

**Community Safety Forum Exception reporting to the Local Community  
Planning group**

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The purpose of this Paper is to update the Area Community Planning Group regarding the main pieces of work undertaken by both Bute and Cowal Community Safety Forums in the last time period.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Community Planning Group :

- 2.1 Note the exception reports provided below (If further detail is desired the full minutes are published on the Council website);
- 2.2 Consider whether there are any specific tasks or issues which it wishes the Community Safety Forums to undertake or review, and
- 2.3 Note that the groups are considering the future direction of community safety provision and how best to support it.

**3. DETAIL**

- 3.1 The Community Safety Forums are partnerships focusing on community safety issues in a broad sense and undertakes various pieces of work in this arena.
- 3.2 There is a move to align all service provision relating to community safety with the outcomes identified in the Single Outcome Agreement, to which all public sector partners are signatories.
- 3.3 The Community Safety Forums continue to consider what their future will or should be. The possibility of the remit of the local community safety groups being subsumed within the local Community Planning Group has been repeatedly raised by members at both forums, and there is a concern that the new fire and police group may lead to unnecessary duplication where the forums are already a suitable vehicle and could be used for this purpose.

The potential for a strong strategic lead is welcomed since this should provide necessary focus for the partners efforts, however, the local forums are both seriously concerned that to amalgamate the groups when the Community Safety Forums are already subgroups of the Area Community Planning Group, would lead to the loss of focus on local issues and also the loss of local understanding of how issues can be resolved using locally appropriate methods. It is also noted that NHS participation has improved this round of meeting and it is hoped that this will be sustained.

#### **4. IMPLICATIONS**

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| 4.1 | <b>Policy</b>           | Review of the delivery of community safety action plans will assist in delivery and reporting of aspects of the SOA and the Community Plan |
| 4.2 | <b>Financial</b>        | None,  |
| 4.3 | <b>Legal</b>            | None   |
| 4.4 | <b>HR</b>               | None   |
| 4.5 | <b>Equalities</b>       | None.  |
| 4.6 | <b>Risk</b>             | The Forums exist to mitigate risk in their local communities   |
| 4.7 | <b>Customer Service</b> | None   |

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## Cowal Community Safety Forum Exception Report June 2014

Theme	Community Safety Outcome'	Issue and Actions	Comment	Outcomes/ Indicators
<p><b>Personal and Home Safety</b></p> <p><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 initiative</p> <p>Call blocking</p>	<p>An update was provided, No cold calling areas are by their nature localised and specific to the local community.</p> <p>TS have a number of call blocking Phones which are being distributed to those who are vulnerable .</p>	<p>Some funding for leaflets has been located and these have been distributed</p>	
<p><b>Travel Safety</b></p> <p><i>Includes issues that and individuals may encounter such as pedestrian safety, road traffic accidents, water safety, public transport safety</i></p>	<p>Parking decriminalisation</p> <p>Speeding</p> <p>RTC scenario</p>	<p>Will be in place on 12 May</p> <p>Police are running a campaign on traffic offences</p> <p>An RTC scenario was recently run in Dunoon and was very well attended with a high impact on those present</p>	<p>Streetscene officers are renamed and can also issue these tickets</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>Chose Life</p> <p>Fire safety</p> <p>Cowal Community Care Forum</p>	<p>The Forum heard a presentation on Suicide awareness from Tracy Preece Choose Life coordinator</p> <p>It was noted that the number of incidents was down again this quarter, however false alarms were up</p> <p>The forum welcomed Susan McFadyen the health and wellbeing coordinator for the Area</p>	<p>This had a high impact, and the Forum agreed to promote the training to any suitable groups</p>	
<p><b>Environment Safety</b></p> <p><i>Environment safety concerns</i></p>	<p>Minimise criminal damage/crime against</p>	<p>Decriminalised Parking will take effect this quarter</p>	<p>It is noted that the new traffic wardens will be In place by 12<sup>th</sup> May and that these officers will also be able to issue fouling fines</p>	

