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MINUTES of MEETING of HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in the VICTORIA HALLS, HELENSBURGH on TUESDAY, 18 JANUARY 2011

Present: Councillor Vivien Dance (Chair)
Councillor Daniel Kelly
Councillor George Freeman
Councillor Andrew Nisbet
Councillor Al Reay
Charles Reppke – Head of Governance and Law
Jolyon Gritten – Access Manager
Eileen Wilson – Community Planning Manager
Margaret Fyfe – Service Officer
Alex Downie – Linkwork Training Trust
Anne Marie McCann – Dunbritton Housing
Nigel Millar – Helensburgh CC
Tony Davey – Cardross CC
Nick Davies – Cove & Kilcreggan CC
Murdo MacDonald – Cove & Kilcreggan CC
Katrine Wreford – Rosneath & Clynder CC
Geoff Calvert - SFR
Neil Sturrock – SPT
Katrina Sayer – Argyll Voluntary Action

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished them all a Happy New Year.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated from:-

Councillor David Kinniburgh
Councillor Ellen Morton
Councillor William Petrie
Councillor James Robb
David McCaughey – SFR
George Watt – Chamber of Commerce
Neil Black – LLTNP
Anne Helstrip – NHS
Gillian Barclay – Argyll Voluntary Action

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest

3. MINUTE OF MEETING 16 NOVEMBER 2010

The Minute of Meeting 16 November 2010 was approved as a correct record subject to :-

Amendment of 'Neil Black – SPT' to read 'Neil Black – LLTNP'
Amendment of 'Neil Sturrock – LLTNP' to read 'Neil Sturrock – SPT'

Item 5. Deletion of paragraph 2.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Minute Item 8

Eileen Wilson, Community Planning Manager informed the Group that she had received no feedback on suggested local partners. A reminder to this effect will be issued to the Group.

Minute Item 11.

Eileen Wilson, Community Planning Manager, informed the Group that the date of the Management Group meeting on 10 February, had been changed to 9th March 2011 at Kilmory.

5. CORE PATHS PLAN

The Group were updated in a presentation by the Access Manager on the finalised Draft of the Core Path Plan. Mr Gritten demonstrated how information such as maps and documents could be accessed online. The consultation on the draft Plan will end on 4 April 2011 at 12.00 noon after which a twelve week period will continue to allow any potential objections to be resolved.

Decision

Noted the presentation by the Access Manager

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TOOLKIT DEMONSTRATION/PRESENTATION

The Group were briefed in a presentation by Alex Downie, Linkwork Training Trust, on the national aims of the Better Community Engagement Programme which is a learning programme to support and improve practice in engaging with communities. The group were also briefed on the initial aims of the engagement pilot and on the changes since the project commenced. An update on the progress made so far and discussion was had on the way forward. A training day for LACPG group partners is to be held at the end of February on a date to be agreed. Partners were asked to email their preferred dates to Belinda Hamilton following the meeting.

Decision

Noted the contents of the presentation.

7. LOCAL PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHT AND EXCEPTION UPDATE

The Group were advised by the Community Planning Manager, that there had been no feedback to date and she reiterated a request to the group for this information.

8. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CPP SUB-GROUP

The Group were advised by the Community Planning Manager that the sub group had now formed and that the next meeting would be on 22 February 2011. Ms Wilson explained that the newly formed group was an amalgamation of several other groups and was not an additional group. She agreed to provide feedback to the March meeting.

9. MARITIME CHANGE PROGRAMME

The Group were updated by the Head of Governance and Law that the Council were currently engaging with the MOD and were in the process of exchanging information. He informed that a new Commodore had recently been appointed and that it was hoped to arrange a meeting with him at the earliest opportunity.

Decision

- i. Noted the verbal update by Head of Governance and Law
- ii. Agreed to continue as a standing item on the agenda

10. THEMATIC GROUP UPDATES

(a) UPDATE REPORT ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS THEMATIC CPP GROUP

The Group were asked to note the contents of a report by the Area Customer Services Manager on a meeting held by the Social Affairs Thematic CPP Group held on 8 November 2010.

Decision

Agreed to note the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by ACSM, dated 15 December 2010, submitted)

(b) UPDATE REPORT ON ECONOMY THEMATIC GROUP

The Group were asked to note the contents of a report summarising the continued progress made by the Economy Thematic Group in implementing actions in the Community Plan and in developing a scorecard and work programme.

Decision

Agreed to note the progress made to date.

(Ref: Report by D Cowan, Highland Enterprise, dated 15 December 2010, submitted)

(c) UPDATE REPORT ON ENVIRONMENT THEMATIC GROUP

The Group were asked to note a report summarising the current

activity of the Environment Thematic Group.

Decision

Agreed to note the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by A Campbell, SNH, dated 15 December 2010, submitted)

11. EDUCATION SERVICE REVIEW - SCHOOL ESTATE STRATEGY

The Group were updated on the current situation regarding the Schools Estate Strategy by the Head of Governance and Law and a briefing note from Councillor Morton, Educations Spokesperson to the same effect, was distributed. Murdo MacDonald, Cove and Kilcreggan Community Council, thanked the chair for the opportunity to discuss the issue at this meeting as the new proposals would be out prior to the next LACPG meeting. Mr MacDonald distributed a paper reinforcing the view of the importance of rural schools for the sustainability and regeneration in communities.

The Chair gave assurances that any feedback received to date would be incorporated into the decision making process on forming any new proposals.

Decision

Agreed to continue discussion of this item at March meeting of Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group.

12. AOCB

There was no other competent business for discussion.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15 March 2011

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