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<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Arran Locality Partnership</b>
<b>Date/Venue:</b>	30 January 2020, Video Conference Meeting (Arran High/Greenwood Conference Centre)
<b>Present:</b>	<p>Councillor Ellen McMaster (<b>Chair</b>);            Dr Greg Hamill, GP Lead (<b>Vice Chair</b>)            Audrey Sutton, Interim Executive Director (Communities) North Ayrshire Council (Lead Officer);            Anne Marie Hunter, North Ayrshire Council;            Inspector Alison Wilson, Police Scotland;            Carol Kane, Operations Manager, Arran CVS            Diana Turbett, community Representative            Lesley Forsyth, Senior Manager Information and Culture            Michelle Sutherland, North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership            Richard McMaster, Arran Community Council Representative            Theresa Potter, HSCP Engagement Officer</p> <p>Jennifer McGee, Community &amp; Locality Planning Assistant, North Ayrshire Council (Notes)</p> <p><b>In Attendance</b></p> <p>Thom Ledingham, Planning Officer (<b>Item 3</b>)            Caitriona McAuley, Head of Economic Development &amp; Regeneration (<b>item 4</b>)            Gillian Jennings, Health Improvement Officer, NHS Ayrshire &amp; Arran (<b>item 6</b>)            David Meechan, Senior Project Officer, NHS Ayrshire &amp; Arran (<b>item 6</b>)            Heather Still, Drug and Alcohol Researcher, Arran CVS (<b>item 9</b>)            Barry Smith, Head Teacher, Arran High (<b>item 8</b>)            Suzie Dick, Depute Head Teacher, Arran High (<b>item 8</b>)            Joao Gonçalves, Arran CVS            Jordan Cooke, Deloitte            Joanna Glacken, Assistant Planning Officer</p>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<p>Councillor Anthony Gurney            Councillor Timothy Billings;            Tom Tracey, Community Representative;            Sgt. Dougie Robertson, Police Scotland;            Vicki Yuill, Senior Lead Officer (TSI)</p>

## ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>Due to adverse weather and the cancellation of ferries at short notice, it was agreed that the Locality Partnership Meeting would take place via video conference. Those from the island joined from Arran High School and those from the mainland joined from Greenwood Conference Centre.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting including Jordan Cooke from Deloitte who was observing the meeting as part of the Council's Best Value Audit.</p>	<b>Noted</b>

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	Apologies for absence were noted.	
2.	<p><b>Minutes from meeting held on 26 September 2019</b></p> <p>The minutes arising from the meeting held on 26 September 2019 were approved.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
3.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>Child Poverty Action Plan:</b> An update will come to the March 2020 meeting.</p> <p><b>National Islands Plan:</b> A Sutton advised that the Scottish Government have now published their National Islands Plan and that it would be useful to have this as a discussion item on the next agenda.</p> <p><b>Youth Cabinet:</b> will be held on Arran during March 2020. A confirmed date will be shared with the Partnership in due course.</p>	<p><b>J McGee</b></p> <p><b>J McGee</b></p>
4.	<p><b>LDP 2</b></p> <p>Thom Ledingham from the Council's Planning Department delivered a presentation on the Council's Local Development Plan.</p> <p>The presentation provided information on: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Timeline for the Local Development Plan 2, which commenced in 2016 and following engagement, consultation and examination was adopted in 2019;</li> <li>• The shared vision of the plan that every person in North Ayrshire is valued and should have the best opportunities to live their life to their full potential;</li> <li>• Four Strategic policies - Spatial Strategy, Placemaking, Strategic Development Area and Delivery on Community Priorities and how these align with the LOIP.</li> </ul> <p>The next steps will include an Action Programme, followed by the National Planning Framework and Regional Spatial Strategy, Monitoring, New Local Development Plan (incorporating ongoing engagement with Locality Planning Partnerships and communities) and Local Place Plans.</p> <p>Thom highlighted that the LDP 2 document is available to view online and a hard copy is available to view in the Lamlash Office and Brodick Library.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Thom for this presentation.</p>	

