

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held  
in the CORRAN HALLS, OBAN  
on WEDNESDAY, 11 JUNE 2014**

**Present:** Councillor Elaine Robertson (Chair)

Councillor Roddy McCuish                      Councillor Neil Macintyre  
Councillor Duncan MacIntyre

**Attending:** Iain Jackson, Argyll and Bute Council  
Laura MacDonald, Argyll and Bute Council  
Don McAllister, Argyll and Bute Council  
Eddie Renfrew, Scottish Fire and Rescue  
Julie McLeish, Police Scotland  
Carol Muir, NHS Highland  
Caroline Henderson, NHS Highland  
Linda Currie, NHS Highland  
Susan Gray, Scotia Gas  
Robyn, Scotia Gas  
Iona MacPhail, ACHA  
Cathi Bertin, Befrienders  
Marri Malloy, Oban Community Council  
Jessie MacFarlane, Oban Community Council  
Duncan Martin, Oban Community Council

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Glenn Heritage, Argyll Voluntary Action and Shona Horn, Scottish and Southern Power.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There was no declarations of interest intimated.

**3. MINUTES - OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP - 12 MARCH 2014**

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014 were approved as a correct record.

**4. OUTCOME 1. IN ARGYLL AND BUTE THE ECONOMY IS DIVERSE AND THRIVING**

**5. OUTCOME 2. WE HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SUPPORTS SUSTAINABLE GROWTH**

**(a) SCOTTISH & SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION (HYDRO)**

It was agreed that Shona Horn from Scottish and Southern Power would come to the Community Planning Group on 10<sup>th</sup> September to give her presentation.

**(b) SCOTTISH WATER**

This item was continued to the September 2014 meeting where

Joanna Peebles, the new Regional Community Team Manager will again be invited to attend.

(c) **SCOTIA GAS**

Members heard from Susan Gray of Scotia Gas on the opening up of the gas market in Oban.

**Decision**

Members noted the information provided.

(Ref: Presentation by Susan Gray dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014, submitted).

(d) **ACHA**

Iona MacPhail from ACHA updated the Group on the new properties at Catalina Avenue, Oban, she advised that these properties are for transfer applicants only as this will help to get a turnover of the housing stock in Oban. She updated on the open day for the community which took place at Menzies House and there was also an online survey. She informed the Group that there are 8 new builds in Connel, she also advised that the 2 properties in Bonawe are in the process of being let to families with young children.

Iona advised there is an overwhelming demand for housing in Oban, she stated that ACHA still own 532 properties in Oban which included 69 in Longsdale, 71 in Dunollie and 31 in Millpark. She advised that only 29 properties were let out in Oban last year and another 33 in the villages. ACHA had received over 1000 applications for the Lorn area and this was putting a heavy administrative burden on ACHA.

She reported to the Group that ACHA have had 2 anti-social behaviour cases in court recently, 1 was for noise and disturbance and the tenant received an ASBO for a period of 3 years. The other was for a drug dealing issue.

The Group noted the information provided.

**6. OUTCOME 3. EDUCATION, SKILLS AND TRAINING MAXIMISES OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL**

(a) **EDUCATION STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT**

The group considered a report on the progress being made within Education in Argyll and Bute.

**Decision**

1. The group noted the information provided; and
2. The Group agreed that this was a very important report and that it should be brought back for further more in depth discussion to the September Community Planning Group.

(Ref: Report by the Quality Standards Manager dated 30 April 2014)

– submitted).

**7. OUTCOME 4. IN ARGYLL AND BUTE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THE BEST POSSIBLE START**

**8. OUTCOME 5. PEOPLE LIVE ACTIVE, HEALTHIER AND INDEPENDENT LIVES**

**(a) NHS HIGHLAND**

Food and Healthy Weight

The Group heard an update and presentation on healthy weight by Carol Muir, Senior Health Promotion Specialist – Community Development.

**Decision**

The Group noted the partnership working activity and the contents of the paper in relation to healthy weight.

(Ref: Report by the Senior Health Promotion Specialist, dated May 2014, submitted).

