

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP HELD  
BY MICROSOFT TEAMS  
ON TUESDAY, 30 APRIL 2024**

**Present:**

Jean Moffatt, Bute Community Council (Chair)  
Reeni Kennedy-Boyle, Fyne Futures  
Stuart McLean, Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council  
Rona Gold, Communities and Partnership Manager, Argyll and Bute Council  
Ailie Law, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council  
Aimie Dow, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council  
Susan Tuite, Senior Welfare Rights Officer, Argyll and Bute Council  
Councillor Ross Moreland  
Councillor Gordon Blair  
Councillor Peter Wallace  
Sergeant Sophie Marshall, Police Scotland  
Tony McGloin Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
Rhona Altin, UHI Argyll  
Robert Trybis, Dunoon Gourock Ferry Action Group  
Ann Campbell, Dunoon Community Development Trust  
Janis Marshall Reilly, Argyll and Bute TSI  
Rhona Grant, Community Learning Services, Live Argyll  
Alex Wilde, Shaping Places for Wellbeing, Improvement Service  
Jenny Dryden, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership  
Tom McCowan, Dunoon Community Council  
Dee James, Bute and Cowal Living Well Network  
Rhyddian Knight, Friends of Glenan Wood

**Attending:**

Councillor William Sinclair  
Councillor Audrey Forrest

**3. MINUTES**

(a)

(Reference: Report by Governance Officer, Argyll and Bute Council, dated 30 April 2024, submitted)

## **6. ARGYLL AND BUTE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP - PUBLIC HEALTH**

### **(a) The Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2023 (NHS Highland) : 'Medication & Public Health - Do the Right Thing'**

Consideration was given to a public health update from NHS Highland. The update focussed on The Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2023 (NHS Do the Right Thing. The report examined public health challenges and the benefits and drawback of prescribed medicines, with a focus on escalating levels of pharmacotherapy and its impacts on both individuals, and the population and their environment, including the rise of antibiotic resistance and the environmental pollution caused by medicines.

The report also provided information on the following key issues: The Environment: How medication can make out environment sicker; Hepatitis C: How medication is transforming treatment and prevention; Social Prescribing: How an alternative to medication can work; and Prescriptions for Pain: How medication can have long-lasting effects on public health. A case study regarding how medication and other measures can work together to improve health was also considered.

It was noted that a copy of the presentation provided to the Group would be circulated by e-mail following the meeting.

#### **Decision**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Health Improvement Senior, NHS Highland, submitted)

## **7. SOCIAL CARE FOR ADULTS AND OLDER PEOPLE IN BUTE AND COWAL**

The Vice-Chair highlighted that a paper had been presented to the Health and Social Care Partnership last month in relation to the service provision for adults and older people and -Chair posed several questions to partners with responses detailed below:

### **1. What experience does your group or organisation have of supporting Social Care for Adults and old people in Bute and Cowal?**

Dee James advised that she has experience through the Living Well Networks as well as through the Cowal Elderly Befrienders and Interloch Community Transport and that the Living Well Network do a significant amount of networking with both groups.

Councillor Forrest suggest that Crossroad Caring for Carers would be a good group to contact in relation to this.

### **2. How would you describe your partnership relationship with the Health and Social Care Partnership and what is your channels for communicating and engaging with the HSCP?**

Dee James advised that her channel for communicating and engaging with the HSCP is through the Living Well Network. Dee advised that they are involved in sending out surveys to members and feeding the information back to the HSCP.

Rhona Grant advised that Live Argyll have some links into the HSCP through the

a number of awards from the Fund had already benefitted local groups.

### **Decision**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group:

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. noted that in the absence of a representative from Argyll Community Housing Association, any questions could be forwarded to them following the meeting and any responses circulated to the Group.

(Reference: Report by Local Manager, Argyll Community Housing Association, dated 1 April 2024, submitted)

## **9. PARTNER UPDATES**

### **(a) Police Scotland Update**

Consideration was given to an update which provided information on the ongoing work of the Service and information on crime statistics; fraud prevention and awareness; road safety and the new Youth Engagement Officer for Bute and Cowal. The update also provided information relating to the Recovery Community meeting which was attended by Officers and a meeting with Live Argyll to discuss their Literacy and Numeracy project for adults on the Isle of Bute.

