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Meeting:	Arran Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	9 September 2020 via Microsoft Teams
Present:	<p>Councillor Ellen McMaster (Chair); Councillor Timothy Billings; Councillor Anthony Gurney Dr Greg Hamill, GP Lead (Vice Chair) Vicki Yuill, Arran CVS (Senior Lead Officer) Audrey Sutton, Interim Executive Director (Communities) North Ayrshire Council (Lead Officer); Ruth Betley, Senior Manager, Arran Services (HSCP) Lesley Forsyth, Senior Manager Information and Culture Susan Foster, Acting Head Teacher (Arran High) Anne Marie Hunter, Engagement and Participation Officer; Shirley MacLachlan, Head Teacher (Brodict Primary School) Carol Norton, Operations Manager, Arran CVS Paul Storr, Scottish Fire and Rescue Michelle Sutherland, North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership Tom Tracey, Community Representative; Diana Turbett, community Representative Inspector Alison Wilson, Police Scotland;</p> <p>Jennifer McGee, Community & Locality Planning Assistant, North Ayrshire Council (Notes)</p> <p>In Attendance</p> <p>Councillor Alex Gallagher, Cabinet Member for Islands Caitriona McAuley, Head of Economic Development & Regeneration (Item 6) Russell McCutcheon, Executive Director (Place) (Item 6) Ian Staples, Manager, Arran Outdoor Education Centre (Item 3) Steve Garraway, Arran High Mountain Bike Club (Item 10)</p>
Apologies:	<p>Sgt. Dougie Robertson, Police Scotland; Richard McMaster, Arran Community Council Representative Suzie Dick, Depute Head Teacher (Arran High)</p>

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No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were made and apologies for absence were noted.</p> <p>In terms of Standing Order 11, D Turbett declared an interest in agenda item 4 as she joined the Arran Youth Foundations Committee as a Safeguarding Manager during the summer.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership took the opportunity to reflect on the sad passing of Theresa Potter, a highly regarded colleague within the HSCP and a committed local activist who had worked with a variety</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Noted</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Noted</p>

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	<p>of organisations. The Partnership extended their condolences to Theresa's family, friends and colleagues.</p> <p>The Chair wished to thank Sgt Robertson, the emergency services and volunteers involved in the aftermath of the Waverley incident for their swift and competent response. She also thanked the residents who offered accommodation for stranded passengers and to local businesses for providing food and refreshments.</p>	Noted
2.	<p>Minutes from meeting held on 30 January 2020</p> <p>The minutes arising from the meeting held on 30 January 2020 were approved.</p>	Noted
3.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>A Sutton provided the Partnership with the follow updates:</p> <p>Best Value – the Arran Locality Partnership meeting held in January 2020 was observed by an Auditor as part of the Council's Best Value Audit. A Sutton advised that she was delighted to advise that one of the strongest features from an overall great report was the role of the CPP and the development of Locality Planning in North Ayrshire. A Sutton advised the Partnership that J McGee would circulate a copy of the report for information.</p> <p>Child Poverty Action Plan – the report is now ready and was shared with the CPP Board earlier today and a full update will be brought to the next meeting.</p> <p>National Islands Plan – significant progress has been made and have been working alongside Groups on the Island. Further discussion will take place during the agenda.</p> <p>Youth Cabinet – due to Covid-19 we have been unable to have a meeting of the Youth Cabinet on the island as planned. However the CIF Application being presented later the in the agenda is an indication of the work which has been progressed with young people.</p>	J McGee
4.	<p>Community Hubs and Next Steps Support</p> <p>A Sutton and I Staples delivered a presentation to the Partnership on the work of the Community Hubs.</p> <p>A Sutton highlighted that before lockdown we had also been developing the Community Charters which are agreements between communities and the Council. Some of the key themes from the Community Charters were improving our environment, volunteering more and improving social connections. These continued to underpin the ways in which we have been working together during the pandemic.</p>	Noted

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	<p>A Sutton advised that Community Hubs will now be a permanent feature within all of our Communities in North Ayrshire which will be supported by our Locality Partnerships. Although the Hubs were set up to support communities during a crisis situation, we have identified a real opportunity to continue the brokerage and relationship building model at a local level. Hubs will also provide crisis and early intervention and prevention support. They will also link strongly to Community Wealth Building and the new teams within the Place Directorate to support this work.</p> <p>A Sutton also highlighted the Community Food system work which is currently being undertaken across North Ayrshire. This will coordinate a range of community responses to food need including community food providers preparing and cooking meals, providing community access to larder 'top-ups' –pay it forward/subscription models, working towards pantry/larder and food cooperative models, and continuing to work closely with foodbanks.</p> <p>I Staples conveyed his thanks to the Partnership and volunteers for their support. He highlighted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 759 prescriptions have delivered in total since 26 March to Vulnerable/Shielding members of the Community by our volunteers. They are still receiving request for this service. • 980 Free School Meal Food Parcels have been delivered so far to villages on Arran. This will continue to rise daily now that pupils are back to School. Food parcels are being delivered by our staff team to Brodick Primary and Early Years and Corrie Primary Monday-Friday. • 767 food shopping deliveries made across the Island. • Replacing the Free School Meal parcel system with a voucher system for the Co-Op and local village shops. 996 Vouchers have been issued since April to those Families who are in receipt of Free School Meals as well as families who have been Furloughed/requiring support. <p>The Hub has also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received over 1,506 recorded phone calls since opening. • Arranged transport to people unable to attend medical appointments due to transport utilising the Centre's mini buses. • Done 16 washing loads for Sheltered Housing. • Offered out the Centre's accommodation to Medical staff (mainly nurses) working at the local hospital for a total of 226 bed nights and additional 12 nights for North Ayrshire Council employees needing accommodation. • Run a very successful child-care hub over the school holiday period for Keyworker staff. <p>The Chair highlighted that it was truly humbling to see all of the community work together through the crisis.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
