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Meeting:	Arran Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	Wednesday 29 November 2023 at 5.00 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) Ruth Betley, Senior Manager, Arran Services, NHS Ayrshire & Arran 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 for Community Anne Marie Hunter, Engagement and Participation Officer Simon Ross-Gill, Island Plan Lead for Environment Scott Morrison, Community Sport Manager, KA Leisure Michele Sutherland, Senior Manager – Primary Care & Communities Nicola Tompkinson, Senior Health Improvement Programme Officer, NHS Ayrshire & Arran Judi Worthington, Argyle College</p> <p>In attendance:</p> <p>Jennifer McGee, Policy & Community Planning Officer North Ayrshire Council (Notes)</p>
Apologies:	<p>Laura Barrie, Head of Active Communities (KA Leisure) Carol Norton, Operations Manager, Arran CVS Martin Spence, Scottish Fire and Rescue Stuart Dougan, Police Scotland</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>	Noted
2.	<p>Minutes from meeting held on 21 September 2023</p> <p>The action note arising from the meeting held on 21 September 2023 was approved and the following updates were provided:</p> <p>Community Transport</p> <p>A Sutton highlighted that £100k funding was set aside for community transport across North Ayrshire. A report will be presented to the Council's Cabinet next week updating on the progress of this work.</p> <p>A Dobson commented that transport is main blockage for people get to work on the Island as well as community access to health appointments. It is a wider piece of work that could be looked at as part of the Island Plan work and perhaps set up a group to look at transport on the Island. A Dobson also commented that this could be a community lead opportunity and a discussion will take place at the next meeting of the Island Plan Business Group.</p>	Noted

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	<p>Cooking Workshops</p> <p>Following on from a discussion at the previous locality partnership meeting, A Hunter updated that Eco Savvy have worked with the High School around sustainable eating and hosting cooking workshops for adults and worked with young people through Arran Youth Foundations. They are keen to do more around nutritious food.</p> <p>Arran Community Council Fund</p> <p>B Calderwood advised the Locality Partnership that three more applications have been received. These will be assessed and if successful funding distributed by year end.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Health and Social Care Partnership</p> <p>R Betley provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the work of the HSCP on the island.</p> <p>The initial agreement report has been drafted and will be going to NHS Board and North Ayrshire IJB Board in due course before submitting to the Scottish Government early next year.</p> <p>Another piece of work being carried out is around the locality conversations and how to engage communities on health and social care. The HSCP engagement team attended meetings with both Arran CVS and the Patient Participation Group. From these conversations, the following priorities will be explored during 2023/24:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention, early intervention and recovery from drugs and alcohol related harms and deaths • Mental Health and Wellbeing – Mental Health Strategy consultation 2023 • Carer support • Complex Care needs • Social isolation <p>It is proposed the HSCP engagement team and partners will organise engagement events every 3 months between October 2023 and November 2024 focussing on different topics/ area of need.</p> <p>A paper outlining of the engagement for next year will be shared with the Locality Partnership for information and to assist in supporting shared priorities moving forward.</p> <p>S Gilmore advised that at both the Community Island Plan meetings there was concern around the review. Would there be an opportunity to promote who the person is from each village who sits on the patient user group? R Betley confirmed that the team will look at how to promote this.</p> <p>B Calderwood advised that the Community Council were provided with an update on this work and offered their help in any way to support this work. B Calderwood also conveyed thanks for the progress being made on this.</p> <p>A Sutton conveyed her thanks to the whole team working on the engagement approach and is thrilled how the Locality Partnership and the</p>	<p>R Betley/J McGee</p> <p>R Betley</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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	<p>HSCP Forum on Arran come together and hopes to achieve this on the mainland also. The Chair thanked R Betley for her update and for the contributions from the Locality Partnership.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>KA Leisure</p> <p>S Morrison provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the work of KA Leisure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KA Leisure has been asked to lead of the delivery of a Wellbeing Alliance which will link together and scale up more opportunities on Arran. • A lot of the work KA Leisure do is on Arran is via Active Schools. In terms of evening and weekend work a new ASN sports session is taking place. • The Team along with Active Schools are currently working on a CPD calendar offering courses on sports delivery, first aid, child protection. Active Schools will share information in due course. • A consultation has been carried out on Brodick tennis courts. 561 responses were received, and a full report will be shared when available. <p>B Calderwood commented that he is pleased that tennis courts work is continuing and asked for an update on the position in terms of Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) funding which would have provided all weather courts. S Morrison advised that the LTA fund comes with restrictions, and they are looking at other funding avenues also. The Team is still in conversation with LTA. S Morrison also advised that the survey report is being pulled together and the Team will work with colleagues from the Council and make sure everyone is included in the planning.</p> <p>V Yuill asked how much work has been done in scoping what is already being done on the island in terms of the courses being offered. S Morrison advised that he would touch base with Active Schools Team to ensure Island groups who would help deliver training are included.</p> <p>A Hunter advised that groups have been in contact around staffing of facilities on the Island. S Morrison advised that they working on succession planning and new staff have been hired recently.</p> <p>T Billings commented that he would be keen to discuss the pricing increases in rental charges. S Morrison confirmed that he would be happy to discuss.</p> <p>S Gilmore commented that booking the facility is difficult, It would be handy to have a local telephone number to check bookings. S Morrison advised that the process will be updated, and he will arrange for main office number to be on website.</p> <p>A Sutton commented that she welcomed that S Morrison is here to allow these things to be raised. Wider discussion on Wellbeing Alliance would be welcome and it would be worthwhile having a Wellbeing Alliance session on Arran. When L Barrie is back, it might be useful for to discuss having a meeting on island. The Chair welcomed this.</p>	<p>S Morrison</p> <p>T Billings/ S Morrison</p> <p>S Morrison</p> <p>L Barrie/ J McGee</p>