Councillor Sinclair raised road safety concerns on the A815 through Sandbank.

The Committee Manager advised that the Community Planning Group had asked for an update on potential road safety measures in relation to Sandbank and that the Roads and Infrastructure Officers, supported by the Community Development Team, would hold a stakeholder event to discuss the matter and that the outcome of this event would be subject to further discussion and consideration at a future meeting of the Community Planning Group.

### **Decision**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Police Scotland, submitted)

### **(b) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Update**

The Group gave consideration to a report highlighting the Scottish Fire and Rescue period 2023-

events would be held in fire stations across Scotland. Further information on the survey can be found at: [Shaping Our Future Service: Your Say - Scottish Fire and Rescue Services - Citizen Space](#)

## **Decision**

Community Inn Sandbank. The update highlighted that the Group was presently at Stage 2 of a two stage process to obtain finances from the Scottish Land Fund for the purpose of acquiring the Oakbank hotel/pub as a community facility. It was advised that initial funding had been received for preparation of a valuation survey, condition survey, feasibility study and business plan with work on the latter ongoing.

**Decision**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group:

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
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(TSI), which provided an update on actions taken during financial quarter four of 2023-24. The update included information in relation to changes to the Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Act 2023; local strategic partnerships; the Community Wealth Building report; Community Planning Partnership organisational changes; funding for 2024-2025; the Funders Fayre 2024 held in Oban; a fourth year of funding of the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund; TSI Board member recruitment; testing of new models of co-location; work by the Argyll and Bute Climate Action Network; the Sustainable Food Partnership online event; consultations on a new strategy and a local sustainable funding

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a lease for Castle House Gate Lodge and that their partners, Cycling UK and the Bothy Project, would be sharing the space. Ann advised that they had been supporting an active travel network and are working with partners to develop a behaviour change plan.

#### Friends of Glenan Wood

Rhyddian Knight advised that the updated Friends of Glenan Wood website was now live ([Friends of Glenan Wood](#)) and that they are really happy with it. Rhyddian highlighted that there is a full programme of volunteer opportunities throughout the year and a full calendar of events on the website and that they now have funding for travel for volunteers and community groups to take part in the volunteer opportunities.

## **10. WELFARE**

1. noted that a steering group of CPP partners oversaw the delivery and production of the two reports at Appendix 1 and 2;
2. agreed to forward any comments on implementation and priority actions within the final report Community Wealth Building in Argyll and Bute: A framework for action at appendix 1 following the meeting to the Committee Manager to pass to the CEO, Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface for consideration and action as appropriate; and
3. agreed to forward any comments on the implementation and priority actions within the  
  
Manager to pass to the CEO, Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface for consideration and action as appropriate.

(Reference: Report by CEO, Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface, dated 30 April 2024, submitted)

## **12. BUTE AND COWAL LIVING WELL NETWORK**

Due to the time constraints it was agreed to continue consideration of this item to the next meeting.

### **Decision**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group agreed to continue consideration of this item to the next meeting.

## **13. SHAPING PLACES FOR WELLBEING**

Consideration was given to a report and presentation from Alex Wilde, Shaping Places for Wellbeing Dunoon. The update provided information on how they share their learning; Place and Wellbeing outcomes; Project Town activities; how they use data and evidence; Place and Wellbeing Assessments and associated recommendations.

### **Decision**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report and presentation by Project Lead, Shaping Places for Wellbeing, submitted)

## **14. COMMUNITY**

### **Decision**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Presentation by Museum Assistant, Castle House Museum)

## **15. CLIMATE CHANGE**

### **(a) Argyll and Bute Climate Action: developing a Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan for Argyll and Bute**

The Group gave consideration to a report providing an update on the Community

Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan for Argyll and Bute.

### **Decision**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group noted the approach and status of the project as outlined in the report.