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Meeting:	Arran Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	Tuesday 20 September 2022 at 5.00 pm via Microsoft Teams
Present:	<p>Councillor Timothy Billings (Chair) Vicki Yuill, Chief Executive Officer, Arran CVS (Senior Lead Officer) Audrey Sutton, Executive Director, Communities & Education (Lead Officer) Lesley Forsyth, Senior Manager Information and Culture Anne Marie Hunter, Engagement and Participation Officer Judi Worthington, Argyle College Tom Tracey, Community Representative Bill Calderwood, Arran Community Council Ruth Betley, Senior Manager, Arran Services, NHS Ayrshire & Arran Lindsey Murphy, Health Improvement Lead, NHS Ayrshire & Arran Ian Staples, Manager, Arran Outdoor Education Centre</p> <p>In attendance:</p> <p>Ruth McLaren, Arran Eco Savvy (Item 4) Mhairi-Aileen Smeir, Editor, Arran Sound (Observing meeting)</p> <p>Jennifer McGee, Community & Locality Planning Assistant, North Ayrshire Council (Notes)</p>
Apologies:	<p>Susan Foster, Head Teacher Kevin Blackley, Police Scotland Diana Turbett, Community Representative Michelle Sutherland, HSCP Carol Norton, Operations Manager, Arran CVS Shirley MacLachlan, Head Teacher</p>

ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes from meeting held on 16 June 2022</p> <p>The action note arising from the meeting held on 16 June 2022 was approved.</p> <p>The Chair asked that an update in regards the Community Benefit Fund application made by Corrie and Sannox Village Hall be added the meeting planner for the June 2023 meeting.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>J McGee</p>
3.	<p>Arran Islands Plan</p> <p>A Sutton provided the Locality Partnership with a report on the delivery groups for the Arran. A Sutton highlighted that the purpose of the report was to seek agreement of the Arran Locality Partnership to include the Arran Islands Plan Delivery Group within the Locality Partnership arrangements.</p> <p>A Sutton highlighted that this proposal would create a new and innovative North Ayrshire Local Island Plan Delivery Group for Arran, creating an</p>	

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	<p>inclusive and place-based partnership that would support island stakeholders to take a lead role in strategic community-led local development and fundamentally, in delivering action.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership unanimously agreed to include the Arran Islands Plan Delivery Group within the Locality Partnership arrangements and the proposed next steps, as outlined in the report.</p> <p>Cllr Billings commented that the Islands team have set up a workshop on 29 September 2022 and is about demonstrating the collaborative approach to this work and being clear about what is needing to be achieved.</p> <p>R Betley highlighted that at the workshop held in August, she undertook to look at the HSCP specifically as they have a statutory responsibility to have a Forum. R Betley advised that there has been discussion around this, and it was felt that the Health and Social Care Forum should be established and that it could be another theme/work stream that would feed into the larger group. R Betley would be the link between groups to ensure collaborative working across the forums.</p> <p>R Betley offered to bring a paper to the next meeting if the Locality Partnership would find this helpful.</p> <p>T Tracey commented that this approach would make sense and would give the subject the agenda space it requires.</p> <p>A Sutton commented that she is delighted with this way forward and happy to support where needed. A Sutton agreed to arrange a meeting with the Chair, R Betley, M Sutherland to look at the alignment of the Locality Partnership, Islands Plan Delivery Group and HSCP and bring back an update to Cabinet, Integration Joint Board and the Locality Partnership in due course.</p> <p>The Chair commented that it would be useful for Cabinet to receive an update on the governance arrangements on Arran as a whole. A Sutton welcomed this.</p> <p>The Chair commented that it would be helpful to have a note of who is attending the workshop on 29th September and also for attendees to have sight of an agenda before the workshop. J McGee undertook to advise Sarah Baird of this request.</p> <p>The Chair thanked A Sutton for her report.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>R Betley</p> <p>A Sutton</p> <p>A Sutton</p> <p>J McGee</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund – Expression of Interest Arran Eco Savvy</p> <p>The Locality Partnership considered a CIF Expression of Interest application from Arran Eco Savvy to support establish an EcoHub to support residents and businesses in addressing the climate emergency in a variety of ways.</p> <p>The group have applied for £87,974 from the Community Investment Fund and this would be used to cover salaries for six posts, travel and subsistence budget, office accommodation and running costs to support central and support functions. R McLaren also advised the Locality Partnership of external funding the Group have received.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>L Forsyth commented that this was a very comprehensive application and it was built on a solid foundation of need and how this fits in with LOIP and the Arran Island Plan.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>B Calderwood commented that in terms of the timescale of the programme, how would this be sustainable beyond December 2023. R McLaren advised that Eco Savvy rely on funding and the group do have ideas on how to be sustaining in some aspects. For example, within the travel and transport side of things, there are things they'd like to keep as a free service, however they could charge for other services that aren't offered on the Island, such as e-bike servicing. The Group are also looking at larger longer-term funds.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>A Sutton commented in terms of the next stage of the application, there is a number of short-term part-time posts as part of the application and there is a need for more thought around this. There is also a need for more clarity around the deliverables and measurables around what the group would like to achieve. A Sutton also commented that this application, if successful, would take up the majority of the remaining CIF funding available for Arran.</p>	<p>R McLaren/A Hunter</p>
