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MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in EAGLESHAM HOUSE, ROTHESAY on TUESDAY, 1 MAY 2018

Present: Willie Lynch (Chair)
Alistair McLaren, Argyll Third Sector Interface
Councillor Audrey Forrest
Councillor Jean Moffat
Councillor Jim Anderson
Councillor Bobby Good
Stuart McLean, Area Committee Manager, Argyll & Bute Council
Samantha Somers, Community Planning Officer, Argyll & Bute Council
Sharon MacDonald, Community Development Officer, Argyll & Bute Council
Blair Moglia, Caledonian MacBrayne
Paul Duffy, Bute Island Alliance
Sergeant Neil Grant, Police Scotland
Bobby Tourish, Scottish Fire and Rescue
Catherine Russell, Colintrave and Glendaruel Community Council
Brian Leitch, Maxie Richards Foundation
Patrick White, Maxie Richards Foundation

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and general introductions were made.

No apologies were intimated

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were intimated.

The Chair ruled and the Group agreed to take Police Scotland's partner update at the start of the meeting to facilitate officer attendance. This update was taken after item 2. Declarations of Interest of the agenda.

8. PARTNER UPDATE - POLICE SCOTLAND

Sergeant Grant informed the Group that this quarters crime statistics were down from the previous quarter with no major incidents to report.

Sergeant Grant also highlighted some of the ongoing community engagement activities which included a school poster competition on how to tackle dog fouling and an ongoing campaign to recruit youth volunteers which was being taken forward by the Youth Engagement Officer for the Cowal Area.

3. MINUTES

(a) Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group – 6th February 2018

The minute of the Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group meeting of 6th February 2018 was approved as a correct record.

4. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Group considered a briefing note outlining the matters of concern which had been raised by Community Planning Group Chairs at the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership Management Committee which was held on 13th March 2018.

Decision

The Group noted the contents of the briefing note.

(Ref: Briefing Note by Community Planning Manager, dated 1st May 2018, submitted).

5. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTION PLAN

(a) Timetable for Area Community Planning Action Plan items

The Group considered a briefing note that outlined the timetable for Area Community Planning Action Plan items and the ongoing work to determine how the actions would be progressed and presented to the Area Community Planning Group.

Decision

The Group:

1. Noted the contents of the report; and
2. Agreed the timetable for those items listed and note that those currently not scheduled into an upcoming meeting would be when an appropriate timescale has been agreed with those involved in the action.

(Ref: Briefing Note by Community Planning Officer, dated 1st May 2018, submitted).

(b) Rothesay Pavilion Update

The Group considered a briefing note that outlined the progress of the Rothesay Pavilion renovation programme as well as the background and future plans of the Rothesay Pavilion Charity Group.

It was noted that once the renovation process was complete the Rothesay Pavilion Charity Group would be looking to actively engage with the Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group.

The Chair noted the ambitious plan for the Pavilion and that once completed it would be an asset to Bute.

Decision

The Group noted the contents of the briefing paper.

(Ref: Report by Rothesay Pavilion Charity dated 1st May 2018, submitted)

(c) Strachur Hub

Alistair McLaren provided a verbal update on the Strachur Hub, the following points were noted:

- The Hub was established two years ago with an aim to engage with older members of the community.
- The HUB had grown to include social activities, lunch clubs and exercise classes.
- The Health and Social Care Partnership had identified the Strachur Hub as a successful model and are looking to replicate this across the Argyll and Bute area

Decision

The Group:

1. Noted the verbal update; and
2. Noted a full report/ presentation would be brought to the August meeting of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group.

(Ref: Verbal update by Alistair McLaren dated 1st May 2018, submitted)

6. COMMUNITY FOCUS

(a) Bute Island Alliance

The Group considered a presentation by the Bute Island Alliance which provided a background to the formation of the Alliance and the key purposes of the Charrette, which was not only to retain people on the island but also to attract new residents.

The presentation also highlighted:

- How the project fits into the 6 single outcome agreements.
- The progress of the project in the last 12 months.
- The objectives moving forward, including securing office and manufacturing space that would allow prospective small business's to grow.

