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| Meeting: | Arran Locality Partnership |
| Date/Venue: | 24 November 2020 at 2.00 pm via Microsoft Teams |
| Present: | <p>Councillor Ellen McMaster (Chair); Councillor Timothy Billings; Councillor Anthony Gurney 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) Suzie Dick, Depute Head Teacher (Arran High) 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 (Brodick Primary School) Carol Norton, Operations Manager, Arran CVS 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> |
| Apologies: | <p>Dr Greg Hamill, GP Lead (Vice Chair) Paul Storrie, Scottish Fire and Rescue Sgt. Dougie Robertson, Police Scotland; Richard McMaster, Arran Community Council Representative</p> |

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| 1. | <p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were made and apologies for absence were noted.</p> | Noted |
| 2. | <p>Minutes from meeting held on 9 September 2020</p> <p>The minutes arising from the meeting held on 9 September 2020 were approved.</p> | Noted |
| 3. | <p>Participatory Budgeting</p> <p>P Crosthwaite provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the forthcoming Participatory Budgeting (PB).</p> <p>P Crosthwaite highlighted that a decision was made by Cabinet in January 2020 that funding previously used to for Nurturing Excellence grants will move to Locality PB along with a small pot of funding from the arts and culture budget.</p> | Noted |

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| | <p>P Crosthwaite advised that the plans for 2021 are to have a Locality PB (previously Nurturing Excellence Fund). Applications will go live from 1 December 2020 and will close on 31 January 2021. Shortlisting will take place in February with voting opening end of February beginning March 2021. Applications will be on survey monkey and paper versions will be available if required.</p> <p>P Crosthwaite advised that the categories and the maximum funding available for each project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth - £1000 • Arts and Culture (previously the nurturing arts and culture fund) - £400 • Locality (previously the nurturing excellence fund) - £1000/£1250 • Mental Health and well-being – TBC additional funding will be provided with the HSCP. <p>The themes for the 2021 Locality PB are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locality and Arts and Culture • Ideas which improve local life and community well-being • Ideas which link people up • Ideas which promote mental health and well-being • Ideas which promote a healthy and active community • (application forms have more detail re ideas for funding) <p>For the Youth PB the themes will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and well-being • Poverty and inequality • Voice and Participation • Digital connections <p>Shortlisting for the Youth PB is carried out with the North Ayrshire Youth Executive.</p> <p>P Crosthwaite also highlighted that PB steering groups had been set up in each of the six Localities and the role of the Steering Group is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the 3 Funds • Assist with completion of applications, in their Locality • Reaching out to ‘seldom heard’ groups in their Locality • Assisting with short-listing <p>P Crosthwaite advised that a lot of promotional material will be published on social media over the coming week and encouraged LP members to share this where possible.</p> <p>The Chair thanked P Crosthwaite for her presentation.</p> <p>:</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>All</p> <p>Noted</p> |
| <p>4.</p> | <p>Community Support</p> | |

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| | <p>L Forsyth provided an update on the work of the Community Hubs across North Ayrshire.</p> <p>L Forsyth highlighted that the work of partners over the last months continues to change and evolve to meet community needs. On Arran in particular, the community have really galvanised together with groups and agencies to support each other.</p> <p>L Forsyth also shared statistics of the hubs over the last 9 months two of the highlights were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 28,000 calls made in total • 70,000 delivers made in total (this covers food, prescriptions etc) <p>L Forsyth highlighted all the partners involved in supporting the community via our hubs and each of them play their part. She also noted that it's not always about the physical presence of a hub, but how everyone can work in a true holistic way.</p> <p>L Forsyth also highlighted the next steps, how we learn from the experiences to make real step changes and cultural changes to move forward, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streamlining processes, maximise staff empowerment and minimise red tape • Looking at relationships with more agencies and Council Services within each hub • Identify specialist focus such as mental health, substance abuse, domestic abuse • Those working/volunteering a local level have a better understanding of who can provide what and what's available across the partnership • Sharing knowledge, data and resources • Develop and support volunteering • Responding as a locality team across organisations <p>A Sutton highlighted that it would be good to do some rescoping who the component parts are in an Arran scenario.</p> <p>I Staples highlighted that moving forward we would need to look at those who are socially isolated and the those most vulnerable. Covid has highlighted those that are socially isolated and over 170 people have been identified via one of the teams plus others who have signed up to the Arran CVS telephone befriending. I Staples also highlighted that things need to be in place to support coming out of restrictions all together and the impact Covid has had on people's mental health. In terms of food poverty, I Staples advised that he did not realise there was an issue on the island until the pandemic hit and it's important that people still get access to food when they are in need.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> |
