

THIRD SECTOR AND COMMUNITIES CPP STRATEGIC GROUP

Minutes of meeting held at Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Lochgilphead
(with VC links to Hill Street, Dunoon and Burnet Building, Campbeltown)
At 10.00am on Tuesday 24th November 2015

Present:

Argyll and Bute Council: Cllr Robin Currie (Chair), Colin Fulcher, Rona Gold (Items 6-12), Laura Macdonald (Items 1-6), David Rennie, Samantha Quarton, Anna Watkiss (Items 5-12)

Argyll and Bute TSI: Alistair McLaren

ABSEN: Ailsa Clark

Living It Up: Elaine Booth (Items 6-12)

HIE: Kirsten Logue

ABCAB: Gillian McInnes

Scottish Health Council: Alison McCrossan

In attendance: Rebecca Stokes (minutes)

<p>1. Welcome and Apologies Cllr Currie welcomed everyone to the meeting. <i>Apologies:</i> Shona Barton, Arlene Cullum, Mary-Louise Howat (Argyll and Bute Council); Glenn Heritage, Petra Pearce (Argyll and Bute TSI); Lana Stewart (Police Scotland); Alison Hardman (NHS Highland); David Cowley, James Hymas, William MacDonald (Scottish Fire and Rescue).</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of Meeting 26 August 2015 Minutes were agreed as accurate.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising <u>Item 3 – Matters Arising</u> Following the update on the integration of health and social care at the June meeting, Stephen Whiston agreed to answer any subsequent questions to allow the production of a FAQ sheet to be circulated to those who attended. This is still to be received from Stephen but will be circulated once available. Rona to contact Stephen for an update. <u>Item 4 – Partner Updates</u> Following the last meeting, it was agreed to invite Martin Turnbull, Youth Services Manager and Jeannie Holles, Adult Learning and Literacies Manager to become members of the group. Rebecca to check whether invitations were sent. <u>Item 7 – Big Lottery Fund</u> Judy Orr has informed Rona that there are no further updates on the Financial Inclusion project. <u>Item 11 – Integrated Care Fund update</u> Alison Hardman is still collating information regarding the successful applicants.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RG</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RS/RG</p>
<p>4. Third Sector Interface presentation – Alistair McLaren Alistair gave a presentation on the newly-formed Third Sector Interface (TSI), giving an overview of the role of the TSI, detailing its aims and outcomes and its involvement with the community. <i>Additional comments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABSEN is still to fully complete the merger. The merger documents have been signed, but awaiting account information, which is currently being audited. • The TSI AGM takes place on 2nd December at The George Hotel, Inveraray, where they will be looking to recruit four new members onto the board. • £70k has been spent on the merger. The TSI is part-funded by the Scottish Government, but have to match fund. • Approximately 3,000 organisations are registered members of the TSI. 	

