MINUTES of MEETING of HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held by MICROSOFT TEAMS on THURSDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2022

Present: David Moore (Chair), Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Shona Barton, Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Kirsty Moyes, Community Development Team Leader, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Lorna Douglas
Councillor Gemma Penfold
Inspector Roderick MacNeill, Police Scotland
Inspector Alan Heron, Police Scotland

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Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Barry Colvan, Watch Commander/Local Authority Liaison Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, submitted)

(c) **Police Scotland Update**

The Group considered an update from Inspector Roderick (Roddy) MacNeill, Police Scotland, which highlighted information relating to the appointment of a new Divisional Commander; work carried out over the festive period; the prevalence of COVID-related absences across the service at the beginning of the year and subsequent improvements in this; the appointment of a new Youth Engagement Officer; work being carried out with other agencies to prepare for the Spring season and an anticipated increase in visitors to the area; measures to tackle speeding, including the planned installation of a static speed camera in Cardross; and the future re-implementation of the Police Scotland Youth Volunteer group. Inspector MacNeill also introduced temporary Inspector Alan Heron, noting that he would be one of the Group's Police Scotland contacts during Inspector MacNeill's upcoming period of absence.

Discussion took place around youth anti-social behaviour in the area, and it was agreed that a partnership approach to discuss diversionary tactics should be explored. It was agreed that, following the meeting, representatives from Police Scotland, Live Argyll's Community Learning Service, the Royal Navy's Family and People Support and the Ministry of Defence Police should meet to discuss ways to improve the situation. It was also noted that the promotion of Police Scotland and SFRS youth groups could be beneficial when both services were up and running again, with possible links between the two being investigated in due course.

Further discussion took place around youth anti-social behaviour at Hermitage Park, and Inspector MacNeill confirmed that an action plan was in place to address this and he would be happy to note any suggestions for other actions which could assist. Sephton MacQuire noted that there were issues with youths climbing on the old school roof and advised that other housing associations had seen success with the use of increased signage. Fiona Baker enquired about the use of CCTV in the park, particularly following the fundraising efforts by the Friends of Hermitage Park, and Inspector MacNeill confirmed that he was already in discussion with the Council around this and would copy Fiona into further discussions related to the funding of CCTV.

Inspector MacNeill also highlighted a new livestock worrying campaign being launched in Kintyre, noting that new livestock legislation would be relevant to the whole of Argyll and Bute and beyond. He advised that PC Laura Evans would provide documentation around this to be distributed to the Group following the meeting.

Information was also provided in the written update in relation to the Keep Safe initiative and the ways in which the 4 Keep Safe Places in Helensburgh and Lomond

Information was also provided in relation to the HELLO Winter and HELLO Adventure campaigns; the ongoing assessment of visitor numbers and demographics to inform future strategies and projects; and the level of outreach which had been achieved during the first six months of Destination Helensburgh's operation.

Fiona advised that she would be happy to promote information provided by the Group through Destination Helensburgh's social media channels.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Update by Fiona Baker, Destination Helensburgh, submitted)

(f) **Helensburgh Community Hub Update**

The Group considered an update from Gill Simpson, Helensburgh Community Hub, which provided an overview of the work which had been carried out during the Hub's first six months of operation. Information was provided in relation to the Hub's income generation; partnership working; the use of the main hall by a wide range of clubs and organisations; the success of the Hub's launch day; and the development of the 'Book Nook @ The Hub'. Gill also noted that there was a youth group available in Helensburgh Community Hub for children up to Secondary 4, and this may be of assistance with earlier discussions around youth disorder and diversionary options.

Gill highlighted activities taking place around the 'Kindness creates Connection creates Community' theme for 2022 and also noted that a Welcome Event would be held in March in advance of the Helensburgh Community Hub AGM in May. She advised that she hoped that the use of the Hub as a polling station on 5th May 2022 would highlight the facility to more people locally.

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the capacity of services and potential overspills leading to pollution; and the Community Council's involvement in the Empowering our Educators consultation.

The written update also provided information relating to Webinars taking place throughout February and March in advance of the opening of the John Logie Baird Innovation Hub; developments relating to Hermitage Park; various communication methods being used by the Community Council to ensure a high level of accessibility; and the Community Council's ongoing monitoring of the Helensburgh Waterfront Development project.

