

**ARGYLL AND BUTE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP -  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held by SKYPE  
on WEDNESDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2020 at 11:00 AM**

<b>Present:</b>	Andy Watt, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (Chair)	
Aileen Morton, Leader of Argyll & Bute Council		Pippa Milne, Argyll & Bute Council
Teresa Correia, Scottish Enterprise		Stuart McLean, Argyll & Bute Council
Stan Phillips, Scottish Natural Heritage		Yasmine Bowden, Member of Scottish Youth Parliament
Kirsteen Murray, Argyll & Bute TSI		Derek McCrindle, Scottish Enterprise
Cathleen Russell, Chair of B&C Community Planning Group		Stuart Green, Argyll & Bute Council
Brian Gibson, Police Scotland		Samantha Somers, Argyll & Bute Council
Morag Goodfellow, HIE		Alison McGrory, NHS Highland
Alex Taylor, Health and Social Care Partnership		Cameron Garrett, Member of Scottish Youth Parliament
John Paterson, Police Scotland		Shona Barton, Argyll & Bute Council
Fergus Murray, Argyll & Bute Council		Nicola Reaney, Argyll & Bute Council
Rona Gold, Argyll & Bute Council		Anthony Standing, Skills Development Scotland
Joanna MacDonald, Health and Social Care Partnership		Ian Brodie, Chair of MAKI Community Planning Group
<b>Apologies:</b>		
Laura Cameron, H&L Community Planning Group		Stuart Mearns, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park
Frances Calderwood, DWP		John Fleming, OLI Community Planning Group
Martin Jones, Argyll College UHI		Donna Bell, Scottish Government

## 1. Welcome

Andy thanked everyone for joining the meeting to look at the future journey for the CPP during the pandemic and how this will impact the CPP. A welcome was extended to Stan Phillips from Scottish Natural Heritage who is a new member of the CPP Management Committee.

Volunteers Week – This is Volunteers Week, which is timely in response to Covid-19 and there has been a great community response across Argyll and Bute to this.

**Action - The TSI Volunteering Strategy was sent out in advance of the meeting, can any feedback on this please be fed back to Kirsteen Murray.**

## 2. Overview of Partners Response to the Crisis Situation

Argyll and Bute Council – Pippa advised that in broad terms, much of the initial response has been the setting up of the Care for People group alongside the HSCP.

A helpline was set up to facilitate support for those affected or shielding due to the pandemic. The response to this has been reliant on fantastic volunteers and the voluntary sector assistance and work has been done this week to appreciate and acknowledge that. In reaction to national guidance, services have been closed or are operating in a different way i.e school closures and home learning, childcare hubs for key workers, refuse collection changes, moves to staff home working. The work now is to restart services, in line with national guidance and new ways of working. In this phase there is continuing responsibility in the test and protect arrangements to support those isolating. There has also been an enforcement role for Environmental Health to enforce new health regulations i.e social distancing in business using the engage, explain, encourage and enforce approach (4 E's). Work has also started on how recovery and renewal looks, but this is a long term project and an involved piece of work. If there are any questions, Pippa is happy to pick them up.

Fergus added that the Council is administering government funds for businesses, approving £30m to businesses so far. They are working with Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise wherever they can. There has been successful engagement with the private sector and it is hoped that continues. The wider recovery in the area must be mindful of the national recovery but does need to take in account specific area issues in economic development and the first meeting on 5 June will establish the focus areas. The CPP will have a role in this and that needs to be identified. The Council is keen to move that work forward effectively with lessons learnt.

Police Scotland – John noted the main role of the Police has been to maintain public trust and confidence with focus on the 4 E's (mainly using the first 3 but enforcement has been used as required) whilst maintaining the day to day business of the Police. Resources have been moved with the service to maintain that. Partnership meetings are now focused on the hidden issues like child protection and domestic violence. As a collective, we need to look at wider partnership capability to deal with unreported crimes, issues and concerns. Police are planning on how to use technology better and use virtual systems to move policing forward. Officers on the ground have been excellent - working to differentiate between guidance and regulation. John asked how the partnership can meet the requirements of national guidelines moving forward. The Police response to Covid-19 is subject to an independent review and John is keen to take that forward, especially with our youth colleagues. A survey can be found at <https://covid19iag.citizenspace.com/iag/police-powers-review/> and all encourage to give their views on Police engagement during Covid-19.

