

MINUTES of MEETING of ECONOMY THEMATIC CPP GROUP held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD on WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2009

Present: Councillor Ron Simon, Argyll and Bute Council (Chair)

Douglas Cowan, CPP Thematic Lead, HIE
Councillor Robin Currie, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Alister MacAlister, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Donald MacMillan, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Alex McNaughton, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Ellen Morton, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Elaine Robertson, Argyll and Bute Council
Robert Pollock, Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation
Mike Geraghty, Argyll and Bute Social Enterprise Network

Attending: Shirley MacLeod, Area Corporate Services Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Eileen Wilson, Community Planning Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Ishabel Bremner, Economic Development Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
David Clements, Performance Manager, Argyll and Bute Council

Also Present: Councillor Andrew Nisbet, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Al Reay, Argyll and Bute Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gary Mulvaney.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Economy Thematic CPP Group meeting held on 26 August 2009 were approved as a correct record.

4. ARGYLL AND BUTE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP COMMUNITY PLAN 2009 - 2013 - FOR ECONOMY REFER TO PAGES 10 & 11 OF THE PLAN

The Community Planning Manager presented an updated version of the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership Community Plan for 2009 – 2013 and sought comments from the Group prior to this going before Argyll and Bute Council on 26 November 2009.

Decision

1. Agreed that the introduction should be amended to reflect that the Plan is a living document and will be updated as and when required over the next 4 years;

2. Agreed that under “Key Challenges” reference to the condition of the roads network should be included;
3. Agreed that under “Our Priorities for the Next 4 years” the text that reads “We will support and develop competitive and successful businesses...” should be amended to read “We will support and develop competitive and successful businesses including Social Enterprises...”;
4. Agreed that the Economy Thematic CPP Group work programme will include Transport and Tourism with a view to adding these issues to the Action Plan within the Community Plan in the future;
5. Agreed to invite our Transport Partners to the next meeting of the PPG to discuss how Transport issues can be addressed and then to invite our Tourism Partners to the next again meeting in May 2010 to discuss how tourism issues can be addressed; and
6. Noted that the mechanism for the Group to update the Community Plan as it progresses its work is through recommendations to the CPP Management Committee.

(Reference: Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership Community Plan 2009 – 2013, submitted)

5. DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMY THEMATIC CPP GROUP SCORECARD - REFER TO PAGE 25 OF THE COMMUNITY PLAN

The Performance Manager gave a presentation on the Council’s Performance Management System, Pyramid, which would be the tool used by the PPG to scrutinise areas of work identified as a priority through the development of a Scorecard for the Group.

Decision

1. Noted the contents of the Economy Thematic CPP Scorecard and agreed that it was critical and urgent that Partners were allowed access to the system; and
2. Agreed that the Business Gateway targets should be added to the Scorecard.

6. CPP CONFERENCE

The Community Planning Manager provided an update on progress with the arrangements for the CPP Conference.

Decision

Noted that arrangements for the CPP Conference were progressing and that it was hoped to hold this over 2 days week commencing 29 March 2010 and that it would tie in with the Scottish Rural Network coming to Argyll.

7. FUTURE MEETING DATES

As part of the Council's review of Political Management Arrangements it had been agreed that the Thematic CPP Group would meet four times per year. A report recommending a programme of meetings for the Group for 2010 was considered.

Decision

Agreed that the Economy Thematic CPP Group would meet on the following dates during 2010:

Wednesday 24 February 2010
Wednesday 26 May 2010
Wednesday 25 August 2010
Wednesday 24 November 2010

(Reference: Report by Area Corporate Services Manager, submitted)