

**MINUTES of MEETING of HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING  
GROUP held in the THREE VILLAGES HALL, ARROCHAR  
on THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

**Present:** Stuart McLean, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (Chair)

Susan Brooks, Loch Lomond and the  
Trossachs National Park  
Elaine Cameron, ACT

Andrew Collins, Argyll & Bute Council  
Theresa Correia, Scottish Enterprise

Councillor Lorna Douglas

Dawn Gourlay, Arrochar Community  
Council

Mary Haggarty, Arrochar Community  
Council

Jane Ireland, Slanj Restaurant

Tom Ireland, Arrochar Development Trust

Allan Kirk, Police Scotland

John Livesey, Ministry of Defence

Iain MacInnes, Argyll & Bute Council

Duncan MacLachlan, Arrochar Development  
Trust

Sephton MacQuire, Dunbritton Housing  
Association

Thomas McAllister, UnLtd

Morevain Martin, Argyll and Bute TSI (Vice-  
Chair)

Kirsty Moyes, Argyll & Bute Council

Ronald Ross, Arrochar Community Council

Gillian Simpson, Argyll and Bute TSI

Samantha Somers, Argyll & Bute Council

Anne Sobey, Community Partnership

Neil Sturrock, SPT

Charlotte Wilson, Live Argyll

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from:

Alison McGrory, HSCP

Campbell Cameron, HIE

Jim Littlejohn, HSCP

Councillor Barbara Morgan

Greg McKearney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Allan Murphy, Dunbritton

Councillor Iain Shonny Paterson

**2. MINUTE OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

The minutes were approved subject to the change in wording from Kirkmichael Community Council group to Kirkmichael Community Development Group in Section 6.

**3. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND FULL PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

Samantha Somers updated the Area Community Planning Group on the meeting of the Full Partnership in Arrochar, December 2017. Several attendees had been present at the meeting and commented positively on the day.

**4. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTION PLAN**

**(a) ACT HUBS**

Elaine Cameron, ACT Hubs Project Officer, presented a report on the Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust (ACT) Hubs Project, who have an active role in promoting tourism. ACT was established in April 2014 with a main vision to maintain, enhance and promote the coast and countryside of Argyll so that residents and visitors can enjoy it forever. Discussion took place on the range of objectives to help fulfil their vision.

The Group noted the information provided.

**(b) WILD ABOUT ARGYLL**

Samantha Somers spoke to the bullet points provided by Carron Tobin of Argyll and the Isles Tourism Cooperative (AITC). Discussion took place about the “Wild About Argyll” campaign and the group agreed to actively promote the campaign including internally within the Ministry of Defence.

The video can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XOxJU2C2Jqw>

**(c) ACT NEWSLETTER**

The group agreed to note the newsletter

**(d) VISIT SCOTLAND**

The group agreed to note the briefing note circulated on the day in relation to Visit Scotland plans to create regional hubs.

**(e) HELENSBURGH WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT, ANDREW COLLINS, ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL**

Andrew Collins, Project Manager for the Helensburgh Waterfront Development project gave a presentation on the proposals for the new leisure centre in Helensburgh and informed the group of key consultation dates. The information provided was extensively discussed and debated with a number of salient points being expressed by community members which Andrew confirmed he would take back to the project team and keep the Helensburgh and Lomond CPG informed of progress.

**5. COMMUNITY FOCUS**

**(a) COMMUNITY MEMBERS REPRESENTING ARROCHAR AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES**

Duncan MacLachlan and Ronald Ross gave an overview of all the activities that the Community Council and Development Trust were doing and advised that the priority areas for the community were development of the Café/community campus and improvements to car parking and the public realm. Other projects were highlighted including the floating pontoon and visitor moorings being taken forward by the Loch Long Jetty Association.

Discussion was held on the linkages between the Arrochar Forum and existing groups and a commitment was given by the group to offer professional expertise and support where appropriate and defined by the community.

It was highlighted that Tarbet needs to be seen as a destination rather than a junction and that promotion of the map showing local walking routes could be promoted by all partners. It was noted that concerns had been raised by local businesses about the impact of police officers using a car park of a restaurant for pulling in those with traffic offences. It was agreed that Inspector Kirk would raise this with officers and ask them to be mindful of this.

**(b) ANY OTHER UPDATES FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS WITHIN THE H&L AREA**

Gillian Simpson circulated the report on the GIVE programme which was duly noted by the group.

**6. ARGYLL AND BUTE OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2013-2023: LINKS TO OUTCOME 1 (THE ECONOMY IS DIVERSE AND THRIVING) AND OUTCOME 2 (WE HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SUPPORTS SUSTAINABLE GROWTH)**

**(a) SOCIAL ENTERPRISE UPDATE**

Thomas McAliister from UnLtd spoke to the group and advised that Argyll and Bute had been designated as one of their key areas to work with, with £100,000 of funding to give out to new social enterprises over the next 5 years.

The report provided by Ailsa Clark, Inspiralba, was also noted.

**(b) ARGYLL AND BUTE TRANSPORT OUTCOMES REPORT**

Neil Sturrock spoke to the report, the contents of which were noted.

Morevain advised that SPT had provided funding for the refurbishment of Garelochhead train station, which was being regenerated into a community hub providing services for veterans and electric bike hire.

**(c) DIGITAL UPDATE**

Iain MacInnes spoke to the report, the contents of which were noted

**7. PARTNER UPDATES**

Neil Sturrock advised that a consultation on a new transport strategy would be launched soon and that all partners were encouraged to participate in it.

Charlotte Wilson from LiveArgyll advised of the difficulties she had experienced engaging with the Health and Social Care Partnership on exercise referrals. Samantha agreed to speak to Alison McGrory and Jim Littlejohn with regards to this and request they make contact with Charlotte.

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> May in the Gibson Hall, Garelochhead.

