

46th ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Elizabeth Watson
ACVS Chair

Chairman's Remarks - 2010

Last year, in my annual report, I reckoned we were in for challenging times because of the changes in the funding structure. I did not realise that would be an understatement! This has proved to be a difficult year with all the work necessary to bring in an Interface. In 2011, the way the Scottish Government will fund ACVS will alter. Instead of our money coming directly to us from the Scottish Government, money will be paid to what will be known as a local Interface. This requires ACVS and two mainland organisations - The Volunteer Centre and CVS North Ayrshire - to come together in partnership, and we are still in the process of fine tuning. ACVS is continuing to change its legal structure in line with advice from the Scottish Government and we are working to becoming a company limited by guarantee. We continue to play our part in the Community Planning Partnership process, as well as maintaining our involvement in the local issues that affect our island. With details emerging each day regarding financial cuts both at local and national levels, it is important that the third sector (the voluntary sector) on Arran continues to thrive and connect with the important issues facing us all and I can assure everyone that the ACVS will continue to do all that it can to meet these needs. Recently, Arran has been faced with the possible closure of the Citizen's Advice Bureau. ACVS will do all that it can in support of this valuable service continuing. This is a necessary service, more so today than ever, when many people don't just require accurate advice but also the reassurance of having a person help them through their problems - and not just a disembodied voice on the telephone.

As Chairman of ACVS, I am aware of the superb work done by our staff. Jim Nichols, as Manager, has expertly and efficiently guided the Executive Committee through these "muddy waters" of funding and all the legal work of changing to become a company limited by guarantee, as well as staying on top of all his other work and we are indeed grateful to have someone of Jim's calibre as our Manager.

Helen Ross continues to serve us very well as our Administrative Assistant and her willingness to help is always appreciated. Jan Schofield and Morag Campbell provide, on a sessional basis, much appreciated help and service. I would also take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Executive Committee for all their work over the past year. I have no doubt that 2011 will bring again its fair share of changes and challenges; the Interface will be up and running and interesting challenges await us but I look forward to working with the Executive Committee and staff to meet these challenges as we seek to ensure that Arran receives the services it deserves.

Elizabeth R L Watson

Arran CVS— Change of Legal Structure from April 2011

As reported last year, Arran CVS receives most of its operational funding in the form of a grant from the Scottish Government (SG). The SG had made a condition of any continued future funding that Arran CVS changes its legal status from an Unincorporated Association to a Company Limited by Guarantee.

The ACVS Executive Committee have put the necessary work in hand to make this change effective from 1st April 2011.

Support the Voluntary Sector
 Encourage Organisations to work together
 Help People influence decisions which affect them
 Present Common Policies and Concerns to the outside world
 Develop New Ways of Meeting Need along with statutory and other bodies
 Work with Others to seek Social and Economic Regeneration



ACVS involvement with the Community Planning Partnership (CPP), North Ayrshire Council (NAC), the Community Health Partnership (CHP) and the North Ayrshire Social Economy Partnership (LSEP) has continued. This year there has been a significant increase in our engagement with the Council and the Partnerships.

In parallel with this, discussions continued regarding 3rd Sector Interface for North Ayrshire. (This is covered separately in this report).

A number of key community consultation events have been held in 2010. The 2 of the most significant of these were the NAC 'Straight Talking' event, and a CHP event.

In October this year, Arran CVS provided community group contact information to NAC, which was used by NAC in the organisation of the Straight Talking event held in Brodick Hall.

This well attended event gave the opportunity for NAC to consult with the community over a wide range of issues and challenges facing the Council into the future. The agenda included the provision of elderly peoples services, the replacement of the residential care home at Montrose House, and NAC owned Community facilities.

The event was fronted by the Leader of the Council, David O'Neill, the Chief Executive, Elma Murray and Alistair Herbert, Director of Finance.

The second major event was held late November 2010 by NHS Ayrshire and Arran, under the umbrella of the Community Health Partnership. This was the start of a review of future health needs on Arran.

ACVS has regularly attended the **Nth Ayrshire and Arran CHP Forum**, at which the main topics have included the new Ayrshire Central Hospital and development of the Primary Care Strategy (and see later).

