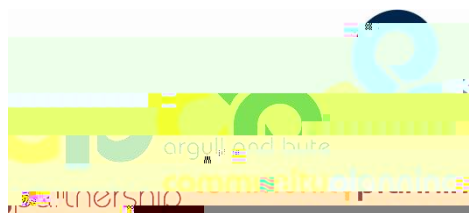


Management Committee

Date: 20 December 2023

Agenda Item:



Area Community Planning Groups October/November 2023 Meetings

1. Purpose

This paper presents key matters arising during the Area Community Planning Group meetings that were held in October and November 2023.

2. Recommendations

The Management Committee is asked to:

- a) note the highlights detailed at section 4 of the report.
- b) note that Colin Buchanan (Luing Community Council) was appointed to the position of Vice-Chair of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group.
- c) note that the Bute and Cowal and Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Groups will seek to appoint Chairs during the meetings scheduled for February 2024.

3. Background

administrative areas (Bute and Cowal; Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands; Helensburgh and Lomond; and Oban, Lorn and the Isles).

Meetings were held on a variety of platforms, including purely virtual and on a hybrid basis using Microsoft Teams. Prior to the meetings discussion took place with the Area Chairs and Vice Chairs and a standard agenda template was agreed. All 4 meetings were well attended by a variety of partners.

4. Highlights

All Groups considered:

- Climate Change Working Group Update

Angela Anderson highlighted that across Argyll and Bute, Climate Change has been during Octobers and highlighted an article written by Councillor Currie and the Chief Executive of the Council on what needs to be done and how much help is required to mitigate action climate change. Angela advised that the new CPP Climate Change Project Manager, Andy MacPherson, would

- Community Development (Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands, Helensburgh and Lomond and Bute and Cowal)

for the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands locality advised that online training sessions were being offered on 30 November 2023 and 6 December 2023 to assist local communities in drafting Community Action Plans and Local Place Plans.

David Hagerty the Community Development Officer for the Helensburgh and Lomond locality advised of the recruitment of a new Engagement and Communities Lead, Suzanne Mason whose role will involve managing the Community Development team, working with other services in the Council and managing the Supporting Communities Fund; the delivery of Community Funding Training to community groups; the Helensburgh and Lomond Disability Access Forum and the Princess Louise Hall Committee who had completed a number of community consultation events in October regarding future hall use.

advised
Partners of a housing emergency survey which could be found on Basecamp in relation to the emergency

Consideration was given to a written update from Alex Wilde, Project Lead at Shaping Places for Wellbeing Dunoon. The update provided information on how they share their learning, with it being highlighted that they now have a designated webpage for Dunoon on the Shaping Places for Wellbeing website; a knowledge hub page and a blog series. The update also provided information on the active travel plan for Dunoon; place and wellbeing assessments and training opportunities to better understand available data about inequalities for Dunoon.

The Committee Manager highlighted that road safety concerns in Sandbank had been raised at the Bute and Cowal Area Committee in September under the Roads and Infrastructure item where it was agreed to bring the matter to the Community Planning Group for discussion. Stuart McLean advised that the matter had previously been raised at the Area Committee in December 2023 by a local resident, Liz

Delivery, Mr Piper, advised that they were at year 3 of a 5 year investment programme at the Crinan Canal. He outlined the work programme which included extensive refurbishment of large bits of steel and infrastructure and advised that the works were necessary to keep the canal fit for purpose. Mr Piper further advised of the continued engagement with local businesses and communities and outlined the efforts made to ensure the canal will be open by mid-April rather than the previously anticipated timescale of end of May 2024.

The Group gave consideration to a presentation by members of the Kintyre Link

benefit funding and the re-development of Skipness Hall and the Tarbert Heritage and Regeneration Scheme.

Poppy Lynn Englefied and Chloe Reed provided a verbal update on the Kintyre

Aid charity to help find ways to reach young victims of domestic violence; the installation of a clean box at Campbeltown Skate Park and a number of fundraising initiatives.

Oban, Lorn and the Isles (Meeting Papers - [LINK](#))

Consideration was given to a report which provided information which related to the appointment of a Vice-Chair for the Community Planning Group. The report outlined the expected time commitment and provided information on the roles, with the Group subsequently appointing Colin Buchanan, Luing Community Council, to the role.

A verbal update from Jim Tolmie of the Oban District Access Panel advised that the Panels petition to the Scottish Parliament Petitions Committee, to make it a statutory requirement for Braille to be put on all food packaging, would likely be considered during November 2023 where he hopes it will find support.

Laura Corbe of Oban Community Council spoke to a presentation regarding the Oban Place Plan and Community Action Plan project. Miss Corbe advised that the Community Council are undertaking a consultation exercBT3(a)6(t),00008871 0 59.32 841.2 reW*

5.0 Implications

Strategic Implications	Meetings of the Area Community Planning Group held in May covered various Outcomes.
Consultations	No prior circulation of this report.
Resources	No direct resource implications however consideration of the issues raised and following courses of action may have a knock on effect on finance and/or staff resource
Prevention	Contributes to the prevention agenda
Equalities	Contributes toward reducing inequalities

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