

**MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM held in the CONFERENCE ROOM, DALRIADA HOUSE, LOCHGILPHEAD WITH A VC FACILITY TO ISLAY SERVICE POINT, BOWMORE on TUESDAY, 12 JUNE 2012**

**Present:**

(Chair)  
Councillor Anne Horn  
Councillor Sandy Taylor

**Attending**

Stephen Doogan	Argyll and Bute Council
David Howland	RNLI
George Leitch	HM Coastguard
David Millward	Strathclyde Fire & Rescue
Danny McGeachy	Strathclyde Police
Robert Westerman	Strathclyde Police

**1. INTRODUCTION**

Councillor Horn (Vice-Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited introductions around the table. She formally congratulated Chief Inspector Baillie on her recent temporary promotion.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated by:-

Andrew Hill  
Verina Litster  
June Graham  
Kay McGhee  
Carol Muir  
Kathleen Munro  
Iain McKinnon  
Manager – Dochas Centre

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2012**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 February 2012 were approved as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising:

Patrick Mackie would not longer be attending CSF meetings. The representative from Environmental Health would be – Iain McKinnon. Iain had been unable to attend the meeting and had sent his apologies.

#### 4. COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM - MEMBERSHIP CHANGES AND GOVERNANCE

Stephen Doogan reported to the Forum that a general attempt to rationalise and avoid duplication at Community Safety meetings was underway to endeavour a fit into the Community Planning process. He presented the report regarding Membership changes and governance.

Decision:

The forum discussed the issues raised and agreed upon the following recommendations:-

- 2.1 Noted the nomination MAKI Area Committee which resulted in the re-appointment of Councillor Horn and the appointment of Councillor Taylor to the CSF..
- 2.2 The appointment of a chair and a vice-chair
- 2.3 To defer the nomination of a chair and a vice-chair until the next meeting to allow time for Superintendent Baillie's successor to be appointed. Councillor Horn to continue as acting chair in the interim period.
- 2.4 That Community Planning is a key strategic issue for the CSF and that the community planning group for the area will be a key strategic partner.
- 2.5 To provide highlight exception reports to the community planning group for the area as appropriate.

#### 5. PROGRESS OF ACTIONS

DESCRIPTION	OWNER	UPDATE	REVIEW DATE
To ascertain the number of Argyll and Bute council owned mobile CCTV cameras in operation	Stephen Doogan	There are now 6 mobile cameras.	
To research the background of the CSF funding and criteria	Theresa McLetchie	Information had been provided on research undertaken by Theresa McLetchie to locate the 5k	
Request further information from Aileen McLellan (Town Centre manager) and James Lafferty (CARS & THI Project officer) for the next Forum meeting.	Theresa McLetchie	This was provided at Item 6 (b).	

The Forum agreed to support the initiative and would liaise with the Kintyre Crime Prevention Forum .	Theresa McLetchie	Contact had been made with KCP and further discussion was planned.	
To design a logo for the MAKIForum	Robert Westerman		
To pass information onto Anne Horn with a view to her looking at taking on the organisation of a safe kids event?	Marlene Baillie	CLr Horn confirmed that she had met with Mark Wilson	
To ascertain the status of the project from the SFR perspective given that that Strathclyde Police are now unable to complete this due to resourcing issues.	Verina Lister		
To contact Jo Lyon Gritton to ascertain if there was an intention to provide signage for the local Core Paths.	Stephen Doogan	Jo Lyon Gritton attended the CSF meeting on 7 February with an update. Funding is extremely limited, but Jo Lyon will work with partners to provide as much quality signage as possible.	
To review the Action Plan and circulate to Forum members	Chief Inspector Baillie and Stephen Doogan	Still to be undertaken by Chair and Stephen Doogan	
Arrange Experiential Day	Chief Inspector Baillie, CLr Horn and Stephen Doogan	work had been commenced on these but have been superseded by the announcement of Tessa Funding in Schools,  Partners have also been participating in Carers weeks with representation for the Police, NHS and SFR at two events in Campbelltown, one in Tarbert and two in Lochgilphead.  SFR will be in attendance at upcoming Alzheimer's day in Inverary	
Invite Patrick Mackie to the next CSF meeting	Stephen Doogan	Patrick Mackie would no longer be the EH representative. Ian McKinnon would attend future meetings where possible.	
Peter Howland agreed to meet with Jo Lyon Gritton to assist with the wording of safety information at Tayinban	Peter Howland and Jo Lyon Gritton		
It was agreed that Patrick Mackie would be invited to the next Forum to provide further information in the safe disposal of flares.	Stephen Doogan to liaise with Patrick Mackie	As Above Patrick's Role has passed to Ian McKinnon  The relevant information has now been passed on to the requesting organisations and a copy is also displayed in the Lochgilphead police office - action complete	

SFR to disseminate literature from other partners/groups	Verina Litster would be the POC		
Details to be provided on the progress regarding Advanced Drivers	Kay McGhee would advise the Forum on progress		

## 6. BUDGET AND FUNDING APPLICATIONS

### (a) COMMUNITY SAFETY/PROBLEM SOLVING GRANTS - BUDGET AVAILABLE

There were no applications and the budget still amounted to £1872.00.

Discussion ensued in regards the provision of advisory water signage at Tayinloan and it was agreed that Peter Howland would liaise with Robert Westerman to design suitable signage and leaflets with the new CSF logo, this would then be costed and the information sent to Theresa for circulation.