<p>V Yuill commented that there has been a tremendous amount of work in the application and asked whether with the bulk of the funding being used for salaries if is there an overlap in other organisations in some of these roles and whether some of the roles could be combined. R McLaren advised that the Group have structured it as part time posts, however they could be grouped together also and work across all of the strands. R McLaren also advised that the Group works closely with other organisations on the Island to avoid duplication.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>T Tracey commented that EcoSavvy provide an exemplar for how the delivery group need to start organising as they come up with a clear vision, a matrix and then report on the matrix.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>The Chair commented that EcoSavvy has a good record of achievements, however it is not immediately clear from the application regarding the sustainability of the project beyond the funding period. One of the main criteria for CIF is project sustainability. The Chair highlighted that full application would need to show:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who are the other organisations and individuals on Arran who undertake similar activities and how does EcoSavvy link and work with these organisations to enhance each other's projects and prevent duplication of effort? • How are volunteers used to support the work of EcoSavvy? • How will the CIF funding be used to attract additional funding sources, and what plans are there to ensure that this project is sustainable beyond the end of the CIF grant? • How does this project link into all three of the themes of the Island Plan and contribute to the achievement of actions across all the themes? 	<p>Noted</p>
<p>A Hunter advised that she would be happy to support Eco Savvy with progressing this.</p>	<p>A Hunter</p>
<p>The Chair highlighted that from the comments received there is support for the application at this stage with further work required. The Locality Partnership agreed to consider the full application at the December 2022 Locality Partnership meeting.</p>	<p>J McGee/R McLaren/A Hunter</p>

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	The Chair thanked R McLaren for attending.	Noted
5.	<p>Learning Overview</p> <p>J Worthington provided the Locality Partnership with an overview of the work of Argyll College.</p> <p>J Worthington advised the Locality Partnership that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The College welcomed 12 new students to the Centre on Arran, plus 8 continuing students studying at degree level. • The College welcomed 2 additional members of staff. The team now comprise of 3 full time members of staff and 1 part time member. • The College graduation will be held in Dunoon this week, which is a great opportunity for everyone to celebrate. • There was a very successful launch event today of the Coastal café at Arran High School. This is a joint project with DYW Ayrshire, Arran High and UHI Argyll to deliver valuable practical experience to senior phase pupils. Pupils will be undertaking barista training. 24 pupils have enrolled in a SQA skills of customer care unit. The café is now open to public. • 10 pupils are undertaking a cyber security unit. • 8 pupils are undertaking schools link courses in business and marketing and creative digital media. <p>The Chair thanked J Worthington for her update.</p>	Noted
6.	<p>HSCP Overview</p> <p>R Betley provided the Locality Partnership with an overview of the work of the Health and Social Care Partnership.</p> <p>R Betley advised that in terms of work on the Integrated Hub on Island, which was paused during pandemic and is now starting again. R Betley highlighted that work is currently being refreshed and will be sent to Scottish Government at the beginning of the next financial year.</p> <p>R Betley also advised that the Team will be re-establishing a Project Board and that she will be in touch with key partners in due course.</p> <p>The Chair commented that he is pleased to hear this work is recommencing and thanked R Betley for her update.</p>	Noted
7.	<p>Child Poverty</p> <p>Audrey Sutton provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the child poverty work.</p> <p>A Sutton advised the Locality Partnership that one of the current Scottish Government priorities is to support progress toward meeting child poverty targets. The Act sets in place robust requirements to lift 140,000 children out of relative poverty by 2030 – reducing levels from 24% to 10%</p>	

