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<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Arran Locality Partnership</b>
<b>Date/Venue:</b>	Thursday 16 September 2021 at 4.45 pm via Microsoft Teams
<b>Present:</b>	<p>Councillor Ellen McMaster (<b>Chair</b>)            Councillor Timothy Billings            Councillor Anthony Gurney            Sarah Baird, Senior Officer (Islands)            Lesley Forsyth, Senior Manager Information and Culture            Susan Foster, Head Teacher (Arran High)            Dr Greg Hamill, GP Lead (<b>Vice Chair</b>)            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;            Diana Turbett, Community Representative            Inspector Alison Wilson, Police Scotland</p> <p>Jennifer McGee, Community &amp; Locality Planning Assistant, North Ayrshire Council (Notes)</p> <p><b>In attendance</b></p> <p>Judi Worthington, Argyle College            Colin Duff, SKS</p>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<p>Paul Storrie, Scottish Fire and Rescue            Vicki Yuill, Arran CVS (Senior Lead Officer)            Audrey Sutton, Executive Director (Communities &amp; Education) North Ayrshire Council (Lead Officer)            Michelle Sutherland, North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership            Sgt Dougie Robertson, Police Scotland</p>

## ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted.</p> <p>Before the meeting, Arran Community Council advised that they choose not to attend the Locality Partnership meetings.</p> <p>The Chair on behalf on the Locality Partnership wished A Sutton a speedy recovery and looked forward to her re-joining the Locality Partnership after a period of recuperation. The Chair advised the Locality Partnership that L Forsyth will step in as Lead Officer to support the work of the Locality Partnership.</p> <p>The Chair also welcomed Colin Duff from SKS who will be observing the meeting. C Duff advised the Locality Partnership he is leading on a focus piece of community engagement around the impact covid had on priorities of the island.</p> <p>L Forsyth also welcomed C Duff to the meeting and extended an invitation to meet with her and the Chair to help with the piece of work he is</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>