Reshaping Care for Older People

The Group heard a presentation from Caroline Henderson of NHS Highland in regards to reshaping care for older people.

She spoke about the case for change, the strategic vision and the development of Argyll and Bute.

Caroline advised she is willing to speak to communities along with Shaun Paul Davidson, to give them more information on reshaping care for older people.

**Decision**

The Group noted the information provided.

(Ref: Presentation by Caroline Henderson dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014, submitted).

Ross of Mull and Iona Doctors

Caroline Henderson updated the Group on the current position in Mull.

She advised that the NHS have successfully recruited GP's for 2 of the 3 surgeries in Mull and they are due to take up the posts in October. There is ongoing discussion about the surgery in Bunessan and how cover can be provided for that surgery.

**Decision**

1. The Group noted the information provided; and
2. It was agreed that a further update would come back to the September Community Planning Group.

(Ref: Verbal update by Caroline Henderson dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014, submitted).

(b) **ARGYLL VOLUNTARY ACTION**

Unfortunately Glenn Heritage submitted her apologies for this meeting but submitted a report detailing training and events undertaken, consultations and good news by Argyll Voluntary Action.

**Decision**

The Group noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Glenn Heritage, Argyll Voluntary Action dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014, submitted).

(c) **BEFRIENDERS**

The group received a very informative presentation from Cathy Bertin on the befriending project for young people /children in the area.

The group asked a number of questions and were provided with detailed answers and an information leaflet.

Cathi advised that there will be a pilot project starting next week in Helensburgh for someone to be employed for 6 months to help out with Befrienders and if this is successful they will be looking to employ someone in each area to cover children between 5-16.

**Decision**

The Group noted the information provided.

(Ref: Verbal update by Cathi Bertin dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014, submitted).

**9. OUTCOME 6. PEOPLE LIVE IN SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES**

(a) **POLICE SCOTLAND**

Julie McLeish of Police Scotland updated the Group on the recent structure changes which have been in place for a couple of months, she advised that Chief Inspector Baillie has settled into her post well.

She reported that they have been looking into razor clam fishing as there have been a few issues with this and it is a real danger to people.

Julie updated the Group on the incident that took place at Tiree

Airport where the wind caught a plane and the plane had to crash land, she advised no one was injured.

She reported on the road closures which took place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May and advised that Police Scotland are now looking into a number of proposals to help with traffic management when a road has to be closed for a period of time following an accident. They are carrying out a feasibility study to ensure all diversion routes are safe and that there is a clear communications strategy via media and signage to help manage the situation.

The Group noted the information provided.

**(b) SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE**

Eddie Renfrew from Scottish Fire and Rescue advised the Group that they had met most of the targets in the Fire Plan for 2013/14.

He advised that they are considering starting “cook safety” courses in sheltered housing complexes as there are a number of false alarms.

He advised that there is an actors group called “Home Sweet Home” that could deliver Community safety based plays in the area. There is a cost of approximately £600 for which funding may be available.

The Group noted the information provided and agreed that further enquiry should be made into the possibility of inviting ‘Home Sweet Home’ to this area.

**(c) HIGHLIGHT/EXCEPTIONS REPORT - OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

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

**Decision**

The Group noted the work undertaken.

(Ref: Report by Area Governance Officer dated June 2014, submitted).

**10. ISSUES RAISED BY COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

Marri Malloy of Oban Community Council raised the issue of the article that appeared in the Oban Times a couple of weeks ago about Costa Coffee coming to Oban. She is extremely disappointed in the way in which the matter was reported by the Oban Times as it did not properly reflect the way in which it was dealt with by the Community Council at their meeting.

**11. ISSUES RAISED BY THIRD SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS**

There were no issues raised by Third Sector Partnerships.

**12. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP EVENTS**

The group considered a report which informed the Area Community Planning Group on the data gathered at the Area Forum events as part of the engagement on the Single Outcome Agreement 2013.

**Decision**

1. The Group noted the information provided; and
2. Agreed to take this item back to the September meeting as we had limited time to discuss it.

(Ref: Report by the Community Development Manager, dated 12 May 2014, submitted).

**13. AOCB**

There was no other business discussed.

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2014**