## **Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**

Bute & Cowal
Area Community Planning Group

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2104

Agenda Item [for office use]



## **SOA Local Development Action Plan Phase 2 Update**

### 1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of the report is to update Area Community Planning Group members on progress relating to the development of the SOA Local: Bute & Cowal

#### 2. Recommendations

The Area Community Planning Group is requested to:

- 2.1 note the findings of the focus group
- 2.2 consider nominating members to participate in the working group which will take forward the development of the SOA Local: Bute & Cowal

### 3. Background

- 3.1 Community Planning in Argyll and Bute needed to have a local focus. The Action Plan considered at the September Area CPG meeting set out the approach that is being taken to developing the SOA Local: Bute & Cowal
- 3.2 The Action Plan is split into phases
  - Phase 1 preparation
  - Phase 2 mapping existing activity
  - Phase 3 development

#### 4. Detail

- 4.1 A focus group was held at Castle House, Dunoon 14:00-16:30 on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November and was attended by 11 CPP partners and representatives from third sector and community organisations.
- 4.2 The purpose of the focus group was to:
  - Review the priorities and overall conclusions in the local Argyll &

- Bute: A Good Place to Live, Work and Play Report.
- Review the mapping of actions in the SOA Delivery Plans against the topics highlighted and discussed during the community consultation events carried out in January/February 2014
- Consider ways to ensure that local community initiatives can link into the SOA Local
- 4.2 A summary of findings relating to each of the highlighted topics can be found in the attached supplementary information (Appendix 1), which formed the basis of the discussions at the focus group.
- 4.3 The group also identified a number of potential initiatives which would cut across a number of the SOA outcomes and could perhaps be incorporated into the SOA Local: Bute and Cowal, with support from a number of community planning partners. Participants in the focus group were enthused by the opportunity to progress exciting developments, such as those identified, by working more closely in partnership, and to see local actions coming to fruition, and making the local Community Planning Group a more positive and meaningful experience. Further information on this is included as supplementary information (Appendix 2).
- 4.3 The information gathered will be used to inform the development of the SOA Local: Bute & Cowal. A number of points were made pertaining to the process of developing a local SOA, and there was a clear desire to focus on addressing issues pertinent to Bute and Cowal. Wider public engagement was proposed, as well as close liaison with the recently formed Health and Social Care Partnership.
- 4.3 The group also considered ways of including wider community initiatives into the SOA Local: Bute & Cowal. The draft process will be refined during Phase Three of the Action Plan
- 4.4 Phase 2 of the action plan is now complete.
- 4.5 Phase 3 will take place during January and February 2015. It will include a working group which will meet on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2015 to review the draft SOA Local: Bute & Cowal document and to further consider way of including wider community initiatives into the SOA Local: Bute & Cowal
- 4.6 A proposal was made for the Community Planning Group to consider how other post-industrial holiday towns, such as Scarborough and Margate, are addressing issues of deprivation, and to consider sharing good practice with Bute and Cowal.

#### 5. Conclusions

- 5.1 The work of the focus group provided valuable information which will be incorporated into the development of the SOA Local: Bute & Cowal.
- 5.2 Phase 3 will take forward the development of the SOA Local: Bute & Cowal.

#### 6. SOA Outcomes

6.1 The report relates to all 6 SOA Outcomes

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# **Supplementary Information**