The Scottish Government announced last year that future funding for Volunteer Centres and CVS would, from 2011, be through the establishment of an **Interface** within each of the 32 CPP's throughout Scotland.

Agreement with Nth Ayrshire CPP, as to how the Interface will be developed, was reached in September this year.

The outcome is detailed later in this report.

Within the Arran context, the **NAC Housing Services Team** are to be congratulated continuing putting in

place an effective consultation process with the Community and Voluntary Sector on Arran. The Rural Housing Group has met regularly, and was this year involved in the monitoring and progression of a study into the potential of using Forestry Commission land for Affordable Housing.

ACVS has a **website** (arrancvs.org.uk), where current information is regularly updated. Morag Campbell acts as our web-master, and is happy to receive any Community related items for inclusion.

The greatest percentage of our work at the Lamlash Office continues to be the provision of information and office services, including secretarial support, to the community and voluntary sector on Arran.

We continue to provide accommodation for the Arran office of the **North Ayrshire Citizens' Advice Service, (NACAS)** and **Arran Sound** use the office on a weekly basis.

It was with regret we learned of the NACAS plan to implement a new staffing structure and move the Citizens Advice Service on Arran to an Outreach provision.

Our Chair spoke at the 1st of a series of Public Meetings of the long history of the operation of an information and advice service on Arran. This had been started originally by a precursor of ACVS.

It is hoped that NACAS will reconsider their decision, and listen to the views of the many correspondents and continue their existing service provision.

The internet is still the primary source for identifying funding for the community and voluntary sector. The North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership Website continues to provide an on-line tool — "**North Ayrshire 4 Funding**", as part of the North Ayrshire Council Website. This software is of high quality, and many groups continue to self-source funding requirements of a less complex nature through its use.

The **North Ayrshire LSEP** has met regularly during 2010, and the **Opp2mise** contract is currently awarded to Cunninghame Housing Association to provide Social Enterprise support for organisations trading, or with the potential to trade, and having a turnover in excess of £100,000 per annum. Several Arran organisations have used this facility.

Locally ACVS has continued to enjoy excellent relations with our local **Volunteer Centre and CVSna** in Ardrossan. As the Interface develops, we wish our mainland colleagues good speed in their amalgamation!

Jim

North Ayrshire Council continue to involve ACVS in the development of the Local Housing Strategy (LHS), and regular meetings have taken place of the Rural Housing Sub Group, which meets specifically to discuss Arran related issues.

Jim Nichols, as Chair of the Sub Group, continues as a member of the Local Housing Strategy Steering Group. This is currently the umbrella group for housing within the North Ayrshire CPP structure. The LHS brings together representatives from NAC Housing Services, NAC Planning Department, Communities Scotland, and the Housing Associations operating in the NAC area.

The focus in 2010 has been the development of the LHS strategy for 2011 –2015. Included in this strategy is the continued development of Affordable Housing Policy, Homelessness Policy, and Rural Housing Policy for Arran, Cumbrae and the Mainland.

At the time of writing this report, the effects of the credit crunch, spill-over effects from the banking crisis, and cut-backs in spending from both Central Government and the Scottish Government still make it difficult to predict what the long term effect may be in terms of meeting the shortfall of affordable housing on Arran, and the housing needs of Cumbrae. It is very clear however that less money will be available to fund future development of new build social housing.

NAC had agreed that the initial focus of the rural housing strategy would concentrate on Arran, and Cumbrae. (Jim also attends the Cumbrae Sub Group.)

In the Arran context, a number of Arran community organisations continue to be involved in regular round-the-table discussions as part of the Rural Housing Sub Group, including Isle of Arran Homes, Arran Community Council, Civic Trust, HIFAR, NFU, SRBPA and Arran CVS. North Ayrshire Council Housing Services and Planning Department, together with Communities Scotland and the Forestry Commission have represented the statutory sector at these meetings.

