

**MINUTES of MEETING of the MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS SHORT TERM WORKING GROUP held in COMMITTEE ROOM 1, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD on MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

**Present:**

Andy Buntin, Lochgilphead Community Council (Chair)  
Councillor Robin Currie, Argyll and Bute Council  
David Smart, Highlands and Islands Enterprise  
Fred Bruce, West Lochfyne Community Council  
Edward Laughton, Ardrishaig Community Trust  
Catherine Bowes, Ardrishaig Community Council  
Margaret Wallace, Third Sector Interface  
Shona Barton, Area Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council  
Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Andy Buntin welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Short Term Working Group and introductions were made around the table.

Apologies were noted from Inspector Julie McLeish (Police Scotland), Donald Watt and Nicola Gillespie (Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership) and Lynda Syed and Petra Pearce (Third Sector Interface).

**2. REMIT OF SHORT TERM WORKING GROUP**

A document was considered which outlined the remit of the Short Tern Working Group.

The Group agreed the information contained in the document.

**3. DRAFT MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTION PLAN**

The Group discussed the draft Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Action Plan. The Community Development Officer outlined the process which had been undertaken which resulted in the creation of the draft plan.

Discussion took place on the following issues:-

- The disparity in responses received across the MAKI Area
- Community led Action Plans which are not included in the draft of the Plan
- How will the monitoring of actions be undertaken?
- The importance of the A83 across the MAKI area and the issues around infrastructure and safety
- The impact of the investments by the whisky industry on Islay

It was noted that there would be an opportunity for further community engagement during the consultation on the Plan in 2018, and that discussion could be scheduled for the meeting of the Area CPG being held on Islay in May 2018.

The Working Group agreed:-

- (1) To amend the draft Plan, to include the following:-
  - (i) reference to the A83 across the area,
  - (ii) an action for work to be undertaken to collate information on the impact of the distillery investments on Islay with particular reference to transport;
  - (iii) the community led Action Plans which were missing from the draft, and
  - (iv) that the links to the existing Action Plans would be updated.
- (2) That the Plan would be amended and then circulated by e-mail to members of the Working Group for agreement,
- (3) That the draft of the Plan would be submitted to the next meeting of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee for approval, and thereafter to the next meeting of the MAKI Area CPG for agreement.

#### **4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Working Group agreed that there was no requirement for a further meeting.