<p><i>the aesthetics of communities and neighbourhoods and includes vandalism and criminal damage, graffiti, fly tipping, littering, dog fouling and secondary fires</i></p>	<p>persons/property Dog fouling</p> <p>Spa pools legionella</p>	<p>Ardenslate Shop, - hopefully this issue will soon be resolved, Owner is discussion with ACHA to purchase additional land</p> <p>Env Health are running a program to tackle the water quality in Spas in self-service accommodation</p>		
<p><b>Public Space Safety</b> <i>This deals with people's safety in their communities and public perception of safety including anti social behaviour, public disorder and violence.</i></p>	<p>ASB</p> <p>Cowal Games</p>	<p>An update was provided, 6 cases remain open.</p> <p>Preparations continue and Fire, Council and Police are liaising to increase risk awareness</p>		

## Bute Community Safety Forum Exception Report June 2014

Theme	Community Safety Outcome'	Issue and Actions	Comment	Outcomes/ Indicators
<p><b>Personal and Home Safety</b></p> <p><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 initiative</p> <p>“Who Are You”</p>	<p>Trading standards have leaflets ready, but are seeking funding/ assistance for distribution costs.</p> <p>This is an initiative tackling Violence in Pubs. It was well received by the drinks trade and has been active since March</p>	<p>The royal mail costs appear the cheapest currently, costs are unclear. A number of youth groups (Cadets and Guides) are being approached about doing the delivery</p> <p>Police are running an operation “Myriad” to tackle ASB as well as drugs and other related offences, it is hoped that “who are you” will result in a drop in figures</p>	
<p><b>Travel Safety</b></p> <p><i>Includes issues that and individuals may encounter such as pedestrian safety, road traffic accidents, water safety, public transport safety</i></p>	<p>Speeding</p>	<p>Operation Myriad also includes the targeting of traffic offences</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>High risk referrals</p> <p>Fire safety</p> <p>“Choose Life”</p> <p>Women’s Aid,</p>	<p>SW and Fire are working together re assessments of vulnerable people</p> <p>The biggest issue this quarter has been manual alarms</p> <p>The Forum heard a presentation on Suicide awareness from Tracy Preece Choose Life coordinator</p> <p>There is a shortage of Funding for the refuge, with assistance coming from a London Charity</p>	<p>Assessment forms have been altered to facilitate this and it is being adopted as national good practice</p> <p>but this may reflect people simply evacuations rather than tackling a fire</p> <p>This had a significant effect on all participants with the statistics being disturbing 762 confirmed suicides in Scotland in 2012 and 174 road deaths in the same period</p> <p>The Chair will invite Tracy to speak to the Full Council.</p> <p>Some of these women are very vulnerable and Jan Byrne will liaise with Tracy to ensure all appropriate Chose life resources are provided.</p>	
<p><b>Environment Safety</b></p> <p><i>Environment safety concerns the aesthetics of communities and neighbourhoods and</i></p>	<p>Dog fouling</p> <p>Spa Water safety</p>	<p>There is joint working being undertaken by street scene and the police</p> <p>Env. Health are undertaking an</p>	<p>Patrols continue to be undertaken outside normal office hours, however Streetscene is changing with the introduction of new traffic wardens</p> <p>Public Pools and Spas are under a strict regime already</p>	

<p><i>includes vandalism and criminal damage, graffiti, fly tipping, littering, dog fouling and secondary fires</i></p>		<p>initiative to improve the quality of water in Spas attached to holiday rented accommodation since this can present a legionella risk if not monitored</p>		
<p><b>Public Space Safety</b> <i>This deals with people's safety in their communities and public perception of safety including anti social behaviour, public disorder and violence.</i></p>	<p>Parking decriminalisation</p>	<p>Parking will be decriminalised on 12<sup>th</sup> May and the Council has taken on traffic officers to enforce this , for the first month warnings will be given, thereafter a £60 fine</p>	<p>Streetscene is being reorganised in order to tak account of this new duty. Chair Noted that the lines on the street must be clearly visible to be enforceable..</p>	