The Rural Sub Group has reprioritised the action plan to take into account likely future issues and funding constraints. Future emphasis will include the engagement with private landlords on Arran, to determine how they may contribute to meeting the

housing needs. One outcome of the earlier plan was the implementation on Arran of a policy relating to Developer contributions in respect of future housing on Arran. This was a first for North Ayrshire.

A further (Craigforth) report and development of an Action Plan to address the affordable housing needs of Cumbrae had informed the LHS process. The key findings of this report had indicated a small need for general needs housing, but a significant need for suitable housing for elderly persons, many of whom had housing currently that was unsuitable for their future long term needs.

The Main Issues report for Arran, a key part of the development of the new Local Plan, was published, and a very well attended public meeting took place in the summer. The Plan will be finalised in 2011. It is hoped the Planners listen to the views of the Island residents in relation to land allocations for housing. The view expressed at the meeting was that these should be around the Island and not just within the confines of the 3 larger 'village envelopes'!

During the year, the consultants study into the potential use of Forestry Commission land for affordable housing purposes was completed. The final study report identified a number of sites, but it is expected that some of these will not be suitable in the medium term.

NAC runs 2 Housing Forums annually on the mainland. These provide an insight into how the local authority is developing and implementing the LHS. The Forums are open to any interested persons.

NAC continue to work with Isle of Arran Homes to develop the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) to enable the acquisition of further sites on the Island for future development. The 1st houses of the new Isle of Arran Homes development at Corrie Quarry are shortly being handed over. It remains to be seen however what additional new housing may be possible given the funding situation. The supply of land at affordable prices is key to any future developments, but even if land is available, money for infrastructure and building may be difficult to obtain.

Jim Nichols

Isle of Arran Ferry Committee

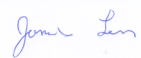
This year has been a very busy one for the Ferry Committee as the Scottish Government held a consultation on the long term future of the entire Scottish ferry network. Individuals on the Ferry Committee, as well as the Ferry Committee as a body, responded to the consultation by putting in separate submissions. One of the issues on which the Committee felt strongly was that the Cal-Mac network should continue as a single unit for future tenders when the current one runs out. This summer saw major disruption on the Barra /South Uist - Oban run when the MV Clansman developed major engine failure and was in dock for over a month at the height of the season. In a situation like this, vessels from other parts of the network are repositioned to cover the service. The Committee pointed out in their submission that, if the Cal Mac network was broken up, this degree of flexibility would be lost and that the lessons of the summer were that the network needs more, not less, standby vessels. As to our own service, the Committee felt that the long term future of the Brodick- Ardrossan would be best served by two ferries operating on the route year round. This would give the island an enhanced timetable which would make commuting to work on the mainland an option for our population.

Responding to the Government's consultation is only a small part of the Committee's work. We highlight problems with Cal Mac that the public have brought to our attention. Problems with train connections, patient transport to and from hospital, disabled access to and from the ferry being only a sample of the issues raised.

Again this year we managed to secure the Saturn to augment the Caledonian Isles during the high summer. The Committee is indebted to Kenneth Gibson MSP for his assistance in this matter.

Although the possibility of a Western Ferries service to Arran has dropped out of the news, we are told by Western Ferries that this is still a live issue and their representative is hoping to address the Committee early in the New Year.

The ACVS supplies the secretarial services for the Ferry Committee with Helen Ross attending every meeting. Jim Lees is the ACVS representative on the Ferry Committee.



European Funding Changes

During 2010, the Scottish Government changed the processes surrounding the distribution of funding under the Scottish Rural Development Programme, moving some grants to LEADER from SRDP.

This involved the shifting of responsibility from case officers mainly employed by SNH to the Leader Local Action Group (LAG). A few Arran groups were caught in the middle of the transition process, which resulted in delayed decisions, and, in one case, the need to submit a fresh application to Leader.

The resilience of the volunteer committee members on the receiving end of these changes was to be commended!



The Community Health Partnership Forum

The CHP Forum was established as one of the primary committees for Ayrshire and Arran Health Authority to consult on their plans, and proposed changes, with a range of interest groups. By definition, this included the public (represented on the forum by 2 members of the Public Partnership Forum- the PPF) and community and voluntary groups, represented by the mainland CVS (CVSna) and Arran CVS.

