

These are the highlights from the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee meeting held on the 18th December 2015. These are for information purposes for Area Community Planning Groups and partner organisations to distribute freely.

- The CPP Management Committee agreed to invite Historic Environment Scotland, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Sport Scotland and Visit Scotland onto the Full Partnership. These organisations are required to participate in Community Planning under the new Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act.
- Following a change in Chair and Vice-Chair in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Isles Area Community Planning Group, it was noted that three out of the four Area Community Planning Groups are chaired by members of the community.
- Approximately 20 young people attended the November meeting of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group. It was agreed that the possibility of routine inclusion of young people be extended to all the Area Community Planning Groups.
- Work on reviewing the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) delivery plans is progressing.
- Richard Heggie from Urban Animation and Willie Inglis from Islay Estates gave a presentation to the Management Committee on the Shoreline Project, Bowmore. The project aims to attract population growth in Islay through providing a mixed use development site for housing, office space and small manufacturing sites. Urban Animation are also working with Argyll Estates, Inveraray, on a similar project.
- There was shared disappointment with other local authorities that no sites in Argyll and Bute had benefitted from the Scottish Government's Mobile Infrastructure Project to reduce the number of "not spots" in the mobile telephone coverage. CPP partners will continue to raise mobile coverage as an issue with the Scottish Government.
- Scrutiny of Outcome 2: "We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth" resulted in agreeing the strength of partners having a joint message and approach to promoting development sites in Argyll and Bute focusing on key sites which will have the biggest economic impact.
- Scrutiny of Outcome 6, Safer and Stronger, noted new challenges with cyber crime. This is to be incorporated in the new Delivery Plans.
- The Management Committee were advised of a multi-agency group which were working with the newly formed Kirkmichael Community Development Group. Good progress and partnership working was noted.

If you have any queries on these highlights please contact: cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk