

**MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMUNITY
PLANNING GROUP held ON A HYBRID BASIS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY,
LOCHGILPHEAD AND BY MICROSOFT TEAMS
on**

to the Professional Development Programme of Scotland and Venice.

Discussion was had in relation to the advertisement of exhibitions throughout the area; the courses offered to older people; the difficulties faced by the Centre since the decision of the Council to remove the Cultural Co-ordinator post and the links with local career advisors in schools across Argyll and Bute.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report and Presentation by Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre, submitted)

5. COMMUNITY PLANNING

Consideration was given to a presentation by the Community Development Officer from Argyll and Bute Council. Ms Baird gave an overview of community planning in Argyll and Bute and provided information on the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015; the roles and responsibilities of the Community Planning Team; where the Area Community Planning Groups fit into the Community Planning Partnership and their relationship with the Management Committee.

Further information on the Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan (ABOIP) which includes a number of cross cutting themes; the action plans for each of the Area Community Planning Groups and the development day which is held annually, was also provided.

Decision

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

(Reference: Presentation by Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council)

6. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The group gave consideration to a report which outlined matters discussed during a meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee held on 22 June 2023. The Committee Manager outlined a number of key highlights from the meeting, which included information on a number of cross cutting themes

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group agreed to note the contents of the report.

(Reference: Report by Committee Manager, dated 30 August 2023, submitted)

7. TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

(a) Public Transport - Argyll and Bute Council

The group gave consideration to a report which provided an update on a number of Council run transport contracts, which included the provision of school transport for nearly 3,000 pupils across Argyll and Bute and the Carradale bus service. Further information was provided in relation to social media campaigns to encourage responsible parking in the Longrow area of Campbeltown particularly around school times.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the contents of the report.

(Reference: Report by Contract Officer, Argyll and Bute Council, dated 30 August 2023, submitted)

8. SCOTTISH AMBULANCE SERVICE UPDATE

The group gave consideration to a presentation from the Area Service Manager for the West Region. Mr Benton provided an overview of the increasing demand for the Scottish Ambulance Service. He outlined the different services provided and gave a breakdown of calls received in 2021 which were dealt with by 7,000 staff and 1,200 volunteers. Mr Benton outlined the new triage system in place for responding to calls, together with hospital turnaround times. He advised of the next steps in ensuring investment in staff to improve wellbeing; enabling people to receive the highest quality of care; working alongside communities to improve population health; making shared decisions with people to support self-management and embracing data and technology to add value to the services already provided.

Discussion took place in respect of ambulance provision on the islands; difficulties in

recent spike in doorstep selling, which is a contravention of the Pedlars

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Health Improvement Principal, Argyll and Bute HSCP, submitted)

(e) Skills Development Scotland

The group gave consideration to a report which provided an update on the ongoing works of the Skills Development Scotland (SDS) team. The report included information on the provision of career guidance to young people from S1-S6 at Campbeltown Grammar, Islay High School, Lochgilphead Joint Campus and Tarbert Academy; the school leaver destination follow up; the post school service offer; Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE); the Annual Participation Measure (APM) which reports on the education and employment activity of 16 to 19 year olds in Scotland and local partnership support provided by the SDS teams.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Skills Development Scotland, submitted)

(f) Live Argyll - Community Learning Service

Service, which included updates from the Kintyre Youth Action Group; Kintyre Conversation Café; Mid Argyll Youth Team and the Adult Team. The Chair noted that Ashley Glenn and Eilidh Robinson were in attendance to provide a verbal update on the Kintyre Youth Action Group. Ashley and Eilidh agreed that the following update be circulated on their behalf:-

Since the last meeting our group has been involved in a few different activities.

During our Easter GIVE project, where we did volunteering in our community, we managed to raise money that we donated to the Marie Curie hospice.

In June and July we then helped to set up the first Rainbowfest event in Ardrishaig . an event to help promote diversity and celebrate inclusion. We helped to plan this event, make decorations, and then helped with stalls on the day.

Over the summer holidays we took part in a summer exchange programme with another Action Group from Bute. This involved us visiting

the Climate Change Working Group. The report outlined the proposal to produce a strategic Action Plan as a means to address the climate emergency in Argyll and Bute; the approved governance arrangements to support the Climate Change Project Manager post and the ongoing work on the recruitment of a Project Manager.

Decision

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

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. noted that in the absence of a representative from the Climate Change Working Group, any questions could be forwarded to them following the meeting and any responses circulated to the group.

(Reference: Report by Chair of the Community Planning Partnership Climate Change Working Group, dated 30 August 2023, submitted)

(b) Progress on Argyll and Bute Climate Hub

The group gave consideration to a report which outlined the proposal by Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface (TSI) to set up a Climate Action Hub that will draw together a range of community actors to coordinate, map and network build for the purpose of increasing community awareness about climate action. Information on the possible form the Climate Action Hub could take; how a consortium model would function in terms of governance and an indicative project timeline was also provided.

Decision

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

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. noted that in the absence of the Chief Executive Officer of Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface (TSI), any questions could be forwarded to him following the meeting and any responses circulated to the group.

(Reference: Report by Chief Executive Officer, Argyll and Bute TSI, dated 30 August 2023, submitted)

12. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR TO THE MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Consideration was given to a report which provided information which related to the appointment of a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group. The report outlined the expected time commitment and provided information on the roles.

Decision

