
ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL

Bute and Cowal ACPG

CUSTOMER SERVICES

May 2013

Forward Dunoon and Cowal exception report to Area Community Planning group

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this Paper is to advise the Area Community Planning group of the main activities of the Forward Dunoon and Cowal Partnership which has taken place in the last few months

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Area Community Planning Group Members:

- 2.1 Note the report from the FDC Partnership meeting
- 2.2 Acknowledge the work of the group.
- 2.3 Consider whether there are any specific areas of work which the ACPG wishes the FDC Partnership to consider developing further

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Forward Dunoon and Cowal Group is a partnership which the Cowal members attend with relevant officers. The purpose of the group is to promote Dunoon and Cowal as an attractive place to live and work and as a holiday destination in all ways possible. The focus of the group is primarily business oriented. The group considers a broad range of issues from the perspective of promoting the areas in terms of economic development, tourism and economic renewal. The partnership includes representatives from the council, but also from businesses and service providers.

A recent proposal saw the meeting in April bringing together the council meeting with the Forward Dunoon and Cowal group and the Cowal marketing group to identify overlaps and to facilitate the two groups working more closely together in order to achieve their common goals

The themes contained in the report below are drawn from the Land Use Consultant's report which resulted in the formation of the group.

4. IMPLICATIONS

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| 4.1 | Policy | Adoption of the proposal will assist in delivery and reporting of aspects of the SOA and the Community Plan |
| 4.2 | Financial | None, |
| 4.3 | Personnel | The joining of meeting mentioned above enhances the efficient use of officer and partner time |
| 4.4 | Equalities Impact Assessment | None. |
| 4.5 | Legal | None |

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Forward Dunoon And Cowal Report

Theme (Drawn from LUC Plan)		Issue and Actions	Comment	Outcomes/ Indicators
Seek to change the perception of the area	Marketing BIDS Velo taxi Iniaitce	The Cowal Marketing Group were part of the Recent Visit Scotland EXPO event and Bute and Cowal were well rvepresented The BIDS project is well advanced and is now chaired by Ewan MacDonald There will be a pilot of Velo taxis along the esplanade which should be in place before the Cowla games		
Enhance Dunoon Town Centre	Town centre regeneration CHORD	Consideration given to redeveloping scrubland of Hanover street with low maintenance plants however the agreement of the landowner would be required The group had initial discussion more the toilets at the Rose gardens and the problem of vandalism which has currently led to their closure- possibility of a community group taking this forward Now Chaired by Councillor Walsh. The refurbishment of the Queen's Hall, the realignment of the road and the redevelopment on the pier has now moved onto implementation stage. Work is due to start in April 2014.		
Make more of the area's natural environment capitalising on its special qualities	Woodland in and about town project	This project is now finished, but had a number of events for children n through the Forestry for people initiative HELP have now obtained funding for a number of training places for young people who have been formed into a small taskforce and are able to undertake community based task		
Develop a high quality well positioned accommodation sector				
Enjoy a high quality vibrant events and cultural heritage programme	Burgh Hall	The Burgh hall has a film festival planned for June		

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