

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 BURNET BLDG CAMPBELTOWN, ISLAY SERVICEPOINT BOWMORE AND HELENSBURGH on TUESDAY, 7 MAY 2013

Present:

(Chair)
Councillor Anne Horn

	Morag Brown	Argyll & Bute Council
	Stephen Doogan	Argyll & Bute Council
	Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie	Police Scotland
	Andy Maclure	Scotland Fire & Rescue
	Helen Lambertini	Argyll and Bute Rape Crisis
	Peter Howland	RNLI
Islay	Glenmore Roberts	Islay CC
Campbeltown	Andy Hemmings	Campbeltown CC/KCP
Helensburgh	Robert Cowper	Argyll & Bute Council

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated by:-

Councillor Sandy Taylor
Johnny Durnan

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 5 FEBRUARY 2013

The Minute of the previous meeting held on 5 February, 2013 was approved as a true and correct record.

3. PROGRESS OF ACTIONS

No matters which are not covered later in the Agenda.

4. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

The Partnership heard from Morag Brown, IOD Programme Manager, on the background to Community Resilience at Argyll and Bute Council. She advised that following on from the recent Kintyre Emergency, 47% of local Community Councils across the Argyll and Bute area were preparing emergency plans and her team was tasked with assisting in the development of these plans. In the MAKI area 33% were in the process of compiling plans. She reported that the Scottish Government had provided a £10,000 grant and this funding had been utilised to purchase emergency kitbags. These are to be distributed to participating Community Councils and other appropriate groups, as necessary.

At the recent MAKI Business Day held on 1 May, there had been a debrief to capture local issues encountered during the recent Kintyre Weather Emergency and Attendees had comprised representatives from local

communities, Elected Members and local Partners. This debrief was thought to have been effective and again highlighted the necessity for good communication at all levels.

Discussion continued in regards responsibility of the Civil Contingency Team on the Islands. Glenmore Roberts stated that the Community Council were happy with the level of support by the Civil Contingency Team on Islay. Morag Brown offered assistance in reviewing the current Islay Emergency Plan; and detailed the benefit of having 2 interrelated plans in place in the event of future emergencies; the first plan being the emergency services response in the event of an emergency and the second being the community response which can help target the emergency services response. Chief Inspector Baillie reiterated this point and highlighted the need to target and formalise local intelligence.

Councillor Horn indicated that she had concerns regarding a specific local community council and would make direct contact with Morag Brown to discuss the detail.

Decision

It was agreed that Morag Brown would instigate a meeting with Glenmore Roberts to give further discussion and guidance on their Emergency Plan.

5. BUDGET AND FUNDING APPLICATIONS

(a) COMMUNITY SAFETY/PROBLEM SOLVING GRANTS - BUDGET

The balance of funding remained at £1872.00.

No applications have been received, as yet.

6. 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

Chief Inspector Baillie reported on the new recording system and detailed the stats for the MAKI area. There had been no homophobic incidents reported in the last reporting period.

(b) REGULATORY SERVICES

No update.

(c) CCTV UPDATE AND BIDS FOR CAMERA USAGE

7. VULNERABLE PERSONS

Helen Lambertini, Argyll and Bute Rape Crisis, detailed the work currently being undertaken by her organisation and distributed a pack to the group which provided her contact details and an information booklets.

Helen reported on the group's funding restrictions and requested that she attend a future meeting to give a presentation.

Decision

Helen was invited to give a presentation at a future meeting.

Helen's contact details are detailed below:-

Helen Lambertini

helen@ab-rc.org.uk

Tel: 07733881710

(a) **DOMESTIC ABUSE**

The number of incidents is substantially down for the reporting period.

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

Chief Inspector Baillie reported that youth crime and disorder showed an upward trend. The Police were working with local schools and the Youth Cafe to endeavour to address this issue

(c) **OLDER PEOPLE**

Andy Hemmings reported on the issue of bed remodelling at Campbelltown Hospital which was an on-going issue and in his opinion, would result in problems in the provision of care perhaps raising the need for additional resources to ensure adequate care.

(d) **HOME SAFETY**

Andy McClure reported on the on-going SFR Home Fire Safety initiative and requested that Partners continue to refer people who, in their opinion, would benefit from this service.

(e) **HEALTH**

No update.

(f) **HEALTH ACTIVITIES**

No update received.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

Stephen Doogan updated the group on the Green Dog Walking schemes initiative.

The group decided that in the MAKI area there was no quantified recognised need to adopt this scheme, given the other measures in place.

He reported on the 'No Cold Calling initiative' led by Trading Standards with police support which is being piloted on Bute and produced an example of a display notice. Chief Inspector Baillie indicated that Sergeant Mark Wilson is involved in planning this initiative and the Area Governance Officer agreed to liaise with both Mark and Trading Standards.

Decision

An update on the Cold Calling scheme would be brought to the next meeting in August.

(a) **POLICE SCOTLAND**

Peter Howland enquired if local stats were being received in a timely manner after the implementation of the new Police Force. Chief Inspector Baillie reported that stats were produced on a weekly basis and accurately reflected the MAKI stats.

She reported on Fuel Theft, which was an Argyll and Bute wide issue and advised that one theory put forward was perhaps an increase in fuel consumption by householders, utilising a higher level of usage. Perhaps leading to the assumption that fuel was being stolen.

Chief Inspector Baillie advised that the Police had liaised with local fuel companies on this issue to ascertain historical usage by householders to gauge if there was a criminal element to this.

She commended the fuel leaflet devised by KCP, highlighting precautions that homeowners may take to avoid fuel theft.

Andy Hemmings reported on the compilation of a further leaflet providing information to teenagers moving to cities. The leaflet was in the process of being produced and would be ready for distribution in August.

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

Andy McClure reported that there were no local operational changes to the new Scotland Fire and Rescue Service. He advised that Paul Connelly, Area Commander, was now based in Helensburgh.

Andy highlighted the recent spate of grass fires which had been a serious issue during the month of April.

He advised the group that recruitment was being progressed effectively.

(c) **ROAD SAFETY**

Chief Inspector Baillie detailed the latest stats for the area and

reported that these were a similar picture to the previous year.

(d) **PROPOSED REFERRAL PARTNERSHIPS**

None reported.

(e) **WATER SAFETY**

Peter Howland enquired if Scotland Fire and Rescue had boats which were available for inland waterways. Andy Maclure replied that they had boats which were available. However, they were not utilised in tidal waters.

10. EMERGING TRENDS

This was discussed at Item 9 (a).

11. FORTHCOMING KEY EVENTS DIARY

DATE	TIME/VENUE	EVENT
13 May 2013	Victoria Halls	Campbeltown Hospital Beds Remodelling/Methadone Clinic
8 June 2013	Tarbert	RNLI Safety Day
9 June 2013	Portavadie	RNLI Safety Day
22 June 2013	Strachur Village Hall 1.30-5.30p.m.	Safe and Sound event

12. NEW ACTIONS

The Area Governance Officer reported on a forthcoming event ' Safe and Sound' in Cowal and distributed a leaflet advertising the event. He would provide feedback to the group at the next meeting.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Glenmore Roberts highlighted the issue of signage on certain Islay beaches and enquired on the status of this issue.

The Area Governance Officer agreed to contact the Islay technical officer to check on the status of the signage.

