

**MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS LOCAL AREA
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in the KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on WEDNESDAY, 5 MAY 2010**

Attending:

(Chair)
Councillor Donald MacMillan

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| Councillor Rory Colville | Councillor Robin Currie |
| Councillor Alison Hay | Councillor Anne Horn |
| Councillor Donald Kelly | Councillor John McAlpine |
| Councillor Douglas Philand | Councillor John Semple |

Iain Jackson, Argyll and Bute Council
Brian Barker, Argyll & Bute Council
Yvonne Litster, ACHA
Louise Logue, Argyll Voluntary Action
Hamish Campbell, Islay, Jura & Colonsay Voluntary Sector
Keith Philip, Strathclyde Police
Elizabeth Rhodrick, Lochgilphead Community Centre

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated from – Leonard McNeill, D Bertin, A Stevenson, Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie and John Dreghorn.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2010

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2010 were recorded as a true record.

4. PARTNER PRESENTATIONS ON AREA ISSUES

(a) The presentation on Mental Health Redesign in Argyll and Bute would be deferred to a future meeting.

(b) Yvonne Litster, Regional Manager for ACHA, gave a presentation on the key priorities for Social Housing in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands.

Q Councillor Colville questioned if the high quality of housing in ACHA new builds could be maintained

R Yvonne replied that this would be determined and subject to grant funding received.

Q Councillor Hay enquired on the possibility of joint tenancies between Argyll and Bute Council and ACHA to utilise shared facilities for administration purposes.

R Yvonne stated that there were ongoing discussions to determine the viability of this.

Q Councillor Semple enquired if local firms would be able to submit tenders for forthcoming work programmes.

R Yvonne stated that the tendering process adhered to European regulations. However, new heating and rewiring contracts would be open for local contractors to submit bids.

The Chair thanked Yvonne for her interesting and informative presentation.

- (c) Keith Philip, Strathclyde Police, gave a short presentation on local issues in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area.

Hamish Campbell commented on the priority lists 1, 2 and 3 were not in the order in which the local communities would like to see the local Police priorities their resources, i.e. the priority 3 group included vandalism, anti-social behaviour and this was what the local communities wanted the local police to deal with, as opposed to a number of the issues detailed under priority 1, e.g. people trafficking is not likely to be a major problem which required a lot of resource deployed in the local area to prevent it.

Keith accepted the comments and confirmed that in the local area the resources are deployed to deal with the local issues as they arise.

The Chair thanked Keith for his report.

- (d) Louise Logue, Argyll Voluntary Action, detailed the framework for effective participation between the third sector and local government.

The Chair thanked Louise for her report.

5. COMMUNITY SEMINAR - 19TH JUNE

The Community Seminar was planned for Saturday, 19th June and would be held in Tarbert Academy between 10.00a.m. and 3.00p.m. The Event would take a similar format as the events in Dunoon, Helensburgh and Oban and would comprise some presentations and a series of workshops.

Brian Barker stated that the event in Dunoon had been a success and it was primarily a very interactive day.

Councillor Semple stressed the need to make the event as inclusive as possible.

The lead was being taken by the third sector partnership and the preparations were well advanced. A Steering Group Meeting had been arranged for 26 May.

6. THIRD SECTOR INTERFACE

Brian Barker gave an update on the progress with the third sector interface and stated the need for consistency in the co-ordination and for social enterprises to work together.

7. PRINCIPLES OF REPRESENTATION

Brian reiterated that Partners needed to demonstrate a wide representation and an effective connections network. If this was not the case and if Partners were not fully participating in LACPG meetings, then this needed to be 'flagged up' to their managers.

Councillor Currie queried the structure and format of the meetings.

Iain Jackson replied that the meetings would continue in their current form until the process was developed further and then the group would decide on any changes.

Hamish Campbell stated the need to clarify the process and define the issues which would be discussed at future LACPGs.

8. DEVELOPMENT OF A MISSION STATEMENT FOR LACPG

A discussion to determine the Development of a Mission statement would be held at the Community Seminar on 19th June.

9. REPORTS TO MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Iain Jackson tabled various reports which had been submitted to the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership Management Committee.

Councillor Semple stated that the reports did not record concerns which had been raised at LACPG meetings.

Councillor Colville agreed that reports did not reflect views noted at previous meetings.

ACTION:

Reports for the Management Committee to be brought to LACPG meeting prior to submission.

10. ATTENDANCE AT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND FULL COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

The Committee considered a report detailing that the LACPG Chairs and the ACSMs should attend the CPP Management Committee and the Full Community Planning Partnership meetings over the next period.

Decision:

The Committee agreed to note the report.

(Ref: Report by the Area Corporate Services Manager, dated 5 May 2010, tabled).

11. AOCB

The group discussed the timetabling of other meetings (Community

Council, Mid Argyll Partnership and Kintyre Initiative) and Iain Jackson confirmed for future LACPG meetings the agenda will be sent out 4 weeks prior to the meeting to ensure that sufficient time was given to each of the partner groups to consider any matter on the agenda and be in a position to put their views through the representative attending the LACPG.

Hamish Campbell, Islay and Jura Community Voluntary Sector, enquired on the decision making powers of the LACPG

Iain Jackson detailed the ethos behind the formation of the LACPG and the process which will be developed over the next year or so to ensure that the LACPG is successful. He confirmed that the role of the LACPG would primarily be to influence the plans for service provision by the public authorities in the MAKI area.

Brian Barker reiterated the need for familiarisation of partners work and remits. This would develop into effective planning and local communities would see the end result and effects of this collaboration. Argyll and Bute Council were providing 2 posts and the incumbents would be tasked to work and support local communities in this new initiative.

Elizabeth Rhodick agreed that there was confusion over the new LACPG and requested that future Agendas reflect issues raised by communities.

ACTION:

Future Agendas to be compiled after contact with partners and local communities to ensure that items reflect relevant issues. Agendas would be issued 4 weeks in advance of the LACPG meeting.

