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Meeting:	Arran Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	Thursday 21 September 2023 at 4.45 pm on 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) Chrissy Archbold, Depute Island Plan Lead for Economy Sarah Baird, Senior Officer (Islands) Laura Barrie, Head of Active Communities (KA Leisure) Quinton Black, Head Teacher Bill Calderwood, Arran Community Council Alistair Dobson, Island Plan Lead for Economy Lesley Forsyth, Senior Manager Information and Culture Susan Foster, Head Teacher Sheila Gilmore, Islands Plan Lead of Community Colin Glencourse, Head of Operations (KA Leisure) Anne Marie Hunter, Engagement and Participation Officer Carol Norton, Operations Manager, Arran CVS Simon Ross-Gill, Island Plan Lead for Environment</p> <p>In attendance:</p> <p>Jennifer McGee, Policy & Community Planning Officer North Ayrshire Council (Notes)</p>
Apologies:	<p>Ruth Betley, Senior Manager, Arran Services, NHS Ayrshire & Arran Judi Worthington, Argyle College Martin Spence, Scottish Fire and Rescue Stuart Dougan, Police Scotland Michele Sutherland, Interim Senior Manager – Primary Care & Communities</p>

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No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Chaired welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies were noted, and introductions were made.</p> <p>L Forsyth provided the Island Plan Leads with an overview of purpose of Locality Partnerships and highlighted the importance of working collaboratively for our communities.</p>	Noted
2.	<p>Minutes from meeting held on 1 June 2023</p> <p>The action note arising from the meeting held on 1 June 2023 was approved and the following updates were provided:</p> <p>Geopark CIF - The Chair highlighted that the Geopark CIF Application was approved by Cabinet last month. The Chair also advised the Locality Partnership that the Geopark has formed a separate SCIO and will have its own Board as of 1st October 2023.</p> <p>Community Transport - V Yuill advised that 750 journeys have been logged and 105 services users now registered for the community transport service. There are 21 volunteer drivers, however the team are looking for more volunteers in the Blackwaterfoot and the Corrie/Sannox areas of the</p>	Noted

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	<p>Island. The Team are also looking at broadening the scope of the service, to look at how cars can be utilised at weekends for wellbeing activities.</p> <p>A Dobson commented that this project is a great way to develop locality transport solutions and that it would be useful to map solutions around on Island transport. A Dobson also commented that in terms of using transport for young people, there are assets on the Island that could be used to transport young people around the Island. S Foster advised that funding has been earmarked to support transporting young people on the Island to activities.</p> <p>A Sutton highlighted that she would be keen to discuss this matter further to look at possible options.</p> <p>Island Skills Report - S Baird advised that there is no identified funding through the Council to facilitate a Skills Co-ordinator for the Island, however she has approached Scottish Government to see if there is funding available through the Strategic Objective Fund for Skills and Education as well as looking at the Shared Prosperity Fund in the next financial year. S Baird commented that this work is very much a priority for the Island Plan.</p> <p>A Dobson highlighted that he is meeting with the Council's Senior Manager (Employability) and will be raising having a focus on developing locality skills for people and not just for sectors.</p> <p>The Chair asked A Dobson to feedback the outcome of this discussion to S Baird.</p> <p>A Sutton highlighted that there is CIF Funding available if we are looking at match funding or part of a consortium of funding to support this work and would solidify the Partnerships commitment to this work.</p>	<p>A Sutton</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>A Dobson</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Education Overview</p> <p>S Foster and Q Black provided the Locality Partnership with an overview on the work taking place in the schools across the Island:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential this year will be held at Arran Outdoor Centre as it previously had very high satisfaction rates from young people, parents and staff. • Number and literacy strategies have been looked at allow a more consistent joined up approach. • Island approach for Health and Wellbeing education – there is an ambitious plan that will be ready by August 2024. • Island Plan strategic objectives – working with partners to support a number of entrepreneurial initiatives within schools. The Root and Shoots horticulture initiative has launched. This is running alongside the Coastal Café initiative and will be introducing an SQA qualification in Barista. • The Youth and Philanthropy initiative – Second year students are provided £3k to give to local charity work. They work together to agree a charity and then present to a panel. The winners get to give money to their charity. • Mental Health and Wellbeing – SQA qualification in mental health being offered from third year. • Art/culture/language – moving away from Mandarin and moving back to Spanish. