

**MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMUNITY
PLANNING GROUP (Y)5 (L)-1 (L)-1 (,)-4 (KI)-14 (NT)-1 w -23.M0.06T.M0.0**

**Shona Barton, Committee Manager
Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer
Brian Smith, Community Learning Team Leader
Colin Wilson, Local Government Boundary Commission
Ronnie Hinds, Local Government Boundary Commission
Susan MacRae, Skills Development Scotland
Catherine Kennedy, Mid Argyll Community Transport Volunteers
Rachel Whyte, Islay Community Council
Phil Dickinson, Craignish Community Council
Valerie Nimmo, Campbeltown Community Council
Alison McGrory, Argyll and Bute HSCP**

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first virtual meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group and outlined the procedure for the meeting.

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of:

Councillor Rory Colville, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Robin Currie, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Anne Horn, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Donald McMillan BEM, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Douglas Philand, Argyll and Bute Council
Samantha Somers, Argyll and Bute Council
Donald Watt, Argyll and Bute HSCP
PC Laura Evans, Police Scotland
Jane Cowen, Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust
Catherine Anne MacAulay, Campbeltown Community Council
Alyson MacGillivray, South Islay Development Trust
John Rennie, Balfour Beatty
Eric Spence, South Kintyre Development Trust
Jim Porteous, Islay Community Council
Lynn Campbell, Department for Work and Pensions

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

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The Minute of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group meeting held on Wednesday, 5 February 2020 was approved as a correct record.

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

(b) **West Kintyre Community Council Covid-19 Support**

The Group considered an update from West Kintyre Community Council detailing their community response to Covid-19 which included producing scrubs and face coverings, commencing local shop deliveries for those in need and seeking additional support for those in the area through Shopper-Aide as well as funding efforts to assist Shopper-Aide, Campbeltown Food Bank and the Friends of Tarbert group.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group:

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week were being delivered.

Alison advised that a comprehensive evaluation of work undertaken during the response was being undertaken and lessons were being learned, particularly around communication and community working.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Alison McGrory - Health Improvement Principal, Health and Social Care Partnership, dated 10 November 2020, submitted)

(d) **Opportunity for verbal updates from Area Community Planning Group Partners involved in resilience projects relating to the Covid-19 response**

Ian Brodie, East Kintyre Community Council

Ian Brodie advised that East Kintyre Community Council had formed a group, comprising of members of the Community Council and volunteers, at the beginning of lockdown which had served the community as required. Ian noted that the group had delivered a bottle of hand wash to all of those listed by the local GP surgery,

Councillor Redman advised that it had been a huge concern locally that the Co-op had not provided hand sanitiser at the entrance of their shops, despite other shops in the area doing so, as it was not their statutory duty and noted that he felt that it was a moral duty that they should be providing this. Councillor Redman thanked Rachel and the Community Council for arranging this and thanked volunteers across

Covid19 response in various ways such as: co-ordinating volunteers; delivering shopping and prescriptions; providing telephone befriending services; and sewing scrubs and face masks. Valerie advised that Campbeltown Community Council had also provided financial support to Campbeltown Food Bank and Shopper-Aide using funding from SSE. Valerie thanked Councillor Armour for his reports on Argyll FM which assisted those who did not have access to the internet.

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Brian Smith, Community Learning Team Leader

Brian advised that work was being carried out by the Community Learning team with young people around youth participation and advised that he would be happy to provide some information around this at a future meeting of the group.

7. BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSALS

The Group considered a report which advised of the Boundary Commission for Scotland's proposals for the Argyll and Bute area. Colin Wilson and Ronnie Hinds provided an overview of the changes proposed to ward boundaries in the Argyll and Bute area and the process for and reasoning behind the proposed changes, noting that no changes had been made to the boundaries for Argyll and Bute Council since 2007.

Discussion took place around: the benefits of island only wards in comparison to wards which included both island and mainland areas; the potential impact of the proposed changes in representation for those who would be placed in larger or smaller wards; the benefits of continuity by maintaining the current wards; the potential impact on lifeline services such as ferries if wards were to change; the willingness and ability of the Local Government Boundary Commission to take into account the views of the Council and local constituents during the consultation period; and the newly proposed boundaries being suited to service delivery arrangements in the area.

Colin Wilson advised that further details regarding the review were available on the Local Government Boundary Commission's website at <https://lgbc-scotland.gov.uk/2019-reviews-electoral-arrangements>, noting that any further questions or comments could be directed to the Local Government Boundary Commission by e-mail at lgbc@scottishboundaries.gov.uk and feedback to the consultation could be given at https://consult.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk/reviews/argyll_and_bute_council_area_public_consultation/.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group;

1. noted the position; and
2. noted that further questions and comments could be addressed to the Local Government Boundary Commission using the details provided.

(Reference: Report by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland, dated 10 November 2020, submitted)

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1. were assured that the Council and the HSPC are as well prepared as they can be with regards to exiting the EU, and are actively engaged with partners through the local and national resilience frameworks; and
2. noted that the Committee Manager would take any questions back to the appropriate Officer and circulate responses to the Group.

(Reference: Report by Chief Executive, dated 21 October 2020, submitted)

9. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

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

The Chair outlined details of the briefing note, particularly noting the appointment of a new Chair for the group in Joe MacKay of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. The Chair drew the group's attention to the section of the briefing note relating to the presentation by Fergus Murray on wild camping and campervans, noting that a sub-committee had been set up around this and an action plan would be reported to a future meeting of the Management Committee. The Chair encouraged anyone with an interest in this matter to get in touch with Fergus Murray and to read the Minute of the recent Management Committee meeting on the Argyll and Bute Council website.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group noted the briefing note.

(Reference: Briefing note by Committee Manager, dated 10 November 2020, submitted)

10. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP GOVERNANCE

(a) Appointment of Vice-Chair

The Group considered the appointment of the Vice-Chair of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group and discussion took place around the time commitment involved in the role.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group agreed to appoint Rachel Whyte as Vice-Chair.