**Action – Members are requested to complete survey and promote widely.**

HSCP – Joanna advised that Covid-19 had been the priority for the last few months, and many HSCP services had been stopped to focus on preparation for the peak week. Yesterday, the HSCP acknowledged that we are well over the peak and the number of those in hospital with Covid-19 (or suspected) is in single figures. The key has been relationships across organisations during this time and HSCP are keen to keep that moving forward. They are now reintroducing elective services, and a number of services will be designed differently to reflect current guidelines. An

increase in mental health and adult protection referrals is expected to continue to increase. These are real challenges. They also expect an increase in child protection referrals. A huge amount of planning and work has been done by HSCP and their partners to work through this and move forward.

SFRS – Andy said the main focus of the service has been ensuring availability to attend emergency incidents and fulfil statutory duties. Where they can, the service has been facilitating requests from the community and contacting shielding people in partnership with the Caring for People team.

TSI – Kirsteen noted the TSI has had various roles responding to Covid-19. They had a role in Grantmaker, on behalf of the Scottish Government, to select 50 small organisations in A&BC for £2000 grants to support the work they are doing and were also involved in rounds 1 and 2 of the Wellbeing Fund. Some grant offers were refused by organisations so there is a need to look longer term at the funding issue, and support for businesses, as they lose further trading income as well as the ongoing sustainability of third sector organisations. The online volunteering system, Volunteer Argyll, launched a month early to meet demand of the Covid-19 response and they worked with the Council Customer Service Centre to integrate that service with the TSI so they could register volunteers. The company that set the system up has been promoting the work in Argyll and Bute as good practice. There was a recruitment drive for volunteer co-ordinators and volunteers on the ground. The TSI is represented on the Greater Glasgow TSI recovery sub groups and they are also working with the Council lead on their recovery work (Fergus noted the Council overarching recovery group has its first meeting on 5 June – sub groups will be attending). Kirsteen is happy to be forwarded any questions from members.

SDS - Antony provided an update. All local and national operations in SDS have been moved online as they have good technology in place. SDS are honouring all agreements made with schools regarding career coaching, student engagements and connecting with each school leaver with options (appx 1000 in Argyll and Bute) and they are working through that. The exam results are due in August and this may result in school leavers reassessing options. A national helpline has been set up, PACE, to provide advice on redundancies and advice for pupils and parents – this will merge into an exam result helpline once results are issued. A large number of SDS staff have been resourced to work those helplines. Webinars are still being ran across Scotland. Skills planning work for recovery is underway for the Scottish government, and how that looks in each local authority area. Hospitality is a large part of Highland and Islands so a large bit of that work will be around that. SDS are also providing support to redundant apprentices, helping them to find work or finish qualifications.

Scottish Enterprise – Derek said they are looking at the issues businesses are facing and also trying to influencing companies to provide resources to meet the provision of essential NHS supplies. They are looking at business resilience and have been administering the resilience fund, with a real focus to get that paid out. SE are planning for recovery to support specific sectors and get business back to work as soon as possible.

HIE – Morag advised that HIE have been working remotely, the business team have been working through apprising applications for hardship and pivotal resilience funds and delivering their Supporting Communities' Fund. In total, there has been £500,000 distributed to different community organisations across Argyll and the Isles (this does not include Helensburgh) to support frontline efforts. The Projects team are pushing forward on capital projects. An economic resilience forum has been set up with key representatives from public and private sector organisations. Argyll and Bute Council have been helping business understand how social distancing will work. Calmac are due to join the next meeting to help understand the impact to ferries on businesses and tourism. HIE are also making sure Ministers are aware of the issues faced across the area.

MSYP - Cameron noted this is the busiest the MYSPs had ever been, working to make sure the area youth do not feel left out. They ran a "Lockdown Lowdown" consultation (the results can be seen here <https://youngscot.net/news-database/lockdownlowdown-results>), they ran a virtual bake off and they have proposed 20 members motions to ensure policy making has kept moving forward. They are working with the Scottish government, SDS and the SQA to resolve anxiety over exam results. At the next sitting they will be focusing on Covid-19 issues. He added that consultation was also underway for the next MYSP manifesto, due out next year.

