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## MINUTES of MEETING of KINTYRE INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP held in the ROOM 2, KINTYRE COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, STEWART ROAD, CAMPBELTOWN on FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2015

**Present:** Councillor Rory Colville (Chair)

Councillor John Armour

**Attending:** Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager  
Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer  
Donald Melville, Business Advisor  
Margaret Pratt, West Kintyre Community Council  
John Dreghorn, NHS Highland  
Margaret McFarlane, NHS Highland  
Dhonna McCallum, Argyll College  
Darlene Russell, Argyll College

### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated from:

Councillor Robin Currie  
Councillor Anne Horn  
Jamie McGrigor, MSP  
Michael Russell, MSP  
Grenville Johnston, HIAL  
Jane Mayo, Campbeltown Community Business Ltd  
Harvard Davis, Campbeltown Community Business Ltd  
Margaret Wallace, Argyll Third Sector Interface  
Susan Paterson, Health & Care Forum and Shopper-Aide  
Audrey Martin, Projects and Renewables Manager, Argyll and Bute Council

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

### 3. MINUTES

#### (a) **Minute of the Kintyre Initiative Partnership - 26 June 2015**

The Minute of the meeting of the Kintyre Initiative Partnership held on 26 June 2015 was approved as a true record.

#### (b) **Minute of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands CPG - 12 August 2015**

The Partnership agreed to note the Minute of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group held on 12 August 2015.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

Discussion took place in respect of various issues from the last meeting, with the Area Governance Manager advising that the VC Facilities issues were currently being addressed by the Council's IT Services. She stressed however that issues are more often related to a poor broadband signal and that going forward it was hoped that the continuing roll out of fibre optic broadband would make this a more reliable service.

In relation to the unsecured post office counters services in West Kintyre, Mrs MacLeod advised that a letter had been sent to Post Office Counters and a positive response had been received, in relation to the delivery of prescriptions she further advised that this service was not being deteriorated. Margaret Pratt of West Kintyre Community Council outlined the progress of Clachan, Tayinloan and Glenbarr Post Office services.

#### **5. KINTYRE CARE SERVICES REVIEW GROUP**

The Locality Manager provided a background to the Kintyre Care Services Review Group. He outlined the purpose of the group and the challenges faced by the integration of the Health and Social Care Partnership and how the group could feed in and assist in the delivery of services within the area. He advised that the group were taking a partnership approach and would work alongside the third sector to ensure that services would be delivered in a modern and accessible way. Mr Dreghorn spoke of a consultation meeting, which was scheduled to take place on 20 October within the day room of the Bheinn Ghuillean Ward within Campbeltown Hospital. Discussion took place in respect of representation of Community Council's on the group. Mr Dreghorn confirmed that it was open to all Community Councils in the area. Further discussion in relation to work previously undertaken by East Kintyre Community Council in relation to locally based care in the community; the possibility of setting up a social enterprise group and communication and engagement with local groups was had, with the Area Governance Manager agreeing to forward the appropriate minutes from East Kintyre Community Council to the Locality Manager and confirming that in terms of circulating information to local groups she was happy for information to be passed to the Senior Area Committee Assistant to circulate to the distribution list of the Community Planning Group.

The Chair thanked Mr Dreghorn for the information provided.

#### **Decision**

The Partnership agreed to note the update.

#### **6. ARDROSSAN - CAMPBELTOWN FERRY SERVICE UPDATE**

Councillor Armour provided an update in relation to recent progress made by the Campbeltown Ferry Sub-group in relation to the Ardrossan to Campbeltown Ferry Service. Councillor Armour advised that the last sailing of the year took place on the Sunday 27 September and was the busiest day of the year. Councillor Armour advised that Calmac had indicated that the number of car and vehicle crossings were up by 3%, but that passenger numbers were down by 6%, however there had

been more cancellations of the service for a variety of reasons over the last year. Councillor Armour spoke of the VECTOR survey, which yielded fairly encouraging results, and also of the online survey by the Ferry Sub-group, to which there were over 800 responses, with 98% being for the continuation of the service. Councillor Armour advised that the responses were from a wider area than just Campbeltown and that the group hoped to obtain over 1,000 responses prior to the meeting with the Transport Minister, Derek McKay on 27 October 2015. Councillor Armour advised that the group were actively encouraging businesses and local people to complete the online survey for Transport Scotland, as this forms a basis for the final decision in relation to the continuation of the service. Councillor Armour advised that the local MP, Brendan O'Hara had met with the group and has lent his support to their campaign.

