

The minute of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group meeting held on Wednesday 17 February 2021 was approved as a correct record.

4.

The Group considered a briefing note which provided an overview of the discussion which took place at the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee meeting on 10 March 2021.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group noted the briefing note.

(Reference: Briefing note by Committee Manager, dated 12 May 2021, submitted)

5.

The Group gave consideration to a verbal update concerning the Action Plan Tracker and noted that the results from the Place Standard Engagement exercise that took place last year would be used to develop the action plans. Officers reported that short and focussed online workshops with partners would take place from August 2021 with the action plans being finalised by April 2022.

Decision

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

(Reference: Verbal Update by Community Planning Officer)

6.

The Group considered a briefing note which provided some detail around the current Covid-19 infection rates in Argyll and Bute and also gives some information on the uptake of Covid-19 vaccination.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group noted the briefing note.

(Reference: Briefing note by Committee Manager, dated 12 May 2021, submitted)

The Chair ruled, and the Group agreed, to take the items out of sequence in order to facilitate Partner attendance. The items were discussed in the order that they appear in the minute.

7.

(a) Department of Works and Pensions

The Group considered an update from the Department for Works and Pensions (DWP) which detailed their response to Covid-19 as well as various initiatives they are involved with including the Kickstart scheme, Virtual Youth Hub, Video Appointment Service and the launch of a new Universal Credit benefits checker.

Confirmation was sought and received on the positive impact of the easing of re-opens, creating job opportunities.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group;

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. agreed that, where appropriate, DWP Kickstart information would be shared amongst Partners.

(Reference: Update by Customer Service Leader - Department for Work and Pensions, dated March 2021, submitted)

(b) Oban Communities Trust

The Group considered a verbal update from Eleanor MacKinnon, Oban Communities Trust, in relation to The Rockfield Centre. The Group noted that the opening of the building was delayed due to Covid-19 but that the Centre continued to operate as a community anchor organisation by moving most of their activities online, which will remain the position until September 2021 when they hope to have a soft launch of the Centre and an official launch in April/May 2022. However, with more staff coming on board they aim to develop more face-to-face activities such as working with Atlantis Leisure Centre to facilitate a summer camp programme. It was also reported that the charity shop will be open from Thursday 13 May 2021 with an open day at The Rockfield Centre on Friday 21 May 2021 1pm-3pm and 4pm-6pm which is open to everyone.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group;

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. BaseCamp.

(Reference: Verbal Update by Eleanor MacKinnon, The Rockfield Centre)

(c) Islands Living Well Network - Mull and Iona, Tiree, Coll and Colonsay

The Group considered an update from Carol Flett, The Islands Living Well Network, which included information on the work undertaken; how the use of Zoom has improved networking; and detail around current membership noting their next meeting is on 25 May 2021.

Decision

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

(Reference: Update by Carol Flett, The Islands Living Well Network, dated 19 April 2021, submitted)

(d) **Opportunity for verbal updates by Community Planning Partners**

Crossroads - North Argyll Carers

Joan Best advised the Group that they had been very busy with referrals for respite for unpaid carers and are currently providing 150 hours a week. Discussion focussed on how lockdown had had an effect on the number of referrals. North Argyll Carers had placed an advert for staff on the islands but had not received any applications, Ms Best asked that anyone with an interest in securing a position to get in touch. The Group noted that they have a new Carers Act implementation officer, Kirsty McKenzie, who it is anticipated will attend future meetings of the Group.

Hope Kitchen

Catriona Petit advised the Group that the Greenshoots Garden has remained open

updating policy and procedures accordingly with information bulletins sent out via social media.

8.

(Reference: Report by Gaelic Development Worker, Argyll and Bute Council, dated 12 May 2021, submitted)

13.

(a) UK - EU Post Transition

The Group gave consideration to a report which set out the considerations of the EU Withdrawal Tactical Group with regard to identifying and assessing any risks relative to Argyll and Bute in relation to the UK exiting the EU.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group considered the report and were assured that the Council and the HSCP were as well prepared as they could be with regards to having exited the EU and are actively engaged with partners through the local and national resilience frameworks.

(Reference: Report by Chief Executive dated 7 April 2021, submitted)

(b) Update by Clyde Fisheries Association

The Group gave consideration to the update which provided information around impact of Brexit and Covid-19.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group;

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
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(Reference: Verbal Update by Community Planning Officer)

15.

The Group considered a report on the opportunities and challenges in relation to informal camping.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group;

1. noted the content of the report and progress to date;
2. agreed to continue to collaborate to try and address the challenges faced due to increased informal camping activity; and
3. noted that in absence of an officer the Committee Manager would take back any questions to the relevant officer and circulate any responses to the Group.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth, dated 12 May 2021, submitted)

16.

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group would take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 25 August 2021.