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Meeting:	Arran Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	Thursday 17 June 2021 at 4.45 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, Executive Director (Communities & Education) North Ayrshire Council (Lead Officer) Ruth Betley, Senior Manager, Arran Services (HSCP) Bill Calderwood, Arran Community Council 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 Tom Tracey, Community Representative;</p> <p>Jennifer McGee, Community & Locality Planning Assistant, North Ayrshire Council (Notes)</p> <p>In attendance</p> <p>Jill Hunter, Arran CVS (item 3) Judi Worthington, Argyle College Lauren Gilbert, Active School Co-ordinator</p>
Apologies:	<p>Paul Storrie, Scottish Fire and Rescue Dr Greg Hamill, GP Lead (Vice Chair) Diana Turbett, Community Representative Sgt. Dougie Robertson, Police Scotland; Michelle Sutherland, North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership Inspector Alison Wilson, Police Scotland.</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>	Noted
2.	<p>Minutes from meeting held on 10 March 2021</p> <p>The minutes arising from the meeting held on 10 March 2021 were approved.</p>	Noted
3.	<p>Dementia Friendly Arran</p> <p>J Hunter from Arran CVS provided the Locality Partnership with an update on Dementia Friendly Arran.</p> <p>J Hunter advised that as part of the island wide initiative, Arran CVS are delivering dementia awareness training sessions. So far the Auchrannie, Douglas Hotel, local Vets, Hairdresser and the Co-op have received training. Training with the ferry provider, Calmac, will take place in due course.</p>	

