



*Working in partnership to prevent, and support recovery from the harmful use of alcohol and drugs.*

**ARGYLL AND BUTE ALCOHOL AND DRUGS PARTNERSHIP**

**Forum Chairs Meeting  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017**

**J05/07**

**Lochgilphead  
10.30am – 1.00pm**

**PRESENT:**

John Owens	Argyll and Bute ADP Chair
Craig McNally	Interim ADP Coordinator
Colin Ferguson	Co-Chair, Mid Argyll
Elaine Robertson	Co-Chair, OLI (VC)
Isobel Strong	Co –Chair, Bute
David Greenwell	Co-Chair, Helensburgh and Lomond
Stephen Hunter	Chair, Mid Argyll
Petra Pearce	Co-Chair, Islay (VC)
Colin Ferguson	Co-Chair, Mid Argyll
Ron Senior	Cowal Chair

**Apologies:**

Dee James	Co-Chair, Bute
Bev Ison	Co-Chair, OLI
Gillian Boyd	Co-Chair, Helensburgh and Lomond
Steven Craig	Co- Chair, KSMG
Nona Ruesgen	Co-Chair, Kintyre

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Sarah Marquis	ADP Admin
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Item	Subject	Action
1.	<p><b><u>Welcome/Present</u></b></p> <p>CMN explained that JO was running a bit late and would join the meeting shortly. All the members started by introducing themselves around the table.</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>Apologies</u></b></p> <p>As above</p>	

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### **Business Agenda**

#### Local Area Highlights

Helensburgh – Recovery café is now up and running, it is well attended and is partly funded through the forum. Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances HART closed their doors at the end of December and are not longer a running service.

Mid Argyll – Hugh Fyfe is running a music club with is supporting people with addictions, mental health issues and learning difficulties this is really successful and played at a recent burns night also. The recovery café will also be back up and running soon too. The high school have unfortunately experienced four death in the past year, three suicides and one drug death, more support is needed in the school. ADDACTION were present at the last meeting also and gave an update on what they were up to. Re-konnect recovery group is also still supported by the Mid Argyll forum.

Most areas now have well established recovery cafes it might be a good idea now to see if we can link in with smart recovery in each area. There is also mutual aid groups set up in Dunoon and Cowal.

Bute – Currently running an exchange program with pupils in Germany who have a focus on the drug and alcohol cultures. HELP project was also present at the meeting and gave up update on what they have been up to.

Islay – Currently look at the links with Mental health and Substance misuse, looking at linking in the recovery café and the link club together. Health and wellbeing days are being held on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of March. The 10<sup>th</sup> of March will be in the school, MAYDS and ADDACTION will be there to hand out information and answer any questions, the 11<sup>th</sup> of March will target the older generation. Not a lot of police presence due to staffing issues as we would also like to look at the young drivers course.

Oban – Next meeting is not until the start of March. The video presented at the last meeting has now gone liver with some very positive feedback. The school also done an exchange with Poland who have a small tax on alcohol which goes to building youth centers. ER also likes the idea of the music club and will mention it to the Oban forum.

It was agreed to Invite Hugh Fyfe to the next meeting to get more information around the music club.

Cowal – Unfortunately due to no chair the Cowal forum has currently

	<p>diminished. RS has kindly agreed to step in as chair but ideally is looking for a co-chair to help support the Cowal forum. RS is going to approach other groups and invite them to attend the forum and is hoping to meet with Dee in the future. DASH the recovery group in Cowal were awarded money from the forum before it diminished but were unable to get this paid on time, the forum also never received their support money from the ADP so this money was used to pay DASH recovery.</p> <p>Developments from the last meeting – JO was hoping to have the ADP Self evaluation day on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January but due to a number of apologies it needs to be rescheduled. Instead we used the opportunity to have a third sector gathering, this opened up a lot of question to whether they are a forum, Network or a delivery mechanism and where should they sit. The group had the discussion that there is a strong representation of third sector in each forum and could any issue not come through the forum chairs which could then be discussed at the chairs meeting. Some feel as there is history in the third sector not all the organizations will work together and this would cause the issues. It might be possible to look at having the Third Sector represented on the Forums and holding a Third Sector gathering every 6 months to a year The Third Sector are due to meet on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February for further discussion.</p> <p>Opportunities – Lloyds PDI bid for the School’s work will meet in the middle of next week. ADP Core team is going to visit Highland ADP in Inverness at the end of this week.</p> <p>Emerging Risks and Possible Trends – DRD number are increasing and could become more of a worry. IJB have been notified that it has to make a 22 million cut over the next two years.</p> <p>Figure 8 – they have approached the ADP to be able to complete some work alongside recovery in rural north whales to complete a review in the two communities. The ADP have committed to support this work in Argyll and Bute and will have a report at the Executive Group Committee on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February.</p> <p>Drug Related Deaths – The DRD’s are on the rise with 14 deaths over the past year. 11 of these are male and 3 are female. 3 of which were in Oban, 1 in Mid Argyll, 5 in Cowal, 3 in Kintyre, 1 in Bute and 1 in Helensburgh. This report will go to the Chief Officers Group on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February.</p>	
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4.	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u>	
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