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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held in the **SKYPE** on **TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2020** at **10:00 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director of Customer Services

BUSINESS

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. MINUTES

- (a) Meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group held on Wednesday, 5 February 2020 (Pages 5 - 14)

4. COMMUNITY FOCUS

- (a) Mid Argyll Community Transport Volunteers (Pages 15 - 16)

Update by Catherine Kennedy – Coordinator, Mid Argyll Community Transport Volunteers

5. PARTNERS UPDATES - COVID-19 RESPONSE

- (a) Third Sector Interface (Pages 17 - 18)

Report by Samantha Stubbs – Strategic Development Manager, Third Sector Interface

- (b) West Kintyre Community Council Covid-19 Support (Pages 19 - 20)

Report by West Kintyre Community Council

- (c) Health and Social Care Partnership - Caring for People Covid-19 Community Response (Pages 21 - 22)

Report by Alison McGrory – Health Improvement Principal, Health and Social Care Partnership

- (d) Opportunity for verbal updates from Area Community Planning Group Partners involved in resilience projects relating to the Covid-19 response

6. UPDATES BY COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERS

- (a) Health and Social Care Partnership - Public Health Update (Pages 23 - 50)

Report by Alison McGrory – Health Improvement Principal, Health and Social Care Partnership

- (b) Opportunity for verbal updates from Area Community Planning Group Partners

7. BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSALS (Pages 51 - 82)

Presentation by Local Government Boundary Commission

8. UK WITHDRAWAL FROM THE EU (Pages 83 - 86)

Report by Chief Executive

9. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE (Pages 87 - 88)

Report by Committee Manager

10. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP GOVERNANCE

- (a) Appointment of Vice-Chair (Pages 89 - 90)

Report by Committee Manager

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 3 February 2021.

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group

Ian Brodie (Chair)

Andy Buntin (Vice-Chair)

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MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD WITH VC FACILITIES IN THE BURNETT BUILDING, CAMPBELTOWN, ISLAY HIGH SCHOOL, ISLE OF ISLAY AND THE CUSTOMER SERVICE POINT, ISLE OF COLONSAY on WEDNESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2020

Lochgilphead: Ian Brodie, East Kintyre Community Council (Chair)
Andy Buntin, Lochgilphead Community Council (Vice-Chair)
Councillor John Armour
Councillor Robin Currie
Councillor Anne Horn
Councillor Donald MacMillan BEM
Shona Barton, Committee Manager
Samantha Somers, Community Planning Officer
Anthony Standing, Skills Development Scotland
Amie Williams, Scottish Natural Heritage
Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer
Kelly Scott, SSE
John Rennie, Balfour Beatty
Duncan Litster, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
PC Michelle Rusden, Police Scotland
Oly Hemmings, Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation
Pete Creech, Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation

Campbeltown: Catherine Anne MacAulay, Campbeltown Community Council
Valerie Nimmo, Campbeltown Community Council
Eric Spence, South Kintyre Development Trust
Robert Judge, Live Argyll
Dawn Park, Kintyre Youth Forum

The Chair ruled that item 10 (a) of the agenda (South Kintyre Development Trust) would be taken earlier in the meeting to ensure that the presentation was heard due to access restrictions in the Burnett Building, Campbeltown after 12:30pm. This minute reflects the order in which discussions took place.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

Apologies for absence were received from –

Lucy Sumsion, NFU Scotland
Neil McFarlane, Transport Scotland
Alison McGrory, Health and Social Care Partnership
Tracy Preece, Health and Social Care Partnership
John Bakes, Southend Community Council
Mary McCallum Sullivan, Ardrishaig Community Council

The Chair apologised for IT issues which were preventing attendees in Campbeltown from participating in the meeting. IT support was requested to resolve problems to ensure that those in Campbeltown were able to participate.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were intimated.

3. MINUTES

(a) Meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group Held on Wednesday, 6 November 2019

The Minutes of the meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group held on Wednesday, 6 November 2019 were approved as a correct record subject to clarification at item 11 (a) of the minutes that Transport Scotland had agreed to investigate a solution to the issues with the road surface on the A83 at the entrance to Campbeltown and hoped this would be undertaken during the first quarter of 2020.

4. CPP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

(a) CPP Management Committee Update

The group gave consideration to a report briefing them on the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee held on 4th December 2019 and its consideration of issues raised by Area Community Planning Group Chairs.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group agreed to note the contents of the report.

(Reference: Report by Community Planning Officer, submitted)

5. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP GOVERNANCE

(a) Annual Update of Terms of Reference, Membership and Future Meeting Dates

The group gave consideration to a report confirming the governance arrangements of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group and specifically the Terms of Reference, membership and future meeting dates.

The Community Development Officer advised that she had liaised with a number of Community Development Trusts and had confirmation from 3 that they would be interested in becoming members of the group. The

Community Development Officer agreed to pass the information for these Trusts to the Committee Manager.

Further discussion took place in respect of proposed venues for future meetings of the group with the Committee Manager agreeing to look into booking venues in Tarbert (August 2020); Campbeltown (November 2020); Lochgilphead (February 2021) and Islay (May 2021).

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group agreed:

1. to adopt the Terms of Reference submitted in the report (Appendix 1) and agreed that these be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure their ongoing currency and appropriateness for the work of the Area CPG as it develops over time;
2. to adopt the membership of the group as outlined in the report (Appendix 2), with the addition of representatives from 3 Community Development Trusts;
3. that the membership of the group be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure currency and appropriateness for the work of the group as it develops over time; and
4. to adopt the meeting schedule and dates submitted in the report.

(Reference: Report by Committee Manager, dated 5 February 2020, submitted)

6. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTION PLAN

(a) Area Community Planning Action Plan Tracker

The group gave consideration to the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Action Plan progress report.

The Community Planning Officer advised that MAKI04 continues to be classed as not on track as an update has not yet been provided by Highlands and Islands Enterprise. The Community Planning Officer noted that she would continue to request updates from Highlands and Islands Enterprise and that once this has been received MAKI04 can be progressed in the tracker as appropriate.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group agreed to note the content of the report.

(Reference: Report by Community Planning Officer, submitted)

(b) Results of Place Standard Analysis and Engagement

The Community Planning Officer provided a verbal update to the group regarding the results of the recent Place Standard survey. The Community Planning Officer advised that 1550 responses had been received, three times the number of responses received at the last consultation 2-3 years ago.

The Community Planning Officer noted that the results from across Argyll and Bute indicated that the main priority was the movement of people and results of the survey would be available publicly by the end of February.

The Community Planning Officer advised that the top 3 priority areas in the MAKI area were public transport, moving around and the local economy. The Community Planning Officer advised that the Community Planning Partnership will be holding a half day workshop in May to discuss actions and suggestions arising from the results of the survey to form the basis of a new action plan which is hoped to provide meaningful and impactful actions to address priority areas.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Planning Group agreed to note the content of the update provided.

The Chair asked for a brief adjournment of the meeting to enable those in Campbeltown to join the meeting following the resolution of IT issues with the Video Conferencing facilities. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 and reconvened at 10:15am with all those present as per the sederunt.

7. ARGYLL AND BUTE OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2013 - 2023 - OUTCOME 1 (THE ECONOMY IS DIVERSE AND THRIVING)

(a) Marine Protected Area Management and Monitoring (MarPAMM)

Amie Williams of Scottish Natural Heritage gave the group an informative presentation on Marine Protected Area Management and Monitoring (MarPAMM). Ms Williams provided a brief overview of the project and the work packages that were being undertaken.

Ms Williams provided details of existing Marine Protected Areas in the Argyll region and noted that work was being carried out to raise the profile of the project and ensure that people had a better understanding of what the project was hoping to accomplish and what Marine Protected Areas could be used for. The Community Planning Officer advised that when further workshops in the local community had been arranged she would be happy to disseminate this information to partners to encourage attendance.

The Chair thanked Ms Williams for her presentation.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group noted the information provided in the presentation.

(Reference: Report by Amie Williams, Scottish Natural Heritage, dated 5 February 2020, submitted)

8. ARGYLL AND BUTE OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2013-2023 - OUTCOME 2 (WE HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SUPPORTS SUSTAINABLE GROWTH)

(a) Clyde Fisherman's Association

Kenny McNab of Clyde Fisherman's Association provided the group with an informative presentation in relation to the work of the Clyde Fisherman's Association. Mr McNab discussed the history of the Clyde Fisherman's Association, the current staffing structure, the diverse range of work being carried out by the Association and the challenges that the Association is facing currently.

Mr McNab advised that in future he will no longer be acting as Chairman for the Clyde Fisherman's Association and will be replaced by Tommy Finn but noted that he will remain the Chairman for the Clyde Fisherman's Trust.

The Chair thanked Mr McNab for his presentation and invited Mr McNab to a later meeting to discuss the impact of Brexit on the fishing community when this is better known.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group noted the information provided in the presentation.

(b) Balfour Beatty

John Rennie of Balfour Beatty and Kelly Scott, SSE provided a presentation to the group in relation to the project currently being undertaken to replace the overhead electricity transmission line from Inveraray to Crossaig. Mr Rennie outlined the work planned as part of phase 1 of the project and noted that the team were happy to continue to liaise with the group to provide updates on work being carried out.

Discussion took place around benefits of the project for the local community and John Rennie confirmed that at the height of phase 1 up to 270 people could be working on the project, including local sub-contractors. It was noted that this level of workforce could have a positive impact on the local hospitality industry. Mr Rennie advised that the organisation was in conversation with the local school to discuss the possibility of providing Foundation Apprenticeships to local children and were keen to get ideas from the community on how they could make a positive contribution to the local area.

Councillor Horn asked if any update could be provided on concerns raised

about the potential impact on tourism of the new pylons in Tarbert. Kelly Scott advised that conversations were ongoing with the local Community Council and the design team were in the process of creating a website where 3D representations of the pylons could be viewed. Kelly Scott noted that it was hoped that a video could be created between Balfour Beatty and SSE in future to publicise the works being carried out and the benefits to Argyll and Bute as much of the work is hidden away.

The Chair thanked Mr Rennie and Ms Scott for their informative presentation.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group noted the information provided in the presentation.

John Rennie, Balfour Beatty and Kelly Scott, SSE left the meeting at this point.

9. COMMUNITY FOCUS

(a) South Kintyre Development Trust

Eric Spence of the South Kintyre Development Trust provided an update to the group in relation to South Kintyre Development Trust's plans for 2020 and beyond.

Mr Spence provided information in relation to South Kintyre Development Trusts objectives, key strategies and projects that South Kintyre Development Trust have been involved in since their foundation. Mr Spence also provided details of the outcome of Community Action Plan surveys carried out for the 2020-2025 period and ways that South Kintyre Development Trust would assist with and liaise with other agencies to address these priority areas.

The Chair asked if invitation had been extended to local Community Councils to be part of the volunteer Board of Directors at South Kintyre Development Trust. Eric Spence advised that anyone was welcome to become a Director of the South Kintyre Development Trust and representatives would be welcome from different groups to ensure a diverse range of views were considered.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group noted the information provided by Mr Spence and noted the work already undertaken by South Kintyre Development Trust.

Councillor Donald MacMillan BEM left the meeting at this point.

10. ARGYLL AND BUTE OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2013-2023 - OUTCOME 3 (EDUCATION, SKILLS AND TRAINING MAXIMISES OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL)

(a) Skills Development Scotland

Anthony Standing, Skills Development Scotland, provided information to the group with a presentation relating to the work of Skills Development Scotland. Mr Standing provided information and statistics regarding Modern Apprenticeships in the Argyll and Bute and MAKI areas.

Mr Standing noted that the largest uptake of Modern Apprenticeships in the MAKI area were in the Construction, Social Care and Food and Drink industries, with 43 of the 80 frameworks available in operation in the MAKI area. Mr Standing noted that Modern Apprenticeships were part of a demand based service and promotion of Modern Apprenticeships was being carried out in schools, with employers, with parents and with pupils. Mr Standing noted that Foundation Apprenticeships were also becoming more popular with children in the last years of secondary education.

Mr Standing advised that Skills Development Scotland hoped to arrange a lunchtime event for local councillors to attend and be provided with further information in relation to Modern Apprenticeships in order to further publicise the benefits of them.

The Community Planning Officer advised that MAKI appeared to be performing well based on the statistics produced and suggested that further discussion took place at the next meeting of the CPP Management Committee around possible ways to build on the action.

The Chair thanked Mr Standing for his presentation.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group agreed to note the contents of the presentation.

Due to the time restrictions of access to the building in Campbeltown where Video Conferencing was taking place, those attendees in Campbeltown left the meeting at this point.

Anthony Standing, Skills Development Scotland, left the meeting at this point.

11. COMMUNITY FOCUS

(a) Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group were provided with an update by Oly Hemmings and Pete Creech of the Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation. Pete Creech provided an outline of

the role of Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation and the requirement for the service in Argyll and Bute.

Mr Creech provided information in relation to the formal and informal education programmes provided by Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation which had benefitted 10 schools in the past year as well as the local Scout group and Kilmartin Museum.

Mr Creech gave details of events held during school holidays, recent collaboration with media and research projects and the tourist information service that the organisation has provided following the closure of local Tourist Information offices.

Mr Creech suggested that following the presentation from Anthony Standing of Skills Development Scotland at the meeting it may be beneficial for the group to liaise with Mr Standing regarding potential Environmental and Tourism apprenticeships in the area. The Community Planning Officer agreed to provide Mr Creech and Ms Hemmings with the contact details for Anthony Standing and the local Skills Development Scotland representative.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group noted the information provided during the update and noted the work already undertaken by Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation.

Oly Hemmings and Pete Creech, Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation left the meeting at this point.

12. PARTNERS UPDATE

Councillor John Armour

Councillor Armour voiced his frustration at the IT issues experienced during the meeting which had caused those attendees in Campbeltown to be unable to participate in sections of the meeting. Councillor Armour also noted that he was unhappy that access restrictions to the building used for VC facilities in Campbeltown meant that attendees in Campbeltown had to leave the meeting early and were therefore unable to provide partner updates.

The Committee Manager noted that alternative venues had been investigated, including the local police offices, however they also close at 12:30pm and access would not be possible after this time. The Committee Manager advised that the time for the meeting today had been brought forward to 9:30am to accommodate for the large agenda but unfortunately had still resulted in the meeting continuing until after 12:30pm and noted that scheduling of agendas would be looked at to ensure meetings did not run on longer than expected. The Committee Manager noted that the issues with building access had been investigated previously but she would look into these again to seek a suitable resolution.

Councillor Armour suggested that Partners Updates were scheduled earlier in the meeting to ensure all could contribute and the Chair agreed that these could be discussed in future following the agreement of previous minutes. The Community Planning Officer advised that she would be happy to provide her presentation later in the agenda if this would be helpful.