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	<p>J Hunter also advised that Arran Sense (Arran Aromatics) are the official charity partner of Alzheimer's Scotland. She is currently liaising with both organisations to take a joined-up approach to working with Arran Businesses.</p> <p>J Hunter highlighted that the Wellness Cafes are taking place around the island again. The Café's have been set up for anyone who has been diagnosed with dementia, their care partner and people who are feeling lonely/isolated. The team are hoping to get the dementia walks set back up when restrictions allow.</p> <p>J Hunter highlighted that the areas of focus of this work are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Businesses / Services: Dementia Awareness Training. • Identifying needs. • Supporting dementia inclusive initiatives within the community. • Collaboration with other communities inc. Irvine, Prestwick & Largs. • Collating materials for information points. <p>J Hunter also advised that a community survey station has been set up in the Brodick co-op. J Hunter encourage those who live on the island to contribute to the Survey.</p> <p>S MacLachlan advised J Hunter that she would be keen to raise awareness of dementia in schools. J Hunter confirmed that she would be happy to do this and would touch base with S MacLachlan separately.</p> <p>L Forsyth advised that she would be happy for J Hunter to display any promotional materials in the library.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">All</p> <p style="text-align: right;">S MacLachlan</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Noted</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>CIF Update</p> <p>G Johnstone and S Dick provided the Locality Partnership with an update following the recent successful CIF application.</p> <p>G Johnston highlighted that since receiving the funding, Arran Youth Foundations have been able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide 10 counselling sessions • Provide 1-2-1 art therapy sessions for 3 people • Provide weekly group sessions • Develop a summer programme, including a first ever Mental Health and Wellbeing retreat at Arran outdoor centre. • Provide support ASN children during the summer programme. <p>G Johnstone also highlighted that there are plans to launch more in August/September when schools return.</p> <p>S Dick noted that they are delighted to have the CIF funding and highlighted how the funding was being used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to professional services (counselling) age 5 upwards • Services of a communication therapist • School nurse has undertook anxiety management training • Launch of bereavement boxes 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art therapy for age five upwards • Partnership with Listen Well Scotland to upskill young people to be able to provide support. • Intergeneration pen pal scheme continues with the local sheltered housing unit. • Dementia Training – S Dick highlighted that she is keen to get this restarted once restrictions allow • Providing access to training for our senior students, staff and community members that support aims of promoting and supporting mental health and wellbeing. This has included Mental Health First Aid, ASK and ASIST, Solihull courses. <p>F Laing commented that having the ASIST programme being available to community is excellent and he would be interested in participating in the training when it is available.</p> <p>The Chair thanked G Johnstone and S Dick for their updated and noted that the work they are carrying out is truly commendable.</p>	<p>S Dick</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Youth Participation and Citizenship Strategy</p> <p>D Anderson provided the Locality Partnership with an overview of the new Youth Participation and Citizenship Strategy.</p> <p>D Anderson highlighted that the new 2021 – 2025 strategy has been approved by the Council’s Cabinet was officially launched on 25 May 2021 at the Joint Cabinet meeting.</p> <p>D Anderson also shared highlights from the last strategy and the impacts made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 Ways Campaign - A series of blogs and animations all about positive mental health, supporting your friends and seeking help if you are struggling. The blogs also housed a number of useful resources for young people to get the right help and support. • ADP Alcohol and Drugs Project - this was codesigned by young people looking at tackling the stigma around drugs and alcohol. • Child Centred Council – young people consulted on decision making which affects them. • Period Poverty – Free access to sanitary products in all North Ayrshire schools and public buildings. <p>The new strategy is focused on four main themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Wellbeing - is at the forefront with mental health a concern for young people. In 2020 the team were successful in securing £60k from the Youth Work Recovery Fund to support this work. • Poverty and Inequality – young people have been heavily involved in the Cost of the School Day work and are part of the working group. • Young Peoples Voice and Rights – ensuring that they are embedded in the work we do. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Connections - was highlighted as a priority during the pandemic. <p>D Anderson advised that in North Ayrshire young peoples views have always been taken seriously and the new strategy doesn't just focus on youth work as all decision makers have a duty to meaningfully engage with young people. She also advised that services have adapted well during the pandemic and continue to ensure young people are heard.</p> <p>D Anderson encouraged the Locality Partnership to sign the pledge.</p> <p>D Anderson advised that the MSYP Elections are taking place this year with the nominations closing at the end of June. As of yet, there has not been any young people from Arran come forward. S Dick asked D Anderson to send this information and she will share with students.</p> <p>The Chair thanked D Anderson for her update.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">All</p> <p style="text-align: center;">D Anderson/S Dick</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>HSCP Update</p> <p>R Betley provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the work of the Health and Social Care Partnership.</p> <p>R Betley advised that in terms of the pandemic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been no new cases on Arran in over nine weeks; • Lateral Flow tests are available from the community pharmacist; • The team have now carried out over 4000 vaccinations on the island, with uptake at around 90%; • The team are now looking at boosters in the Autumn. <p>The team are looking at remobilising services, however this will be done differently learning from the pandemic and changing the way we work.</p> <p>Recruitment remains a challenge on the island, however the new Council house development on Arran should help with this.</p> <p>A new nurse practitioner role will be advertised soon to support changes to unscheduled and urgent care. The role will fit in with the new model of care for the island.</p> <p>R Betley advised that the plans for Integrated Hub are now being revisited and the Team are pushing forward with those plans. Ruth conveyed her thanks to everyone for their support.</p> <p>A Multidisciplinary team is being formed and will include having a Physio and Mental Health Practitioner on the island. The Physio will be recruited first and R Betley will advise the Locality Partnership once the appointment has been made.</p> <p>A Sutton expressed her gratitude to R Betley and G Hamill for the way we have managed to bring together the discussions around Locality Planning on Arran.</p> <p>The Chair conveyed her thanks to R Betley and the Team for their hard work and commented that the running of the vaccine centre on the island was excellent.</p>	

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7	<p>Street Naming Report</p> <p>The Locality Partnership considered a report from the Council's Planning Department for the plotted residential Development off of Kilbride Road, Lamlash.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership agreed to name the street Eilean Close.</p> <p>T Tracey highlighted that it would be useful to have a bank of street names which can be used for new developments and that it would be good to have pupils for the local schools to help with this. L Forsyth advised T Tracey that the Heritage team are currently building a street name bank for all locality areas and that she agrees that consulting pupils in the future would be a great idea.</p>	<p>Lisa Dempster/Kirsty Gee</p> <p>L Forsyth</p>
8	<p>Learning Update</p> <p>Arran High/Lamlash Primary School</p> <p>S Foster provided the Locality Partnership with the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arran schools close for summer break on 22 June 2021 • It has been a busy few weeks with prizegiving's, early years graduations, sports days, trips and leavers meals. • With the cancelation of exams, pupils carried out assessments using the SQA official papers. S Foster commented that she has the biggest admiration for the young people who have risen to the challenge of the exams and to the staff who engaged with the process with the greatest of integrity. • The preliminary exam results they are as she would hope they would be. • In terms of early years arrangement for 1140hrs, there has been a lot of interviews to ensure staffing in place in time. Lamlash Early Years will be a 52 week establishment. • All schools on Arran designed medals to help think about the good things that happened during lockdown and how they would like the future to be. Banners will be displayed outside schools with all of the designs. <p>Primary Schools</p> <p>S MacLachlan provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Years centres will move over to the 1140 model and will run term time from 9.00 am to 3.00pm Monday – Friday. Children will be provided with a hot lunch. • The 1140 model has created six new jobs. • S MacLachlan has carried out interviews for 13 vacancies across four primary schools. 11 have been filled with two vacancies still to fill. • During June, Primary seven pupils spent two school days at the outdoor activities through Lochranza Outdoor Centre for all Primary six and sevens and the schools were able to offer this to pupils at half price. • All Primary seven's will be getting leavers hoodies. 	

