

**MINUTES of MEETING of HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING
GROUP held in THREE VILLAGES HALL, ARROCHAR
on THURSDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2019**

Present: Stuart McLean, Scottish Fire and Rescue (Chair)
Alex Bates, Helensburgh and Lomond Youth Forum
Roddy MacNeil, Police Scotland
Finn Bridges, Helensburgh and Lomond Youth Forum
Morevain Martin, Garelochhead Station Trust
Ruth Cairns, Argyll & Bute Council
Rosie McGilvray, Helensburgh and Lomond Youth Forum
Laura Cameron, Gibson Hall
Kirsty Moyes, Argyll & Bute Council
Jack Carr, Jean's Bothy
Karen Muir, Argyll & Bute Council
Allan Comrie, SPT
Nicola Reaney, Argyll & Bute Council
Mandy Crossland, Garelochhead Community Council
Samantha Somers, Argyll & Bute Council
Councillor Lorna Douglas
Rosie Sumison, Helensburgh and Lomond Youth Forum
Anna Freeman, Helensburgh and Lomond Youth Forum
Ryan Thomson, Helensburgh and Lomond Youth Forum
Jim Littlejohn, Health and Social Care Partnership
Robert Tourish, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Sephton MacQuire, Dunbritton Housing Association
Charlotte Wallace, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park
Stuart MacDonald, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Douglas Wilson, Police Scotland
Duncan MacLachlan, Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Councillor Ellen Morton
Colin Crichton, Live Argyll

2. MINUTE OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON THE 1ST NOVEMBER 2018

The minutes were approved and thanks were given from the Chair to Sephton to stepping in as Chair for that meeting.

3. CPP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

(a) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Samantha Somers gave an update on what was discussed at the CPP Management Committee in November 2018 and provided responses raised by the H&L Community Planning Group to the Management Committee.

(b) CPP ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

The CPP Annual Report is now published and available on the Argyll & Bute Council website. The report for 2018-2019 will look to have more of an area focus and suggestions of topics for inclusion from the Helensburgh and Lomond area are welcomed.

5. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTION PLAN

(a) ACTION PLAN TRACKER

Samantha gave an update to the actions within the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Action Plan.

It was agreed following discussion to give ownership of HL02 to Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust so that updates can be received on this action and to change HL03 from Red to Amber and to invite a representative of Marine Scotland to a future Area Community Planning meeting.

(b) AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTION PLANS – PLANNING FOR 2021

Samantha gave a presentation outlining the timescale and proposed process for engaging on the next Area Community Planning Action Plan.

Everyone present agreed to consider the four questions posed and return comments to Samantha by the end of February.

6. COMMUNITY FOCUS

(a) INTERGENERATIONAL PROJECT – ARROCHAR PRIMARY SCHOOL AND ARROCHAR AND TARBET COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

The group received a presentation from pupils of Arrochar Primary School and local senior citizens who are involved in the “Generation Communities” project. The group was started in an attempt to bring together generations and has been well received by all participating with support given from the wider community.

(b) ANY OTHER UPDATES FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS WITHIN THE HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA

Duncan MacLachlan from Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust spoke of their ambitions to make Arrochar a destination. He advised that the community hydro power station was working well and was within its target of 400KW hours by the end of March.

Duncan advised that the Development Trust and Community Council were working closely together on a number of projects, including plans for car parking facilities at the head of the loch. He advised of challenges with the sustainability of the Post Office within the community café and how the community were actively pursuing ways to make this more sustainable. He also advised that Arrochar were looking to form a business group, with a key issue being the closure of the A83 and its impact on local businesses.

Kirsty Moyes gave an update on the Loch Long Jetty Association and advised it

was progressing well and that potential links with partners were being explored. There was discussion on the role SPT could have in integrating/promoting this through their networks.

With regards to the marine litter in Arrochar, it was noted that the Arrochar, Tarbet and Ardlui Community Council Forum were already working with Marine Scotland regarding this. Garelochhead Community Council have a member who is avidly involved with beach cleans in Garelochhead and Portincaple and were happy to provide details of this member to link in with others in the Helensburgh and Lomond area. Charlotte Wallace from the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park advised that their volunteers could potentially assist with beach cleans in the National Park area and Councillor Douglas suggested involving the GRAB Trust.