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	<p>A Sutton advised that she would like to bring back a future report around the development of community hubs which will highlight how we continue that whole system approach in our localities.</p> <p>V Yuill advised the Partnership that Arran CVS have created an interactive map of Arran to celebrate the way the community of Arran pulls together when a crisis hits. The map visually demonstrates the creativity and vitality of the community in responding to local needs during the pandemic. They have included as many activities as possible to show the breadth of initiatives that were undertaken to support each other. The also map includes short descriptions of the activities, photos and videos. V Yuill invited the Partnership to advise of any gaps on the maps.</p> <p>A Sutton asked members if there were any similar or new themes which have emerged as priorities on Arran as a result of the pandemic and out learning from it. A Sutton invited members to use the chat function to highlight any new priorities members feel are the right fit for the Island. A Sutton also advised that a survey will be issued after the meeting which will provide members with the opportunity to give further input on the questions posed within the presentation. The responses will be collated and brought back to the next meeting for discussion on how these can be used to help the Locality Partnership focus their work where it is most needed.</p>	<p>A Sutton</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>J McGee</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Health and Social Care Update.</p> <p>G Hamill provided the Partnership with an update on the work of the Health and Social Care Partnership on the Island during the pandemic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Arran there was a cluster of cases early on in the pandemic. Due to ferry access being limited and being able to trace down cases and the spread was stopped quickly on the island. • A good testing system has been set on the island. • No rise in cases since opening the island back up. • In April, only 40 people attended A&E. In August A&E presentations were around 80% of the average of the last few years, things are coming back to normal numbers. • In GP practice they are seeing above 100% of what would have the average contact prior to the pandemic. • Outpatients services at the hospital are still limited. Physio and Maternity services are operating at different sites. <p>G Hamill advised that in the last few weeks there has been a surge in testing due to children returning to school and the island being busier. He also advised that there is a Flu campaign this year and plans are in place to deliver to a much wider group than normal and as we head towards winter there is a need to continue to operate teams and services in a way that allows them to safely care for people with possible symptoms of Covid.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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	<p>5 different funding bodies. They have a proven track record in managing funds, overseeing sustainable projects, monitoring and evaluating projects.</p> <p>This will ensure that the project is sustainable. A Hunter will ensure this additional information is added to the Officers report.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to make a recommendation to the North Ayrshire Council Cabinet that an award of £45,266 be made to AYF and the Arran High Parent Council from the Community Investment Fund.</p>	<p>A Hunter</p> <p>A Hunter</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Community Asset Transfer</p> <p>Lesley Forsyth advised the Partnership that the Council's Cabinet approved the Community Asset Transfer of the premises being leased by Arran Youth Foundations to the Group.</p> <p>L Forsyth highlighted that the application from Arran Youth Foundations was fantastic and is currently working with the Group to finalise the transfer.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Island Officer Report</p> <p>C McAuley provided the Partnership with an update on the Island Officer proposal.</p> <p>C McAuley that to support island recovery (both Arran and Cumbrae) is the creation of a new post, Senior Manager (Islands) as part of a pilot project developed in partnership with the Scottish Government and Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) with the Council being the lead partner to the project and be the employer. The 3-year project would trial new ways of local government, national government and government agencies working on the islands in partnership with island communities and business in response to The Islands (Scotland) Act 2018.</p> <p>Some of the key task the post holder will be progressing are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support increased collaboration and co-production across partners, communities and businesses in the delivery of those plans and ensure alignment across the 13 strategic objectives of the National Islands Plan. • Support the recovery of the islands from the social and economic impact of COVID 19, to maximise the support available for island communities, to identify specific Island recovery needs and ensure that this is strategically applied to address recovery priorities. • Closer and more coordinated working between the islands and national and local government and agencies to ensure stronger place-based partnership working and to provide an island voice and influence national and local government 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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	<p>working on the islands and influence services to better meet islands' unique needs.</p> <p>Alison Wilson left the meeting at this point.</p> <p>C McAuley also advised that the Fraser of Allander Institute have been commission to collect robust data set to allowed them to independently assess the overall economic impact of the pandemic on the island. They have drawn on some of the intelligence and surveys that have been provided from groups on the island. They will also examine the impacts on Universal Credit claimants and unemployment as well as provide a range of economic indicators that will be produced for Arran, and how these could be improved. There will be a particular focus should be given to the impact of ferry disruption to the island, and what impact this loss of commerce can have on the island economy, in terms of GVA impacts.