Councillor Armour advised that Bear Scotland had agreed at an earlier meeting that they would look into repairs for the A83 entrance to Campbeltown and the road and pavement around Campbeltown Picture House. Councillor Armour noted that this work did not appear to be scheduled on Bear Scotland's Spring schedule and asked that an approach was made to Bear Scotland to ask that these repairs be carried out as a matter of urgency.

Councillor Anne Horn

Councillor Horn advised that she had reported the poor condition of the road on the A83 at the entrance to Campbeltown to Bear Scotland yesterday.

Councillor Horn noted that the Citizens Advice Bureau provide a patient advice and support service for those with issues involving the NHS and this had been raised at a Health and Wellbeing Network meeting for information.

Councillor Horn advised that Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust are investigating local housing issues and are hoping to come to a future meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group to discuss this.

Councillor Horn advised that in Tayinloan a new play park will be opening on Saturday 8th February. Councillor Horn noted that the local community and other agencies had put in a lot of work and raised a lot of money for this project.

Councillor Robin Currie

Councillor Currie advised that he was frustrated at the IT issues which had occurred during the meeting and this was an ongoing issue with meetings involving Video Conferencing facilities.

Councillor Currie advised that at a recent meeting in Arrochar, a representative from Transport Scotland had advised that a tender would be going out for works on the A83 Rest and Be Thankful in January with a possible start date for works of March and a lane closure in place which was hoped to end in mid-summer. Councillor Currie noted that information received following this meeting has indicated that work may no longer be completed and asked that this was clarified with Transport Scotland.

Duncan Litster, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Duncan Litster provided an update from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for the period up to 31st December 2019. Mr Litster noted that there had been no road traffic accident fatalities in this period but unfortunately there had been 1 fire fatality during this period. Mr Litster noted that there had been an increase in incidents up to the period of 31st of December but many were in relation to an increase in fire alarm signals – properties involved in this increase have been identified and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service are working with the owners to decrease the number of

incidents. Mr Litster noted that a new support role is in place in the MAKI area and this member of staff will mostly provide support to Campbeltown, Islay and Jura areas.

Andy Buntin, Lochgilphead Community Council

Andy Buntin advised that the next round of the Conservation Fund would begin on the 25th of April 2020 and information gathering was ongoing at present. Mr Buntin noted that James Lafferty had been announced as the Project Manager and this was good news following his work in Campbeltown and Inveraray.

Mr Buntin noted that issues had been raised with Live Argyll regarding the library not opening due to staff absence. A meeting had taken place with Live Argyll on Monday and Jim Lynch had agreed to take these issues forward.

Mr Buntin advised that he would like to pass on thanks to the Police and other services who had assisted the area during Storm Brendan.

PC Michelle Rusden, Police Scotland

Michelle Rusden advised that a new Youth Engagement Officer had been employed in Lochgilphead who would be working in schools and with teachers. PC Rusden noted that resources for Police Scotland across the MAKI area are full and the area has had several employee transfers from England of very experienced staff. PC Rusden noted that at present there is an ongoing campaign to recruit special constables for the MAKI area.

PC Rusden advised that the post of Local Authority Liaison was being disbanded and so she would be unable to attend further meetings of the group. PC Rusden advised that she would update as soon as possible on arrangements for the future.

Shona Barton, Committee Manager

Shona Barton advised that the IJB would be beginning the consultation with regards to their budget over the next few weeks. Ms Barton noted that the consultation was not live yet but would be distributed to members of the Community Planning Group to make comment in due course.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group will take place on Wednesday, 6 May 2020 at 10:30am within the Columba Centre, Isle of Islay.

Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group**10th November 2020

Community Focus – Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers

Summary

Catherine Kennedy of Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers (MATV) will describe the organisation and its contribution to supporting the most vulnerable during the lockdown of 2020.

1. Purpose

An extraordinary and varied response emerged from communities across the MAKI area. Learning from them will be an important component of preparing for the future.

2. Background

MATV was established in 1994 by a group from Ardrishaig with approximately 3 drivers who saw the need for transport for the elderly who could not access public transport due to age or illness. This was to help them go to shops or to medical appointments as well as to help with their social isolation. At that time there was approximately 16 clients.

The group has evolved with now volunteer 30 drivers, a part time coordinator and over 500 clients over Mid Argyll and Tarbert Area. We still take people to social occasions and shops/Banks but now our focus is primarily on transporting clients locally to the Doctor, or to nurses and dentist appointments. We transport clients to and from hospitals in Oban and Glasgow. In Feb of this year, before lockdown we were doing over 100 runs in 4 weeks - this was local and long distance.

3. Detail

Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers provided support to the food distribution work of Argyll and Bute Council as well as collecting prescriptions for people who called the Caring for People helpline.

The organisation will provide detail at this meeting.

Name of Lead Officer

Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council

For further information please follow *Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers* on Facebook or contact Catherine Kennedy on 01546 603564

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Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface Area Community Planning Group update – October 2020

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Support to charities, social enterprises and community groups

Since April 2020, Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface's Third Sector Support Team has provided support to 267 organisations, primarily relating to funding.

Due to the speed in which funds were being announced by both Scottish Government and large funders, many Third Sector Organisations (TSOs) were unclear of who they should apply to and for what, and we've been on hand to support registered charities, social enterprises, community groups and voluntary organisations navigate their way through the COVID-19 emergency funding landscape.

Feedback on the support we provided has been overwhelmingly positive – every organisation who engages with our Third Sector Support Team receives an email inviting them to provide feedback – this is a standard part of our continuous improvement framework, and a key driver for our ongoing development. From this, 100% of respondents would use the TSI again, and 100% of respondents said they would be likely to recommend our service to others. In addition, 100% of local organisations who were not successful in the first round of applications for the Wellbeing Fund, and who then came to the TSI for help before re-submitting in round 2, were successful in securing funding.

We also worked with the likes of the Corra Foundation and Foundation Scotland to directly distribute over £50,000 in small grants to approximately 60 organisations across Argyll and Bute, including the islands.

Organisations requiring help with funding can contact support@argylltsi.org.uk or phone 0300 303 4141 (Mon-Fri, 9-4).

Volunteering

The TSI was due to launch a new on-line volunteering platform in April this year. This system was repurposed for the coronavirus emergency response and the launch brought forward - within 48 hours, the system was up and running. We registered over 1000 volunteers during the emergency and trained over 55 volunteer coordinators in this time, as well as issuing identity badges from the system straight to people's phones, when that was requested by the Caring for People partnership. Since the launch of the site it has received 52,717 page visits and 11,126 unique visitors.

The volunteering platform – volunteerargyllandbute.org – has now been made available for its original purpose, as a way for third sector organisations to recruit volunteers directly. Any organisation seeking to use volunteers within their organisation are welcome to sign up, and benefit from the inbuilt volunteer management system at no cost! Community organisations can register at https://volunteerargyllandbute.org/vk/providers/registration_provider.htm. The system is very easy to use, but for those who are less familiar with technology, our third sector support officers are there to help on 0300 303 4141.

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WEST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

COVID-19 SUPPORT

In March 2020 following the announcement of a national “lockdown” the West Kintyre Community Council met to discuss the most appropriate way we could help and support the community we represent.

As our community covers the seven villages on the western side of the Kintyre peninsular and has a large number of residents in the “at risk” age group of over 65’s plus a significant number of these being in the “shielded” group we decided rather than try to re-invent the wheel by seeking to set up a new support group it would be more appropriate to seek the help of those who had for several years been offering support to our residents in the form of shopping deliveries, lunch clubs and social groups, and were well known and trusted by the community. Following these discussions and due to already having recruited several new volunteers such as teachers who already held a PVG certificate Shopper-Aide were more than happy to increase their services across the area. With the help of funding from our community benefit funds of both The West Kintyre Windfarm Trust and the Fern (Cour) Community Benefit fund we were able to fund the adaptations needed for Shopper-Aide vehicles to carry the increased shopping loads, plus fuel costs. Due to their current computer system not having video or microphone facilities we also funded a new computer system plus laptops for staff to work remotely if required. As well as increased shopping they arranged to hold monthly virtual tea parties with cakes and goodies supplied by local shops being delivered to residents with those able to join in via computer encouraged to do so. Monthly quizzes were developed plus a telephone buddy system to help offset social isolation. All these actions were well received resulting in people feeling less anxious and isolated about the difficult situation they found themselves dealing with. We supported the Campbeltown Food Bank by the purchasing of new freezers for their increased demand and Friends of Tarbert with fuel costs for volunteers delivering shopping in the area.

Our three village shops commenced deliveries for those who requested such a service plus each village had groups of neighbours making contact with those who were living on their own to ensure they were OK and not in need of help.

One of the casualties of “lockdown” was due to lack of space and the need for social distancing in the shop the loss of the outreach post office service three mornings a week at Clachan shop. This service is relied on by a few residents who do not have on-line banking facilities and still receive their benefits via cash from the post office. The mobile post office could not be utilised due to lack of mobile signal in the centre of most of our villages. However, we were able to organise alternatives for these residents

Another group of residents rallied round and produced scrubs for the NHS plus others made face coverings which were distributed free of charge to anyone who wished to have one.

The whole community must be congratulated on the great community and caring for others spirit that has developed during these difficult times.

We have also recommended Shopper-Aide be awarded the Queens Award to Volunteers.

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Argyll & Bute Community Planning Partnership

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group

Date: 10 November 2020



COVID-19 partner response – Caring for People COVID-19 community response

Argyll and Bute communities have risen to the challenges of the past six months and produced an inspiring community response to COVID-19. This update reports on the community response work of the Caring for People Tactical Partnership and local Caring for People Teams. In March 2020 those most at risk from COVID-19 in the community were asked to stay at home and subsequently lockdown measures were introduced. This meant that a community response which made sure people still had access to food, medicine and other supplies become vital. Local communities across Argyll and Bute had already started to mobilise and form local resilience groups. The Caring for People partnership, comprising of Argyll and Bute HSCP Public Health, Argyll and Bute Council and the Third Sector Interface, was set up to provide guidance, community support, and ensure that no area was uncovered and no one was left behind.

- Caring for People helpline set up for people who were self isolating/vulnerable and whose usual support network was no longer available. This was to ensure that everyone had access to food, essential supplies and support.
- The local Caring for People teams worked with local organisations and volunteers to arrange for food delivery, other essential shopping supplies and medication delivery.
- As well as basic needs of food and medication, the Caring for People group understood the impact this emergency was having on mental health and wellbeing. The Helpline could therefore put people who feel lonely in touch with others to provide a friendly ear and if people are experiencing mental health problems they could also be directed to a range of services where they can get help.
- The local teams linked in with the Community Food Project, which distributed food parcels to those shielding and in vulnerable groups across Argyll and Bute. The Community Food Project was a large-scale operation which worked across Argyll and Bute to ensure that people could access food. This was made possible through significant partnership working.
- Those who were shielding were regularly supported through calls from shielding team, who provided support with food, medication, physical activity and emotional support, among others.
- Leaflets on where to go for help, money worries, and general wellbeing were distributed to all households in Argyll and Bute via Royal Mail and partners such as the Scottish Fire & Rescue Services helped to move leaflets across Argyll and Bute so that they could be sent out with food parcels.
- Other resources were also developed, such as guidance on how to volunteer safely and a website with information about businesses and groups who were helping locally.

Staff were redeployed from NHS and Argyll and Bute Council to help deliver the service, which also included local volunteers. The greatest asset was the people involved across the whole Caring for People response including staffing, volunteers and those in the community response.

- The Caring for People helpline supported over 3400 people and took over 5500 calls, with over 500 calls a week during the busiest period.
- Over 3000 people in Argyll and Bute were registered as shielding and statistics published by COSLA recognise the exceptional effort within Argyll and Bute to get in contact with those shielding and check their needs. This was undertaken by the Argyll and Bute Council Customer Contact Centre, and a number of teams including Caring for People then worked together to ensure needs have been fulfilled.
- Through the Community Food Team (part of Caring for People) 44,811 fresh and ambient food parcels delivered to vulnerable, shielding and free school meal households.
- Over 990 people in Argyll and Bute registered to volunteer as part of the Caring for People community response.

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Argyll & Bute Community Planning Partnership

**Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area
Community Planning Group**



Date: 10 November 2020

Partner update – Public Health

The Argyll and Bute Public Health team is pleased to report on the wide range of work carried out by the team in 2019/2020. The recently published annual report covers progress made up to the end of March 2020, and can be accessed on the Healthy Argyll and Bute website here: <http://healthyargyllandbute.co.uk/public-health-team-annual-report-2019-2020/>.

Some of the highlights of the previous year include:

- The launch of the Living Well Strategy (2019-2024) and associated implementation plan, which incorporates work relating to physical activity, self management, type 2 diabetes, link working, emotional wellbeing, suicide prevention, workforce development, and tobacco. In addition, the launch of Living Well Self Management Grants, with £70,000 allocated to 7 projects.
- A review of the existing Health and Wellbeing Network structure for effectiveness and public awareness. These have now been rebranded as Living Well Networks and continue to operate to build health and wellbeing capacity within the community. Last year, the networks allocated grants under the priorities of self management and increasing physical activity.
- Progress on Trauma Informed Practice through Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) events and commissioning of Cool2Talk.
- Development of new model for Smoking Cessation 'Quit Your Way' service.
- Delivery of Primary 7 and S3 Health Dramas, with 16 shows delivered.
- Capacity building and up-skilling of the workforce and partners through Days and training, such as the launch of NHS Education for Scotland MAP of Health Behaviour Change training.
- Commissioning sexual health services and delivering sexual health CPD/training events.
- Contributing to Argyll & Bute's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), Adults 2019
- Engagement with communities and stakeholders, and facilitation of 7 Community Conversation Cafes to support Locality Planning Groups.
- Reduction of alcohol and drug related harm is specifically dealt with by the Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP), and the wealth of work undertaken by the ADP team is also included within the report.

