
Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group



20 August 2019

Briefing Note: Community Planning Partnership Management Committee update

This briefing relates to the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee on 26th June 2019, 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 26th June in the Council Chambers, Lochgilphead.

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

- Paul Devlin has taken over as Chair of the CPP Management Committee and John Paterson, the new Chief Superintendent for Argyll and West Dunbartonshire, is now Vice-Chair.
- The Child Poverty Action Plan was discussed and it was agreed that this fed into a number of outcome areas with partner involvement in the delivery plan.
- It was agreed to incorporate case studies from the Area Community Planning Groups into the CPP Annual Report for the first time.
- The mid-year population estimates have been published and show a continued decline in the population of Argyll and Bute. The Council Leader is

meeting with other west coast authorities to look at this collectively and there are conversations happening nationally to try to address this.

- A presentation was given by two members of the Scottish Youth Parliament who represent Argyll and Bute. They are now part of the CPP Management Committee and will be a great asset in ensuring the voice of young people is heard at the Management Committee and that information can be disseminated to the young people of Argyll and Bute.
- A presentation was given on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). There will be ongoing work in the area to increase the awareness of both the public and professionals of what ACEs are and the need for emotional resilience to counteract the effects of these experiences.

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:

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.

Response: Alison McGrory, Health and Social Care Partnership, advised that the move to align the HSCP locality areas with the Council / Community Planning locality areas had been the decision of the Integrated Joint Board following consultation and a workshop with stakeholders. The new 4 area model was felt to be a better use of resource for all partners involved in the HSCP locality groups. Kirsteen Murray, Third Sector Interface, reported that it had become clear through this process that there was a misunderstanding on the remit and statutory basis for Locality Planning groups. This has been addressed by the formation of a strategic engagement advisory group which has a framework for engagement which should strengthen the engagement between communities and the Health and Social Care Partnership.

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.

Response: Paul Devlin, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, advised that there is a 35 minute minimum response time to this area. Whilst there is a national review by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on the placement of stations, Paul had concerns over whether a volunteer fire station was viable in this area but is happy to engage with the community further if required.

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 September 2019.

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.

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