

Action Note

Meeting:	Arran Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	Thursday 1 June 2023 at 4.45 pm in Brodick Hall.
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) Ruth Betley, Senior Manager, Arran Services, NHS Ayrshire & Arran Bill Calderwood, Arran Community Council Stuart Dougan, Police Scotland Lesley Forsyth, Senior Manager Information and Culture Susan Foster, Head Teacher Anne Marie Hunter, Engagement and Participation Officer 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) Malcolm Whitmore, Arran Access Trust (Item 3) James Henderson, Arran Community Council Jennie Morrison-Cowan, Arran Wellbeing Café</p> <p>Jennifer McGee, Policy & Community Planning Officer North Ayrshire Council (Notes)</p>
Apologies:	Judi Worthington, Argyle College Martin Spence, Scottish Fire and Rescue

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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, two declarations of interest were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Chair declared an interest in item three on the agenda due to him being a Director of Arran Access Trust. B Calderwood declared an interest in item four on the agenda due to him being a member of Arran CVS. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
2.	<p>Minutes from meeting held on 15 March 2023</p> <p>The action note arising from the meeting held on 15 March 2023 was approved and the following update was provided:</p> <p>HSCP Engagement – R Betley highlighted that dates for the engagement sessions are still to be confirmed, however they will be combined with other engagement activities taking place on the Island. The engagement will focus on what matters to you and the responses will form the priorities.</p> <p>A Hunter advised that she and R Betley attended the Free For All Event hosted by Arran CVS and engaged with residents on what mattered to them and how they would like to be kept informed on the work of the LP and the Island Plan.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>3.</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund – Full Application</p> <p>M Wilkinson, Arran Geo Park presented a Community Investment Fund Application to the Locality Partnership.</p> <p>The application sought £79,853 funding to appoint a Project Director who will develop and implement the Geopark’s management plan. The aim within the two-year project period is to gain UNESCO Global Geopark status for the whole of the Isle of Arran.</p> <p>The application proposed two stages of funding with funding only being released when the milestone is passed.</p> <p>Stage 1 is the submission and management of the UNESCO application process, including desktop and field assessment. If the application is rejected, stage 2 funding will not be released.</p> <p>Stage 2 (if application is successful) will be to respond to UNESCO’s recommendations, which will be given if the application is successful or deferred. An “improvement report” will be submitted to UNESCO if the application is deferred.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership agreed that this application should be progressed to Cabinet.</p> <p>The Chair thanked M Wilkson and M Whitmore for attending.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>L Forsyth</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Grants</p> <p>The Locality Partnership considered two grant application in respect of the Community Benefit Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elderly Grant - £2,841 to Arran CVS to be distributed to groups on the Island. • Whiting Bay Bowling Club - £500 to widen the remit of what it offers and are keen to encourage a broader spectrum of people able to use the bowling club facilities. <p>The Locality Partnership agreed to award both grants.</p>	<p>Rosemary Ramsay</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Arran Community Transport Programme</p> <p>C Norton provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the Community Transport Programme.</p> <p>C Norton advised that the pilot phase has now passed, and Arran CVS have received funding to continue Community Transport on Arran for the next three years, as well as funding for two vehicles. The vehicles, Ford Freedoms, are five seaters, with wheelchair space/access at the back.</p> <p>The purpose of this project is to provide a sustainable community transport service for socially isolated, elderly residents with physical and mental impairments who are unable to access the limited public transport available on the Isle of Arran.</p> <p>There are currently, 19 volunteer drivers located in Blackwaterfoot, Brodick, Lamlash, Lochranza and Shiskine. There are 83 passengers</p>	