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	conducting. C Duff confirmed that he would contact L Forsyth after the Locality Partnership meeting.	<b>L Forsyth</b>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Minutes from meeting held on June 2021</b></p> <p>The minutes arising from the meeting held on 17 June 2021 were approved and the following updates were provided:</p> <p><b>Brodick Nursery</b> – L Forsyth advised that there are ongoing discussions taking place. An update will come back to the December meeting where there will be a much clearer picture.</p> <p><b>Street naming</b> – L Forsyth highlighted that the team will be linking in with the schools to offer engagement sessions.</p>	<p><b>L Forsyth</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Arran High Mountain Bike Club</b></p> <p>R McNeice provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the work of the Arran High Mountain Bike Club.</p> <p>The Club are in their pre-planning consultation stage and they currently waiting on quote forest and land Scotland for their 50% of the district valuer price of the land, everything else is being covered within the Community Asset Transfer application which is ready to submit once this is received.</p> <p>The design bill contract has been tendered which will hopefully allow building to start building late 2022.</p> <p>R McNeice commented that everything seems to be on track, and it is hoped that everything will be built by August 2023 in time for UCI trials.</p> <p>L Forsyth commented that if there an option in the future for CIF Funding she and A Hunter happy to support this.</p> <p>R McNeice asked whether it would be possible for the plans and survey to support the pre-planning consultation to be shared with the Locality Partnership. The Chair confirmed that she is happy for this information to be shared and asked R McNeice to share the details with J McGee who will then circulate to the Locality Partnership.</p> <p>The Chair thanked R McNeice for his update.</p>	<b>R McNeice/J McGee</b>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Community Engagement – Priority Refresh</b></p> <p>L Forsyth advised the Locality Partnership that due to capacity issues a short life working group was not held during summer. The Team will be contacting members of the short life working group to get meetings set up and an update will be brought to the December Locality Partnership meeting.</p>	<b>L Forsyth</b>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>HSCP Update</b></p> <p>G Hamill provided the LP with an update on HSCP.</p> <p>G Hamill highlighted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teams are still very busy, the pressures on the mainland are also reflected on the island, just at a smaller scale.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teams continue to work in different ways. Lots of telephone consultations and triage to ensure people are getting the right support as quick as possible.</li> <li>• In terms of Covid, there has been small number of cases on the island and there are a high number of vaccinated residents across all age groups.</li> <li>• The Team are also preparing for 12-15 vaccine roll out as well as over 50 and HSCP Staff boosters.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair conveyed her appreciation for all the work the HSCP Teams do on the Island.</p> <p>The Chair asked G Hamill whether the prescription delivery would be continuing. G Hamill highlighted that with everything opening up the GP Surgeries are opening up but in a soft start way. People who are in vulnerable groups, the team still aim to support them with deliveries. G Hamill commented that the volunteers who have been assisting with prescription deliveries to the wider community during the pandemic have been amazing.</p> <p>D Turbett highlighted that most people ready and able to collect their prescriptions again or back to their pre-covid set up having neighbours or family members collect.</p> <p>L Forsyth commented everyone is working amazing during challenging times and highlighted that if the Locality Partnership can help in any way, we are here to support.</p> <p>Cllr Billings asked how the HSCP are engaged in the priority refresh process. L Forsyth highlighted that R Betley is a key member of the short life working group and this work is being carried out in very much in partnership approach in terms of the four officers delivering this work.</p> <p>The Chair thanked G Hamill for his update.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>COSD Update</b></p> <p>L Forsyth provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the cost of the school day work. L Forsyth highlighted that this work hasn't progressed hugely due to schools just returning from summer break.</p> <p>L Forsyth advised that Council funding has been made available to support cost of the school date initiatives. The key areas are looking at food insecurity, ICT devices, green health/outdoor learning.</p> <p>L Forsyth highlighted that she would be happy to update at a future meeting.</p> <p>The Chair thanked L Forsyth for the update.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>L Forsyth</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Learning Update</b></p> <p><b>Arran High</b></p> <p>S Foster provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools reopened mid-August and it has been a very busy start to the term;</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good exam results from senior phase last term;</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> year pupils have settled in well. This is all down to all island schools collaborated well with an amended transition programme;</li> <li>• Singing is allowed again as well as the playing of musical instruments;</li> <li>• There are still challenges with recruitment. Two new Deputy Heads have been appointed and the English and RE teacher posts are being re-advertised;</li> <li>• The roll out of 1140 hours at Lamlash nursery is now underway. The Lamlash centre is open 8.00 am – 6.00 pm, 50 weeks per year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Primary schools</b></p> <p>S MacLachlan provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The rollout of 1140 hrs also underway – 9.00 am – 3.00 pm Monday – Friday over the school year. Children also get hot lunch.</li> <li>• Building works planned over the summer have been delayed;</li> <li>• In terms of staffing, there are four vacancies;</li> <li>• Families moving to the island has slowed down but still happening.</li> <li>• Children enjoying being back, continue to have outdoor full school assemblies whilst the weather is good;</li> <li>• Working closely with the music school;</li> <li>• Enhanced cleaning and different entrances for pupils.</li> <li>• Continue to engage with parent councils;</li> <li>• Looking ahead, halls have been provisionally booked for shows and also bookings for residential have been made;</li> </ul> <p>T Tracey highlighted that he was fortunate to meet with the Cabinet Secretary for Islands today. The focus of discussions was on sustainability was made and that we had a critical housing issue needing support resolving as well as the impact of the ferry. Tomorrow the Ferry Committee, Arran Recovery Group and the Council are meeting with Minister for Transport to reinforce the ferry side of things.</p> <p>L Fosyth advised the Locality Partnership that a music instrument library has been set up and that she would be keen to carry out a mini pilot project on Arran if the interest is there. L Forsyth highlighted that she would link in with Head Teachers separately.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>L Forsyth</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Update from Argyle College</b></p> <p>J Worthington provided the Locality Partnership with an overview of the work of the AC.</p> <p>J Worthington highlighted that Argyle College is part of the University of the Highlands and Islands and the Arran Centre is based in Lamlash. The College offers further and higher education on the island.</p> <p>September is the College’s busiest month with inductions, the College has 25 full time students with 11 studying at degree level. In addition to this, 22 school pupils are also studying, this is a higher level of engagement than before.</p> <p>The College is also providing part time courses, which currently accounts for 10 students as well as NQ qualifications, leisure classes and business training.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>

