
**Argyll and Bute Community Planning
Partnership**

**Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands
Area Community Planning Group**

11 May 2016

Agenda Item 4



**Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee –
update from meeting 24th March 2016**

Summary

This paper provides a response by the CPP Management Committee to key matters highlighted by Area Community Planning Groups. Members of the ACPG are asked to note the responses to the issues. Further issues and comments are welcome for the CPP Management Committee to consider at its meeting in June 2016.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to inform members of the Area Community Planning Group of highlights from the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee meeting on 24th March with particular emphasis on matters raised by Area Community Planning Groups.

2. Recommendations

Area Community Planning Group members are recommended to:

- Note the response set out in section 4 to issues raised by Area Community Planning Groups.
- Request that the Area Governance Manager, Shirley MacLeod, take any further comment to the CPP's Management Committee meeting on 9th June 2016.
- Distribute the attached highlights of the CPP Full Partnership meeting to interested and relevant persons and community groups.

3. Background

At each of its quarterly meetings the Community Planning Partnership considers an update report from Area Community Planning Groups and commits to responding to issues raised.

4. Detail

At its meeting on 24 March the CPP Management Committee considered a report by the Area Governance Manager which presented highlights of discussions from each of the four Area Community Planning Groups. Issues for consideration are presented below with the response:

4.1 Consider the role Third Sector (including Sport) Organisations play in achieving progress towards outcomes detailed within the SOA and the issues faced with regards to funding and staffing.

Management Committee response:

Acknowledged that the situation was difficult for many Third Sector Organisations and that this has an impact on communities. Good news stories were highlighted for some recently in receipt of funding. Discussion focused on considering whether there was a better way to commission services, ensuring funding bids were closely linked to the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) and ensuring that all organisations knew what support was available to them. It was agreed to publicise funding opportunities through the CPP Fortnightly Bulletin.

4.2 Consider the issues raised by the breadth of education required to be provided by geographically remote secondary schools (mainland as well as island) and the staffing difficulties faced in relation to service provision in remote rural areas and remote school towns.

Management Committee response:

CPP was advised that:

- The staffing model for schools is defined by the school roll and that the Education Service was working closely with Argyll College UHI regarding their valuable contribution to the breadth of curriculum in the schools.
- There is a need for better alignment and targeting of courses across all schools to local economic opportunities rather than simply having a breadth of subjects.
- A number of initiatives had been applied to improve teacher recruitment – for example the students currently undertaking the Post-graduate Primary Teaching Qualification with Argyll College UHI will graduate this year.
- Creative approaches to accommodating teachers moving into the Oban area were also discussed.
- The recruitment of a spouse as a teacher through the Maritime Change programme was highlighted.
- Argyll College UHI is working with all the secondary schools

within Argyll and Bute and each of the four administrative areas had different area skills requirements.

The success of the Primary Teaching PGDE was praised and the Management Committee agreed provision of a Secondary Teaching qualification would also bring significant benefits to the area, helping to address staff shortages. The CPP asked Argyll College UHI to look into the provision of this.

4.3 Consider the potential links that could be developed between the Locality Groups mentioned in the Health and Social Care Integration report and the Area CPGs.

Management Committee response:

A meeting is being arranged with colleagues in Health and Social Care to discuss.

There was agreement to the suggestion by the Chair to look also at other groups meeting locally and ensure these are linked to the ACPGs.

4.4 Consider the problems caused in respect of road closure arrangements in the Oban area in the aftermath of road accidents and in particular of the implications for the 500 pupils who travel by bus to and from school on a daily basis.

Management Committee response:

Chief Superintendent Grant Manders offered Police officers to attend the OLI ACPG to answer questions on road closure diversions.

4.5 Consider the inclusion of the Scottish Ambulance Service and Visit Scotland as active partners within Community Planning structures and processes at both strategic and local level.

Management Committee response:

All agreed that they be invited to formally participate in the CPP.

5. Conclusions

This paper provides a response by the CPP Management Committee to key matters highlighted by Area Community Planning Groups. Members of the ACPG are asked to note the main issues raised and that these have been responded to. Further issues and comments are welcome for the CPP Management Committee to consider at its meeting in June 2016.

6.0 SOA Outcomes

This report relates to the overall Single Outcome Agreement.

Attachment:
CPP Management Committee highlights.

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