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**MINUTES of MEETING of ARGYLL AND BUTE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP -
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held in the ON A HYBRID BASIS IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
KILMORY AND BY MICROSOFT TEAMS
on THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Present:	
Joe McKay, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (Chair)	Morag Goodfellow, Highland and Island Enterprise (HIE)
Rona Gold, ABC	Takki Sulaiman, Argyll and Bute TSI
Cllr Robin Currie, Leader of Council	Samantha Campbell, NHS Highland
Melissa Dundas, ABC	Ryan MacIntyre, Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament (MSYP)
Shona Barton, ABC	Reeni Kennedy-Boyle, BC ACPG
John Armour, MAKI ACPG	Alex Wilde, Improvement Service
Stan Philips, NatureScot	John McLuckie, ABC
Lucy Dunbar, ABC	Graham Bell, NHS Highland Board
Anthony Standing, SDS	Charlotte Craig, HSPC
Andrew Connal	Patricia Dowd
Charlie Murphy, CLES	
Apologies	
Pippa Milne, Argyll and Bute Council (ABC)	Fergus Murray, Argyll and Bute Council
Kirsty Flanagan, ABC	Iain MacInnes, ABC
Fiona Davies, HSCP	Laura Evans, Police Scotland
Fergus Walker, Argyll and Bute Council (ABC)	Lynn Ratcliff, Police Scotland

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES (CHAIR)

Joe welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.

2. APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES AND REVIEW OF ACTIONS (RONA GOLD/JOHN MCLUCKIE)

The [minutes](#) of the June meeting were accepted. John reviewed the outstanding actions as follows:

- The action for Rona and Iain MacInnes to meet to discuss the wider communication of the link for residents to explore if / when full fibre is available, and information on the voucher scheme, is in progress.
- The action for Stan, Cllr Currie and Ross McLaughlin to meet to discuss climate change support that can be provided by the Council is outstanding with the meeting expected to take place within the next few weeks.
- The action for Fergus Walker to share the details of the project with the Poverty Alliance once available, via the Community Planning team, will be taken forward

shortly following the recent appointment of a Project Manager.

- Partners planning community engagement over the next 3 months are requested to contact the CPP team at cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk to discuss possible involvement or the inclusion of questions to help inform the next steps in the ABOIP process. This action remains ongoing throughout the ABOIP process.
- CPP team to include a representative from the Scottish Community Planning Network to a future CPP MC at end 2023 / early 2024. The CPP Team have contacted the Improvement Service to set up a meeting before the end of year to discuss including a representative at the CPP MC meeting in March 2024.

3. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP UPDATE (SHONA BARTON)

Shona gave an overview of her report and the CPP MC was asked to note the report highlights, the changes to the Chair and Vice Chair positions for both the OLI and the MAKI ACPGs, and the agreement from the Bute and Cowal ACPG for a meeting to discuss the Dunoon-Gourock car ferry to be facilitated.

ACTION - Another development session is to be arranged for new ACPG Chairs and Vice-Chairs by CP Team.

ACTION - CP team to arrange a meeting between the Chair of the CPP Management Committee, the Chair of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group and the Chair of the Dunoon-Gourock Ferry Action Group.

4. CROSS CUTTING THEMES

(a) Climate Change (Stan Philips)

Stan gave a presentation in addition to his paper on “Addressing the Climate Emergency in Argyll and Bute project by the Climate Change Working Group (CCWG)”. Recruitment is underway for the Argyll and Bute Climate Action Project Manager who will undertake the development of the Argyll and Bute Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation and Engagement Strategy and Action Plan. Interviews have been held and a preferred candidate has been selected. An offer will be made by the end of this week.

The Project Manager post will be hosted by Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust (ACT), who will provide day-to-day line management. A Steering Group will be established to provide support and guidance to the Project Manager and oversight of the Project. The Steering Group will report to the Climate Change Working Group, which reports to this Committee.

ACTION – Partners, or representatives of their organisations, are invited to join the Steering Group, and are asked for any nominations to the CCSG to be forwarded to cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Stan will be standing down as Chair of the Climate Change Working Group. A new Chair is sought from amongst the organisations

represented at the CPP MC.

Stephen Kelly of SFRS has been nominated to be Vice Chair of the Climate Change Working Group and it was noted that the Community Planning team would provide an interim Chair from within the team.

ACTION – Partners are asked to consider who will Chair the Climate Change Working Group, and forward any nominations to ccpadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk

ACTION - Partners are invited to forward ideas on other CCWG activities to stan.phillips@nature.scot

(b) **Financial Inclusion (Fergus Walker)**

A written update from Fergus Walker was noted by the Committee.

(c) **Community Wealth Building (Takki Sulaiman)**

Takki presented an update on the mapping exercise being undertaken by CLES, funded by TSI on behalf of the CPP. CLES have conducted key informant interviews and held community based workshops in each of the administrative areas. A session will be held with the Management Committee as part of this meeting this afternoon. This will provide a deep dive into Community Wealth Building and Committee members will have the opportunity to discuss what the strengths and opportunities around Community Wealth Building are in Argyll and Bute. Cllr Currie requested further information on Community Wealth Building, Lucy offered to circulate some further reading that may be of interest to the Committee.

ACTION - CP Team (LD) to share further information about Community Wealth Building

(d) **Digital Communities (Melissa Dundas/Alex Edmonstone/Rhona Grant)**

Melissa presented her report.

