

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held
BY MICROSOFT TEAMS
on WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY 2023**

Present: Kevin Champion (Chair)
Ryan MacIntyre, Scottish Youth Parliament
Stuart McLean, Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Andrew Kain, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Kieron Green, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Amanda Hampsey, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Jim Lynch, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Luna Martin, Argyll and Bute Council
Jen Metcalf, Coll Community Council
Inspector Lee page, Police Scotland
Sergeant Matt Shaw, Police Scotland
PC Laura Evans, Police Scotland
Colin Fleming-MacLean, Scottish Fire and Rescue
Rory Munro, Health and Social Care Partnership
John McLuckie, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Kirsty Moyes, Community Development Team Leader, Argyll and Bute Council
Kirsty McLuckie, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Theresa Bain, UHI Argyll (Oban)
Maureen Evans, Community Learning, Live Argyll
Susan McRae, Skills Development Scotland
Catriona Petit, New Hope Kitchen
Linda Duncan, Crossroads
Petra Pearce, Third Sector Interface

Attending: Mary Braithwaite, Luìng Community Council
Colin Buchanan, Luìng Community Trust
Andrew Galloway, Press

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated on behalf of:-

Fergus Murray, Economic and Development, Argyll and Bute Council
Jane Fowler, HR and Improvement, Argyll and Bute Council
Fiona Bornman, Economic & Development, Argyll and Bute Council
Michelle Mundie, Chief Executive Argyll Community Housing Association
Jen Broadhurst, Argyll and Bute Citizen's Advice Bureau
Joan Best, North Argyll Carers
Becs Barker, Carr Gomm
Ali Martin, MECOPP
Laura Corbe, Climate Change
Lauren Worrell, National Farmers Union
Carol Flett, Oban and Lorn and the Islands Living Well Network

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP, HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2023

(a) Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Planning Group 8 February 2023

The Minutes of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group meeting held on Wednesday, 8 February 2023 were approved as a correct record.

4. IMPROVING LIVES IN ARGYLL AND BUTE

Consideration was given to a presentation by the Council's Community Planning team on their recent consultation 'Improving Lives in Argyll and Bute'. The presentation included information on the promotion of the consultation; the support provided for non-digital participation and Community Groups and the responses received from the survey. It was noted that the top three priorities within Oban, Lorn and the Isles were housing, transport and infrastructure, and community wellbeing. Information on how the information collated from the consultation would be used to progress the 2023-2033 iteration of the Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan (ABOIP) was also provided.

Decision

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

(Reference: Presentation by Community Planning and Development Team, Argyll and Bute Council, submitted)

5. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Consideration was given to a briefing note which provided information on matters discussed during a meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee, held on 23 March 2023.

The Committee Manager outlined a number of key highlights from the meeting including the Child Poverty Report; the work around financial inclusion; the community wealth building audit and the digital communities work.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council, dated 2 May 2023, submitted)

6. ARGYLL AND BUTE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT

The group gave consideration to a report which provided an update on ongoing wellbeing and prevention activity overseen and delivered by the HSCP Public Health team in Argyll and Bute. Rory Munro presented a number of key messages from the 2022 annual report of the Director of Public Health on Prevention. The full report can be found at:- [NHS DPH Annual Report 2022 \(adobe.com\)](#)

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Interim Health Improvement Lead, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership, submitted)

7. PARTNERS UPDATE

(a) Police Scotland

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on the recent work and activities of Police Scotland within the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area. The report included information on Road Safety, Fraud Prevention, the roll out of Naloxone to all officers across Argyll and West Dumbartonshire and the reinstatement of the Pub Watch programme.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Police Scotland, submitted)

(b) Scottish Fire and Rescue

The Group gave consideration to a report highlighting the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's (SFRS) FQ4 review of local performance across Oban, Lorn and the Isles for the period 2022-23. The report included information on the local firefighter training plan; incidents during this time period; unwanted fire alarm signals; road and water safety campaigns; community engagement activities; East and West Dumbartonshire and Argyll and Bute Local Senior Officer Activities and home fire safety.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, submitted)

(c) **Hope Kitchen**

The Group gave consideration to the report from Hope Kitchen, Catriona Petit highlighted it has been a difficult time with the cost of living crisis and recent drug deaths. Hope Kitchen has been working with partners and will hold information days where service users will be advised where they can access help.

