



*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**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**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
Nona Ruesgen	Co-Chair, Kintyre
Elaine Robertson	Co-Chair, OLI
Isobel Strong	Co –Chair, Bute

**Apologies:**

Dee James	Co-Chair, Bute
David Greenwell	Co-Chair, Helensburgh and Lomond
Bev Ison	Co-Chair, OLI
Gillian Boyd	Co-Chair, Helensburgh and Lomond
Steven Craig	Co- Chair, KSMG
Stephen Hunter	Chair, Mid Argyll
Petra Pearce	Co-Chair, Islay

**Guests:**

Billy Alexander	Scottish Families Affected by Drugs
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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Sarah Marquis	ADP Admin
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Item	Subject	Action
1.	<p><b><u>Welcome/Present</u></b></p> <p>John Owens (JO) Welcomed everyone to the group and introductions were made.</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>Apologies</u></b></p> <p>As above</p>	

3.

## **Business Agenda**

### Local Area Highlights

Bute – The forum met a couple of weeks ago and have had more engagement from HELP Project who is doing a lot of work with young people. They are also currently complete the work in the Schools in Bute. There is still no engagement from Police Scotland at the moment.

Kintyre – The Kintyre forum have the same participants as the Health and Wellbeing forum and some are dropping away. School and police are represented and the Police are very active within the schools also.

Oban – One of the Third Sector groups in Oban were approached to attend a primary school which went down very well with pupils and staff and a number of things have come out of this. Claire Brown the youth engagement officer from Police Scotland is based in Oban is looking to set up activities for youth, mid night football being one of them. Mary Holt was to attend the forum on Friday but unfortunately had to cancel due to being unwell. Bruce Thompson from Scottish Drugs Forum has attended the last two meetings to look at setting up the ROSC in Oban which is a pilot area along with Helensburgh. The Oban Forum has also put together a DVD to help promote Alcohol awareness, this will be used in surgery waiting rooms, on the radio, Facebook, twitter and the DVD is not time limited neither. Lynn Garrett who works for NHS 24 has been in contact about the DVD as they are looking to do something similar, ER is going to get back in touch with her. ER would like to add that she has found having a co-chair very useful and feels it helps having someone else to take on parts of the role.

Mid Argyll – Very active forum at the moment, the last meeting saw a discussion around suicide as another young boy from the area took his own life. The School have been active on this and put in a lot of work to ensure to get kids talking about their feelings. SH would also like it mentioned that if anyone is working in the Primary schools to ensure they have the proper training to do this. Although you are not required to have a PVG if you are not on a one to one basis with the pupil, it is good practice to have this. The forum is also looking to invite some of the mental health team to join the forum as some of the service users are a crossover of mental health needs and addictions. Sandra McIntyre from Addaction mentioned she has had a number of requests from service users about recovery in Barmaddy as they are currently sent down to Somerset for this. Barmaddy are going to do a pilot project on this and have secured funding for six months to take service users to Barmaddy for a few nights stay, interloch mini bus company have agreed to take service users to and from Barmaddy for a fee of eight pounds, they can take up to a maximum of eight service users at any one time. CMN added he had spoke to Ron Senior the manager of

	<p>Addaction who stated that it is not routine practice to send Service Users to Somerset.</p> <p>Helensburgh – They are the later stage of the ROSC. They have good participation from all partners and the recovery café is going well alongside the surge service user group.</p>	
4.	<p><b><u>Scottish Families Affected by Drugs</u></b></p> <p>Billy Alexander from Scottish Families Affected by Drugs attended the meeting to give a presentation on the Telehealth services and bereavement services that are available in Argyll and Bute. BA is looking to raise the profile in the area and make more people aware of this services.</p>	
5.	<p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p>	