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**Appointment of Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group
Representative to the Climate Change Working Group**

Summary

The following report provides information relating to the appointment of a representative from the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group to sit on the Climate Change Working Group.

1. Purpose

1.1 This report asks the Area Community Planning Group to consider the nomination of a representative to represent the Bute and Cowal ACPG on the Climate Change Working Group.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Area Community Planning Group is asked to consider the nomination of a representative from Bute and Cowal ACPG to sit on the Working Group.

3. Background

3.1 The current Bute and Cowal ACPG representative to the Climate Change Working Group, Willie Lynch, tendered his resignation in December 2021. The Group is therefore required to nominate a member to take on the role as representative to the Climate Change Working Group.

4. Detail

4.1 In August 2021 the Working Group agreed to increase its membership, to make sure relevant sectors/demographics were represented. Consequently, Willie Lynch was appointed to represent the Bute and Cowal ACPG on the Working Group, with Charles Dixon-Spain appointed as substitute.

4.2 Following Willie Lynch's resignation from the Working Group the Area Community Planning Group is asked to consider the nomination of a representative to represent the Bute and Cowal ACPG on the Working Group.

4.3 The Group currently has members from across the CPP Management Committee. It is chaired by Stan Philips from NatureScot and has input from partners and Council officers.

4.4 The Remit and aims of the Climate Change Working Group when it was originally set up looked to build on and promote the work being carried out by partners across Argyll and Bute. At more recent meetings the Group agreed to look at the remit and aims and discussion within the Group noted the following:

- To educate everyone in A&B about climate change and reducing our carbon footprint.
- Messaging.
- More awareness raising around industrial decarbonisation agenda.
- How businesses are supported/incentivised to just transition to net zero.
- To have a simple, short statement reflecting our purpose/mission statement.
- To identify risks for the area e.g. rising sea levels
- Adaptation planning
- To explore what our natural capital means and how we can best use this, particularly in relation to Community Wealth Building.
- Continue to update website with new material

5. Conclusions

5.1 The ACPG is asked to consider the nomination of a representative to represent the Bute and Cowal ACPG on the Working Group.

6. SOA Outcomes

6.1 Not applicable. The report relates to the administration of the Area CPG.

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