

ARGYLL AND BUTE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chambers, Kilmory on 14th November 2003

Present

Councillor Allan Macaskill (Chair)
James McLellan, Argyll and Bute Council (CEO)
Dougie Dunlop, Argyll and Bute Council
Karen Murray, NHS Argyll and Clyde
John Mungall, NHS Argyll and Clyde
Erik Jespersen, Argyll and Bute Local Health Care Co-operative
Ann Campbell, Argyll and Bute Local Health Care Co-operative
Douglas Trigg, Association of Argyll and Bute Community Councils
Phil Risby, Association of Argyll and Bute Community Councils
John White, Helensburgh Community Council
Mitch Roger, Strathclyde Police
Paul Connelly, Strathclyde Fire Brigade
Alan Milstead, Argyll and the Islands Enterprise
Andrew Campbell, Scottish Natural Heritage
David Dowie, Communities Scotland
Alasdair Bovaird, Argyll and Bute Council
Lynn Smillie, Argyll and Bute Council
Sue Nash, Argyll CVS

1. Welcome and Apologies

Councillor Allan Macaskill welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported that this would be Alasdair Bovaird's last meeting as he had accepted a new post as Chief Executive of Uttlesford District Council. Councillor Macaskill thanked Alasdair for all his hard work for the Partnership on behalf of the Council.

Apologies were accepted from the following people:

Councillor Robin Banks
Lolita Lavery, Community Planning Partnership
Josephine Stojak, NHS Argyll & Clyde
Ken Abernethy, Argyll and the Islands Enterprise
Simon Hodge, Forestry Commission Scotland
Brent Meakin, Forestry Commission Scotland
Neil Wallace, Strathclyde Police
Chris Thomas, Scottish Enterprise Dunbartonshire
Jim Clinton, Bute Community Links
Alan Cumming, Ministry of Defence
Alasdair Oatts, Argyll and Bute Care and Repair
Carl Olivarius, Argyll & Bute Council
Andy Law, Argyll and Bute Council
Kay Eastwood, NHS Argyll and Clyde
Isabelle Cameron, West Highland Housing Association
Ronnie Bell, West Highland Housing Association
Lesley Campbell, National Park
Bill Dalrymple, National Park
Tricia Keenan, Argyll and Bute Council (SIP Partnership)
James Fraser, ALLST Tourist Board

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th July 2003

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting held on 11th July 2003.

3. **Matters Arising**

- Update by James McLellan on Selection of New Initiative at the Edge Areas

It was noted that both Jura and Colonsay had been accepted as new Initiative at the Edge areas.

- Endorsement of 'Choose Life' Action Plan

John Mungall reported that Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership had been allocated £238k (£76k in 2003/04, £79k in 2004/05 and £83k in 2005/06) as part of the Scottish Executive's "Choose Life" National Strategy and Action Plan which is the first phase of a 10 year plan aimed at reducing the suicide rate in Scotland by 20% by 2013.

After discussion the Partnership agreed to approve the Action Plan drawn up by the Health and Well-being Theme Group and that it be submitted to the Scottish Executive.

4. **Proposed New CPP Priorities**

Discussion took place on the new Community Planning Partnership Priorities identified by each of the 3 Theme Groups.

Theme 1: Promoting Health and Well-Being:

John Mungall, Lead Officer on the Health and Wellbeing Theme Group reported that the following priorities had been amended and developed by the Theme Group to address issues identified at the Community Planning Review Day, namely:

1. Develop a social care and health care service to older people and vulnerable groups
2. Reduce Coronary Heart Disease, Stroke and Cancer
3. Improve Mental Health and Well-being
4. Create Safer Communities
5. Develop the health and well being of children and young people

Theme 2: Improving Opportunities for Learning, Employment and Skills Development

Alan Milstead, Lead Officer on the Improving Opportunities for Learning, Employment and Skills Development Theme Group reported that the following priorities had been identified by the Theme Group to address the issues identified at the Review Day, namely:

1. Improving the transport infrastructure of Argyll and Bute
2. Creating employment opportunities and on-going local business support
3. Improving the skills base of young people in Argyll and Bute
4. More people choosing to live and work in Argyll and Bute

At the request of David Dowie it was agreed to add Communities Scotland to the list of partners involved under Priority 2, Action Numbers 2.1 and 2.2.

It was further agreed to amend the wording under Priority 4, Action Number 4.4 to read "To ensure continued delivery of SIP activities in all SIP projects in Argyll and Bute after 2005 subject to evaluation of these and to add NHS Argyll and Clyde to the list of Partners involved under this Action.

Theme 3: Sustaining and Developing Our Communities, Culture and Environment

Dougie Dunlop, Lead Officer for Sustaining and Developing Our Communities, Culture and Environment Theme Group reported that the following priorities had been identified by the Theme Group to help address the issues identified at the Review Day, namely:

1. Create employment and address education and training needs
2. Provide adequate and affordable housing
3. Address transportation and accessibility needs
4. Improve the accessibility and availability of services and facilities in rural and fragile areas
5. Enhance the sense of community participation and community identity
6. Protect and enhance Argyll and Bute's rich environmental assets and diverse habitats and species
7. Enhance Argyll and Bute's rich cultural heritage

It was noted that the priority Create Employment and address Education and Training Needs was being dealt with by Theme Group 2.

