

Community Planning Partnership
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Subject: RE: CPP Meeting 16th Sept
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Eileen, I would confirm that Islay and Jura CVS is not currently in the 3rd sector partnership. The board has agreed to explore a number of issues in respect of the partnership, particularly in relation to representation and support of the sector at area based forums. A sub group has been formed to identify issues and to discuss with the partnership ways of resolving matters as they arise. the subgroup is also scheduled to meet and discuss similar matters with Bute Community Links and with key anchor organisations in MAKI and Bute and Cowal to ensure that they are well informed about options and choices to enable a positive way forward. **Please see our published reports on the CVS' website.**

The board have also been asked me to attend a lobby of Parliament and Ministers this afternoon at the Scottish Parliament along with other small rural CVS about the future role and funding of small rural and island communities voluntary sector support and their experiences so far in the process.

You may also be aware that the guidance from Voluntary Action Scotland is that they are discussing the timetable of implementation of these structures and processes directly with Government. This board is a member of this group which represents the interests of the majority of CsVS and Volunteer Centres across Scotland and we will be supporting their approach.

Our next scheduled board meeting is **after** 16 September and a formal position can only be given after that. There are several legal and constitutional matters which require to be addressed by the board to ensure that they have information about what they can and cannot resource within the framework presented and certainly in relation to the 3rd sector partnership seeking to provide a single officer to represent the interests of the sector at all meetings meantime. We have an appointment with Burnett and Co, Edinburgh this week which will assist us with these matters and give opinion which we can act on.

Please be assured that the matter is being taken very seriously and that this CVS continues to support the proposed area based framework for the development of a participative and inclusive approach to Community Planning. The issue of representation within the area forums, and how it can be supported, continues to be part of a positive dialogue within the sector.

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