

**Minutes of the  
Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership Management Committee  
held via MS Teams on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 1000**

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**Present:** Joe McKay, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (Chair)  
Rona Gold, Argyll and Bute Council                      Cllr

McEwen, observing the meeting from Orkney Community Planning Partnership, was also welcomed.

## **2. Approval of last minutes and review of actions**

The June minutes were approved as a true and accurate recording of the last meeting.

Rona Gold gave an update on the following outstanding actions within the action log as follows:

- Partners can contact Alex Wilde at [alex.wilde@improvementservice.org.uk](mailto:alex.wilde@improvementservice.org.uk) if they would like to benefit from what the Shaping Places project can offer regarding project support. Action complete.
- Laura Evans from Police Scotland has joined the Shaping Places Project Steering Group and other Partners were reminded that they can contact Rona if they are also interested in joining this group.
- Climate Change Working Group, Steering Group membership. Stan advised this action is ongoing.
- Partners are welcome to provide feedback regarding improvements or suggestions to the CPP Bulletin. Action complete.
- Money Worries PDF has been circulated to Community Councils. Action complete.
- Digital Skills Working Group Terms of Reference were circulated to Partners with the agenda pack. Action complete.
- Findings from Hall Aitken commissioned work to be presented at this meeting. Action complete.
- Ongoing reminder for CPP MC members to notify Rona Gold of community engagement activities to facilitate collaboration where possible. Action complete.

## **3. Matters arising from Area Community Planning Groups**

Shona Barton provided an update and highlights from the August area meetings. These included the excellent partnership work in Helensburgh on youth antisocial behaviour and the mental health and wellbeing website f





one page visual document for the Child Poverty Review Action Plan with QR codes to scan to be directed to help available.

The Child Poverty Action Group are developing an engagement and communication sub-group to map communication pathways for key messages and create an annual calendar for communications, i.e. promote school uniform support in spring. They are looking at different ways to promote Scottish Child Payments to those who should claim it and promote provision of free school meals.

Audit Scotland concluded longer joint planning is needed for Child Poverty in Scotland with more focus on tackling impacts rather than prevention. There is also a national effort to provide better data for remote and rural places to identify the different challenges those areas face.

Alison McGrory noted this is an important issue for all as it is whole families that are affected by poverty, although the statutory duty is to address Child Poverty. She added that Impact Assessments are really important tools, not just box ticking exercises. She was hopeful that some hurdles are overcome quickly and they will have a quality impact assessment tool to use. Joe agreed and thanked Mandy for her update, noting it has been a challenging 6-12 months for all families.

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available for partners. FW advised it will be, he is working on access detail as the training requires access to YouTube and creating an account to access.

**ACTION - Fergus Walker to provide link to Poverty Training for use by partners.**

Crisis Grant applications have increased this year and the team are assessing this alongside the Flexible Food Fund to ensure clients get access to all eligible grants. COVID Self Isolation grants will end in October.

Robin said he attended the inaugural Island Forum in Orkney last week. OFGEM were represented at the meeting and they were engaged

exporter of energy and there are good examples of local energy schemes in Argyll and Bute generating income for local communities. Can we support other local areas to do this? The group asks that CWB be included and referenced in all new forthcoming strategies. It was noted that part of the Rural Growth Deal case studies being prepared now include references of benefits from CWB within the business case.

Takki stated that TSI will look to fund the work of a baseline assessment (with partner contributions) and coordinate the commissioning of a CWB baseline report so we are ready to progress when legislation comes.

Rona noted that this is becoming a legislative requirement without funding to support it at a time when funding is restricted and asked if Rachael, CPP representative of the Scottish Government, could take a message back to Government asking that when legislation comes out with no associated funding, it is recognised as an ask for more from existing resources. Discussions with Community Planning Partnerships to discuss what extra funding would look like to support emerging legislation would be helpful. Rachael agreed to feed that back.

**ACTION - Rachel to feedback to Scottish Government the need for funding to**

He advised that the R100 program to install broadband has a budget £30m earmarked to the North region that includes Argyll and Bute. To give an idea of the cost of this program in rural areas, Iain advised that the £30m will connect approximately 1500 premises. The R100 program has installed 63 premises on Mull and 98 in Tiree.

Nicola Hackett reported on the recent engagement with Hall Aitken. Digital Skills are a critical part of the CLD Partnership plan and to ensure the delivery of core digital skills in Argyll and Bute we need to understand where the gaps are, what our existing assets are and how to take this forward in partnership. Extensive scoping was completed to look at how we can best use our resources. A survey was conducted, however there were not as many responses to that as hoped. Nicola Hackett said the methodology and approach from Hall Aitken was good and they gave clear recommendations on how to work together across partners and the CLD partnership to ensure our work contributes to digital skills. Nicola Hackett asked the CPP if the report was as anticipated and, similar to other pieces of work, the CLD do



Joe said at the last meeting that MSYP Ryan Machtyre was talking about going out across Argyll and Bute to ask young people what was important to them. Ann Kennovin gave an update on this advising that the MSYPs had taken a stall at Oban Highland Games where over 100 people stopped to engage with the MSYPs, who explained what the Youth Parliament is about, their roles and the length of their appointment term. About 65% of those who engaged were young people. The MSYPs also created a QR code



### **c. Place Based Review Lochgilphead**

Shirley Johnstone advised that as part of the Modern Workspace project to  
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for Lochgilphead and Hub North were engaged to i(i)-2v(o)-6(r)21(t)28 sed Lsseedke-6(a)-6(do-27(



No items were raised.

## **11. DONM and Close**

Joe thanked partners for attending and providing papers covering progress across the area. The next meeting will be on 7 December 2022 at 1000.



