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MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in EAGLESHAM HOUSE, ROTHESAY on TUESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2018

Present: Willie Lynch, Dunoon Community Council (Chair)

Councillor Jean Moffat, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Bobby Good, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Audrey Forrest, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Jim Findlay, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Gordon Blair, Argyll and Bute Council
Stuart McLean, Area Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Samantha Somers, Community Planning Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
(Lync)
Sharon MacDonald, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Colin Fulcher, Senior Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Inspector Duncan McLean, Police Scotland
Bobby Tourish, Scottish Fire and Rescue
Neil Shearer, Scottish Fire and Rescue
Ann Campbell, Dunoon Area Alliance
Tom Warren, Dunoon Area Alliance
David Hays, Bute Community Cycling Group
Laura Hays, Bute Community Cycling Group
Ruaridh MacGregor, Scottish Water
Iain MacInnes, Digital Liaison Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Robert MacIntyre, Bute Community Council
Marlene Hill, Bute Community Council
Brigitte Milroy, Member of the Public
John M McCallum, Bute Community Council
Cathleen Russell, Colglen Community Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated by:
Councillor Jim Anderson
Councillor Alan Reid
Jim Wilson, Hunters Quay Community Council
Cathi Bertin, Befrienders

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)

No declarations of interest were intimated.

3. MINUTES

(a) Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group - 14 August 2018

The minute of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group held on the 14th August 2018 was approved as a correct record.

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

The Group considered a report that outlined the requirement for a vice-chair to be appointed to the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group agreed to carry this item forward to the February 2019 meeting due to no candidates being nominated for the position.

(Ref: Report by Area Committee Manager dated 06.11.18, submitted)

5. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTION PLAN

(a) Shop Front Improvement Scheme 2011 - 2016 - Rothesay

The Group considered a presentation and verbal update on the Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2017-2022 which aims to improve and enhance historic buildings within Rothesay town centre, with particular emphasis on the bank enterprise space that is currently being created to accommodate small local businesses.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group:

1. Noted the contents of the presentation and verbal update and;
2. Noted the on-going work by officers to source and implement all the proposed changes.

(Ref: Presentation by Senior Development Officer dated 6th November 2018, submitted)

(b) Isle of Bute Trust

A representative from the Isle of Bute Trust was not able to attend and therefore no update was provided.

6. COMMUNITY FOCUS

(a) Bute Community Cycling Club

David Hayes from Bute Community Cycling Club provided a verbal update on the installation of Cycle hubs on Bute, including an overview of the clubs aims and objectives. The following was noted:

- The Club was launched during national cycle week to encourage people to get more active.
- A launch ride took place in July with roughly 50 people taking part.

- Through fundraising and funding from the Oban Common Good Fund, Cycling Scotland and the Health and Well-being network they have managed to fund three all-weather public maintenance cycle hub stands on Bute.
- They have also facilitated public sessions on educational safety, maintenance and health and well-being.
- Since May 2018 the club has developed quickly and will continue to raise public awareness and fund raise to grow the club.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group noted the contents of the verbal update.

(Ref: Verbal update by Bute Community Cycling Club representative dated 6th November 2018, submitted)

(b) Dunoon Area Alliance

Anne Campbell and Tom Warren provided an update on the Dunoon Area Alliance including current and future projects.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Anne Campbell, Dunoon Area Alliance dated 6th November 2018, submitted)

7. ARGYLL AND BUTE OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2013-2023 - OUTCOME 1 (THE ECONOMY IS DIVERSE AND THRIVING)

(a) Tourism

A report was not submitted and a representative was not present. Therefore no update was provided.

8. ARGYLL AND BUTE OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2013-2023 - OUTCOME 2 - (WE HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SUPPORTS SUSTAINABLE GROWTH)

(a) Scottish Water Update

Ruaridh MacGregor provided an overview of the completed and ongoing projects in the Cowal area, specifically Innellan, Toward, Kilmun and Strone. He expressed thanks on behalf of Scottish Water to the local communities for their patience whilst works were being undertaken.