Typical meetings have included inputs from senior managers from NHS Ayrshire and Arran over a wide range of issues, including the progression of the new Ayrshire Central Hospital. There has also been a range of themed presentations from health professionals, including a private dentist and an optometrist.

During 2010 the Community Health Partnership met at 6 weekly intervals. Arran CVS was involved in discussions on broadening community engagement.

Arran CVS attends the CHP Forum meetings on a regular basis. Information from these forums has been passed on regularly to the Community Council, Arran Elderly Forum and the Arran Health Consultative Group.

Latterly discussion has included the future delivery of health services to Arran, and the first of 3 public meetings were held late November. A parallel piece of work looking at the future provision of a replacement Montrose House has also commenced, through NAC.

In relation to the local Health provision, the manager has recently been made part of a local reference group, chaired by Dr David Price (Non Executive Director of NAC Ayrshire and Arran)

Arran Health Consultative Group

Whilst not part of the formal Community Health Partnership process, the Arran Health Consultative Group (AHCG) has met regularly in 2010. AHCG continued to make local representation to NHS Ayrshire and Arran Health Board through meetings attended by GP's and the Local Arran NHS Manager. ACVS Committee Member Janet Lacey has been part of this group for several years, as has our manager, Jim Nichols.

This year there has been significant input to the review of Primary Health Strategy, the New Ayrshire Central Hospital and other local health matters. This has included a number of Public Meeting events, and regular consultation with the health group.

Public Partnership Forum (PPF)

This Partnership exists, as the name suggests, for members of the public to engage with NHS Ayrshire and Arran. The PPF is a network of people who are interested in health matters, and anyone can join.

A Core Group oversees the process of the PPF, which is now well established, and involves members of the public regularly in consultations with the CHP.

The PPF would welcome more members of the public to join the Forum.

For further information regarding the PPF, the contact is: Carole Blair, 01294 322039 (e-mail carole.blair@aapct.scot.nhs.uk).

ARRAN CVS ACCOUNTS

(Registered Charity - No. SC004057)

Receipts & Payments Account for the Year ended 31st March 2010

	<u>2009</u>			<u>2010</u>
		<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
£	62,130	Grants - (Note 1)	£	69,414
	532	Affiliation Fees		636
	0	Donations		307
	1,900	Hire of Office		1,650
	2,909	Office Services		3,520
	<u>301</u>	Bank Interest Received - (Note 2)		<u>34</u>
	<u>67,772</u>	Total Receipts		£ 75,561
		<u>LESS: PAYMENTS</u>		
		<u>Payments for Charitable Purposes</u>		
	31,158	Salaries		32,570
	5,553	Special Projects		5,599
		Property Expenses -		
	1,170	Insurance	£ 1,378	
	738	Rates	606	
	1,983	Heat, Light & Power	2,157	
	0	Cleaning	<u>457</u>	
				4,598
	2,246	Repairs & Renewals		834
	2,384	Equipment		2,902
	1,366	Telephone, Postages & Fax		1,610
	7,420	Printing, Stationery & Photocopier		7,633
	1,375	Travelling & Conference Expenses		2,425
		Sundry Expenses -		
	833	Affiliation Fees & Subs.	731	
	1,256	I.T. Expenses	1,001	
	557	Sundries	244	
	539	Training	<u>841</u>	
				<u>2,817</u>
	<u>58,578</u>			60,988
		<u>Governance Costs</u>		
	5,528	Salaries - (Note 3)	5,821	
	265	A.G.M.	64	
	650	Professional Costs	<u>650</u>	
	<u>6,443</u>			<u>6,535</u>
	65,021	Total Payments		67,523
	<u>2,751</u>	<u>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</u>		<u>8,038</u>

(Registered Charity - No. SC004057)

Statement of Balances
as at 31st March 2010

	<u>2009</u>		<u>2010</u>
		<u>Bank & Cash in Hand</u>	
£	17,408	Opening Balances	£ 20,159
	2,751	Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	8,038
	<u>20,159</u>	Closing Balances - (Note 4)	<u>28,197</u>
		<u>Reserves (Note 5)</u>	
	18,463	General Funds	19,210
	1,696	Dr.Robert Jamieson Bequest Fund	1,701
	0	L.S.E.P.	7,286
	<u>20,159</u>		<u>28,197</u>
		<u>Assets</u>	
	26,347	Office Property - at Cost	26,347
	11,756	Furniture, Fittings & Equipment - at Cost	13,630
	<u>38,103</u>		<u>39,977</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.