Discussion took place in relation to the Community Council's concerns around a proposed large-scale housing development at Helensburgh Golf Club, and Sephton

a reduced scale as the amount of available funding was likely to be considerably lower, however he was hopeful that it would be possible to build on the successful partnership working which had taken place during the 2021 season. A list of proposed elements of the Two Lochs Programme 2022 was included in the written update for the Group's information, with Duncan emphasising that these plans were subject to sufficient funding being successfully identified.

Duncan also provided further information in the written update to the Group in relation to the 'Adopt a Bonnie Banks Bin Scheme'; the 'Waste Warrior' litter collection scheme; plans to address site management issues at Tarbet Bay; and plans to provide assistance with improvements to the Luss village warden service.

Discussion took place around the success of the campaign to combat litter, and in particular the success in the amount of material which had been recycled.

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(Reference: Update by Duncan MacLachlan, Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust & Friends of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs, submitted)

(j) **Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Update**

The Group considered an update from the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park which provided information in relation to their Visitor Management Review of 2021, including the work of the National Park Safe Recovery Action Group (NPSRAG) and the implementation of a Joint Response Visitor Management Plan (JRVPM).

A copy of the notes of the most recent meeting of the West Loch Lomond Visitor Management Group were also provided in the agenda pack for the Group's attention.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group:

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. noted that in the absence of a representative from the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park (LLTNP), any questions could be forwarded to them following the meeting and any responses circulated to the Group.

(Reference: Update by Hannah Robinson, Sustainable Development Adviser, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park, submitted)

(k) **Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface Update**

The Group considered an update from the Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface which provided an update on the progress of the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund; the creation of a Third Sector Interface database to include the most up to date information for local organisations; the success of the Argyll

Community Lottery; and the completion of the Inveraray Hub as a facility for use by members which includes capabilities for hybrid working.

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Alasdair MacCuish, Helensburgh Gaelic Group

Alasdair MacCuish provided information around an online Argyll Gathering event being held on the 12th of March, which would consist of a morning panel and an afternoon workshop.

The Chair advised that an online Gaelic language consultation was being undertaken by SFRS, and he confirmed that details of this would be circulated to the Group following the meeting.

Sephton MacQuire suggested that it may be beneficial to provide phonetic spellings for Gaelic, and Alasdair advised that this could be difficult with the Gaelic language pronunciation but he would take this into consideration. Alasdair advised that the Helensburgh Gaelic Group meet regularly on a Tuesday afternoon in the Parish Church and he would encourage anyone interested to come along.

Sophia McArdle, Royal Navy Family and People Support

Sophia McArdle highlighted the youth group which was available from 3:30pm in the Cabin, noting that she would provide further information around this to the Group bb y Re,(f)-3 (or)-3 ((H)1 M)Ø ( )]TJ0.003 Tw-269.84 -1.15 Td[NavalBlaselye,hop

6. COMMUNITY FOCUS

(a) Police Scotland Fraud Discussion

The Group considered a presentation by PC Laura Evans, Police Scotland. The presentation provided an overview of the work being undertaken by Police Scotland 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 fhted

The Chair noted that he would like to see more young people becoming involved in the Group, and Shona advised that the new MSYPs were scheduled to attend the next CPP Management Committee meeting and were likely to decide how they would input to the Area Community Planning Group meetings after this. Discussion took place around previous attendance by young people at Group meetings, and the Chair asked Shona Barton to investigate this and provide an update at the next meeting.

Further discussion took place around the timings of the meetings, and it was agreed that Shona Barton would discuss this with the Chair and Vice-Chair following the meeting.

Duncan MacLachlan noted that it may be helpful to have the chat function enabled for these meetings, and Shona Barton agreed to discuss this with the Chair and Vice-Chair in advance of future meetings.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group:

1. considered and noted the briefing note; and
2. noted that a further update would be provided around youth engagement with the Group at the next meeting.

(Reference: Report by Shona Barton, Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council, dated 10th February 2022, submitted)

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group would take place on Thursday, 21st April 2022 at 10am.