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	<p>A Dobson commented that this is a great chance for a community led initiative such as having shared apprenticeships and the Arran skills passport which could be groundbreaking.</p> <p>S Baird commented that she is still trying to progress this work and highlighted a positive discussion with the Scottish Government looking at how we can tie funding into recovery and renewal funding to make it more flexible. S Baird will provide an update to Locality Partnership in due course.</p> <p>A Sutton commented that Brian Logan from the Scottish Government will be keen to hear about this work. A Sutton advised that she is happy to link in to arrange this. A Sutton also commented that this presents a good opportunity for a strategic use of CIF to support this work.</p> <p>The Chair also agreed that it would be good use of CIF and would be good to start to look at how this could be coordinated locally and pull together a business case. The Chair asked for a meeting to be arranged in the new year to discuss further.</p> <p>The Chair thanked S Foster and J Worthington for their updates and for the contributions from the Locality Partnership.</p>	<p>S Baird</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>V Yuill/A Sutton/ J McGee</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Island Plan</p> <p>The Chair highlighted that there has been a lot of consultation work going on via all three strands of the Island Plan. The Steering Group is speaking with the Council's Comms Team next week and have a meeting to specifically look at this in January to look at how to bring all of this work together and have an online presence for the community.</p> <p>S Baird provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the work of the Arran Island Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Island Plan Steering Group will be holding a meeting in January to firm up the full action plan for 2024, finalise communication plan and the meeting schedule for the year ahead. A full update will be brought to the Locality Partnership meeting in March 2024. • North Ayrshire Council submitted a response to National Island Review Consultation. This was approved by Cabinet. • In terms of next steps, reports from the workshops hosted by Scottish Government on the Island will be published then a decision whether the National Island Plan will be refreshed or reviewed. • NorthStar were appointed through the Arran Affordable Housing Taskforce to prepare an affordable housing study for Arran. The study will provide an evidence-based assessment for affordable housing on Arran and will focus specifically affordable and rental accommodation, however will cover all tenures to build a full housing market analysis. Draft report will be presented to the Taskforce next week and S Baird will keep Locality Partnership updated on this work. • The Council is considering a locality approach to CWB looking at potential for Arran to form the first case study for a devolved approach to CWB in North Ayrshire. This would allow the five pillars 	<p>Noted</p> <p>S Baird</p> <p>S Baird</p>

