Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

MAKI
Area Community Planning Group

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Agenda Item [*for office use*]

KINTYRE SEASPORTS – REQUEST FOR ADMISSION TO THE SOA:LOCAL (APPENDIX)

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The MAKI Area Committee of 15th August 2015 heard a report requesting admittance of the Campbeltown Sailing Club's projects, known as Kintyre Seasports, to the Appendix to the SOA: Local.

1.2 The members of that committee asked for more detail to decide whether the project was "fully developed", "underway", "viable" or "ready for implementation" as per criterion 3 in the Appendix to this report.

1.3 The development of how community projects link to the SOA: Local is an incomplete project and the criteria have not been fully developed. This paper suggests some criteria to assist with decision-making.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the project be further supported by MAKI ACPG for inclusion within a Community Led Initiatives appendix to the SOA: Local in recognition of its role as a community project contributing to achieving outcomes of the SOA, following discussion on whether it does in fact meet criterion 3.

2.2 That, if admitted, the project seeks support from the relevant outcome Lead for the SOA.

2.3 With approval from both the CPG and the Outcome Lead, the project is included in Community Led Initiatives appendix to the SOA: Local.

3.0 DETAIL

3.1 The project, known as Kintyre Seasports, and led by Campbeltown Sailing Club has three strands and will have three phases, a development phase, a construction phase and a launch phase. The project is run by a collection of community groups under the umbrella of the Sailing Club. The strands of the

project are as follows;

1) Development of a sail-training school and promotion of Seasports activites for the wider community.
2) Restoration and interpretation of the Dalintober pier and the wider Dalintober area focusing on its' maritime history.
3) Renovation of the club-house, the beach area and public access to the sea.

4.   DEVELOPMENT OF CRITERIA:

Criterion to decide the stage at no 3 of the appendix might include –
1) A plan or strategy to describe a fundable project,
2) A funding strategy,
3) Funds in place or pledged,
4) Personnel undertaking activities in the furtherance of the aims,
5) An appropriate governance structure,
6) A conducive external operating environment.

5. ASSESSMENT AGAINST CRITERIA:

Testing the facts against these criteria produces the following results:

1) The group has developed plans and costings to inform funding bids.   They are currently working on applications to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and Big Lottery for a set of engagement programmes to be run next spring. They have had encouraging conversations with other funders. They have linked all their ideas into a plan with measurable and time bound objectives.

2) They have a funding strategy which they are being supported with by staff from Argyll and Bute Council.

3) They do not have any funds in place but neither do they have any overhead costs until they start work on the engagement programme in spring. They also have many pledges of support, both financially and in kind, including from local businesses.

4) The group is made up of volunteers, and they are conducting the progression of this plan and hiring in consultants where they need, such as for the community engagement work in spring. The sailing club are providing umbrella support to the wide range of community groups who are coming forward to support this project. The Royal Yachting Association for Scotland (RYAS), have met with the project team and, mindful of their close relationship to the school and the Active Schools staff, are progressing their application to become an accredited sail-training centre. They are also looking to engage with local historians to develop a series of community workshops and events for the spring programme.

5) The group is constituted as a voluntary organisation with a constitution and have many years of competent management as evidenced by minutes of their AGM and their accounts. They have an open membership. They intend to re-visit their constitution as plans progress.

6) (a) This is a community focussed project looking to revitalise the Dalintober area offering local employment, training opportunities and visitor attraction. The programmes will focus on sea sport activities and the rich marine heritage of the Dalintober area. This project complements the CHORD renovation of the marina on the other side of the bay.
(b) Argyll and Bute Council own the pier, and the group may decide to put in a request for asset transfer of same if the spring engagement and feasibility reports are favourable. The Local Development plan zones this area as a Settlement area.

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CONCLUSION:

5.1 The project needs to be assessed for inclusion against the criteria in Appendix 1, as agreed at the meeting of MAKI ACPG on 12th August 2015. The project fulfils questions 1 and 2 of the criteria:
- The project is directly related to SOA outcomes.
- The project demonstrates strong partnership working.

However there was not enough information to agree on question 3:
- Is the project/activity fully developed/viable/'underway/ready for implementation?

5.2 A number of criteria have been suggested to support decision making.

5.3 It is assumed that the project, given it is in the planning stages, is asking for endorsement to be appended in the Community Led Initiatives appendix of the SOA:Local, and not in any future reporting framework for the SOA. This assumption refers to question 6, within the criteria for inclusion set out in Appendix A.

6.   SOA Outcomes

6.1 This paper is related to Outcomes, 1, 3 and 5.

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Appendix 1: Criteria for inclusion of Community Initiatives within the SOA:Local

	Grass root and other activity not currently included in the SOA Delivery Plan		
1.	Does the project/activity directly relate to one or more of the SOA indicators?	Yes	No
2.	Does the project/activity demonstrate partnership working or community support?	Yes	No
3.	Is the project/activity fully developed / viable / underway / ready for implementation?	Yes	No
4.	Is the project/activity supported by the relevant Area Community Planning Group?	Yes	No
5.	Is the project/activity endorsed by the relevant outcome lead for the SOA?	Yes	No
	If **all** answers are yes to the above proceed to 6. If one or more answer is no, further development work is required before inclusion.		
6.	Is the community group wanting endorsement from the Area Community Planning Group but not inclusion in the reporting framework?	Yes, go to 7	No, go to 8
7.	Project/activity included in community led initiatives section of the SOA: Local		
8.	Is the relevant outcome lead content for the project/activity to be part of the reporting framework and included in the strategic delivery plans of the SOA?	Yes, activity included at appropriate review period	No, remain at 7