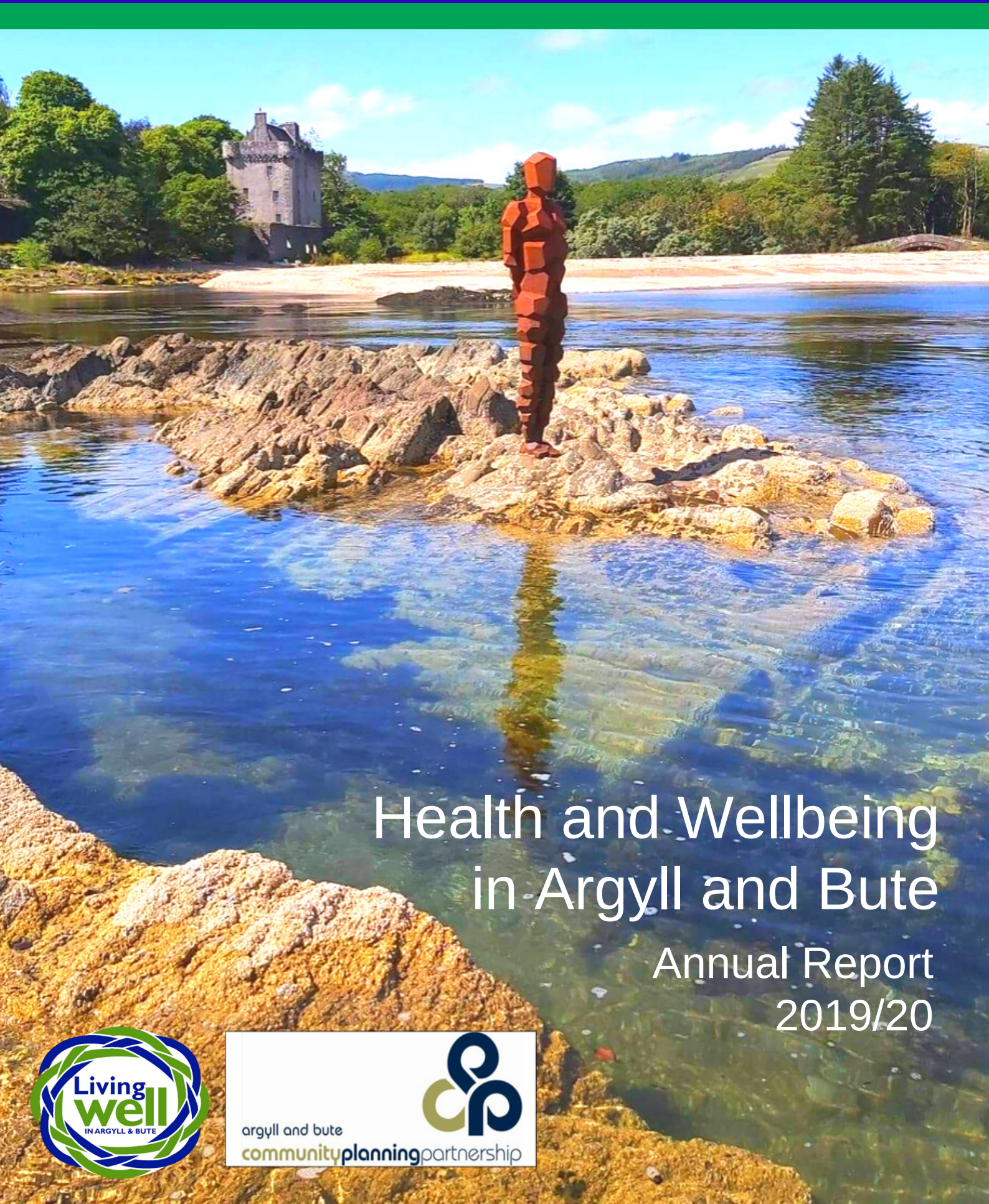
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Health and Wellbeing in Argyll and Bute Annual Report 2019/20



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Introduction

I am delighted to provide an overview of the work undertaken by Argyll and Bute's Public Health team 2019/20. I was appointed to my new role of Associate Director of Public Health well into last year, and have been enjoying getting to know the new people and new environment. I am from a medical background, and having worked in Public Health for over 30 years, I am aware of the challenges we are facing and the opportunities we are trying to deliver.

Our team is nested within the Department of Public Health in NHS Highland as well as within the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership. This position provides us a unique opportunity, as we benefit from the professional expertise of the larger Public Health team, and at the same time we actively contribute to effectively achieving the service delivery outcomes of the Partnership. Hence, it is a great privilege to work in Public Health in Argyll and Bute.

Amongst the many deliverables achieved by the Argyll and Bute Public Health team, high profile achievements include the launch of the **Living Well Strategy (2019-2024)** and **Argyll & Bute's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), Adults 2019**. The former started operating in earnest, but has been hindered somewhat due to the response to the Covid-19 pandemic at the beginning of 2020/21.

Progress on **Mental Health** issues (Trauma Informed Practice and Cool2Talk) and **Smoking Cessation** is well documented. Our work is underpinned by robust **Engagement** with communities and stakeholders, through different types of social and training events.

Reduction of alcohol and drug related harm is specifically dealt with by the **Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP)**, and our Public Health Department has the privilege and responsibility of managing the ADP.

These are just a few of the highlights of the team's work in 2019/20, with work progressing throughout this year. I encourage you to read the whole report, to capture a sense of the wide scope of work covered by the team and progress made throughout the year. There are plenty of contacts throughout for you to get in touch should you have any queries or feedback.

With warm regards,

Dr Nicola Schinaia

Associate Director of Public Health
Argyll and Bute HSCP, NHS Highland



Argyll and Bute - The Challenges

Remote and rural populations, including 23 inhabited islands
(69% of Argyll and Bute's population live in 'very remote areas')

1 in 4 of Argyll and Bute's population are of pensionable age
(joint highest of all Scottish Local Authorities)

Fuel poverty rates are high
(45% of households are fuel poor;
15% in extreme fuel poverty)

1 in 5 of those aged 18+ live alone

Vulnerability due to part-time, seasonal employment industries
(e.g. 13% employed in accommodation and food service industry;
40% of all jobs are part-time)

1 in 6 adults report providing unpaid care

Lower life expectancy for males (77.9yrs) than for females (81.8yrs)

High prevalence of unhealthy behaviours
(>20% drink hazardous/harmful levels of alcohol, STDs increasing,
1 in 3 not physically active enough, 20% smoking, etc.)

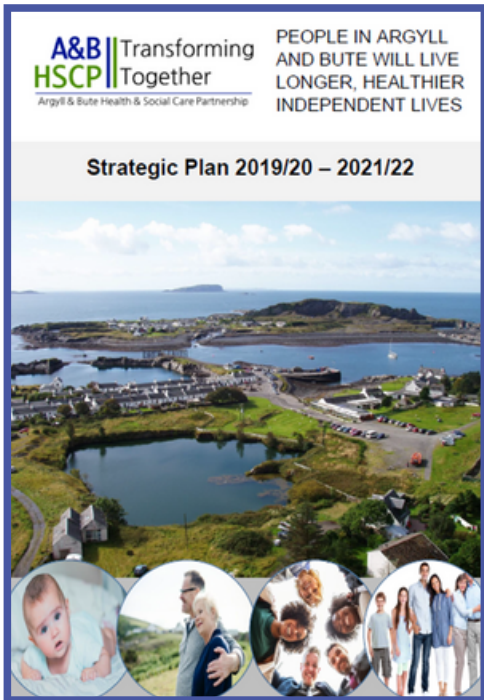
Inequalities in health and wellbeing between those in most deprived areas, compared to least deprived areas

High prevalence of long term conditions (LTCs)
(1 in 3 adults have a limiting LTC)

Increasing demands on health and social care as population ages
(83% of adult social care clients are >65yrs old.
An 11% increase of 75-84yr olds & 7% increase in those aged 85yrs and over is predicted in Argyll and Bute between 2019-2022).

Argyll and Bute - The Context

To get deeper detail on the challenges faced by Argyll & Bute, and the characteristics of Argyll and Bute's population and economy which impact on the provision of health and social care services, see the two documents below:



'Strategic Plan 2019/20 - 2021/22'

<https://bit.ly/3jf7tbM>

Appendices: <https://bit.ly/30d2jFZ>

'Argyll & Bute's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), Adults 2019 - Summary'

To be published in Autumn 2020 at:
<http://healthyargyllandbute.co.uk/local-information/local-area-data/>

ARGYLL & BUTE HSCP
JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT
ADULTS 2019 - SUMMARY

The Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Scotland) Act 2014 requires Health and Social Care Partnerships to assess the needs of their populations and service users. Scottish Government Strategic Commissioning guidance states that HSCPs should produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

Argyll and Bute (A&B) JSNA aims to identify the health and social care needs of the population of Argyll and Bute. It takes a systematic approach including consideration of the wider determinants of health and wellbeing.

Dahlgren and Whitehead (1993) model of the determinants of health (and Wellbeing)

The approach taken was that outlined by NHS National Services Scotland Information Services Division:
 Part A: Current and future levels of need
 Part B: Current supply of services
 Part C: Gaps between need and provision of services

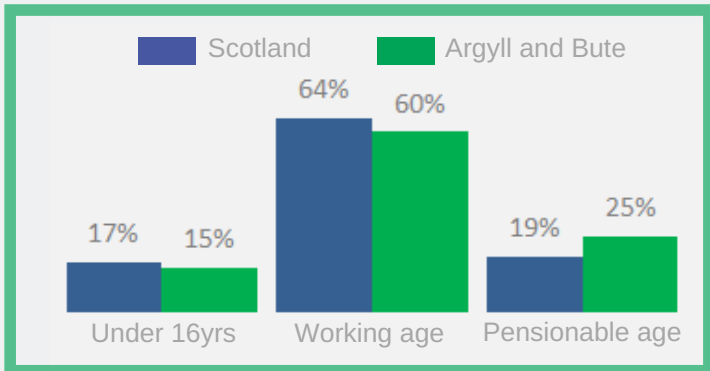
Demographics



2019 Population

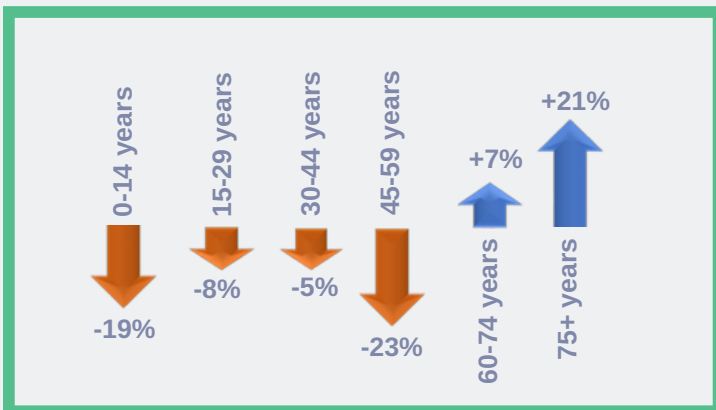
85,870

(4% less than projected in 2009)



Source: 2019 mid-year population estimates, National Records of Scotland (NRS). Pensionable age at 30 June 2019 was approximately 65 years and 146 days.

Population Projections, 2019-2029



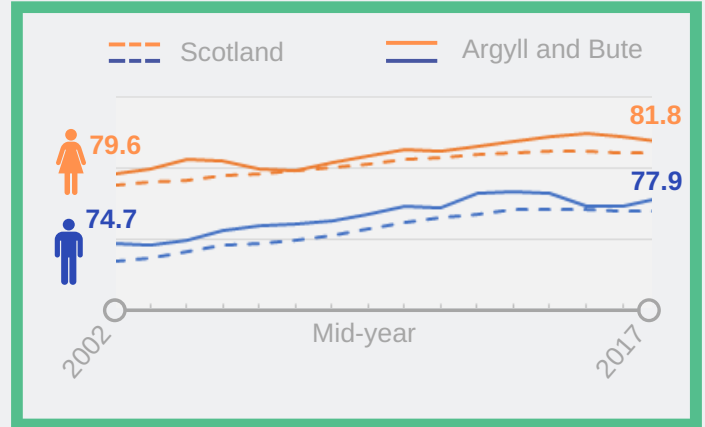
Over the next 10 years, the population is projected to decrease by 6% overall, with increases projected in the older age groups.

The decrease in the overall population contrasting with the increase in numbers of the eldest in society, represents a challenge to Argyll and Bute's developing model of care.

In addition, people report that they wish to remain in their own homes if possible.

Source: National Records of Scotland (NRS), 2018-based population projections.

Life Expectancy



Source: Scottish Public Health Observatory (3-year mid-point) life expectancy calculated from deaths over 3 years.

Life expectancy remains higher for Argyll and Bute than for Scotland as a whole, and higher for females than males. Whilst life expectancy shows signs of stalling for Scotland, the gap between male and female life expectancy has reduced slightly in Argyll and Bute in recent years.

Health Conditions

By years of life lost due to early death, the highest burden of disease is due to:

- Ischaemic heart disease
- Tracheal, bronchus, and lung cancer
- Other cancers
- Cerebrovascular disease
- Alzheimer's disease and other dementias

By years spent with disability, the highest burden of disease is due to:

- Low back and neck pain
- Depression
- Sensory conditions
- Migraine
- Anxiety Disorders

Source: ScotPHO Burden of Disease local, 2016.



Living Well Strategy

Aim: Page 30
A strategy focusing on enablement, prevention and self-management to support the population in living a healthier life in Argyll and Bute.



Highlights

- * **Living Well Strategy (2019-2024) launched** 25th September 2019 at IJB following consultation with public, third sector and staff. **Read the Strategy at:** healthyargyllandbute.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Living-Well-Strategy-2019.pdf
- * A one day multi-partner event held to explore a coaching model to support staff to work differently
- * 4 self management reflective practice sessions were held across Argyll & Bute, delivered by The Alliance.
- * Clear leadership identified and a steering group set up to drive forward the actions within the 5 year implementation plan.

Living Well Self Management Grants launched Jun19

£70K allocated to:

- Carefree coordination and planning app
- Link worker role Islay
- Outreach worker Jura
- Advocacy and exercise referrals to support self management
- Aqua cycling and all ability cycling
- Pilot online physio, via MS Centre
- Physical activity for people with type 2 diabetes with outcomes measured

Health and Wellbeing Network Review

Aim:
To review existing Health and Wellbeing Network structure for effectiveness and public awareness.



Highlights

- * HWNs recognised as **an important asset**, with effective networking and partnership working opportunities, providing a gateway to creating strong links with the Third Sector and public.
- * The **360 degree review** aimed to identify the advantages and limitations of this model and proposes 7 recommendations for the way forward. Read the **Summary Report published at:** healthyargyllandbute.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/HWN-Review-Summary-Report-February-2020.pdf
- * Decision taken to **rebrand** the 'Health & Wellbeing Networks' to the **'Living Well Network'** to tie in with the Living Well Strategy, which will be embedded into the remit of the Network.

Rebranding as of Feb. 2020

From:



To:



Argyll and Bute

Living Well Network, 2019/20

(LWN)



Argyll and Bute

£50,000

Health and Wellbeing
Grant Allocation

2019/20

Administered by LWNs,
managed by
Public Health Team

8

LWNs supporting
community capacity
building in health and
wellbeing across
Argyll & Bute

70

Projects
Funded

Average award
£714

Themes:

(as per [Joint Health Improvement Plan 2017-22](#))

Self Management

Increased Physical Activity

Theme 1

Getting the best
start in life

- enabling children
to develop into
healthy adults

Theme 2

Working to
ensure fairness

- addressing
health
inequalities

Theme 3

Enabling access
to community
support for
social issues

Theme 4

Focusing on
wellness not
illness - building
community capacity
for healthy living

Funding awarded for:



2019/20



Bute



Dee James

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Funding awarded for...

