

**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held by SKYPE
on TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2020**

Present: Cathleen Russell - Colglen Community Council (Chair)
Willie Lynch - Dunoon Community Council (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Bobby Good - Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Jim Anderson - Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Jean Moffat - Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Jim Findlay – Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Gordon Blair - Argyll and Bute Council
Stuart McLean - Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Chief Inspector Douglas Wilson - Police Scotland
Maggie Clark - Health Improvement Lead, Health & Social Care Partnership
Sharon Macdonald – Community Development Officer
Ann Campbell - Dunoon Area Alliance
Rhona Grant - Community Learning & Development Officer – Argyll and Bute Council
Lynn Campbell - Customer Service Leader – Department of Work & Pensions
Colin Moulson – Dunoon Presents
David Munro – Colglen Community Council
Susan MacRae - Area Manager, Skills Development Scotland
Mags Todd - Crossroads for Young Carers Cowal and But
Watch Commander James Sullivan – Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

1.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first virtual meeting of the Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group.

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Audrey Forrest.

The Group considered a briefing note which related to the virtual meeting of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee which met on 23 September 2020.

Decision

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

(Reference: Briefing note by Committee Manager, dated 3 November 2020, submitted)

5.

(a) Third Sector Interface

The Group considered an update from the Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface (TSI) which detailed their response to Covid-19 which included supporting charities, social enterprises, community groups and encouraging volunteering.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group;

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. noted that in absence of an officer from TSI the Committee Manager would take back any questions to TSI and circulate any responses to the Group.

(Reference: Update by Samantha Stubbs – Strategic Development Manager, Third Sector Interface, dated October 2020, submitted)

(b) Health and Social Care Partnership - Caring for People COVID-19 Community Response

The Group gave consideration to an update from the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) in relation to the community response work of the Caring for People Tactical Partnership and local Caring for People Teams.

Discussion focussed around the shielding lists generated by the letters sent from the Scottish Government and how some people felt they may have been missed off these lists and why this may have occurred. It was noted that as part of the

Susan McRae introduced herself as the new Area Manager for Dunoon. In response to Covid-19 the Group noted that the service was withdrawn and put online. Following the summer holidays advisors are now back in schools with an appointment only basis on Rothesay for those that cannot access remote services. The Group further noted that a national helpline for individuals faced with a redundancy situation was available which including advise on re-training - 0800 917 8000.

Department for Work and Pensions

Lynn Campbell advised the Group that all sites remained open to vulnerable customers if they could not access digital sites and that customer care calls were offered to ensure all claims were processed and paid on time. The Group noted that the key focus was on getting people back to work which included working closely with Skills Development Scotland and the Kick-start programme which was available to smaller business through the council - <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/kickstart-scheme> plus many other mentoring and virtual training programmes.

Discussion focussed around encouraging people to engage with schemes on offer and how to disseminate this information to the community. The Committee Manager offered to confirm to the Group what is on the council website and will liaise with webteam to explore the possibility of a dedicated web-space if required; Anne Campbell offered to add links and information on the DAA website and include links in DAA e-newsletters; and David Munro asked if all people partners involved could send all their links to each community council who could then put the links on their website and newsletters.

6.

(a) **Health and Social**

Chief Inspector Douglas Wilson advised the Group that it was business as usual for Police Scotland throughout the pandemic but routine business did disappear at the early phase which enabled them to increase visible patrolling. Current issues were based around the increase of visitors to area, wild camping and access issues as well as speeding and driver behaviour needing to be addressed via a multi-

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