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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 Dr Greg Hamill, GP Lead (Vice Chair) Vicki Yuill, Arran CVS (Senior Lead Officer) Audrey Sutton, Executive Director (Communities & Education) North Ayrshire Council (Lead Officer) 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; Fiona Laing, Co-opted Community Representative Shirley MacLachlan, Head Teacher Carol Norton, Operations Manager, Arran CVS Michelle Sutherland, North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership Tom Tracey, Community Representative; Diana Turbett, Community Representative Ian Staples, Manager, Arran Outdoor Centre Sgt. Dougie Robertson, Police Scotland;</p> <p>Jennifer McGee, Community & Locality Planning Assistant, North Ayrshire Council (Notes)</p> <p>In attendance</p> <p>Morna Rae, Senior Manager, Policy, Performance & community Planning (item 8) Bill Calderwood, Arran Community Council John Conlan, Arran CVS (item 3) Robert McNeice, Arran High Mountain Bike Club (item 5) Kim Toogood, Arran High Mountain Bike Club (item 5) Sid Townsend, Arran High Mountain Bike Club (item 5) James McCarthy, Arran High Mountain Bike Club (item 5) Lauren Gilbert, Active School Co-ordinator Jessica Wallace, Arran Eco-Savvy (item 4)</p>
Apologies:	<p>Paul Storrie, Scottish Fire and Rescue Ruth Betley, Senior Manager, Arran Services (HSCP) Inspector Alison Wilson, Police Scotland.</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> <p>As the anniversary of lockdown approaches, the Chair paid tribute to all of those who assisted the Community over the past year and for going above and beyond to keep the community safe.</p>	Noted
2.	<p>Minutes from meeting held on 24 November 2020</p> <p>The minutes arising from the meeting held on 24 November 2020 were approved.</p>	Noted

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<p>3.</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Participatory Budgeting – A Hunter advised the Locality Partnership that the team received fantastic response to the fund despite being in the middle of a global pandemic. From Arran:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 Locality applications were received - of these 12 were funded (3 received partial funding, 2 of these partially funded from the Arts and Culture Fund) • Arts and culture – 3 projects funded. <p>A Hunter highlighted that groups have 12 months to spend the funds awarded and are subject to a 12-month evaluation. A full updated list will be added to the CPP website in due course.</p> <p>In terms of Youth PB, online voting is live and young people on Arran age 8-25 will be voting until Friday 12th, at 3.30pm with results announced the following week.</p> <p>Cost of the School Day – A Sutton provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the work of the Cost of the School Day (COSD). The COSD working group have been working on a final draft of the COSD policy which will be discussed at their final meeting on 17 March. The commitments within the policy are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a sustainable whole systems approach to reduce and poverty proof costs relating to the school day; • Children, young people and their families will be at the heart at making decisions in designing policies that affect the cost of the school day; • Our schools, services and partners will take a reflective poverty aware and inclusive approach to making decisions which affect the cost of the school day; • We will support families to maximise their income and participate in the life of their school (all education establishments). <p>A copy of the policy and action plan will be shared with all education establishments and Locality Partnerships in due course. It is proposed to have the first COSD conference in June 2021 where the policy and action plan will be launched.</p> <p>The policy commitments from the COSD work have also been supported within the Council budget with a recurring investment of £500k per year. £250k of this funding will be committed to digital and home learning, £150k to support work schools do in terms of eating at school. £100k PB fund which will be available for schools and parent councils to support cost of school clothing, trips, and activities.</p> <p>Connectivity - J Conlan from Arran CVS provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the Connecting Arran Initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 20 of the iPads are now in use within the community. • The recipients use the devices in a variety of ways from Facetiming relations in the UK & abroad, to Occupational Health recovery, online shopping, and church services. • Increased the number of people online on the island, especially elderly residents. • Addressing & reducing some social isolation & inequality. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>A Sutton</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping overcome digital fears. • Two devices are being used in a care home giving up to 20 people access. <p>J Conlan advised that in terms of going forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional devices are now available from Phase 2 - these are for families / households with children, or where a child is normally resident (this includes pregnant women with no child in the household) or care leavers up to 26 years of age • Digital Audit of groups and organisations, by way of a survey, to ascertain future needs • The Arran Resources Register a handy place to find equipment, spaces, tools and share useful items • This is being promoted and populated by groups and organisations who have equipment they can lend out, or hire at a minimum cost • Investing in a new website, currently under development. This will enhance support and information offered, the register will also be relocated there to continue the ease of access 24/7. <p>J Conlan encouraged the Locality Partnership to share the Arran Resources Register.