

Management Committee**Date: December 2022****Agenda Item:**

Area Community Planning Groups – November 2022 Meetings**1. Purpose**

This paper presents key matters arising during the Area Community Planning Group meetings that were held virtually in November 2022.

2. Recommendations

The Management Committee is asked to:

- a) note the Highlights detailed at section 4 of the report; and
- b) note that Ryan MacIntyre (Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament) was appointed to the position of Vice-Chair of

emergency in Argyll and Bute; the development of governance arrangements and structures to support the Climate Change Project Officer post.

Time for Change

investments in new housing stock, specifically 10 new units at Inveraray in June 2022, 4 units at Tarbert, 2 new units at Millknowe and the new developments planned at Dalintober and Port Ellen. It was noted that ACHA tenant Cathy Grant of Glendaruel had been elected Chair of the Association and that Lachlan Woods of ACHA had received recognition at the UK National Awards where he received the award Energy Champion of the Year.

Bute & Cowal

Laura Walker, on behalf of Strachur Joint Efforts, advised that they had received ten thousand pounds from the Big Lottery Fund to create opportunities for young people in the area. Laura highlighted some of the events and activities that have subsequently been created including a pop up café, with different themes for each and opportunities to develop skills such as cooking, customer service and budgeting. Laura added that this project would provide young people with qualifications to add to their CV.

The Group gave consideration to an update from Sandy McLeod of Argyll and Bute TSI which included information on the positive feedback received regarding the Community Directory; the conversation café hosted ahead of the launch of the next round of Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Funding; the Positive Destination Scheme; volunteer events held to encourage new volunteers for organisations and free online training available for volunteers and staff members of organisations.

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) submitted an update regarding the number of customers claiming universal credit and legacy benefits; job seekers allowance; employment and support allowance; and income support. The report also covered information on recruitment events held by Rothesay and Dunoon Job centres; the new telephone shared line number with New Style Employment & Support Allowance; fuel direct; broadband social tariff; health adjustment passports; managed moves to Universal Credit; the influx of pension credit claims; disability cost of living payment stakeholder toolkit; cost of living payment; Government plans to cut energy bills; the raised Administrative Earnings Threshold; Personal Independence Payment (PIP) claims and Adult Disability Payments (ADP).

Reeni Kennedy Boyle of Fyne Futures provided the Group with a verbal update

added that profits are distributed between Fyne Homes, Fyne Futures and the Community of Glenbarr. Discussion was had around sustainability and Iona highlighted that new builds are being developed to a high quality and the challenge will be for retrofitting.

Helensburgh & Lomond

The Group considered a report from Shona Barton, Governance Manager, regarding the results of a future meeting arrangement survey undertaken following the August meeting. Thirty-three responses were received with the majority of respondents confirming they would like the option for either face to face or Hybrid meetings. It was also highlighted that respondents were happy to continue with daytime meetings with the majority in favour of these being held in the morning, with venues across the area being used – but with the option to have Hybrid arrangements in place.

Resources	No direct resource implications however consideration of the issues raised and following courses of action may have a knock on effect on finance and/or staff resource
Prevention	Contributes to the prevention agenda
Equalities	Contributes toward reducing inequalities

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