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music School recently won the Endeavour award. • Funding being used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to look at STEM opportunities • Upskilling teachers • Bringing authors to the island • Support for families who may be eligible for support but may not put themselves forward. • Two primary schools on the island achieved the John Muir award for some of their pupils and it is hoped this will be consistent across all the primary schools on the island. <p>N Tomkinson shared contact details of the NHS contact for Health Improvement Officers for Sexual Health as well as a link to a new mental health & wellbeing guide which was designed and created by local primary school children using their own thoughts and ideas.</p> <p>A Dobson highlighted that via the food and drink workstream of Ayrshire Regional Partnership, it was raised that there is an increasing number of young carers and wondered if an initiative for Ayrshire could be that young people are able to make a pot of soup before leaving school. A Sutton commented that it may be good to look at the work of fairer food network and how this could link in with A Dobson's suggestion.</p> <p>The Chair thanked S Foster and Q Black for their update.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Island Plan</p> <p>The Leads for each of the Island Plan priorities provided the Locality Partnership with an update on each of their workstreams:</p> <p>Environment</p> <p>S Ross-Gill advised the Locality Partnership that there have been four meetings of the Environment group have taken place so far. The group are having regular meeting due to the range of environmental organisations on the Island and to ensure as many people are involved as possible. The meetings have been useful and can see where the commonality is across the Island.</p> <p>Lots of practices are already in place through the different groups for actions around land management and land use. S Ross-Gill commented that there is clear interlinking between the three strands of the Islands Plan. The Group are currently compiling the points of discussion and how to constitute these at a local level. The group are also looking at how to respond to the National Island Plan consultation and encouraging organisations to respond also.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 October at Heather Lodge at 1pm and is open to all to attend.</p> <p>Community</p> <p>S Gilmore advised the Locality Partnership that two meetings of the Community group have taken place. There was a meeting of the group held on 20 September with 26 attendees. There was a lot of good discussion, the general feedback is that there is a lot of people on the Island that don't understand the Island Plan and how they can have an input,</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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	<p>there is a need to get clear communications out there. There was also a lot of discussion around transport, ferries, housing, reappointment of buildings and access to health services in the community. Overall, it was a very interesting meeting and highlighted that a lot of the actions in the Islands Plan are more aims and some actions need to be drawn out as some are quite vague particularly round arts and culture.</p> <p>S Gilmore also advised that Findlay Napier will be the Depute of the group and that the next meeting will be held in November 2023.</p> <p>The Chair asked S Gilmore to forward on contact details for the Depute of the group to J McGee.</p> <p>L Forsyth advised that she would be keen to catch up with S Gilmore around the arts and culture aspects of the Community priority.</p> <p>Economy</p> <p>A Dobson commented that all of the work around the Island Plan is at the start of a journey but thinks it could accelerate quickly into something groundbreaking for Arran and it is excellent having the delivery group leads part of the Locality Partnership.</p> <p>A Dobson highlighted that the Economy group has met on a few occasions, ferries and housing are issues that are raised frequently at the meetings. However, the workstream will be changing to become more of a demand workstream to allow the economy to thrive and having issues such as ferries and housing being addressed at their relevant working groups such as the ferry committee and housing task force. A workshop will be held on 25th October 2023 to look at the positives and what Arran businesses can do and bring fresh ideas to the table.</p> <p>A Dobson encouraged the Locality Partnership to share details of the workshop with their networks.</p> <p>The Chair conveyed his thanks to the Island Plan Leads and commented that he is delighted with the momentum of the work taking place.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>S Gilmore</p> <p>L Forsyth/S Gilmore</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>All</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Arran Youth Foundation – CIF Update</p> <p>The Chair advised that due to operational commitments G Johnston was unable to attend.</p> <p>J McGee advised that G Johnston has sent over a link to a YouTube video which highlights the impact CIF funding has made to their project. The link to the Youtube video will be shared with the Locality Partnership via email.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>J McGee</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Health and Social Care Partnership Overview</p> <p>Due to annual leave commitments, there was no representation from the HSCP. It was agreed that this item would be given priority discussion at the November meeting.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Police Scotland - Wellbeing and Partnerships</p> <p>Due to operational commitments Inspector Dougan was unable to attend the LP meeting.