Catriona also advised that the collaborative working with the Youth Café, Healthy Options and Allenergy had been successful in receiving funding from the Investing in Communities Fund and that they will work alongside Atlantis Leisure to deliver the project, further details on this will be available at the next meeting of the Community Planning Group.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Hope Kitchen, submitted)

(d) **Oban and Lorn and the Island Living Well Network**

Having noted the apologies of Carol Flett of the Oban and Lorn and the Island Living Well Network, the Group gave consideration to a report which provided information on the next meeting of the Living Well Network which was scheduled to be held on 11 May 2023. It was also noted that a further 3 meetings would be organised throughout the year and will be held on Zoom.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Oban & Lorn and the Islands Living Well Network, submitted)

(e) **UHI Argyll (Oban)**

The Group gave consideration to a written report from UHI Argyll (Oban). Theresa Bain had to leave the meeting prior to this item, the Committee Manager advised that he would relay any questions raised by partners for a response.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by UHI Argyll (Oban), submitted)

(f) **Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau**

Having noted the apologies Jen Broadhurst of the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) the Group gave consideration to an update from the Bureau. The update provided statistical information highlighting the rise of clients and advice being given by the Bureau in 2022/23 compared to 2021/22. The update also provided information on the recruitment of volunteer advisors and the advice and support CAB can provide.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Argyll and Bute Citizen's Advice Bureau, submitted)

(g) **Argyll and Bute TSI Update**

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on the work of Argyll TSI during the period 16 February to 21 April 2023. The report included information on Local Strategic Partnerships; Future Funding opportunities as a result of the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund and events taking place across Argyll and Bute, which included the Volunteer of the Year event. Further information was provided in relation to the new and improved digital platform for volunteering; the Argyll and Bute Positive Destination programme and the Argyll and Bute Community Directory, which can be found at <https://abcd.scot>

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Third Sector Interface, submitted)

(h) **Opportunity for Verbal Updates**

Live Argyll – Community Learning

The Group gave consideration to an update from Maureen Evans Live Argyll - Community Learning Services. Maureen provided information relating to drop-in session being held in Oban Library to support customers in undertaking job searches preparing C.V.'s, and basic IT support.

Maureen added that the post of Co-ordinator for Literacies Worker is out for advert, social media platform is being revamped, the recruitment for new MSYP's will begin in May with elections being held in November and that they are currently planning the summer G.I.V.E. programme with you people being rewarded (trip or visit) for doing some volunteering in their local community.

Crossroads North Argyll

Linda Duncan advised that Crossroads continue to provide respite for unpaid carers with 61 clients receiving around 178 hours of support per week. 6 new carers have been recruited with 8 clients on the waiting list. Crossroads continue to work in partnership with other agencies to facilitate more effective hospital discharges.

Skills Development Scotland

Susan MacRae advised that Skills Development Scotland (SDS) are awaiting on the results of the Wither's review which was implemented by the Scottish Government to look at schools around Scotland, this should be available by end of May. Susan added that exams are ongoing with SDS advisors attending to give advice on positive destinations to the pupils.

8. CLIMATE CHANGE

(a) Climate Change Working Group Highlight Report

Consideration was given to a report which highlighted the ongoing work of the Climate Change Working Group. The report outlined the proposal to produce a strategic Action Plan as a means to address the climate emergency in Argyll and Bute; the approved governance arrangements to support the Climate Change Project Manager post and the ongoing work on the recruitment of a Project Manager.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Chair of the Community Planning Partnership Climate Change Working Group, dated 27 April 2023, submitted)

(b) Opportunity for Updates on Community Based Initiatives

Colin Buchanan, Isle of Luing Community Trust, advised that they were successful in obtaining a significant grant to sustain and mitigate against shoreline erosion.

Decision

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

9. COMMUNITY FOCUS

(a) Luing Community Trust

Colin Buchanan from Isle of Luing Community Trust gave a short presentation on the exciting work that the Trust is carrying out on Luing, specifically the development of a small scale slate enterprise to regenerate the economy on the island. Colin advised that the Trust have the mineral rights to the slate with the income generated being used to support housing, employment and climate change related projects. .

The Trust has been working with Historic Scotland and Historic Environment Scotland with extensive consultations undertaken. A feasibility study suggested that the project will support 5 full time jobs and the extraction of 200 tonnes of slate per year.

Colin advised that Scottish slate has not been available for the last 60 years, with the majority of slate available being Spanish. This enterprise would provide material for walling stone, drystone dyking and high value craft products. The expectation is to bring in £100k per year to develop other projects.

A Screening and Scoping Application has been submitted to the Council and Marine Scotland, they have until the end of May to respond.

It is also hoped going forward that planning can be sought for a facility to be used as a visitor attraction, which will bring further income to the island through tourism.

This is a major achievement for the Island and Argyll and further information can be found at <https://isleofluing.org/about-isle-luing/isle-luing-community-trust>

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2023

The Chair reminded partners that he would be standing down as Chair in August, and encouraged partners to consider volunteering for this enjoyable position.

The Committee Manager gave thanks to Kevin who has served almost 24 months in the chair and will be a huge loss to the Area Community Planning Group, to which all partners agreed and passed on their best wishes.

Date of the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 16 August 2023.