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MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in the TOWN HALL, CAMPBELTOWN on WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2013

Present:

	(Chair)	
	Councillor Donald Kelly	
Councillor Rory Colville		Councillor Robin Currie
Councillor Anne Horn		Councillor Donald MacMillan
Councillor Sandy Taylor		
Iain Jackson		Governance and Risk Manager
Lorna Stephenson		Argyll and Bute CHP
Donnie Cameron		NHS Highland
Inspector Tom Harper		Police Scotland
Group Commander Eddie Renfrew		Scotland Fire & Rescue
Margaret Fyfe		Community Development Manager
Audrey Baird		Community Development Officer
Maryanne Stewart		AVA

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated by:-

Councillor Douglas Philand
Councillor John Semple
Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie
Christina West – NHS
Eileen Wilson – Argyll and Bute Council

The Governance and Risk Manager advised the Group that in regards the Streetscene Service Review update due to recent political decisions the detail of the proposals for each area has not yet been finalised to the point where effective consultation can take place. Therefore, discussion will be postponed to a future date.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. MINUTES

(a) MINUTES

The Minute of the previous meeting held on 5 June 2013 was approved as a true record.

(b) MINUTES

The Minute of the Mid Argyll Partnership meeting held on 12 June 2013 was noted.

(c) **MINUTES**

The Minute of the Kintyre Initiative Working Group meeting held on 28 June 2013 was noted.

4. PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

(a) **POLICE SCOTLAND**

The group heard an update from Inspector Tom Harper, Police Scotland. He advised that the August crime figures for the area were down. However, there had been an increase in instances of domestic violence.

Discussion followed in regards 'signposting' the reports of domestic violence to other agencies and Inspector Harper informed the group that these were vigorously followed up.

The Chair thanked Inspector Harper for his informative update.

(b) **SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE UPDATE**

The group heard an update from Group Commander Eddie Renfrew. He reported on the on-going difficulties in recruitment in some local areas and asked the group if they could make any suggestions/offer advice on how to address this issue. The group made various suggestions in regards the possibility of engaging with local schools and local employers to try and find a solution to this.

Discussion followed in the following:-

- Uneven ground at Tarbert First station
- Referrals on fire risks in homes of vulnerable clients – 42 made across the Argyll and Bute area.

Decision

The group agreed:-

1. Note the update
2. That Theresa McLetchie would provide the contact details of the Head of Education to Eddie Renfrew to enable a meeting with local Head Teachers.

(c) **UPDATE - NHS HIGHLAND**

The group heard an update from Donnie Cameron, Clinical Services Manager at Campbeltown Hospital.

An electronic copy would be attached to the email disseminating the Minute.

(d) **UPDATE - SCOTTISH WATER**

There was no update from Scottish Water.

(e) **UPDATE - ARGYLL VOLUNTARY ACTION**

The group heard an update from Maryanne Stewart who advised that the recent Forum had been well attended. She advised on the appointment of a new staff member – Ian McVicar.

Maryanne informed the group that she was retiring from AVA and this would be her last attendance at CPG meetings. The Chair thanked Maryanne for all her hard work and input over the years and wished her well in her retirement.

(f) **UPDATE - COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

The group considered a report which provided detail of items which were discussed at the recent meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Safety Forum held on 6 August, 2013.

Eddie Renfrew informed the group of recent funding which would enable Scotland Fire and Rescue to implement a leaflet drop to local communities.

Discussion followed and the issue of the procedure of imposing penalties was raised.

Decision

1. The group noted the report.
2. Agreed that Councillor Taylor would update the group on the procedure of imposing penalties for dog fouling.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services, dated 27 August, 2013, submitted).

(g) **SEXUAL HEALTH - MEDIA AND CULTURAL INFLUENCES**

The Community Planning Group gave consideration to a report which detailed the background of the Scottish Government's Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus (BBV) Framework which identified the need to promote sexual health and wellbeing at local, regional and national levels.

The group agreed:

1. To note the report.
2. That the Senior Health Promotion Specialist would make contact with appropriate partners.

5. STREETSCENE SERVICE REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION

The Governance and Risk Manager advised the Group that in regards the Streetscene Service Review update due to recent political decisions the detail of the proposals for each area has not yet been finalised to the point where effective consultation can take place. Therefore, discussion would be postponed to a future date.

6. PROPOSED COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM EVENT

The group gave consideration to a report which updated on the decision by the Community Planning Partnership taken at the meeting held on 22 August to hold 4 Area Forum events.

Discussion ensued in regards venue and timing of the proposed event, the possibility of advertising the event with the forthcoming MAP and KIWG meetings and instigating a Steering group to take this forward.

Decision

The group agreed that Councillor Donald Kelly, Councillor Anne Horn, Councillor Rory Colville and Eddie Renfrew would form the MAKI Steering group to take forward the organising of the event.

7. ISSUES RAISED BY COMMUNITY COUNCILS

There were no issues raised by Community Councils.

8. ISSUES RAISED BY THE THIRD SECTOR PARTNERSHIP

There were no issues raised by the Third Sector Partnership.

9. INTEGRATION OF KEY LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

The group gave consideration to a report which updated on the status of local partnerships in the MAKI area.

Decision

The group agreed to the recommendations with the report.

(Reference: Report by Area Governance Manager, dated 4 September, 2013, submitted).

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