It was noted that the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group had a role to play in helping to maximise local investment and should help the alliance to integrate into the local area action plan.

Decision

The Group:

1. Noted the presentation; and
2. Agreed that this item would be added to the June meeting of the Community Planning Partnership.

(Ref: Presentation by Bute Island Alliance dated 1st May 2018, submitted)

7. ARGYLL AND BUTE OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2013-2023 - OUTCOME 3 (EDUCATION, SKILLS AND TRAINING MAXIMISES OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL)

Bobby Tourish on behalf of Scottish Fire and Rescue informed the Group that they were currently delivering a series of fire skills courses in the Bute and Cowal area and are looking to roll this course out across Argyll and Bute.

Mr Tourish also informed the Group that a real crash scenario involving multiple agencies would be taking place in Dunoon stadium at the end of May.

Decision

The Group noted the contents of the verbal update.

(Ref: Verbal update by Scottish Fire and Rescue dated 1st May 2018, submitted)

(a) Education Quality and Standards Report

The Group considered the Argyll and Bute Education Annual Plan for 2017/2018 'Our Children, Their Future'.

Decision

The Group noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Head of Education dated 1st May 2018, submitted)

(b) Secondary School Education Reports

The Group considered the Dunoon Grammar School and Rothesay Academy education reports which provided an update on the schools achievements for the 2017 session.

Decision

The Group noted the contents of the reports.

(Report by Head Teacher, Dunoon Grammar School and Rothesay Academy dated 5 December 2017, submitted)

8. PARTNERS UPDATE

CalMac Ferries

Blair Moglia informed the Group that Caledonian MacBrayne were rolling out a range of initiatives to celebrate 2018 being the year of the young person, including

- 28 modern apprenticeships.
- Workshops for vulnerable youngsters.
- Collaboration with Young Scot and Transport Scotland to roll out a ticketing pilot scheme which would include discount's and incentives.
- Cadet sponsorship via Clyde Marine

Ms Moglia also explained that the company were raising awareness of corporate social responsibility and would be introducing a work shadowing scheme to allow younger members of staff to gain more experience in the workplace and their Human Resources department would also be running employability workshops in schools.

Third Sector Interface

Alistair McLaren tabled a written update to the Group regarding Historic Kilmun and Scottish Rural Action.

Historic Kilmun was now open, a range of activities and projects were now available until 31 October 2018, including Oral History and Art Therapy projects. Historic Kilmun had also submitted an application to Creative Scotland for funding to help make this season really special.

Mr McLaren reported that the location and date for the Scottish Rural Parliament in 2018 would be issued shortly. A recently released report, FareEnough?, highlighted the impact of transport costs on access to education and employment for young people. A free rural transport conference was taking place in September, which would feed into the National Transport Strategy 2.

(Ref: Briefing note Third Sector Interface, dated 1st May 2018, tabled)

Scottish Fire and Rescue

Mr Tourish from Scottish Fire and Rescue advised that there had been 33 recorded incidents in Bute and 43 in Dunoon. Incidents recorded included primary fires, secondary fires, chimney fires, special service call outs, car accidents and false alarms.

Mr Tourish also informed the Group that 57 home fire safety inspections had been carried out in Dunoon and 33 in Bute.

The Chair noted the excellent services that the retained fire fighters offer in both Bute and Cowal.

9. CPG AGENDA COMPILATION

The Group considered a report which outlined a development in the compilation of agendas for meetings, linking to and progressing the work which has been carried out in developing Area Community Planning Actions Plans and enabling groups to focus on a regular basis on local matters related to the various Outcomes in the Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan (ABOIP) 2013-2023.

Decision

The Group:

1. Noted the contents of the report; and
2. Agreed the proposed agenda compilation for meetings.

(Ref: Report by Area Governance Manager dated 1st May 2018, submitted)

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group would take place at 10.00am on Tuesday 14th August 2018 in the Timber Pier Building, Dunoon.