

Action Note

Meeting:	Arran Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	Monday 28 February 2022 at 6.00 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 Diana Turbett, Community Representative Kevin Blackley, Police Scotland Fiona Laing, Co-opted Community Representative Judi Worthington, Argyle College Shirley MacLachlan, Head Teacher Tom Tracey, Community Representative</p> <p>In attendance</p> <p>Alasdair Laurensen, Senior Manager (item x) Colin Bradford, Regeneration Manager (item x) Sarah Blair, Transport Co-ordinator, Arran CVS (item x)</p> <p>Jennifer McGee, Community & Locality Planning Assistant, North Ayrshire Council (Notes)</p>
Apologies:	<p>Ruth Betley, HSCP Michelle Sutherland, HSCP Dr Greg Hamill, GP Lead (Vice Chair) Carol Norton, Operations Manager, Arran CVS</p>

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No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted.</p> <p>G Johnston from Arran Youth Foundations provided the LP with an update on the work of the Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing CIF project:</p> <p>The CIF funding has so far funded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly art psychotherapy group sessions; • Individual one-to-one art psychotherapy sessions; • Staff for one-to-one with ASN kids on summer trips to the mainland and round the island; • Costs for staff member to go through their D1 minibus licence; • A pocket guide to mental health and wellbeing for every pupil at the high school - currently with designer to be finalised; • Gym memberships for struggling young people; • Our first annual mental health and wellbeing retreat; • The Team are also in the process of setting up a physical activity 	Noted

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	<p>based group and weekend youth work both of which will be funded by the CIF.</p> <p>The Chair commended G Johnstone for the work carried out to date.</p> <p>L Forsyth asked G Johnstone if it would be possible for the young people to come to a future meeting to provide their view or if not possible, produce a short film for the Locality Partnership.</p> <p>G Johnston advised that if the meeting was in person, then the young people could come along, however if Locality Partnership meetings remain online, he will arrange for a short film to be made for the Locality Partnership.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>G Johnstone</p>
2.	<p>Minutes from meeting held on 1 December 2021</p> <p>The action note arising from the meeting held on 1 December 2021 were approved.</p> <p>L Forsyth highlighted that in terms of the locality priority refresh, discussions have taken place with colleagues, and it has been suggested that following the recent islands plan and LOIP community engagements, rather than team go back to communities with another consultation would the Locality Partnership be happy for the team to assess the priorities from the extensive engagement already took place?</p> <p>The Locality Partnership agreed with this approach.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>L Forsyth</p>
3.	<p>Harbour Design Proposals</p> <p>A Laurenson provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the Harbour Design proposals at Ardrossan.</p> <p>A Laurenson highlighted that North Ayrshire Growth & Investment team are currently consulting on the proposed upgrade and redevelopment of Ardrossan Ferry Terminal.</p> <p>These proposals form part of the wider Ardrossan Regeneration Programme and when implemented will improve the facilities and operations at Ardrossan Harbour to meet the additional capacity provided by the MV Glen Sannox. The current consultation is focused on the proposed improvements which include a new terminal building, Passenger Access System, parking and marshalling facilities and reflects lessons learned from the new Brodick facilities.</p> <p>Images of the proposed layout for the site and terminal building were shared and these can also be accessed by visiting: Ardrossan Harbour Consultation – North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership</p> <p>A Laurenson advised the Locality Partnership that a public consultation will be held on the island next week and details would be shared once they are confirmed.</p> <p>A Laurenson highlighted that the consultation will close on 14 March 2022 and a report to summarise all comments will determine whether there needs to be design changes. This report will be shared with</p>	

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	<p>partners when available.</p> <p>The Chair highlighted she had previously saw this presentation at a meeting of the Arran Ferry Committee and that feedback from those in attendance had not been positive.</p> <p>J Worthington commented that the consultation document wasn't user friendly and also this was a short turnaround time for consultation.</p> <p>A Laurensen highlighted that the team would still be happy to receive comments and he is conscious that the consultation document is not user friendly, and this has been highlighted to the designers.</p> <p>The Chair thanked A Laurensen for his update.</p>	<p>A Laurensen</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Learning Update</p> <p>S MacLachlan provided the following update in relation to the island Primary Schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to provide LFT for staff and PCR test for both staff and children. There was a lot of positive cases in January; • Due to inclement weather two primary schools had to close in recent weeks; • Assembly's can now be held in schools; • Anticipated to have staff vacancies after the summer; • Swimming lessons have recommenced; • Plans in place for nursery and P7 children to have their transition days; • P7 residential will be held at the Arran Outdoor Centre at the end of March, this will not be a residential trip; • Received a grant to facilitate providing uniform costs for those in receipt of clothing grants/free school meals; • Brodick nursery will be moving into the main school building. Works will commence in May and will run for 12 weeks. . <p>S Foster provided the following update in relation to Arran High School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students no longer have to wear masks in classrooms, however they still have to worn in corridors; • Barista coffee shop has been set up with fourth year students. The school is in talks with the College around getting an accreditation for young people in the café; • Also anticipates having a number of staff vacancies after the summer; <p>The Chair thanked S McLauchlan and S Foster for their updates.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Islands Plan</p> <p>S Baird provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the Islands Plan.</p> <p>S Baird highlighted that the consultation closed January and the plan has now be approved by the Cabinet and are available to view Islands Recovery and Renewal (north-ayrshire.gov.uk).</p>	<p>All</p>

