

## Management Committee

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Agenda Item:



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## Area Community Planning Groups

### 1.0 Purpose

This paper presents key matters arising during the Area Community Planning Group meetings held in May 2018. These meetings looked at local and strategic matters in respect of Outcome 3 (education, skills and training maximises opportunities for all) and Outcome 4 (children and young people have the best possible start).

### 2.0 Recommendations

The Management Committee is asked to:

- a) Note the Highlights detailed at 4.0, and,
- b) Action an appropriate response to the points raised at 4.1 which are to:
  1. Recognise the work of the Strachur Hub and keep the effective model of working in mind when considering service development and enhancement in other communities.
  2. Note and discuss the concerns of the MAKI CPG in regards the lack of attendance by key partners at MAKI CPG meetings.
  3. Note the request from the MAKI CPG that mental health first aid training be provided on the island of Islay
  4. Note the difficulties experienced in Oban regarding access codes for defibrillator units and consider if there is support at strategic level which can be put in place to resolve this issue quickly

### 3.0 Background

There are four Area Community Planning Groups, one in each of the Council's administrative areas (Bute and Cowal; Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands; Helensburgh and Lomond; and Oban Lorn and the Isles). In accordance with decisions made by the Management Committee in June 2017 the groups are supported by staff from the community planning and community development team in all areas, with administrative and governance support for meetings provided by the Area Governance team in Bute and Cowal, MAKI and OLI, and by Scottish Fire and Rescue and Police Scotland in Helensburgh and Lomond.

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 May meetings focussed on:

Outcome 3 – Education, Skills and Training Maximises Opportunities for All

Outcome 4 – Children and Young People Have the Best Possible Start

#### **4.0 Highlights**

The following points were consistent to more than one meeting:

- All groups considered the timetable for Area Community Planning Action Plan items and agreed the timetables for consideration of items in their respective plan.
- Groups considered a report and verbal update from the Councils' Education Service on the Argyll and Bute Education Plan for 2017/18 "Our Children, Their Future".
- The groups in Bute and Cowal, MAKI and Obang, Lorn and the Isles agreed the detail of a report outlining changes to the process of agenda compilation for meetings, linking to and progressing the work which has been carried out in developing Area Community Planning Action Plans and enabling groups to focus on a regular basis on local matters related to various Outcomes in the Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan. Each agenda will also include an item of Community Focus, linked to the main action from the relevant local action plan which has been discussed; this will provide an opportunity for a community group to bring/present on their project or community led action plan and raise any challenges they are experiencing with the CPG and partners around the table. The Helensburgh Lomond Group preferred the format of the agenda as it currently is and rejected the recommendations in the report, noting that they did not wish to have an agenda prescribed to them.

Highlights from specific meetings were as follows:

##### **Bute & Cowal**

- The Group considered a briefing note that outlined the progress of the Rothesay Pavilion renovation programme. Initiated as part of its CHORD regional regeneration programme, the programme will create improved facilities, management and programming of the building for the benefit of the local community and visitors. On completion it is anticipated the project will attract 85,000 visits per annum and 25 FTE jobs thereby becoming a catalyst in supporting the Isle of Bute's cultural and economic future.
- A verbal update was provided on the Strachur Hub. The Hub was established two years ago with the aim to engage with older members of the community. It

has now grown to include social activities, lunch clubs and exercise classes. The success of the model has resulted in the Health and Social Care Partnership looking to replicate it across the Argyll and Bute area.

- The Bute Island Alliance delivered a presentation which outlined the background to the formation of the Alliance and the key purposes of the Charrette (a planning event which involved the local community), which was not only to retain people on the island but also to attract new residents. It was agreed that the work of Bute Island Alliance would be included in the Bute and Cowal focus item on the June CPP Management Committee agenda.

### **Helensburgh & Lomond**

- An update was given by the Health and Social Care Partnership on the Out of Hours Review at the Vale of Leven Hospital. It was agreed that this would remain on the agenda with updates coming to the group as and when they were available.
- Centre 81 gave a presentation on the work they do with young people in Garelochhead. Funding continues to be a challenge and offers of support were made by the Third Sector Interface on advice in becoming a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
- A service for veterans, by veterans, is looking to become established and based within the train station at Garelochhead.
- Police Scotland Youth Volunteers will soon be established within Helensburgh and the group received a presentation by PC Craig Stamp on the work of the Youth Engagement Officers, an initiative which came directly from the strategic delivery plans of the LOIP.