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| | <p>A Sutton highlighted that securing the learning from our journey so far is really important. Using the target slide from Lesley's presentation we could use this as a baseline and create one for Arran showing the partners who were, are, and could be involved.</p> <p>L Forsyth agreed this was a great idea and using some of the detail from the CPP Community Book could help populate this.</p> <p>A Sutton also highlighted that the work Arran CVS have done with the interactive map and if we joined up the overview of Arran partners with the interactive map it would provide a really good basis for Arran. It would show what's available from partners and volunteers, the priorities and where do we need to target our endeavours.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed with this approach.</p> | <p>L Forsyth</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>L Forsyth</p> <p>Noted</p> |
| <p>5.</p> | <p>Child Poverty Action Plan/Cost of the School Day</p> <p>A Sutton provided the Partnership with an update on the work of Child Poverty Action Plan and Cost of the School Day.</p> <p>A Sutton highlighted that last week, the Scottish Government approved the second Child Poverty Action Plan which was done in conjunction with NHS Ayrshire and Arran. A whole range of partners also fed into this plan. A Sutton advised the Partnership that a link to the plan was embedded in the covering agenda.</p> <p>A Sutton highlighted that the two key areas of focus that the Council and NHS have agreed to take forward are Cost of the School Day and a new sustainable food system. A Sutton is keen to bring an update on the food system to the March meeting.</p> <p>A Cost of the School Day working Group has been established. This is Chaired by Cllr Foster and attendees are from a wide range of CPP Partners as well as education staff. The purpose of the working group is to develop a new stronger policy around the Cost of the School Day.</p> <p>S McLachlan highlighted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils within her schools are not charged for school trips to ensure it is accessible for everyone. The PTA are great and help raise funds to support this. • The schools also have a uniform recycle and pass it on scheme. • When charity events take place, pupils are not asked to donate money. • Pupils are also provided free swimming lessons, again this is supported by PTA fund raising and also by grants. • There is also a nurture class at Brodick two days per week which allows the school to work with the most vulnerable children. | <p>Noted</p> <p>A Sutton</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waterproofs are provided for nursery age children and there is also a small stock for primary age children. <p>A Sutton thanked S McLachlan for providing this information and she would be taking this back to the working group.</p> <p>A Sutton highlighted that one of the aims of the Cost of the School Day work is to have it embedded in to every schools improvement planning so that there is a very clear steer for all schools and the puts child poverty at the heart of the agenda visibly.</p> <p>S Foster and S Dick highlighted that in terms of the High School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Cost of the School Day has been embedded within the schools Health and Wellbeing section of the school improvement plan. Free soup is provided every lunchtime for pupils as it was noticed that not all eligible pupils were being signed up for free school meals. Graphic calculators and art supplies were a barrier for some pupils. The Co-op in Lamlash is funding this. Wellbeing centre set up within the school. Scottish Islands School Network set up by Arran High. The network looks at external policies to ensure they are rural and island proof, it is also an opportunity to take practice from other island schools. Ensuring pupils are digitally enabled. <p>A Sutton asked other members of the Partnership how they could add more to what the schools are already doing:</p> <p>Cllr Billings advised that it would be good to have local businesses for support projects.</p> <p>A Wilson advised that from a Police Scotland perspective the Police could support anything practically to the school such as delivering inputs or wider education measures. S Foster advised A Wilson that Police on the Island are very much seen as a community partner and their support is always valuable.</p> <p>A Sutton advised the Partnership that she will bring back an update to a future meeting.</p> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for their input.</p> | <p>A Sutton</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> |
| <p>6.</p> | <p>Community Survey Output</p> <p>T Tracey delivered a presentation to the Partnership to provide them with an update following the recent survey carried out by the Arran Recovery Group.</p> <p>The presentation highlighted that:</p> | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was the second survey that had been carried out on the island during October. The survey received 315 responses which equates to 6% of the population on the island. The reason for the survey was to gather information to either reinforce the actions already in progress or to identify new actions. • 89% of respondents agreed that the general public on the island were complying with the guidelines. • In terms of the Ferry running at a reduced capacity, 135 respondents felt it had a negative impact and 104 felt it was positive. 