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Meeting:	Arran Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	Wednesday 15 March 2023 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) Sarah Baird, Senior Officer (Islands) Lesley Forsyth, Senior Manager Information and Culture Anne Marie Hunter, Engagement and Participation Officer Judi Worthington, Argyle College Bill Calderwood, Arran Community Council Ruth Betley, Senior Manager, Arran Services, NHS Ayrshire & Arran Stuart Dougan, Police Scotland Martin Spence, Scottish Fire and Rescue Nicola Tomkinson, Senior Health Improvement Officer, NHS Ayrshire & Arran Ian Staples, Manager, Arran Outdoor Education Centre Michele Sutherland, Interim Senior Manager – Primary Care & Communities</p> <p>In attendance:</p> <p>Malcolm Wilkinson, Arran Geopark (Item 3) Thomas Reaney, Head of Neighbourhood Services (Item 5) Donna Anderson, Youth Participation Officer (Item 7)</p> <p>Jennifer McGee, Policy & Community Planning Officer North Ayrshire Council (Notes)</p>
Apologies:	<p>Susan Foster, Head Teacher Shirley MacLachlan, Head Teacher Lindsey Murphy, Health Improvement Lead, NHS Ayrshire & Arran</p>

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No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted.</p> <p>In terms of Standing Order 11, the Chair declared an interest in item three on the agenda due to him being a Director of Arran Access Trust. The Chair confirmed that he would not take part in the consideration of this item.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
2.	<p>Minutes from meeting held on 28 November 2022</p> <p>The action note arising from the meeting held on 28 November 2022 was approved and the following updates were provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Participation - Donna Anderson advised the Locality Partnership that the joint cabinet paper should be circulated to the LP within the next week. • HSCP Engagement – The Chair advised the Locality Partnership that there will be changes to way HSCP engage with community and the Locality Partnership. Further details will be shared when available. 	<p>Noted</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eco-savvy CIF – Anne-Marie Hunter advised the Locality Partnership that the group are waiting to see what happens following discussions at the mini-inquiry. 	
3.	<p>Community Investment Fund – Expression of Interest</p> <p>Malcolm Wilkinson presented a Community Investment Fund Expression of Interest to the Locality Partnership. The application was seeking £80-90k funding to appoint a Project Director who will implement Arran Geopark’s management Plan and aims to gain UNESCO Global Geopark status for the Island.</p> <p>M Wilkinson highlighted that Arran Geopark aims to gain UNESCO Global Geopark status for the Isle of Arran by 2025. Geoparks are community-led international designations that combine conservation with sustainable development. Arran Geopark’s vision is that “our environment and heritage are conserved, enhanced, and valued for their contribution to people’s well-being and Arran’s sustainability”. Arran Geo Park see the UNESCO status as a catalyst to drive diverse benefits to our island’s community, environment, and economy.</p> <p>M Wilkinson also highlighted that longer term sustainability is at the core of the proposal and seek new and innovative funding streams to ensure the Geopark can continue to operate indefinitely.</p> <p>B Calderwood commented that there is a need to demonstrate the sustainability for this project as an island. B Calderwood also commented that as a robust business plan is essential for a full application.</p> <p>A Sutton commented that this is an exciting proposal, and asked about the capacity they have as an organisation to deliver the tangible benefits over the three-year period as well as reaching a positive decision from UNESCO. M Wilkinson commented that the organisation has a lot of volunteers and Rangers/staff to support the organisation.</p> <p>V Yuill asked due to current funding ending in June, would there be a gap? M Wilkinson advised that yes there would be a gap, however there is funding for other projects ongoing over the summer that the group can focus on in the interim.</p> <p>V Yuill also asked M Wilkinson in terms of legal structure of the Geopark? M Wilkinson advised that the Geopark is managed Arran Access Trust, however they are looking at moving to separate charity for Geopark.</p> <p>V Yuill also extended an invite to the Geopark to come along to a community event invite being held in April 2023. The event has set up to highlight all the great work of our local community groups and organisations. M Wilkinson welcomed this invite.</p> <p>L Forsyth working with M Wilkinson to help bridge gap in funding over the summer through various channels.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership agreed that this should be progressed to a full application.</p> <p>The Chair thanked M Wilkson for attending.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>L Forsyth</p>

