

These are the highlights from the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee meeting on the 27th March 2015. These are for information purposes for Area Community Planning Groups and partner organisations to distribute freely.

- Scottish Fire and Rescue raised the importance of home fire safety visits to help safeguard vulnerable people and prevent fires and for partners to make home safety referrals through local Fire and Rescue contacts. It was agreed that the contact details for home safety referrals be circulated through the Community Planning Partnership to ensure all working in the community are aware of this.
- The first meeting of the Economic Forum has taken place. Tourism, food production, and linking learning and local employment opportunities for young people will be the initial areas for action.
- The CPP Management Committee is creating an action plan to focus on ensuring strong leadership and a joint approach to resourcing and prevention after a successful development day in February 2015.
- The Management Committee is keen to work with Scottish Futures Trust on their Smarterplaces programme to explore the potential for partner organisations to work together and share assets.
- A Communications and Engagement strategy has been approved to inform action on communication in 2015 and promote the purpose of community planning to organisations and communities in Argyll and Bute. It was agreed that this should also include how best Area Community Planning Groups can communicate key messages on Community Planning within local areas.
- The CPP Full Partnership meeting will be held on the 25th August 2015 at Machrihanish Airbase.
- Progress on Outcome 2: 'We have infrastructure which supports sustainable growth', was positive with specific highlights focusing on the Local Development Plan and Cardross being the first community within the "Rest of Scotland" area to receive superfast broadband.
- Progress on Outcome 6: People live in stronger and safer communities was positive with the focus on tackling Muirburn and the exportation of razor fish well received.
- The CPP was encouraged to promote a film clip called '23 and ½ hours' as a tool to encourage physical activity.
- There is no firm decision yet on the proposed Police Scotland merger and the consultation period has been extended. Comments and views are still welcome.
- The CPP will be looking at how the concept of Participatory Budgeting could be used through a consultancy package provided with support from the Scottish Government.

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