Appendix 1 – Summary of focus group findings

Appendix 2 - Potential "Big Projects" for Bute & Cowal

# Appendix 1

Bute and Cowal - Outcome 1: The Economy is diverse and thriving							
Topic Highlighted	Short Term Outcome	Code	Action being taken forward	What do we know is being done locally?	What are the gaps? What still needs to be done?		
Marketing and the need to improve promotion of the area	To ensure our towns, villages and rural communities are economically dynamic, sustainable and connected building on their distinct opportunities	1.2.2	Develop a cross-sectoral (Private, Public and Third sectors) Action Plan to attract new residents to Dunoon and Cowal	• Planned mountain bike trail to attract people to the area; help local businesses; and make it an attractive place to live and visit	<ul> <li>Bute needs a unique selling point to market it.</li> <li>Learn from other rural local authorities</li> </ul>		
	To create the right environment where more people choose to live, work, visit and invest in Argyll and Bute	1.3.1	Raise awareness nationally of the qualities and attractiveness of Argyll and Bute as a location for investing, working, living, studying and visiting	Use of social media and Twitter to advertise jobs within travelling distance	Difficult to recruit teachers / NHS professionals for high school education or for Health – Relocation packages?		
		1.3.1	Raise awareness nationally of the qualities and attractiveness of Argyll and Bute as a location for investing, working, living, studying and visiting		Target activities for younger people to visit & hopefully to attract them to live here		
		1.3.3	To deliver new signage / branding for our main gateways to Argyll and Bute (road, rail, ferry and air)	• Signage <b>not</b> a high priority due to the National Park signage.			
Barriers to small business development and the need for support and infrastructure	To achieve business growth and additional employment opportunities	1.1.2	Support an increase in international trade through more businesses trading internationally and businesses increasing international turnover		'Buy local' – brand –     businesses should buy     local/buy Argyll & Bute (eg     Bristol Pound currency type     project)		
		1.1.4	Support Business Growth (including social enterprise) through HIE / SE account management and Business Gateway (BG)				

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Topic Highlighted	Short Term Outcome	Code	Action being taken forward	What do we know is being done locally?	What are the gaps? What still needs to be done?
particular focus on farming, tourism and ex income deprivation va	To ensure we have a robust tourism sector with an extended season, a higher value proposition and increased turnover	1.6.1	Secure and maintain ongoing sustainability of the Argyll and Isles Tourism Co-operative Ltd (AITC) to further develop the tourism value chain linked to the area's unique heritage, provenance and authenticity		Jobs in tourism could be developed but need to expand tourist season.
	To ensure that Argyll and Bute is recognised nationally and internationally as a location for marine education, research and business	1.4.1	Increase awareness of marine employment, education and business opportunities through engagement with SAMS and all local stakeholders		
	To ensure education and skills training opportunities are aligned to economic development opportunities within Argyll and Bute and	3.2.1	Improve the alignment of education and training with business requirements and the economic opportunities in Argyll and Bute	Links with Clydeview     Academy, Gourock to train     together by VC and enable     sharing of teachers/access     to subjects	
	nationally		Encourage local apprenticeships and training programmes which align with the demands of the local job market		• Support 3 existing employers to take on apprenticeships (Browns, McNee, Shaws)
	Our partners work together to ensure that we mitigate against the effects of poverty across Argyll and Bute	5.6.7	Adverse impacts of welfare reform are minimised		
Land ownership, community buy outs and land release	To optimise our public assets to best facilitate economic growth	2.7.2	Develop policy framework which maximises economic benefits from our surplus land and building assets (pilot Bute)  To develop a marketing strategy to	<ul> <li>Lots of community land ownership in Bute &amp; Cowal (eg CGDT; Castle Toward)</li> <li>South Cowal Community</li> </ul>	

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				done locally?	still needs to be done?			
			dispose of public sector surplus property	Development Company –				
			and land	Castle Toward				
		2.8.3	Ensure that there is sufficient business					
			land available to develop					