Andy noted the huge amount of work, across partners, to support the area.

### **3. Impact of Covid19**

Questions considered were on what will the CPP look like in a post-Covid-19 landscape? What will the pressure be on public purse? What will the social and health impacts be once the virus is subdued? Service reductions may need to be considered, what do the CPP want to achieve in each of the outcomes?

Outcome 1 and 2 - Morag advised the lead activity at the moment is around the Rural Growth Deal and the Strategic Transport review and that will continue. We need to look at how the leads can more effectively work as a cohort and start to home in on the challenges of a declining population and aging workforce. Moving forward, economic resilience and recovery fits nicely with what they have already been trying to do within the CPP, but we can look at opportunities of working across outcome leads and finding new ways of working, giving the HSCP piloting tests of drone deliveries to Mull as an example. Fergus added that there has been such an economic shock that we need to reassess priorities and future directions, which needs full and frank debate with partners. Recovery will take significant time. There are new government agendas on green growth, wealth generation that will need to be incorporated alongside looking at the best effect of capital investments and digital connectivity (closing gaps and resolving issues). There will need to be a lot of partnership working to identify the opportunities.

Cathleen noted that Scottish Rural Action will host a 3 day seminar on recovery and renewal and they are collecting examples of good practice to inform Scottish

Government, it would be good if we can get representatives to speak there for the area.

Outcome 3 - Anthony said the current situation has highlighted areas of crossover work between people supply and the mobilisation of workforce - which needs to align with economic recovery. There is some evidence that younger populations may not want to move away from the area in the way they have before. Cathleen suggested that the TSI, who have led on collecting various community learning opportunities across the area may need to start again to reflect how groups change the model of delivery. Kirsteen advised there is an online learning platforms proposal to Scottish government to address this on a national basis and if successful all TSI's will have access to an online shared learning platform where all that information can be collated, and courses run through there by partners.

Information about unemployment levels shows high levels in the Highland and Islands. Youth unemployment is expected to be real issue again, in addition to increase in adult unemployed numbers. This will drive the response.

Outcome 4 - Joanna reminded the committee that when the 2017 Child Poverty Scotland Act came into force, it expected that by 2030 30% of children will be in poverty, though after Covid-19 it looks like reality will show significantly higher figures. Child Poverty Planning group will next meet on 16 June. They will be reviewing Year 1 of the Child Poverty Action Plan and on how to focus their direction, establish goals and get clarity on what is needed. Alex added that Outcome 4 sits within the Child Strategic Group and Child Strategic Plan and they continue to make progress on children's rights and the hope to have a have the record and action plan by September. They are also progressing an engagement work stream with input from young people.

Outcome 5 - Alison concurred with the broad approach to what priorities are. For Health and Wellbeing the biggest determinate is income, so economy is really important in terms of these outcomes. Alison and Brian have been working on how outcome 5 and 6 overlap in areas like dementia and mental health. Need to identify what new normal will emerge from this and what advantages there may be in that. A strong economy with income maximisation supports improvements in Health and Wellbeing.

Outcome 6 – Brian noted that at the last Outcome Lead meeting there needed to be a focus on understanding that much of the ongoing work is across relevant partner agencies, and that should move forward in how to identify key priorities. Specifically for Outcome 6 long term objectives, for domestic and sexual abuse there is confidence that work is ongoing with the violence against women group and responses to issues raised during Covid-19 on reporting procedures and provision of support. The issues around delivery dementia and slip, trips and falls support will need to be looked at on how that can move forward. Organised crime work continues with the coastguard, harbourmasters etc and this is also looking to adapt to BREXIT. For day to day policing plans, there needs to be understanding of legislation and guidance and the reaction to that. Road safety will be challenging, moving forward with crash packages and input to schools will be difficult until we know how schools will be structured. Similar for moving forward on education – information and bike

safety will need to be delivered differently. For drugs, reduced traffic flow has allowed police to identify vehicles moving drugs. Work supporting those affected by drugs such as resilient communities, work with partners at airports, coastguard, island community groups etc are all in a good position in Argyll and Bute. There are definite challenges for delivering certain pieces of work and we are looking at that.

Andy noted the common theme across the outcome updates relating to the economy and identifying working across the outcomes.

