

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held via
MICROSOFT TEAMS
on WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2021**

Present: Kevin Champion (Chair)
Councillor Elaine Robertson
Councillor Sir Jamie Mcgrigor
Stuart McLean – Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Becky Hothersall – Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Nickola Hackett – Business Development Manager, Live Argyll
Douglas Whyte – Housing Team Leader, Argyll and Bute Council
Brain Smith – Community Learning Team Leader, Live Argyll
John Sweeney – Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Mike Clifford – Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Ronnie Kelly – Department of Works and Pensions
Catriona Petit – Hope Kitchen
Marie MacColl - North Argyll Carers Centre
Joan Best – Crossroads North Argyll
Susan MacRae – Skills Development Scotland
Kirsty McLuckie – Living Well Co-ordinator
Kirsty McLuckie - Oban Youth Cafe
Theresa Bain – Local Manager, University Highlands and Islands
Petra Pearce – Argyll Third Sector Interface
Marri Malloy – Oban Community Council
Laura Corbe – Oban Community Council
Cathy Cameron – Argyll and Bute's Time for Change Climate Action Group
Ann Kivlin – Education Scotland

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair opened the meeting in Gaelic and welcomed everyone to the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group.

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of:

Carol Flett – The Islands Living Well Network Coordinator;
Judith Hawcroft – North Argyll Carers Centre; and
Jessie McFarlane – Oban Community Council.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTES

(a) Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Planning Group 25 August 2021

The minute of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group meeting held on Wednesday 25 August 2021 was approved as a correct record.

4. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Group considered a briefing note which provided an overview of the discussion which took place at the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee meeting on 29 September 2021.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group noted the briefing note.

(Reference: Briefing note by Committee Manager, dated 10 November 2021, submitted)

5. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR OF THE OBAN, LORN & THE ISLES AREAS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

The Group gave consideration to a report advising members of the procedure to be followed when electing officer bearers and asked the Group to consider the appointment of a Vice-Chair to the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group. The Committee Manager invited nominations from those in the meeting for the position.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group:

1. agreed to elect Councillor Elaine Robertson as Vice-Chair of the Group for the next two meetings only; and
2. thanked Councillor Elaine Robertson for offering to cover the vacancy until a more permanent Vice-Chair could be found.

(Reference: Report by Committee Manager, dated 10 November 2021, submitted)

6. COMMUNITY LEARNING PARTNERSHIP PLAN

The Group considered a report on the development of the Community Learning and Development (CLD) Strategic Plan for 2021-2024.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group:

1. noted the content of the new plan and acknowledged clear synergy between the identified Community Learning and Development priorities and those of the Community Planning Partnership; and
2. recognised the importance of community capacity building support and the need for partners to focus Community Learning and Development activity on the most disadvantaged communities.

(Reference: Report by Business Development Manager, dated 10 November 2021, submitted)

7. PARTNERS UPDATE

(a) **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - Oban, Lorn and the Isles Q2 2021/22**

A report highlighting the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's (SFRS) Q2 2021/22 review of local performance within Oban, Lorn and the Isles was considered by the Group.

Discussion focused on the benefit of the fire safety visits and the safety and legal importance of ensuring that fire alarms are interconnect by the time the legislation comes into force in February 2022.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group reviewed and noted the contents of the report.

(Reference: Report by Station Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service dated 10 November 2021, submitted)

(b) **Community Learning Service Update**

The Group considered an update from Argyll and Bute Council's Community Learning Service (CLS), The CLS detailed that they had moved back to Thematic remits for Adult Learning and Youth Services Work whilst continuing to engage and work with both Partners and Learners to establish and deliver support provision around identified needs and collective Partnership working. The Group noted that the Youth Forum had changed its name to the Youth Action Group and that elections for Scottish Youth Parliament candidates was due to commence from 8 – 21 November 2021 and was expected to return 3 MSYPs for Argyll and Bute.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Update by Community Learning and Development Assistant, dated 10 November 2021, submitted)

(c) **Islands Living Well Network (Mull and Iona, Tiree, Coll and Colonsay) Update**

The Group considered an update from Carol Flett which had been submitted on behalf of The Islands Living Well Network. The update highlighted the various initiatives that the Network are involved in such as Child Poverty, Smoking Cessation and Healthy Weight information sessions. Details of future initiative's was also provided.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Update by Carol Flett, The Islands Living Well Network, dated 27 October 2021, submitted)

(d) **Opportunity for verbal updates by Community Planning Partners**

Crossroads North Argyll

Joan Best advised the Group that Crossroads now supports 43 carers with 150 hours of respite offered each week. Kilmelford remains the only area not covered by the service with respite soon to be offered on Mull. Joan also advised that a development day for staff and board members is due to take place next week.