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<p>4.</p>	<p>Grants</p> <p>The Locality Partnership considered one grant application in respect of the Community Benefit Fund. The application was from Isle of Arran Music School for £1000 which would be used to cover cost of tutors, instrument upkeep, trips to the mainland and on island to participate in events and running costs.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership agreed to award £1000 funding to the Island of Arran Music School.</p>	<p>Rosemary Ramsay</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Memorials and Plaques</p> <p>Thomas Reaney provided the Locality Partnership with a report on the proposed options for memorial benches, plaques, memorial trees and other options for bereaved families.</p> <p>T Reaney highlighted that it is proposed that North Ayrshire Council's memorial offer provides a range of affordable options to bereaved families and friends to assist them to celebrate a life and remember a loved one. He also highlighted that the Council would not generate any surplus from its memorial offer.</p> <p>T Reaney advised the Locality Partnership that the proposed options were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Benches and Plaques • Living Memorial Tree • Metallic memorial tree • Memorial Rocks • Sponsoring flower bed • Digital Remembrance <p>The Partnership discussed the importance of sensitivities of the communications around this work and also when engaging with local communities on the island. B Calderwood offered to assist with this if required.</p> <p>Nicola Tomkinson highlighted that there is guidance from Public Health Scotland on managing the risks of public memorials after a probable suicide. N Tomkinson shared a link to the guidance with the Locality Partnership.</p> <p>The Chair asked T Reaney what the next steps with this work would be.</p> <p>T Reaney advised that after discussions with the six Locality Partnership meetings, will take feedback from them to help formulate policy for Cabinet approval. Streetscene will set up marketing of this, with a website with the available options.</p> <p>The Chair also asked T Reaney if the public wished to engage and have their opinion on this how could they be forwarded to ensure this happened. T Reaney advised the Chair that feedback can be raised via local Elected Members or directly to himself.</p> <p>The Chair thanked T Reaney for his update.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>6.</p>	<p>Cost of Living Mini-Enquiry</p> <p>Audrey Sutton provided the Locality Partnership with a presentation following the Cost of Living Mini-Enquiry which was held on the Island on 13 February 2023 at the Ormidale Pavilion.</p> <p>The presentation highlighted:</p> <p>Arran Mini-Enquiry Key Themes</p> <p>Some of the key themes highlighted at the Mini-Enquiry were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Benefits and money advice• Support for energy• Fuel advice• Training opportunities• Volunteering opportunities• Community Transport <p>Island Emergency Cost Crisis Fund</p> <p>A Sutton advised that £80,000 (£63,000 Resource and £17,000 Capital) of funding has been received from the Scottish Government for both Arran and Cumbrae. The funding will be used to target immediate need and help those who are struggling due to the cost crisis and for existing schemes and/or other new support where they feel the need is greatest.</p> <p>A Sutton provided details of how some of the funding has been allocated so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• £15,000 for Energy Smart - existing service which supports energy efficiency measures in homes and crisis grants.• £15,000 for Money Matters - existing service which supports Welfare Rights assistance/representation to North Ayrshire residents to ensure they receive their legal entitlement to state benefits.• £15,000 to Island schools:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remote, online after school study support• introduction of laundry and other family support initiatives in schools <p>The Council's Connected Communities Service will contribute £2,000 to the fund to provide a total allocation of £30,000 across the two Islands.</p> <p>A Sutton highlighted that due to the timing of the award of the funding to Councils, it is proposed that Arran CVS (in its role as a partner organisation in the Third Sector Interface) supports the identification of relevant delivery groups in the third and voluntary sector and supports the Council to award the funding in conjunction with the chairs of the North Coast and Cumbraes and Arran Locality Partnerships and Council officers, with the awards being reported to the Locality Partnerships and Scottish Government.</p> <p>A Sutton advised that an action plan has been created following the Mini-Enquiry and this will be shared with the Locality Partnership in due course.</p>	