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				done locally?	still needs to be done?
Transport issues were	The transport connectivity	2.1.2	To produce a Local Development Plan		• Ferry access, not just the
highlighted with a	across Argyll and Bute is		Action Programme with a focus on		boat but the road to the
focus on the A83,	improved		economic growth for Argyll and Bute		boat! (Bridge to Bute!)
ferries and the need			covering essential services, connectivity		Rhubodach? Wemyss Bay
for integration			including road, integrated transport, rail,		boat – why not call at
			ferries, ports, air, active travel, digital		Dunoon?
			technology and grid. CHORD, TIF and		
			Maritime Change Programme.		
Health care and the	People are empowered to	5.1.1	Continue to shift the balance of care from		
need to travel some	maintain their independence		institutional to community based settings		
distance to access	and are an integral part of				
some health care	their local communities				
services					
Broadband the slow	The digital connectivity	2.2.1	Deliver the roll out of high speed next		
roll out has an impact	across Argyll and Bute is		generation broadband		
on small business	improved				
growth and inbound					
mobility	The distribution of the	2.2.2	West State of the Control of the Con		
Mobile Phone signal is	The digital connectivity	2.2.2	Work with key agencies to improve		
poor in many areas	across Argyll and Bute is		coverage and quality of mobile phone		
hindering small business	improved		signals		
growth and inbound					
mobility					
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Housing needs	To ensure that housing	2.4.1	To preserve and expand the supply of		
including affordability,	supports future economic		good quality housing units across all		
location, size of	success and a growing		tenures to enable population growth		
property were raised	population	2.4.1	To preserve and expand the supply of		
			good quality housing units across all		

Bute and Cowal - Outco	Bute and Cowal - Outcome 2: We have infrastructure that supports growth							
Topic Highlighted	Short Term Outcome	Code	Action being taken forward	What do we know is being	What are the gaps? What			
				done locally?	still needs to be done?			
			tenures to enable population growth					
		2.4.3	Increase the supply of housing					
			development opportunities within Argyll					
			and Bute					
		2.4.4	Ensure the development planning					
			process supports the development of					
			housing in Argyll and Bute					
	People are empowered to	5.1.6	Maintain a new build social housing					
	maintain their independence		programme including housing for varying					
	and are an integral part of		needs to enable people to live more					
	their local communities		independently					

Bute and Cowal - Outco	Bute and Cowal - Outcome 3: Education, skills and training maximises opportunities for all							
Topic Highlighted	Short Term Outcome	Code	Action being taken forward	What do we know is being done locally?	What are the gaps? What still needs to be done?			
Barriers to education including the need to leave the area to access further/higher education, cost of travel and teachers travelling from the mainland to islands to work were discussed	To ensure education and skills training opportunities are aligned to economic development opportunities within Argyll and Bute and nationally	3.2.7	Develop a curriculum for Argyll College which is responsive to local needs	Are there training providers other than Argyll College who deliver in Bute & Cowal?	<ul> <li>Can Argyll College detail what they have identified as "local needs" for Bute &amp; Cowal?</li> <li>Need to attract young people to return to the area AFTER training.</li> <li>Training for setting up a new business</li> </ul>			
Skills and training needs including work experience the need to access training locally, a mismatch of skills and available employment were highlighted	To ensure education and skills training opportunities are aligned to economic development opportunities within Argyll and Bute and nationally	3.2.1	Improve the alignment of education and training with business requirements and the economic opportunities in Argyll and Bute	Links with Clydeview Academy, Gourock to train together by VC and enable sharing of teachers/access to subjects	<ul> <li>Can contracts build in need to provide local apprenticeship opportunities?</li> <li>Care training is essential as there are jobs in this</li> <li>Need for training for carers to specialise in specific areas such as special needs e.g. not just for elderly (age related)</li> </ul>			
		3.2.2	Increase the number of opportunities for work placements for Senior Phase pupils		, (100			
		3.2.3	Provide new and existing SMEs in Argyll with the opportunity to access business skills workshops to help them develop					
	To provide the skills needed for our residents to progress in their working and learning lives enabling them to	3.6.4	Provide the opportunity for adults to participate in certificated courses across Argyll and Bute		<ul> <li>Argyll College expand courses to bring students to area</li> <li>If Oban gets a university,</li> </ul>			

