

ARGYLL AND BUTE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES of MEETING held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD on FRIDAY, 9th November 2007

Present:

Councillor Dick Walsh (Chair)
Andrew Campbell, Scottish Natural Heritage
Raymond Park, Strathclyde Police
Eileen Wilson, Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership
Fiona Ritchie, Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership
Brian Barker, Argyll and Bute Council
James McLellan, Argyll and Bute Council
Hugh Donaldson Initiative at the Edge
Murdina MacDonald, HIE Argyll and the Islands
Andy Law, Argyll and Bute Council
Malcolm Macfadyen, Argyll and Bute Council
Gordon Anderson, Strathclyde Police LALO
Cllr Robert Macintyre

John Davidson, Islay and Jura CVS (Council for Voluntary Services)
Ken MacTaggart, Alba Consult
David Dowie, Communities Scotland
David McGregor, Scottish Enterprise Dunbartonshire / Dunbartonshire Local Economic Forum
John Ironside, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue
Keith Miller, Forestry Commission Scotland
Jim McCrossan, Argyll and Bute Council
Mitch Rodger, Strathclyde Police
Alan McDougall, Fynehomes

Apologies:

George Harper, Argyll and Bute Council
Elaine C Garman, NHS Highland
Carl Olivarius, Argyll and Bute Council
Caroline Champion, NHS Argyll and Clyde
Sandy Taylor, Argyll and Bute Council
Susan Dawson, Argyll and Bute Council

Alasdair Oatts, Argyll and Bute Care and Repair
Kevin O'Hare, Scottish Water
Bill Morton, National Park
Gordon McLennen, Strathclyde Passenger Transport
Jim Frame, SEPA

1. WELCOME

Councillor Dick Walsh welcomed everyone to this meeting. Councillor Walsh then invited everyone present to introduce themselves.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6th July 2007

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2007 were accepted as an accurate record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Pilot Sustainability Seminar

Eileen informed the meeting that the Bute and Cowal local Community Planning Group were planning to use the Sustainability Seminars as an opportunity to develop a model for local community planning

4. UPDATE ON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8th August and 3rd October

Raymond Park gave updates on both Management Committee meetings.

- Noting that Young Scot gave an excellent explanation of it's way forward.
- The YoungScot/ DialogueYouth Conference in Lochgoilhead is coming up shortly.
- The Ministerial visit to Islay on 22nd August 2007 went very well, taking particular interest in Farming and Health.
- Dave McBride gave a very good presentation on the DRIVESafe Campaign. A discussion on managing occupational road risk then followed and partners agreed that the DRIVESafe initiative should continue to be supported by the CPP. Partners agreed to look at funding for Dave McBride's post, as it needs to be recognised that it is an umbrella for all Road Risk.

Action Point – Agreed to note the position and positive comments from both Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and Strathclyde Police Services' with regard to the need to fund the DRIVESafe campaign. This will be discussed at the Management Committee Meeting on 28th November 2007

Slight corrections to the minute:-

- Should read Scottish Government Minister (pg 15)
- With reference to the statement by HIE – It is the Scottish Government who will be producing a strategy w/c 12 November (pg 18)
- David McGregor - Scottish Enterprise Dunbartonshire are looking to support Local Authorities, not lead.

5. **CPP REVIEW**

Eileen Wilson has designed a pro-forma that will be sent to all partners.
The pro-forma will provide us with up-to-date information regarding Partner participation and contribution.

The Partners all agreed to provide the requested information.

PARTNERSHIP ISSUES

(a) **UPDATE ON CPP ACTION PLAN**

Eileen Wilson updated the Partners on progress, the next up-date will be in early 2008. This is still quite a new process and will take a little more time to bed in.

(b) **INITIATIVE AT THE EDGE**

James McLellan and Hughie Donaldson informed Partners on the current situation regarding latE. with regard to the recent National Steering Group meeting. A discussion followed where Partners agreed that it was important to be pro-active when considering new areas for designation. It was agreed to discuss this further at an appropriate Management Committee Meeting where someone from the Committee will be required to become a dedicated link.

(c) **DUNBARTONSHIRE ECONOMIC AUDIT**

A copy of the Executive Summary had been circulated. David MacGregor gave further information on the document, commenting on the population statistics, the high proportion on entrepreneurship found within the area and the overall decline in population over the coming years. Alan McDougall agreed to supply information on the final point as it impacts on housing needs. Agreed to note the detail.

(d) **ARGYLL AND THE ISLES LEF REPORT**

Ken MacTaggart gave a short presentation focusing on New Business formation and employment. Employment levels continue to rise in align with the national trend. It was agreed that the information gathered for the LEF reports was important information to the CPP.

7. **CITIZEN'S PANEL**

The contract for the Citizens Panel will now go out to tender.

8. **REQUESTS TO BECOME MEMBERS OF CPP**

It was agreed to invite HITRANS and SPT to become Full CPP Partners.

9. **POST OFFICE CLOSURES**

Brian Barker gave an up-date on the recently announced closures. There are 7 Post Offices within Argyll and Bute earmarked for closure, all urban. The Post Office have indicated there are 2 areas where they would wish to provide an "outreach" service. Postwatch have concerns over some of the closures, but none within Argyll and Bute. Any issues or comments from Partners will be fed back. We are currently half way through the consultation period. Murdina MacDonald mentioned there is a HIE/ Highland Council Strategy Group undertaking a study of proposed changes and would be happy to work with Argyll and Bute.

10. **CPP BUDGET**

The Partnership noted that there had been no increase in contributions for 2 years as there had been an under spend,. Partners agreed to consider the request of an inflationary increase for 2008/9. Partners were asked to confirm to Eileen their financial contributions.

11. **AOCB**

John Davidson - Islay and Jura CVS brought to the attention of the partnership the need for support to Argyll CVS to ensure its future and to avoid the potential loss of funding for the sector if it was not fully functioning. He agreed to pass the date of the Argyll CVS to Eileen Wilson for circulation to interested parties to be able to offer support.

As it was the last meeting for Fiona Richie, Dick Walsh thanked Fiona for her work and support to the Partnership and the Council.

12. **2008 CPP MEETING SCHEDULE**

The meeting schedule for 2008 was noted and agreed.

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

14th March 2008 in the Council Chambers, Kilmory, Lochgilphead.