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## MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in EAGLESHAM HOUSE, ROTHESAY on TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2014

**Present:** Councillor Robert MacIntyre (Chair)  
Councillor Michael Breslin Councillor Alex McNaughton

**Attending:** Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager  
Iain McNaughton, Sandbank Community Council  
Max Barr, Dunoon Community Council  
Sam Campbell, Mental Health and Wellbeing Network  
Samantha Quarton  
Lorna Elliot, Community Governance Manager  
John Gordon, Regeneration Project Manager  
Campbell Cameron, Community Broadband Scotland  
Mark Easton, Scottish Fire and Rescue  
Grace Strong, Bute Community Council  
Liz Higgins, NHS Highland  
Gary Stitt, Police Scotland

### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Iona MacPhail, ACHA

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

### 3. MINUTES - BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP - 2 SEPTEMBER 2014

The Minutes of the Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group meeting of 2 September 2014 were approved as a correct record.

The Chair ruled and the Committee agreed to take the agenda items 11 (a) and 9 (c) out of sequence in order to facilitate attendance from a officer and Third Sector Representative, these items were therefore taken at the commencement of the meeting.

### 11. OUTCOME 5. PEOPLE LIVE ACTIVE, HEALTHIER AND INDEPENDENT LIVES

#### (A) NHS HIGHLAND

A report providing a general update regarding local and national mental health and wellbeing issues was considered.

Sam Campbell took the group through the report highlighting the main issues affecting mental health in the Argyll and Bute area which included a direct link between depression and loneliness and also the impact that dementia has in local areas.

She informed the group that they were currently waiting to see if funding would be available in 2015/2016 to continue the Choose Life initiative which tackles suicide prevention.

The group discussed issues around the lack of mental health out of hours care and in particular how this affects the Police who are generally the first point of contact in these situations, it was noted that the NHS recognise this gap in the service.

**Decision**

The group noted the report.

(Ref: report by Mental Wellbeing coordinator dated 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014, submitted).

**9. OUTCOME 1. IN ARGYLL AND BUTE THE ECONOMY IS DIVERSE AND THRIVING  
(C) DUNOON CHORD UPDATE**

The regeneration project manager gave the group a verbal update on the progress and current position of the CHORD project in Dunoon with particular emphasis on the proposed regeneration of the Queen's Hall Building and Dunoon Pier.

He took the group through the different stages of refurbishment for the Queens Hall and the timescales being implemented for each stage of the works and gave a brief summary on the proposed works to the pier with a timescale of tendering dates for each phase.

**Decision**

The Group noted the work undertaken.

**4. HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CCP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

A report providing the highlights from the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership Management Committee meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014 was considered.

**Decision**

The Group noted the report.

(Ref: Report by Community Planning Manager dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014, submitted).

**5. AREA GOVERNANCE REVIEW REPORT**

**(a) AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP - TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The group considered a report which provided an update on the progress of the current Area Community Planning Group Terms of Reference and Membership Review. The Community Governance Manager expressed to the group that this report would help create a more focused approach and also advised that a new programme of meeting dates and revised agenda structure would be used from April 2015 onwards.

### **Decision**

The Group

1. Noted the information provided.
2. Agreed to issue invitations to join the Area CPG to all the organisations listed in the proposed initial membership list.

(Ref: Report by Community Governance Manager dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014, submitted).

### **(b) AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP MEMBERSHIP**

This item was taken jointly with item 5. (a) of the agenda.

### **Decision**

The Group

1. Noted the information provided.
2. Agreed to invite the Organisations listed as minuted at agenda item 5. (a)

(Ref: report by Community Governance Manager dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014, submitted).

## **6. SOA LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN PHASE 2 UPDATE**

The group considered a report which informed the Area Community Planning Group on the progress relating to the development of the SOA Local plan for Bute and Cowal. A skeleton draft plan was also circulated for information only at this stage. Links between the presentation on mental health and activities relating to mental health and suicide prevention contained in the draft SOA: Local were noted.

The Community Governance Manager asked the group for representatives to sit on a Focus Group in relation to a mapping exercise for Dunoon.

The agreed representatives are: Max Barr, Dunoon Community Council, Iain McNaughton, Sandbank Community Council and a representative from Police Scotland. A date and venue for the first meeting will be circulated to the group by the Community Governance Manager.