It was agreed that Communities Scotland be added to the list of Partners involved under the priority “to provide adequate and affordable housing” – action numbers 1.1 and 1.2.

It was further agreed that the voluntary sector be added to the list of Partners involved under the priority “to improve the accessibility and availability of services and facilities in rural and fragile areas” – action number 3.5 and under the same priority add Communities Scotland to the list of Partners involved under action number 3.6.

After further discussion, the Partnership agreed:

- (i) The new Partnership priorities subject to the above amendments
- (ii) Requested the Theme Groups to finalise the Action Plans for submission to the next Community Planning Partnership meeting and in the meantime, authorise the implementation of identified actions to date
- (iii) To test the new priorities through the Citizens’ Panel

5. Proposed New Transitional CPP Structure

Alasdair Bovaird, Chair of the Community Regeneration Implementation Group, updated the Partnership on the proposed new transitional structure of the Community Planning Partnership and the proposal that the new structure for community involvement be piloted in two areas of Argyll and Bute, namely Bute and Cowal and a second pilot area to be identified following the outcome of the Rural Deprivation study due to be completed in December 2003.

It was further noted that the Community Regeneration Implementation Group would now be turning its attention to the ‘top level’ structure of the Community Planning Partnership.

Alasdair Bovaird reported that the Rural Deprivation Study being carried out by Jenny Spratt (Scottish Centre for Social Justice) was going well with good progress being made and a full report on this would be brought to the next meeting of the Partnership.

After discussion, it was agreed:

- (i) To endorse the approach taken regarding the selection of the pilot areas and to ask the Management Committee to proceed to implementation of the pilot schemes.
- (ii) That the Community Regeneration Implementation Group bring a full set of proposals to the next Partnership meeting regarding the ‘top level’ structure of the Community Planning Partnership.
- (iii) To integrate the Social Inclusion Partnership into the Community Planning Partnership by March 2005.

6. Update on ‘DRIVESafe in Argyll & Bute’ Campaign

John Mungall spoke to a report prepared by Carl Olivarius on behalf of the Health and Well-Being Theme Group outlining the ‘DRIVESafe in Argyll & Bute’ Campaign which had identified the reduction of road traffic casualties as a priority action.

It was noted that in line with Government targets, local targets to be achieved by 2010 have been identified for Argyll and Bute and it has been agreed that there will be a monitoring and driver information giving/driver awareness campaign, targeting drivers through focussing on their employers.

It was also noted that it had been agreed that employers should be engaged in the programme through signing up to a Charter pledging their support to the ‘DRIVESafe in Argyll and Bute’ Campaign.

It was noted that Year 1 of the 3 year campaign would be “The Belt Up and Shut Up Campaign” to encourage the use of seatbelts even on the shortest journey and to discourage the use of mobile phones when driving.

After discussion, the Partnership agreed the basis of the outline strategy and to commission the development of a 3 year strategy.

It was noted that the Partnership would need to identify necessary resources to support such a strategy but agreed that the strategy be implemented in the meantime.

7. NHS Argyll & Clyde: Modernisation Board/Development of Clinical Strategy: Presentation by Karen Murray

Karen Murray, Divisional Director of NHS Argyll and Clyde Health Board gave a presentation on the development of a Clinical Strategy which was commissioned by the Modernisation Board of NHS Argyll and Clyde and is a plan for the future of NHS Argyll and Clyde and about identifying safe and sustainable services for the people of Argyll and Clyde. Karen advised that the Modernisation Board would be overseeing the work on the Clinical Strategy, which is to be submitted to the Scottish Executive by October 2004.

Karen described the various stages the Health Board would go through in consultation with partners, public and staff prior to submission to the Scottish Executive.

After discussion, Councillor Macaskill thanked Karen for her very informative presentation.

8. AOCB

John Mungall advised that due to the Scottish Executive's tight timescale for the Building Strong, Safe and Attractive Communities submission of 30 November 2003, it had not been possible to bring a finalised report to the Partnership meeting and sought approval for the submission subject to approval of the detailed submission by the Council's Strategic Policy Committee at its meeting on 20th November 2003. In light of the tight timescale the Partnership agreed that a submission be made to the Scottish Executive by the 30 November subject to approval by the Council's Strategic Policy Committee.

James McLellan advised that Ken Abernethy was standing down as Chair of the Management Committee and the Partnership agreed to record their appreciation of his input in the early years.

Andrew Campbell advised that the NADAIR Project was in the final stages of securing funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund and would appreciate support from the Partnership in leveraging extra monies from the Fund. It was agreed that Andrew would draft a letter of support from the Partnership to be submitted to Heritage Lottery Fund for this project.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next Community Planning Partnership meeting will be held at **11.00 on Friday 5th March 2004** in the Council Chambers at Kilmory, Lochgilphead.