

Management Committee

Date: 7 September 2023

Agenda Item: 3

Area Community Planning Groups – August 2023 Meetings

1. Purpose

This paper presents key matters

4. Highlights

All Groups considered:

Community Planning

Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer Argyll and Bute Council, provided each Group with an overview of Community Planning in Argyll and Bute. The presentation included information on the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015; the roles and responsibilities of the Community Planning Team; where the Area Community Planning Groups fit into the partnership and their relationship with the Management Committee; cross cutting themes and principles of effective community planning.

The presentation also included information on the development day which is held once a year; action plans for each of the Area Community Planning Groups as well as the Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan.

Access to Argyll and Bute (A83)

Transport Scotland and Atkins WSP Joint Ventures delivered a presentation on the permanent solution for the A83. The presentation included information that had been delivered at both virtual and in person public exhibitions within the locality, specifically key features and benefits of the preferred route; the preferred route plan; the scheme assessment process and the next stages of the assessment and construction phases.

Centre for Local Economic Strategies - Community Wealth Building

All Groups gave consideration to a presentation on Community Wealth Building from Charlie Murphy from CLES (Centre for Local Economic Strategies). Charlie highlighted that the CLES mission is to develop local economies which work for people, planet and place and that it is the lead organisation for Community Wealth Building in the UK. Charlie advised that CLES had been commissioned by the TSI on behalf of the CPP to conduct research on Community Wealth Building in Argyll and Bute.

Climate Change Working Group

Stan Philips, Chair of the Climate Change Working Group, submitted an update report that highlighted the ongoing work of the Climate Chang(e)-10BT3-33(swS)-32(o3(a)23(i)22(r)11(o)23(f)1(a)23oup

challenge which Police S Argyll and West Dunbartonshire Division and the Keep Safe scheme.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service presented reports highlighting the 2023-24 FQ1 review of local performance across the locality. The report included information on local firefighter training plans; incidents during this time period; unwanted fire alarm signals; road and water safety campaigns and community engagement activities.

Live Argyll

Live Argyll provided information relating to youth work across the locality such as the GIVE summer programme; the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers; the work with Developing Young Work Force and the summer exchange programme.

Argyll and Bute TSI Update

The Groups gave consideration to a report from the Argyll and Bute TSI which highlighted that at the June 2023 Community Planning Partnership, the Argyll and Bute TSI Chief Executive Officer presented a fourth paper on moving the local Community Wealth Building agenda further forward and that at the end of June, TSI commissioned a three day Combined First Aid at Work and Paediatric First Aid course at Atlantis Leisure Centre in Oban for Third Sector organisations.

Progress on Argyll and Bute Climate Hub

Consideration was also given to a TSI authored report which sought to update Partners on actions being taken to draw together a range of community actors to coordinate, map and network build for the purposes of increasing community awareness concerning climate action.

UHI Argyll

UHI Argyll advised that all centres held an open day on the 14th June in which people were encouraged to drop into their local centres to enquire about courses and find out what support is available to them. It was noted that UHI Argyll staff have been attending some local events during the summer months and are currently preparing for the new academic year and the intake of new students.

Skills Development Scotland Update

Susan MacRae, Skills Development Scotland advised that career advisors have been visiting centres across the locality and that they continue to support school leavers. Susan added that the Partnership Action for Continuing Employment initiative and the annual participation measures are due to be published on 31st August.

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands (Meeting Papers - [LINK](#))

The Group gave consideration to a presentation from the Scottish Ambulance Area Service Manager for the West Region. Mr Benton provided an overview of the increasing demand for the Scottish Ambulance Service and the different services provided and gave a breakdown of calls received in 2021 which were dealt with by 7,000 staff and 1,200 volunteers. Mr Benton outlined the new triage system in place for responding to calls, together with hospital turnaround times. He advised the next steps in ensuring investment in staff to improve wellbeing; enabling people to receive the highest quality of care; working alongside communities to improve population health; making shared decisions with people to support self-management and embracing data and technology to add value to the services already provided.

Consideration was given to a report and a short presentation by Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre (TALC) on their Creative Arts, Technology and Education Programme, which was founded in 2014. Anna Dawton and Nicole Heidtke provided an overview of the timeline of the programme and advised that TALC delivers workshops in areas of art, design, technology, media and interdisciplinary projects, which are not offered at school and they also deliver CPD training for teachers. It was noted that TALC is the only organisation who is not a top-

4.1 Further Actions

It is requested that the Management Committee note the report and the successful meetings held in August 2023.

5.0 Implications

Strategic Implications	Meetings of the Area Community Planning Group held in May covered various Outcomes.
Consultations	No prior circulation of this report.
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 to the prevention agenda