

**MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMUNITY
PLANNING GROUP held BY MICROSOFT TEAMS
on WEDNESDAY, 31 AUGUST 2022**

Present: Ian Brodie, East Kintyre Community Council (Chair)
Shona Barton, Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor John Armour
Councillor Jan Brown
Councillor Dougie McFadzean

Christopher Casey, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;

Susan MacRae, Skills Development Scotland;

Heather Thomas-Smith, Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative;

Councillor Tommy MacPherson;

Mairi MacCuaig, Argyll College UHI;

Jackie MacPherson, Argyll College UHI and

Dhonna McCallum, Argyll College UHI.

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Keep Safe Ukrainian Support and Doorstep Crime Guidance.
Information in relation to road safety was also provided in the report.

Sergeant Shaw also highlighted the increasing trend of drug drivers and drugs being brought into the area and added that road block operations had been in process which has resulted in good results and advised that they are increasing the footprint of these type of operations.

Sergeant Shaw spoke of the public engagement activities helping improve the way the policing service is delivered in local communities and advised of the He urged Partners to go online and complete the survey and give their views.

Discussion was had around the installation of ANPR Cameras on the A83; the recent Rural Crime event held in Kintyre and the possibility of running similar events in correlation with neighbourhood watch meetings in the future.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Police Scotland, submitted)

(c) Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau Update

The Group gave consideration to an update from Jen Broadhurst, Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). The update highlighted an unprecedented rise in requests for advice and support from clients across all areas of Argyll and Bute and outlined that the impact of the cost of living crisis had pushed energy enquiries up by 89% between September and July compared to the same period last year. Information was also provided on the relocation of the office to the Helensburgh Community Hub; the recommencement of the Volunteer Adviser Training Programme and the upcoming AGM, which is scheduled to take place on 22 November 2022.

Discussion was had in relation to the waiting time for general enquires. Jen advised that for any urgent cases, appointments would be given within a fortnight or more often than not within a week.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau, submitted)

(d) Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership Update

The Group considered a public health update from Jennifer Dryden, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership. The update highlighted

information regarding to the Money Counts Level 1 Training Course;
Prevention Strategy Consultation.

Decision

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

Action -
and ask them to get in touch.

(Reference: Report by Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, submitted)

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Ian Brodie advised that the SSEN undersea cable from Carradale to Arran work is finished and SSEN Carradale substation delivered the last

the community council had been doing. Partners were encouraged to look at the Community Action Plan and if they see themselves as partners listed as potential partners to reach out to Inveraray Community Council to offer support.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Inveraray Community Council, submitted)

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