

## Management Committee

Date: 26 June 2019

Agenda Item:



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### Area Community Planning Groups

#### 1. Purpose

This paper presents key matters arising during the Area Community Planning Group meetings held in February and May 2019. These meetings looked at local and strategic matters in respect of Outcome 3 (Education, Skills and Training Maximises Opportunities for All) and Outcome 4 (Children and Young People Have the Best Possible Start) in February and Outcome 5 (People Live Active Healthier and Independent Lives and Outcome 6 (People Live in Safer and Stronger Communities) in May.

#### 2. Recommendations

The Management Committee is asked to:

- a) Note the Highlights detailed at 4.0, and,
- b) Action an appropriate response to the points raised at 4.1 which are:
  - i) The concerns of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands CPG in May in respect of the change to a 4 Locality Planning Group model which they feel would be of particular disadvantage to island communities.
  - ii) The concerns raised by Oban Lorn and the Isles CPG in May in respect of the response time of Scottish Fire and Rescue at remote location such as Dalavich. The group suggested that a volunteer fire crew or access to equipment be made available to local people to mitigate against the considerable amount of time it takes to respond.

#### 3.0 Background

There are four Area Community Planning Groups, one in each of the Council's administrative areas (Bute and Cowal; Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands;

Helensburgh and Lomond; and Oban Lorn and the Isles). In accordance with decisions made by the Management Committee in June 2017 the groups are supported by staff from the community planning and community development team in all areas, with administrative and governance support for meetings provided by the Area Governance team in Bute and Cowal, MAKI and OLI, and by Scottish Fire and Rescue and Police Scotland in Helensburgh and Lomond.

Area Community Planning Groups meet quarterly to discuss issues of importance relevant to the delivery of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) at a local level.

The February 2019 meetings focussed on Outcome 3 (Education, Skills and Training Maximises Opportunities for All) and Outcome 4 (Children and Young People Have the Best Possible Start).

The May 2019 meetings focussed on Outcome 5 (People Live Active, Healthier and Independent Lives) and Outcome 6 (People Live in Safer and Stronger Communities).

#### **4.0 Highlights**

The following points were consistent to more than one meeting:

- In February, all groups considered the Management Committee update, the CPP Annual Report 2017-18, the Area Community Planning Action Plan – Tracker and the Area Community Planning Actions Plans – next iteration.
- In considering the focus on Outcome 4 all meetings received a presentation entitled ‘Youth Services Review of the Year of Young People’, with three of the four also considering updates from secondary schools within their area.
- Each group also confirmed their governance arrangements specifically the Terms of Reference, membership and future meeting dates.
- In May each group saw a video of the CPP Full Partnership.
- In considering the focus on Outcomes 5 and 6, meetings received annual updates from Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue and ACHA.
- In May, Health and Wellbeing Partnership Annual Updates were considered.

Highlights from specific meetings were as follows:

##### **Bute & Cowal (February)**

Following the resignation of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group, the group agreed to elect Cathleen Russell and Willie Lynch as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

Debbie Donald, on behalf of Cairndow Community Council, tabled a written update on the work currently being undertaken by the Community Council which had been informed by a community consultation. The consultation has enabled the Community Council to build clear objectives and aspirations for the community. The Community Council are working towards four priority groupings:

1. Building community identity and asset.
2. Safety, resilience and mental and physical well-being.
3. Enabling business development.
4. Building legacy and sustainability.

David Mitchell, Head Teacher of Dunoon Grammar School, and Louise Nicoll, Head Teacher of Rothesay Academy took the Group through each of the school's 2018/2019 annual progress update reports. The Group welcomed each of the reports and praised the ongoing work of both schools.

Emily Somerville and Vivienne Pringle, Youth Forum, delivered a presentation highlighting the Year of Young People 2018. Ms Somerville and Miss Pringle outlined ways in which the forum works towards finding fun or educational activities that offer them the chance to learn something new, challenge their abilities, engage with the wider community and improve their confidence levels.

### **Bute and Cowal (May)**

Julie Tait and Jackie Shearer (joint artistic/executive directors - Rothesay Pavilion) outlined the proposed layout and future uses of the Pavilion when its doors open, following a £14-million refurbishment. Julie and Jackie envisage an ambitious future for the Pavilion which will include artistic collaborations and accessible community workshops, offering wide appeal across generational boundaries and diverse cultural tastes, while recognising that this would only be possible with the support of local knowledge and community engagement.

Jane Williams on behalf of the Health and Social Care Partnership advised that work was ongoing to provide a three chair dialysis unit and trained nurses on Bute which would eliminate the need to travel for four dialysis patients living on the Island.

Under the item on Community Focus, the Group heard from Fiona Gillespie and Greg Mercer Brown of the Isle of Bute Resilience Team. Fiona and Greg highlighted that the Resilience Team are a voluntary organisation which had been established to assist emergency services in times of need on Bute, such as missing people searches, marshalling at events, food parcel deliveries and flood prevention assistance. Discussions took place around the feasibility of creating a Resilience Team in Cowal.