</p> <p>Arran Alcohol and Drugs Study – V Yuill advised the Locality Partnership that funding had been approved by the North Ayrshire Alcohol and Drugs Partnership for a dedicated support worker on Arran. This will initially be a two-year post and they are currently waiting on final confirmation on funding arrangements. V Yuill highlighted that there has also been an amazing multidisciplinary approach to this with all the services.</p> <p>V Yuill also highlighted that the family support group are setting up training dedicated to people on Arran on 19 March. V Yuill asked anyone to get in touch if they or someone they know would benefit from this training.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>All</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>All</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Food System</p> <p>The Locality Partnership received a presentation from L Forsyth and J Wallace on the Community Food System.</p> <p>L Forsyth advised the Locality Partnership that from March 2020 saw:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Arran Locality Hub set up • A network of partners established and developed • Voucher systems – community and free school meals with local shops • Support delivered in the heart of the communities - communities supporting communities • 1461 calls received – 937 food deliveries made • Christmas cover and winter support • Conversations with Scottish Government • Emerging, new supports and initiatives • Learning, reflecting and redefining <p>L Forsyth highlighted that the demand for emergency food provision is reduced, however the Community Support Hubs continue to act as brokers who can signpost to local food provision. Using a Community Wealth Building approach, local business and third sector organisations provide</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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	<p>sustainable access to food provision including low cost or free food to local people who need it.</p> <p>L Forsyth highlighted some initiatives that have been set up in the Communities of North Ayrshire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Larders • Community Fridges • Community Shop • Targeted Daily Hot Food • Community Shops <p>The important thing is to ensure that the right type of networks are available for people at the right place and time.</p> <p>J Wallace provided the Locality Partnership the work of Arran Eco Savvy.</p> <p>J Wallace advised that since 2018, Eco-Savvy set up a food share scheme with the local Co-ops on the island. This initiative started out with volunteers collecting short life food and distributing to two locations twice per week to a network of over 40 volunteers collecting food five times per week and distributing to seven different locations on the island. However, since the start of the pandemic, Eco Savvy worked with the Co-op in Brodick and Lamlash to move the food share instore.</p> <p>So far the food share has diverted 26 tonnes of food from landfill, this has a value of over £160k, and over 70 tonnes of CO2, which has been an amazing effort by the Arran Community in reducing the carbon footprint on the island.</p> <p>J Wallace highlighted that Eco Savvy have undertaken surveys in the community for their views on the instore model. Some of the issues were in regard to accessibility due to locations of the Co-ops. In future plans Eco Savvy are looking at a de-centralised food model. They will be conducting some research with the community to address the concerns raised. Eco Savvy are also working more closely with food producers and growers on the island to help address the resilience issues of the food system on the island.</p> <p>J Wallace also advised that the Arran Foodbank are launching a “wee shop” pilot in the Church where they will be offering subsidised food.</p> <p>The Chair asked for the Arran Pioneers to be invited to the June meeting, and she also extended an invitation to J Wallace to attend to provide and update on the work of Eco Savvy.</p> <p>The Chair thanked both L Forsyth and J Wallace for their presentation.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>J McGee</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Arran High Mountain Bike Club</p> <p>S Townsend and J McCarthy, both pupils from Arran High, provided the Locality Partnership with a presentation on the Arran High Mountain Bike Club.</p> <p>They highlighted that 50 pupils of the High School are members of Mountain Bike Club, this represents over 20% of the school roll. The aim of the Club is to deliver regular opportunities for pupils to participate in</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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	<p>mountain biking, and the Club is open to all High School pupils. The Club have also achieved Scottish Cycling Centre accredited status.</p> <p>During Lockdown the Club have offered free bike repairs to all young people on the Island.</p> <p>The Mountain Bike Club Dyemill Trails Project aims are a natural evolution of what the club already achieves and it intends to create an accessible, inclusive and safe all weather environment to grow and develop our islands cycling community, inspiring Arran to cycle. The facility will encourage residents and visitors to engage in cycling.</p> <p>The Club's forest management plan will also look to actively improve and preserve the diversity of the habitat and wildlife.