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5.	<p><b>Community Wealth Building</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation from Caitriona McAuley, Head of Economic Development and Regeneration on Community Wealth Building (CWB).</p> <p>The presentation highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CWB is a transformative approach to local economic development, developing wealth with local roots and ownership;</li><li>• The five pillars of community wealth building – procurement, employment, land and assets, financial power and democratic ownership of the local economy. Local authorities and other well established ‘anchor’ organisations - such as Council’s, NHS, further and higher education institutions, and larger private sector organisations can leverage to support and develop local economies using these five pillars;</li><li>• Securing £3m from the Ayrshire Growth Deal Community Wealth Building Fund for a regional approach to CWB;</li><li>• 22 new business start-ups and 13 growth companies accounts managed by the Council’s Business Development Team in 2018/19 on Arran.</li></ul> <p>C McAuley highlighted that the public sector in Ayrshire spends billions of pounds each year and CWB will look at harnessing these resources to create a new inclusive economy that delivers economic, social and environmental justice for the citizens of North Ayrshire. By increasing the amount of local expenditure by a few percent, could mean millions of pounds being paid to the local economy.</p> <p>C McAuley advised that work is now being undertaken with partner organisations to create a strategy that will help deliver a Community Wealth Building approach that supports local businesses and creates new democratic models of ownership, including worker co-operatives, to create good, well paid jobs. Publicly owned land and assets will be used for the common good and be an enabler for a vibrant, democratic economy.</p> <p>G Hamill asked C McAuley if she could confirm the target percentage aim North Ayrshire would like to see spent locally. C McAuley has confirmed that we currently spend 19% locally and they would be looking to increase this to 26%.</p> <p>Richard McMaster asked about support to local businesses to take advantage of tender opportunities.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
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	<p>The Partnership thanked C McAuley for her presentation. The Chair suggested it would be good to revisit CWB at a future meeting with C McAuley for a more in-depth discussion.</p>	<p><b>J McGee/C McAuley</b></p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Community Engagement</b></p> <p>Anne-Marie Hunter and Theresa Potter provided the Partnership with an update on the work taking place around community engagement.</p> <p>They attended the Santa Sparkle event in Lamlash in November and engaged with 151 attendees. They engaged with attendees using ‘Penny for Your Thoughts’ which enabled them to have a quick intervention to determine the individual’s priority in exchange for a chocolate coin. During the discussions it emerged that the Locality Partnership priorities matched the priorities of the local people.</p> <p>Overall the event was very well structured embracing the sentiments and fun of Christmas which captured the enthusiasms of the participants and enabled a very enthusiastic and positive response to their engagement.</p> <p>They have also met with the High School’s Mental Health Youth Ambassadors to hold a Capacity Building session. This session was very well received and those who attended engaged enthusiastically, articulating their needs, issues and aspirations for bespoke Youth Mental Health Services.</p> <p>Some of the main highlights from this discussion were to de-stigmatise the ‘Wellbeing Centre’ already in place and develop safe spaces all around the school. Another was to explore more creative types of wellbeing including art, music and pet therapy. Currently a lot of the activities are based around sports, however this does not suit everyone. The Mental Health Youth Ambassadors are keen to develop a CIF application to help fund other therapies and more.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed that this would be supportive of receiving a CIF application from the Group.</p> <p>Both A Hunter and T Potter highlighted that they were looking forward to meeting with the Mental Health Youth Ambassadors again to continue their work.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>A Hunter/T Potter</b></p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Green Health Partnership</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation from Gillian Jennings and David Meechan, NHS Ayrshire and Arran on the promotion of Green Health in North Ayrshire. Green Health aims to improve health and reduce health inequalities by making more use of the outdoors for nature activities.</p> <p>Information was provided on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• examples of activities which improve Green Health;</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the associated health benefits of promoting Green Health;</li> <li>• other benefits of promoting Green Health;</li> <li>• the organisations which form the North Ayrshire Green Health Partnership steering group;</li> <li>• the use of referrals from KA Leisure and Active North Ayrshire; and</li> <li>• the key messages about Green Health.</li> </ul> <p>They also highlighted that the 2020 and 2021 Development Fund would be merged (£30k from each year) in to a £60k funding pot. This fund will help support up to 13 x £1500, 4 x £5000 and 2 x £10,000 projects. The aim it to spread the funding across all six localities. Details of when the funding will go live will be available soon.</p> <p>The Partnership thanked both G Jennings and D Meechan for their presentation.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
8.	<p><b>Young People’s Mental Health</b></p> <p>Barry Smith, Head Teacher and Suzie Dick Depute Head Teacher, Arran High provided the Partnership with an update on Arran High’s Health and Wellbeing For All Strategy.</p> <p>B Smith and S Dick advised the partnership that over the last four years the team have been working on this strategy.</p> <p>The school’s Wellbeing Centre was launched in August 2019 has a very island specific approach. On launch day pupils participated in a bespoke mindfulness session.</p> <p>A Mental Health SQA is being delivered within the school and National 4 and 5 level as well as a range of other awards for senior students.</p> <p>A full background report detailing the work happening within the school, the challenges face and the next steps was circulated to the Partnership for interest.</p> <p>Again, the Partnership conveyed their support of receiving a CIF Application from Group.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
9.	<p><b>Locality Partnership Forum/HSCP Update</b></p> <p>Greg Hamill provided the Locality Partnership with the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are still issues relating to recruitment and retention of staff on the island. This was also an issued for the Social Work Team, however this has changed</li> <li>• Arran’s A&amp;E department is seeing a grow in the number of people presenting themselves at A&amp;E;</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over the 12 months the ambulance service has been working with Cal Mac to make it easier to get patients off the island for treatment. The ambulance now has a priority boarding permit, which allows them to skip the queue when there is someone on the island who needs to see a healthcare professional on the mainland.</li> <li>GP Contract changes are progressing across North Ayrshire. Residents will now be able to see a Physio, Mental Health Nurse etc without being referred from the GP.</li> </ul> <p>T Potter highlighted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Drug Death summit was held at Saltcoats Town Hall on 21 January following a motion approved by the Full Council during 2019 declaring a drug death emergency. At the Summit it was announced that North Ayrshire Alcohol and Drugs Partnership would be holding a PB event. Community groups and projects can submit bids for funding grants of between £8,000 and £10,000 to promote recovery and address the impact of drugs-related deaths in our communities;</li> <li>Community Workers have also been trained to administer Naloxone;</li> <li>There are two consultations currently live. The first is one is future chemotherapy services in Ayrshire and Arran and the second relates to the Adult Social Care Reform Programme.</li> </ul> <p>A Sutton asked J McGee to circulate a copy of both consultations.</p> <p>The Partnership thanked G Hamill and T Potter for the update.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>J McGee</b></p>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Arran Drug and Alcohol Study</b></p> <p>Heather Still provided the Partnership with an update on her Arran Drug and Alcohol Study.</p> <p>H Still advised that she was based within Arran CVS, this is a six month post funded by the Corra Foundation.</p> <p>H Still highlighted that she has met with service users and families so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>23 people have come forward to be interviewed. 13 have been interviewed.</li> <li>50 survey responses have been collected</li> <li>Elderly and youth forum have been contacted</li> </ul> <p>During these conversations it was noted that the most frequently asked for support was either a crisis point contact or a light touch, informal support group. It was also pointed out that there are very</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>