There were also a number of interesting presentations including from Robin Patel concerning the development of the East Cowal Heritage Outdoors (ECHO) Trail and its vision for promoting and evolving tourism resources in the area as well as encouraging community involvement in the project, and annual updates from Police Scotland and ACHA.

Blair McColm and Xavier Graysmark were also in attendance and informed the Group of the importance of the Cowal Youth Forum in providing opportunities, activities and support to young people in the community who wouldn't otherwise have these opportunities.

### **Helensburgh & Lomond (February)**

Some of the highlights from the February 2019 meeting were the input from Arrochar & Tarbet Community Development Trust, specifically their work with the community council on a number of projects.

The Loch Long Jetty was almost complete (it is now operational). The Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park added that they would potentially be able to assist in beach cleans via their youth volunteers' project. During the meeting links were established between themselves and Garelochhead Station Trust and with Jean's Bothy to arrange guided health walks. The National Park representative was Charlotte Wallace, and she was keen to provide information on the opportunities available for young people.

The Intergenerational project – Arrochar Primary School and the Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust are involved in the Generation Communities project which aims to bring the very young generation into contact with the older generation and build relationships.

Garelochhead Station Trust; Arrochar & Tarbet Community Development Trust; Helensburgh Youth Forum and Argyll and Bute Care and Repair all became members.

### **Helensburgh and Lomond (May)**

As part of community focus, Morevain Martin gave a presentation on newly established SCIO Garelochhead Station Trust, which aims to provide services to veterans - currently operational, providing peer counselling, and a number of events and courses to veterans and their families.

Park Mobility also gave an informative report on their attempts to make outdoor areas more accessible through hiring of mobility scooters, their long term sustainability plans and spoke to Helensburgh Community Council representatives

as well as Youth Forum to discuss ways of engaging young people in the project, and try to lessen vandalism.

Rosneath Community Council were also keen to engage younger people, and are utilising social media more in a bid to achieve interaction.

Police Scotland are working jointly with MOD Police in community engagement, and the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV) passing out ceremony was imminent. The PSYV were keen to attend events that partner agencies were holding (and have since done so on a few occasions)

Helensburgh Youth Forum had raised over £1k through the kiltwalk participation, and had organised 3 fire skills courses in association with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. They had also been active in voluntary work in Hermitage Park, and at Robin House.

### **Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands (February)**

The meeting was held in the Community Centre, Campbeltown with a Video Link to the Council Headquarters in Kilmory, Lochgilphead and the facility to call into the meeting from the Service Point, Bowmore, Islay.

The Group heard a presentation from Mr David Fyfe who is the new Headteacher at Campbeltown Grammar School. Mr Fyfe talked about the challenges facing the school and provided an update on areas including the curriculum and vision and values.

Discussion took place around an action which had been referred to the Management Committee concerning difficulties with Scottish Water issues. The Area Committee Manager noted that a representative from Scottish Water would be in attendance at the MAKI Area Committee meeting being held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in Campbeltown and that the concerns would be highlighted to him with a report to come back to the Group at the next meeting.

There was a broad discussion around the report on Area Community Planning Group Governance with there being a number of suggestions made for additional members for the Group which will be actioned by the Area Committee Manager. There was also some discussion around the attendance of Community Councils at the meetings with it being agreed that the Area Committee Manager would make contact with all Community Councils in the MAKI area to highlight their role in terms of the meetings and to ensure that they were aware that they are invited to and can attend all meetings. It was also agreed that venues for the coming year would include Inveraray as well as Islay, Lochgilphead and Campbeltown.

The Group considered the presentation from the Community Planning Officer on the Area Community Planning Action Plans – next iteration. There was a wide-ranging

discussion around this item with the importance of the use of plain language being highlighted along with the need for communities to be involved.

Under the item on Community Focus, the Group heard from the Community Development Officer who updated on the work that has been ongoing to look at transport options for the communities along the A816. The Group agreed that a Steering Group would be formed which would be supported by the Community Development Officer and would have representatives from local stakeholders and that further feedback would be provided to a future meeting.

There were also a number of interesting presentations including from the Befrienders, Mid Argyll Community Pool and Scottish Fire and Rescue on the work of the Campbeltown Young Firefighters. Dawn Park and Aimee McSporran from Kintyre Youth Forum were also in attendance and provided a review of their activities during the Year of Young People 2018.

### **Mid Argyll Kintyre and the Islands (May)**

The meeting was held in the Columba Centre, Islay with telephone Lync with Lochgilphead and Campbeltown in place.

The Group heard from Alison McGrory, Health Improvement Principal who joined the meeting from Campbeltown. Alison provided information on the new arrangements for Locality Planning Groups which had been agreed by the Integrated Joint Board in October 2018. The Group highlighted the concerns of local people in relation to the change to a 4 Locality Planning Group model which they feel will be of particular disadvantage to island communities.