</p> <p>The Club has three main action areas they would like to deliver for this project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building sustainable facilities that create opportunities • Deliver a diverse range of opportunities to our island young people • Deliver opportunities to our wider community that strengthen our island. <p>They advised that Arran is currently not featured on map of the best places in Scotland to go mountain biking, and that is why they want to bring regular opportunities for people on the island to be able to mountain bike without having to travel to the mainland.</p> <p>The Chair thanked and commended S Townsend and J McCarthy for their outstanding presentation.</p> <p>A Sutton also thanked both S Townsend and J McCarthy for their presentation. A Sutton asked R McNeice the relationship/contact with the Club has with the Active Travel team in North Ayrshire. R McNeice, advised that he has been in touch with Greg Brown from the Active Travel Team who has had a look at the Club's proposal, and he has offered to help develop the proposal.</p> <p>B Calderwood offered the support of the Community Council.</p> <p>V Yuill highlighted that Arran CVS have good link to funders and the team would be happy to help support.</p> <p>L Gilbert advised that she will be supporting level one leaders and working with primary schools.</p> <p>R McNeice advised that he would share a copy of the of the Business Case with J McGee to share with the Locality Partnership</p> <p>It was agreed that the next steps would be for L Forsyth, A Hunter, V Yuill and A Sutton to meet R McNeice to identify how we can help connect or provide the right support and to identify the best means which the Locality Partnership can support the Club. An update will be brought back to the June 2021 meeting.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>R McNeice/J McGee</p> <p>A Sutton/V Yuill/L Forsyth/ A Hunter/ R McNeice</p>
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	<p>G Hammill provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the work of the Health and Social Care Partnership.</p> <p>Since the beginning of the year there have been fewer than 5 positive Covid-19 cases on the Island.</p> <p>The mass vaccination programme is being delivered on the Island and is going well. Everyone over the age of 50 has been offered their vaccination and all 16-50-year-old high risk residents have also been offered their vaccinations. Uptake has been very high on the island, with most groups above 90% uptake. The vaccination programme will continue, and the team is hoping that all over 16/18-year olds on the island will be offered their vaccines around May/June. Alongside that, the teams will need to coordinate issuing the second dose of vaccines.</p> <p>Planning is also underway on how services can run in the summer, preparing for the island opening again.</p> <p>G Hamill also wished to convey his thanks to all the volunteers and the Hub for their support during the pandemic.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Learning Update</p> <p>A Sutton highlighted that this will now be a standing agenda item at all Locality Partnerships. This is to ensure an education contribution.</p> <p>Arran High/Lamlash Primary</p> <p>S Foster advised that last week saw the phased return of pupils with P1-3 returning for the full week and some pupils in the senior phase of the school returning for practical subjects. All pupils have shown amazing resilience.</p> <p>Next week will be the next stage of the phased return with all primary pupils returning more secondary school pupils. In the High School, there will be 1m social distancing on school transport and 2m within school. Staff are currently preparing for that. In addition, all secondary pupils will be offered lateral flow testing kits, which are already in place for staff.</p> <p>In terms of early learning, the team is preparing for the introduction of 1140 hrs provision from August 2021.</p> <p>S Dick provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the High School's health and wellbeing strategy.</p> <p>S Dick advised that a budget meeting took place yesterday to look at what we will fund April – June 2021 with the emphasis on supporting health and wellbeing. There will be an art therapist in school every Tuesday and every fortnight a Speech and Language therapist who specialises in autism.</p> <p>Self-harm kits have been placed in school bathrooms to help to support pupils and signpost where to go to get help when required.</p> <p>Primary Schools</p> <p>S McLachlan highlighted that two schools are fully open on the island, Corrie and Pirmill Primary Schools, as they qualify under the small schools guidance.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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	<p>Schools have continued to support families during lockdown, over 400 calls to families and continuing to send postcards regularly to pupils.</p> <p>Online registration for Early Years and Primary One has been carried out.</p> <p>S McLachlan has been making trauma teddies. 200 teddies have been made during lockdown and on Monday morning there will be a teddy for each pupil with the school values and poem.</p> <p>Cllr McMaster conveyed her thanks to the Education team on the Island.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Locality Priorities</p> <p>M Rae provided the Locality Partnership with a presentation on the Locality Priorities refresh. The presentation highlighted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Locality Partnership has developed since priorities first agreed • Opportunities and challenges have developed since priorities first agreed • Are these still the right priorities for Arran? • National legislation and LP Terms of Reference stress targeting local inequalities and add value. <p>These conversations are happening across all six Locality Partnerships in North Ayrshire. The new priorities can be drawn from data analysis such as People's Panel, Community hubs etc.