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	<p>little options of support for those living with an addiction on the island in comparison to the mainland. There is also no support for families.</p> <p>H Still revealed that the nature of drug use on Arran is very different to that on the mainland where it is mostly opiate based and necessitates people to be given Naloxone training whereas the misuse on Arran appears to be Cocaine based and therefore requires a different approach entirely. These findings were echoed by G Hamill and in response M Sutherland suggested that a different response might be more suitable for Arran and that this was something she would look in to.</p> <p>H Still advised the Partnership that she had contacted the North Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership requesting figures to set a monetary value against the loss of staff time when travel plans are disrupted.</p> <p>M Sutherland advised H Still that this kind of data may not be available and that she would liaise with a Senior Manager from the HSCP regarding this matter.</p> <p>It was agreed that H Still would forward a copy of the report she has collated to J McGee who would then share with the Partnership.</p> <p>The Partnership thanked H Still for attending and providing her update.</p>	<p><b>M Sutherland</b></p> <p><b>M Sutherland</b></p> <p><b>J McGee</b></p>
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>A Sutton highlighted that there had been a helpful discussion with the Brodick Nursery Voluntary Committee and Manager and that she would keep the Locality Partnership updated as things progress.</p>	<p><b>A Sutton</b></p>

The meeting ended at 2.40 pm