Discussion was had in relation to the timescales for the final decision, with Councillor Armour advising that it would not be before the middle of November, however the group have asked for an early decision so that an appropriate marketing strategy could be devised. It is hoped that further discussion will take place on the level of support from the Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative, with Councillor Armour advising that as yet no contact had been made. The Senior Area Committee Assistant undertook to furnish Councillor Armour with the contact details of the Co-operative. The Chair enquired as to whether this is a service that could be utilised by the NHS. Mr Dreghorn advised that if this was a reliable, regular, year round service, it would certainly be worth exploring. Councillor Armour advised that the group were looking to secure a permanent service before tackling the issue of the timetable.

The Chair thanked Councillor Armour for the information provided and commended the Ferry Sub-group for the work undertaken to-date.

#### **Decision:**

The Partnership agreed to note the update.

Due to the commitments of Officers, the Chair agreed to take agenda item 10(b) Partner Updates – Business Gateway, next.

### **7. BUSINESS GATEWAY**

The Partnership considered a status report from Donald Melville of Business Gateway. The report provided information on actions and progress from June to August 2015. Mr Melville outlined the milestones which were scheduled for completion and the financial impact for the first quarter of the financial year.

The Chair thanked Mr Melville for the information provided.

#### **Decision**

The group agreed to note the update.

### **8. COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT BILL**

The Area Governance Manager provided a verbal update in relation to the Community Empowerment Bill, which she advised had been approved by Scottish Parliament in July. Mrs MacLeod highlighted the significant number of new powers

and responsibilities in relation to the Community Planning Partnership and the level of work this would involve for local authorities and other public organisations. She advised that as there was currently no guidance from the Scottish Government on how the Act should be implemented, and as such the Council had set up a project team, which were having regular meetings. Mrs MacLeod advised that a report on progress would require to be put before the Senior Management Team (SMT) in November, which would then require to go to full Council as political decisions were required. She advised that the Act is looking to put communities and community groups at the heart of the decision making process.

The Chair thanked Mrs MacLeod for the information provided.

**Decision:**

The Partnership agreed to note the update.

**9. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT LOCAL**

**(a) Campbeltown Sailing Club**

The Partnership considered a report outlining the eligibility of Campbeltown Sailing Club to meet the criteria for admittance to the SOA:Local. The Community Development Officer advised that at the last meeting of the MAKI CPG, Partners had felt that the project was incomplete and not developed enough to meet all the criteria required for inclusion within the appendix of the SOA:Local. Mrs Baird advised that any Partner wishing to provide further detail or local knowledge that would assist in the application they should feedback directly to her at [antonia.baird@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:antonia.baird@argyll-bute.gov.uk).

**Decision:**

The Partnership agreed to note the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Community Development Officer, dated 2 October 2015, submitted.)

**10. DISCUSSION UNDER OUTCOMES 2 AND 6**

The Area Governance Manager advised that Outcome 2: We have infrastructure that supports growth and Outcome 6: People live in safer and stronger communities would be discussed at the next meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group in November. She invited Partners to submit areas for discussion under these outcomes.

The Chair suggested that reports/updates in respect of the Campbeltown to Ardrossan Ferry Service; broadband and mobile coverage be provided in relation to Outcome 2.

It was suggested that an update from the Third Sector Interface and a report from Police Scotland on how local roads are policed with a particular focus on speed limits outside local schools, be sought in relation to Outcome 6.

The Area Governance Manager agreed to take these matters forward with a view to including them on the agenda for the next meeting of the Local Community Planning Group on 11 November 2015.

## **11. PARTNER UPDATES**

### **(a) Highlands and the Islands Enterprise (HIE)**

The Partnership noted that there was no written report from HIE.

