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| Meeting: | Arran Locality Partnership |
| Date/Venue: | Wednesday 1 December 2021 at 5.00 pm via Microsoft Teams |
| Present: | <p>Councillor Ellen McMaster (Chair) Councillor Timothy Billings Councillor Anthony Gurney Vicki Yuill, Chief Executive Officer, Arran CVS (Senior Lead Officer) Lesley Forsyth, Senior Manager Information and Culture (Lead Officer) Sarah Baird, Senior Officer (Islands) Susan Foster, Head Teacher (Arran High) Anne Marie Hunter, Engagement and Participation Officer Carol Norton, Operations Manager, Arran CVS Tom Tracey, Community Representative Diana Turbett, Community Representative Kevin Blackly, Police Scotland Ian Staples, Manager, Arran Outdoor Education Centre</p> <p>Jennifer McGee, Community & Locality Planning Assistant, North Ayrshire Council (Notes)</p> <p>In attendance</p> <p>Caitriona McAulay, Head of Service (Economic Growth) Rosemary Ramsay, Funding Officer Gillian Jennings, NHS Ayrshire & Arran</p> |
| Apologies: | <p>Dr Greg Hamill, GP Lead (Vice Chair) Fiona Laing, Co-opted Community Representative Shirley MacLachlan, Head Teacher</p> |

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| 1. | <p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted.</p> | Noted |
| 2. | <p>Minutes from meeting held on 16 September 2021</p> <p>The action note arising from the meeting held on 16 September 2021 were approved.</p> <p>L Forsyth advised the Locality Partnership that the Engagement work would be getting carried out in the new year as there is lots of engagement being carried out just now on the Island. An update will be brought to a future meeting.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>L Forsyth</p> |
| 3. | <p>Learning Update</p> <p>S Foster provided the Locality Partnership with the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior phase pupils in the High School are preparing for exams. The SQA are hopeful exams will go ahead as normal. High School staff are also evidence gathering just in case exams change. Interviewing for a Support for Learning Teacher after the festive break. There are six applicants being interviewed for the post. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school have also had a part time RE Teacher post approved and will be looking at recruitment in the new year. Christmas activities have had to be adapted and postponed in the High school. The school show will go ahead, however this will be filmed rather than having an audience. Covid cases in the secondary are rising, mitigations are in place and remaining cautious. The Island school cluster were finalists Pearson national teaching award under the award for impact through partnership. The cluster was shortlisted to the final four in Britain. <p>The Chair thanked S Foster for her update and commended the schools outstanding achievement.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> |
| 4. | <p>Grants Update</p> <p>R Ramsay provided the Locality Partnership with a presentation on the grants which are applicable to the Arran LP.</p> <p>The presentation highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the purpose of the Funds; the balances available for disbursement the eligibility criteria; the application and assessment process; and examples of the types of projects which had been funded <p>Cllr Billings asked R Ramsay whether she is able to help groups apply for funds that have been promoted on the North Ayrshire Funding Facebook page. R Ramsay confirmed that she can support groups by directing them to funding and reviewing applications to ensure they meet funding criteria.</p> <p>The Chair thanked R Ramsay for her update.</p> | <p>Noted</p> |
| 5. | <p>Islands Plan</p> <p>S Baird provided the LP with a presentation on the Island Plan. The presentation highlighted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the approach taken with regard to community engagement and the development of economic baseline data; the key themes emerging from community engagement. These were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affordable Housing Labour Market Transport Reliability Population Profile Economic Diversification the role of action plans as part of the Plan; the importance of capturing information on all local projects and activity; the proposed governance model and reporting arrangements; and the planned timescale for approval of the Plan <p>S Baird also highlighted that the Action plan is still under development</p> | |

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| | <p>and there is a need to ensure it is accurate. S Baird advised that any feedback would be greatly received.</p> <p>M Sutherland commented that the report is really accessible and asked S Baird whether the percentage of staff employed on the island and the percentage that regularly travel over.</p> <p>S Baird thanked M Sutherland for her question and advised that she would respond to her directly in due course.</p> <p>V Yuill commended the work to date and confirmed that she will send her feedback by email.</p> <p>T Tracey commented that this is a great piece of work and endorses the process so far. In terms the Delivery Group they are central to making this work as the three themes could conflict and key objective of this group is to maintain the balance to ensure economic objectives don't override community objective and vice versa.</p> <p>S Baird thanked T Tracey for his comments and confirmed that she noted them and will see how these can be reflected.</p> <p>L Forsyth asked whether there would be any paper copies of the survey be available for those with no email or access to a computer? S Baird confirmed that staff at the local library will be able to print off a copy of the survey for those who wish to complete the survey manually. Limited copy of the final plan will also be available in local offices.</p> <p>S Baird thanked the Locality Partnership for their comments and advised that it is hoped that the Plan will be launch early March 2022.</p> <p>The Chair conveyed her thanks to S Baird for the update and to everyone involved and to the steering group who have supported this work so far.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>S Baird</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> |
| 6. | <p>Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund</p> <p>V Yuill provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund.</p> <p>V Yuill highlighted that this new fund is part of the £15m allocated across Scotland to support mental health and wellbeing in communities. This funding reflects the importance we place on promoting good mental health and early intervention for those in distress and will help develop a culture of mental wellbeing and prevention within local communities. £407,213.24 has been allocated for North Ayrshire.</p> <p>The ambition of this fund is to support initiatives that promote mental health and wellbeing for adults (16+) at small scale, grassroots, community level. It is accessible to small and medium sized groups whose income is no more than £1m. The fund can support both new and existing groups or projects, mental health does not need to be the central focus, but the activity should clearly benefit the wellbeing of people, providing opportunities to connect and revitalise our communities in recovery from the pandemic.</p> <p>Arran CVS will be responsible for the administration and delivery of the fund for North Ayrshire. A Steering Group has been established and</p> | |