29% of respondents also felt it was important for Cal Mac to keep back a percentage of tickets for on the day travel. • Respondents agreed that enough support and information services were available but felt more could be done in terms of financial support. T Tracey highlighted that this survey was carried out before the extension of the furlough scheme • Respondents were asked to highlight which four priority areas of the Arran Recovery Plan would benefit them if proposal and actions were filled. The top four were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel and Transport • Health and Social Care • Tourism and Business • Quality of Life. • In terms of mental health, a large number of respondents were either concerned about their own or someone else's mental health. • 70% of respondents believe Arran should utilise this period of change to mitigate against and adapt to the climate crisis. • 96% of respondents believed that local businesses were complying to guidelines. • 49% of business who responded to the survey have lost at least 50% of their capacity over the last year. <p>In conclusion there is a need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and re-enforce the current information flow and service provision. This is welcomed by the community and supports Covid-19 compliance. • Support for most of the programmes within The Arran Recovery Plan, however, more community discussion is needed. • Increase focus on creating and implementing a joined-up Travel and Transport Plan. This is seen as the major Island priority, including a priority ferry booking process for the community. • Get to the root of poor mental health, and its causes are the major Island concern. Assess the effectiveness of current strategies and if/what additional support is required <p>The Chair thanked T Tracey for his input.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> |
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| <p>7.</p> | <p>HSCP Update</p> <p>R Betley provided the Partnership with an update on the work of the Health and Social Care Partnership on the Island.</p> <p>R Betley highlighted that the main focus of work at the moment is managing the recent outbreak of Covid-19 on the island. All the preparation in March where they established the local testing centre and local test and trace on the island paid dividends. The outbreak is now under control.</p> <p>A Sutton wished to echo her thanks to the R Betley, the Head Teachers and the rest of the school population the way this outbreak was handled, this has also been noted by the Scottish Government.</p> <p>The Chair thanked R Betley for the update and for keeping the Partnership informed.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> |
| <p>8.</p> | <p>Connectivity</p> <p>V Yuill provided the Partnership with an update on Connectivity.</p> <p>V Yuill highlighted that nine of the ten Connecting Scotland iPad's have been distributed. Arran CVS are awaiting the delivery of four EE mifi boxes as the Vodafone mifi boxes do not work in certain areas of the island. The Team are also looking to assist a member of the public with getting them a small grant to help them obtain broadband as they have had issues with their mifi box. The tenth iPad from Connecting Scotland is out on loan to assist the Occupational Health team for a few weeks with a patient who is currently isolating.</p> <p>Out of the ten Connection Arran devices, all iPads are set up, five have been distributed and three will be distributed when it is safe to do so. The final two are being used by volunteers to assist people.</p> <p>V Yuill advised that in addition to the original work, three people who had internet access with their own devices are receiving assistance from their volunteers and another person has received a mifi box as they had a device but did not have internet access.</p> <p>I Staples highlighted that Arran Youth Foundations had 20 devices to support people also.</p> <p>Cllr McMaster asked V Yuill about the grant for broadband as she had an enquiry regarding this. V Yuill advised Cllr McMaster to contact James in her team for further information</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Cllr McMaster</p> |
| <p>9.</p> | <p>Arran Drug and Alcohol Study</p> <p>V Yuill provided the Partnership on the Arran Drug and Alcohol Study.</p> | |

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| | <p>The final report has been finalised and a copy was included with the main agenda.</p> <p>The report highlighted that addiction issues are not always linked to disadvantage and deprivation and this can often go unnoticed. It was also noted that with Arran being idyllic location status can put people on Arran and a disadvantage.</p> <p>Some of the themes coming from the report were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Provisions on Arran • Hidden Issue • Attitudes & Beliefs • Where do I go? • Education • Transferring Trauma <p>The next steps for this work are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Steering Group review recommendations and develop Action Plan • Identify resources and allocate actions to partners • Monitor actions, evaluate and update as required <p>V Yuill also wanted to note her thanks to the participants who took part in the survey.</p> <p>The Chair thanked V Yuill for the updated and noted that it was an outstanding report.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> |
| <p>10.</p> | <p>Locality Priorities</p> <p>A Sutton highlighted that it has been agreed across the CPP that now is a good time to do some reflection and review of the Locality Priorities. They were relevant when the LP were set up five years ago and it may be time for some not all of these to be refreshed.</p> <p>The proposal is to have an online CPP conference in the new year (Probably on Zoom). The online conference will have a few overarching discussion topics, and this will be followed by each locality going into a virtual break out room to focus on what we have learned from our locality and what would be the proposals for the new priorities</p> <p>The Partnership was supportive of this and looked forward to receiving details in due course.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>A Sutton/J McGee</p> |
| <p>11.</p> | <p>AOCB</p> <p>No other business was discussed.</p> <p>The Chair wished to convey her best wishes for the festive season.</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 Wednesday 10 March 2021 at 2.00 pm via Microsoft Teams | All |
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The meeting ended at 4.10 pm