

**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in the
EAGLESHAM HOUSE, MOUNTPLEASANT ROAD, ROTHESAY
on TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2013**

Present: Councillor Robert Macintyre (Chair)

Councillor Bruce Marshall Councillor Isobel Strong
Councillor Alex McNaughton

Jane Fowler, Argyll and Bute Council
Liz Marion, Argyll and Bute Council
Arlene Cullum, Argyll and Bute Council
Shirley MacLeod, Argyll and Bute Council
Brenda Sutherland, Argyll and Bute Council
Alistair McLaren, Argyll Voluntary Action
Lorna Crawford, Argyll and Bute CHP
Joanne Currie, NHS Highland
Gary Stitt, Police Scotland
Eddie Renfrew, Scottish Fire and Rescue
Sue Gledhill, Highlands and Islands Enterprise
Julie Young, SNH
Iain McNaughton, Sandbank Community Council
Margaret Soudan, Befrienders
Cathy Bertin, Befrienders
Lorna Alquist, Cowal Community Care Forum
Grace Strong, Bute Community Council
Frank Baxter, Bute Community Council
Ian Gillespie, Bute Community Council
Catherine Davidones
David Dorris

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated from:-

Carol Muir, NHS Highland
Viv Hamilton, NHS Highland
Alison McCrossan, Scottish Health Council
Eileen Wilson, Argyll and Bute Council
Joanna Peebles, Scottish Water

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group Meeting of Tuesday 3 September 2013 were approved as a correct record.

4. PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

(a) POLICE SCOTLAND

Chief Inspector Gary Stitt from Police Scotland gave a presentation in regards to proposed structural changes within Police Scotland. He advised the proposed change in Argyll and Bute is based on a model that is successful in West Dunbartonshire.

The group gave further discussion to potential difficulties that local police officers could encounter travelling between the geographical areas within their allotted area. This could impact onto both statistics and local community issues.

The Group noted the information provided.

(b) SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE

Eddie Renfrew from Scottish Fire and Rescue advised the Group that they have a new fire plan which will cover between 2014-2017 and this fits in with the Single Outcome Agreement.

He spoke about safety tips to reduce the chances of having a chimney fire and agreed to email the Area Governance Assistant a copy of the leaflet.

The Group noted the information provided.

(c) SCOTTISH WATER

There was no one present from Scottish Water so this item will continue to the March 2014 meeting where Joanna Peebles, the new Regional Community Team Manager will be present.

(d) NHS HIGHLAND

Food and Health

It was agreed that the report on Food and Health would come to the March 2013 meeting.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Lorna Crawford gave an update to the Group on mental health and wellbeing in Argyll and Bute.

Decision

1. The Group noted the paper;
2. The Group agreed to provide support for the ongoing stakeholder consultation regarding the Choose Life Project Service Level Agreement;
3. The Group considered their role in relation to prevention of

- suicide and self harm in Argyll and Bute; and
4. The Group agreed to invite Tracy Pearce from Choose Life to the next Bute and Cowal business day.

(Ref: Report by Lorna Crawford dated October 2013, submitted).

(e) ARGYLL VOLUNTARY ACTION

Alistair McLaren from Argyll Voluntary Action gave an update in regards a drop in service for young people in Dunoon, and also asked about an update on behalf of the Cowal Dog Club.

The group received a very informative presentation from Cathy Bertin on the befriending project for young people /children in Mid Argyll. The group asked a number of questions and were provided with detailed answers, and with an information leaflet it was noted that there is an appeal for befrienders on Bute, where they are much needed.

(f) SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE

The group gave consideration to a report which updated on the progress with the Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust.

Decision

The group noted the report

(Ref: Report by Development Policy Manager, dated 4 December 2013, submitted).

(g) HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS ENTERPRISE

Sue Gledhill from Highlands and Islands Enterprise updated the group on partnership initiatives in regards business/enterprise in both Bute and Cowal. It was agreed that Sue would pull together a small sub group to identify a way forward for linking in delivery of SOA indicators for the Bute and Cowal areas and bring a report to the March meeting.

5. ISSUES RAISED BY THIRD SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS

There were no issues raised by Third Sector Partnerships.

6. ISSUES RAISED BY COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Fly Tipping

Iain McNaughton from Sandbank Community Council commented that £150 minimum for fly tipping was set too low.

Public Toilets

The Group had a discussion around public toilets in the Bute and Cowal area.

Parking Clocks and Progress on the Decriminalisation of Parking in Argyll and Bute

It was agreed that Paul Farrell would forward the paper on decriminalisation of parking to Iain McNaughton, and that the Caucus of Community Councils would thereafter prepare a paper on parking issues (including potential parking clocks) for submission to and consideration at the March meeting.

7. COMMUNITY SAFETY HIGHLIGHT/EXCEPTIONS REPORT

A report updating the Area Community Planning Group regarding the main pieces of work undertaken by the Area Community Safety Partnerships was considered.

Decision

The Group noted the work undertaken.

(Ref: Report by the Area Governance Manager dated 8 November 2013, submitted).

8. PRIMARY SCHOOL STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT

It was agreed that this item would be taken at the March 2013 meeting.

9. SOA PROGRESS REPORT

The Head of Improvement and HR spoke on the SOA that the Council had endorsed in June 2013. She advised a 3 year improvement plan had been drawn up, spoke regarding the themes which make up the SOA as well as outlining the process for taking forward area based engagement events.

Decision

The Group noted the update provided by the Head of Improvement and HR.

10. COMMUNITY PLANNING CONSULTATION EVENTS

The Bute and Cowal Community Development Officer advised that the Consultation events were currently 'on hold'. She advised of forthcoming workshops which would be held:-

Rothesay	-	17 January 2014
Dunoon	-	20 January 2014

Liz advised that on 20th January 2014 from 5pm, question time with video conference for the two schools will be available.

Decision

The group agreed the workshop dates.

11. THIRD SECTOR ASSET TRANSFER

Brenda Sutherland from the Social Enterprise Team gave a presentation to the group and updated everyone on recent issues regarding the benefits and the process of Third Sector Asset Transfer.

Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

(Ref: Presentation by Development Worker dated 3rd December 2013, submitted).