Elizabeth R.L. Watson
Elizabeth R.L. Watson, Chair

Date: 10th December 2010....

(Registered Charity - No. SC004057)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTSfor the Year ended 31st March 2010

<u>2009</u>		<u>2010</u>
	1) <u>Grants</u>	
	Scottish Executive - (Core Funding)	62,130
£ 62,130	L.S.E.P.	£ 7,284
0		69,414
62,130		69,414
	2) <u>Bank Interest Received</u>	
211	No.1 Current a/c	23
38	No.2 Current a/c	4
2	No.3 Current a/c	3
50	NSB Investment a/c - (Dr. Robert Jamieson Bequest)	4
301		34
	3) No remuneration was paid to any of the charity trustees or connected persons.	
	4) <u>Bank & Cash in Hand</u>	
13,771	No.1 Current a/c	15,045
4,190	No.2 Current a/c	4,159
496	No.3 Current a/c - L.S.E.P.	7,286
1,696	NSB Investment a/c - (Dr. Robert Jamieson Bequest)	1,701
6	Cash	6
20,159		28,197
	5) The General Funds are unrestricted, but the £1,000 capital of the Dr. Robert Jamieson Bequest Fund is restricted to spending out of accumulated interest only.	

Arran Council for Voluntary Service

Registered Charity Number SC004057

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Arran Council for Voluntary Service

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2010 which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement.

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement.

In the course of my examination, **no** matter has come to my attention –

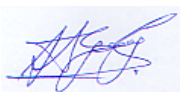
1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:-

(a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and

(b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Stuart A. Gough
Associate Member of ACIE
'Carlo'
Corrie Shore
ISLE OF ARRAN KA27 8JA

TREASURER'S REPORT

The primary income source for Arran CVS continues to be the Core Funding received from the Scottish Government. The end of the financial year coincided with the end of the 2nd of 3 years funding agreed by the Scottish Government. The year end results indicate a small surplus of £ 754 net of the LSEP Funding.

John McGovern
Treasurer ACVS

Representative Roles

Given the position of Arran CVS in many of the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership meetings on the Mainland, it remains essential for ACVS to understand the current views of the Community and Voluntary Sector in Arran. One of the ways that these views are obtained is through attendance at key local meetings on the Island.

The Arran perspective is largely achieved through regular attendance at meetings of Isle of Arran Community Council, Arran Access Trust, Isle of Arran Ferry Committee, Arran Health Services Consultative Group, the Arran Elderly Forum, the Rural Housing Group and Isle of Arran Homes Committee.

In addition, Jim has met regularly with Cllr Margie Currie and local MSP Kenneth Gibson, and occasionally with other NAC Councillors and MSP's.

In September he was invited by the NAC Chief Executive to attend the CPP Board meeting to discuss Community Engagement. Earlier in the year he had been invited to meet with Directors and senior management of NAC to discuss the role of the 3rd sector in future local authority contracts.

Some Facts about ACVS

- ◆ ACVS provided practical information & assistance to **65** voluntary and community groups.
- ◆ Helped to establish **2 new groups**
- ◆ ACVS Team attended and contributed to **82 meetings**
- ◆ ACVS Team working on research, projects & services with **10 key Regional & Local Partnerships**
- ◆ Circulated **1 (AGM) report** & undertook **4 other mailings** (information, events, etc) to local voluntary & community groups

Some (mainly Mainland) Meetings and Events our Team Attended in 2009/10:

