



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 31st July 2018
Boardroom, Aros
1030-1230**

PRESENT:

John Owens	Argyll and Bute ADP Chair
Bev Ison	Co-Chair, OLI (VC)
Craig McNally	ADP Coordinator
Elaine Robertson	Co-Chair, OLI (VC)
Colin Ferguson	Co-Chair, Mid Argyll
David Greenwell	Co-Chair, Helensburgh and Lomond (VC)
Fiona Kalache	Co-Chair, Mid Argyll

Apologies:

Peter Ellerton	Co-Chair, Kintyre
Isobel Strong	Co-Chair, Bute
Ron Senior	Co-Chair, Cowal
Petra Pearce	Co-Chair, Islay

In Attendance: Sarah Marquis

Item	Subject	Action
1.	<u>Welcome/Present</u> JO welcomed everyone to the group.	
2.	<u>Apologies</u> As above	
3.	<u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u> Agreed at the last Committee Meeting.	
4.	<u>Business Agenda</u> <u>Developments since last meeting</u> - Kintyre forum were pulling together a meeting to specifically discuss the forum constitution; no update has been submitted yet. The ADP support team between them will be attending the local forums and CMN will be attending the AGM's where possible. Virtual Law Centre will meet again at the end of August, the funding has been approved and will bring a great resource to Argyll and Bute. Children and Young Peoples evaluation contract will be rewarded this week with the work to start as soon as possible. <u>Local Area Highlights</u> – Helensburgh is quiet at the moment, the AGM is to be held on the 22 nd of August where they will be looking to appoint a secretary as Gillian	

has now moved on.

Oban- Next meeting will be held on the 7th of September and this will be the AGM. The Recovery walk preparation is underway, buses have been organised and the forum has given money to cover the cost of food. On the 1st of September. Oban Healthy Town will get underway, BI is looking to locate some information leaflets to be handed out. CMN has a small supply in Helensburgh but it appears lack of resources to give out at events, sending out links or internet access is an issue in some deprived areas so resources are needed. JO will speak to SC and raise the issue.

Mid Argyll - At our meeting in June we had our AGM. Steven Hunter stepped down as Co-chair, but will still be a member of the forum. Fiona Kalache was then elected as Co-chair alongside Colin Ferguson who remains in his position.

There were discussions around forum money and the uncertainty of not knowing if there would be more funds available to the forums in the near future. However Mid Argyll still have a budget available so are welcoming any applications that meet the criteria. MAYDS was awarded £500.00 from the forum to help continue the boy's free swimming program. Police updated that they were pleased with the new STREET MAYDS program and it is certainly having some impact in the community. Colin stated that the Argyll part of Galgale has now been wound down, however Seamus and he have taken over Barmaddie and are in the process of developing it at the moment. He will update the forum on their progress in the coming months.

There was discussion around lack of representation at the forum from some agencies, specifically the school. However Fiona stated that now Lesley Donald is in post she is happy to go on the mailing list and attend meetings when she can.

FK also raised the issue regarding the Local Planning Groups and not enough information feeding through down to them; JO will raise this and see if it would be possible to be copied in to the minutes of the meeting.

Third Sector Forum – JO and CMN have been invited to attend the next Third Sector Forum meeting, Not all partners have been invited to this meeting at the moment. The Money was realised on the expectation that it would be an all inclusive meeting and it would be moving forward. Partners have expressed concerns that no progress has been made and all partners have not been included. It was discussed that all Local Forum meetings are well attended by Third Sector and perhaps this is duplication on work if the information is being discussed at the local forums. It was also highlighted that if this was to become a specialised forum it would then not fit in with the ROSC.

TSI – CMN met with TSI last week to discuss the Partnership Pathways, good progress is being made and it looks to be moving much quicker than expected.

PAPA is also moving forward, Rebecca who was initially involved with this has now moved post, however Emma has come in and will be in touch with all chairs.

Both contracts have steering groups which will meet in October and quarterly after that.

Recovery Communities had a meeting last week, HOPE kitchen and Welcome in from Helensburgh attended along with SDF, Recovery Consortium, and RS from ADDACTION in place of Debra the community engagement officer who was currently off on Annual Leave. It was a positive meeting and they will meet again at the end of August. The discussions involved the recovery walk in September, and all areas will hopefully be able to attend. Debra is currently looking at transport to leave from Campbeltown and pass through Lochgilphead and a bus has been organised from Oban. It was agreed at the meeting the ADP would cover the cost for the recovery walking which will include reimbursing Oban forum for the cost of food.

4.	<u>Future Funding for the forums</u> It has been highlighted at forum meetings, concerns about funding not being available from the ADP. The Local Forums are able to run for another year but funding may run out after that. It was agreed that forums would start having discussions around there needs for funding for it then to be discussed at committee.	
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