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	<p>registered to use the service and have over 300 journeys have been completed.</p> <p>C Norton highlighted the outcomes that they are working towards achieving are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To double the number of registered service users in the first year of this funding and growing that number by a further 10% each year. • To double the number of journeys provided to medical appointments by volunteer drivers for disabled people in the first two years of the grant. These include hidden disabilities. • To increase volunteer recruitment, resulting in at least two volunteer drivers covering each village on Arran over the course of the grant period. • To support people with mental health and mobility issues to access at least three wellbeing and support groups per week. <p>A Sutton highlighted that the Council are currently looking at community transport pilot and that she would be keen to link C Norton with the Place Directorate on this work. C Norton welcomed this.</p> <p>The Chair thanked C Norton for her update.</p>	<p>A Sutton</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Health and Social Care Partnership Overview</p> <p>R Betley provided the Partnership with a presentation on the Review of Services on Arran.</p> <p>R Betley's presentation highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That prior to the pandemic a lot of work was carried out, engaging with communities, staff, and stakeholders about the services on the Island and the challenges and issues they were facing. The care on Arran was then mapped and showed that it is a whole system in miniature. • One of the big challenges on the island is the shrinking working age population and the above average elderly population. A frailty index was carried out and 650 people fell into the frailty category. • The model for the island was made up of small teams and the team looked at ways this could be improved. The best way was to become one single team that can work flexibly. This saw the creation of new roles, combining teams, separating emergency care from inpatient care, looking at complex care and forming multidisciplinary teams. • A new emergency department was created at the hospital and created a new Nursing Practitioner role. • Post pandemic the team are now back on track and have been looking at updating the Strategic Investment Manual, they have held four workshops and the refreshed plan will hopefully be signed off by the Programme Board next week. R Betley highlighted that the team had got to the initial agreement stage with the Scottish Government in 2019. • The key messages of this work are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This work is not about a building • Having sustainable services • Having a flexible integrated team 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the challenges ahead • No change is not an option • This will be phased plan <p>The Chair thanked to R Betley for her presentation.</p>	Noted
7.	<p>Island Skills Report</p> <p>S Waldron provided the Locality Partnership with a report on the Island Skills Initiative.</p> <p>S Waldron advised that Arran CVS received funding from the North Ayrshire Skills Initiative to undertake an eight-week research project around skills on Arran. This report built on the work the Arran Skills Group had carried out in 2016. Initially the report was going to look at apprenticeships, however it was decided that it would be better to look at the broader skills development across all age ranges.</p> <p>S Waldron highlighted that from discussions with local business, the issue wasn't around lack of skills it was around the lack of working age people on Arran. The lack of access to, and the hours on offer from nurseries and childcare providers, were also highlighted as being an obstacle for young families moving to the Island to work.</p> <p>S Waldron advised that she has shared this report with the Islands Plan working group as well as the business strand of the Island Plan Group, both groups were supportive.</p> <p>A number of recommendations were made within the report, and it was felt that having a Skills Co-ordinator based on the island would create a 'One Stop Shop' for businesses and individuals to find out about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apprenticeship frameworks and other skills development opportunities • different learning providers and support agencies • funding for skills development • the different programmes that are available to support businesses. • local opportunities <p>V Yuill conveyed her thanks to S Waldron for carrying out this research and for pulling together the report in such a short period of time.</p> <p>The Chair thanked S Waldron for her update.</p>	Noted
8.	<p>Communities and Place Fund</p> <p>The Locality Partnership received a presentation from S McAllister, Programme Manager on the Communities and Place grant funding which has been created to help communities deliver projects which support local priorities and local business needs.</p> <p>The presentation included information on the four themes within the fund namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People and Skills • Local Business • Multiply • Communities & Place 	

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	<p>S McAllister highlighted that the fund is on track to launch on 19 June and will be open for one month. Applications will then be reviewed by an assessment panel and decisions and feedback will be provided to the applicants.</p> <p>The 2023/24 funding pot has £58,000 in revenue funds and £102,330 in capital funds. This will increase to £100,000 in revenue and £500,000 funds during 2024/25.</p> <p>A Sutton commented that this fund could be used to support projects alongside CIF and other funding avenues.</p> <p>S McAllister encouraged the Locality Partnership to share information on the fund once it has been launched.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Cost of Living</p> <p>V Yuill and L Forsyth provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the Cost-of-Living work on the island.</p> <p>V Yuill highlighted that Arran CVS are holding £30,000 for the Island Emergency Cost Crisis Fund and the criteria for the fund has been drafted. Further details on the launch will be shared in due course.</p> <p>L Forsyth highlighted that they have looked at the commonalities that came out of the mini enquiries to help shape the application form for this fund. The commonalities were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support access to food with dignity • Assist communities to live in a more sustainable way • Help active travel//transport related issues • Help those struggling in the cost-of-living crisis <p>The Chair queried what promotion/communication would be used to advertise the initiative. L Forsyth advised that a leaflet has been created and will be shared when fund is ready to launch.</p> <p>The Chair thanked V Yuill and L Forsyth for their update.</p>	<p>L Forsyth</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Police Scotland – Wellbeing and Partnerships</p> <p>S Dougan provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the work of Police Scotland on the island:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer secondees now on the island. There are now eight officers on the island • The Scam Van was on the island yesterday. S Dougan advised the Locality Partnership that should any groups who would benefit to hear from Police and Trading Standards on scams to get in touch with him • Civic pride – work ongoing in relation to wild campers • Island road police plan is underway <p>C Norton commented that she picked up leaflets from the Scam Van and will disseminate them at the local lunch clubs.</p> <p>The Chair thanked S Dougan for his update.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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12.	Education Overview Due to time constraints, it was agreed that this item would be given priority discussion at the September meeting.	Noted
13.	Islands Plan Due to time constraints, it was agreed that this item would be given priority discussion at the September meeting.	Noted
14.	AOCB No other business was discussed.	Noted

The meeting ended at 6:50 pm