Concerns were raised regarding a sewage blockage in the West Bay Area of Dunoon. Ruaridh encouraged individuals to report concerns direct to Scottish Water at the time of the incident.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Ruaridh MacGregor, Scottish Water dated 6th November 2018, submitted)

(b) Digital Infrastructure Area Update

Iain MacInnes, Digital Liaison Officer introduced the various digital infrastructure projects within Bute and Cowal, including next generation access and mobile communications.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Digital Liaison Officer dated 6th November 2018, submitted)

9. PARTNERS UPDATE

Police Scotland

Inspector Duncan McLean provided the Group with the following verbal update:

- The recent dog fouling campaign in Bute and Cowal had been very successful with a 65% reduction in complaints. Overall 11 warnings, 1 fixed penalty notice and 4 formal letters were issued to dog owners. Police Scotland would be looking to rerun the campaign in the future and hope to include visits to schools.
- Rural Watch continues and is being led by PC's Smith and McKay. It was noted that this is currently working very well and Community Councils appreciate a Police representative attending community council meetings.
- Events and festivals over the summer months generally went well with no reported incidents for Cowal or Bute Highland Games. Butefest caused some temporary accommodation issues due to in climatic weather.
- Inspector McLean informed the Group that he would be retiring on the 1st December 2018 and his replacement would be Inspector Fiona Davidson. It was also noted that Chief Inspector Paul Robertson would be retiring at the end of 2018 and a further update on this would be provided to the Group.

The Chair of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group thanked Inspector McLean for his help and hard work and wished him well in his retirement.

Scottish Fire and Rescue

Bobby Tourish provided the Group with the following verbal update:

Bobby Tourish of Scottish Fire and Rescue provided a statistical update for Quarter 2 2018/19:

- Zero fire fatalities
- 1 Non-fatal fire casualty in Dunoon
- 2 accidental dwelling fires in Cowal and 4 in Bute
- 5 deliberate fires – 3 in Cowal and 2 in Bute
- 3 Non-domestic fires in Cowal
- 6 Special services incidents – 3 in Cowal and 3 in Bute
- Zero road traffic casualties
- 78 False alarms – 56 in Cowal and 22 in Bute

Incidents of Note

- In quarter 2 there were 6 primary fire incidents 3 in Bute and 3 in Cowal – 4 were kitchen fires, 1 within a gas boiler and 1 caused by an electrical fan.
- In quarter 3, to date, there were 3 primary fire incidents 2 in Cowal and 1 in Bute, 1 well developed house fire, 1 caravan fire and 1 caused by medical oxygen.

Special Service Incidents

- In quarter 2 there had been 3 special service incidents – 2 Cowal, 1 Bute and consisted of a 68 year old man collapsing, 7 lost children and assisting in removing a casualty from a property.
- To date there had been 4 special service incidents in quarter 3. 3 for Cowal and 1 for Bute and consisted of diverting water from properties and assisting an occupant who was locked within a bedroom.

Home Fire Safety Visits

- 68 undertaken in Cowal and 35 in Bute.

Community Safety Activity

- British Heart Foundation – 5 sessions with 39 people trained in CPR.
- Fire skills delivered to Rothesay Academy school on the 3rd September and Dunoon Grammar School on the 24th September.
- 30 Post domestic incident responses.
- Real time crash scenario undertaken at Rothesay joint campus and one planned for Dunoon in the future.

Bute and Cowal CAUCUS

Cathleen Russell raised concerns regarding the lack of carers available in the Lochgilphead area. It was noted that this has been raised with the Health and Social Care Partnership.

Councillor Moffatt informed the Group of proposals for Loch Striven to be used as an area for decommissioning oil rigs.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 10.00AM IN THE TIMBER PIER BUILDING, DUNOON

The date of the next meeting was noted and it was agreed that suggestions for agenda items should be forwarded to the Area Committee Manager.