Outdoor learning for early years

Community wheelchairs

Dance

Swimming and walking activities for carers

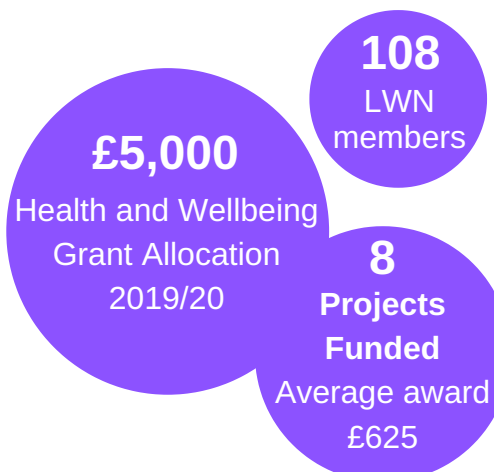
Physical activity for young people with ADHD, Autism or Aspergers

Sports week for Cubs/Scouts

Highlights 2019/20

1. Being involved with Scottish Gov't's consultation on Mental Health Services - key stakeholders gave their experiences of the service.
2. Health and wellbeing information and development day (Sept.'19) - 25 local organisations participated.
3. Acumen planning to do Talking Mental Health workshop and awareness raising session with volunteers to help CMHT clients feel able to use the Lade Centre.

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Cowal



Sharon Erskine

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Funding awarded for...

Recovery and wellness groups

Activity for the elderly

Outdoor activity

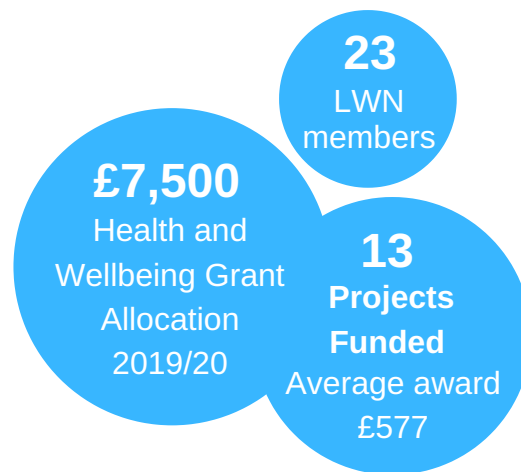
Activity for carers

Health & wellbeing for early years

Highlights 2019/20

1. Adverse Childhood Experience conference - created an opportunity for conversation between groups and staff, breaking down silos.
2. A positive change in attitude towards outdoor activity and local community changes encouraging residents to access our outdoor spaces.
3. Increased opportunities and activities to reduce social isolation as well as physical wellbeing.

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Kirsty McLuckie

Oban and Lorn

Oban & Lorn HWN Co-ordinator
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Funding awarded for...

- Early years toys
- Healthy cookery
- Walking & healthy cafe activities for disabled young people
- Women's Aid
- Men's mental health
- Various sports club kit and equipment

Highlights 2019/20

A 'Let's talk about death day' organised in the main by network member Alison Craig from Marie Curie was held in November.

About 12 organisations took part (Carers Centre, Funeral Directors, Salvation Army, Benefits Agency, etc.).

The event opened good conversations about death - a topic many shy away from.

96

LWN members

£8,500

Health and Wellbeing Grant Allocation 2019/20

11

Projects Funded

Average award £772

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Carol Flett

Mull, Iona, Coll, Colonsay and Tiree

Mull, Iona, Coll, Colonsay & Tiree LWN Co-ordinator
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Funding awarded for...

- Exercise for adults at risk of diabetes
- Community gym
- Outdoor exercise equipment
- Play park
- Fitness instructor training
- Safety equipment for coastal rowing

Highlights 2019/20

1. Isle of Tiree - Health and Wellbeing Event, May '19, incl. 9 mainland visitor organisations. (2 workshops, 2 drop-in sessions & an evening fund raising event).

2. Isle of Colonsay - Falls prevention and exercise session for adults and children, and drop-in session for public. Supported by A&B Council, North Argyll Carers Centre & Community Contacts from mainland.

140

LWN members

£4,000

Health and Wellbeing Grant Allocation 2019/20

7

Projects Funded

Average award £571

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Helensburgh and Lomond



Audrey Baird

Helensburgh and Lomond LWN Co-ordinator
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Funding awarded for...

- Arts & crafts
 - H&L Youth Forum
- Horseriding for the disabled
- Mindfulness
 - Foodbank & meals for the vulnerable
- Play park
 - Walking groups
- School projects

Highlights 2019/20

1. The big highlight of the year was the huge partnership project to organise a Living Well Fest 2020 in Helensburgh, in January, that attracted 350 people to participate and nearly 50 stalls and activities. More than 100 feedback forms were completed on the day with 95% ranking the event excellent or very good.
2. The Living Well Network membership has continued to grow over the year, with approx. 20 people attending the quarterly Network meetings, with guest speakers at each.

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£10,500

Health and Wellbeing Grant Allocation 2019/20

190

LWN members

10

Projects Funded

Average award £1050



Islay and Jura



Sandra Macintyre

Islay & Jura LWN Co-ordinator
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Funding awarded for...

- Archery
 - Children's summer activities
- Falls prevention
 - Community Sports Hub
- Youth counselling
 - Healthy eating

Highlights 2019/20

1. Compassionate Communities Islay Link Club conference.
2. Alcohol Behaviour Intervention Course and stalls (Viking Day Tarbert) by Drink Wise Age Well.
3. Mutual Aid Partnership Group Islay for substance issues.

Note: Addaction rebranded to 'We Are With You' Argyll & Bute Project, 26th Feb 2020.

£4,000

Health and Wellbeing Grant Allocation 2019/20

45

LWN members

5

Projects Funded

Average award £800

Health Improvement contact (as of August 2020): Rory Munro, rory.munro@nhs.scot



Kintyre



Tracy Chambers

Kintyre LWN Co-ordinator
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Funding awarded for...

- Advocacy
- Keep fit activities
- Reiki
- Sea sports
- Primary school activities
- Early years activities

Highlights 2019/20

1. With Police Scotland, facilitating a 'See Me Walk a Mile' event with 120 participants highlighting the need to speak openly about mental health.
2. Hosting 4 Network meetings over the year generating some excellent discussions through interesting speakers and topics.

£5,000
Health and Wellbeing Grant Allocation 2019/20

115
LWN members

6
Projects Funded
Average award £833

Health Improvement contact: Jenny Dryden, jennifer.dryden@nhs.scot



Mid Argyll



Antonia Baird

Mid Argyll LWN Co-ordinator
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Funding awarded for...

- Swimming for girls
- Outdoor play equipment for early years
- Mental health & wellbeing support
- Bowling for all ages
- Woodland activities
- Nutritional health training
- Tai Chi for carers

Highlights 2019/20

1. Furnace Bowling Club - keeps a regular membership of 22+ active throughout the year. Social and physical exercise, regularly meeting with 80+ members of other competing teams.
2. Girls On The Move - free swimming for girls 8-18yrs. More than 50 girls attend per week. Providing regular exercise and social aspect, but also promoting improved confidence and positive body image.
3. 3 blocks of Tai Chi for carers.

£5,500
Health and Wellbeing Grant Allocation 2019/20

150
LWN members

10
Projects Funded
Average award £550

Health Improvement contact: Laura Stephenson, laura.stephenson2@nhs.scot

Trauma Informed Practice

Aim:

Page 36

To raise awareness among all staff of the wide impact of trauma to better support and assist healing, and increase partner knowledge of how to mitigate the negative effects of trauma.



Highlights

- * **Building Resilient Communities** conference, delivered by Public Health, with aim of providing partners with valuable information and resources to support action to mitigate the negative effects of **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)**.
- * The event provided partners an opportunity to learn more about the negative effects of trauma and **how we can work together to tackle these in Argyll and Bute**.
- * **Presentations given by partners**, including NHS Highland, Social Security Scotland and Parklands School in Helensburgh.

Events



Building Resilient Communities Conference
Feb 2020



ACEs event
supported on Islay

Cool2Talk

Aim:

To improve young people's access to local and national services, health information and encourage young people to openly discuss issues around their health and well being.



Highlights

- * Cool2talk is an **online support service for young people aged 12-26** where they can post a question to the website and receive a bespoke answer to their question within 24 hours, **365 days a year**.
- * The service **has now been delivered successfully for three years, with a new delivery model to be introduced at the end of March 2020**, when a Third Sector partner (MAYDS) will take on delivery of the service for the next three years.
- * **Funding was sought and secured for the next 3 years**, from a number of partner organisations ensuring the Cool2Talk service continues to empower young people in making informed decisions about their health and wellbeing. Thanks to: The Alcohol and Drugs Partnership, Public Health, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, HSCP Children and Families, and Argyll and Bute Education Service.



101 questions answered
by Cool2Talk support workers



Who received support?

24% male; 59% female; 7% other, and 10% no info on gender

Smoking Cessation

Aim:

To reduce the prevalence of smoking in Argyll and Bute through implementation of NHS Highland's Tobacco Strategy, to support the Scottish Government aim of Scotland being smoke free by 2034.

QUIT YOUR WAY
with our support

Highlights

- * 'Quit Your Way' services providing free, specialist support to help those living and working in Argyll and Bute be smoke free.
- * Argyll and Bute's **new model** of delivering the 'Quit Your Way' services launched in January 2020.
- * **Close relationships built with Pharmacies**, encouraging partnership working to provide a seamless service to those who want to stop smoking, this means they can get their free prescriptions from their local pharmacy and specialist support from their Smoke Free Advisor.
- * Those who work in health and wellbeing related roles can access the 30 minute '**Very Brief Advice on Smoking**' training online to help trigger a quit attempt: elearning.healthscotland.com/course/view.php?id=531#section-27

QUIT

46 successfully quit smoking in Argyll and Bute with QYW



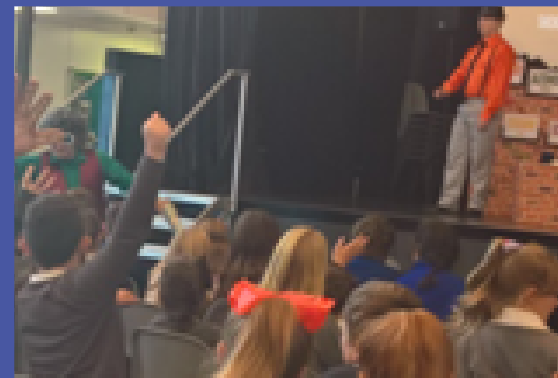
4 of Health Improvement's Smoke Free Team completed new national **Stop Smoking Specialist training**

Primary 7 Health Drama

'Smoke Free'

Aim:

To educate young people on the impact of tobacco and smoking. To equip them to remain smoke free, and grow to be a tobacco free generation by 2034.



Highlights

- * 'Smoke Free' is a **bespoke educational programme**, consisting of five lesson plans delivered to Primary 7s, with leaflets and letters for families and finishes with an interactive drama production.
- * Smoke Free is a significant part of health education with **all primary schools in Argyll and Bute engaged**.
- * In partnership with Education, an **evaluation to review the programme** took place after the 2019 programme was delivered. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with new ideas proposed and areas of further learning the pupils would like to pursue captured.
- * Pupils and teachers explained the 'Smoke Free' programme had **applications beyond smoking**, as the children reported learning about peer pressure, how to manage it and felt it increased their confidence.

P7 Health Drama



9 shows



979 pupils attended the P7 Drama

S3 Health Drama


'You are not alone'

Aim: Page 38

To improve young people's knowledge of services through drama and encourage them to access support.



Highlights

 The S3 Health Drama Programme '**You are not alone**' is part of NHS Highland's Tobacco Strategy Action Plan. Working in partnership with Education, the programme aims to improve young people's knowledge of services and encourage them to access support in all health issues affecting young people.

 Very positive feedback from pupils and staff.

 **90%** ..found the Drama informative.

 **86%** ..said they were now more aware of services.

 **57%** ..said of all the services, they would use Cool2Talk if they needed services.

S3 Health Drama



7 schools



597 pupils completed the evaluation.

Sexual Health

Aim:


To improve sexual health knowledge and minimise risk of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), including HIV, in Argyll and Bute.





Highlights

 2 Pride events supported in Bute and Oban.

 Clients supported with HIV and LGBT issues, through Waverley Care Service Level Agreement (SLA).

 Continued promotion and roll out of CCard aimed at improving access to free condoms for young people. CCard now under new contract with Waverley Care as of March 2020.

 Successful delivery of multi-agency training. Communication and supply of free condoms to all GP surgeries in Argyll and Bute.

 Sexual health clinic running well in Helensburgh and Lomond

Events



Delivery of multi agency LGBTQ+ awareness event aimed at A&B S1-S3 school children.

Health Behaviour Change

Aim: Page 39
To share effective, evidence-based tools and techniques to support people in making changes in their life to Live Well.



Highlights

- * The new **NES MAP of Behaviour Change training** programme implemented following last years review of Health Behaviour Change training.
- * A Public Health 'Health & Wellbeing Development Day' in Sep19 re-introduced health behaviour change **tools and techniques** to staff and volunteers working across Argyll and Bute.
- * 'Developing a coaching network for Argyll and Bute' development day was held in Feb20, to seek views on developing a coaching network within Argyll and Bute, to deliver person-centred care supporting people that they work with to Live Well.



3 MAP Trainers trained

MAP of Behaviour Change Training
5 courses Oct19-Mar20
46 people trained

Watch The MAP of Health Behaviour Change animation:
<https://vimeo.com/354888116>

HeartStart in Argyll & Bute

Aim:
To monitor the Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Greater Glasgow and Clyde (GG&C) to continue to deliver HeartStart in Argyll and Bute.



Highlights

- * HeartStart has been **delivering CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and AED (automated external defibrillator) training to community groups, volunteers and schools in Argyll and Bute** (since 2008).
- * **All areas of Argyll and Bute** have had training delivered in 2019/20 by Heartstart's volunteer instructors to either community groups, secondary schools or primary 7 pupils and teachers.
- * Two examples of events held: a drop-in session in Campbeltown Town Hall where 86 people attended, and just before the COVID-19 suspension 196 pupils at Campbeltown Grammar were trained in one day.
- * **15 new volunteer instructors** trained, increasing geographical coverage, with all **82 instructors revalidated**.