### **Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay**

- The Group discussed the attendance of partners at the meeting. It was noted that a number of partners were not represented at the meeting including Health and Fire and Rescue. It was highlighted that facilities to call into the meeting were made available and if a physical attendance was not possible then an online presence would be appreciated. It was agreed that this should be highlighted as an issue to the Management Committee.
- The Group considered the appointment of a Vice-Chair following this being continued from the last meeting. Unfortunately there was no appointment made, with it being agreed to continue the matter again to the next meeting, scheduled for August 2018. It was noted that the new Community Councils were holding inaugural meetings in the next few weeks, and it was agreed that the vacant position would be highlighted at all inaugural meetings taking place in the MAKI Area.
- In relation to the item on the Action Plan, the Group discussed the issues with community transport in Ardfern with it being agreed that the Chair and the

Community Development Officer would meet with the local community to investigate options

- There were some interesting presentations from South Islay Development Trust and Jura Development Trust under the Community Focus item. Alyson MacGillivray from South Islay Development Trust provided information on the project being undertaken in Port Ellen to create a community sports hub and it was agreed that it would be useful for information to be shared with the Health and Wellbeing Network and with the Community Council. Amy Dunnachie and Annchris MacLean from Jura Development Trust provided information on the Jura Community Action Plan. There was good discussion around more partnership working with Islay particularly around transport and it was agreed to see if the groups in the respective communities could work together.
- The Group heard an excellent presentation from Mid Argyll Youth Development Services who provided information on the exciting project to create a Youth Hub in Lochgilphead. This also included some input from 2 young people who volunteer with the project. The Group agreed that this project was a great example of communities working together to achieve an impressive outcome.
- During the partner updates, it was highlighted that 2 recent new housing developments in Bowmore and Port Ellen have no provision of a safe walking route to connect to the main villages with it being noted that this should be considered as part of any applications for future developments.
- The Community Development Officer advised on a request from Tom Skinner, Islay House Community Garden to see if it would be possible to have some Mental Health First Aid Training available on the island. These sessions are regularly available on the mainland, but due to transport and timings he has been unable to attend. The Garden would be keen to offer mental health support similar to that of the “Branching Out” programme, but they can’t become an accredited provider until they have undertaken this training. The CPG asked that it be highlighted to the Management Committee to see if partners would be interested in coming together and if there was enough interest then a joint training session could be provided on Islay. Petra Pearce, Argyll TSI also agreed to circulate to her contacts.
- The Group heard from Jim Porteous, Islay Community Council, who provided an update on the position with the current ferry disruptions. It was noted that the Calmac Communities Board were focussing on getting the situation improved. The Group discussed the MAKI Community Action Plan and agreed the amended version which had been put to the Management Committee at their informal session in December 2017. Work can now progress on the actions outlined in the Plan.

### **Oban, Lorn and the Isles**

- The group heard concerns raised by Scottish Fire and Rescue about codes to access defibrillators which are located in the Oban area, whereby the codes to access these life-saving units are not available to all emergency services. The group agreed that SFR would liaise with partners (primarily the Scottish Ambulance Service) to ensure that codes can be obtained quickly, and that once a solution has been identified this will be brought to the Management Committee to share across all areas of Argyll and Bute.
- A presentation was made by Oban Youth Café on their work in setting up a club for teenagers with special support needs. This has been supported financially by the Health and Wellbeing Partnership and has been put in place in response to issues raised during last year's consultations including the Place Standard Consultation; the group were delighted to acknowledge the very good work being taken forward, and the effective work of the CPP in recognising community priorities and addressing them so quickly and so effectively, hailing this project as an excellent example of effective community planning in action.
- The work of the Oban High School Support Department was presented to the group by teacher Lorna Stewart and Aiden and Robert, 2 pupils who were particularly enthusiastic about the excellent work being undertaken in the school. This item linked very well to the new project at the Youth Café and highlighted how well the statutory education provision is linking to and being developed by the wider community group.

#### **4.1 Further Actions**

It is requested that the Management Committee:

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  - Note and discuss the concerns of the MAKI CPG in regards the lack of attendance by key partners at MAKI CPG meetings.
  - Note the request from the MAKI CPG that mental health first aid training be provided on the island of Islay
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## 5.0 Implications

Strategic Implications	The May 2018 Area Community Planning Group meetings focussed on Outcomes 3 and 4.
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	Contributes to the prevention agenda
Equalities	Contributes toward reducing inequalities

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**References:** n/a

**Appendices:** n/a