</p> <p>M Rae highlighted that refreshing the priorities is not about losing the valuable work to date. The lifespan of new priorities is flexible, to respond to challenges and changes in the future. The Team is also going to create locality dashboard to provide a variety of statistics e.g. employment. Action plans will also be created to support the priorities.</p> <p>A Sutton thanked M Rae for providing an overview of the journey of the Arran Locality Partnership.</p> <p>A Sutton highlighted that she is keen to focus on basing some of the proposals about the future of our priorities on the learning and the emerging evidence that as a Locality Partnership over the last few years.</p> <p>A Sutton also highlighted that on terms of engaging with the community, Arran CVS has the relationships with organisations the and individuals on Island and the Community Council has a very important role in engaging with their own communities around the island.</p> <p>T Tracey commented that asking people what the priorities are is important and we should remind the community of the previous priorities, what was done, are these still priorities and what should be added. He also commented that some thought will be needed on how the new priorities integrate with the National Island Plan.</p> <p>G Hamill agreed that some reflection on the previous priorities is required and thinks it will be challenging to choose three/four priorities for the Island and it would be good to clarify the direction the Partnership is moving.</p>	

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	<p>The Chair highlighted that refreshing the priorities does not mean there is a need to remove of the previous priorities as a lot has emerged organically over the last few years.</p> <p>V Yuill commented that in terms of engagement, C Norton and the team will be keen to work with L Forsyth and A Hunter to ensure the priorities are heard from a diverse range of voices in the community. C Norton confirmed that she would be delighted to support this.</p> <p>B Calderwood highlighted that it is important that we do recognise the work already in process. There is a need to pull things together from the group around the island to give the community a clear direction. A Sutton commented that the Community Council's role is central to this work.</p> <p>The Chair also noted that it would be good to relook at the engagement with the Community Council and it would be good to have more than one representative from the Community Council attending Locality Partnership meetings going forward.</p> <p>B Calderwood confirmed that he would raise this at the next Community Council meeting. He also asked for a copy of the slides to be shared with him for the next Community Council Meeting to encourage other members to become involved in the Locality Partnership. A Hunter offered to attend a future meeting of the Community Council to help with discussions.</p> <p>F Laing advised the Locality Partnership that because of Covid a network of communication has been created via volunteers. There is now an opportunity when doing deliveries to speak to people who may be unaware of the work of the Locality Partnership who could have valid comments to take on board.</p> <p>A Sutton summarised the conversations and advised that the team will do two pieces of work:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capture today's discussion and design a proposal for the Arran Community that given them the opportunity to see where we have been, the work to date and to seek their approval for the some of the ongoing work which has emerged as priorities; and to identify additional areas the Locality Partnership could usefully focus on. 2. Take up offers from Arran CVS and Community Council to facilitate island-wide engagement. <p>It was agreed that a further update would be brought back to the June Locality Partnership Meeting.</p>	<p>C Norton</p> <p>B Calderwood</p> <p>J McGee</p> <p>A Hunter</p> <p>A Sutton/M Rae</p> <p>J McGee</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Grants</p> <p>L Forsyth advised the Locality Partnership that as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has not been possible to hold the activities normally funded by the Elderly Grants budget because of the restrictions in place. Therefore, the Locality Partnership are asked to approve the carrying over the Elderly Grants budget from 2020/21 to 2021/22.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership confirmed that they were happy with this proposal.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Islands Officer</p>	

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	<p>A Sutton advised the Locality Partnership that Sarah Baird appointed as the Islands Officer. Sarah will work closely in partnership with North Ayrshire's island communities, businesses, and wider stakeholders to develop and facilitate the delivery of 10-year island plans to support the recovery and renewal of Arran and Cumbrae.</p> <p>Sarah will also align with existing North Ayrshire teams as well as teams within HIE and Scottish Government, to support our islands.</p> <p>Sarah will be joining Locality Partnership meetings from June 2021.</p>	Noted
11.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>A Sutton advised that £350k over two-year period was allocated in the budget for outdoor and residential experiences. This will allow us to target young people, their families and community organisations. An update on ideas around this work will be brought to the June Locality Partnership meeting.</p> <p>I Staples highlighted that this a very exciting opportunity and will help enable teams to reach out to communities.</p> <p>The Chair asked B Calderwood if he could arrange for a link to the Community Council meeting to be forwarded to her as she is keen to attend.</p>	A Sutton B Calderwood

The meeting ended at 4.50 pm