

**Forward Dunoon and Cowal Group Highlight/Exception report to Area
Community Planning Group**

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this Paper is to update the Area Community Planning Group (ACPG) regarding the main pieces of work undertaken by the Forward Dunoon and Cowal Group (FDC).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the :Area Community Planning Group

- 2.1 Note that the “Forward Dunoon and Cowal” group is a strategic partner of the Area Community Planning Group;
- 2.2 Note the report provided below (If further detail is desired the full minutes are published on the Council website) and;
- 2.3 Consider whether there are any specific tasks or issues which it wishes the “Forward Dunoon and Cowal” group to undertake or review.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The “Forward Dunoon and Cowal” group is a partnership group focused on promoting tourism in Cowal and bringing business and people into the area. It achieves this by working in partnership with the local business community, through the promotion of local initiatives and events, and through the participation of some of its members at national and international tourism events.
- 3.2 The “Forward Dunoon and Cowal” group has historically been a representative voice for the community with organisations such as Visit Scotland and similar, but has had to be more independent recently due to the lessening input from these national bodies.

4. IMPLICATIONS

4.1	Policy	The reporting allows monitoring of the performance of the partnership thereby demonstrating the achievement of the key aspects of the SOA
4.2	Financial	None,
4.3	Legal	None
4.4	HR	None
4.5	Equalities	None.
4.5	Risk	None
4.6	Customer Service	None

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SOA Theme	Topic	Issue and Actions	Comment	Outcomes/ Indicators
The economy is diverse and thriving	PA23 BID Argyll and the Isles Tourism Partnership	The PA23 BID committee running a considerable number of events in 2014 to promote economic growth Has created a successful umbrella brand focussing on specific events.	The first event being publicised is on 31 May and is a weekend event with a Fun day and Market, a vintage car rally, a 5K road race and a kids sprint. Strong web presence has been developed and will in the future provide the infrastructure to promote events.	
Education Skills and training Maximises opportunities for all.	Commonwealth Baton	The baton will be brought through Dunoon on 13 th July.	A “Commonwealth games” event has been arranged in Sandbank, it is hoped that this will complement a number of other events arranged over the summer.	
Children and young people have the best possible start.	Come-and-try-athlon	This idea is being promoted by PA23 BID as a taster for a number of sports		
We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth.	Burgh Hall Queens Hall Hopscotch ticket Why come to Dunoon	The Hall is closing for approx. 18 months; Funding is in place with a 250K donation from John McAslan. Currently open but scheduled to close for refurbishment at the end of the year. It is hoped to arrange an all-day bus pass for the Area. A study is being commissioned to undertake a feasibility study of the off road cycling routes and how	Both halls are being well used and work is being undertaken to minimise the disruption to regular patrons, There are a number of planning applications relating to sites which are near both halls which will be considered by PPSL – not all will be suitable. Work is ongoing in this area by both members and transport staff. It is hoped that this study will then lead to projects being taken forward under the umbrella of the Coast and Countryside Fund and similar.	

		to tie this to other sports and locations.		
People live active healthier and independent lives	Off road cycling On road cycling Foot-Golf	The Group is seeking to promote an off road cycling path. The group is working with a number of CCs to promote a road route as well as the route above. This game is being launched on 24 th May.	This route is a circuit between Kilmun and Rubha near Kames it is hoped that it will bring family cyclists to the area. One of the key indicators is that events be sustainable – and each of these is being looked at in this context, i.e. they will only survive if supported.	
People live in safer and stronger communities.	WW1 commemoration BBQ event 5 th July	The Commemoration this year is to be marked with special solemnity. There is an “untold stories” project for those involved in WW1 being done by libraries. Promoted by PA23 BID this is community event.	There is a steering group who are coordinating this event since it is the centenary, the British Legion are the lead agency. Communities are being asked to bring items for copying/scanning for preservation.	