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	<p>The plans are to drive the development of the islands over the next 10 years and have been very much development for and with communities.</p> <p>The Plan for Arran highlights how it sits within the Islands Act 2018 and also a wide range of local, national and regional plans.</p> <p>Engagement for the Plan was supported by Short Life Working Group and provides examples of the extensive range of engagement that took place during last year.</p> <p>In terms of next steps, S Baird highlighted that she will be on the island with the team the w/c 7 March visiting organisations and projects who have either contributed to the Plan or Action Plan. Hard copies of printed plan will be available.</p> <p>As well as the launches, the team will be supporting the creation of the island plan delivery groups and will continue to update the Locality Partnership on the work of these groups</p> <p>T Tracey commented that this work will be game changing if we can get it right. It is very much a bottom-up implementation and building on work already happening.</p> <p>L Forsyth highlighted that she and S Baird met with an Officer from the Islands Team at Scottish Government recently where there was discussion around the importance of heritage, culture, and language across the islands. They are keen to see what could be done to influence and strengthen this work and perhaps bring someone in to look at this.</p> <p>D Turbett highlighted that in terms of culture and heritage there are rich networks already based on the islands. L Forsyth highlighted the importance of the richness of knowledge on the island already, tying the work in to the priorities and not starting this work from scratch.</p> <p>T Tracey commented that that this is core part of the new development and would connect the island priorities to Government funding for organisations on the island.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund</p> <p>V Yuill provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund.</p> <p>V Yuill highlighted that applications for the fund closed on 6 January 2022. 86 applications were received (totalling over £1m) with 61 projects funded. V Yuill also advised that the Council match funded the original fund, which meant funding pot was £813,346. Those projects who did not receive funding are being supported.</p> <p>V Yuill commented that the partnership working throughout the delivery of the fund has been extremely successful.</p> <p>V Yuill highlighted that from an Arran CVS perspective, through having the additional responsibilities to administer this fund it has allowed the organisation to support a member of staff for an extended period, build on going relations with groups across North Ayrshire and also an opportunity to employ a digital administrative apprentice. V Yuill has also</p>	

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	<p>been advised that there will be recurring funding for 2022/23 and Arran CVS will support a dedicated role to administer these funds. In terms reporting to the Scottish Government a full end of year report is due 8 April 2022.</p> <p>The Chair asked V Yuill which Arran projects had been successful in receiving funding. V Yuill advised that there were four successful projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arran Wellbeing Kick • Mary Davis Trust • SWI • Art in Mind <p>Cllr Billings left the meeting as this point.</p> <p>The Chair thanked V Yuill for her update and commended the Team at Arran CVS for their hard work.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Locality Forum/HSCP Update</p> <p>G Hamill was unable to attend the meeting, an update will be provided at a future meeting.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Community Transport Pilot</p> <p>S Blair provided the LP with an update on progress to date.</p> <p>S Blair started in post on 1 November 2021. During her starting week, S Blair carried out risk assessments for drivers and passengers and also ensured that all policies were in place for volunteer drivers and service users. S Blair has also carried out an induction with drivers who had already been recruited.</p> <p>S Blair advised that a booking system has been sourced and has been set up by a community investment company. The system went live after the Christmas break. In the first instance, the service is focussing on medical appointments. Feedback received so far has been very positive from both drivers and service users.</p> <p>In terms of what is needed to move forward, more volunteer drivers are being recruited via social media, village notice boards and also an advert in Arran Banner this week.</p> <p>A funding application has been submitted to National Lottery as an interim funding solution, with a decision due shortly. Also looking at funding for electric vehicle and charging points to focus in helping to meet with net zero ambitions for the island.</p> <p>In terms of future aspirations, once extra drivers have been recruited it is hoped that there will be scope to increase services to help tackle social isolation.</p> <p>The Chair asked how many volunteer drivers there were. S Blair advised that there are currently nine drivers with one other person interested in registering</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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	<p>V Yuill commented that it is brilliant to see this come to fruition and looks forward to seeing more developments.</p> <p>L Forsyth commented that it is great to see this service on the island and offered to link S Blair in with an officer in sustainability team within the Council.</p> <p>The Chair thanked S Blair for her update.</p>	<p>L Forsyth</p> <p>Noted</p>
9.	<p>Grants</p> <p>L Forsyth provided the Locality Partnership with a grant report which relates to the Elderly Grant Fund.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership agreed that £2,884 would be awarded to Arran CVS for distribution to six Arran groups for outings, meals and activities to address social isolation and increase confidence in elderly citizens to re-engage with their community.</p>	<p>Rosemary Ramsay</p>
10.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Valedictory</p> <p>Cllr Gurney wished to convey his thanks to the Arran Locality Partnership and the people of Arran for their help and support of over the last 15 years. With the rearrangement of the electoral wards, this would be his last meeting of the Arran Locality Partnership.</p> <p>The Chair wished to convey her thanks all members of the Arran Locality Partnership past and present. The Chair also wished commended the team who worked together to support the people of the island during covid.</p> <p>The Chair advised that it has been a privilege to Chair the Arran Locality Partnership over the last five years.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

The meeting ended at 7.50 pm