Community Health Partnership Reorganisation
Compact Reference Group
Social Enterprise Forum
Community Engagement Network
Local Social Economy Partnership
Interface Development Workshop (Dundee)
SCVO/CVS West Area Network
Isle of Arran Homes
NAC Local Housing Strategy Steering Group
NAC Rural Housing Steering Group - Arran
NAC Rural Housing Steering Group - Cumbrae
NAC Housing Forum
Argyll and the Islands LAG

MEMBERSHIP

The Benefits of becoming a Member of Arran Council for Voluntary Service

- ◆ Free Help, Advice and Support to groups in managing their organisation & activities
- ◆ Discounts on Arran CVS Office Services
- ◆ Receive an Annual Report and Periodical Newsletters
- ◆ Access to Discounts on Publications and National Training Events & Conferences
- ◆ You will be Supporting Arran CVS in our work (meeting the needs of the local voluntary sector and working with others to develop new local public services)

For more information on becoming a Member, please contact the office (see back cover)

MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

AIMS Advocacy
Arran Access Trust
Arran Churches Together
Arran Federation SWRI
Arran Free Church of Scotland
Arran Horticulture Society
Arran Hospital Supporters League
Arran Junior Rugby Club
Arran Natural History Society
Arran Society of Glasgow
Arran Sound
Arran Sports Association Ltd
Arran Theatre & Arts Trust
Arran Visual Arts
Arran Youth Foundations
British Red Cross
Brodick Church of Scotland
Brodick Golf Club
Brodick Improvements Committee
C.O.A.S.T. Project
Caledonian MacBrayne
Clan Horse (Arran)
Contact the Elderly
Corrie & Sannox SWRI
Corrie & Sannox Village Committee
Corrie Golf Club
Eas Mor Ecology
Fairtrade
Friends of Brodick Castle
Holy Island Project
Isle of Arran Community Council
Isle of Arran Homes
Isle of Arran Museum Association
Isle of Arran Rotary Club
Kildonan Hall & Improvements
Kilmory Public Hall
Kilmory WRI
Lamlash Bowls & Tennis Club
Lamlash Church of Scotland
Lamlash Golf Club

Lamlash Improvements Association
Lochranza-Pirnmill Church of Scotland
Lochranza Village Hall
Lodge St Molios
Machrie Bay Golf Club
Machrie Village Hall & Improvements
Na-h-Arainnich
National Trust for Scotland
North Ayrshire Citizens Advice Service
North Ayrshire Council
Pirnmill Improvements
Pirnmill Sailing & Angling Association
Princess Royal Trust for Carers
RNLI Arran Guild
Riding for Disabled (Arran Group)
Roots of Arran
Save the Children
Scottish SPCA – Arran Branch
Scottish Socialist Party – Arran Branch
Shiskine Church of Scotland
Shiskine Hall
Shiskine SWRI
SNP Isle of Arran
Spin Off
St Margarets Scottish Episcopal Church
The Rowan Singers
Voice for Arran
Whiting Bay & Kildonan Church of Scotland
Whiting Bay Bowling Club
Whiting Bay Club of Drama & Music
Whiting Bay Golf Club
Whiting Bay Hall

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Tony Black
Norma Davidson
Katrina Hamilton
Dr Malcolm Kerr
Janet Lacey
Jim Lees
Jan MacGregor



THANK YOU
MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS, SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE,
CVS SCOTLAND & ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORT US



Arran CVS MANAGEMENT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (15 Vacancies)

Karen Augier	Clan Horse Arran
Jorden	Holy Isle Project
Janet Lacey (Secretary)	Individual Member
Jim Lees (Vice-Chair)	Individual Member
John McGovern (Treasurer)	Whiting Bay Hall
Muriel Park	Na-h-Arainnich
Evelyn Sillars	Arran Red Cross
Elizabeth Watson (Chair)	Whiting Bay & Kildonan Church

Advisers (Attending Committee Meetings)

Cllr Margie Currie	North Ayrshire Council
Colin Turbett	Arran Social Services Manager
	Social Services, North Ayrshire Council

STAFF:

Manager:	Jim Nichols
Administrative Assistant:	Helen Ross
Sessional Development Workers:	Jan Schofield (Special Projects) Morag Campbell (Special Projects)
VOLUNTEERS:	
Deafcare Service:	Gary Hemming Dorothy Hutchison

EXTERNAL ADVISERS

Tariq Ali (SCVO)	Geoff Pearson (3rd Sector Team, Scottish Government)
Annabel Goldie MSP	Jackson Carlaw MSP
Kenneth Gibson MSP	Ross Finnie MSP
Stuart MacMillan MSP	Stewart Maxwell MSP
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Development of a North Ayrshire Interface

The Scottish Government is making major changes to the way funding is distributed to intermediary organisations (those that provide support and advice to frontline community and voluntary organisations) from April 2011.

