proposed development of the Argyll and Bute Council Airport Business Park.</p>

Date when plan was approved: October 2017 by Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group

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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL****Oban, Lorn & the Isles  
Community Planning Group  
13 November 2019****DEVELOPMENT AND  
INFRASTRUCTURE**

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**Oban, Lorn and the Isles Active Travel Update**

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**1.0 ACTIVE TRAVEL OVERVIEW**

- 1.1. Active Travel is an overarching term covering journeys made by a physically active means, for example walking, manual wheelchair, cycling or scooting.
- 1.2. The purpose of infrastructure development and delivery is to provide high-quality, accessible routes for people to walk/wheelchair and, in the case of cycleways cycle or scoot, thereby enabling and encouraging them to travel actively. Research has indicated that a lack of suitable and safe routes are one of the most frequently cited reasons for not travelling more actively. These physical route barriers can be relatively minor items, for example lack of dropped kerbs, or larger items, for example the lack of an off-carriageway route. This is particularly notable within Argyll and Bute where the majority of walking and/or cycling provision is extremely limited or non-existent out with the built up areas, forcing users to walk/cycle on national speed limit carriageways.
- 1.3. Behaviour Change projects are designed to overcome challenges to give people the confidence or incentive to travel more actively, for example by providing walking or cycle training, by providing individualized travel plans to demonstrate the viability of travelling more actively within their life or providing activities which encourage active travel.
- 1.4. Research has demonstrated that increased activity, including travelling actively, has significant physical and mental health benefits, reduces inequality, creates a healthier and more productive workforce and reduces congestion and transport related pollution (e.g. air, noise and visual). As such promotion of active travel delivers benefits and savings across both the public and private sectors while supporting economic development and healthier, happier lives.

**2.0 ACTIVE TRAVEL IN OBAN, LORN & ISLES AREA**

- 2.1. This briefing note provides an update to the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Community Planning Group on the active travel infrastructure development and behaviour change schemes undertaken in the Oban, Lorn and the Isles (OLI) area in 2018/19 and a preview of work being developed in 2019/20.
- 2.2. Within the OLI area the key long distance active travel routes are the:

- 2.2.1. National Cycle Network (NCN) 78 Caledonia Way route which links Campbeltown, Ardrishaig/Lochgilphead, Oban, Fort William and Inverness, using a combination of on and off road sections.
- 2.2.2. Trans-Scotland Pilgrims Way which links Iona and St Andrews, via Fionnphort, Craignure, Oban and Tyndrum. Within Argyll and Bute, the Pilgrims Way remains largely in the planning stages and little infrastructure or signage to support this route has been constructed to date.
- 2.3. In addition to the recognised long-distance routes there are numerous short, local routes which are used on a daily basis by residents and visitors across the OLI area. Some of these routes are pavements used by pedestrians, some off-road recognised paths, some are quiet roads and others are 'desire lines' which are not currently supported by any recognised infrastructure.

### **3.0 FUNDING SOURCES**

- 3.1. The Scottish Government committed a total of £80M funding for Active Travel in 2018/19 and have committed the same funding in 2019/20. The majority of the Scottish Government's funding is distributed via Sustrans (2018/19: £56.8M), Paths for All (Smarter Choices Smarter Places, SCSP) (2018/19: £7.3M) and Cycling Scotland (£4.7M).

### **4.0 2018/19 PROJECTS**

- 4.1. Design and Development Projects:

- 4.1.1. A&B Active Travel Routes Audit (A&BC & Sustrans)

Audit of the existing active travel network, on and off carriageway, to identify locations on the existing network which are sub-standard or pose a barrier to the use of a longer route, for example steps or lack of a dropped-kerb.

- 4.1.2. A&B Active Travel Route Development Plan (A&BC & Sustrans)

This work identified a future inter-urban active travel network in order to help direct future investment with the long-term aim of connecting key settlements and facilities within Argyll & Bute. In the OLI area, the key routes identified were Oban – Ganavan – Dunbeg – Connel, Connel – Taynuilt – Dalmally – Tyndrum, Oban – Lochgilphead, Fionnphort – Craignure and Craignure – Tobermory.

- 4.1.3. Oban Active Travel Study (A&BC & Sustrans)

The Oban Active Travel Study builds upon the actions identified in the 2010 Oban Active Travel Audit to identify deliverable actions which could improve active travel opportunities in Oban.

- 4.1.4. Dunbeg to European Marine Science Park Footway/Cycleway Design (A&BC, HIE & Sustrans)

The design of a walking and cycling route linking Dunbeg with the European Marine Science Park was undertaken by Argyll & Bute Council

Roads Service as part of the programme of road improvements in the Dunbeg area associated with the new housing and improved access to the European Marine Science Park.