The Area Governance Manager informed the group that a large amount of work by the Community Governance team had been completed in order to get to this stage.

## **Decision**

### **The Group**

1. Noted the information provided
2. Agreed for members of the group to participate in the working group which will take forward the development of the SOA Local: Bute and Cowal.

(Ref: Report by Community Governance Manager dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014, submitted).

#### **7. COMMUNITY COUNCIL BY ELECTIONS UPDATE**

A report providing the group with an update on the membership of community councils in Bute and Cowal following the annual community council by-elections was considered.

## **Decision**

The Group noted the information provided.

(Ref: Report by Area Governance Officer dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014, submitted).

#### **8. OUTCOME 6. PEOPLE LIVE IN SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES**

##### **(a) POLICE SCOTLAND**

Gary Stitt from Police Scotland gave an update to the Group and advised that the new Roads Traffic Department is working well with a reduction in fatalities from ten in 2013 to five in 2014; he also reported a drop in serious and minor road accidents.

Serious Crime statistics were also reported as being down this year with nineteen serious crimes reported in 2013 and only seven for 2014 in the Bute and Cowal Area.

Gary updated the group on the various campaigns that Police Scotland will be fronting over the festive period including a campaign to raise drivers' awareness of the new drink driving limits coming into force this month, as well as campaigns relating to domestic abuse and licensed premises.

Iain McNaughton, Sandbank Community Council highlighted the risk of deer to motorists at this time of year and suggested that the media could be used to raise motorists awareness of the problem. Gary will look into this matter and the possibility of using local press and twitter.

## **Decision**

The group noted the update provided

(b) **SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE**

Mark Easton from Scottish Fire and Rescue provided the Group with a verbal update on statistics for the last quarter, reporting that there had only been two fires attended to and both were in Rothesay.

Mark updated the group in relation to Scottish Fire and Rescues involvement in road safety awareness which included presentations to youth groups that were currently being rolled out.

It was noted that the new representative from Scottish Fire and Rescue for the Bute and Cowal Area will be Joe Gallacher.

**Decision**

The Group noted the update.

(c) **BUTE AND COWAL SAFETY FORUMS - HIGHLIGHT/EXCEPTIONS REPORT**

Two reports were presented to the Group by the Community Governance Manager giving the highlights and exceptions of the Bute Community Safety Forum and the Cowal Community Safety Forum.

**Decision**

The Group noted the reports.

(Ref: Report by Community Governance Officer dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014, submitted).

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

(a) **BUSINESS GATEWAY REPORT**

A report by Business Gateway, updating the group on information on potential funding routes that could be accessed by Argyll and Bute Council was considered. Leaflets providing further information were tabled at the meeting.

**Decision**

The Group noted the report.

(Ref: Report by Lead Officer, Business Gateway dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014, submitted).

(b) **FORWARD DUNOON AND COWAL - HIGHLIGHT/EXCEPTIONS REPORT**

A report was presented to the Group by the Community Governance Manager giving the highlights and exceptions of the Forward Dunoon and Cowal Group.

**Decision**

The Group noted the report.

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

**(a) COMMUNITY BROADBAND SCOTLAND**

The Development Officer for Community Broadband Scotland gave a presentation to the Group on the benefits of Community Broadband within the local area; in particular informing the group that once implemented the broadband speeds could be five to eight times faster in the Bute and Cowal area than they currently are.

**Decision**

The Group noted the information provided.

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

**(b) ARGYLL VOLUNTARY ACTION**

Max Barr, Dunoon Community Council informed the group that he had very recently being voted onto the board for Argyll Voluntary Action (AVA) and for future meeting will provide a report and update on the local progress and activities being implemented by AVA.

**Decision**

The group noted the update.

**(c) INTEGRATION**

A report providing an update on the implementation of the Integration of Health and Social Care was provided for information.

**Decision**

The Group noted the Report.

(Ref: Report by Project Manager – Integration dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014, submitted).

**(d) LEGACY OF OLYMPIC AND COMMON WEALTH GAMES**

The Community Planning Officer gave a verbal update on the Legacy of the Olympic and Commonwealth Games advising that a legacy plan is in place and is currently published on the Argyll and Bute Council website.

The group were also informed that Christopher Caskie will be the initial contact point for matters relating to the legacy plan and how it will be implemented in the local areas.

**Decision**

The Group noted the update.