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In relation to item 4 b) Area Community Planning Group Governance Arrangements, having received a late request from Sue Wallis of Volunteer Cowal (South West), the Group agreed to add her to the Membership list.

4.

funding had been granted from the Scottish Government to put in place partnership working and support in anticipation of an influx of tourists into area over the summer months.

Decision

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

(Reference: Update by Police Inspector Mo Boyle –

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

(Reference: Update by Community Learning and Development Assistant dated 4 May 2021, submitted)

9.

Police Inspector Mo Boyle updated the Group on the positon of the Police Scotland Community Engagement Team. The Group noted that the new team of community policing takes in a range of specialist officers who were looking to add value through new engagements and partnership working including a fraud awareness event due to take place online at 2.30pm on 18 May 2021.

Decision

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

(Reference: Verbal Update by Police Inspector Mo Boyle, Police Scotland)

10.

(a) **UK-EU Post Transition**

The Group gave consideration to a report which set out the considerations of the EU Withdrawal Tactical Group with regard to identifying and assessing any risks relative to Argyll and Bute in relation to the UK exiting the EU.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group considered the report and were assured that the Council and the HSCP were as well prepared as they could be with regards to having exited the EU and are actively engaged with partners through the local and national resilience frameworks.

(Reference: Report by Chief Executive dated 7 April 2021, submitted)

(b) **Opportunity for updates from Area Community Planning Group Partners in relation to the impact of UK Withdrawal from the EU**

No updates provided.

11.

(a) **Col-Glen Community Broadband Initiative**

Charles Dixon-Spain, Vice-Chair of ColGlen Community Council, on behalf to the Colintraive and Glendaruel Development Trust, advised that due to very poor connectivity in the area they have started a Community broadband project to help people in local community. Whilst they have been unable to attract suppliers large enough to execute the project, they are looking for solutions via connectivity testing for those that request it, including promoting the use of hotspots on mobile phones.

Decision

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

(Reference: Verbal update by Vice-Chair of ColGlen Community Council, on behalf

1. to support the promotion of Gaelic where possible;

2. to consider Gaelic as an option when looking at new and existing initiatives;

3. to connect interested parties with the Gaelic Development Worker;

4. to have an awareness of the Argyll and Bute Gaelic Language Plan and where possible support the objectives;

5. to note the information provided in relation to Colmcille 1500 funding and celebration which relates to initiatives linking Scotland and Ireland; and

6. to take forward actions, where appropriate, identified by the Gaelic survey.

(Reference: Report by Gaelic Development Worker, Argyll and Bute Council, dated 4 May 2021, submitted)

14.

The Group gave consideration to a verbal update in reaction to the uptake and usefulness of BaseCamp noting that Bute and Cowal is the most active out of all four areas and partners were encouraged to continue to engage with the platform.

Decision

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

(Reference: Verbal Update by Community Planning Officer)

15.

The Group considered a report on the opportunities and challenges in relation to informal camping.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group;

1. noted the content of the report and progress to date;

2. agreed to continue to collaborate to try and address the challenges faced due to increased informal camping activity; and

3. noted that in absence of an officer the Committee Manager would take back any questions to the relevant officer and circulate any responses to the Group.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth, dated 4 May 2021, submitted)

16.

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group would take place at 10.00am on Tuesday 17 August 2021.