ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL CUSTOMER SERVICES

Mid Argyll Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group September 2014

Mid Argyll Partnership Highlight/Exception report to Area Community Planning Group

1. SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this Paper is to update the Mid Argyll Area Community Planning Group regarding the main pieces of work undertaken by the Mid Argyll Partnership in the last reporting period.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Area Community Planning Group:-

- 2.1 Note that the Mid Argyll Partnership 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);
- 2.3 Note that the group is considering its current remit and how it aligns with the Single Outcome Agreement, and;
- 2.4 Consider whether there are any specific tasks or issues which it wishes the Mid Argyll Partnership to undertake or review.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Mid Argyll Partnership is a partnership focusing on business and community development issues as well as community issues within the mid-Argyll area and undertakes various pieces of work in this arena. The Partnership reports progress back to the Area Community Planning Group.
- 3.2 The Partnership has historically been a very useful representative voice for the vulnerable in our communities with strong representation coming from Community Councils. In order to improve the outcomes from the group in dealing with the broader community planning remit under the Single Outcome Agreement, it is hoped to expand membership of the group both to representatives of the business community as well as the third sector. The original terms of reference are being used as a basis for this process. The Partnership last met on Wednesday11th June 2014.

4. IMPLICATIONS

5.1 **Policy** Adoption of the proposal will assist in delivery and reporting of aspects of the SOA and the Community Plan

5.2 **Financial** None,

5.3 Legal None

5.4 **HR** None

5.5 **Equalities** None.

5.6 **Risk** None

5.7 **Customer Service** None

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SOA Theme	Topic	Issue and Actions	Comment	Outcomes/ Indicators	
The economy is diverse and thriving	CCs	The Planning Training provided at the previous meeting was discussed and seen as very beneficial.	The Community Council role in the process can by advising on where any=d what type of houses should be built, ensure a diverse economy		
	LEDAP 2013-18	There was significant input on the Local Economic Development Plan at this meeting.	The LEDAP is an important strategy to ensure that the SOA deliverables are successfully met, including the main aim of reversing the declining population 12m has been set aside to assist local businesses.		
	Inverary Community Company	The Inverary CC has worked with the local community to set up the ICC as an SCIO which can take ownership of community Assets both now and in the future.			
Children and young people have the best possible start.	Ardrishaig,	Youth services spoke to the engagement processes in place for engaging with young people there is also a short life working group considering these issues.			
	Youth Services		Roanna and Raymond are happy to advise CCs re youth engagement.		
	Viking Invasion	One of the major events this summer is the Viking Festival which it is hopes will be successful	There are a number of legacies of this festival, not least of which is the building of a Viking Longship		
We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth.	Amenity Services	A presentation was given outlining the challenges facing the service and how it can be addressed.	It is hopes that the Community empowerment legislation will assist in providing a framework for initiatives such as the ICC going forward in the future.		
	LEADAP	There is Major regeneration for 2014/15 Bowmore and			

	CARS Lighting in Lochgilphead	Lochgilphead tow centres are Planned along with Kilmartin Museum. .Joint working between ACHA and PO is ongoing. The Issue re lights around the old school site has now been addressed.	Argyll Homes for All is also on Track.	
People live in safer and stronger communities.	TOR	The group continue to consider their terms of reference and membership to improve inclusivity.	The Group members took the TOR back to their respective CCs for further discussion.	
	Community Development Event	The group heard an update from the Community development Officer re community priorities as chosen by the communities at a number of events.	These priorities are reflected in the SOA showing that it is on track.	
	Area updates	A round of updates was received; The new CCs are now in place and active.	A number of issues were progressed and the CCs were asked to highlight the use of the CommunityCouncils@argyll-bute.gov.uk inbox so that issues can be dealt with as they arise rather than waiting until the Next meeting	
	Community Safety	CSF exception report was provided.		
We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth.	Community Planning	Amenity Services Presentation. The Service Manager gave a presentation showing the challenges facing the service both in terms of cost and workload; He explained that a new paradigm was needed where the council made agreements with communities about which community assets	This is an issue which will continue for the foreseeable future, and takes seriously the idea of community empowerment without minimising the risks and challenges.	

CC Insurance	to preserve and how it should be done. Several Community Councils were concerned about the extent of their potential liability when compared with the extent	The outcome was that the consensus was that the cover was better than had been thought and that issues could always be addressed if a question was asked. Policy	
CPP events	of their insurance cover. This was discussed at length. There have been a number of CPP events in the last reporting	documents were circulated following the meeting. These events were very useful providing a commonality of thought with against which the CPP partners can measure themselves.	
	period with 600 attendees.		