

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** The first Youth Focus meeting took place in the council chambers, Kilmory on Tuesday 17th June. 30 Young people from four areas of Argyll and Bute attended either through the Youth Forum, Pupil School Councils, the HELP project, SYP or Young Scot.

The meeting; chaired by Andrew Lochrie, chair of the Argyll and Bute Youth Forum, was opened by councillor Dick Walsh with a few words on the importance of involving young people in Community Planning, followed by Eileen Wilson, Community Planning Manager who discussed Community Planning, what it means and how it affects young people.

Young People from Argyll and Bute Youth Forum and MAKI Youth forum made presentations on the work they have been doing over the last year and invited other young people to join the Youth Forum.

The young people then went on to do an exercise to look at what they wanted to achieve from the Youth Focus meetings. The top three were to have fun, get their voices heard and to make things happen. They also looked at how best to promote the group to other young people by designing a poster or leaflet.

The meeting concluded with a review of the Youth Work Plan. The consultation was revisited to see if the questions were still relevant and would be answered in the same way. A selection of questions was asked with the majority showing the same results as the consultation done the previous year.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** It was recognised that more work needs to be done in local areas in preparation for Youth Focus meetings to make them as productive as possible as they are to be held three times a year.

Two young people volunteered to attend the full Community Planning Partnership in July and feed back to local forums and the next Youth Focus meeting. Roanna Taylor will meet with them

prior to the meeting to prepare them and to discuss their input.

It was also pointed out that we will have to continue to get a wide representation of young people to attend future Youth Focus meetings. It is planned to use the posters and leaflet designed at the meeting to do this.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 The first Youth Focus meeting was well attended by a wide representation of young people from a large geographic area, although work needs to continue to build on this. The Young people concluded that the meeting was a success and they gained a lot from attending.

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