Bute and Cowal - Outco	Bute and Cowal - Outcome 3: Education, skills and training maximises opportunities for all							
Topic Highlighted	Short Term Outcome	Code	Action being taken forward	What do we know is being	What are the gaps? What			
				done locally?	still needs to be done?			
	contribute effectively to our communities				a campus in Dunoon is desired			
		3.6.7	Improve the learning and skills needs of people seeking a pathway to employment, education or training		Community Groups & training agencies need to work together to get funds PLUS skills to provide the training for relevant skills			
		3.6.6	Support adults to access learning opportunities and progression so that they gain skills and confidence with a particular focus on digital literacy					

Bute and Cowal - Outco	Bute and Cowal - Outcome 4: children and young people have the best possible start							
Topic Highlighted	Short Term Outcome	Code	Action being taken forward	What do we know is being	What are the gaps? What			
				done locally?	still needs to be done?			
Childcare and the lack					Still a gap, lack of after			
of after school care					school care (except			
					Rothesay playgroup)			
					Qualifications required			
					for people wanting to do			
					after school care.			
					Some of the schools will			
					not hold on to the children			
					until the After School Care			
					is ready to receive them:			
					e.g. Sandbank PS →			
					ESCAPE			
Facilities need to be					Not enough indoor			
improved					sports or hobby facilities			
					e.g. arts, youth clubs and			
					Community Centres			
					Gap in youth centre			
					provision (generally)			
Activities particularly	All our children have	4.6.1	Work together to ensure that all children		Young people want			
for youth	increased opportunities and		and young people have access to a range		activities that are not just			
	are encouraged to		of sports activities at school		sport related.			
	participate in play,				Larger families : more .			
	recreation and sport				expensive			
					Activities cost too much			
					Less activities in rural			
					areas eg Kilmun, Sandbank,			
					Kingarth and Bute			
					Lack of transport			
					Swimming is not			
					supported by Argyll and			

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				done locally?	still needs to be done?
					Bute Council, in the way
					that rugby, football etc is.
					All families have to pay.
		4.6.2	Agencies work to ensure that children	Good extra-curricular at	Poor co-ordination
			and young people have opportunities to	Rothesay Academy, for	between young people and
			use the outdoor environment as part of	example	child support
			their curriculum		organisations.
Volunteering and the	To promote volunteering	3.4.3	Increase the number of young people		Young people need
limited member of	opportunities to young		engaged in volunteering		support and training for
volunteers within the	people within Argyll and				volunteering.
community	Bute	3.4.2	Deliver Involvement Training Programme	Glendaruel & Colintraive	
			to develop young people's leadership	CT deliver training in	
			and participation skills.	woodland for young	
				people, leading to	
				volunteering.	
				PX2 delivered for young	
				people by AVA.  • TESSA project delivered	
				by Rape Crisis.	
Lack of meaningful	To promote volunteering	3.4.1	Increase the number of young people	The HELP project (Cowal	All organisations involved
engagement with	opportunities to young	3.4.1	engaged in youth forums / CPP decision-	and Bute); young people &	with young people should
young people	people within Argyll and		making process	employment /housing etc.	use Facebook/Twitter as
young people	Bute		making process	• "DJ Academy" – provides	first means of engagement.
				non-formal activities for	Poor awareness of youth
				young people, using the	forum – the meetings are
				Brewery for under 18	not young people focused
				discos.	Schools have a strong
					role in community
					engagement with YP and
					they need support in this.

Bute and Cowal - Outo	Bute and Cowal - Outcome 4: children and young people have the best possible start								
Topic Highlighted	Short Term Outcome	Code	Action being taken forward	What do we know is being	What are the gaps? What				
				done locally?	still needs to be done?				
	Children and young people	4.7.2	Continue to develop advocacy services to	<ul> <li>"DJ Academy" engages</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Engagement, not just</li> </ul>				
	have their voices heard and		support service improvement driven by	with young peole through	with young people, but				
	are encouraged to play an		live feedback from children, young	social media	also with the parents, to				
	active and responsible role in		people and their families		find out their needs and				
	their communities				what suits them.				

