

**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held by
MICROSOFT TEAMS
on TUESDAY, 19 APRIL 2022**

Present: Charles Dixon-Spain (Chair)
Councillor Gordon Blair
Councillor Jean Moffat
Stuart McLean – Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Ailie Law – Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
PC Laura Evans – Police Scotland
Alastair Moodie – Lochgoil Community Council
Reeni Kennedy-Boyle – Fyne Futures
Theresa Bain – Argyll College UHI
Barry Colvan – Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Ann Campbell – Dunoon Area Alliance
Jen Broadhurst – Citizens Advice Bureau
Rhona Grant – Community Learning Service, Live Argyll
Andrew Galloway – BBC and Helensburgh Advertiser

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone and outlined the procedure for the meeting.

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of:

Councillor Jim Anderson;
Councillor Audrey Forrest;
Councillor Liz McCabe;
Susan MacRae, Skills Development Scotland;
Alastair MacGregor, Argyll Community Housing Association;
Laura Stephenson, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership;
David Moore, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and
Christopher Casey, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group meeting held on

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group agreed to appoint Alastair Moodie to the role of Vice-Chair.

(Reference: Report by Stuart McLean, Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council, dated 19 April 2022, submitted)

5. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Group considered a briefing note which provided information around matters discussed during a virtual meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee, held on 16 March 2022.

Stuart McLean particularly highlighted the attendance of the new Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament (MSYPs); an update provided in relation to the Child Poverty Working Group; an update from Lorna Byrne in relation to applications to the Scottish Welfare Fund; the work of the Digital Communities Group; and an update provided by Fergus Murray in relation to the Strategic Transportation Projects Review 2 (STPR 2).

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the briefing note.

(Reference: Report by Shona Barton, Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council, dated 19 April 2022, submitted)

6. PARTNERS UPDATES

(a) Police Scotland Update

The Group considered an update from PC Laura Evans, Police Scotland, which highlighted information relating to the appointment of a new Youth Engagement Officer; the work of the Counter Terrorism Liaison Officer; the changes arising as a result of the new Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2021 and the ways in which this legislation was being promoted; and continued work to reduce incidents of fraud.

PC Evans also highlighted relevant personnel changes, with the recent appointment of Chief Inspector Glasgow. She advised that a replacement was also being sought for Inspector Forrest, following his retirement.

Discussion took place around the availability of posters to promote new livestock legislation. PC Evans agreed to distribute materials to interested parties following the meeting.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by PC Laura Evans and PS Elaine Heffron, Police Scotland,

submitted)

(b) **Live**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Jen Broadhurst, Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau, submitted)

(d) Community Development Officer - Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme Update

The Group considered an update from Ailie Law, Community Development Officer, on the Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme. The update included information relating to the background and context of the Programme; the Programme's plan to initially support four project towns to identify and focus on reducing the inequalities being experienced; the support and learning opportunities available for those involved with the Programme; and the selection of Dunoon as one of the four project towns. Ailie noted that a representative from the Programme would be attending Group meetings in the future, and would be able to provide further progress updates.

Discussion took place around the ways in which organisations required to adapt to avoid disadvantaging those who struggled with the current systems. Ailie confirmed that the key to the project being successful would be partnership working, and these types of issues would be explored.

It was agreed that Ailie would facilitate a meeting between the local community Trusts to assist with networking opportunities.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Ailie Law, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council, submitted)

(e) Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership - Public Health Update

The Group considered a written Public Health update from Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership. The update highlighted the launch of the new Community Link Worker service and the progress of the Argyll and Bute Living Well Strategy. Information was also provided in relation to a report by the NHS Highland Director of Public Health, which investigated and provided recommendations in relation to ways to improve mental health and reduce suicide rates across the NHS Highland area.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group:

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. noted that in the absence of a representative from the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership, any questions would be forwarded to them for a

to highlight and reduce incidents of fraud.

Background information was provided around fraud and the increase in incidences of fraud since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. PC Evans also highlighted the impact that being a victim of fraud could have on individuals, and emphasised that anyone could be a victim of fraud.

PC Evans provided further information about the various methods that were being used by fraudsters; the work which was being undertaken by Police Scotland to combat the increase in fraud activity; and the ways in which partners could assist to prevent fraud within their local communities.

PC Evans encouraged people to sign up to Neighbourhood Watch Scotland and to complete the free training which was available. She confirmed that she would post links to these resources on the Group's Basecamp site following the meeting.

Attendees thanked PC Evans for a very informative presentation, and agreed to feedback this information to their respective organisations. PC Evans agreed to share printed leaflets on fraud prevention with any interested parties following the meeting.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the

2. considered and noted the additional information provided by the Chair as the Group's Climate Change Working Group representative.

(Reference: Minute of the Climate Change Working Group, held on 17 February 2022, submitted)

(b) **Opportunity for updates on community based initiatives**

Reeni Kennedy-Boyle advised that Fyne Future were an environmental charity, and a big part of their focus was on providing goods and services demonstrating a low

Council's Roads and Infrastructure Services department, and a representative from SSE, would be invited to a future meeting of the Group to discuss this. The Chair also agreed to raise concerns about SSE's protocols regarding surveys for electric vehicle charging points with the Climate Change Working Group to try to progress a solution. Stuart McLean noted that a report in relation to electric vehicle charging points had been considered by the Council's Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee in December and was available to view on the Council's website for anyone who may be interested.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group would take place on Tuesday, 16 August 2022 at 10am.

The Chair noted that this would be the last meeting of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group during the lifetime of the current Council. He thanked all Councillors for their support to the Group, and wished all those standing for election good luck. He gave particular thanks to Councillor Reid for his support to the Group, following his decision not to stand for re-election.