

**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in the  
EAGLESHAM HOUSE, MOUNTPLEASANT ROAD, ROTHESAY  
on TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2012**

**Present:** Councillor G Blair (Chair)

Councillor A McNaughton  
Councillor J McQueen  
Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager  
Liz Marion, Senior Community Learning & Development manager  
Ishbell Bremner, Economic Development Manager  
Chris Carr, IOD Project Officer  
Alastair MacGregor, ACHA  
Rosemary McMillan, ACHA  
Allan Macdonald, Streetscene Area Manager  
Lorna Ahlquist, Third Sector Representative  
Alistair McLaren, AVA  
Reeni Kennedy Boyle, Fyne Futures  
Pauline Murty, NHS Highland  
Grace Strong, Caucus of Community Councils  
Iain McNaughton, Caucus of Community Councils  
Inspector G Anderson, Strathclyde Police  
Edward Renfrew, Strathclyde Fire & Rescue

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of the following:-

Jane McKenzie, Scottish Water  
Chief Inspector Stitt, Strathclyde Police  
Sandy Mactaggart, Link Director

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**3. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 4TH SEPTEMBER 2012**

The Minutes of the Meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were approved as a correct record.

**4. ARGYLL COMMUNITY HOUSING ASSOCIATION UPDATE**

Members heard from Alistair MacGregor on the investment programme in Bute and Cowal for 2011/12 and the projected investment for 2012/13. The ongoing initiatives ACHA will be taking forward including affordable housing in Ardenslate, the purchase of property for ACHA's office in Rothesay, and roof and roughcast work being completed. Alistair also spoke on the Welfare Rights Services and the new "Bedroom Tax" and how it would affect tenants. He further advised that from April 2013 ACHA

will provide in house maintenance services across Argyll and Bute and will employ 44 people and have an initial turnover of £3.2m.

#### Decision

Several questions having been put and answered, the Group noted the information provided.

### **5. SCOTTISH WATER UPDATE**

Having received apologies from Jane McKenzie of Scottish Water this item was continued to the March 2013 meeting.

### **6. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN REFRESH, 2013-18 AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY IN ARGYLL AND BUTE**

The Economic Development Manager spoke on the Economic Development Action Plan 2013-2018 and circulated draft copies of the document. She spoke on the process and approach to the initial draft EDAP, the Vision, the framework for Economic Development and other key aspects of the EDAP.

The Group asked questions and Iain McNaughton expressed his concern over the Vision saying it was not a realistic outcome.

#### Decision

The Group agreed:

- i. To feedback any comments to the Economic Development Manager before the 18<sup>th</sup> December.
- ii. The Economic Development Manager would relay any comments to the Management Committee and the outcome would come back to the Area Community Planning Group.

### **8. UPDATE ON THE NEW COMMUNITY PLAN**

The Area Governance Manger spoke on the progress in developing the next community plan, the data analysis and the approach to engagement and consultation in developing the plan.

#### Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Strategic Finance – submitted)

### **9. FEEDBACK FROM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ON THE AREA FORUM EVENTS**

The Area Governance Manger advised she had not received any feedback on the Area Forum events and encouraged the group to contact her with their thoughts about having an event in November 2013 so that a

decision can be made in March 2013.

#### Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

### **10. FUTURE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP**

The Area Governance Manager spoke on the future governance arrangements for the Community Planning Partnership. The Area Governance Manager advised that the thematic groups would cease to exist and be subsumed into the Management Committee.

#### Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Strategic Finance – submitted)

### **11. POPULATION DECLINE**

The IOD Project Officer spoke on the population projections for Argyll & Bute. The Group discussed the linkage to the Economic Development Plan.

#### Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

### **12. CAUCUS OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

#### Graveyards

The Streetscene Area Manager gave a background to why headstones in cemeteries were laid flat and what the Department were doing to sort the problem.

#### Councillors Attendance at Community Council Meeting

The Area Governance Manager advised that if there was a particular Community Council that was having a problem with Councillors attendance to let her know.

#### Public Entertainment Licences

The Area Governance Manager advised this had been delayed over the summer and was hoping the finalised document would be available soon.

#### Community Services

Iain McNaughton asked how groups/people were able to use the people that had been given community service and it was agreed the Area

Governance Manager would invite somebody from the Criminal Justice Department to the next meeting to give input.

### **13. THIRD SECTOR FORUM**

Reeni Kennedy Boyle gave an informative presentation on the work being carried out by Fyne Futures Ltd.

#### Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

### **14. COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM UPDATE**

The Area Governance Manager spoke on the main activities of the Community Safety Partnership which have taken place in the last few months.

#### Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by the Area Governance Officer – submitted)

### **15. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP WORKING**

Edward Renfrew spoke on partnership working and asked that other agencies refer vulnerable people to Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and they would do likewise.

#### Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

### **16. PROPOSED COOKSAFE COURSES**

Edward Renfrew spoke on the proposed funding for cooksafe courses due to the high level of kitchen fire and safety incidents.

#### Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

### **17. SF&R MEDIA AND FESTIVE SEASON/WINTER CAMPAIGN**

Edward Renfrew spoke on Strathclyde Fire & Rescues media campaign over the winter. He advised it will be launched on 10<sup>th</sup> December by the Chief Officer in Cambuslang.

The Group asked about flooding and the response from Strathclyde Fire & Rescue and Mr Renfrew advised that the flood response units are spread out to the area that have the biggest danger but each area has high volume pumps that are used.

Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

**18. 23 AND A HALF HOURS**

Decision

The Group noted the 23 and a half hours presentation.

