

These are the highlights from the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Full Partnership meeting on the 25th August 2015 at Machrihanish Airbase. These are for information purposes for Area Community Planning Groups and partner organisations to distribute freely.



- The Full Partnership complements the quarterly 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 Full Partnership has not met for a couple of years. This is due to a review of CPP governance arrangements to refresh and improve our Community Planning Partnership and the recruitment of posts to implement this.
- The CPP Terms of Reference specifies that members of the Full Partnership are representatives of organisations and partnerships involved in the delivery of the Argyll and Bute's Single Outcome Agreement. These predominately come from those organisations named within the membership of the CPP's Management Committee, Chief Officers Group, Area Community Planning Groups and Single Outcome Agreement Delivery Plans.
- The meeting was held in a conference 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.
- 92 delegates attended from a wide range of partner organisations.
- Councillor Dick Walsh, Council Leader and Chair of the Full Partnership opened the meeting and informed delegates that community planning is all about having ambition, and sharing and developing this in our communities. It was emphasised that for Argyll and Bute, our main ambition is to grow our population and our economy and that everyone has a part to play in this.
- Marco Biagi MSP for Local Government and Community Empowerment gave the key note address which focused on working together to make services work and how the four P's (prevention, partnership, people and performance) plus place and participation were the bedrock of all we should do. He also emphasised the importance of working with communities, involving them from the start of any change project.
- Nicholas Ferguson, CBE, Chair of the Economic Forum gave a brief overview of the Economic Forum and highlighted areas for opportunity in tourism and leisure, food production and employment and skills. He felt that affordable housing, mobile infrastructure and transport links were key barriers to growth.

- John Kelly from EKOS presented the findings of the Compelling Argyll and Bute study. The study engaged with community groups, organisations and over 400 businesses across Argyll and Bute. Findings revealed key constraints prohibiting growth across the area. A working group is taking these findings forward.
- Stuart Robertson, Director of Digital Highlands and Islands at Highlands and Islands Enterprise spoke on the roll-out of superfast fibre broadband to the area and how 85% of premises within Argyll and Bute should have access to it by the end of 2017. The current timetable for rollout within the area was also highlighted.
- Kathleen Johnston, Patricia Renfrew, Catriona Dreghorn, Ruth Reid and Dorothy Clark from NHS Highland and Argyll and Bute Council informed delegates of the work of the Early Years Collaborative and how Social Work, Education and Health departments all work together to ensure that children and young people in the Kintyre area have the best possible start.
- The breakout session on Co-production learnt the meaning of co-production (working in equal partnership with others to deliver services), how to co-produce services and looked at existing examples. Participants were asked to consider how co-production can enhance what they already did.
- Alan Budge from PB Partners gave an introduction to Participatory Budgeting, its context to the Community Empowerment Act and the different ways it could work – through mainstream budgets or grants. Participatory Budgeting enables communities to influence how part of a public budget is spent. The Community Planning team are working with PB Partners to look at how Participatory Budgeting could work in Argyll and Bute.
- ACT on the Single Outcome Agreement was led by Julie Young and Douglas Grierson from Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust (AICCT). Participants learnt about various projects that AICCT were working on including ACT Argyll, tackling Rhododendrons, Secret Coast trails and Long Distance routes.
- The Dementia Friends break out session looked at the facts and myths surrounding dementia and encouraged participants to be more patient when speaking to people with dementia.
- Alasdair McKinlay from the Scottish Government presented a breakout session on the Community Empowerment Act. Participants received an overview over what was in the Community Empowerment Act and the expectations placed on Community Planning Partners. The Act will become law in 2016.
- Participants in the Health and Social Care Integration breakout session learnt about the plans in place to form a fully integrated board by the 1st April 2016. Lorraine Paterson outlined the management structure and participants learnt about the proposed strategic plan and locality plans.

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