
Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group



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Briefing Note: Community Planning Partnership Management Committee Update

This briefing relates to the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee on 10 March 2021. The briefing is for noting and relevant discussion.

Summary

The CPP Management Committee met on the 10th March 2021 with the meeting being held virtually given the restrictions in place in regard to public gatherings.

This was the third Management Committee meeting since the beginning of the restrictions. This update provides an overview of the discussion which took place.

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

Cross Cutting Themes

- In relation to Community Wealth Building it was noted that a number of workshops were planned to take place over the coming months with representation from community groups and youth representatives being highlighted as possible attendees. It was agreed that there would be 5 workshops organised and a recommendation was made to look at wider participation.
- Joanna MacDonald provided detail on the last meeting of the Child Poverty Action Group with it being noted that the Council sees child poverty, and poverty in general, as a high priority.
- In regard to the Climate Change Working Group it was noted that the process had begun to create an interactive web directory showing climate change action around Argyll and Bute. This webpage is scheduled to go live at the end of March. Samantha asked for any further examples of good climate change proactive work which can be included on the website to be sent on to her.

- Digital Inclusion as another cross cutting theme was discussed with detail being provided on two projects – Connecting Scotland and Digital Connections.

Matters Arising from Area Community Planning Groups

- An update was provided on the discussions which had taken place at all 4 Area Community Planning Groups which had been held in February 2021. In regard to the issue of youth engagement it was noted that this was already being taken forward as a key action by the Management Committee.
- The MAKI Area Community Planning Group had agreed to undertake a survey to look at identifying any barriers for partner attendance. There was some discussion around diary clashes in diaries for partners with it also being noted that there can be an element of repetition at meetings, particularly for officers who attend all 4 meetings. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting of the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the ACPG's in advance of the August meetings.
- Kevin Champion, Chair of OLI ACPG highlighted the importance of the youth voice and it was noted that the OLI ACPG Vice-Chair was also part of the local youth forum. It was agreed that discussions would be set up to explore how to involve youth in community planning.
- Fergus Murray provided an update on wild camping, highlighting the work of the group which had been formed as a result of previous discussion at the Management Committee. A survey was also being undertaken which had received over 150 responses. It was noted that the Council had also announced in the budget a substantial fund to address the staycation pressures moving forward, including the recruitment of 4 additional wardens which would provide support and resource. It was hoped that there would be some work and facilities put in place for the coming season, but there may be some work which will roll into future years. It is the intention to create a map with specific guidance for each area which would help in identifying waste disposal and potable water facilities.
- Discussion took place around the current difficulties on the A83 at The Rest and Be Thankful. It was noted that there has been a lot of work carried out with bunding and the re-opening of some parts of the trunk road, but the key focus was on the provision of a permanent solution and maintaining pressure on that. Correspondence to the Scottish Government and Transport Scotland was discussed and it was agreed to pursue responses.

Outcome 5&6 Updates – Healthy Independent Lives and Safer Stronger Communities

- Sheena Mclean, Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator spoke about the Community Safety Strategy 2021-2023 which had been developed in partnership with Police Scotland, who have lead responsibility for Outcome 6. The strategy will be overseen by the Community Safety Partnership Tasking and Coordinating Group and was developed by consulting with members, the responses were then collated to ensure intelligence analysis informed the decision theme and trends. The Group is chaired by Marlene Baillie and the 5 main areas of concern were identified as:-
 - Suicide Prevention

- Water Safety
- Fraud
- Drug Deaths
- Children and Young People

The CPP commended the innovative partnership work being done on the strategy.

- Alison McGrory provided an update on the Suicide Prevention Steering Group with it being noted that there was a need to appoint a new chair to replace Joanna who was leaving post shortly. Any volunteers for the post were asked to get in touch with Rona.

Covid 19 Impact and Building Back Better

- Discussion took place on the proposal for incorporation of Building Back Better (Communities) as a workstream for the CPP as a cross cutting theme. It was noted that partnership working was key to success and that it would be important to make better links with the Area Community Planning Groups and to have conversations with communities to create improved communication routes as part of the recovery strategy. It is proposed to incorporate these discussions into the discussions around the revision of the Area Community Planning Action Plans.
- Sarah Griffin provided a presentation on an analysis looking at the impact of Covid. She noted the impact on health and social care provision had included reduced visits to GPs, A&E and Out of Hours services; reduction in emergency and planned admissions to hospital; reduction in outpatients; reduction in cancer diagnoses; and reduction in cardiovascular services. Societal impacts had been enormous due to school closures, increased online abuse of youths, increased domestic violence against women and girls, and the impact of shielding and loneliness and increased inequalities for vulnerable groups. However, support for community resilience had increased.
- Alison McGrory advised that the Social Mitigation strategy would be presented to the NHS Highland Board at the end of March and would be shared in due course.

Promotion and consideration of Gaelic

- Cristie Moore was in attendance and had submitted a paper to the committee on her remit to promote and support the growth of Gaelic in Argyll and Bute and to deliver the Gaelic Gathering. Partners were asked to share information on their Gaelic plans any provide any possible items for the Gaelic newsletter.

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