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	<p>J Worthington, Argyle College, highlighted that the College has had a high uptake this year for the school link offering which is offered to senior phase pupils at the high school. J Worthington commented that pupils who have attended interviews have been extremely engaging and have come very well prepared.</p> <p>A Sutton conveyed her thanks to the team for the work they have done this year. A Sutton highlighted that it would be useful to have an update from J Worthington at a future meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that an update on Brodick Nursery and their experience of 1140 hours over the last terms would be brought to a future meeting</p> <p>The Chair also conveyed her thanks to the education team on the island.</p>	<p>J McGee</p> <p>L Forsyth/J McGee</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Senior Islands Officer Update</p> <p>The Locality Partnership received a verbal report by Sarah Baird, Senior Islands Officer, on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the background to her post, which had been jointly funded as a pilot by the Scottish Government, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and the Council; • the implications of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018, its context in terms of community empowerment and the need to ensure Community Planning Partners took 'island-proofing' into account when considering policies, services and strategies; • the 13 strategic objectives to be addressed, including issues such as population decline, transport and housing, and digital connectivity; • recent and ongoing meetings with a range of stakeholders around the development of place-based plans for each of the islands; • work with colleagues in Economic Development to secure access to robust data; • the particular challenges faced by island communities as a result of Covid; <p>S Baird also highlighted that business and community groups located across Scotland's inhabited islands can apply for grants of up to £150k for projects focussed on supporting sustainable island economies and the journey towards net zero. The closing date for applications is 16 July and projects must be complete by March 2022.</p> <p>T Tracey commented that it is great to have Sarah in post. He highlighted that it would be useful to pull together a story board to show how all the different plans dovetail together.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Community Engagement – Priority Refresh</p> <p>L Forsyth provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the recent community engagement that took place around the priority refresh.</p> <p>L Forsyth highlighted that two engagement sessions took place since the meeting in March.</p> <p>V Yuill highlighted that discussions were held with various organisational representatives from Arran Community Council, Lamlash Improvements, Arran Community Land initiative, COAST, Arran Civic Trust, Brodick</p>	

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	<p>Improvements Committee, Arran High, Pirnmill Village Association to name a few.</p> <p>The groups were asked to discuss the proposed engagement for Arran Local Partnership, and how they can support the engagement, ideas around the priorities and how we can best reach the community to achieve as wide a view as possible on the priority refresh.</p> <p>V Yuill highlighted the following key points were discussed at the sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More engagement required with young people; • What would improve people's life? 3 key questions or a top 10 where members choose one; Group representatives suggested taking these out individually to their members to share and ask for views; • Alternatively, a card with 3 key questions - These would be carefully chosen questions - 'Questions from Arran people for Arran people'; • Get round the Island with meetings when safe to do so; • Each topic leader could hold small focus groups; • Community Council's job to get message out to community, they receive statutory reports from all services and are a good mechanism in conjunction with the improvement associations; • Use Pharmacy and library, to promote and to do one to one engagement with people where possible; • Professional Island wide poll based on the National Islands plan. <p>A Hunter commented that there was a lot of great discussions over the two meetings. A Hunter asked the permission from the Locality Partnership to set up a short life working group which will include the interested stakeholders who attended the previous discussions as well as Locality Partnership members. The purpose of this working group would be to develop the questions we will be asking the community around the priorities and the methods of engagement.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to setting up the short life working group.</p> <p>T Tracey and R Betley highlighted that they would be interested in being part of the working group</p> <p>A Sutton conveyed her thanks for the work done to date and agreed that this is the right approach.</p>	<p>A Hunter</p> <p>A Hunter</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>The Chair highlighted that a roads maintenance report is appended to the report for information.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

The meeting ended at 7.00 pm