
Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

Oban, Lorn and the Isles
Area Community Planning Group

13th February 2019



Briefing Note: Community Planning Partnership Management Committee update

This briefing relates to the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee on 20 November 2018, and its consideration of issues raised by Area Community Planning Group Chairs. The briefing is for noting and relevant discussion.

Summary

The CPP Management Committee met on the 20 November in Helensburgh and Lomond Civic Centre, Helensburgh.

Area Community Planning Group chairs raised matters of concern within their local areas with the CPP Management Committee, and these matters were taken on board and actioned where relevant. A report outlined the main issues from the last set of Area Community Planning Group meetings.

Further information is available in the *meetings, minutes and agendas* section of:

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/community-planning-partnership>

Highlights

- The CPP set up an Implementation Group to take forward key actions from its Development Day in September 2018. The Group is developing a welcome pack, looking at governance to support prioritisation and resourcing of actions, and a review of the role of Outcome Leads.
- Ongoing discussion about road closures and a need to improve communication. A working group agreed to meet and further discuss.
- Brian Fleming from DWP gave an overview of the recent structural changes within the Department for Work and Pensions. It was noted that DWP are looking at Skype for virtual face to face contact.
- The CPP Annual Report was recognised as showcasing examples of community planning in action. The report is published here: https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/sites/default/files/abcpp_annual_report_2017-2018_final.pdf
- Progress on Area Community Planning Action Plans was considered. Actions that were “not on track” were discussed and a way forward for each of these was agreed. A timeline for

planning the next iteration of the Area Community Planning Action Plans and a process for this was proposed. This will be considered further by Area Community Planning Groups.

Matters Raised by Area Community Planning Group Chairs

The points raised from the previous meetings of the area community planning groups and the action response to these is below:

1. Note that whilst no issues were raised for escalation by the Bute and Cowal CPG, the management committee have made previous commitment to receive a presentation on the work of the Strachur Hub. The Management Committee is also asked to note that the appointment of a Vice Chair for the Bute and Cowal Group has been carried forward to the February meeting.
 - **Noted regarding Bute and Cowal Vice Chair. Strachur Hub to be invited to CPP Full Partnership in March 2019.**
2. Note the concerns raised by Arrochar Community Development Trust about the potential for inappropriate parking in Succoth and along the A83 with the implementation of the increased parking charges in Arrochar and consider what actions may be taken by partners in regards this matter.
 - **Double yellow lines have been introduced into Succoth to mitigate against inappropriate parking and that the parking situation in Arrochar is being monitored.**
3. Note that Rural Watch is a useful and trusted source for getting key messages out to the public on crime and other threats in local areas and agree to highlight it Argyll and Bute wide to increase awareness of the scheme and encourage people to sign-up.
 - **Agree to publicise Rural Watch and have requested Police Scotland to put together a short bulletin on Rural Watch that can be publicised widely, including internally to staff**
4. Provide clarity on expectations, roles and ownership for taking strategic actions forward of masterplanning documents where communities have been encouraged to undertake a masterplan (Kilcreggan) or where one has been commissioned (Helensburgh).
 - **Advised that Economic Development are working with Rosneath Peninsula West Community Development Trust on their masterplan for Kilcreggan and that processes are in place to progress this. It was stated that the council would not be the lead delivery vehicle to progress the actions within the plan and that the progression of the actions within the plan lay with the Community Development Trust.**
5. Consider if there is assistance available from within the partnership to assist community groups with large-scale grant funding which is a key theme that has arisen over a few meetings lately from community groups in the Helensburgh Lomond area.

- **Signposting to funding sources and those who can potentially assist with grant funding will be made available to the community groups who have raised this as an issue**
6. Note the concerns of the MAKI CPG about the lack of economic development support in East Kintyre and ascertain which partner would be most appropriate to provide that support to the area.
 - **Details of the Community Development Officer for the MAKI area were provided to East Kintyre Community Council to assist them with a Community-Led Action Plan. It was advised that this would be a good starting point for communities in East Kintyre and that support may be available (e.g. Social Enterprise, Business Gateway) once the aspirations of the community are known**
 7. Note the dissatisfaction of the MAKI CPG around the time taken by Scottish Water for repairs to take place, particularly in repairing the water main between Campbelltown and Machrihanish and the solution for the odour problems at Meadowburn, the principal concerns being lack of information and the actual length of time taken for these long standing problems to be progressed, and consider what action can be taken by them to assist in early resolution.
 - **It was agreed to invite Scottish Water to the MAKI Area Community Planning Group to comment on the timetable and duration of repairs**
 8. Consider what action, if any, the Management Committee might be able to take to try to secure the hand sorting service provided by Kintyre Recycling in effort to secure the future of recycling services in Kintyre.
 - **Staff from HIE and the council's Economic Development service are working with Kintyre Recycling to try and secure the service provided by them.**

In addition it was raised by OLI Area Community Planning Chair for better communication and marketing of parking charges and permits. It was advised that a new mobile arrangement to pay for parking had just gone live and that plans were in place for weekly and monthly permits. It was agreed to circulate information on these permit arrangements once available.

Concluding Point for Action by Area Community Planning Groups

Communicating Community Planning is a priority for the Partnership and we welcome issues raised at Area Community Planning Groups, where these cannot be resolved locally, to be highlighted to the Argyll and Bute Management Committee meetings. The next formal meeting of the Community Planning Management Committee is June 2019. Prior to this there is a Full Partnership meeting, on 12 March 2019 in Dunoon Queens Hall, where examples of community planning in action will be shown and issues for the year ahead raised.

We welcome partners at Area Community Planning Groups sharing and linking to #abplace2b Instagram account of the council which has many followers and excellent images submitted by people showcasing Argyll and Bute, and, www.wildaboutargyll.co.uk

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