### **(b) The Picture House**

The Partnership considered a report which outlined the progress of the Centenary Project and the ongoing works of Campbeltown Community Business Limited to maintain and build audiences prior to the re-opening of the cinema. The report also outlined the launch of the Heritage Activity Programme which will focus on building the Picture House digital archive.

#### **Decision**

The group agreed to note the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Campbeltown Community Business Limited, dated 2 October, submitted.)

### **(c) South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT)**

The Partnership considered an update in relation to the progress of ongoing works at the town hall and funding opportunities for the improvement of the town centre. Councillor Colville advised that the theme of work going forward would be "Campbeltown Connections" and that the group were looking to engage with all aspects of the community on ways to make a more vibrant town centre. He further advised that the group were working in partnership with the Employability Team, and have just secured the employment of a town centre handyman for a period of 6 months.

#### **Decision**

The group agreed to note the update.

### **(d) Argyll College**

The Partnership considered an update on the number and variety of full-time courses available in Campbeltown. Discussion took place in respect of the varying levels of education available and also future course developments. Dhonna McCallum advised of the opportunity for pupils of

the Grammar School to amend their timetables to include courses, such as an NC in Horticulture. She explained that this offered them a real experience and often assisted in capturing a pupil, who may not enjoy school and provide them with the necessary qualifications to transition from education to a work environment more efficiently. Darlene Russell spoke of a recent graduation service, which took place in Oban with over 300 pupils. Further discussion took place in respect of the lack of Travel and Tourism and Elderly Care courses available, with Darlene Russell advising that there was no appetite for these courses within Campbeltown however she was aware that they were offered in other areas of Argyll.

The Chair thanked both Darlene and Dhonna for the information provided.

### **Decision**

The group agreed to note the update.

#### **(e) Kintyre Way**

Having noted that there was no one in attendance to speak to this item, the Chair advised that the Kintyre Way, Kintyre Recycling and South Kintyre Development Trust had taken a tri-party approach to shared equity in commercial windfarms, and submitted an application for CARES funding for renewable energy. He advised that the application was progressing well.

### **Decision**

The group agreed to note the update.

#### **(f) Third Sector Interface (TSI - formerly AVA)**

The Partnership considered an update in relation to the continuing support of Third Sector groups including Kintyre Food Bank, South Kintyre Seniors Forum and Happy Bus trips. The report also detailed volunteer management sessions which were held in August with further sessions planned later in the year.

### **Decision**

The group agreed to note the update.

(Ref: Report by Argyll Third Sector Interface, dated 2 October 2015, submitted.)

#### **(g) Town Centre Regeneration**

The Partnership noted that there was no one in attendance to speak to this item, but agreed to note the update provided by the South Kintyre Development Trust.

## **12. FUTURE OF THE KINTYRE INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP**

The Partnership considered a report outlining possible options for the future of the Kintyre Initiative Partnership. The Area Governance Manager outlined the role of the Local Community Planning Group and the role that is played in terms of community involvement. Discussion took place in respect of the future of the Ferry Sub-group, with Councillor Armour advising that the group should be re-designed to become a marketing group for Kintyre. Further discussion took place in respect of the possibility of a Chamber of Commerce being set up in Kintyre; the route for items for inclusion in the appendix of the SOA:Local and the need for groups such as Argyll College to link into the LCPG. Mrs MacLeod agreed to take forward the possibility of Argyll College effectively linking into the LCPG and advised that it would be possible for groups to make application directly to the LCPG for inclusion in the appendix of the SOA:Local.

### **Decision:**

The Partnership agreed:-

1. that the partners serving on the Kintyre Initiative Partnership be congratulated for their various successes in delivering the aims and objectives of the Group and agreed that the group, having now served its purpose, be wound up; and
2. that Officers be asked to take forward arrangements for the continuation of the Ferry Sub-Group as a standalone Group.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Customer Services, dated 2 October 2015, submitted.)

## **13. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

Having agreed to wind up the group during discussions of agenda item 11 (Future of the Kintyre Initiative Partnership), there was no requirement to appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair.

## **14. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

The Chair took the opportunity to thank all Partners for their participation over the years and for their continued support.

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