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	<p>A Sutton also conveyed her thanks to V Yuill and the Team at Arran CVS for the reviewing, supporting and improving the draft action plan following the Mini-Enquiry.</p> <p>In terms of next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approval for the Islands Fund • Review of mini-enquiry themes with Arran CVS (Arran and Cumbrae) • Discussions with local organisations who support poverty and cost of living issues • Allocation of funding • Report to Locality Partnership • Ongoing monitoring <p>V Yuill highlighted that Arran CVS applied to Corra Foundation for household hardship fund and were successful £1000. This fund has to be distributed by the end of June 2023 and is a cash/voucher response fund for individuals or families experiencing hardship. There is no maximum or minimum amount for applying and can be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food • Energy/Fuel costs • Essential items • Transport/travel costs • Clothing • Phone/internet cost <p>V Yuill asked the Locality Partnership to share this with their networks.</p> <p>Martin Spence advised that SFRS currently engage with partners to provide crisis boxes with essential necessities to support families in crisis for a few days, these will be housed in local stations.</p> <p>The Chair thanked A Sutton for her update and conveyed his thanks to all involved in the work.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Mental Health and Wellbeing Young People</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Donna Anderson on Mental Health and Wellbeing for Young People, which linked in with the Locality Partnership's priority of Improvement Mental Wellbeing.</p> <p>The update included information on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support work with families and young people within schools. D Anderson is keen to have more families involved on the Island • A youth equality programme to support LGBT+ young people; • The recent application for LGBT Silver Charter Mark; • The creation of a mini BeeYou Ambassador Programme within primary schools; • The refresh of the Mental Health Toolkit within schools. • Delivering mental health and wellbeing training with young people on the island. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Council – 160 primary 7 pupils will be attending the Youth Council on 17 March. Pupils from Corrie, Brodick, Prinmill and Shiskine Primary schools will be in attendance also. MSYP recruitment will be commencing soon. D Anderson as the Locality Partnership to direct any interested young people aged 14 plus to get in touch with her for more information. <p>D Anderson advised that she would be happy to come along to future meeting of the Locality Partnership to discuss the work of Arran Youth Foundations. The Chair welcomed this.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>D Anderson/J McGee</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Health and Social Care Partnership Overview</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Ruth Betley on the Health and Social Care Partnership.</p> <p>R Betley advised that in terms of the work around the integrated hub, three out four workshops to update and refresh the initial agreement have taken place. The last workshop is scheduled to take place next week. R Betley also advised that the aim is to have the submission sent to the Scottish Government in the summer.</p> <p>A Sutton asked for J McGee to prioritise the Health and Social Care Partnership on future agendas. It was agreed that it would be useful for the Locality Partnership to have a more in-depth update at a future meeting.</p> <p>The Chair thanked R Betley for her update and commented that it is great to hear this work is being refreshed.</p>	<p>J McGee</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Police Scotland</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Stuart Dougan on the work of Police Scotland.</p> <p>The update included information on: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Naloxone rollout in taking place across Scotland and will be introduced on the Island in the next few weeks; Two quad bikes have been purchased, these will be used on the Island during the summer season when busy events are taking place; Four summer secondees will be on the island from 1 May 2023. Looking at getting Preventions Officers over on the Island soon to look at engaging with those more vulnerable in the community to scams. <p>The Chair thanked S Dougan for his update.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Free For All Event</p> <p>Vicki Yuill advised the Locality Partnership that Arran CVS are organising a public event to highlight all the great work of local community groups and organisations.</p> <p>The event is free and open to all and offers a great opportunity for groups showcase their organisation and the activities they have on offer, to</p>	

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	<p>promote their cause and recruit new volunteers. Most of all, it will be a fun day and a chance to network widely with others.</p> <p>The event will be held on Saturday 22nd April 2023 at Arran High.</p> <p>As well as a marketplace stall area, spaces will be available for you to host taster sessions or workshops in keeping with your activities. A great way to get more people to attend your group, support your organisation and encourage volunteering with you.</p> <p>The Chair thanked V Yuill for the update and encouraged the Locality Partnership to share with their networks.</p>	All
12.	Education Overview Due to time constraints, it was agreed that any updates should be emailed to J McGee to share with the Locality Partnership by email.	Noted
13.	Islands Plan The Chair referred those in attendance to the report which was included within the papers.	Noted
14.	AOCB N Tomkinson highlighted that the Social Isolation and Loneliness Fund 2023 – 2026 is open for Expressions of Interest until 31 March 2023.	

The meeting ended at 7:15 pm