

Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group

Timetable for Area Community Planning Action Plan items

1st May 2018

Background

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Action Plan was signed off in October 2017 and work has been ongoing to determine how the actions will be progressed and presented to the Area Community Planning Group. This report presents a timetable for these items.

Recommendation

The Area Community Planning Group is asked to agree the timetable for those items listed and note that those currently not scheduled into an upcoming meeting will be when an appropriate timescale has been agreed with those involved in the action.

Detail

Table 1 – an overview of the proposed timetable within upcoming meetings.

Table 2 - more detail on the action.

Table 3 – completed actions

Table 4 – those to be defined and scheduled into meetings.

Table 1: Proposed timetable

Date of Meeting	Items required to report
May 2018	Rothesay Pavilion Charity Bute Island Alliance – brand narrative Strachur Hub to be raised as AOCB to encourage attendance to August meeting
August 2018	Communication of ongoing activity within the Dunoon area Update on Great Places Heritage Bid Feeling Safe Business Offering Strachur Hub
November 2018	Empty commercial properties on Bute
February 2019	Communication of ongoing activity within the Dunoon area
May 2019	Rothesay Pavilion Charity
August 2019	To be confirmed
November 2019	Rothesay Pavilion Charity

Table 2: Detail of actions

Action	Action Required	Success criteria	Milestones	Reporting Schedule	Lead Person(s)
Continue to work with Rothesay Pavilion charity to support the successful delivery of their business plan for the future management of the Pavilion as a centre for cultural and community activities	None at present. Will become evident in approximately Spring 2019 when nearing completion of build.	Partners to be aware of new delivery model and be supportive.	Appointment of Engagement Officer Feb 18, Capital Build concluding July 2019, Reopening building Autumn 2019	May 2018, May 2019, November 2019	Julia Twomlow, Rothesay Pavilion Charity Peter McDonald, Argyll & Bute Council
Use the feedback from the Place Standard consultation and produce a communication detailing what is happening within the Dunoon area and circulate widely	Lorna Pearce to look at responses and cross-reference with work that they've been doing with charrette and Dunoon alliance	Having a document prepared that is circulated widely Continuation of group working together in a formalised way. Dunoon Alliance to be mechanism of dissemination of information to community.	SURF exit process – group is sustainable enough to continue – April 2018 Creation of a town central web resource which is constantly updated - requires funding and someone to manage it	August 2018 February 2019	Lorna Pearce, Argyll & Bute Council
Ensure partnership working with the Great Places Heritage Bid.	None at present although there are portions of it which may be delivered outwith the bid	That organisations are able to attract other funding to deliver parts of the bid	None	August 2018	Lorna Pearce, Argyll & Bute Council
Agree a strategy and look to reduce the number of empty commercial properties	Very little that council can do as a landlord as all properties (currently) are leased or under offer.	Promote Rothesay Townscape Heritage grant when open	Update to ACPG and then plan of action developed	November 2018 (TH launching in March so May would have limited information)	Lorna Pearce and Ross McLaughlin initially then actions to be given back to

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on Bute	<p>Position may develop with rationalisation of depots etc.</p> <p>Standard of many empty shops is very poor, very few have toilets or own water supply, significant investment required from owners. Quality is not good enough for people to want to rent and H&S legislation has impact on employing people with no water. Greater issue than just getting empty properties back into use.</p> <p>Rothesay Townscape Heritage has grant money to improve shopfronts. Study has been done to look at factors.</p>	<p>Community (either ACPG or Bute Island Alliance) to take on responsibility for contacting owners of empty properties to encourage them to come back into use and tackle underlying issue.</p>		<p>then annual thereafter</p>	<p>community</p>
<p>Speak to local businesses about what activities they run in the area and the marketing for these activities. Create opportunities for the business community to engage with Argyll & the Isles Tourism Co-</p>	<p>Speak to businesses to keep them informed about ongoing work. Needs to be when time appropriate and have something to communicate – partners need to be aware and inter-agency communication improved</p>	<p>Local events are promoted widely through a range of outlets.</p> <p>Communication is improved between Visit Scotland, BID, Economic Development, visitors,</p>		<p>By August it will be known if the BID has been successful.</p> <p>Reports will be available from AITC and Visit Scotland and we can signpost the business community to</p>	<p>Marilyn Rieley, David Adams-McGilp/Donald Hoy, Colin Moulson</p>