Oban, Lorn and the inner Isles Living Network

Kirsty McLuckie advised that the Network had meetings coming up which covered topics such as smoking cessation; there was craft exercises for families living with addiction also planned; Calmac had agreed to place mental health support information in staff payslips; and in March 2022 there will be an education event on prevention and early intervention on alcohol and drugs related issues.

Argyll Third Sector Interface

Petra Pearce advised that the Interface's focus was on grass root organisations as well as more established businesses. Petra also advised that there was a new meeting and training room in Inveraray which is free of charge for third sectors businesses to use to help them to recover from the pandemic and that a Community Health and Well-being fund was open up until the 15 November 2021. Partners were encouraged to identify any 16-24 years who are not in work or education who could benefit from a mentor and contact TSI who have funding in place until March 2022.

Hope Kitchen

Catriona Petit advised that the Young Persons Guarantee website had been hugely beneficial and that they have a support group meet each Thursday for families effected by alcohol and drugs which is a space for people with shared experiences run by people with lived experience. Partners noted that a running woodland based sessions with green woodworking and campfire cooking was also being offered to the community. Catriona advised that the flexible food fund had been beneficial to clients suffering from food insecurity, adding that the food bank remain operational. Partner were encouraged to notify Hope Kitchen of any vulnerable people within the community that may benefit from one of the Christmas hampers that Hope Kitchen distribute.

North Argyll Carers Centre

Marie MacColl advised that North Argyll Carers Centre supported 644 unpaid carers from the age of 8 upwards and had lots of new referrals after lockdown and that they had recently been asked by the HSCP to join a forum to look at short breaks and respite. The Carers Centre also host a twice monthly group for parent carers which is set-up with specialist advisors on hand and they hope to re-start the Parkinson's group at the Dove Centre in the new year for cared for people and their carers.

Department of Works and Pensions

Ronnie Kelly advised that within the Oban Job Centre Plus it was business as usual as all staff had returned to office which was opened with slightly reduced hours.

Ronnie highlighted that universal credit claims were 1715 which was down from the last quarter and that the number of people unemployed was 507 which was down 39% since January 2021 which largely down to the success of the hospitality and retail sector within the Town. Ronnie also advised that the Kickstart scheme for 18-24 year olds had secured 23 starts and the jobs fair in September 2021 secured 8 job starts.

8. DATA SETS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN ARGYLL AND BUTE

The Group considers a presentation by Susan MacRae, Area Manager for Skills Development Scotland on school leaver destinations for 16 to 19-year-olds in Scotland who were participating in education, training or employment between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group noted the presentation.

(Reference: Presentation by Susan MacRae, Area Manager, dated 10 November 2021, submitted)

9. CLIMATE CHANGE

(a) Climate Change Working Group Minutes 10 September 2021

The Group noted the minutes from the Climate Change Working Group held on Friday 10 September 2021.

(b) Climate Change Working Group involvement of Area Community Planning Groups

Consideration was given by the Group to a briefing note which provided information on the aims of the Climate Change Working Group as was formed by the CPP Management Committee and explored how Area Community Planning Groups could become more involved.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group;

1. discussed the information outlined in the briefing note;
2. agreed to nominate Laura Corbe from Oban Community Council as a representative to the Oban Lorn and the Isles ACPG on the Working Group; and
3. agreed to discuss actions for the Climate Change Working Group, specifically projects/organisations to be added to the ACT interactive map, at a future meeting.

(Reference: Report by Committee Manager, dated 10 November 2021, submitted)

10. AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLY AND DEMAND - OBAN, LORN AND ISLES

The Group gave consideration to a report which updated them on the housing supply and demand activity within the Oban Lorn and Isles area.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group considered the contents of the report.

(Reference: Report by Team Lead – Housing Strategy, dated 20 October 2021, submitted)

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group would take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 16 February 2022.