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| | <p>comprises a broad spectrum of relevant members representing many areas to support effective development, delivery, and desired outcomes.</p> <p>The funding programme will be split into three tiers, grants of up to £2,000, £10,000 and a few allocations of up to £50,000 ensuring that the application process is flexible and accessible by all kinds of groups. The Scottish Government have highlighted that they would like to see the majority for the spend being in the £10k region.</p> <p>V Yuill advised that applications opened on 22 November and will close on 6 January 2022. To date over £120k in applications have been received.</p> <p>Applications close on 6 January 2022 with the funding announcement being made on 17 January 2022.</p> <p>The Chair thanked V Yuill for the update and commented that it sounds like an outstanding and exciting piece of work.</p> | Noted |
| 7 | <p>Locality Forum/HSCP Update</p> <p>R Betley provided the Locality Partnership with the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid cases on the island have been increasing with 27 positive cases in November 2021. • All over 50s on the island have had their booster and flu jags. • Nurse Practitioners have been appointed to the unscheduled care service and the complex care team have an additional Full Time Social Worker. • The Team are getting ready for winter in terms of respiratory illness. A point of care testing machine has been installed which will allow PCR testing to be carried out on the island for staff and patients. <p>M McLennan provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the refresh of the Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Plan. The engagement launch will take place tomorrow. A lot of the engagement will be focused on a solution focus approach, how we assign actions to the priorities and what can we do collectively.</p> <p>The Chair conveyed her thanks to vaccination team for their outstanding service.</p> | Noted |
| 8 | <p>Remembering Together</p> <p>Greenspace Scotland are working with all 32 Scottish Local Authorities and will lead on what will result in local communities coming together with artists to co create a commemorative piece of art that best reflects local feelings and emotions. The form of the finished piece is not prescriptive and could be anything from creative writing, visual art, commemorative garden, dance, drama/ performance, musical, digital - the scope is wide open and will be part of the co creation process.</p> <p>The work is fully funded by Scottish Government with allocations made for the 2-stage process – 20k for stage 1 followed by 100k for stage 2.</p> <p>Stage 1 will see an artist / creative practitioner appointed via a</p> | |

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| | <p>commissioning process to deliver community engagement in order to gather ideas, suggestions and to gauge feelings and emotions to help shape the work. The output of this stage will be a brief ready to commission an appropriately skilled artist (in the relevant discipline) to deliver the final piece of work as per the co-created brief. Stage 2 will be the creation of the final piece - in whatever form is agreed.</p> <p>Further updates on progress towards this will be shared at future meetings.</p> <p>V Yuill advised that she has shared the information with local groups and has offered any further support.</p> <p>The Chair thanked L Forsyth for the update.</p> | <p>L Forsyth</p> <p>Noted</p> |
| 9. | <p>AOCB</p> <p>Locality Membership</p> <p>L Forsyth advised the Locality Partnership that current appointments to the Locality Partnership would come to an end with the local government elections due to take place in May 2022. Following the elections, Elected Members and community council chairs would automatically be entitled to serve on the Locality Partnerships within their ward and area, respectively. Current Community Representatives are invited to consider standing for re-appointment to the Locality Partnership.</p> <p>L Forsyth also highlighted that to ensure the smooth running of the Locality Partnership, Community Representatives will not stand down until after the June 2022 meeting cycle.</p> <p>T Tracey commented that he welcomed these changes</p> <p>Cllr Gurney advised the Locality Partnership that at a recent meeting with all Locality Partnership Chairs, he raised the issue of the Electoral Ward Boundaries changes for Arran and how under the current Standing Orders this would mean that only one community representative could serve on the Locality Partnership as there will only be one Elected Member representing island. Cllr Gurney advised that he has asked officers to come up with a different approach for Arran.</p> <p>Cllr Billings commented that he is glad that this is on the radar of Council Officers.</p> <p>Brodick Nursery</p> <p>L Forsyth advised that a meeting was held with Brodick Nursery parents a few days ago. The current committee decided to cease operation and a new Early Years provision will be set up in Brodick Primary.</p> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and conveyed her best wishes for the festive season.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> |

The meeting ended at 6.40 pm