#### **4. Recovery and Renewal**

Pippa advised there is national level work being done to look at the renewal programme and that will offer a framework within which the CPP will need to work. At that stage workshops will be helpful with the partners on how we can work up our version of that, and how it fits within the national framework.

**Action – Pippa to find out when the national recovery report is due and advise CPP MC.**

Morag noted that once the statistics are issued on unemployment we can better understand the way we need to move. Alison stated that social distancing is affecting work within communities by partners and we need to consider how we can maintain that level of engagement with our communities.

Joanna suggested the CPP MC could look at the priorities agreed in Inveraray last year and amend that to move forward over the next year. Teresa agreed, saying that partners at a local level are working to understand impact on the sectors and regions. We need to share the information we all have to understand how to move on and update the work already done by the CPP.

Cathleen suggested that we need a new map of what organisations we have in Argyll and Bute as many have now disappeared or stopped operating, and think about how we can connect with all those organisations. John felt that the CPP needs to do a “pause, review and record” of what has already been achieved and what can we expect to achieve before we move on to a new plan. Andy suggested a CPP workshop be held prior to the national guidance to look at the issues raised today.

**Action – Workshop to be arranged to discuss issues raised.**

#### **5. Suicide Prevention**

Alison noted that joint activity has already been reviewing gaps around suicide prevention pre-Covid-19 and this was picked back up again last week. Local areas need to have a suicide prevention plan, but this not local authority specific (it can be by health board) and it made sense to look at this in the CPP. Economy can have a big impact on mental health so it is right to take it out of health specifically. Brian and Alison recognise that they have a role to play but want to open it out to other partners to look this in widest context and are looking for support of the CPP to take this forward with practical support from partners.

Brian stressed that the pressures on communities at the moment will show even more as we come out of Covid-19 across society. We need to understand on how to take this forward and pin it to an area of responsibility. Brian has contacted other partnership superintendents across Scotland and it seems to sit with Choose Life co-ordinators under Public Health and Equalities. Although this is sitting currently under Outcome 5 or 6, neither Alison nor Brian are actually working on that and can the CPP provide support to deliver?

John said it is crucial to get to this work early so that we can identify touch points along the way, so we should push to action this in the area. He suggested the HSCP approach could be used to access funding that is available. Pippa thought multiple inputs were needed and asked if Joanna could comment on the best lead organisation. Joanna agreed that Health have key role in this, working with the Police. Joanna is happy for NHS Highland to take the lead role on this. Alex said they are sighted on distressed brief interventions work which is being looked at in the HSCP so there is definitely scope there to make connections. Pippa added that the lead organisation, and officer, can then draw partners in to that working group. Andy offered SFRS for any practical support needed.

**Action – Joanna, Alison (via Julie Lusk) and Brian to this take forward off table and establish who the lead organisation and officer will be.**

Closing the meeting, acknowledging Volunteer Week, Andy gave thanks to all those who volunteer to be part of the CPP including Laura, John, Ian, Cathleen, Yasmin Cameron and Rosie.

## **6. DONM**

Date of next meeting is Wednesday 23rd September 2020 at 1000. Location to be confirmed.

## CPP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING ACTION GRID – from 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020

	Complete		In Progress		Outstanding	<i>Please highlight actions as per traffic light system to show progress</i>
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Date Set	Action	Who	Required by Date
3/6/20	TSI Volunteering Strategy (sent out in advance of meeting) - can any feedback on this please go to Kirsteen Murray.	All	23 Sept 20
3/6/20	Policing Survey - Members are requested to complete the survey and promote widely <a href="https://covid19iag.citizenspace.com/iag/police-powers-review/">https://covid19iag.citizenspace.com/iag/police-powers-review/</a> .	All	1 Sept 20
3/6/20	Pippa to find out when the national recovery report is due and advise CPP MC.	Pippa	23 Sept 20
3/6/20	Recovery and Renewal - CPP workshop to be held prior to the national guidance to look at issues raised during the meeting.	CPP team	23 Sept 20
3/6/20	Suicide Prevention - Joanna, Alison (via Julie Lusk) and Brian to this take forward off table and establish who the lead organisation and officer will be.	Joanna / Alison / Brian	23 Sept 20