Funding will be to a single 'Interface' in each local authority area, in return for delivery of 4 key activities:

- ◆ Support to, and promotion of Volunteering
- ◆ Support to community and voluntary organisations operating in the area.
- ◆ Connection between the Community Planning Partnership and the 3rd Sector
- ◆ Support and development of social enterprise

In North Ayrshire, agreement was reached with the Community Planning Partnership that the Interface will be a formal partnership of 2 organisations. The first will be a new organisation- a Trust formed through the amalgamation of the existing Volunteer Centre, (VCNA) , and the mainland North Ayrshire CVS (CVSna). The other will be Arran CVS, in its new form as a Company Limited by Guarantee. This Company will be renamed 'Arran Community and Voluntary Sector', and continue to be called 'ACVS' . The word 'Limited' will not be included in the name.

The Interface is expected to closely align with the CPP Single Outcome Agreement (SOA).

The agreement with the CPP resulted from lengthy negotiations between the CPP and the 3 organisations, and work has now commenced on the framework partnership agreement with Burness Solicitors (experts in charity / community law).

As a result of these changes, it is expected that Arran CVS will pick up responsibility for the achievement of a range of outcomes that currently fall under the remit of the Volunteer Centre.

The process of amalgamation of the 2 mainland organisations is currently the subject of on-going discussion between the Board members of the VC and CVSna.

In terms of the future funding of ACVS, it is not known how much funding the North Ayrshire Interface will receive, as no announcements have been made by the Scottish Government in this regard.

The AGM in January will consider a resolution (enclosed separately with this Report), the effect of which in simple terms will be to :

- ◆ Permit the establishment of the new Company Ltd by Guarantee. (named 'Arran Community and Voluntary Sector)
- ◆ Agree to dissolve the existing unincorporated organisation
- ◆ Agree to transfer the existing assets of ACVS (including the office we own) to the new Company.

The first quarter of 2011 will therefore be an interesting and challenging period in our history!



Arran Council for Voluntary Service

BACKGROUND TO THE SERVICE

Established in 1965 to 'co-ordinate voluntary effort on the Island of Arran', **Arran CVS** is a local charitable organisation providing a range of information and office services to voluntary and community organisations operating on Arran. We also act as a bridge between the island community and national, regional and local government and other bodies. The service is run by a voluntary Management Committee drawn from its members, consisting of representatives from locally based groups and individual members of the public committed to the aims of ACVS.

Our main focus is to offer information and practical help to groups in managing their organisations and activities. We also help to set up new groups and projects. We are part of a national network of Councils for Voluntary Service in Scotland. They, in turn, are currently supported by the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations. We are mainly funded by the Scottish Government, the remainder of our budget we raise ourselves through the provision of office services.

There are over **200** voluntary and community groups operating on Arran. Arran CVS assists an average of over **60** of these groups each year. We also receive an average of **1,500** internal and external enquiries a year at our office in Lamlash. The type of enquiries are reflected by the range of services we provide:

INFORMATION SERVICES

including:

- Advice on the Management of Voluntary Organisations
- Assistance with funding applications
- Help in setting up new groups/projects
- Public display area for posters/leaflets

OFFICE SERVICES

available to general public including:

- Colour/Mono Photocopying, Scanning
- Laminating, Printing, Sending and receiving E-mail/Fax, Computer-based tasks e.g. word processing, database & spreadsheet work.
- Price List available from office.
- Equipment for loan/hire—free to voluntary groups

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Supporting, liaising and networking with other Statutory/Voluntary Organisations

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