Joe asked for a twice yearly formal paper to be provided to the CPP MC.

Cllr Currie noted that all future housing developments should have fibre broadband connections. Cllr Currie also noted that landline only consumers will shortly be left with no connection.

Ryan McIntyre added that there had been a 70% drop off in young people contacting their MSYPs about lack of mobile phone coverage and that this would seem to indicate that coverage must be improving.

Anthony Standing suggested mobilising Digital Champions from across the CPP

There was a discussion about the level of uptake of fibre broadband across Argyll and Bute, with actions coming out of the discussion. Cllr

Currie noted that Laura Evans and Matthew Shaw looked at Digital Inclusion and the uptake of fibre broadband as part of the Call Blockers project.

ACTION - Rona to discuss the provision of written reports and the timing thereof with Melissa and Iain

ACTION - Rona to link Melissa and Iain with CLD Partnership, of which Rhona Grant is now the Chair

ACTION - Takki to circulate baseline of digital provision across Argyll and Bute

ACTION - Melissa Dundas to speak to Iain MacInnes regarding the following points raised by the CPP MC

- **The impact of the switch-off of copper infrastructure on Argyll and Bute communities**
- **The messaging and communication with communities on Jura in terms of the lack of take-up of the digital infrastructure project on the island**

5. UPDATE ON THE ABOIP DEVELOPMENT (RONA GOLD)

Rona provided an update on the development of the new 10-year Argyll and Bute Outcomes Improvement Plan. Short presentations were delivered by Rona, Lucy and John on the three priority themes of Community Wellbeing, Housing and Transport Infrastructure respectively, with questions and comments then invited from committee members.

Housing

Takki queried the scope to examine which policy areas may need to change. Takki suggested that we consider what the policy drivers are and what scope there is for the CPP to consider those within our own organisations and/or apply influence for change.

Morag welcomed the identification of groups experiencing inequalities around housing and noted that the data shows only the tip of the iceberg. She noted that the ABOIP should focus on what the CPP can bring together as a partnership. Morag suggested that partners could, for example, look at what assets they may have that could be relevant to addressing the housing need in Argyll and Bute.

Graham commented that a lack of housing was impacting on employers being able to attract job applicants in Argyll and Bute. He suggested that we could look at assets that older people in the community have, and if better use could be made of them.

Anthony agreed that talent attraction was impacted by a lack of available housing.

Morag suggested that ABC Settlement Officer, Milly Leggett, may have data about housing being a barrier to recruitment. The CPP team confirmed they had accessed this.

Transport

Morag noted the Argyll and Bute Transport Connectivity and Economy Research Report (2016) [Microsoft Word - Argyll and Bute Transport Connectivity and Economy Research - Report \(A2481830\).doc \(hie.co.uk\)](#)

Although the report was published in 2016, the situation remains largely unchanged. It is currently being considered whether to renew this report and HIE would be interested in working with the CPP to do this in conjunction with the proposed Transport Related Social Exclusion research.

Cllr Currie noted that Argyll and Bute regional transport is provided by SPT as well as HITRANS.

Takki commented that there exists an array of local activity, such as car sharing and community transport and the possibility to extend car rental to encourage sharing rather than ownership. Takki noted that one solution does not fit all and that community led solutions are the way forward.

Rona noted that, in reference to possible solutions, we can look at case study examples, such as those funded by the Supporting Communities Fund. Rona added that we need to be mindful that solutions need to address and not exacerbate inequalities.

Stan commented that transport is facing a major transition over the next two decades that will radically change how we do things and this is likely to exacerbate inequalities. For example, the price of electric cars may mean that many people continue to drive old petrol and diesel vehicles, despite the manufacturing of these being discontinued in 2030 due to government legislation. The future landscape will be very different. It will be important to think about future service delivery and build responses to climate change in now rather than try to retrofit.

Discussion took place on consideration of how to better connect people into services in ways that the need to travel is reduced or removed.

Community Wellbeing

Morag noted that there is evolving thinking resulting from place based reviews. Rona agreed to connect with Morag to discuss an appropriate link for the “place” workstream as this may be in place based plans – such as those of the area community planning groups.

Takki noted that TSI and Living Well staff are receiving ‘train the trainer’ training in co-production.

Charlotte (HSCP) commented that she looked forward to seeing how HSCP and CPP can work together.

ACTION - Rona to discuss appropriate link for “place” workstream with Morag.

6. ABOIP STEERING GROUP (RONA GOLD)

Rona highlighted the purpose of the ABOIP Steering Group which will meet monthly until the end of 2023 and includes members of the CP Team, Morag Goodfellow and Ryan Macintyre MSYP

7. ARGYLL AND BUTE EMPLOYABILITY PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY PLAN (ISHABEL BREMNER)

Ishabel spoke to the plan and the Management Committee noted the contents of the paper, and endorsed the annual update of the delivery plan and the revision to provide annual rather than bi-annual updates.

8. UPDATE ON PRESENTATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT ON PREVENTION TO THE IJB HIGHLIGHTS (SAMANTHA CAMPBELL)

The Management Committee considered and noted a public health report on the ongoing wellbeing and prevention activities overseen and delivered by the HSCP Public Health Team in Argyll and Bute. Sam Campbell, Health Improvement Principal, 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 \(adobe.com\)](#)

9. AOCB

John highlighted the briefing paper for local government and partners on [Working together to build climate-resilient, healthy and equitable places](#)

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 December at 10.00am via Teams