

**Management Committee**

**Date: 10 April 2024**

**Agenda Item:**



**Area Community Planning Groups January/February 2024 Meetings**

**1. Purpose**

This paper presents key matters arising during the Area Community Planning Group meetings that were held in January and February 2024.

**2. Recommendations**

The Management Committee is asked to:

- a) note the highlights detailed at section 4 of the report.
- b) note that Sarah Davies (Helensburgh Community Council/Fun First/Plastic Free Helensburgh) was appointed to the position of Chair of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group and that the Group will seek to appoint a new Vice-Chair at the next scheduled meeting.
- c) note that Jean Moffat (Bute Community Council) was appointed to the position of Chair of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group.
- d) note that the position of Chair of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group remains vacant; and
- e) note the concerns of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group regarding Police Scotland proposals to close a number of properties across the country, 565 5 354 8 85 7 7 81 7 85  
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**3. Background**

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



The Corporate Support Manager from Argyll and Bute Council delivered a presentation to each Group in 51 85 3 51 1 85 5 5 1 provided background information in relation to the Plans, as well as details of the 8 Locality Plans across Argyll and Bute. The presentation also included context about the scope of the Plans; the importance of community engagement and efficient use of resources in the development of the plans; the overall approach, governance and 81 7 6 85 1 development; and the ways in which information from the development of the Plans would be utilised.

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their normal operating processes when assisting young people who may be in conflict with the law.

**Bute & Cowal** (Meeting Papers -



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Manager. Information was provided in relation to upcoming works across the area, including drainage repairs at the Rest and Be Thankful; resurfacing projects in Arrochar, North of Ballochroy, West of Craigs and North of Artilligan; and the felling of diseased trees in the vicinity of Inveraray throughout March. The North West Area Manager also provided an update in relation to discussions between Transport Scotland, Bear Scotland and Argyll and Bute Council in relation to the proposed

Festival; assistance in obtaining funding for a local zero-waste business; assistance with running a school workshop in conjunction with Climate Action Towns; the success and ongoing development of the Kintyre Grows project; and various methods used to distribute and share ideas and information.

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

An update which provided information on the ongoing work of the Living Well Network across Mull, Iona, Coll and Tiree was considered. Carol Flett advised that 3 local charities had been successful in obtaining funding through the Third Sector Interface. An event has been arranged for 14 May in Rockfield Centre, Oban with the morning session being for Living Well Network Members and the afternoon session being open to the public where they will be able to gather information from charities, organisations and people who provide support about the support that is available for them. A further day is arranged for 28th August 2024 at An Talla, Isle of Tiree.

Consideration was given to the written report submitted by Oban Access Panel, the report provided an update on the Braille Labelling Campaign, which has been discussed in Holyrood. The petition remains open to anyone who has not registered their interest and can be found at:- <http://petitions.parliament.scot/petitions/PE1997>

Joan Best highlighted that Crossroads are now supporting 79 carers with around 195 hours of respite offered per week. Crossroads have also been in discussions with key stakeholders to establish the service on Tiree with referrals expected soon. Hope Kitchen Catriona Petit advised that the Climate Hub is open and Time for Change hold a café within Hope Kitchen each month. Support work around alcohol and addictions continues, focusing on recovery and reducing stigma. Food Poverty, Cost of Living Crisis and Mental Health support will be delivered from the new shop space in George Street which should be open in March.

#### **4.1 Further Actions**

It is requested that the Management Committee note the report and the successful meetings held in January and February 2024.

#### **5.0 Implications**

Strategic



Equalities	Contributes toward reducing inequalities