

**MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL PARTNERSHIP held in the MEETING ROOM 6,
LOCHGILPHEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE, MANSE BRAE, LOCHGILPHEAD
on TUESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2012**

Present:

(Chair)
Councillor Anne Horn

Stephen Doogan	Argyll and Bute Council
Audrey Baird	Argyll and Bute Council
Alison Hunter	Argyll and Bute Council
Ben Tustin	SEPA
Rod Buchanan	ACHA
Jeanette Laughton	Ardrishaig CC
Andrea Henderson	Furnace CC
Marion Thomson	Dunadd CC
Robert Millar	Lochgilphead CC

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Robin Currie
Councillor Sandy Taylor
Councillor Douglas Philand
David Jardine
John Downie (Streetscene manager – who has now retired from Argyll and Bute Council)
Mary Smyth
Ian McIntyre
Peter Kastelein
May McGugan
Leonard McNeill

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 JUNE 2012

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 June 2012 were approved as a true and correct record, subject to the following amendment:-

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He advised that he would instruct repairs by the patcher at School Road, Tarbert as there were issues about it. Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead and Redwell Park, Furnace being included in the capital programme due to the current roads hierarchy.

3. MATTERS ARISING

In response to a question, Jeanette Laughton was advised that the funding bid for the regeneration project in Ardrishaig noted in the previous minute had failed and that therefore the funding was no longer available . If a subsequent applicable was submitted, then it was possible that further

match funding might be sourced.

Andrea Henderson reported on a potential meeting with Furnace CC and Scottish Water to resolve the water issue in Furnace.

Jeanette Laughton stated that the issue of the abandoned pipes was still unresolved in Ardrishaig.

4. LOCAL PLANNING DESIGNATIONS

Fergus Murray reported on strategic land uses and detailed that with the new Planning Bill it would be necessary to develop plans every 5 years.

And that this would be an almost continuous process

He provided updates to the group regarding :

Main Issues report and key changes detailed within.

Transportation issues – difficulties facing rural communities

Rising fuel prices

Craignish Community Plan – shortlisted for Scottish Government planning award. Fergus and his team would assist other local communities in developing their plans

Coast and Community Trust – plans to secure core funding from partners and Argyll and Bute Council to progress the Trust

Expansion of Kilmory Industrial Estate - further development to extend the industrial estate as an economic driver for the local area

He informed the group of a recent meeting he had with the Head of Regeneration for Scotland at Kilmory. He detailed the challenging times for offshore Renewables in the local area.

Jeanette Laughton reported that Ardrishaig had been given an award as the best Windfarm in the UK.

The Chair thanked Fergus for his informative update on local planning issues.

5. ADULT SERVICES REVIEW

Alison Hunter provided an update to the group on the Older Peoples Review detailing recent changes within the service and the resulting impact.

These included:-

Not externalising the service in MAKI i.e. retaining it in-house

Addressing the Home Care service

Planning review

Quality Assurance – new post being developed in MAKI to oversee the monitoring process

Work practices – still being developed

Home Care Forum – group still continuing and provides an opportunity for Home Care users to take issues to the Forum

Care workers – system in place to review the number of carers assigned to clients. Also monitors arrival/departure times

Police - issue in regards the police being used as 'care provider.

Liaison with partner to resolve this issue.

6. VILLAGE/ TOWN/AREA PLAN UPDATES INCLUDING

(a) ARDRISHAIG

Jeanette Laughton reported:-

Wind Turbines successfully erected in place
Education Grant (30k) up and running next year. Will provide a further update to a future meeting
ArtMap – local artists renting premises (The Blue Shop) in Ardrishaig aided by Argyll and Bute council funding
Heart of Argyll Tourism - funding of a 'Walking Theatre Group'. Planned for young people in Ardrishaig over a 12-week period, involving the history of the village. Culminating in a series of performances at the the Spring Festival.
Yellow lines appearing in Ardrishaig – queried the rationale since it was unclear whether these related to the routes of utility pipes and might be part of a survey (Scottish water to be asked

(b) TARBERT CONSERVATION AREA

Councillor Horn read a statement from Ian MacIntyre who had confirmed that he would no longer be attending MAP meetings. In regards the points Ian had raised regarding the land owned by Tarbert Harbour Authority (THA) being progressed by Argyll and Bute council for car parking, she was unaware of THA views.