HeartStart's reach in Argyll & Bute



- 2,469 people trained
- 13 community groups
- 9 secondary schools
- 33 primary schools
- 82 instructors

Screening Engagement

Aim: Page 40
To support informed participation in four of the NHS health screening programmes – breast, bowel, cervical and abdominal aortic aneurysm screening.



Providing awareness sessions to professionals, front line staff and volunteers, designed to increase screening knowledge and confidence to enable them to cascade this information to service users, helping them encourage and support increased participation in screening.

Highlights

- * **Partnership working with diverse organisations** such as learning disability nurses and Minority Ethnic Carers of People Project (MECOP)
- * **Bespoke sessions** targeted at the needs of relevant organisations, e.g.:
 - to Argyll and Bute's NHS mental health teams, third sector community mental health support services and substance misuse teams
 - to staff in centres for people with learning disabilities, including a resource list for information targeted at learning disability clients
- * A half day session given on **breast and cervical screening and cancer awareness** to women from the Gypsy/Traveller community

Screening Awareness Sessions

More than 80% of attendees had received between 30-100% new information.

Type 2 Diabetes Framework

Aim:
To tackle the growing prevalence of type 2 diabetes as per 'A Healthier Future – Framework for the Prevention, Early Detection and Early Intervention of type 2 diabetes'.






The Scottish Government published 'A Healthier Future – Framework for the Prevention, Early Detection and Early Intervention of type 2 diabetes' in July 2018. The framework provides guidance for delivery partners to tackle the growing prevalence of type 2 diabetes.

- * In preparation for delivery of the framework, a public health led a needs assessment in relation to the prevention, early detection and early intervention of type 2 diabetes in the NHS Highland area was commissioned.
- * The aim of the project was to identify the health needs and service provision for people at risk of, or diagnosed with, type 2 diabetes across NHS Highland. An underlying principle of the work was to assess the needs of people living in both the Argyll and Bute and Highland HSCP areas.
- * Recommendations from the Needs Assessment were used to form a **Type 2 Diabetes Prevention Group Action Plan**. Pathways for structured education and weight management are now in place for those with pre-diabetes, with type 2 diabetes and type 2 diabetes remission, and work is ongoing to review digital education.



Communications and Engagement

The Public Health team consolidated statutory engagement responsibilities developed in 2018-19 by leading and co-ordinating the HSCP's annual engagement plan for 2019-20.

A summary of work in this area is outlined below:

-  Provided professional advice and support to a number of services to delivery their engagement activities, for example the dementia service review.
-  Conducted a formal evaluation on routine feedback from people who use the HSCP's health and social care services. This concluded with a report with tangible recommendations to improve service feedback that will be implemented at the end of the Covid-19 activity.
-  Provided professional advice to the HSCP on the statutory responsibilities for equality and diversity impact assessment and implemented a new assessment process in-line with Argyll and Bute Council's process and accommodating the new responsibilities for Fairer Scotland (socio-economic inequality) and the islands legislation.

Conversation Cafes

-  Community **Conversation Cafes** were developed last year as one of the new community engagement approaches used across Argyll & Bute, bring together people with an interest in services and topics, to talk about services /new developments, and give people the opportunity to ask questions or give their views.
-  During 2019/20, the Public Health team facilitated **7 conversation cafes** across Argyll and Bute on **6 different topics**, attended by a total of 183 people. Unfortunately, 3 had to be cancelled - it's hoped that these can be held later in the year, (depending upon COVID-19 developments).

Conversation Cafes









7 Conversation Cafes
attended by
183 people in total

Argyll & Bute Alcohol & Drug Partnership (ADP)



AIM: To improve health in Argyll and Bute by preventing and reducing alcohol and drug use, harm and related deaths.

-  Community hubs setup throughout Argyll and Bute to offer Job Seekers, financial support, housing and/or general advice, etc to people in the area who are in recovery.
-  A families support group has been setup in Helensburgh - more to follow across Argyll and Bute.
-  Take home Naloxone and Naloxone training for those at risk of overdose, their families and carers, is being provided to more people across Argyll and Bute. Argyll and Bute now have Intranasal Naloxone which will make this life saving medication easier to administer.
-  The Needle Exchange Service continues to provide injecting equipment to reduce the harm of drug use.
-  The ADP funds local services providing support in secondary schools, intervening at an early stage to provide support aimed at reducing the use of drugs or alcohol at present or in the future.
-  Funded training for partners on a number of substance use topics (see training available by topic at <https://www.sdftraining.org.uk/training>).

HEAT targets

HEAT Target: *'90% of clients will wait no more than 3 weeks from referral received to appropriate drug or alcohol treatment that supports their recovery.'*

In 2019-20, Argyll and Bute achieved:

91.4%

HEAT Target: *'NHS Boards to sustain and embed alcohol brief interventions (ABIs) in 3 priority settings (Primary Care, A&E and ante-natal) and broaden delivery in wider settings.'*





In 2019-20, NHS Highland delivered:

5,101 ABIs

- NHS Highland target for 2019-20 = **3,088**




Other work of the Public Health team

Self Management

-  The Healthy Living Partnership is made up of third sector organisations with representation from the public health team. The membership consists of Versus Arthritis, LOHO, LIVE Argyll, North Argyll Carers, TSI, MS centre, and the HSCP.
-  The partnership works together to deliver self management courses, walking groups, Tai Chi sessions and pain workshops across Argyll and Bute.
-  Last year 2019-2020 they were fortunate to receive a grant from the Alliance to support development of a new model of delivery.
-  Just before the pandemic the partnership was starting to further explore its role and how to further develop as a partnership including its links and role in delivery of the Living Well strategy.



Link Working (Social Prescribing and Signposting)

The Public Health team is leading the development of Argyll and Bute's link worker offer as part of the Scotland wide modernisation of primary care services. During 2019-20 the following was achieved:

-  Recruitment of a one year band 6 development worker in autumn 2019 to develop and commission link worker services. Appointment was delayed due to the Covid-19 emergency and the post holder will start in August 2020 (Sarah Urquhart).
-  Investment in a pilot project in Kintyre with the Third Sector Interface to scope community based approaches to link working in rural communities.
-  Embedded principles of community engagement in the wider primary care modernisation programme in-line with the HSCP's Engagement Framework.







Healthy Weight

The dietetics service leads our healthy weight activity in Argyll & Bute with additional funding from our preventative bundle budget.

-  Both adult and paediatric healthy weight prevention and intervention activity is supported with a tiered approach to weight management services including prevention and self management programmes, in addition to intervention programmes offered in both group and individual settings.
-  Developing digital resources is a focus for new development with the aim to improving accessibility, and maximising reach.

Community Planning

All four area Community Planning Groups have a Public Health representative on their group, as does the Community Planning Partnership management committee.

-  Alison McGrory is the lead for Outcome 5 in the Community Plan - 'People lead active, healthier and more independent lives'. The Community Plan can be found at <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/community-planning-partnership>.
-  A comprehensive review was carried out and as part of that review three priority areas were identified to give more focus to outcome 5:
 -  Branding and promotion of Argyll and Bute's natural assets (in order to increase physical activity levels);
 -  Valuing the environment and the benefits of the environment to people living in Argyll and Bute (in order to link to the CPP agenda to address climate change);
 -  Promote the self-management of long term health conditions.
-  Further details on the review can be found at <http://healthyargyllandbute.co.uk/review-of-the-partnership-approach-to-health-and-wellbeing-in-argyll-and-bute/>

Data Analysis for Strategic Priorities

Public Health data is routinely requested to support strategic priorities and planning, with an evidence based approach embedded throughout the Public Health team's work. A comprehensive needs assessment for adults was carried out in 2019/20, with another focusing on children and families planned in 2020/21.

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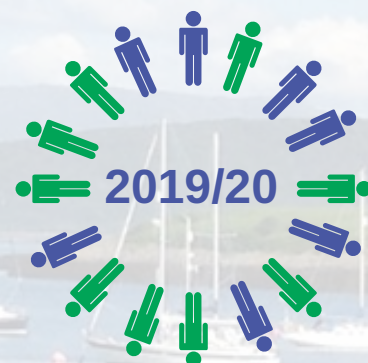
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Argyll and Bute Public Health

Workplan 2020/21

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Movement	Development of Link Working Model	Diabetes Framework	Health Profiling	COVID-19 Response & Recovery	Equalities and EQIA Support
Child Poverty	Increasing Uptake of National Screening Programmes	COVID-19 Inequalities	Support of 8 Living Well Networks (LWNs)	Living Well Strategy Implementation	Health Protection
Suicide Prevention	Tobacco Strategy / 'Smoke Free' Service	Workforce Development (Health Behaviour Change)	Community Engagement (Conversation Cafes, etc.)	Commission Self Management from Third Sector	Alcohol & Drug Partnership (ADP) Oversight & Support
Community Planning	Violence Against Women	Community Capacity Building	COVID-19 Economic Recovery & Employability	Emotional Wellbeing	Increasing Physical Activity
Monthly Virtual Education Sessions	Annual Report	Caring for People (CfP) Helpline Development & Evaluation	Support Implementation of British Sign Language (BSL) Action Plan	Living Well Grant Allocation & Monitoring	Sexual Health
Data Analysis	Income Maximisation	Effective Partnership Working	Alcohol & Drug Partnership (ADP) Data & Reporting	Healthy Argyll and Bute Website & Facebook Page	Supporting LPGs with Health Improvement
Alcohol & Drug Partnership (ADP) Capacity Building	Health and Wellbeing Development Days	COVID-19 Test & Protect Support	Health Awareness Campaigns	Equality Outcome Framework Measures	Mental Health Training

Note: Topics presented in no particular order.

Black ink indicates topics added to those already included in the Public Health workplan for 2019/20.



2019 Review of Electoral Arrangements

Argyll and Bute Council area

Initial Proposals Consultation

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Introduction

1. The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland is an independent, non-political body with responsibility for:
 - carrying out reviews of electoral wards for local authorities;
 - carrying out reviews of the boundaries of local authority areas; and
 - carrying out reviews of constituencies and regions for the Scottish Parliament.
2. We are tasked by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to undertake reviews of local government electoral arrangements in Scotland every 8 to 12 years. Argyll and Bute council area was last reviewed during the 5th Reviews of Electoral Arrangements which reported in 2016. Scottish Ministers did not accept the Commission's 5th Review recommendations for Argyll and Bute due to concerns about the impact of the recommendations on local ties and a preference at that time for maintenance of the status quo. A further review is now required under the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018. The Act recognises the importance of the Scottish Islands and the particular challenges they face. It offers additional flexibility to allow the Commission to recommend wards that elect 1 or 2 councillors, as well as 3 or 4 councillors, where such a ward contains an inhabited island.
3. The Scottish Elections (Reform) Act, which has recently completed its passage through the Scottish Parliament, allows us to recommend two and five member wards, in addition to three and four member wards, throughout Scotland. We considered the Act in developing our proposals while bearing in mind that the relevant sections of the legislation are not yet commenced.

This review

4. This review uses the same methodology for determining councillor numbers as was used in the 5th Reviews of Electoral Arrangements.
5. We decide the number of councillors for each council by placing it into a category with similar councils. Argyll and Bute council area is grouped with other more rural council areas with below average levels of deprivation according to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD), with a ratio of electors per councillor of 2,800.
6. We are aware that a large change of councillor numbers in a council area can be disruptive, therefore our methodology also incorporates a 10% change rule. This means that we will not normally propose increasing or decreasing the total number of councillors in a council area by more than 10% as an immediate consequence of the Islands Reviews.
7. For each electoral ward, we make recommendations about its boundary, its name and the number of councillors to represent the ward.
8. When reviewing electoral arrangements the legislation requires us to take account of the following factors:
 - the interests of effective and convenient local government;
 - within each council, that each councillor should represent the same number of electors as nearly as may be;
 - local ties which would be broken by making a particular boundary;
 - the desirability of fixing boundaries that are easily identifiable; and
 - special geographical considerations.

9. We developed our proposals using electorate data from 1 December 2018 but must also consider the likely change in the number of electors forecast within a 5 year period. We have prepared our forecasts using data supplied by councils as well as population forecasts from National Records of Scotland.

Consultation

10. The legislation states that we must first of all consult on our proposals with councils for at least two months. We agreed to a period of consultation and that period runs from 16 July until 30 September 2020. After consideration of responses received, we will conduct a public consultation on our proposals commencing in the autumn of 2020. After considering all the responses to our consultations, we will submit our final recommendations to Scottish Ministers.

11. All comments we receive in response to our consultations will be available to view on our website in due course.

Next steps

12. We intend to submit a report containing our recommendations for electoral arrangements for Argyll and Bute council area to Scottish Ministers by May 2021, in time for implementation for the next local government elections in May 2022.

Proposals for wards in Argyll and Bute council area

13. Our methodology for determining councillor numbers proposed 33 councillors for Argyll and Bute council area. However, in developing our proposals, a better ward design was achievable with 34 councillors and accordingly we present an electoral arrangement for 34 councillors representing four 2-member wards, six 3-member wards and two 4-member wards, reducing overall councillor numbers by two.

14. We have prepared maps which illustrate our proposals for wards in Argyll and Bute council area and these are attached.

15. Our proposals for the council area:

- take account of the Islands (Scotland) Act by using the flexibility offered by 2-member wards to better reflect local ties for island communities. The proposals present island-only wards for: Islay, Jura and Colonsay; Mull, Iona, Coll and Tiree; and retain the existing Isle of Bute ward with 2 councillors rather than 3 as at present;
- consider special geographic circumstances in relation to variation from electoral parity in the proposed island wards of: Mull, Iona, Coll and Tiree; and Islay, Jura and Colonsay due to these islands' remoteness and their limited transport links;
- make no changes to the boundaries of five of the existing wards (Cowal; Dunoon; Isle of Bute; Lomond North; and Mid Argyll);
- place Oban within a single ward to avoid breaking local community ties;
- minimise change to the existing ward boundaries in Helensburgh, while reducing councillor numbers there by one;
- take account of the Scottish Elections (Reform) Act, which allows the use of 2-member and 5-member wards across Scotland, to design a 2-member ward that considers local ties in Lorn; and
- have regard to Argyll and Bute Council's four administrative areas and the local ties and communities that they represent.