Bute and Cowal - Outco	Bute and Cowal - Outcome 5: People live active, healthier and independent lives							
Topic Highlighted	Short Term Outcome	Code	Action being taken forward	What do we know is being	What are the gaps? What			
				done locally?	still needs to be done?			
Staying healthy , the	People are empowered to	5.1.1	Continue to shift the balance of care from	Cowal Befrienders and	Dunoon and Cowal's			
need for older people	maintain their independence		institutional to community based settings	OT/Physio – provide keep	facilities need to be			
to improve health and	and are an integral part of			fit for older people.	accessible for all ages and			
coordination of	their local communities			Linking Care Home	incomes. Dunoon has good			
activity were				Provision to local needs, to	facilities but Bute doesn't			
highlighted				avoid people having to				
				leave their own area				
	Individuals are more	5.2.1	Work in partnership to tackle obesity and		Anxiety at ACPG about			
	physically active		diabetes		obesity in young people, &			
					lack of action in prevention			
					OBESITY – NHS "cannot			
					get support" from the			
					other partners			
					To do with education as			
					there are plenty of facilities			
					and outdoors			
					Retailers should come on			
					board – e.g supermarkets Links to dental health			
					Fresh fruit should be			
					more available than			
					biscuits, both at work and			
					at school			
		5.2.2a	Improve access and develop more		Larger families : more			
		J.Z.Zd	opportunities for people to participate in		expensive			
			physical exercise / activity		Activities cost too much			
		5.2.2c	Improve access and develop more	Swimming Pool works	No leisure classes for OP			
		3.2.20	opportunities for people to participate in	with Argyll Active and	provided by Argyll and Bute			
			physical exercise / activity	refers people on low	Council			
			physical exercise / activity	income	Council			
				HICOHIC				

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				done locally?	still needs to be done?
		5.2.3	Increase accessibility to outdoor		
			environments / green spaces		
Access to health	People are empowered to	5.1.1	Continue to shift the balance of care from		• Care Homes cannot be
services focussing on	maintain their independence		institutional to community based settings		provided in rural areas and
ferries and patient	and are an integral part of				people are being removed
transport	their local communities				from their communities
					Home care staff, poorly
					trained, supported, and
					paid. Does not suit <b>all</b> the
	-1	2.4.2	7 1 1 10 1 10		clients – one size fits all.
	The transport connectivity	2.1.2	To produce a Local Development Plan		• Ferry access, not just the
	across Argyll and Bute is		Action Programme with a focus on		boat but the road to the
	improved		economic growth for Argyll and Bute covering essential services, connectivity		boat! (Bridge to Bute!) Rhubodach? Wemyss Bay
			including road, integrated transport, rail,		boat – why not call at
			ferries, ports, air, active travel, digital		Dunoon?
			technology and grid. CHORD, TIF and		Bulloons
			Maritime Change Programme.		
The need to review	People are empowered to	5.1.2	Promote and develop care and support at	A pilot of 6 staff, led by a	Limited Mental Health
care for older people	maintain their independence		home that contributes to preventing	senior nurse, are	support locally
	and are an integral part of		avoidable admissions to hospital or	undertaking focused care	No Out Of Hours mental
	their local communities		residential care	and doing well	health in Bute and Cowal
					<ul> <li>Pool in Dunoon due to</li> </ul>
					close café and do gym
					consultation – this is bad
					for OP and disabled
		5.1.7	Carers are identified, supported and		Home care staff, poorly
			enabled to fulfill their roles		trained, supported, and
					paid. Does not suit <b>all</b> the
					clients – one size fits all.