Action: Councillor Horn would take Iain's report to Tarbert and Skipness Community Council for further discussion.

(c) CRAIGNISH

There were no representatives from Craignish CC.

(d) FURNACE

Andrea Henderson reported on the following:-

Furnace Bridge – repairs would be undertaken by Cumloden Estates
Funding received from the Wind Farm would maintain the local walk at Leacainn with an eventual link to Auchindrain Museum
War Memorial – a grant from the Wind Farm Trust would enable research of names inscribed on the War Memorial
Annual Gala Day – thanks were made to John Downie, Fraser McCorquodale and the local fish farm for their help on the day

(e) **WEST LOCHFYNE**

There were no representatives from the CC.

(f) **LOCHGILPHEAD**

Bob Miller reported on the following:-

Issues – path at the old High School site and also Blairbuie-Kilmory

Signage – remote footways

Bowling green, Lochgilphead – part of the fencing was down and this presented a Health and Safety issue due to the proximity of the burn

Trees on the front green – Bob still has issues in regards the effectiveness of the guards which have been put in place

Action: Fergus Murray would relay the remote footways and path issues to Jolyon Gritten

7. HOUSING ISSUES

Rod Buchanan updated the group on the following:-

Travellers site – 16 households were now in situ and the entrance to their access road was situated on a bad splay of the road. In addition, there was no signage to the site; there was no bus stop in the vicinity, which was proving onerous as not all the community could drive. A resident's group was being set up to address such issues.

Sheltered Housing complexes – bathrooms and kitchens had been remodelled as per ACHAs redevelopment plans

Tarbert – temporary remedial work had been undertaken to resolve the dampness issue. Some properties had been re-let.

The Chair reiterated the need for affordable housing in the Tarbert area and Jeanette Laughton again highlighted the rones in Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig which were overrun with vegetation and could present a Health and Safety issue.

Action: Rod Buchanan would investigate the rones issue in Ardrishaig.

8. SCOTTISH WATER

There was no representative from Scottish Water at the meeting.

Action: Scottish Water would be informed of the on-going issues raised at the meeting, in regards the abandoned pipes in Ardrishaig and would be advised if there was any recurrence of the odour problems in Tarbert.

9. TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Action: Letter would be written to Transport Scotland enquiring on the outcome of the recent traffic surveys undertaken in Ardrishaig and

Tarbert.

10. HEALTH/SOCIAL CARE ISSUES

Audrey Baird provided a handout detailing the recent MS Fund day held in Lochgilphead on 18 August. She informed the group of the deadline for receipt of the 2nd round of applications for the Health and Wellbeing Funding. The date being 3 October.

Discussion ensued in regards the provision of a local notice board and potential sources to fund the board.

11. COMMUNITY SAFETY

The Chair informed the group of the next Community Safety meeting which was scheduled for that afternoon in Campbeltown. The Area Governance officer advised that the issues previously referred to the CSF had been considered in detail at that meeting and that appropriate action had been taken

12. COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Audrey Baird informed the group of the work being undertaken by the Community Education Service in the formulation of Business Development plans to help the local Community Centres.

13. AMENITY ISSUES

There were no amenity issues.

Action: Theresa McLetchie would contact Amenity Services to ascertain who would be the representative at future MAP meetings, as John Downie had now retired from the Council.

14. AOB

Audrey Baird produced a Community Engagement Resources pack to support rural community engagement.

(a) MINOR ROADS AND FOOTPATHS IN LOCHGAIR

It was agreed that this issue would come to the November meeting.

(b) VISIT SCOTLAND - SITE LOCHGILPHEAD

Bob Miller advised the group that he had written to Visit Scotland detailing his concerns about the lack of a site in Lochgilphead. The group agreed that this issue would come to the November meeting.

(c) BUS BOOKING INFORMATION - UPATE

There was no update in regards an alternative booking venue.

The Chair requested that West Coast Motors implement clear destination signage on local buses and highlighted a particular route – Blairbuie Woodland.

Action: Letter would be sent to West Coast Motors requesting clear destination signage on local buses.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Jeanette Laughton voiced her concerns in regards the timing of the forthcoming Community Council By-elections.

Area governance Officer agreed to relay her comments to Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law.

The next meeting is scheduled for – Tuesday, 6 November 10.00a.m. – Council Chambers, Kilmory.

