

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP VIA
MICROSOFT TEAMS
on WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL 2022**

Present: Kevin Champion, Oban High School (Chair)
Councillor Elaine Robertson
Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor
Stuart McLean, Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Becky Hothersall, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Nathan Gallogley, Graduate Staycation Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Zalina Dzhatieva, Staycation Project Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Joan Best, Crossroads North Argyll
Inspector Ian Hutchison, Police Scotland
PC Laura Evans, Police Scotland
Catriona Petit, Hope Kitchen
Laura Corbe,

4. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Group considered a briefing note which provided information around matters discussed during a virtual meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP)

(Reference: Report by Jen Broadhurst, Bureau Manager, Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau, submitted)

(e) **Skills Development Scotland Update**

The Group considered an update from Skills Development Scotland (SDS) which included school leaver statistics for the 2020-21 period. The update also included a link to the Annual Participation Measures and information relating to current trends.

Decision

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

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. noted that in the absence of a representative from Skills Development Scotland, any questions would be forwarded to them for a response following the meeting.

(Reference: Presentation by Susan MacRae, Area Manager, Skills Development Scotland, submitted)

(f) **Department for Work and Pensions Update**

The Group considered an update from Department for Work and Pensions

(g) **Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership - Public Health Update**

The Group considered an update from Public Health from Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership. The update highlighted the launch of the new Community Link Worker service and the progress of the Argyll and Bute Living Well Strategy. Information was also provided in relation to a report by the NHS Highland Director of Public Health, which investigated and provided recommendations in relation to ways to improve mental health and reduce suicide rates across the NHS Highland area.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Alison McGrory, Health Improvement Principal, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership, submitted)

(h) **Islands Living Well Network (Mull and Iona, Tiree and Colonsay) Update**

Consideration was given to report which highlighted the funding of the Living Well Networks for a further 6 month period and the arrangements in place to hold a further two quarterly meetings of the Network, scheduled to take place on 4 May and 31 August 2022. Information on the ongoing challenges in the provision of dental care on the Islands was also provided.

The report also asked that Partners pass Carol Fletts' contact details to anyone who may wish to join the Islands Living Well Network for Mull and Iona, Tiree, Coll and Colonsay and to any potential, mainland based Network Partners who might like to share information across the Islands of Mull and Iona, Tiree, Coll and Colonsay.

Decision

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

1. noted the information provided; and
2. noted that in the absence of a representative from the Islands Living Well Network, any questions would be forwarded to them for a response following the meeting.

(Reference: Report by Carol Flett, Islands Living Well Network (Mull and Iona, Tiree, Coll and Colonsay), submitted)

(i) **MECOPP Gypsy Travellers Carers Project Update**

accessed at www.argyllsi.org

(a) **Minutes of the Climate Change Working Group meeting held on 17 February 2022**

The minutes of a recent meeting of the Climate Change Working Group, held on 17 February 2022, were before the Group for consideration.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group noted the minutes of the Climate Change Working Group meeting held on 17 February 2022.

(Reference: Minute of the Climate Change Working Group, held on 17 February 2022, submitted)

(b) **Opportunity for updates on community based initiatives**

The group were invited to provide any updates on community based climate change initiatives.

Laura Corbe, who attended the Climate Change Working Group as a OLI ACPG representative and Oban Community Council member provided a short update on the main messages, which included information on the efforts of the group in seeking funding to create a Climate Change Project Officer post to carry out the actions identified, namely developing an Action Plan for Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation and Engagement for Argyll and Bute.

The Chair, Mr Champion advised that he intended that this item be included on the agenda for the next meeting as a significant item for discussion. Mr Champion advised that he would liaise with the Committee Manager and ensure that Partners were afforded time to forward issues for discussion.

Decision

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

8. OBAN BAY UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on the progress made since the decision of the Special Harbour Board meeting in December 2021 in respect of Oban Bay and the next steps which officers require to undertake.

Councillor Robertson outlined the background of the situation and introduced Robert Kincaid, member of OCHDA, to the group and advised that Mr Kincaid would attend future meetings of this group as a Partner. Discussion was had in relation to issues encountered by a number of Partners through their dealings with the Council in relation to the submission of a formal Harbour Revision Order, with it being noted

that in terms of tourism, this issue was fundamental to the economy of Oban, Lorn and the Isles.

Decision

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

1. considered and noted the update presented to, and the decision of, the Council's Harbour Board on 3 March 2022; and
2. agreed that this item be included on agendas for future meetings of the group when there is progress to report.

The Chair, Mr Champion thanked Councillor Robertson for her kind words and wished her well for the future.