16. The table below details the electorates with actual and forecast variation from parity of the proposed wards.

Ward No.	Ward Name	Cllrs	Electorate (Dec 2018)	Variation from Electoral Parity (%)	Forecast Electorate (2024)	Forecast Variation from Electoral Parity (%)
1	Kintyre	4	7,404	-5.7	7,222	-6.8
2	Islay, Jura and Colonsay	2	2,847	-27.5	2,927	-24.4
3	Mid Argyll	3	5,985	1.7	5,927	2.0
4	Mull, Iona, Coll and Tiree	2	3,211	-18.2	3,438	-11.2
5	Oban	4	8,357	6.5	8,497	9.7
6	Lorn	2	4,190	6.8	4,164	7.5
7	Cowal	3	5,734	-2.6	5,596	-3.7
8	Dunoon	3	5,500	-6.6	5,304	-8.7
9	Isle of Bute	2	4,696	19.6	4,406	13.8
10	Lomond North	3	6,000	1.9	5,858	0.8
11	Helensburgh Central	3	6,424	9.1	6,075	4.6
12	Helensburgh and Lomond South	3	6,377	8.3	6,420	10.5
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Existing Wards



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Ward No.	Ward Name	Cllrs	Electorate (Dec 2018)	Current Variation from Parity (%)	Forecast Electorate	Forecast Variation from Parity (%)
1	South Kintyre	3	5,103	-8.2	4,919	-10.3
2	Kintyre and the Islands	3	5,148	-7.4	5,230	-4.7
3	Mid Argyll	3	5,985	7.6	5,927	8.0
4	Oban South and the Isles	4	7,896	6.5	7,825	7.0
5	Oban North and Lorn	4	7,862	6.0	8,274	13.1
6	Cowal	3	5,734	3.1	5,596	2.0
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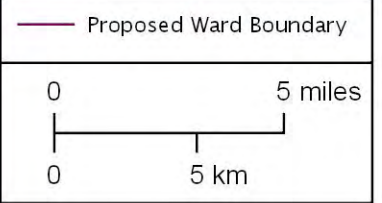
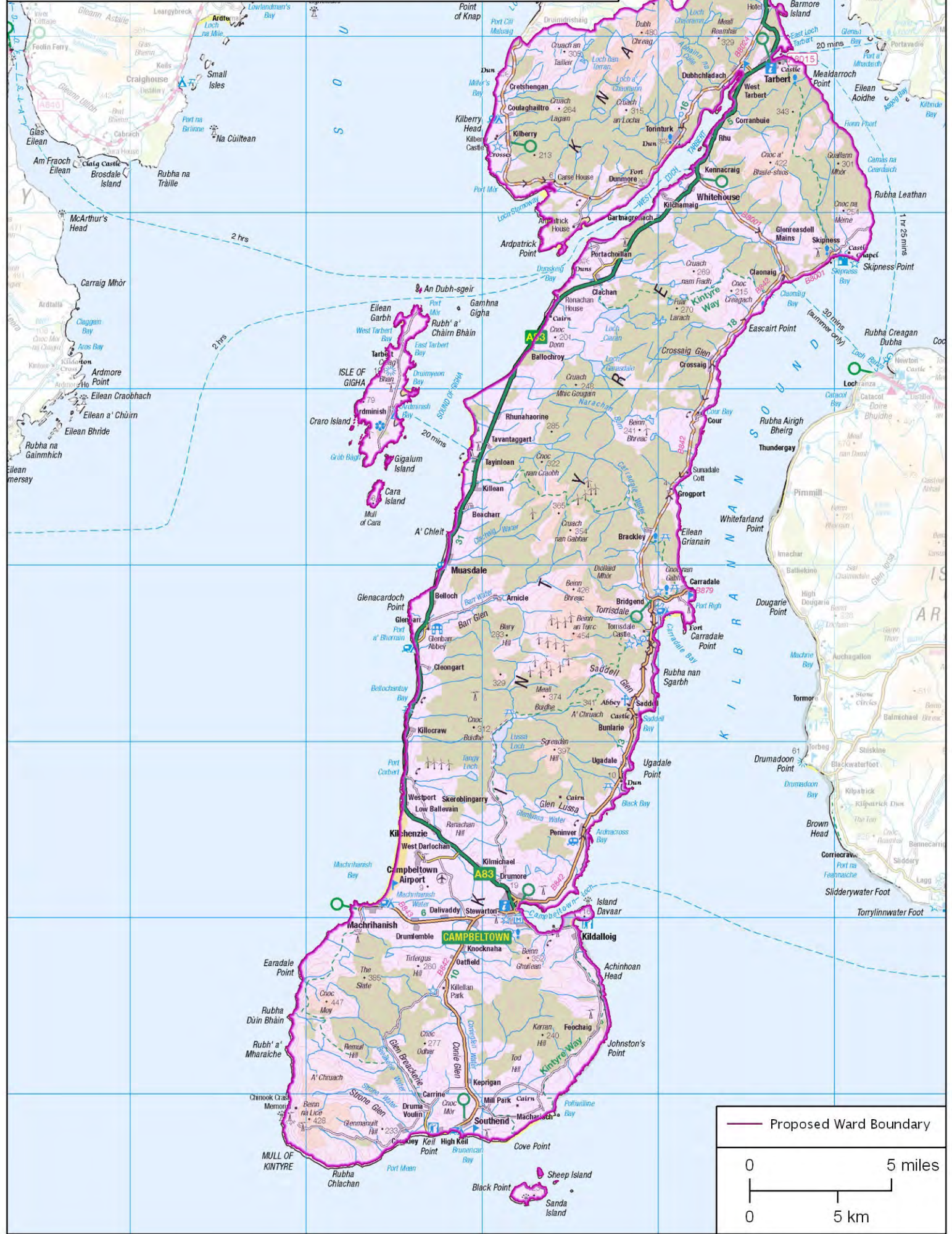
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Ward 1 (Kintyre) – 4 Member Ward



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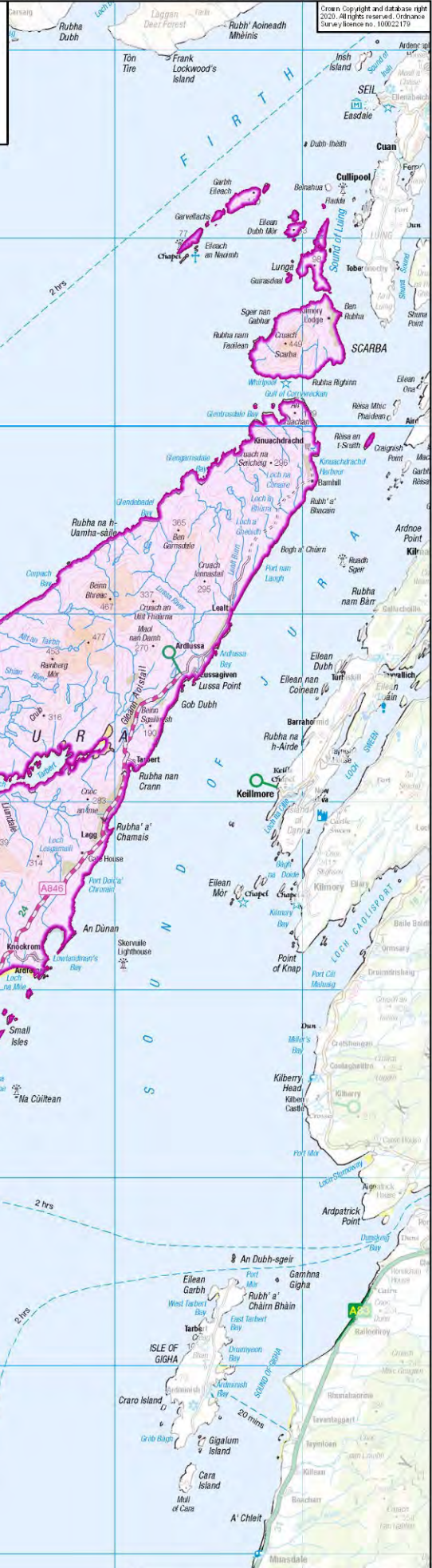
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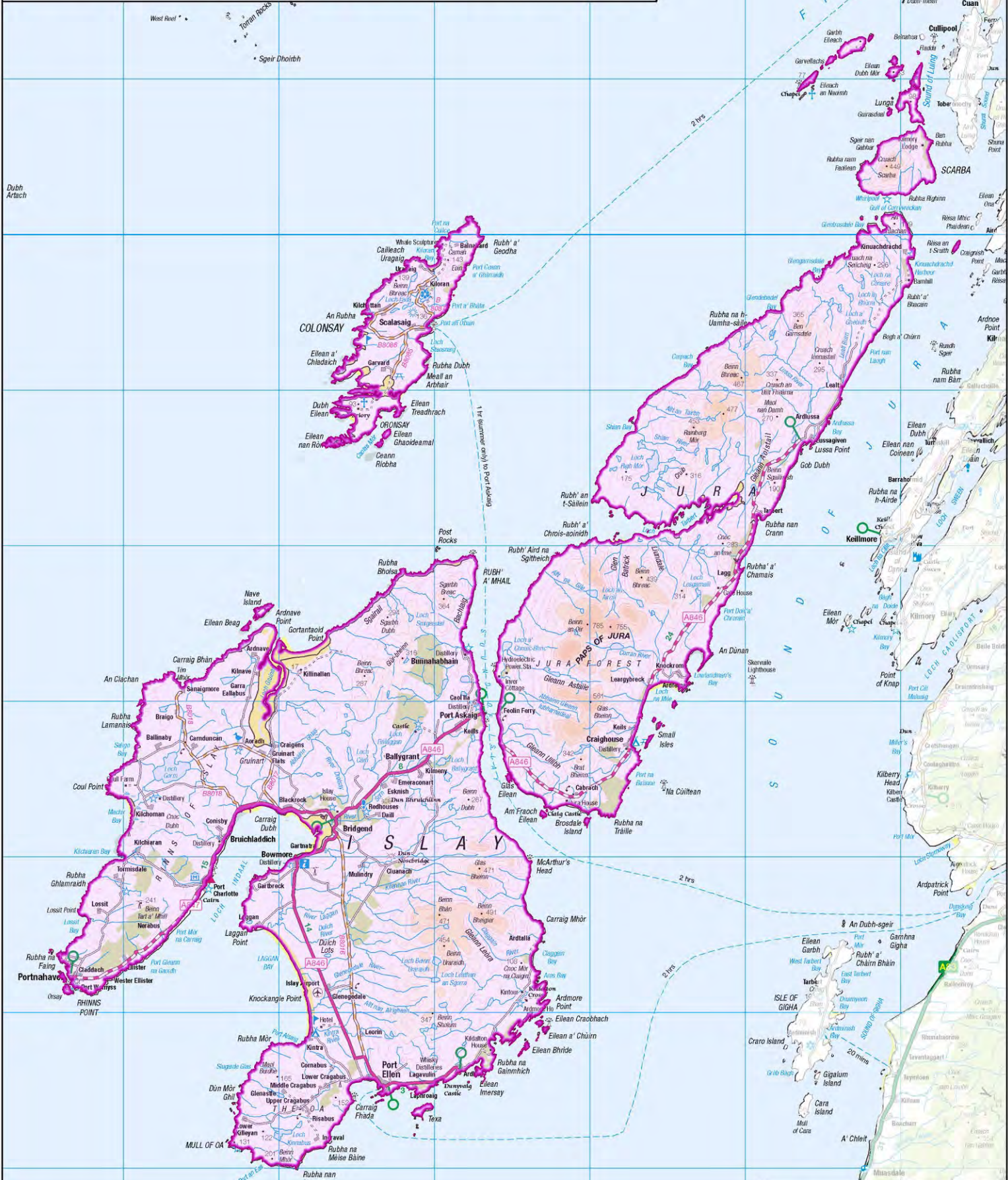