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<p>The recently published Best Start, Bright Futures: tackling child poverty delivery plan 2022-26 gives a clear direction on how we can and will focus resources. The action areas for 2022-26 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enter, sustain and progress in work • Maximising the support available for families to lead dignified lives and meet their basic needs • Supporting the next generation to thrive <p>A Sutton advised that the drivers of reduction of child poverty link closely to the themes identified by the Government and the importance of the whole systems requirement to bring everything together to make a difference. The drivers are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income from employment • Cost of living • Income from social security and income in kind <p>A Sutton also highlighted the differences between relative and absolute poverty.</p> <p>A Sutton advised that the data for 2019/20 indicate that the rate of child of poverty in North Ayrshire was 27.9%, this was the second highest in Scotland. The latest assessment shows that in 2021 has fallen to 24.7% However, it should be noted that this decrease is unusual due to the impact of the pandemic and the figures are caveated.</p> <p>The North Ayrshire the Child Poverty Report and Action Plan were approved by Scottish Government in June 2022. The Council's Cabinet and Integrated Joint Board approved the set-up Child Poverty Board. This is being led by North Ayrshire Council and NHS Ayrshire & Arran. This approach was welcomed by the Scottish Government.</p> <p>A Sutton advised that a Strategic Action Template has been created and is made up of four key steps which are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree Themes – Currently no wrong door and employability. 2. Initial workshop – initial face to face sessions where the focus will be on three key questions; - What are we doing well? What can we improve on? and Where are the gaps? The first workshop took place earlier this week and focussed on no wrong door. 3. Mini-enquiry – this will involve communities and third sector partners. 4. Development of the strategic actions – the Child Poverty Board will consider the output reports from steps 2 and 3. <p>A Sutton highlighted that there is a commitment to host the mini-enquires in all six localities.</p> <p>L Murphy commented that within Public Health, they wish to support partners across each locality to tackle child poverty. The Team also has an internal tackling child poverty plan. The NHS action plan will go to NHS Board in October for approval, and it will also go to the North Ayrshire Child Poverty Board for discussion.</p> <p>A Sutton commented that over the course of the work with Island Plan Delivery Groups she would be happy to give updates where appropriate.</p> <p>A Sutton also commented that the Council's data team have been tasked with breaking down child poverty and other types of poverty down to data zone and post code level. A Sutton advised that she would be happy to bring back a more granular update at a future meeting.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>A Sutton</p>
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	<p>The Chair welcomed this as it would be helpful to have a proper understanding of the extent and specific issues on the Island.</p> <p>V Yuill highlighted that Christians Against Poverty have agreed to arrange a Zoom money course to give the residents of Arran some support. V Yuill advised that the date/time will be confirmed in due course and that Arran CVS will share the details on their weekly bulletin.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
8.	<p>Grants</p> <p>The Locality Partnership was asked to consider two grant reports.</p> <p>Community Benefit Fund</p> <p>Arran Civic Trust are seeking £3000 funding to publish a new book on interiors of properties of Arran.</p> <p>The consensus of the Locality Partnership was that the work did not have a direct focus on the environment or inequalities and in addition, the direct benefits to the local community appeared to be low.</p> <p>Key elements of the application were seen to hold great potential and a future application would be welcomed if these were included.</p> <p>L Forsyth agreed to feedback comments to R Ramsay.</p> <p>Elderly Grants</p> <p>An application requesting £2,841 to be awarded to Arran CVS for distribution of grant money to Arran Groups for outings, meals and activities.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership agreed to award £2,841 to Arran CVS for disbursement to local groups.</p>	<p>L Forsyth</p> <p>Rosemary Ramsay</p>
10.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>V Yuill advised the Locality Partnership that the Team are looking into two bequest funds to help individuals. One of the funds will be directed at older people and the other for children and families. V Yuill highlighted that the funds are not large amounts, however, can support people with financial insecurities.</p> <p>B Calderwood highlighted that there has been announcement for £500k funding for toilets for Arran and Cumbrae, he has written to Councillor who made announcement for the fund around the process etc however he has not had a response as yet. The Chair advised B Calderwood that he has a meeting with Regeneration Team regarding this and will raise the concerns around the announcement of the fund and agrees that there could have been more background information provided at the time of the announcement.</p> <p>A Sutton advised the Locality Partnership that there is a report going to Council on Wednesday for discussion around the progress of Locality Planning.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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The meeting ended at 7.15 pm