

**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held via SKYPE
on TUESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2021**

Present: Cathleen Russell Colglen Community Council (Chair)
Willie Lynch Dunoon Community Council (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Jean Moffat Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Jim Findlay Argyll and Bute Council
Stuart McLean Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Chief Inspector Douglas Wilson - Police Scotland
PC Laura Evans Police Scotland
Samantha Somers

Planning Group

The Group gave consideration to a report advising members of the procedure to be followed when electing officer bearers and asked the Group to consider the appointment of a Chair and Vice-Chair to the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group. The Committee Manager invited nominations from those on the call for both positions.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group agreed to elect Willie Lynch and Charles Dixon-Spain as Chair and Vice Chair of the Group respectively for the next two year period.

(Reference: Report by Committee Manager, dated 2 February 2021, submitted)

Colglen Community Council

The newly appointed Vice-Chair of the Colglen Community Council, Charles Dixon-Spain, updated the Group on the activities of the Community Council which included having successfully received £31,000 via two rounds of funding which would help to cover the cost of mileage for volunteers involved with prescription and food delivery associated with their resilience work. However, their box delivery budget had been curtailed to around 18 boxes per week which was proving to be problematic as they were finding more people were coming forward asking for help. Another part of the funding received was for an open air space for the community to access during restrictions which was at the planning stage. Mr Dixon-Spain stated that the number of volunteers was a great help and very welcome especially for prescription runs though if more households find themselves in need of this service as a result of the pandemic the Community Council may need to seek further funding.

Dunoon Community Council

Willie Lynch stated that third sector organisation and resilience and befriending groups were covering any resilience work needed in the Dunoon area.

Bute Community Council

Robert MacIntyre stated that he felt people were largely adhering to the social distancing restrictions and there was a noticeable increase in people walking more to keep fit.

Discussion focused on the increase in uptake in click and collect and online deliveries with local retailers as well as supermarkets had a positive impact on the community though there was some evidence that supermarkets were experiencing stock issues.

At this point Councillor Jim Findlay left to attend another meeting

(g) Opportunity for general updates from Area Community Planning Group Partners

Police Scotland

PC Laura Evans advised the Group of her work with the Cared for at Home network which was established through partnership working with the council and TSI to help raise awareness of fraud and bogus crimes. These types of crimes have doubled this year and a lot are in relation to scam emails as more people are at home and more isolated and vulnerable and therefore an easy target. Information is shared via social media but there is a need to look at how to get this to older people. Police Scotland are sharing alerts with Neighbourhood Watch Scotland who then decimate the information to community councils, who in turn can pass this to care home staff to pass to their clients when speaking to them face to face. PC Evans stressed that the aim of the project was to raise awareness and not to cause panic and was happy to pass on the information for circulation to the wider group.

Bute Community Council

Robert MacIntyre advised that there is only one boat sailing in and out of Rothesay and there is a possibility of the Colintrave/Rhubodach sailing being reduced to an hourly sailing.

7. COVID-19 STAY AT HOME GUIDANCE

The Group gave consideration to the latest Covid-19 stay at home guidance.

Decision

The Group was lead through a demonstration of BaseCamp, which is an online website which allows all members of the Area Community Planning Group (ACPG) to access relevant documents relating to the ACPG; provide information on action points arising from the meetings or action plans; share information about relevant items of interest with other members; and provides better networks with other ACPG members in between meetings.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group;

1. thanked the Community Planning Officer for the informative demonstration and noted the information provided in the presentation; and
2. agreed to provide the Community Planning Officer with contact details of those who have intimated their wish to be invited to access BaseCamp.

(Reference: demonstration by Community Planning Officer, dated 2 February 2021, submitted)

10. UPDATE ON A83

Having given his apologies for not being able to attend, the information provided by Neil MacFarlane, Transport Officer, regarding the proposed A83 and A82 Loch Lomondside for the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group;

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group;

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12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Gro