Bute and Cowal - Outcome 6: People live in safer and stronger communities								
Topic Highlighted	Short Term Outcome	Code	Action being taken forward	What do we know is being done locally?	What are the gaps? What still needs to be done?			
Prevention activities relating to young people involved in accidents and road traffic accidents increasing in summer	To improve environment, transport and fire safety	6.4.3	Deliver education and prevention inputs to groups identified as high risk road users	Young Driver Initiatives – Argyll and Bute Council will give a grant to YP to encourage better driving. Fire attend an RTA with YP, but then there is no follow up	Car club for young drivers may attract young people and encourage closer contact with police and safety.  Fire service needs to link more closely to schools, Police etc. to relate who has caused/causes accidents to training in school  Young (and old!!) drivers need education on e.g. legal aspects of big exhausts and noise pollution etc.			
		6.4.5	Promote safety awareness in relation to the variety of activities in and around bodies of water to reduce the risk of personal injury and harm as well as preventing damage to the environment					
		6.4.1	Reduce non domestic and secondary fires by engaging with local businesses including farming community					

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	All our children and young people should be protected from abuse, neglect and harm	4.1.9	A range of Young Driver Initiatives will be delivered in school to improve young people's awareness of the increased risks associated with being a new road user	Young Driver Initiatives – Argyll and Bute Council will give a grant to YP to encourage better driving. Fire attend an RTA with YP, but then there is no follow up      Education with school Outcome from Police Outcome from Health	Promote "Pass Plus"     (post driving test     certificate) and subsidy,     to ensure safer driving by     young people
Community safety and a perceived fear of engaging with police	To enhance the contribution of our communities to school curricula	3.3.3	Promote opportunities for young people to access vocational learning through emergency services and uniformed services programmes		
Lack of knowledge of services	Stronger, resilient and more involved communities	6.6.1	Work in partnership and support Community Councils to develop community emergency plans		
Vibrant and supportive communities and the impact of isolation	Mental health and wellbeing is improved	5.4.1	Promote and build social networks to improve mental health		
	We have accessible high quality services which improve quality of life and wellbeing	5.5.2	Deliver services that assist with the reablement of older persons		
	To provide the skills needed for our residents to progress in their working and learning lives	3.6.3	Increase the capacity of community groups	AVA and Council's Community     Development team provide this     service	
	enabling them to contribute effectively to our communities	3.6.7	Provide opportunities for older people to be involved in community projects		

#### Appendix 2

#### Potential "Big Projects" for Bute & Cowal

During the focus group discussions, a number of ideas for developing large projects, which would cut across a number of the SOA outcomes, were considered. By working closely in partnership, such projects were seen as potential for sustaining employment and tourism in the area. There was a desire for partners in the local area to consider this as a method of achieving outcomes locally, and for the CPG to have a key/lead role in such, as locally community planning initiatives.

- "Boys' Garage" develop a project similar to the "Men's' Shed" concept, to enable young men to develop practical skills, as an alternative to, or preparation for, apprenticeships.
- "Go Ape" A very popular provision in other areas which is highly suited to parts of Bute and Cowal. A franchise would attract locals and tourists alike. Opportunities for this in Colintraive/Glendaruel and several other locations.
- **Castle Toward** Link developments here to a number of SOA outcomes. Eg apprenticeships and training;
- Fish Farm Plus Develop existing fish farms to include Visitor Centre / Training /
  Processing combine all aspects of fish farming together to create training, jobs,
  tourism opportunities, etc.
- Extreme Sports (incl Mountain Bike, Sea Swimming) build on popularity of such activities nationally to benefit B& C area, which is ideal for many such activities.
- Dark Sky Park
- Centre of Excellence for Care Build on existing care provision in the area to create
  a 'centre of excellence'. Provide additional/ongoing training to ensure high quality
  care in B&C is recognised.
- **Eden-type project** The Eden Project has sustained employment and tourism for a large number of years. Can a similar project be developed in Bute and Cowal?
- 'Buy local' brand for Argyll and Bute (or for Bute and Cowal) businesses should buy local/buy Argyll & Bute ("Bristol Pound" currency type project)