The group agreed in principle that the signage could be purchased from the above budget, but to await costing.

Action: A draft of the signage would be emailed to Theresa McLetchie who would forward to group members for their approval.

## 7. VIOLENT CRIME, DISORDER AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

### (a) VANDALISM IN TAYINLOAN

Robert Westerman advised that 3 juveniles had been apprehended for vandalism in Tayinloan. They had been charged at the Sheriff Court in Campbeltown.

Councillor Horn reported that a new community committee had been formed in Tayinloan. One of their tasks was to devise activities for the young people living in the local community and it was hoped that this would address the recent spate of disorder issues.

### (b) CAMPBELTOWN TOWN CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT

Mary Dott, new Town Centre manager, had reported that there were no current issues which gave cause for concern.

### (c) RACE/HOMOPHOBIC CRIME

There were no statistics provided.

### (d) ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

There were no statistics provided.

### (e) CCTV UPDATE AND BIDS FOR CAMERA USAGE

There were no statistics provided.

## **8. VULNERABLE PERSONS**

There were no statistics provided.

### **(a) DOMESTIC ABUSE**

There were no statistics provided.

### **(b) CHILD PROTECTION/YOUTH PROJECTS**

There were no statistics provided.

### **(c) ELDERLY PERSONS**

There were no statistics provided.

### **(d) HOME SAFETY**

The issue of safety on local caravan and camping sites was raised and it was agreed to provide safety advice which would be distributed to the sites.

Update following on from meeting:

SFR will be leading on an initiative throughout the summer to address safety on campsites, both static caravans and tourers, as well as tents. Members have been invited to the launch on Wed 28<sup>th</sup> June. The council will support this initiative by publicising it on the website and disseminating information to relevant groups such as CCs and licensed campsites.

### **(e) HEALTH**

There were no statistics provided.

## **9. ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY**

### **(a) ROAD SAFETY**

There were no statistics provided.

### **(b) STRATHCLYDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

Verina Litster was unable to attend the meeting and David Millward would represent her at the meeting.

She provided an update on the following:-

**Young Drivers** – A 10 week long Young Drivers Project started in Rothesay and is being run by A&B Council. All emergency services will attend a 'Real Time Crash Scenario' on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June at

the Joint Campus. This item has been on Stratclyde Fire and Rescue action plan for a while and there was a suggestion to remove it as there are no planned RTC events for Young Drivers in the MAKI area at present.

**Bikers Breakfast** – The annual Bikers Breakfast was taking place on Sunday 17 June at Inveraray Fire Station. Bikers were encouraged to drop-in for a roll, a cuppa and a chat. The Bikers would be informed of the dangers and hotspots on A&B's roads and have the opportunity to test-drive remote controlled cars wearing beer goggles; learn how to remove a helmet safely and have the opportunity to win 1 of 2 advanced driving programmes from the Institute of Advance Motoring.

**Nurseries** – All nurseries in A&B will receive an Early Level Fire Safety Resource pack, containing a bag, a yellow firefighters helmet, a fire suit (age 3-5yrs) and an interactive CD. The outfit would allow children to dress as a fire fighter while learning through their interactive screen the dangers of fire.

(c) **WATER SAFETY**

Peter Howland reported that boats which would be moored for longer than 28 days on the Crinan Canal would be subject to an inspection prior to a licence being permitted. The inspection included checks on fire and carbon monoxide safety. This was under the auspices of the 'Boat Safety Scheme'

**10. EMERGING TRENDS**

There were no updates provided.

**11. FORTHCOMING KEY EVENTS DIARY**

It was agreed to provide Theresa McLetchie with the details of forthcoming events in the local area. She would notify the group accordingly.

**12. NEW ACTIONS**

**Action: The Forum agreed that Jolyon Gritten would be invited to the next CSF meeting.**

**Action: Theresa McLetchie would advise Robert Westerman of Anne McDougall's contact details.**

**Action: It was agreed that Peter Howland and Robert Westerman would liaise in the design of water safety signs and leaflets for group approval.**

**Action: It was agreed that signs would be designed by Robert Westerman advising on safety at caravan parks.**

### **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Horn reported on 2 issues which had been raised at the Mid Argyll Partnership (MAP) meeting:-

- a. Police to notify local communities of their police liaison/community officer.
- b. The lack of police intervention in the search for a missing person in Furnace, due to lack of 'search training experience'.

In relation to a) it was agreed that the police would provide updated community team membership via the police websites, and that the URLs would be supplied to the Area Governance officer, for distribution to the Community Councils

David McGeachy replied that this had not been the case and reported that police personnel could and do take part in search procedures. George Leitch, who had also been present, reiterated that the police had been fully involved and given advice throughout the incident. However it was:-

- 1) recognised that the coordination and control function of a search can to the untrained eye look like inactivity, when this is far from the reality
- 2) recognised that this particular incident had specific challenges,

Councillor Taylor raised the issue of the 'First Responders scheme' and questioned the impact on this due to the lack of mobile phone signal in certain areas. It was agreed to highlight these concerns to the CSP at its next meeting.

Danny McGeachy reported on the new mobile police office and detailed the problems in parking the vehicle in Lochgilphead. Subsequently, due to the difficulties in parking such a large vehicle, it is now based in Campbeltown.

### **14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Forum meeting would be held on:-

4 September – 2.00p.m. in the Burnet Building, Campbeltown.

