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MINUTES of MEETING of KINTYRE INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP held in the TOWN HALL, CAMPBELTOWN on FRIDAY, 27 JUNE 2014

Present:

(Chair)
Councillor Rory Colville
Councillor John Semple

Attending

Shirley MacLeod	Area Governance Manager
Stuart Green	Economic Development Officer
David Adams McGilp	Visit Scotland
Susan Paterson	KFCC, KPPF and Shoppers Aide
Pauline Houston	PA to Jamie McGrigor
Ann Gallacher	Argyll and Bute Employability Team
Margaret Wallace	Argyll Voluntary Action
Harvard Davis	Campbeltown Community Business Ltd
Jane Mayo	Campbeltown Community Business Ltd
Jim Martin	Campbeltown Community Council

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated by:-

Councillor Anne Horn
Councillor Robin Currie
Alan Reid MP
Michael Russell MSP
Jamie McGrigor MSP
Donald Melville
Grenville Johnston
Simon Richmond

2. MINUTES

The Minute of the previous meeting held on 25 April 2014 was approved as a true record.

The Chair advised that the MacMillan Cancer presentation would now be coming to the meeting scheduled for October 2014.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no Matters Arising.

4. LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN - PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

The group heard an update by Stuart Green, Senior Development Officer and David Adams McGilp, Visit Scotland.

The Chair thanked both Stuart and David for their updated and invited discussion from the group on the Economic Development Action Plan (EDAP).

Discussion followed and the group gave consideration to the following issues:-

Community Action Plans and the need to revisit these with further input from the local community.

Local housing requirements to be given consideration.

Effective marketing of the Marina project.

Methodology to address the population decline.

Correlation and joint working of the local tourist groups in the area.

Attract workers to the area to work in Social Care and the local Hospital

Ensure the necessary infrastructure is in place to accommodate additional workers

David Adams McGilp pointed out that Explore Campbeltown had been explicit that they did not wish any public sector support and as such, Visit Scotland could not engage with them unless there was a change in attitude or policy. He continued that they were a membership organisation and local businesses all received the same measure of advertising.

The group highlighted that the Wee Picture House was not included on the EDAP and requested that this be addressed to ensure adequate financial support. Further discussion ensued under which success measure this was best placed and the group agreed to request within Town Centre/Heritage Regeneration in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands.

Jane Mayo highlighted the Cultural Heritage and Arts group in Argyll and Bute and drew attention to plans for a Board to be set up which would have 10 different activities represented. She suggested that the group formulate ideas and initiatives to be put forward.

The Chair suggested that the SKDT actively try and engage with local communities and Community councils to work cohesively in trying to identify local issues with reference to the EDAP in Kintyre. Councillor Semple stated the he did not subscribe to a single organisation being the focal point and that they may lose sight of other initiatives.

Shirley MacLeod drew attention to the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) and the 6 key outcomes which formed the Strategic Plan. She emphasised that a lot of work needed to be undertaken to ensure the success of these outcomes for the Kintyre area.

The Chair stated that the group had achieved a good debate highlighting and giving consideration to the many issues raised.

Action: The Area Governance Manager would compile a report requesting that the Wee Picture House be included on the EDAP and for this to be given consideration at a future MAKI Area Committee meeting. She would clarify from the Item Tracker which meeting the EDAP was scheduled to be brought to.

The group also agreed that a letter be provided to the Wee Picture House indicating support for the project, and indicating that a request had been made for this to be included in the EDAP.

Decision

The group agreed to note the update.

5. PARTNER UPDATES - FOR NOTING

HIE

There was no update received from HIE

Business Gateway

A report was provided and noted.

The Picture House

The development phase had commenced and recent meeting had been held with Heritage Lottery, Historic Scotland, Creative Scotland and HIE. Documentation had been found in the archives which were of interest to national experts. The recent satellite downloads at the Picture House were proving popular. These included opera and ballet. Jane reiterated the need to get through the next few months and urged supporting the local funding initiatives which would be undertaken.

SKDT

Tenders for the Town Hall would be finalised this week and four had been returned. Work was due to commence at the end of July, 2014 and a new Development Manager was in place with a volunteer coordinator.

Ferry Sub-Group

Councillor Semple reported that the new improved timetable was in place, making for easier weekend travel. The permanent road signs had been erected with the last one due at Kennacraig.

He highlighted the new marketing initiatives implemented by CalMac, a calendar of events and the proposed orientation for CalMac staff on local facilities and attractions in Campbeltown. By undertaking this, it was hoped that CalMac staff would be conversant and able to provide detailed tourist information.

He verified that a representative from Transport Scotland – Cheryl Murrie- would be attending the next meeting of both the KIWG and the Ferry Sub-Group on 29 August.

The issue of more informative signage at Ardrossan was raised and Councillor Semple suggested that this be raised at the August meeting.

Exception Report – CSF

The report was noted.

Argyll College

There was no report and Dhonna McCallum had intimated her apologies.

Kintyre Way

There was no update.

Argyll Voluntary Action

Margaret advised that 12 people had attended the Volunteer Management Training held at Lochgilphead on 21st May.

She continued that AVA Community Shop grants have been awarded to five local groups. These were Dalintober & Millknowe Tenants & Residents Association

Carradale Seniors, Messy Church at Lorne and Lowland, Southend Afternoon Club and Kintyre Amenity Trust

She reported that the Volunteer of the Year awards had been held at Kilmory on 13th June and the local winner was Lesley Mitchell.

Decision

The group agreed to note the updates provided

6. ROADS ISSUES

A report updating the group on various roads issues was tabled at the meeting.

Jim Martin drew attention to the recently resurfaced road works at Moss Road and advised on problems arising from this.

Action: The Area Governance Manager would take this issue to the Roads Performance Manager.

7. ALIGNMENT WITH MAKI CPP - TERMS OF REFERENCE AND NAME

The Chair requested that the group give consideration to the Terms of Reference report.

Decision

The group agreed:

1. That it would be renamed the Kintyre Initiative Partnership.
2. That consideration of the recommendation at 2.4 would be decided at the next meeting.
3. That the Membership would be amended at 3 of Appendix 1 as follows – Representatives of community voluntary organisations.

8. MAKI COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

The Chair advised that the next meeting of the Community Planning Group was scheduled for:-

3 September 2014

in the Community Centre, Campbeltown.

Details of the next meeting were noted.

9. A.O.B.

The Chair invited updated around the table:-

Jim Martin reported that there were 2 forthcoming events at MACC – Mach Rall1 and Drumlemble Homecoming. They were looking to attract more inward investments and potential office usage by Argyll and Bute Council.

Stuart Green reported that the Marina Facility had gone to Full Business Case as agreed at full Council on 26 June. Work would hopefully be undertaken between January and March 2015 and open for the 2014 sailing season. Argyll and Bute Council would own the site and a tender would be put out to secure an operator to lease the Marina.

David Adams McGilp reiterated the need for effective customer service at the Marina and highlighted that this gave Campbeltown an opportunity to 'shine'. The Marina was placed in a good pivotal position with the chance to attract the sailing fraternity to the new Marina facility. He reported on business visits to both Brussels and Italy which would provide the opportunity to showcase Scotland's Tourism to full effect.

Susan Paterson highlighted the new staffing in place at Shoppers Aide.

Pauline Houston reported that Jamie McGrigor was still heavily involved with issues at the Rest and Be Thankful

The Chair requested that the Membership list for the group be reviewed.

There was no other business and the Chair thanked the group for their attendance and updates.

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