

MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM held in the BURNET BUILDING, ST JOHN STREET, CAMPBELTOWN WITH A VC FACILITY TO ISLAY SERVICEPOINT AND HELENSBURGH on TUESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2013

Present:	(Chair) Andy Maclure (Acting)	
	Andrew Hill	Argyll and Bute Council
	Stephen Doogan	Argyll and Bute Council
	Peter Howland	RNLI
	Eva MacDonald	KCPP
	Andrew Hemming	KCPP
	Tom Harris	Strathclyde Police
Islay	Glenmore Roberts	Islay CC Convener
	David Meikle	Strathclyde Police
Helensburgh	Robert Cowper	

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated by:-

Councillor Anne Horn
Councillor Sandy Taylor
Cammy Rae
June Graham
Johnny Durnan
Robert Westerman
Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 6 NOVEMBER 2012

The Minute of the previous meeting held on 6 November, 2012 was approved as a true and correct record.

3. PROGRESS OF ACTIONS

Robert Westerman reported that due to work commitments he would be unable to continue working on the water safety project which he and Peter Howland were liaising on.

4. BUDGET AND FUNDING APPLICATIONS

- (a) **COMMUNITY SAFETY/PROBLEM SOLVING GRANTS - BUDGET**
The balance of funding still amounted to £1872.00.

Andrew Hemmings enquired on the criteria defined for applications to the MAKI Community Safety Forum Fund. He advised that Kintyre Crime Prevention had produced a leaflet on Bogus Callers

It was agreed that Theresa McLetchie would forward an electronic application form to Andrew Hemmings and the leaflet on Bogus Callers would be distributed with the Minute.

5. VIOLENT CRIME, DISORDER AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Inspector Tom Harper advised that there had not been any significant incidences of violent crime.

(a) RACE/HOMOPHOBIC CRIME

None reported.

(b) REGULATORY SERVICES

This issue was discussed under Item 8

(c) CCTV UPDATE AND BIDS FOR CAMERA USAGE

Robert Cowper reported that the issue of siting the CCTV camera was still ongoing. Correspondence had indicated that the shop in question was leased and he had now drafted correspondence to the registered landlord. He would update the Forum when a reply was received.

Andrew Hemmings advised on a meeting held with Chief Inspector Baillie in regards siting the CCTV camera at the Royal Hotel. Robert Cowper was aware of this meeting and agreed that the Royal Hotel was a good alternative and they had given a positive response to the enquiry.

Eva MacDonald agreed that a resolution was needed on this protracted issue. Robert Cowper appreciated local concerns but stressed the need for permissions to be sanctioned prior to siting the CCTV.

6. VULNERABLE PERSONS

No update received.

(a) DOMESTIC ABUSE

No update received.

(b) TESSA

Stephen Doogan highlighted the TESSA report contained within the Agenda pack.

The group agreed to note the report.

(c) CHILD PROTECTION/YOUTH PROJECTS

No update received.

(d) **ELDERLY PERSONS**

No update received.

(e) **HOME SAFETY**

No update received.

(f) **HEALTH**

Carol Muir had submitted a report to the meeting. However, due to work commitments she was unable to attend.

Andrew Hemmings highlighted the issue of problems in recruiting carers in rural areas.

The group noted the report.

(g) **HEALTH ACTIVITIES**

No update received.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

Andrew Hill reported on an initiative being undertaken by Environmental Health. This was a pilot exercise involving the checking of gas appliances in catering premises. Safety defects were recorded whilst undertaking hygiene checks. Defects had been identified in several premises.

He also highlighted a littering issue in the Town centre.

He reiterated the need for event organisers to make contact with Environmental Health if they perceived that any issues could arise in regards food/noise at forthcoming events.

(a) **ROAD SAFETY**

June Graham had been unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments. However she had provided an update.

During the last quarter further pedestrian training has been carried out by the RSU at schools in Garelochhead, Arrochar, Campbeltown and Rothesay with over 60 pupils receiving training.

The RSU have also continued to progress with a Cycle Skills resource for cycle training for delivery to Primary 6/7 across Argyll and Bute. An extensive consultation has been carried out on the draft resource with teachers from 14 different schools providing feedback on the content of the resource and to ensure the wording is appropriate for the age group's level of understanding. The graphical content of the new resource has also been tested with over 200 pupils providing feedback. The new resource is programmed to be rolled out to volunteer trainers across Argyll and Bute during March and April 2013.

The annual Road Safety Classroom Calendar Competition was won by Morgan Reid, a P2 pupil in Castlehill Primary School. 46 schools

took part with 1305 entries being submitted. Morgan's brightly coloured poster, which bears the message 'Always play in a safe place', was selected as the overall winner by a panel of judges. The Road Safety Unit was grateful to receive sponsorship for this year's prizes from Kintyre Crime Prevention Council.

The RSU have also assisted the Community Learning and Development Youth Services Team in assisting potential drivers progressing to take their Driver's Road Theory Test.

(b) STRATHCLYDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Andy Maclure reported on an SFR initiative – Big Red Bus, which would be sited in Tarbert and would be an 'interactive classroom'. He reported that the initiative would be over a 2 week period. However he hoped that future dates would be made available. The Cooksafe programme (which had been held in Cowal) had proved a considerable success. The figures which had been compiled had shown this to be both effective and beneficial and had cut down on SFR call outs. Andy Maclure hoped that this would be rolled out to other areas.

(c) PROPOSED REFERRAL PARTNERSHIPS

None reported.

(d) WATER SAFETY

Peter Howland reiterated the need for effective signage at local launch sites. He advised the group of personal locator beacons which were available to alert rescue services in the event of difficulties. However, these were thought to cost approximately £200 and, so, are less widely used than might be desirable.

Discussion ensued in regards the need to display suitable information at launch sites. Peter advised that there were approximately 64 sites in the area. He reported that Scottish Canals were involved in discussions, as they were reviewing their policy of kayaks using the canal.

Action: Stephen Doogan would liaise with Jolyon Gritten on the signage issue and bring an update to the next CSF meeting.

9. EMERGING TRENDS

There were no emerging trends.

10. FORTHCOMING KEY EVENTS DIARY

DATE	TIME/VENUE	EVENT
1 st 2 weeks in March	Mid Argyll	Operation Myriad

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11. NEW ACTIONS

Actions were aligned beside each item.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Glenmore Roberts highlighted the issue of the lack of life jackets/lifebuoys on Islay beaches. He enquired who was responsible for this provision.

Action: It was agreed that Glenmore would email Stephen Doogan the location of the beaches in question and also provide (where possible) landowners details. Further actions to be taken would then be discussed.

Discussion followed in regards uploading the Community Safety Forum details onto the website.

Action: Stephen Doogan would arrange for this to be loaded onto the website.