

Taking forward outcomes from community engagement

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The community engagement report at the last meeting highlighted where there could be improvements made to the Bute and Cowal area and it was suggested that a small sub group be formed to discuss this in more detail ahead of the next Area Community Planning Group meeting.
- 1.2 This report recommends that the work of the sub group continues, its remit is refined and its membership increase following considerations so far. The future of the sub group will be focussed on progressing partnership working on needs of the community.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Area Community Planning Group members are asked to:
 - Note that a working group met to discuss the highlights of the engagement report.
 - Agree that further work is needed to locally progress important issues for the community.
 - Agree that the sub group continues as a formal working group of the Area Community Planning group and that it reports quarterly.
 - Nominate relevant partners of the Area Community Planning Group.

3 DETAIL

- 3.1 At the meeting of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group on 3 June 2014 a report highlighting the results of the community engagement work for the Community Planning Partnership's Single Outcome Agreement was discussed.
- 3.2 An action to meet and further discuss what could be progressed to address the points raised in the consultation was proposed.
- 3.3 A small sub group consisting of members (see attached appendix A) has twice met, on 8 July and 14 August. The group looked at the following:
 - Detail in the community engagement response.

- What exists and what could exist in Bute and Cowal to meet the 6 outcomes of the SOA.
- Potential partners in the area.
- A workable way forward.

3.4 The group concluded the following:

- The matters raised by the community as key issues for the Bute and Cowal area are linked to outcomes within the SOA. (see attached appendix B)
- There are many current actions, towards meeting outcomes, within the SOA that are not at a Bute and Cowal level and there is a need to develop these. (see attached appendix B)
- The sub group needs to continue and be a working group building on partnership working.
- There should not be any replication with existing groups.
- There is a need to focus on a couple of priorities and take these forward.
- There is a potential link with the team town concept put forward at the Area Committee and a need to meet and discuss how to join the work of the sub group to this.
- The group could have a number of partners engaged related to priorities who report back to the sub group.
- The sub group needs to remain linked to the area community planning group and report back to this quarterly.
- Cycle pathways is a potential priority area to focus on.
- Relevant partners are needed to participate.

3.5 It is therefore recommended that:

- A short term working group is established under the Area Community Planning Group.
- The work will relate to a local, bottom up approach, to the SOA.
- The Short Term Working Group will focus on 2 or 3 priority areas which will allow projects to move forward and will allow positive updates.
- There should be a meeting with those involved in the concept of Team Town to explore linkages from the outset.
- Partners involved should be committed and have a degree of control over local resources.

4 CONCLUSION

4.1 There is a need to develop solutions to key priorities for Bute and Cowal highlighted in the recent engagement work for the SOA.

4.2 A formal sub group of the Area Community Planning Group should be established with relevant partners to progress locally priority areas for the community.

Appendix A

Members of the sub group. Note these will not all continue to be members moving forward.

The following were members:

Max Barr

Cllr Breslin

Lorna Elliott

Rona Gold

Liz Marion

Paul Robertson

Samantha Quarton

Appendix B

	Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 3	Outcome 4	Outcome 5	Outcome 6
Number of Short Term Outcomes	32	22	35	52	30	23
Number purely Bute & Cowal	2	2	0	0	0	0
Number excluding Bute & Cowal	6	1	1	0	0	0
Number Argyll & Bute wide	24	19	34	52	30	23

Topic discussed from engagement	Points made	Solutions and suggestions put forward	SOA outcome
Tourism	<p>Haven't set marketing project</p> <p>Promote high end tourism</p> <p>Lack of websites promoting Bute.</p>	<p>Cowal Marketing Group exists</p> <p>Forward Dunoon and Cowal has had good ideas but no way of implementing them.</p> <p>Need feet on the ground to provide work.</p> <p>Sea Kayaking trail.</p> <p>Potential for running and cycling to be more.</p> <p>Need to explore employment opportunities for a tourism person.</p>	<p>SHORT TERM OUTCOME: 1.6 To ensure we have a robust tourism sector with an extended season, a higher value proposition and increased turnover.</p>

Housing	Needing appropriate size		SHORT TERM OUTCOME 2.4 To ensure that housing supports future economic success and a growing population
Partners: Things happening but not working:	Need for small businesses - odd jobs etc. How do you promote small business starts? Business Gateway has no funding for small business start-ups. Contact centres in Bute and Rothesay find it difficult to recruit people? Mechanics also are difficult to get locally.	MacLeods did a good thing for business start-ups in Campbeltown. Where is the information to say what the employment need is in Bute and Cowal?	SHORT TERM OUTCOME 1.1 To achieve business growth and additional employment opportunities. SHORT TERM OUTCOME: 1.7 To create an environment where levels of entrepreneurship are increased
Transport	Ferries Rest and be thankful No integration of transport	Subsidies – would be good for Young Scotcard to apply	SHORT TERM OUTCOME 2.1 The transport connectivity across Argyll and Bute is improved
Digital infrastructure	More broadband and mobile reception		SHORT TERM OUTCOME 2.2 The digital connectivity across Argyll and Bute is improved
Provision of education	Lack of provision	Support for long distance learning	3.2 To ensure education and skills training opportunities are aligned to economic development opportunities both within Argyll and Bute and nationally

Transport for education	Needs to be subsidised. Cancellation impacts teaching staff attending work.	Matching empty properties in ACHA with teaching staff in winter. Can we take this forward?	SHORT TERM OUTCOME 2.1 The transport connectivity across Argyll and Bute is improved
Affordability of education and learning	Need for more funding		3.6 To provide the skills needed for our residents to progress in their working and learning lives enabling them to contribute effectively to our communities
Staffing for education and learning	Mismatch of existing skills and employment?	Need an exercise to look at this.	
Provision of activities and care for young people	Lack of after school care Limited care in schools	Need partnership agreement with someone who can provide wrap-around care. Need to map childcare provision. Patchwork nursery closes term time. Need an evidence base that there is a provision issue (Including Inverclyde). Child care training?	SHORT TERM OUTCOME 4.6 All our children have increased opportunities and are encouraged to participate in play, recreation and sport.
Engagement with young people	Lack of meaningful conversations with young people	Youth forum is a good way to engage. KEY TASK: Identify the different groups that should be working	SHORT TERM OUTCOME 4.6 All our children have increased opportunities and are encouraged to participate in play, recreation and sport.

		together. Need to tap in to experience of older people in community (50-70yrs).	
Transport	The need to travel to health care	Community Council has £700 aprox. from CCF fund to explore potential.	SHORT TERM OUTCOME 2.1 The transport connectivity across Argyll and Bute is improved
Health for Older People	Need to have more facilities locally	Need to review care Befriending	SHORT TERM OUTCOME 5.1 People are empowered to maintain their independence and are an integral part of their local communities. (include environ, physical disability)
Transport	Summer is big time for increased road traffic accidents		SHORT TERM OUTCOME 6.4 Improve environment, transport and fire safety
Fear of engagement	Young people not engaging with the police		SHORT TERM OUTCOME 6.6 Stronger, resilient and more involved communities
Services for people's safety in community	Lack of knowledge of services	Need communication on this	SHORT TERM OUTCOME 6.6 Stronger, resilient and more involved communities