
Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group

2 November 2021



Community Planning Partnership Management Committee Update

This briefing relates to the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee which was held on 29 September 2021. The briefing is for noting and relevant discussion.

Summary

The CPP Management Committee met on the 29th September 2021 with the meeting being held virtually given the current restrictions in place and in line with the Council's current approach.

This update provides an overview of the discussion which took place.

Reports which were discussed at the meeting can be found here [Browse meetings - Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership - Management Committee - Argyll and Bute Council \(argyll-bute.gov.uk\)](#)

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 August 2021. The meetings had been well attended and there had been a variety of interesting presentations given.
- The Management Committee noted the detail on the climate change discussions and that this would be a standing item on agendas for all of the meetings going forward.
- The importance of attendance of key partners at the Area Groups was highlighted and noted by the Management Committee.
- An update on the position in regard to office bearer positions was noted by the Management Committee including the appointment of Ian Brodie as Chair of the MAKI ACP Group for a further 2 year term.

Cross Cutting Themes

Climate Change

Stan Philips provided an update on the work of the Climate Change Working Group (CCWG) with a short presentation. This highlighted the community projects that are currently ongoing across the area, adding that all partners will also have in place, and will be working on, their own decarbonisations plans. It was noted that the CCWG propose to develop an overarching strategy that will focus on mitigation, adaptation and awareness and asked for thoughts on how best to move that forward.

The Management Committee agreed that an audit of what work is happening across the area is required and noted that Partners should share their own plans and good practice. It was agreed that a meeting of the CCWG would be arranged to progress the audit and partners were asked to identify appropriate representatives to take part. A report will be provided to the next meeting of the Management Committee on the outcomes.

Child Poverty

Rona Gold provided highlights from the latest Child Poverty Planning Group meeting. It was noted that training on Convention of the Rights of the Child and child poverty for the Third Sector had taken place and was attended by a number of partners. An online module is also being looked at.

The Summer of Play programme was successfully delivered mainly by Council Education Services and Live Argyll and learning from this is being evaluated to inform future programmes.

The Challenge Poverty Week takes place between 4th and 10th October 2021. The group are also updating a Child Poverty webpage which will allow comments and interaction on the site through a dedicated mailbox.

Digital

Rona encouraged all partners to visit the [Connecting Scotland website](#) as this provides a comprehensive explanation of what Connecting Scotland is. The project is led by the Scottish Government and aims to get digitally excluded households online by the end of 2021. The deadline for applications to obtain a device is 5pm on Friday 12th November (details are in the website link). Connecting Scotland provides a comprehensive approach to tackle digital inclusion and work is ongoing to bring the work of the digital infrastructure group and the CLD partnership group together to better support Digital Inclusion.

Building Back Better (Communities)

Rona advised that the Building Back Better (Communities) group has started to review feedback that was received from communities at the height of the pandemic with a view to the delivery of an action plan. The group is meeting in early October and there is a good number of partners represented. A Building Back Better (Communities) post has been created and will be in place for 18 months to re-engage with community groups on the issues they face now and to support the group to address those issues. Recruitment for this will begin shortly.

Outcome 6

(a) Update on Public Safety Projects and Community Safety Partnership

The Committee heard from PC Laura Evans who submitted a report which highlighted the work of the Community Safety Partnership. She highlighted a number of initiatives which are being delivered including keeping children safe online. Friendship benches have been installed to support the work of the suicide prevention group. Laura also provided some detailed information on incidence of fraud across the area and highlighted the use of call blockers as an effective deterrent. Funding for call blockers is available and referrals can be made via Laura.

(b) Water Safety Awareness

Albert Bruce from Scottish Fire and Rescue provided the Committee with an overview of water safety, highlighting that in the last 5 years there have been over 90 water related deaths in Scotland (compared to 160 on the roads). It was noted that Water Safety needs a partnership approach across all areas and it should be considered as a year round matter and not just a summer issue. Albert advised that a review of all water accidents will take place to identify local and national actions that are needed and encouraged all partners to support the delivery of those actions to ensure a co-ordinated approach can be in place for next year.

Outcome 5

(a) Public Health Annual Report for Argyll and Bute

Alison McGrory provided an overview of the Public Health Annual Report, noting that the bulk of the work carried out last year was around COVID and included lots of partnership working.

(b) A National Care Service for Scotland Consultation - Presentation and Discussion

The Committee heard a presentation from Pippa Milne and Fiona Davies around the current consultation on the National Care Service for Scotland. Detailed information was provided and discussed by those in attendance. The key issue of remote rural challenges was highlighted. It was agreed that a response would be submitted on behalf of the CPP and that a sub group would be formed to agree a response in time for the deadline of 2 November 2021.

Outcome 1

ARGYLL AND BUTE EMPLOYABILITY PARTNERSHIP (ABEP) TERMS OF REFERENCE AND IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN

Ishabel Bremner provided the Committee with an update on the Argyll and Bute Employability Partnership and sought agreement of Terms of Reference and an Improvement Action Plan. It was noted that regular updates would be provided to the Management Committee on the progress of the Partnership.

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(a) Staff Recruitment and Retention

Morag Goodfellow and Anthony Standing advised that when engaging with the business community there is consistent strong feedback on concerns around staff availability and retention. Following discussion it was agreed to set up a Short Life Working Group to look at the issues of recruitment and retention with a report to the next meeting of the Management Committee.

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