

Campbeltown CC Report for MAKI April 24

Trench Point Path

Almost complete, just waiting for the bridge to be put in place and signs erected. Public are delighted with this restoration and the path is already being well used. Unfortunately, litter near Slatyfarlan is becoming an increasing problem.

Campbeltown Pharmacy

The Community Council is continuing to promote the survey to get a new much needed pharmacy.

Roads

A83

The negative impact of the road closures on the A83 was one of the topics discussed at last week's meeting of Campbeltown Community Council. Transport Scotland and BEAR Scotland have been contacted as Campbeltown Community Council has received several complaints regarding the lack of consideration given to the businesses and population of Campbeltown and surrounding area. While everyone appreciates the need for road maintenance and the need to ensure the safety of road workers, the programme of roadworks on the A83 is unacceptable. Starting the week beginning 8th April, at any one time there are a minimum of three road/carriageway closures on the A83 for transport companies and Kintyre residents to negotiate on the route to Glasgow.

These delays are not only inconvenient but have major effects on local transport businesses, extending drivers hours, missed ferries, company costs and more. We have one company threatening to move out of Campbeltown. This is a business that we cannot afford to lose so we have asked BEAR Scotland to plan the road maintenance schedule to ensure that there are fewer road closures taking place at the same time.

To date we have received a reply from Transport Scotland but nothing from BEAR Scotland. Neil MacFarlane of Transport Scotland advised that *we fit in as many amnesties as the nature of the work dictate. On some jobs we take out more material than others so on these jobs, amnesties are fewer as it is physically not safe to allow traffic past the ongoing works.*

Esplanade

"Campbeltown CC is concerned at the state of the road surface on the Esplanade and request that it is included in the coming year's road budget."

This was copied from the March 2020 MAKI report.

Campbeltown CC are delighted to see that the Esplanade is listed in this year's programme of works.