

Management Committee

Date: 30th September 2016

Agenda Item: 4a.



Area Community Planning Groups

1.0 Purpose

This paper presents key matters arising during the Area Community Planning Group round of meetings in August 2016 for consideration by the CPP Management Committee.

2.0 Recommendations

The Management Committee is asked to:

- Note the Highlights and Key Issues under 4.0 and 4.1.
- Action an appropriate response to the points raised in 4.2 which are to:
 - Note the change in the Helensburgh & Lomond Chair.
 - Note the community development work underway in Kirkmichael, Tiree, Lismore, Luing, Easdale, Kerrera and consider ways that the Management Committee could support this activity.
 - Consider the implications of a predicted increase in population on Jura
 - Consider undertaking a review of the matter of Area CPG chairs sitting on the Management Committee.
 - Consider ways to increase private business involvement at an Area CPG level
 - Provide more information relating to the development of Locality Plans at the November round of meetings

3.0 Background

There are four Area Community Planning Groups, one in each of the Council's administrative areas (Bute & Cowal; Mid Argyll, Kintyre & Islay; Helensburgh & Lomond; and, Oban Lorn and the Isles)

Area Community Planning Groups meet quarterly to discuss issues of importance relevant to the delivery of the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) at a local level.

The August meetings focussed on Outcome 2 and Outcome 6.

4.0 Highlights

The following points were consistent to more than one meeting:

- The Management Committee Film Clip Initiative was discussed. There was interest in the idea and the CPGs would welcome the opportunity to view the clip. There were some reservations regarding resource implications if rolled out to CPGs.
- An initial briefing on the new Community Justice Strategy arrangements was provided for information and it was noted that further information will be forthcoming at relevant stages in the transition process.
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service provided a comprehensive annual report on its activities which was received with interest. In addition, the OLI Area CPG benefited from a verbal report from a senior physiotherapist regarding the work they had been undertaking in the community with regards to Slips, Trips and Falls which included working with Scottish Fire & Rescue, while the MAKI CPG also received updates on the Young Firefighters groups based on Islay and in Campbeltown.
- Community Broadband Scotland provided an update on progress to date. It was generally noted there was some dissatisfaction with regards to the delivery of the Superfast Broadband rollout.
- Updates from Scottish Water, the Argyll & Bute Children Plan, ACHA and the Strategic Housing Plan were also noted.
- The findings of the OLI and MAKI Area CPG workshops on ways to improve meeting format and communication were considered and it was agreed that the recommendations should be put in place for the November round of meetings.
- The Review of SOA Delivery Plans was noted, with the Area CPGs looking forward to receiving more information relating to the development of Locality Plans at the November round of meetings.

Highlights from specific meetings were as follows:

Bute & Cowal

- The group benefitted from an update from Befrienders which covered the support given to vulnerable children and young people across the area and highlighted the difficulty of recruiting volunteers. The update initiated a discussion regarding ideas of recruitment and suitable contacts who could assist in the Bute and Cowal Area.

- The group also benefitted from an update from the Crossroads Young Carers Project in Bute and Cowal which currently has lottery funding for five years. It was noted that Crossroads are looking for premises in the Cowal Area in order to meet the needs of the project and several suggestions of potentially suitable premises were made by the Group
- It was noted during discussion regarding membership that the CPGs would benefit from more private sector involvement.
- The group benefitted from an update on Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park activities and the Cowal Fixed Link Project

Helensburgh & Lomond

- Cllr Gary Mulvaney stood down from the Chair and Stuart McLean, Group Manager Scottish Fire and Rescue was elected into the vacant position.
- The group benefited from an update on the on – going development activities at Kirkmichael. It was agreed that the success of the Kirkmichael Community Development Group was a perfect example of Community Planning in action and credit was given to everyone who had been involved with this project. It was also noted that there was an issue in finding suitable premises for the various activities which had recently been implemented. The group considered whether the Community Centre could be utilised as a possible venue and this matter was to be explored further after the meeting.
- The group considered the Argyll and Bute Transport Outcomes Report 2016/17 and raised various issues including changes to train timetables, upgrading of local infrastructure including painting bridges and the Kilcreggan ferry service.
- The group had a brief discussion around the Health & Social Care Partnership Locality Planning Group. It was agreed to ask for a briefing paper to provide factual information and to initiate a small working group to explore the issues raised which would report back to the November meeting

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay

- The meeting was held on Islay and the group facilitated discussions around air service issues, ferry service issues and pier infrastructure.
- Jura Community Council advised the group that there is a predicted increase in population on Jura due to potential new jobs coming into the area as the result of recent investment. This development is viewed positively, however it was recognised that there will be an impact on island infrastructure and a working group will look at the matter in more depth and report back to the November meeting.

Oban, Lorn and the Isles

- The group benefitted from a presentation on the Tiree Islands Future Community Charrette which outlined recent activities and information on the

next stages in the project and also an update from the Lorn and Islands Partnership which has recently formed and is undertaking community development work on the islands of Luing, Easdale, Kerrera and Lismore.

- The group noted the recent meeting between the CPP Management Committee Chair and the Area CPG Chairs and Vice Chairs and would like to request that the Management Committee review the matter of Area CPG chairs sitting on the Management Committee.
- Several members of the group had been involved in showcasing projects during a recent ministerial visit from Kevin Stewart, Cabinet Minister for Local Government and Housing

4.1 Key Issues

The following key points were highlighted:

- The Helensburgh & Lomond CPG is now chaired by Stuart McLean, Group Manager Scottish Fire and Rescue
- The Area CPGs look forward to receiving more information relating to the development of Locality Plans at the November round of meetings.
- It was noted during discussion regarding membership that the Bute & Cowal CPG would benefit from more private sector involvement
- It was noted that the success of the Kirkmichael Community Development Group in Helensburgh was a perfect example of Community Planning in action
- There is a predicted increase in population on Jura due to potential new jobs coming into the area as the result of recent investment.
- Lorn and Islands Partnership has recently formed to undertake community development work on the islands of Luing, Easdale, Kerrera and Lismore
- The OLI CPG would like to request the Management Committee to review the matter of Area CPG chairs sitting on the Management Committee.
- The CPGs were interested in the Film Clip Initiative and look forward to receiving an update on progress in due course.

4.2 Further Actions

It is requested that members

- Note the change in the Helensburgh & Lomond Chair.
- Note the community development work underway in Kirkmichael, Tiree, Lismore, Luing, Easdale, Kerrera and consider ways that the Management Committee could support this activity.
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5.0 Implications

Strategic Implications	The August 2016 Area Community Planning Group meetings focussed on Outcome 2 and Outcome 6 with cross linkages to all other outcomes
Consultations	No prior circulation of this report.
Resources	No direct resource implications however consideration of the issues raised and following courses of action may have a knock on effect on finance and/or staff resource
Prevention	The work of the Befrienders and Crossroads Young Carers Project in Bute and Cowal contributes to the prevention agenda
Equalities	The community development work on the islands and Kirkmichael contributes toward reducing inequalities in the various communities served by the projects.

For More Information:

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References: n/a

Appendices: n/a