

Management Committee

Date: 8 December 2021

Agenda Item:

Area Community Planning Groups – November 2021 Meetings

1. Purpose

This paper presents key matters arising during the Area Community Planning Group meetings that were held virtually in November 2021.

2. Recommendations

The Management Committee is asked to:

- a) note the Highlights detailed at section 4 of the report;
- b) note the position with relation to the

specific reference to the Two Lochs Visitor Management Project. It was noted that this project had been well received and had assisted in the management of visitors in the area. The addition of toilet facilities, the employment of seasonal visitor wardens and the production of information signage were all highlighted. The work involved in this project was commended by the Group.

For the Community Focus item, the Group heard from Emma Henderson who provided information on Cove Park which had been founded in 1999 and had since housed thousands of resident artists. She provided an overview of the facilities available for artists in the residency centre and the ways in which artists could attend on a funded or self-funded basis.

The Group considered the appointment of a Chair and a Vice-Chair to the Group. Unfortunately there were no nominations made and it was agreed to continue the appointments to the next meeting of the Group.

Feedback was also received in relation to the scheduling of the Climate Change Working Group meetings which had clashed with the date of the H&L ACPG. It was agreed that this would be raised with the Working Group Chair.

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The meeting was well attended and heard a number of updates from partners. Caitlin Quinn from SSE was in attendance and gave an update on progress on the Inveraray to Crossaig Reinforcement project.

Neil MacFarlane from Transport Scotland provided an update on the current works being undertaken. Concerns regarding road safety issues at the junction of Aqualibrium Avenue and Burnbank Street in Campbeltown were raised by a number of attendees and Neil agreed to look into the issues when he visited Campbeltown in the coming weeks.

Inspector Collins, Police Scotland advised on measures that the Police have been undertaking in relation to a number of recent vehicle thefts. He provided advice to the Group in regard to measures which they could implement within their own properties to cut down on risk of theft.

There were a couple of new partners in attendance, namely Jeni West and Donald McNeill from Forestry and Land Scotland and Jen Broadhurst from Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). They provided useful information on their respective organisations and it was noted that CAB were currently undertaking a recruitment drive for volunteers.

4.2 Further Actions

It is requested that the Management Committee note the report and the successful meetings held in November 2021.

The Management Committee is asked to note that:-

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