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	<p>Intake numbers are very positive this year as it has been the biggest intake in 21 years.</p> <p>As part of the pandemic the College made the immediate transition to online learning, as of September 21 the College will operate on a hybrid model which will be staffed and by appointment only. This has allowed inductions and face to face support to take place.</p> <p>The College will collaboratively with Skills Development Scotland, North Ayrshire Council, Argyll and Bute Council and Highlands and Islands Enterprise to identify the key areas of growth and future job creation both regionally and nationally.</p> <p>Discussions have also took place with DYW Ayrshire around collab projects with the College, Arran High and DYW Ayrshire. This would be in regard to operating a number of skills academies.</p> <p>The College are also provided, workforce training to SME's and support employers to recruit Modern Apprentices. One Modern Apprentice is in post with several more post being discussed.</p> <p>The Chair commented that in Shiskine there has been an influx of professionals due to digital working. She also commented that there is a need more skilled trades people on the island.</p> <p>The Chair thanked J Worthington for the update.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
9	<p><b>Islands Plan Engagement</b></p> <p>S Baird provided the Locality Partnership with an overview of the sense checking of the island plan engagement exercise that is currently underway:</p> <p>The island plan engagement exercise commenced in mid-August 2021 to sense check the findings of specific consultations, survey and feedback gathered during 2019 and 2020 to inform inclusive place-based plans for Arran and Cumbrae.</p> <p>A key area of focus is working in partnership with island communities, businesses, and wider stakeholders to develop and facilitate the delivery 10-year island plans that maximise the potential of Arran and Cumbrae.</p> <p>SKS Scotland are working on behalf of the Council to undertake a short, focussed exercise to check that the issues and actions identified through earlier island engagement are still relevant as we enter covid recovery period.</p> <p>S Baird highlighted that the Team are acutely aware of the interdependences and the need to avoid overlap and duplication of plans at island level. Therefore, a short one-page diagram on how of these plans fit together will be provided in due course.</p> <p>To ensure the engagement exercise is a success, a steering group with appropriate terms of reference meet on a weekly basis to take matters forward. This steering group is made up of island representatives, Community Planning Partners and officers from the Connected Communities and Corporate Communications Team.</p>	

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	<p>S Baird highlighted that since launching the survey on 2 September, 674 survey response have been received. 503 are from Arran and 171 from Cumbrae. People who are unable to access the survey online, the local library can provide a hard copy of the survey form C Duff from SKS also happy to meet with people individually.</p> <p>An online event will take place in September which will give people the opportunity to hear the key findings from the wide range of conversations and survey responses received. SKS will present the short, medium, and longer-term priorities and themes identified and S Baird will outline the next steps on how these findings will be incorporated into ambitious 10-year Island Plans for Arran and Cumbrae that will support an inclusive and green economic recovery. S Baird asked the Locality Partnership to share this event with their contacts once details have been published.</p> <p>S Baird advised that following the completion of the engagement work, draft island plans will be prepared for the pilot partners and stakeholders for consideration and approval with the aim of the plans being launched at the end of January 2022. There will then be an opportunity each year for input each year as part of the plans annual review.</p> <p>S Baird highlighted that in terms of island relating funding, the Island community fund application window closed on 16 July. The fund was oversubscribed with 180 applications. 41% of applications came from third sector and the remaining 59% from businesses. Final consideration is being made and applicants will be advised in due course.</p> <p>S Baird advised that North Ayrshire Council continue to highlight to the Scottish Government the importance of island specific funding.</p> <p>S Baird advised that she will provide an update at future meeting.</p> <p>The Chair thanked S Baird for her update.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>S Baird</b></p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Grants</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a report L Forsyth on applications received in respect of the 2021/22 Elderly Grants Fund.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership agreed to award £2884 funding to Arran CVS to distribute funds to the elderly groups on the Island.</p> <p>L Forsyth highlighted that it would be useful to have a discussion with Arran CVS regarding the possibility of widening the scope of how this fund is distributed.</p>	<p><b>R Fotheringham</b></p> <p><b>L Forsyth/ C Norton</b></p>
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>D Turbett advised the Locality Partnership that a Walking Group has been set up, if anyone would like to join, please contact her by email.</p> <p>A Wilson advised the Locality Partnership that Sgt Robertson will be retiring. His replacement will be Sgt Kevin Blackley, who is a regular visitor to the Island and has been placed during a summer secondment previously. Sgt Blackley will attend the Locality Partnership from December onwards.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>

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	The Chair conveyed her thanks to Sgt Robertson for his support, especially during the pandemic and wished him well on his retiral.	<b>Noted</b>
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**The meeting ended at 6.20 pm**