

**OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – HIGHLIGHT  
AND EXCEPTIONS REPORT**

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**1. SUMMARY**

This report updates the Area Community Planning Group (ACPG) about the items discussed at the most recent meeting of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Safety Forum (OLICSF) held on 26 August 2013.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the ACPG note the work undertaken and consider whether there are any items of business which the Group may wish the OLICSF might progress on their behalf.

**3. DETAIL**

- 3.1 The OLICSF met on 26 August 2013 when representatives of Police Scotland, Scotland Fire and Rescue, LochWatch and Council Service Representatives were in attendance.
- 3.2 The highlight/exception report from this group together with detail of the work undertaken by Partners is attached at Appendix 1 although is not an exhaustive listing of the work of the Group. Agenda and Minutes can be located on the Council's website via this link <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=419&Year=0>

**4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 The attached Appendix details the issues which were considered and discussed at the meeting on 26 August 2013.

**5. IMPLICATIONS**

Policy -	Accords with the SOA and Community Plan
Financial -	None
Legal -	None
HR -	None

Equalities -	None
Risk -	None
Customer	None
Service -	

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## Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Safety Forum Exception Report

Theme	Community Safety Outcome'	Issue and Actions	Comment	Outcomes/ Indicators
<p><b>Personal and Home Safety</b>  <i>Considers the safety of the individual in areas such as accident prevention, online safety, fire safety, home security, bogus and scam callers</i></p>	<p>No Cold Calling</p>	<p>Community councils were contacted with the information to take forward the “no cold calling” initiative on behalf of their communities. The Area Governance Officer had been in touch with CCs to establish whether this had been progressed but the majority of respondents had advised that this was not a particular concern for their community.</p>	<p>In effort to reduce instances of uninvited salespersons etc, individual properties or collectively agreed zones can be established to prohibit cold calling. There are also benefits in terms of deterring burglaries, bogus workers and scam callers.</p>	<p>Reduces number of crimes which have been linked to cold calling</p>
<p><b>Travel Safety</b>  <i>Includes issues that and individuals may encounter such as pedestrian safety, road traffic accidents, water safety, public transport safety</i></p>	<p>Speed Limits Oban/Connel back road</p>	<p>This area is a 60 mph zone and there has been recent representation that this limit should be lowered. <b>Action</b> – Accident Stats requested from Police Scotland and Scotland Fire and Rescue, views also sought from Connel, Oban and Kilmore Community Councils.</p>	<p>It has been reported that this road does not meet national guidelines to allow a lower speed limit to be applied. CSF wish to further explore accident figures and views of the community before determining course of action to be taken.</p>	

	<p>Water Safety</p> <p>Parking at Dunollie</p>	<p>Improved signage now on display and water safety leaflet for the 2014 season is in the process being drafted. In addition, a water safety boat has been procured and will be launched during the month of September.</p> <p>It was noted that parking at Dunollie could cause problems for access and egress of emergency service vehicles and Strathclyde Fire and Rescue were asked to take this matter forward.</p>	<p>The water safety boat will be located on the loch to promote the safe use of the Loch and will be operational during weekends and bank holidays when it can be on hand to assist with any rescue efforts.</p> <p>Previous problems with parking have been rectified by targeted leaflet drops by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue.</p>	<p>Reduce number of incidents on Loch Awe</p>
<p><b>Safety of Vulnerable Groups</b></p> <p><i>Deals with issues in relation to individuals or groups who may be vulnerable including elderly people, young children, victims of hate crime and sexual Violence</i></p>				

<p><b>Environment Safety</b></p> <p><i>Environment safety concerns the aesthetics of communities and neighbourhoods and includes vandalism and criminal damage, graffiti, fly tipping, littering, dog fouling and secondary fires</i></p>	<p>Vandalism at Dunbeg</p>       <p>Wild Camping</p>	<p>There has been a recent increase in vandalism cases at Dunbeg which Police Scotland reported on <b>Action</b> – it being noted that other than 2 cases, there did not appear to be a link between the crimes and therefore the CSF were content with the action taken by Police Scotland to address the matter</p>       <p>Issues have arisen from a growing popularity for 'wild camping' which have led to a Memorandum of Understanding being prepared by the Access Team. This Memorandum gives greater clarity as to what does and what does not define wild camping and what legislative powers the Police have in terms of enforcement.</p>	<p>It was agreed to seek clarification from community councils as to whether all popular sites had been identified for the OLI area in the Memorandum of Understanding</p>	
<p><b>Public Space Safety</b></p> <p><i>This deals with people's safety in their communities and public perception of safety including anti social</i></p>				

<i>behaviour, public disorder and violence.</i>				
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