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	<p>of CWB to be progressed at a local island level with the end goal to be a wellbeing island.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delighted that Arran CVS will support with admin/note taking function for the Arran Island Plan Steering Group and theme groups. <p>The Locality Partnership then received updates from each of the Island Plan Theme Leads:</p> <p>Environment</p> <p>S Ross-Gill advised the Locality Partnership that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of meetings have taken place since June. Great to work with the environmental groups on Arran. Building skills will be a big part of this work also. Future work around environmental conservation and regeneration is really important for the group also. Noted interconnectivity between the three strands of the Island Plan. <p>Community</p> <p>S Gilmore advised the Locality Partnership that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Group will continue with meetings will have different geographical area of the Island. Next meeting will be held in February 2024. Noted that there are still a lot of people who don't understand what Island Plan is about or how they can contribute and get involved. This will be discussed at the Steering Group meeting in January. <p>Economy</p> <p>A Dobson advised the Locality Partnership that at the last meeting of the economy group there was discussion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The drive for net zero on the Island, on island transport and a funding co-ordinator for the Island. Digitalisation is important and need to change the way we communicate to get continual community engagement. The Plan is to set up some collective work groups. <p>A Dobson also advised that a meeting was held today with Neil Gray MSP. This was facilitated due to a letter sent from the Business Group co-signed by the Leader of the Council. The meeting was around the immediacy of support the Island is needing due to ferry issues. The Leader of the Council, the Council Chief Executive and Director of Place also attended the meeting. The Group will also be reaching out to the UK Govt.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the Island Plan Lead for their updates.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue - Wellbeing and Partnerships</p> <p>Apologies submitted from both colleagues. The Chair asked for a request to be submitted for their attendance at the March 2024 meeting.</p>	<p>J McGee</p>

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	<p>B Calderwood commented that the local sergent is very community minded and if anyone feels they need his input/support he is very willing to do so and B Calderwood happy to share his contact details.</p>	Noted
8.	<p>Draft Arran Locality Action Plan</p> <p>J McGee provided the Locality Partnership with an overview of the draft Action Plan which was included with the agenda pack.</p> <p>J McGee advised the Locality Partnership that the small infographic within the draft action plan will be expanded once the Census data is made available.</p> <p>J McGee asked the Locality Partnership for some suggestions for high level actions for the Locality to progress between now and June 2024 when the actions will be refreshed for 2024/25.</p> <p>The Chair commented that having this document will help everyone to understand the purpose of the Locality Partnership and the work being carried out. The document will link into other documents such as the Island Plan.</p> <p>The Chair suggested that we have a lot of momentum in the Locality Partnership and work going forward and suggested a lot of the action discussed tonight form the action plan from now until June 2024. The Locality Partnership agreed with this approach.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership approved the draft action plan.</p> <p>The Chair thanked J McGee for drafting the action plan.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>J McGee</p>
9.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>V Yuill advised that with closure of Lamlash Church Hall there will be no longer be a venue for the groups who meet during the day in Lamlash. The hall is extremely well used.</p> <p>A Steering Group has been set up to look at the purchase of the building. Three architects are keen to tender for the feasibility study for the creation of a community hub. An engagement event was held recently and there were 42 applications for membership of the group and 56 feedback forms were received. The subgroup will meet and they will select an architect to deliver the feasibility study. A referral has also been submitted to the Scottish Land Trust for the feasibility study to be carried out.</p> <p>The Chair commented that he has attended a few of the meetings and attended the recent consultation event. The Chair noted that it is good to see the interest from the community.</p> <p>S Gilmore commented that there has also been interest in Corrie and Kilmory churches. It is important to an island community that the buildings are not lying empty. V Yuill advised that Arran CVS have not been approached for support from either of these churches.</p> <p>The Chair highlighted that the LDP Your Place consultation is still open. This is part of the early evidence gathering by the Council for the review</p>	Noted

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	<p>of the next LDP. The Chair encouraged everyone to share with their networks.</p> <p>The Chair advised the Locality Partnership that the quarterly CLD report was attached for information.</p> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for their input and conveyed his best wishes for the festive season.</p>	
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The meeting ended at 7.10 pm