
Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands 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 which was held on 30 June 2021. The briefing is for noting and relevant discussion.

Summary

The CPP Management Committee met on the 30th June 2021 with the meeting being held virtually given the restrictions in place in regard to public gatherings.

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

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 April/May 2021. The meetings had been well attended and there had been a variety of interesting presentations given.
- It was noted that the administrative arrangements for the Helensburgh and Lomond ACPG would now be undertaken by the Council's Governance Team which would provide a consistent approach across all 4 Groups.
- Discussion took place on how the Area Groups could contribute to the Climate Change Working Group as it had been highlighted that there are many examples of local good practice which could be shared – it was agreed that Stan Phillips would raise this with the Working Group at the next meeting and that there would be discussion at the Area Group meetings.
- Willie Lynch, Chair of Bute and Cowal ACPG advised that the Argyll Rally had went ahead despite the concerns around rising Covid cases and that it had went well. It was noted that there would be a review undertaken to discuss the event and look at any lessons which could be learned going forward.

Scottish Youth Parliament

Cameron Garrett, MSYP spoke about his work with the Scottish Youth Parliament including the work on the SQA exams appeal process. Cameron also spoke about the “bounce back campaign” and how it looks to take a human rights based approach to pandemic recovery and highlighted the work that is ongoing to encourage visitors to the area to take home litter and reduce waste wherever possible. He spoke of the importance of distance learning and university promotion to the youth in Argyll and Bute which provides avenues for young people who might not want to leave the area to study. A video was also shown and this is available to view on YouTube via this link - [video](#).

Cross Cutting Themes

- The Committee heard a presentation from Martin Turnbull and Ailsa Clark around digital inclusion. Ailsa spoke on the Digital Connection project which had started as a response to Covid in Kintyre with over 150 devices being donated by the community for redistribution. The project identified that there was a need for more devices and following engagement with the Council this led to increased donations and grant funding to purchase 220 more refurbished devices. The project ran over a period of 8 months and complimented the Connecting Scotland project. Martin spoke about the Connecting Scotland initiative which the Scottish Government set up with the aim of targeting 50,000 digitally excluded households by the end of 2021. He provided detail on the project and outlined the success of distributing devices to older people, disabled people, families and care leavers. The Education service also funded the purchase of 1356 new devices and 254 mifi connections.
- Discussion took place on the importance of digital connectivity and it was agreed that a short life working group would be set up to look at what partners can do in regard to digital inclusion across their organisations.
- Fergus Walker, Revenue and Benefits Manager advised that the Council was looking to procure a poverty awareness training programme.

Climate Change

- The Council has a new website which has a map linking to climate change projects across the area – [Climate website](#)
- In regard to the Climate Change Working Group it was noted that the group had recently met and had discussed the purpose of the group and they were looking to identify what projects to take forward. This will be explored further at the next meeting with it being noted that they were keen to welcome new members and diversify the membership particularly from young people.
- There are plans for an Education Climate Summit in October prior to COP 26 and plans for this are being worked on. It was noted that the Scotland Climate Assembly have compiled a report for the Scottish Government which tables 81 recommendations, you can view the report [here](#)
- The Committee was shown a video by Cowal Youth Forum which had been made as part of the Keep Scotland Beautiful competition and had received a

commendation. The video was well received and provided some great images and took on some key themes around the use of plastics and the impact of fires on beaches. The video can be viewed here [Video](#)

Outcome 3 – CLD Partnership

- Nicola Hackett provided an update on the work of Community Learning and Development (CLD) which has recently transferred to Live Argyll and a new strategic partnership has been formed. CLD covers areas such as adult learning and literacy, youth work, family based learning and the early intervention agenda and wider volunteering opportunities to build capacity in Community Learning.

Outcome 4 – Children and Young People

- Brian Reid, Interim Head of Service for Children, Families and Justice gave a presentation on “The Promise”. Following the Independent Care Review which had been commissioned by the First Minister to figure out how Scotland could love its most vulnerable children and give them the childhood they deserve “The Promise” was made – “We grow up, loved, safe and respected so that we realise our full potential”. A suite of documents have been created which apply to a wide variety of areas within which change will be driven to meet this Promise.
- The Promise Scotland Team who have been delivering the framework have now been commissioned by the Scottish Government to lead the implementation of the Promise and an initial Change Programme has now been published. It was acknowledged that the CPP has a governance role in overseeing the work to keep “The Promise”.

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