The Chair, Andy Buntin provided some useful information in relation to the arrangements which will be in place for Mid Argyll, whereby the local Health Forum would continue but on a self-funded basis. It was agreed that the concerns raised would be included in the highlight report for the Management Committee.

There was a good discussion following the presentation from Gill Chasemore from Chit Chat Support Hub and a number of the partners at the meeting provided Gill with offers of assistance.

Niall Colthart from Islay Airport (HIAL) was in attendance and provided an update on the expansion of the airport and the difficulties being faced in terms of recruitment due to the shortage of housing on Islay. Information was provided on the Strategic Housing Overview which had recently been completed. The CPG also noted that the awarding of key worker status in relation to housing allocations should be investigated for some areas.

The Group heard from South Islay Development Trust who provided an update on their Community Action Plan. One issue which was highlighted was the disparity

between the pricing in the 2 CO-OP stores on the island when it was noted that the same delivery truck served both premises.

Representatives from Jura Development Trust and Jura Community Council were in attendance and provided interesting presentations to the Group. Issues which were highlighted included the Jura Passenger Ferry which runs seasonally from Tayvallich to Craighouse and is proving to be increasingly popular.

It was noted that there had been a growth in population on the island and it was important that the infrastructure was maintained to sustain this increase. The Group noted that the costs for the Islay – Jura ferry were considerable and there was no concession available for residents or school children when they were being taken to swimming. The Group also noted that there should be more flexibility with the ferry in terms of meeting the Calmac ferry and flights to Islay airport.

The Group has also recruited a number of new members including the Clyde Fisherman's Association, the National Farmers Union and would be inviting the Maritime and Coastguard Agency to become involved.

### **Oban, Lorn and the Isles (February)**

This meeting was a bit quieter with the minimum of 5 partners in attendance. This may have been as a result of the meeting taking place during the school holidays and the decision was taken to push back next year's February meeting by a week to avoid the same issue. This may have also had an impact on the ability to appoint a new Chair as there were no nominations forthcoming. The appointment was carried forward to the May meeting and the Area Governance Officer was instructed to provide more information about the role, taking into account the views expressed at the meeting that the group had functioned well with a community council in the chair.

The Group received an update from the Comann na Gaidhlig Development Officer about efforts being made to assist children using their Gaelic language skills outside the classroom, with partner agencies (who have Gaelic speakers) being invited to engage with schools and a good suggestion to approach supermarkets to open dedicated checkouts for those who wish to converse in Gaelic. Also on the topic of youth engagement, the Police spoke about some excellent engagement work they were carrying out with schools on LGBT Education and the "No knives better lives" campaign and Sarah and Rachel Lawlor spoke about their role in the Youth Forum and how being part of this had a positive effect on their confidence levels.

## **Oban, Lorn and the Isles (May)**

The Group considered a report which asked members to appoint a Chair to the OLI Area Community Planning Group. John Fleming, Avich and Kilchrenan Community Council was appointed as the new Chair of the Group for a period of 2 years.

In terms of the partner updates Morag MacLean from the North Argyll Carers advised that there had been a 38% increase in registrations. It was agreed that a presentation on the service would be brought to a future meeting.

Inspector Stephen, Police Scotland, provided the Group with information on the recently highlighted story about Oban Police Station and provided reassurance in terms of the future position.

Caroline Henderson from the Health and Social Care Partnership provided the Group with an update on various activities which are happening in the local area. She highlighted the introduction of a community neighbourhood team which would assist in introducing a single point of access for referrals for patients who require to access multiple agency services. She also noted that there had been a recent refurbishment to the cancer treatment areas at the Hospital which had been funded as part of a joint initiative with the Macmillan Cancer Charity.

Alison Hardman provided an update on the work of the Health and Wellbeing Network and provided information on the future arrangements for the Health and Wellbeing Partnership. She also advised of the recruitment of a new officer, Kirsty McLuckie who had recently taken up post in replacement of Eleanor McKinnon.

John Sweeney, Scottish Fire and Rescue, was in attendance and provided an update in terms of local activity. Discussion took place on the response times in relation to remote locations with Dalavich being highlighted as a particular area of concern due to the number of wooden properties in this area. It was noted that the time to get to this location was considerable and the Group asked if it would be possible for a volunteer fire crew or access to equipment to be made available to local people. It was agreed that this would be highlighted as a concern to the Management Committee and information would be provided at the next meeting.

### **4.1 Further Actions**

It is requested that the Management Committee respond to:

- i) The concerns of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands CPG in May in respect of the change to a 4 Locality Planning Group model which they feel would be of particular disadvantage to island communities.



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## 5.0 Implications

Strategic Implications	Meetings of the Area Community Planning Group held in February and May 2019 focused on Outcomes 3 and 4 and 5 and 6.
Consultations	No prior circulation of this report.
Resources	No direct resource implications however consideration of the issues raised and following courses of action may have a knock on effect on finance and/or staff resource
Prevention	Contributes to the prevention agenda
Equalities	Contributes toward reducing inequalities

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**References:** n/a

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