<p>5. Argyll and Bute Advice Network and Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau presentations – Gillian McInnes</p> <p><i>Argyll and Bute Advice Network (ABAN):</i> Gillian gave a presentation on ABAN, giving an overview of the online network, the services offered, and how referrals are made through the network, emphasising that information shared in the system is secure and trackable.</p> <p><i>Additional comments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is only one of two advice networks in Scotland, and the group agreed that the network is a valuable resource. Partners were encouraged to promote the network: www.argyllandbuteadvice.net. • It was thought that ABAN may be useful in the resettlement of refugees in Bute. Samantha to contact Morag Brown. <p><i>Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB):</i> Gillian gave a presentation on the CAB, giving an overview of the role of the CAB, detailing its aims, the type of advice provided, the external funding brought into the area, and its links to the Single Outcome Agreement.</p>	<p>SQ</p>
<p>6. Updates</p> <p><i>Community Planning Partnership (CPP):</i> Samantha informed the group that the CPP annual report has just been signed off. A summary document of the report will also be available.</p> <p><i>LEADER:</i> Colin gave an update on the 2014-2020 LEADER programme. The Service Level Agreement between the Council and Scottish Government has been signed, however there is still no confirmed launch date and the Scottish Government have yet to issue technical guidance on how to operate the fund. It is hoped that the start date will be in February 2016 and that the 2020 timeframe will be extended. LEADER are also waiting on confirmation from HR regarding the advertising of Scottish Government funded posts (two Development Officers and two Compliance Officers). The LEADER programme will include a bid to run a small business support scheme, focusing on enterprise and farm diversification, and the European Maritime & Fisheries Funds (EMMF) will also be running alongside. An update will be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p><i>Alliance for Action Bute:</i> Alliance for Action is a programme being delivered by the Scottish Regeneration Forum (SURF) between 2013-2015 with support from the Scottish Government and Resilient Scotland Ltd. Rona talked to the written update, outlining the background, progress, and next steps of the Alliance for Action in Bute.</p> <p><i>Digital Infrastructure:</i> Anna talked to the written report, covering updates on next generation broadband, mobile communications and community projects. In terms of broadband, a number of rural areas have recently been listed as 'coming soon', so it is expected they will receive next generation broadband in approximately 6 months. A number of options are being tested in terms of internet connectivity and communications, including using television white space. To help keep both partners and communities updated on progress, it was agreed</p>	<p>CF</p>

<p>to circulate information on digital infrastructure through the CPP bulletin. Anna to send information for inclusion.</p> <p><i>Sub-group Event Planning:</i> Alistair has contacted members of the sub-group to arrange a meeting to discuss the proposed funding event in March 2016. The meeting will take place early December. The event will be funded by the Community Planning and Community Development team.</p> <p><i>Partner Updates:</i> Partner updates were tabled and noted.</p>	<p>AW</p>
<p>7. Communication and Webpages – Rona Gold There was no further update on the redesign of the Council website. Rona to contact Judy regarding a link on the homepage to the Community Support page. To help direct more traffic to the Community Support page, partners were encouraged to publicise the page (www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/community-support), and a link to it put on the Argyll Communities website. Alistair to contact IT regarding the Argyll Communities website. It was agreed to publicise the webpage through the CPP bulletin. David to send information for inclusion. It was also agreed to put out a press release regarding the Community Support page. David to contact the Communications team to arrange this. It was agreed at the last meeting to gather a list of partner websites to allow a database to be created, however there was a poor response to this, with only one partner providing information. Therefore partners were encouraged once again to send links to their websites and social media pages to Rebecca, along with reasons why the community visit that website/page.</p>	<p>RG</p> <p>AML</p> <p>DR</p> <p>DR</p> <p>All</p>
<p>8. Technology Enabled Care/Living It Up update – Elaine Booth <i>ALISS (A Local Information System for Scotland) website</i> - Any resource can be added to the ALISS directory, and partners were encouraged to link to ALISS and to ensure details are up to date on ALISS directory. www.aliss.org A volunteer recruitment campaign will start in January 2016, which will list all groups that are currently recruiting volunteers.</p> <p><i>Florence “Flo” (Simple Telehealth) mobile phone texting system</i> – Patients are referred to the system by their GP. The system is being promoted to both health professionals and patients alike. Since the last meeting, the first diabetes patient has signed up, protocols are being written, and GPs are being informed of the service.</p>	
<p>9. Planning Our Future – Rona Gold RG talked to the presentation that was presented to Area Community Planning Groups regarding Service Choices, outlining why choices have to be made, and the consultation and decision process. Partners were encouraged to respond to the consultation and to encourage others to do the same. www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planningourfuture It was asked whether the results of the consultation would be fed back to communities before the final decisions were made. It was thought that the timescale for doing so would be too tight, but the suggestion will be taken forward by Cllr Currie.</p>	<p>Cllr RC</p>
<p>10. What’s important to the third sector? There was no time to discuss this item. Rona to gather views of the Third Sector and Communities Group members by email.</p>	<p>RG</p>

11. AOCB There was no AOCB.	
12. Date of next meeting Wednesday 24 th February 2015 – Council Chambers, Kilmory at 10am	

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