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>8.</p>	<p>Funding Opportunities</p> <p>A Sutton highlighted that this part of the meeting would look at the variety of current funds available to the Island. A Sutton also highlighted that she would be keen for the Council's Funding Officer to attend a future meeting of the Locality Partnership.</p> <p>Island Cost of Living Emergency Fund</p> <p>A Sutton advised that approximately £60k was allocated to both Arran and Cumbrae from the Scottish Government Fund last year and a further £57k of funding has been made available for this coming year.</p> <p>A Sutton provided the Locality Partnership presentation which highlighted how this funding has been used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £10k Funding allocated to EnergySmart to support Arran and Cumbrae. • £10k allocated to the Money Matters Team to support residents on Arran and Cumbrae. • £15k allocated to the Arran and Cumbrae schools to support remote, online after school study support. the introduction of laundry and other family support initiatives in schools and the introduction of visiting specialists. • £30k Third Sector Fund will be made available in due course to support cost of living. • Additional capital funding was used by KA Leisure for Health and wellbeing equipment. <p>A Sutton asked the Locality Partnership to make their networks aware of these funds.</p> <p>S Gilmore asked how communities apply for this funding. L Forsyth advised that in terms of the third sector grants these will go live in the next week or two and a flyer will be shared in due course. L Forsyth also advised that there is a dedicated cost of living page on Council's website.</p> <p>Q Black commented that the Parent Council are good means of ways to get information shared.</p> <p>A Dobson commented that local business have a part to play too, as there is a lot of in work poverty and we should be looking at businesses passing on this information to their staff.</p> <p>The Chair thanked A Sutton for her update.</p> <p>Island Infrastructure Fund</p> <p>L Forsyth advised that this is a capital fund and there were two successful bids this year for North Ayrshire. Arran High Mountain Bike Club were one of the successful bids. L Forsyth also advised that there is additional money been added to that fund and priority will be given to the awards already made to help cover inflated costs etc. The second successful bid was from Cumbrae for remedial work in Garrison House.</p> <p>A Dobson advised that something that is discussed at the Economy group meetings often is around having community hubs in each of the villages to discuss business ideas, support community interest companies and for</p>	<p>J McGee</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>All</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
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	<p>people to interact The Chair commented that he would be happy to discuss this further.</p> <p>The Chair thanked L Forsyth for her update.</p> <p>Arran Community Council Community Fund</p> <p>B Calderwood provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the Arran Community Council Community Fund. B Calderwood advised that the scheme was established in 2022 following several years negotiations and provides annual funding for the period of the windfarm operations. The initial estimates projected over 25 years providing a minimum of £625,000 to the Arran community. Grant payments are index linked and paid in May of each year.</p> <p>Applications are considered on a regular basis and Arran Community Council Subgroup review all applications and independently score them against established criteria and these scores are then combined to generate a weighted average score. To date they have held three reviews covering 13 programmes totalling £55,000 and have approved funding for seven projects including the Mountain Bike club, Village memories event, Parent association gardening, Chess, Brass Band equipment and providing additional features for a well-used meeting venue.</p> <p>All applications are requested to identify longer term sustainability and it is not expected that the same projects will be approved for repetitive funding applications.</p> <p><u>All details on the fund can be found on the Community Council's website: https://arrancommunitycouncil.org.uk/funding/</u></p> <p>The Chair thanked B Calderwood for his update and for the work he and colleagues from the Community Council have done in getting this set up.</p> <p>Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund</p> <p>V Yuill advised the Locality Partnership that year three of the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund will be opening for applications on 28 September 2023 at 12 noon and will close on 10 November 2023.</p> <p>Application guidance and forms will be available on Arran CVS funding page on their website. Approximately £403k of funding will be available and an additional £30k from Children and Families and Young People Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund.</p> <p>Details on previous successful applicants from year one and two can be viewed on an interactive map on Arran CVS website.</p> <p>Funds will be distributed to successful projects in January 2024.</p> <p>The Chair thanked V Yuill for her update.</p>	<p>T Billings/A Dobson</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>No other business was discussed.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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The meeting ended at 7.10 pm