- 4.1.5. Oban – Tyndrum, part of Pilgrims Way (Sustrans & SNH)  
A combined Sustrans/SNH post has been created to help develop a walking/cycling accessible route which will link Oban and Tyndrum as part of the long-distance Pilgrims Way. The officer was appointed last month and initial work to identify route options is ongoing.
- 4.1.6. Cruachan Cottages, Taynuilt (A&BC & Sustrans)  
Consultation and design work has been undertaken to identify opportunities to improve the active travel network within Taynuilt.
- 4.1.7. Travel Survey & Diary of Oban residents (A&BC & SCSP)  
A door-to-door survey of Oban residents was undertaken to identify travel behaviour and gain an understanding of the travel undertaken, including reasons for mode choice.
- 4.1.8. A&BC Council Staff Travel Plan (A&BC & SCSP)  
A draft staff travel plan has been developed to support Council staff to travel more actively and sustainably both in commuting to work and also within work.
- 4.1.9. Oban Car Club Feasibility (COMOUK & A&BC)  
A feasibility study developed to identify opportunities for the implementation of a car club within Oban serving businesses, residents and visitors. The study identified that a car club would be feasible but would require a significant business/public sector organisation to be an 'anchor user' in order to attract a commercial supplier to Oban.
- 4.1.10. Oban area bike share scheme including e-bikes feasibility (COMOUK & A&BC)  
Developed as part of the Oban Car Club Feasibility study this work examined options for a bike share scheme in Oban. The work identified that, at least initially, a preferred approach would be to build up a base of business users via attracting businesses to create pool bikes for their staff to use for work journeys. This base use could help sustain a more seasonable visitor offering, the challenge being not to negatively impact on existing bike hire in Oban, and possibility the future roll-out of on-street automated stations, similar to the NextBike in Glasgow/'Boris bikes' in London.
- 4.2. Delivery projects:
- 4.2.1. Fionnphort to Creich Hall Path, Mull (MICT, A&BC & Sustrans)  
A new walking & cycling path was constructed on Mull, linking Fionnphort to the Creich Hall, a total distance of approximately 1.5km. While the project was led and driven by the community, the lead organisation for

the construction was the Mull and Iona Community Trust with support from A&BC and SUSTANS.

- 4.2.2. NCN78, Caledonia Way (Sustrans & Transport Scotland)  
Sustrans have constructed two new off-road sections of the NCN78, Caledonia Way north of Oban in 2018/19. These sections at North Ledaig (just north of Oban Airport) and Duror mean that the entire route of NCN78 from North Connel to Ballachulish is now off the carriageway of the main A828 trunk road.
- 4.2.3. Cycle & Scooter Storage, Taynuilt and Easdale Primary Schools (A&BC & Sustrans)  
New cycle and scooter storage facilities were installed at Taynuilt and Easdale Primary schools to enable more pupils to cycle or scoot to school. These facilities were provided following requests from the schools.
- 4.2.4. Oban Airport e-bikes, for use of visiting pilots (Hitrans & A&BC)  
Two e-bikes have been provided at Oban Airport for the use of visiting private pilots to explore the local area. This trial has been provided by Hitrans and is in addition to the 4 bicycles currently available at the airport for the use of visiting pilots. It is expected the new e-bikes will encourage visiting pilots to explore the local area, thereby benefiting the local economy.
- 4.2.5. Automated Pedestrian and Cycle Counters (A&BC & SCSP)  
Argyll & Bute Council have a number of automated pedestrian and cycle counters within the Oban area, located in Soroba, North Oban, Ganavan, Connel, Benderloch, Barcaldine, Appin and Portnacroish. These counters provide information on the number of pedestrians and cyclists who pass these locations, thereby enabling an estimation of the changes in walking and cycling within the wider Oban area.

## **5.0 2019/20 PLANNED PROJECTS**

### **5.1. Design and Development Projects:**

- 5.1.1. Automated Pedestrian and Cycle Counters Data Analysis (A&BC & SCSP)  
It is planned to commission research into the data which has been accumulated from the Council's network of automated pedestrian and cycle counters in order to help identify changes in active travel use and potential opportunities moving forward.

### **5.2. Delivery Projects**

- 5.2.1. Dunbeg to European Marine Science Park Construction (HIE, A&BC & Sustrans)

HIE and Argyll & Bute Council are working to construct the new walking/cycle route from Dunbeg to the European Marine Science Park designed in 2018/19.

5.2.2. Oban Active Travel Map: Update and Reprint (A&BC & SCSP)

It is planned to update and reprint the popular Oban Active Travel maps which were produced a few years ago. These maps help local residents and visitors to identify opportunities to travel actively within the Oban area by providing information on active travel routes, facilities and destinations with Oban and the surrounding area.

5.3. Through 2019/20 further projects will be developed and progressed, the above provides an overview of the work currently in progress.

**6.0 JOINT WORKING**

6.1. As noted above, there have been significant steps forward with Active Travel in the area over recent years and there are significant benefits to other organisations from the promotion and increase in active travel.

6.2. Argyll & Bute Council, and our existing partners, continue to seek opportunities to work jointly with others to deliver improved active travel opportunities to residents, visitors and businesses with in the OLI and wider Argyll & Bute Council area. We would welcome opportunities to work with members of the Community Planning Group on the development and delivery of future active travel initiatives and projects.

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