

3. MEETING OF THE HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP HELD ON THURSDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2022

(a) Minutes

The minutes of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group meeting held on Thursday, 10 February 2022 were approved as a correct record.

(b) Actions Update

The Chair provided an update on the status of the actions agreed at the previous meeting of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group. He highlighted that there would be a review of meeting arrangements later in 2022, where the Group would have a chance to provide their views on the ways that the meetings were run. He also provided details of ongoing work around youth participation, and encouraged partners to engage in the production of a Group directory of services.

4. PARTNERS UPDATES

(a) Transport

Chris Casey highlighted that there had been no fire casualties during this quarter and confirmed that Home Fire Safety Visits were ongoing in the area, with smoke

meeting of the Group. She confirmed that a meeting had taken place between relevant partners to discuss events and safe places for young people to attend. Rhona provided examples of potential events including a Thursday night disco, and a midnight football league. She noted that there were costs associated with hosting events such as these, consequently funding sources would have to be identified. She advised that the partners were currently focusing on engaging with young people to build relationships and identify their priorities.

Scots and existing refugee resettlement project on Bute.

Rhona confirmed that she would send out details for the newly recruited Adult Learning Worker for the area when they had started in post.

Decision

The H nBT/F1start.

The update highlighted progress with the Way to Work initiative to assist people in returning to work; support available to assist with increases in energy bills, the cost of living and childcare costs; changes to the amount of time that a claimant is able to seek work only within their preferred sector; changes to the rules for those with a terminal illness; a campaign to encourage those on tax credits to investigate the possibility of transferring to Universal Credit; the roll out of the new Adult Disability Payment (ADP); support available for those fleeing Ukraine; and new guidance available from the Money and Pensions Service.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group:

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
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development proposals; participation in beach cleans; work to tidy shrub beds and pick up litter in Colquhoun Square; the response to the Empowering our Educations consultation; the need to ensure that lottery money allocated to Hermitage Park was spent in appropriate areas following the disbandment of the Friends of Hermitage Park; discussions with the Council around continued issues with infrastructure maintenance; continued work with Plastic Free Helensburgh on a litter bin survey and the designation of Helensburgh as one of nine Plastic Free Communities in Scotland.

Sarah highlighted the success of the recent Vision for Helensburgh public consultation event, and advised that there was now a focus on taking forward the identified priorities. She also provided information about discussions on the progress of the Helensburgh Waterfront Development; the work of the Tree Conservation Trust around the area; and the placement of a new bench at the start of the John Muir hiking trail.

She advised that the Community Council had also unanimously supported the introduction of 20mph speed limit in Helensburgh, and had written to the Council about this.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Sarah Davies, Helensburgh Community Council, submitted)

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Angela Anderson, Plastic Free Helensburgh, submitted)

(m) Males Tales/Females Tales Update

The Group considered a written update from John Lewis, Males Tales/Females Tales, which provided details of the upcoming Wellbeing and Community Day on 14 May in the Drumfork Community Centre. The update also included details of partnership working with Helensburgh Community Hub on a Menopause Café; the recruitment of volunteers to run peer support groups; and the production of a Helensburgh and Lomond Wellbeing Directory.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group:

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. noted that in the absence of a representative from Males Tales/Females Tales, any questions would be forwarded to them for a response following the meeting.

(Reference: Report by John Lewis, Males Tales/Females Tales, submitted)

(n) Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Update

The Group considered an update from Hannah Robinson, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park (LLTNP), which provided details of the Mission Zero and Visitor Management papers which had been considered at a recent board meeting.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group:

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. noted that in the absence of a representative from LLTNP, any questions would be forwarded to them for a response following the meeting.

(Reference: Report by Hannah Robinson, Sustainable Development Adviser, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park, submitted)

(o) Skills Development Scotland Update

The Group considered an update from Skills Development Scotland (SDS) which included school leaver statistics for the 2020-21 period. The update also included a link to the Annual Participation Measures and information relating to current trends.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group:

funding was not at the same level as it had been previously, but would still ensure that some provision could be put in place. He thanked Argyll and Bute Council; Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park; Luss Estates Company; the Hannah Stirling Loch Lomond Fund; and the local Just Giving Business Support Scheme for their support. He a
Green Recovery Fund to support an additional interface for visitors.

Duncan confirmed that the layby litter scheme on Loch Lomondside would be continuing, and it was hoped that this would be as successful as it had been in the previous year. Sarah Davies advised that they were following a similar model in Helensburgh, and this was a good example of partnership working. Duncan confirmed that the layby litter scheme had been a collective operation, with lots of good examples of partnership working.

Duncan also confirmed that the Windows on the Loch project would continue when wardens and volunteers were available.

5. COMMUNITY FOCUS

(a) Partnership Approach to Water Safety

The Group considered a presentation by Chris Casey, Scottish Fire and Rescue

noted the information provided.

(Reference: Presentation by Christopher Casey, Station Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, submitted)

6. CLIMATE CHANGE

(a) Minutes of the Climate Change Working Group meeting held on Thursday, 17 February 2022

The minutes of a recent meeting of the Climate Change Working Group, held on 17 February 2022, were before the Group for noting and relevant discussion.

Group, provided additional information in relation to the work of the Working Group

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the briefing note.

(Reference: Report by Shona Barton, Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council, dated 21 April 2022, submitted)

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chair thanked everyone in attendance at the meeting, and thanked all partners for their continued proactive work in the community.

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group would take place on Tuesday, 23rd August 2022 at 10am.