

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held
by TEAMS
on WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2023**

Present:

Kevin Champion (Chair)
Stuart McLean, Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Kieron Green, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Andrew Vennard, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Amanda Hampsey, Argyll and Bute Council
Joan Best, Crossroads
Jen Broadhurst, Citizens Advice Bureau
Robert Kincaid, Oban Community Harbour Development Association
Duncan Martin, Oban Community Council
Sue Barnard, Oban Community Council
Jen Metcalf, Coll Community Council
Robert Taylor, Scottish Fire and Rescue
Susan McRae, Skills Development Scotland
Kirsty McLuckie, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Maureen Evans, Community Learning, Live Argyll
Sergeant Matthew Shaw, Police Scotland

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

The Group considered a report providing information relating to the appointment of a Chair of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community

(b) Police Scotland

Consideration was given to an update by Sergeant Matthew Shaw, who advised that the Policing Framework within the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands and Oban, Lorn and the Isles had changed, with more emphasis on Community Focus.

The update also included information on the 'Not At Home Protocol' which launched locally on the 9th of January 2023; The Distress Brief Intervention which is being rolled out throughout Argyll and Bute; the 'Rural Watch Scotland' extension of the Neighbourhood Watch Scotland movement;

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Police Scotland, submitted)

(c) Public Health

The Group gave consideration to a report which provided an update on ongoing wellbeing and prevention activity overseen and delivered by the HSCP Public Health Team in Argyll and Bute. The report provided information on the launch of year 4 of the Living Well (Self-Management) community capacity building fund; the Community Link Working service which is commissioned by Argyll and Bute HSCP and delivered by the Third Sector and the launch of a new website which contains information about the Living Well Strategy and the wider health improvement work. The website can be assessed at <https://www.ablivingwell.org>.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Argyll and Bute HSCP - Public Health, submitted)

(d) Living Well Network

The Group gave consideration to a written report from the Living Well Network. As no-one was in attendance from the Living Well Network, the Committee Manager advised that he would relay any questions back to them with regards to the report.

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(Reference: Report by Department of Work and Pensions, submitted)

(h) **Argyll & Bute Citizens Advice Bureau**

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update in relation to current work streams of the Citizens Advice Bureau within Argyll and Bute. The report included information on the ongoing rise in the number of clients seeking support with the energy costs as the cost of living crisis continues and the additional supports available in the forms of grants available within the ; Oban, Lorn and the Isles area.

The report also highlighted the recruitment campaign about to begin for the spring cohort of volunteer trainee advisers and the annual consultation exercise with partner organisations in order to review the work of the bureau. Partners noted that they could participate in the consultation which could be found at:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ABCABCcommunityPartnersSurvey>

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

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

(i) **Community Contacts - Carr Gomm**

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The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by North Argyll Carers Centre, submitted)

(k) Argyll and Bute TSI

The Group gave consideration to a written update by Argyll and Bute TSI which included information on the Argyll & Bute Community Directory's Self Service Function which will allow organisations to update and maintain their listing themselves; useful resources and warm spaces information in relation to the Cost of Living Crisis; the TSI Inveraray Hub which is being offered as a warm space for Organisations; fully funded distance learning qualifications with Skills Network training and All our Children Network and the TSI Social Enterprise Network meetings on the 14th and 15th of February 2023.

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The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Argyll and Bute TSI, submitted)

(l) Opportunity for verbal updates by Community Planning Partners

Joan Best, Crossroads

Joan Best advised that Crossroads are settling in to their new premises at Gibraltar Street, with lots of people visiting. The official open day was held to coincide with their 20th Anniversary at the end of November, which was well attended. Joan reported that Crossroads continue to support 64 carers and have received referrals from Cuan, Luing and Seil and that a Bucksfizz and Bacon morning was held for unpaid carers.

Catriona Petit, New Hope Kitchen

Catriona Petit reported that there has been an increased demand on the service with a number of activities going on. Catriona advised that she is also on the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Forum, which has facilitated more trauma support working in partnership with Carr Gomm, who have moved in to an adjacent premises. New Hope Kitchen have also formed working relationships with Atlantis Leisure, Allenergy, Youth Cafe and Winter warmer spaces.

Susan MacRae, Skills Development Scotland

Susan McCrae of Skills Development Scotland provided the Group with a verbal update on the ongoing work of the service. She highlighted the work ongoing with senior pupils within the schools and with students entering the senior years, specifically advice regarding the subject choices. Susan also provided information on the current Partnership Action for Continuing

Employment (PACE) situation.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE

(a) Report by Chair of Climate Change Working Group

Consideration was given to a report which highlighted the ongoing work of 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 development of governance arrangements and structures to support the Climate Change Project Officer post. It was highlighted that they are actively pursuing the recruitment of a Project Manager to start this Action Plan work and hope to have someone in post before the end of the financial year.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the update.

(Reference: Report by Chair of the Climate Change Working Group, dated 20 January 2023 submitted)

(b) Home Energy Efficiency

Jackie Westerman, Home Energy Efficiency Project Officer for Argyll and Bute Council provided the Group with a verbal presentation on Home Energy Efficiency and the funds available to people within Argyll and Bute. Jackie highlighted that the premise of the Energy Efficient Scotland Scheme is to reduce carbon emissions to contribute to the Scottish Governments aim to have 0% emissions by 2040, adding that fuel poverty has been an important aspect of her work. Jackie reported that the Energy Efficient Scotland Area Based Scheme is available to home owners or private rented tenants with grant amounts dependent on property type and personal circumstances, with awards starting at £8,500 for a flat and a maximum of £13,500 for a detached property.

Jackie highlighted that from July 2022 until now, £1.12million has been spent in Argyll and Bute and that more than 140 households in Argyll and Bute have been insulated in this year's programme.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Verbal report by Jackie Westerman, Home Energy Efficiency Project Officer, Argyll and Bute Council)

(c) Allenergy

An update was considered by the group from Rachel McNicol from

Alenergy on the affordable warmth services provided. The update included information on what they are working on including Affordable Warmth, Education and Local Energy Projects. The update also included information on fuel poverty around Scotland with communities with Argyll and Bute being rated as one of the most at risk. It was also highlighted that the majority -6(t)28(e)-60356(a)4.95 re W* n BT /F2

(Presentation by Isla McCulloch, Adventure Oban, Sustaining Choices)

8. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report which provided information on matters discussed during a meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee, held on 7 December 2022. The Committee Manager outlined a number of key highlights from the meeting, with it being noted that the closing date for the consultation survey being conducted by the MSYP^s had been extended until 14 February 2023. Partners were encouraged to take part in the consultation, which can be found at:- tinyurl.com/3yf3xe8

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the report.

(Reference: Report by Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council, dated 7 February 2023, submitted)

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 10 MAY 2023

The Chair thanked everyone in attendance at the meeting, and thanked all partners for their continued proactive work in the community.

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group would take place on Wednesday, 10 May 2023 at 10am.