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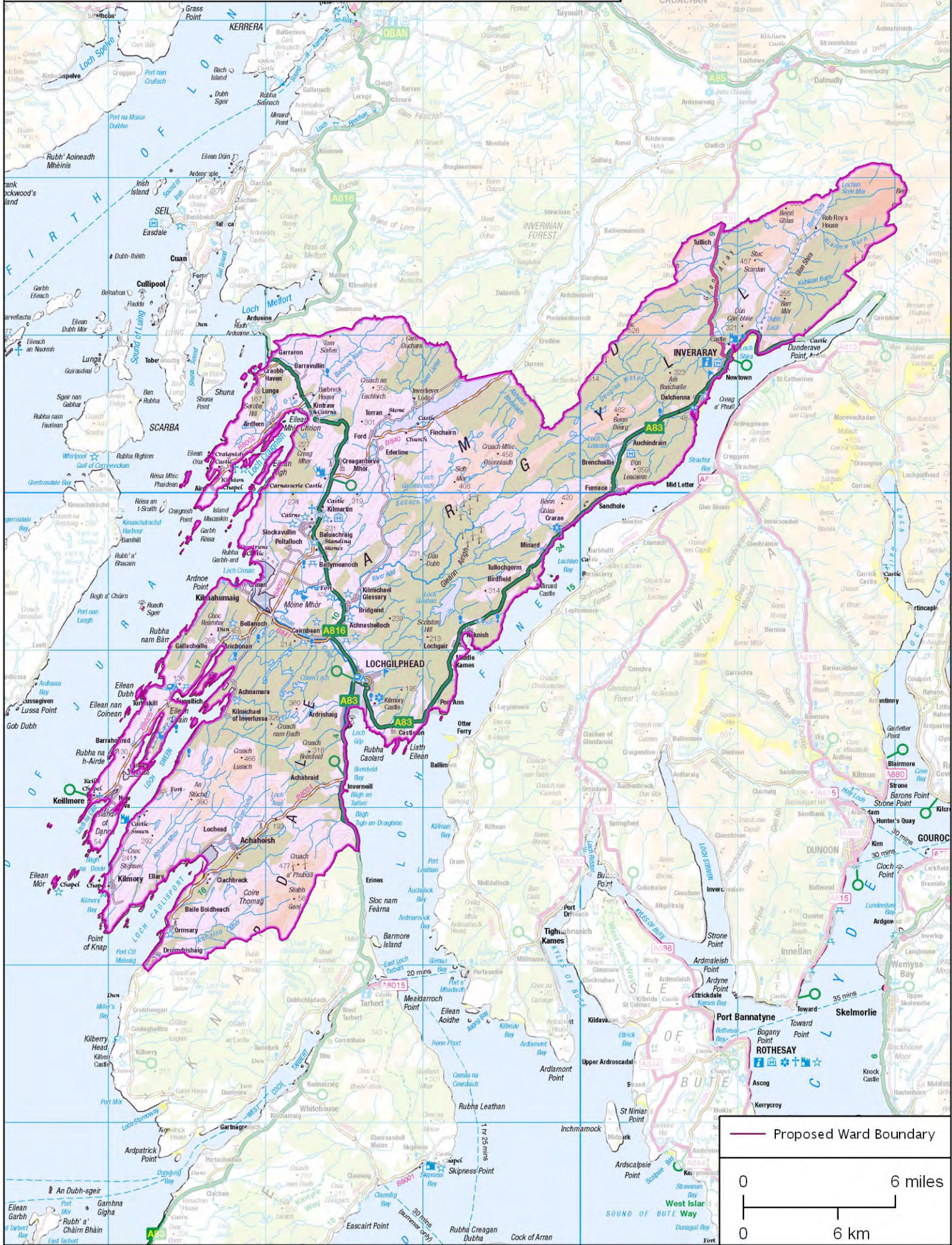
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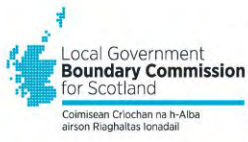
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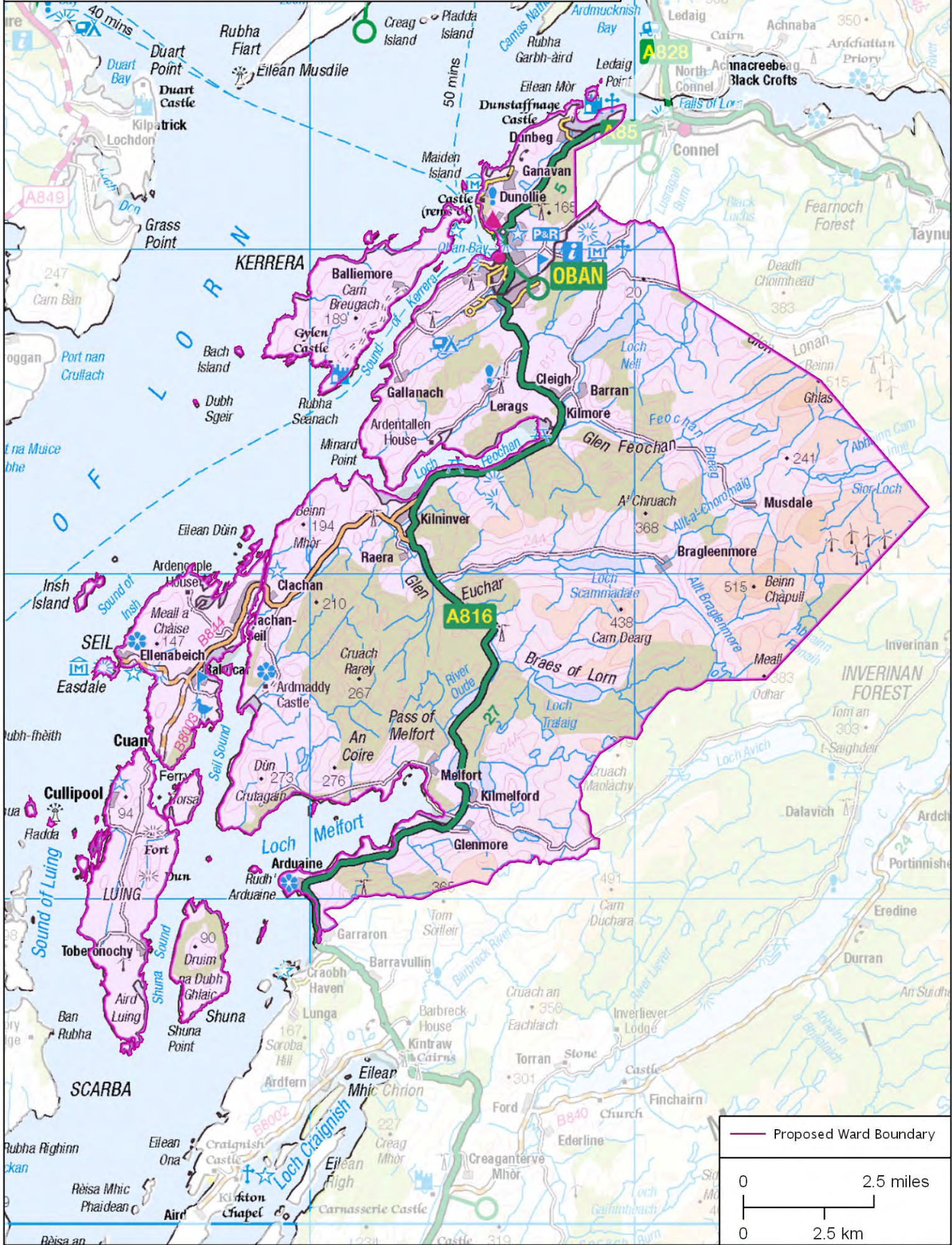
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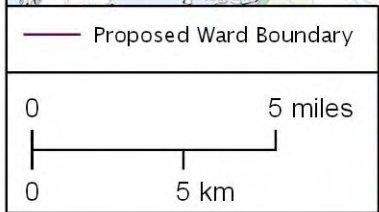
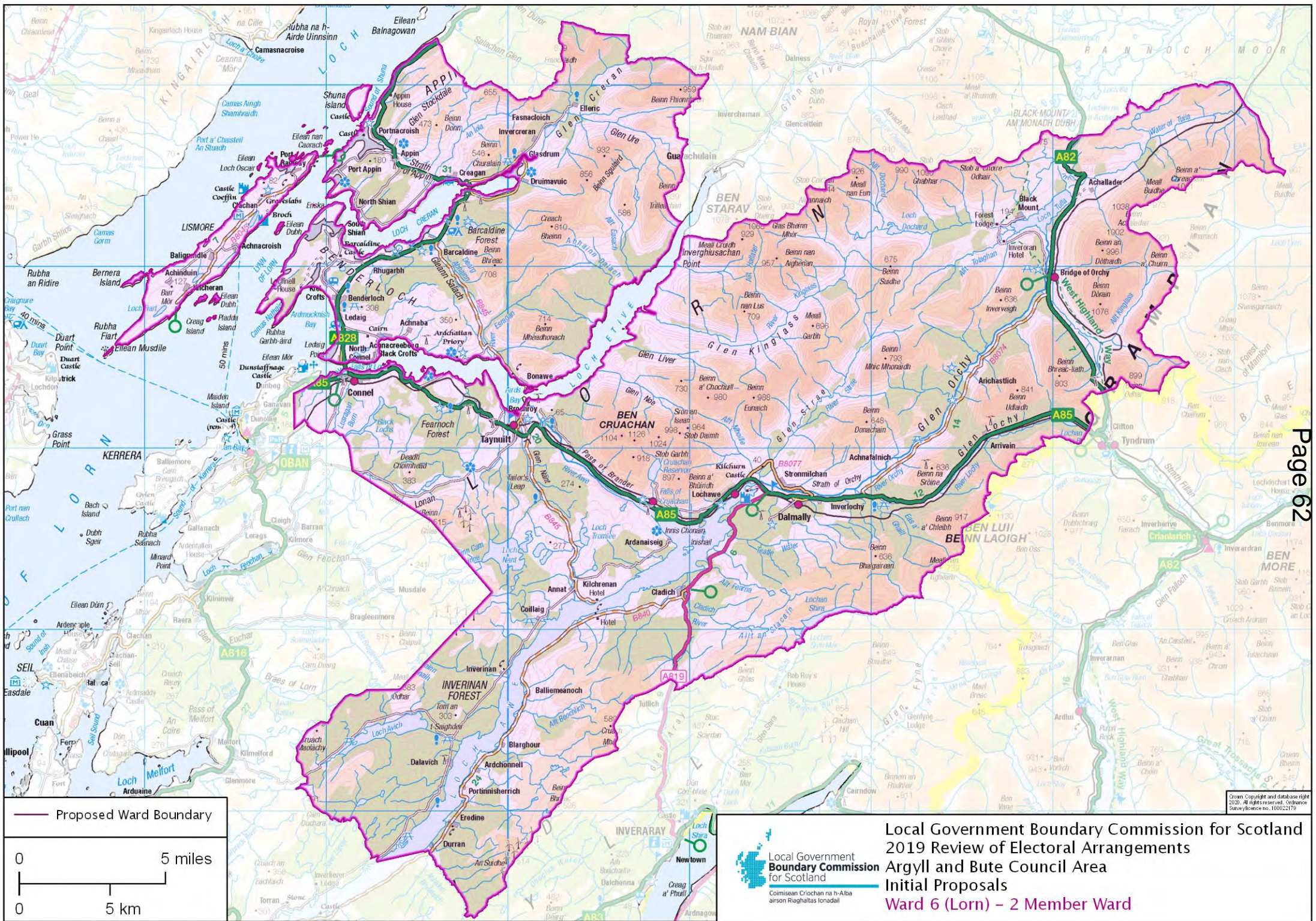
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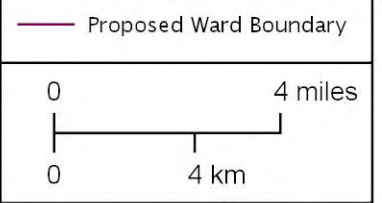
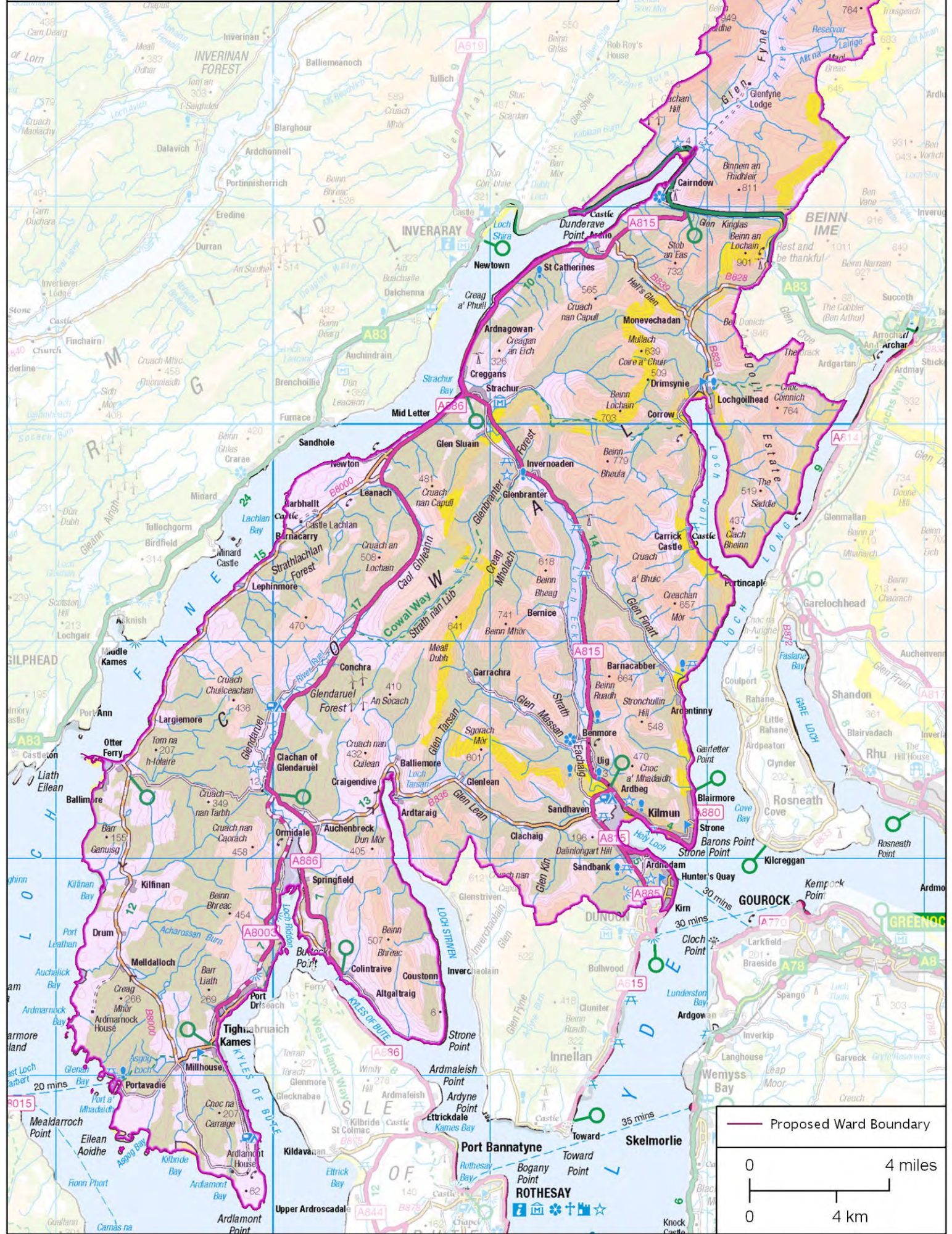
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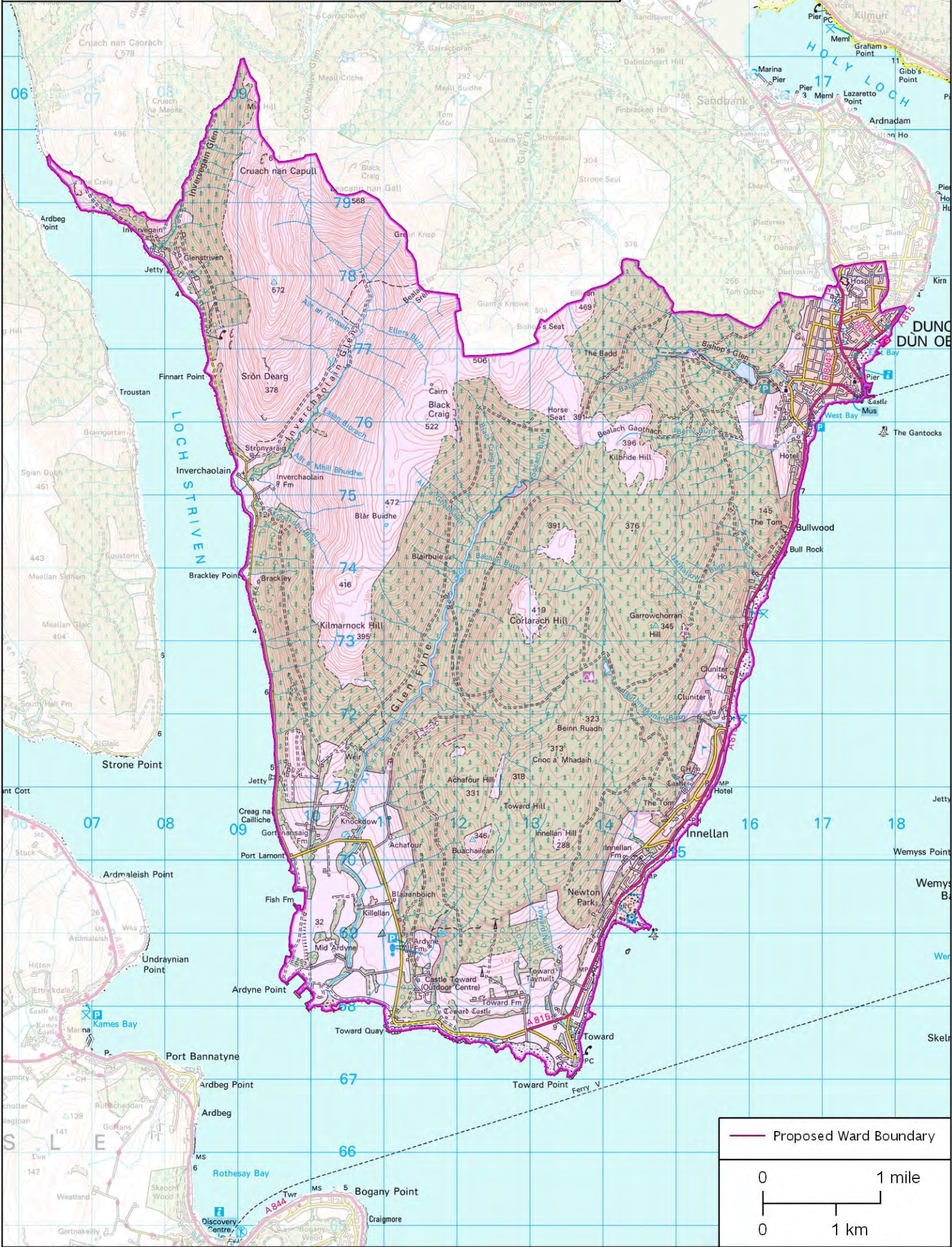


