

MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM held in the BURNET BUILDING, CAMPBELTOWN WITH A VC FACILITY TO ISLAY SERVICEPOINT AND MARRIAGE ROOM HELENSBURGH on TUESDAY, 6 AUGUST 2013

Present:		(Chair) Councillor Anne Horn
Campbeltown	Douglas Grierson Paul Martin Verina Litster Inspector Tom Harper	Argyll and Bute Council Argyll and Bute Council Scotland Fire & Rescue Police Scotland
Kilmory	Councillor Sandy Taylor Melissa Stewart	Argyll and Bute Council Argyll and Bute Council
Helensburgh	Robert Cowper	Argyll and Bute Council

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated by:-

Andrew Hill
June Graham
Kay McGhee
Cammy Rae
Andy McClure
Glenmore Roberts
Peter Howland
Andrew Hemmings

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 7 MAY 2013

The Minute of the previous meeting held on 7 May, 2013 was approved as a true record.

Matters Arising:

No Cold Calling initiative

Melissa Stewart reported on the No Cold Calling initiative. There had been a lack of funding to support the initiative through the CSF but local Community Councils were able to access additional funding sources and had been written to advising of various funding avenues. She advised that some of the Community Councils in the Council area had progressed the initiative.

The Chair requested a further update on this issue.

Safe and Sound event

Melissa advised the group of the event which had been held on 22 May. The event had been very well organised and there had been approximately 21 stalls manned by local partners and organisations providing information, etc. However, only 37 people had attended the event.

3. PROGRESS OF ACTIONS

No update received.

4. BUDGET AND FUNDING APPLICATIONS

(a) COMMUNITY SAFETY/PROBLEM SOLVING GRANTS - BUDGET

The balance of funding is now £1579, as £293 had been provided to Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel towards the cost of leaflet printing.

Andrew Hemmings has submitted his apologies for the meeting. The Chair requested an update on the success of the Fuel Theft leaflets initiative at the next meeting.

There were no further applications for consideration.

5. VIOLENT CRIME, DISORDER AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Domestic abuse figures were down from last year and the detection rate for recorded crimes amounted to 83%

(a) RACE/HOMOPHOBIC CRIME

Inspector Tom Harper reported that crime figures were down on last year and advised on this positive slant for the MAKI area as a whole.

Councillor Taylor enquired on the report compiled by the Chief Constable and questioned if alcohol abuse contributed to incidences of anti-social behaviour and domestic abuse. Inspector Harper replied that alcohol did play a significant part.

Councillor Horn enquired if football matches also triggered domestic abuse and Inspector Harper affirmed that violence could escalate.

(b) REGULATORY SERVICES

Paul Martin advised the Group of joint foot patrols being carried out between the Council and Police Scotland to tackle dog fouling.

Twenty letters had been issued to owners outlining their responsibilities and there had been no fixed penalties issued since May 2013.

(c) **CCTV UPDATE AND BIDS FOR CAMERA USAGE**

Robert Cowper reported on the proposed CCTV camera redeployment in Campbeltown. He advised on negotiations with the Police and a local company to resite the camera. There was a meeting scheduled for 7 August in which options and costings would be provided. Robert advised that the Head of Governance and Law would then consider the options available and make a decision.

The Chair requested that Robert Cowper advise the CSF accordingly.

6. VULNERABLE PERSONS

(a) **DOMESTIC ABUSE**

This was discussed under Item 5a.

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

There was no update.

(c) **OLDER PEOPLE**

There was no update.

(d) **HOME SAFETY**

There was no update.

(e) **HEALTH**

There was no update.

(f) **HEALTH ACTIVITIES**

There was no update.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

There was no update.

(a) **POLICE SCOTLAND**

Reports were provided detailing statistics for the MAKI area. These were noted by the Group.

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

Verina Litster enquired about MAKI funding to print leaflets for Chimney Fires and Log Burners to be distributed Oct-Dec and for a leaflet on the Muirburn Code for Grass Burning to be distributed Feb-Apr in the MAKI area. The chimney leaflets would be mostly targeted at Islay and the grass burning leaflets to MAKI land owners. In the

last year 43% of the total chimney fires in A&B were in the MAKI area and 33% of the total grass fires were also in the MAKI area.

She further advised that as part of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Services Summer Strategy that all camp sites in the MAKI area were receiving Caravan and Camping safety leaflets on the use of open fires and using gas cylinders.

Verina Litster updated the group on the provision of free Deaf Alerters. These were smoke detectors to alert deaf people. Also available were fire retardant bedding for both adults and children.

The Chair requested that this information be disseminated to local Community Councils.

(c) **ROAD SAFETY**

There was no update.

(d) **PROPOSED REFERRAL PARTNERSHIPS**

There was no update.

(e) **WATER SAFETY**

There was no update as Peter Howland had submitted his apologies.

8. EMERGING TRENDS

There was no update.

9. FORTHCOMING KEY EVENTS DIARY

DATE	TIME/VENUE	EVENT
10 August	Lochgilphead	Mid Argyll Show
16 August	Tarbert	10K
17 August	Lochgilphead Front Green	MS Fun Day
23- 25 August	Campbeltown	Music Festival
20-22 September	Tarbert	Music Festival

10. NEW ACTIONS

No new actions were identified.

11. WILD CAMPING

Douglas Grierson updated the group on issues of concern in regards Wild Camping, primarily at Westport Beach. He advised that the Memorandum of Understanding had been compiled to address the impact of the irresponsible behaviour by some members of the public.

Jolyon Grierson, Douglas Grierson and Inspector Tom Harper would meet to agree upon various issues.

Douglas advised that he would be forwarding on the draft signage for the proposed signs at Westport Beach and would appreciate feedback before 16th August.

The Chair thanked Douglas Grierson for his informative update and endorsed support on behalf of the Community Safety Forum for the proposed signs at Westport Beach. The Chair also requested that the Group receive updates from the Access Team to monitor the effect of the Memorandum of Understanding.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The date of the next meeting was agreed as:-

Tuesday, 5 November 2013 at 2.00p.m. in Lochgilphead.