Morevain Martin gave an update on Rosneath and Clynder Community Council and advised that representatives from Rosneath & Clynder Community Council attended the Scottish Rural Parliament conference on 14th to 16th November 2018. The event comprised of many useful workshops including those on rural housing issues, rural transport and social care in rural areas. The conference also drafted a statement to Scottish Parliament to highlight the aspirations for rural areas.

7. ARGYLL AND BUTE OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2013-2023: LINKS TO OUTCOME 3 (EDUCATION, SKILLS AND TRAINING MAXIMISES OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL) AND OUTCOME 4 (CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THE BEST POSSIBLE START)

(a) YOUTH SERVICE REVIEW OF YEAR OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE

Ruth Cairns led a presentation, supported by members of Helensburgh Youth Forum, showing a review of activities and achievements throughout the Year of Young People. The youth forum highlighted issues including a lack of things to do in Helensburgh, unreliable/expensive transport to/from the town to the peninsula and a need for more education on drug and alcohol misuse.

A question was asked on interaction with the youth group at Centre 81, Ruth advised that this had been intended but logistics had prevented it from coming to fruition.

A question was put to Police Scotland from the Youth Forum on the powers available to tackle underage smoking at the school gates of Hermitage Academy. Roddy MacNeill agreed to look into this.

(b) YOUTH VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME, LOCH LOMOND AND THE TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK

Charlotte Wallace provided information on the Youth Volunteer/Junior Ranger programmes run by Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park and the variety of educational opportunities available for young people through schools, groups or as individuals. Hermitage Academy is just starting to work with the National Park. It was noted that the Junior Ranger scheme is linked to a qualification. The park is involved with health walks and links were made with the Garelochhead Station Trust at the meeting as they are arranging walk leader training as part of their long term plan.

(c) HMIE INSPECTION OF COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Samantha Somers advised that group that HMIE were conducting a routine inspection into Community Learning and Development in the Helensburgh area and thanked those partners who had agreed to be part of the focus group.

8. PARTNER UPDATES

Jim Littlejohn, HSCP, advised that there was currently a stalled development/consultation period regarding the services currently provided, with no resolution imminent, due in part to being within two different healthboard areas. The services provided by the Vale of Leven were still in focus with every attempt to protect those services being made. Jim also advised that Cornerstone were running the facility at Rockville, Garelochhead and that autism care services were amongst those provided there.

Jack Carr from Jean's Bothy spoke and advised that funding from the Big Lottery had allowed the creation of a managerial role and whilst the facility is open, there will be a full opening and timetable of services from the 1st April 2019. A knit and crochet group is the first volunteer-led group and social media has brought a significant number of interactions with local people, including self-referrals to the groups.

Sephton MacQuire, Dunbritton, advised that 27 new housing units had opened within Succoth and that they were now all full.

Allan Comrie, SPT, spoke of a consultation that had been launched today and everyone was encouraged to distribute the consultation widely through their own distribution networks – www.spt.co.uk/vision.

Roddy MacNeill introduced himself as the new Inspector in Helensburgh and spoke on the first meeting of the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers which had occurred the previous evening. PC Stevie Carr is the new youth engagement officer for the area and will be leading on the PSYV. The intention is to link with other youth community groups, including the Young Firefighters and those at the National Park. Hermitage Park and Duchess Woods were highlighted as areas for concern with anti-social behaviour and this is being addressed through direct action.

Stuart MacDonald, Scottish Fire and Rescue advised that there had been no significant incidents since the last meeting in November. 116 home fire safety visits have been completed and this remains a key focus for the Fire Service. They have been working with Hermitage Academy to reduce the number of false alarms and to raise awareness of road safety issues, particularly with young people. A real-time crash scenario is planned for April, working alongside Police Scotland and the Scottish Ambulance Service.

9. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GOVERNANCE

Samantha took the group through the report. It was agreed that the following would become new formal members of the Area Community Planning group:

- Garelochhead Station Trust
- Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust
- Helensburgh Youth Forum
- Argyll and Bute Care and Repair

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 9th May 2019, TBC, Garelochhead