
Area Forum Events 2013

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report asks the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group to consider the next steps for organising an Area Forum event in the autumn that reflects the results of a survey of interested parties undertaken in April/May of this year.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the MAKI CPG:
- considers the results of the survey and the priorities selected by the survey respondents and agrees on the priority topic/s for the event;
 - considers the survey feedback in deciding a date and timing of the event;
 - nominates additional members to join the working group to plan and organise the event;
 - agrees the venue for the event.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 In August 2012 the CPP Management Committee agreed to hold an annual area forum in each area which would be similar to the Forward Together events held in November 2010, and further agreed to support the planning and delivery of annual area forum events commencing in autumn 2013.
- 3.2 The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group discussed this matter in September 2012 and agreed to the principle of holding an area forum.
- 3.3 The event was discussed again at the MAKI CPG in March of this year and Community Development Officer, Audrey Baird, agreed to work with Maryanne Stewart, Argyll Voluntary Action, to conduct a survey of CPG members, voluntary organisations and delegates who attended the Forward Together event in 2012.

- 3.4 The preferred venue for the event agreed at the MAKI CPG in March was Tarbert School, subject to the necessary ICT systems being available (primarily video conferencing). Tarbert School is included in a current programme to install new VC equipment in schools. This equipment is expected to be capable of linking with the Council's VC 'bridge'. In order for Tarbert School to be an appropriate venue for a sizeable event of this nature, a network point would be needed in a large capacity room in the building and the system would need to be installed in good time for the event in the Autumn.
- 3.5 Please see attached survey, which was circulated in early April. The deadline for responses is Friday 10 May. At the time of writing this report (April 26), 20 responses has been received and the top three priority areas chosen is Community Regeneration and Community Development, Health and Wellbeing, and Young People and Employment. The preferred timing for the event was daytime and during a week day. It should be noted that these may change if further survey sheets are returned within the timescale set.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 MAKI CPG is making good progress towards organising an area wide forum in autumn 2013 and has given interested parties an opportunity to influence the focus and timing of the event.

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