

Action Note

Meeting:	Arran Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	Thursday 19 June 2025 at 4.45 pm on Microsoft Teams
Present:	Councillor Charles Currie (Chair) Lesley Forsyth, Senior Manager Information and Culture (Lead Officer) Bill Calderwood, Arran Community Council Alistair Dobson, Island Plan Lead for Economy Sheila Gilmore, Islands Plan Lead for Community Sarah Baird, Senior Officer (Islands) Ross Dobson Active Schools Co-ordinator Susan Foster – Head Teacher
In Attendance	Jennifer McGee, Policy & Community Planning Officer (Notes)
Apologies:	Vicki Yuill, Chief Executive Officer, Arran CVS (Senior Lead Officer) Judi Worthington, Argyll College Scott Morrison, KA Leisure Ailsa Weir, NHS Ayrshire & Arran Carol Norton, Arran CVS Inspector Lisa Thomson, Police Scotland Seony Ross, HSCP

ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	Welcome/Apologies/Declarations of Interest The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted.	Noted
2.	Action Note The action note arising from the meeting held on 27 March 2025 was approved.	Noted
3.	Grants L Forsyth presented the Locality Partnership with two Grant Applications which have been made to the Community Benefit Fund. L Forsyth advised that there is £8,800.25 available for disbursement. Arran for Ardrossan Harbour The Group applied for £1000 to cover campaigning costs, including photocopying, leaflets, banners, posters, and hiring halls for meetings. The Partnership agreed to provide 50% of the requested funding (£500) to support the Group's campaign efforts. Additionally, the Partnership expressed willingness to consider a future application from the Group if further support for their campaign is needed.	S Fleming

Action Note

	<p>Lochranza Loos</p> <p>The Group applied for £585 to support with project management costs for the remainder of the renovation and repair project of the public toilet facilities.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to award the full amount of £585.</p>	S Fleming
4.	<p>Arran Assembly</p> <p>The Chair provided the Partnership with an update following the recent Arran Reach for the Stars Event.</p> <p>The Chair advised that approximately 50 people attended and there was a clear consensus on the need for better communication about both the Islands Plan and the Arran Locality Partnership. While awareness of the Community Council was generally good and some participants were familiar with the LP. It was agreed that these concerns should be discussed further with the Islands Officer, with the hope of finding a constructive way forward. A meeting is taking place early next week to start those conversations.</p> <p>The Chair undertook to share the report prepared by S Gilmore with J McGee to share with the wider partnership.</p> <p>A Dobson emphasised that there should only one plan for Arran and highlighted how the LP mechanism can be used to deliver the priorities identified by islanders. There is a strong appetite for local democracy and a desire to harness the power of the community to address the island's key priorities.</p>	Cllr Currie/J McGee
5.	<p>Island Plan</p> <p>S Baird advised the Partnership that the current steering group are meeting next week to discuss the recent event, review progress on the wider Local Place Plan, and examine how actions are being taken forward under the Arran Island Plan. The group will also address how to improve communication and how to measure and demonstrate success.</p> <p>S Baird advised that the final National Island Plan event will take place online next Tuesday from 11:00 to 13:30, and those who have not yet been involved are encouraged to participate, as it is a valuable opportunity to contribute their views.</p> <p>A Dobson highlighted the importance of national meeting on Tuesday, noting that if Arran can get things right, it will be ahead of other island areas and will help North Ayrshire demonstrate leadership in this area.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Noted</p>
6.	Health and Social Care Partnership Locality Planning	Noted

Action Note

	Apologies were received from A Weir/S Ross. Update to be provided at a future meeting.	
7.	KA Leisure Apologies were received from S Morrison. Update to be provided at a future meeting.	Noted
8.	Education Overview S Foster provided an update in relation to the education establishment on the Island: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been discussion about proposed changes to school holidays on the island a full island consultation is needed • Students were shown the Attenborough Coast film. S Foster encouraged those who have not seen it to watch it. • The Youth Philanthropy Initiative raised £3,000 by working with local charities; Arran Young Farmers were announced as the winners. • Island food producers partnered with the primary school for a “farm to fork” event, featuring cows, lambs etc. • Susan Foster is retiring at the end of term; Vicky Lockhart, who is currently Deputy Headteacher at Lochend Community School, in Glasgow. Vicky will be on Arran next week for handover. <p>The Partnership expressed their thanks and best wishes to S Foster on her retirement.</p> <p>Active Schools</p> <p>R Dobson provided the Partnership with an update on the work Active Schools on the Island:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ardrossan Accies delivered rugby taster sessions to all seven island primary schools, culminating in a rugby tournament to encourage inclusive participation and strengthen local rugby links. • Lamnish Golf Club hosted the annual Arran High School Golf Competition, bringing together 25 students for a day of friendly competition and community engagement. • Six students represented Arran at the North Ayrshire Active Schools Leadership Award Ceremony, with fourteen Arran High students completing the Sports Academy leadership programme. The Young Ambassador group continues to lead and inspire peers across the island. • Primary 7 pupils participated in a week-long residential at the Arran Outdoor Education Centre, supporting their transition to high school and focusing on outdoor learning and environmental awareness. • The Arran High School Mountain Bike Club offered free bike maintenance and organised trips, including a visit to Fort William and an overnight camping adventure, to promote sustainable transport and outdoor activity. 	

Action Note

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions are ongoing to provide local schools with free access to Brodick Tennis Courts and Bowling Green, encouraging outdoor activities. The facilities are being revitalised with community support and are set to reopen for use. <p>The Chair thanked S Foster and R Dobson for their input and commented that it is great to see the opportunities available for young people on the Island.</p>	Noted
8.	<p>Police Scotland</p> <p>Apologies were received from L Thomson. A report was provided and will be circulated to the Partnership.</p>	J McGee
10.	<p>Review of Locality Planning</p> <p>J McGee advised the Partnership that a report went to the Council's Cabinet in May 2025 on the review of Locality Planning. The recommendations of the report were shaped by the survey responses issued to all Locality Partnership members over summer/autumn 2024, where the majority of respondents were community reps. J McGee also highlighted that there was also an Information Session held late May 2025 where all Locality Partnership Members were invited to attend.</p> <p>J McGee advised that this section of the meeting was for the Partnership to discuss how they felt about the format and structure of the meeting and what changes to the meeting format, or any other aspects would members like to see going forward. However, with the upcoming discussion taking place next week with the Island Plan Steering Group and the number of apologies received for this meeting, it was agreed that this discussion would be postponed until the September meeting where richer discussions could take place.</p> <p>A Dobson commented that it is valuable to have these conversations, as they present a real opportunity to approach things differently and offers a great chance to focus on the positives and explore how we can address major issues together.</p> <p>A Dobson also advised that following the recent Island economy meeting, preparations are underway to see if Arran can become a pathfinder for policy development.</p> <p>The Chair also expressed appreciation for the dedicated officers who are committed to Arran's success.</p>	<p>J McGee</p> <p>Noted</p>
11.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>No other business was discussed. The Chair thanked everyone for their inputs and attendance.</p>	

The meeting ended at: 5.50 pm