

**MINUTES of MEETING of HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING
GROUP held in COVE BURGH HALL, COVE
on THURSDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2018**

Present: Sephton MacQuire, Dunbritton Housing Association (Acting Chair)
Craig Bendoris, Skills Development Scotland
Ruth Cairns, Argyll & Bute Council
Laura Cameron, Gibson Hall
Allan Comrie, SPT
Colin Crichton, Live Argyll
Councillor Lorna Douglas
Sarah Frood, Ice Cream Architecture
Fiona Jackson, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park
Janice Kennedy, Scottish Enterprise
Allan Kirk, Police Scotland
Jim Littlejohn, Health and Social Care Partnership
Stuart MacDonald, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Murdo MacDonald, Rosneath West Peninsula Community Development Trust
Roseanne MacKay, Argyll & Bute Council
Charlotte McLean, Rosneath West Peninsula Community Development Trust
Alison Morrison, Cove Burgh Hall
Kirsty Moyes, Argyll & Bute Council
Representatives from Helensburgh Youth Forum – Aubrey Agub and Alex Bates
Jean Senior, Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface
Samantha Somers, Argyll & Bute Council
Stephanie Thomas, Argyll & Bute Council
Robert Tourish, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Faye Tudor, Argyll College UHI

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Stuart McLean, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Paul Robertson, Police Scotland
Arrochar Community Council
Duncan MacLachlan, Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust

As the Chair was unable to attend at the last minute and the Vice-Chair had stepped down following the last meeting, Sephton MacQuire kindly agreed to Chair the meeting with the group's endorsement.

2. MINUTE OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH AUGUST 2018

The minutes were approved

3. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTION PLAN

(a) POSITIVE DESTINATIONS FOR HERMITAGE ACADEMY STUDENTS

Roseanne MacKay, Craig Bendoris and Faye Tudor gave a joint presentation on the ongoing work to support students leaving Hermitage Academy to achieve and sustain a positive destination. Challenges included blocks in the employability pipeline, parental perception of opportunities, affordable accommodation for all partner agencies to engage with leavers post-school and the impact of transport linkages on young people.

Stuart MacDonald offered to speak with Roseanne following the meeting about exploring whether Helensburgh Fire Station could be offered as a potential space.

(b) YEAR OF THE YOUNG PERSON

Ruth Cairns introduced Alice, Aubrey from Helensburgh Youth Forum and Stephanie Thomas, Modern Apprentice, who gave a presentation on the activities they had been involved with during the Year of Young People. The young people were commended for speaking to the group and for the range of activities they had undertaken over the course of the year.

5. COMMUNITY FOCUS

(a) COVE BURGH HALL

Alison Morrison, Director and Chair of Cove Burgh Hall, gave a presentation on the hall and its journey from coming into community ownership in 2001 until now. Challenges included the volunteer model and fundraising.

In response to a question from Councillor Douglas on whether the council could run grantfunding workshops, Kirsty Moyes advised that the council's Community Development Team was offering training to community groups on a variety of themes and these would be circulated widely.

(b) UPDATE FROM ROSNEATH PENINSULA WEST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Murdo MacDonald gave an overview of the activity happening within the community development trust and presented their masterplan for Kilcreggan which came out of their Community-led Action Plan.

Murdo asked how the council would be taking the masterplan forward and was advised that this would not be the forum for that to be decided but that there would be a process or assistance from within departments on how the community could work in partnership with public agencies to look at how the masterplan could be progressed. It was agreed that this question be raised to the Management Committee.

It was also agreed that the Community Planning Officer would ensure that colleagues within Spatial Planning were aware of the Kilcreggan masterplan document as they prepare the next iteration of the Local Development Plan and that a request would go to Stuart Watson, Traffic and Parking Manager, to liaise with the trust on subtle ways to calm traffic.

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

Kirsty Moyes advised that Kirkmichael Community group were in the process of undertaking a survey to understand the needs of their community. The group

wished to extend the invitation to partners to ask if there was anything they would like to be included. Any input to be with Kirsty Moyes by the 12th November.

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

(a) UPDATE ON THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE MARITIME CHANGE PROGRAMME

Unfortunately there was no one from the Ministry of Defence present to provide an update

(b) SPT TRANSPORT OUTCOMES REPORT 2018/19

Allan Comrie spoke to the report. Allan advised that he attends 5 Community Planning Partnerships and was quite taken at the relevance of transport to this group and the impact rurality had. Questions were posed to Allan on the Kilcreggan ferry.

(c) MAKING PLACES: HELENSBURGH

Sarah Froom of Ice Cream Architecture spoke of the findings of the Making Places: Helensburgh report.

It was noted that there was nothing guaranteed to be taken forward within the plan and the group felt that it was in a similar position with Kilcreggan in that respect. The group wished to raise this to the CPP Management Committee asking for clarity on the process and expectations for moving strategic plans forward.

7. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

The group nominated Laura Cameron to the role of Vice-Chair.

8. PARTNER UPDATES

Jim Littlejohn, HSCP, advised that Jean's Bothy had now opened and requested that the manager come to the next meeting to give a presentation on the services offered there. Jim also spoke of a new service in development for the peninsula with the provision of a number of tenancies and supported living facilities in Garelochhead for people with learning disabilities and autism.

Allan Kirk, Police Scotland, advised that the current Youth Engagement Officer had moved into a new role outwith the area and a new Youth Engagement Officer had been appointed and would start in January 2019. The Helensburgh Police Scotland Youth Volunteers had 24 young people who were successful in applying and this will launch in early December with the programme starting properly in January.

Sephton MacQuire, Dunbritton, advised that 27 new housing units had opened within Succoth and that they were now all full. There had been issues with allocating these houses with transportation and the perception of poor job opportunities being cited as reasons for rejecting these properties. Phase 2 for more houses in Succoth is on hold as a result of the issues in allocating these houses.

Stuart MacDonald, Scottish Fire and Rescue, introduced himself as the Station Manager for Helensburgh with responsibility for Garelochhead too. He gave an update on key points of interest for the group.

Jean Senior, TSI, advised that the TSI could give information and advice on funding and appealed to groups to join the mailing list to keep up to date with news and information from the TSI.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 7th February 2019, Venue TBC