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<p>operative and its partners to help understand and reach markets the area wants to attract and/or expand.</p>	<p>Organisers need to inform likes of Visit Scotland of events so that they can be promoted appropriately. Any event organiser can go on events section of website (free of charge)</p> <p>Business community to understand responsibilities and meet them</p> <p>Understanding of what businesses want. May get long list but will be an element of things that can be taken forward. Following ballot, BID will have business plan. Plan will be to widen out activities and do more culture and heritage activities. Need to find out from Colin if ask has happened.</p> <p>Dunoon Alliance funding for Dunoon town portal. Will help with events promotion. Will have interface with other information.</p>	<p>the local community and partners.</p> <p>There is an understanding of what the business community wants to happen in Dunoon to make conditions more favourable to them.</p> <p>Businesses invest in their businesses to make Dunoon more attractive to visitors.</p>		<p>information that is of use to them.</p>	

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Look at Strachur elderly support group as a model of best practice for social inclusion and exercise and promote learning from this	<p>Hold meeting with those involved in setting up Strachur group to outline/map out entire process</p> <p>Speak with colleagues in HSCP re how expansion of model would be delivered (AMcG, JWL)</p> <p>TSI to work with Strachur re sustainability and constitution</p> <p>Consider how best to build capacity for those communities who wish to use Strachur model</p>	<p>The Strachur Hub model is sustainable</p> <p>Other similar communities are able to set up hubs</p> <p>GP practices across the Cowal area are aware of the benefits of the model</p> <p>Other communities are able to learn from the best practice and expertise of the volunteers at Strachur</p>		<p>May – Alistair will promote at Bute meeting to encourage attendance in August</p> <p>August – Heather Grier to do presentation to ACPG.</p>	Heather Grier, Jayne Lawrence-Winch, Alistair McLaren
Consult with residents to understand why they feel “less safe”	<p>Set up short term working group to determine content of survey and communication/engagement plan</p> <p>Undertake survey</p> <p>Analyse results</p> <p>Work out action plan based on results of survey</p>	A high proportion of the residents of Dunoon from across the demographic areas respond to the survey	<p>Survey created</p> <p>Survey live</p> <p>Action plan determined</p>	Ideally August but may need to be pushed to November.	Duncan MacLean, Samantha Stubbs, Sheena McLean, Samantha Somers
Develop a brand	Invite Paul Duffy (BIA	Bute Island Alliance is	CPG to hear from Paul	May 2018	Lorna Pearce, Paul

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narrative for Bute to transform perception and promote this narrative on the island	Coordinator) to CPG Look to do Place Standard on Bute in late 2018/2019 to evaluate and see if progress has been made	supported to take forward their plans in promoting Bute AITC, Visit Scotland and Bute Island Alliance maximise promotion of Bute as a positive place with lots happening to visitors and residents	as to the plans of the Bute Island Alliance Place Standard tool happens again		Duffy Samantha Somers (Place Standard)

Table 3: Completed Actions

Name of action	Update on progress	Lead Person(s)
Invite a representative from Hunter's Quay Community Council to the Area Community Planning Group	Complete	Rona Gold, Argyll & Bute Council Shirley MacLeod, Argyll & Bute Council

Table 4: Actions still requiring planning meeting and insertion into timetable

Action	Key people
Work with communities to attract funding to help regenerate area	Susan Brooks, LLTNP Sharon MacDonald, Argyll & Bute Council Helen Dick, AITC Arlene Cullum, Argyll & Bute Council
Deliver engaging intergenerational workshops and projects with young people and the elderly to develop trust and promote creative learning	Hannah Arbuckle, Argyll and Bute TSI Bobby Tourish, SFRS David MacPhee, Police Scotland
Encourage growth in passenger vessel movements/cruise ship tender accommodation and increased associated commercial activity on Dunoon waterfront and other maritime access hubs (3 year action)	Marilyn Reiley, Argyll & Bute Council Stewart Clark, Argyll & Bute Council Colin, PA23
Continue to review the range of courses available on Bute and where possible, offer video conferencing to networked classes (non-practical)	Fraser to provide email confirming details

Conclusion

The above tables detail how the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Action Plan will progress the actions with each action timetabled to present an update or conclusion back to the Area Community Planning Group.

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