</p> <p>C McAuley advised the Partnership that the proposal is still very much in draft and requires feedback and securing of funding from the three partners (NAC, HIE and Scottish Government). She also advised that a report would be presented to the Council's Cabinet in due course and a copy of the report would be shared with the Locality Partnership.</p> <p>R McCutcheon highlighted that this proposal is very much for the benefit of our Islands and the team will be working closely with our communities to ensure this post takes forward the aspirations of our Islands.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed that this was a positive development however highlighted the importance of having someone who is embedded within one of the Islands and has genuine experience of living on an island. The Partnership thanked C McAuley for providing the update and advised that they looked forward to receiving an update when available.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>C McAuley</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Arran Recovery Group</p> <p>T Tracey provided the Partnership with an update on the work of the Arran Recovery Group.</p> <p>The Arran Recovery Group was formed by a broad spectrum of stakeholders and Community Representative to develop a Recovery Plan for the Island. The objective was to get a balance between the Community, Environment and Economy through each stage of recovery, underpinned by the Scottish Government Route Map and local HSCP guidance.</p> <p>The Group carried out the biggest piece of Arran-based research ever undertaken on the island, resulting in 900 responses and around 35000 difference inputs over a five-day period at the end of May. From this the Group started to gather a reasonably good picture of what the Community thought needed to be done.</p>	

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	<p>The Plan is currently out for discussion and the Group are going back to the Community for more responses. T Tracey highlighted that there is an open feedback form on the Arran Recovery Group website for the plan and invited members to leave their views on the website.</p> <p>T Tracey highlighted that the Fraser of Allander information will provide a good economic base which allows the group to see where they are starting from.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Arran Drug and Alcohol Study/Dementia Friendly Arran/Connecting Arran</p> <p>Arran Drug and Alcohol Study</p> <p>V Yuill provided the Partnership with an update on the Arran Drug and Alcohol Study and Dementia Friendly Arran.</p> <p>V Yuill advised that the Arran Drug and Alcohol Study is almost complete, the information has been shared with the North Ayrshire Drug and Alcohol Partnership for discussion this week. The Three outcomes that were focused on were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring the experiences of drug & alcohol use on Arran • An improved understanding on communication & information sharing • Improved understanding of the current model <p>The final report will be produced by 14 September and a presentation will go to the Corra Foundation who share information with the Scottish Government.</p> <p>Dementia Friendly Arran</p> <p>In May 2020 funding was granted for a dedicated part time Project Development Officer. The post is for one year and is funded by Life Changes Trust and the Reach Project. The postholder will develop of the Dementia Friendly Arran Strategy with the steering group and they will also be engaging with a wide range of organisations to encouraging them to become part of dementia friendly Arran.</p> <p>The outcomes from the project will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase awareness • Increase inclusion • Reduced inequalities • Protect/promote independence for as long as possible • Potential for duplication in other localities <p>Connecting Arran</p> <p>Connecting Arran is part of a national initiative – Connecting Scotland to help with developing digital skills for people who are digitally excluded.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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	<p>Through this initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 iPads have been made available – 10 from Scottish Government. • One year free internet connection • Volunteer 'digital champion' training • Volunteer buddy support, at safe distance & on phone • Participants identified through existing contact with organisations <p>V Yuill thanked L Forsyth for her support to Arran CVS to get this project running. She also asked the Partnership to get in touch if they know of someone who will benefit from this initiative.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>All</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Arran High Mountain Bike Club</p> <p>S Garraway from Arran High Mountain Bike Club who are an award-winning SCIO. The Club currently runs four nights per week from the High School and are looking for a new premises.</p> <p>The Club has been liaising with the Council's Streetscene Team to explore options of land which could be used within close proximity to the High School. The Streetscene Team identified land at the rear of the School adjacent to the Youth Cabin. The Club are looking to build a unit on this land which could be used not only for the club but for Community use.</p> <p>S Garraway shared a presentation which displayed ideas of how unit could be built using containers and asked for the Locality Partnerships guidance on how the Club could obtain funding to take this forward.</p> <p>A Sutton highlighted that she would like to put some structure in to what was presented today in terms of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset Transfer – L Forsyth is the responsible for Community Asset Transfers and will liaise with Streetscene Team to make sure S Garraway needs for the Asset Transfer Work. • Funding Opportunities – Funding Officers from North Ayrshire Council and North Ayrshire Ventures Trust could assist with supporting the Club to get the right funding for the project. <p>The Partnership agreed to Officers supporting the Club in ensuring they get the right support for this project.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>L Forsyth</p> <p>A Sutton</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>No other business was discussed. Cllr Gallagher wished to convey his thanks to the Chair.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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12.	Date of the next meeting: The next meeting of the Arran Locality Partnership will be held on Tuesday 24 November 2020 at 2.00 pm via Microsoft Teams	<i>All</i>
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The meeting ended at 7.50 pm