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Ward 6 (Lorn) – 2 Member Ward



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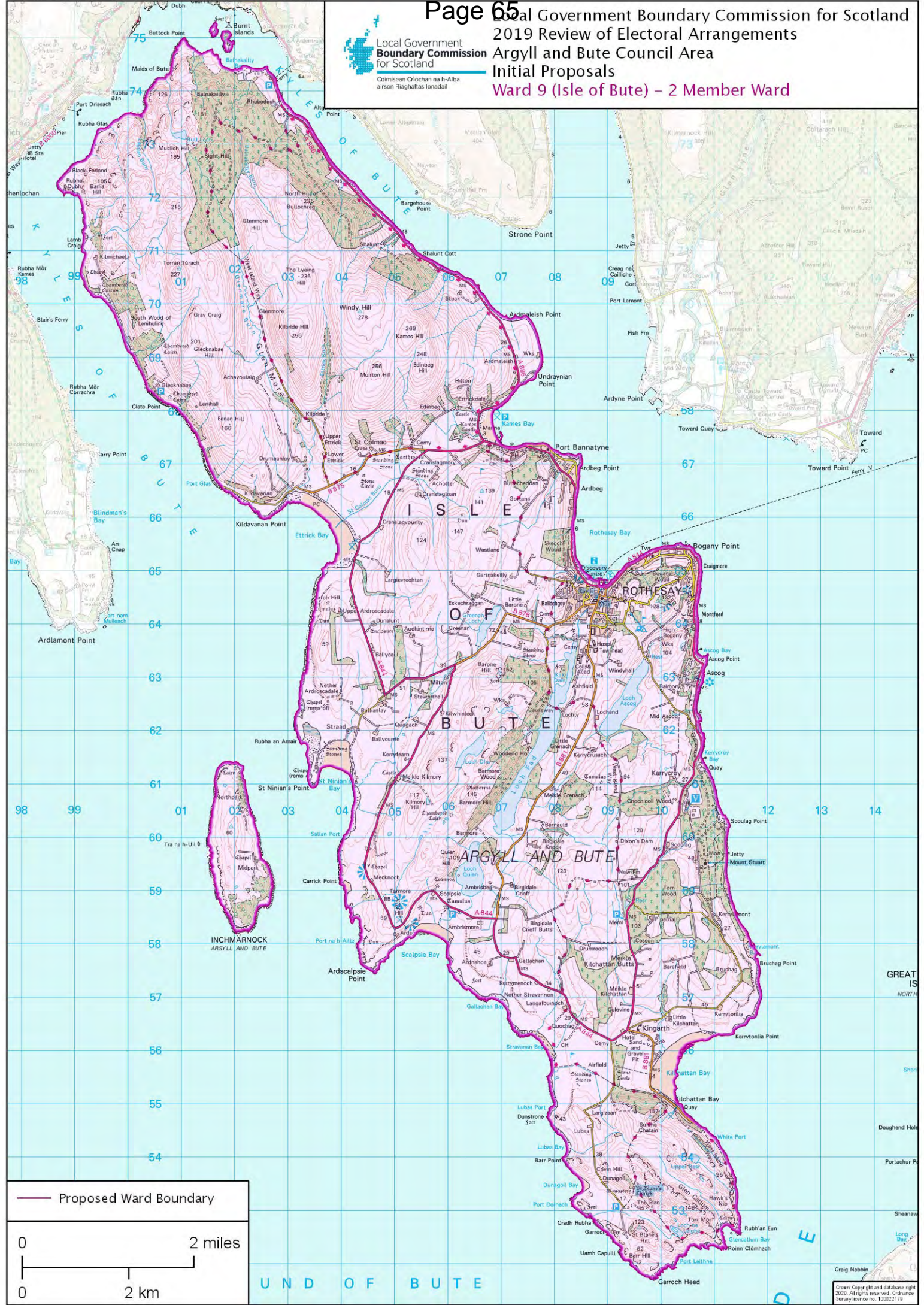




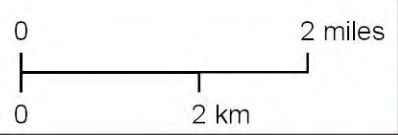


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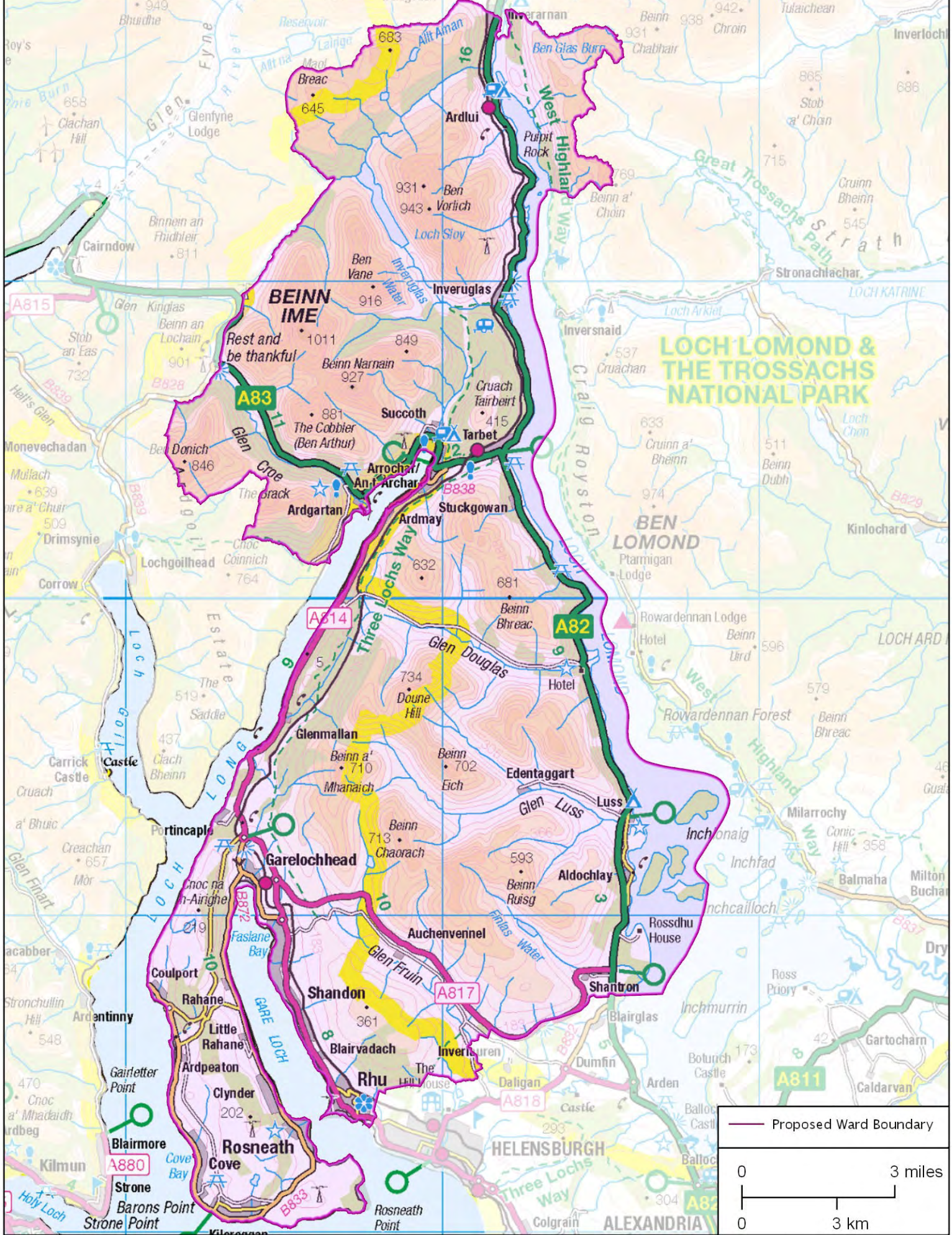
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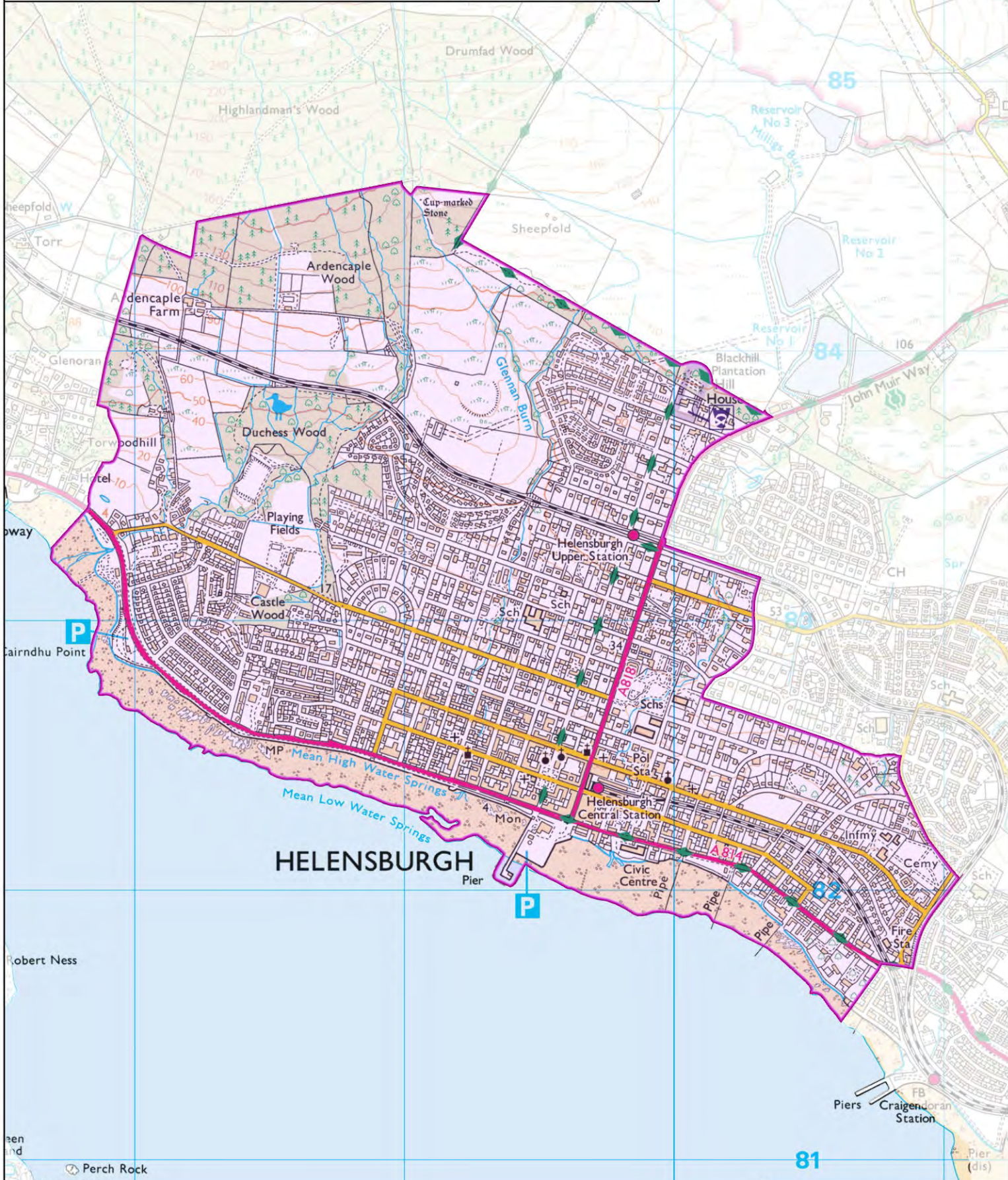
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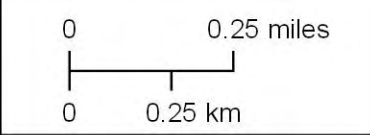


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Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland
2019 Review of Electoral Arrangements
Argyll and Bute Council Area
Initial Proposals
Ward 12 (Helensburgh and Lomond South) –
3 Member Ward



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BOUNDARY COMMISSION - REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland is an independent, non-political body with responsibility for:
- Carrying out reviews of electoral wards for local authorities;
 - Carrying out reviews of the boundaries of local authority areas; and
 - Carrying out reviews of constituencies and regions for the Scottish Parliament.
- 1.2 The Commission has undertaken a review of the electoral arrangements for the Argyll and Bute Council area, which proposes 34 Councillors representing four 2-member wards, six 3-member wards and two 4-member wards, reducing overall Councillor numbers by two; and increasing the number of wards by one, from 11 to 12.
- 1.3 The legislation states that the Commission must first of all consult on proposals with Councils, as the statutory body, for a period of at least 2 months. This initial stage of the consultation process runs from 16th July until 30th September 2020.
- 1.4 To facilitate a response to the initial consultation, a members seminar was held on 10th August with the Boundary Commission, together with individual Area Committee sessions that were held on 11th, 12th and 17th August.
- 1.5 Having regard to the comments and feedback received at these consultation events, attached at appendix 1 is the proposed Council response to the initial proposals from the Boundary Commission, for consideration.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to:-

- 2.1 Consider the proposed response to the Boundary Commission attached at appendix 1; and

- 2.2 Agree whether this forms the basis of the Council's response to the Boundary Commission by 30th September 2020 deadline.

3. DETAIL

Background

- 3.1 The Commission are tasked by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to undertake reviews of local government electoral arrangements in Scotland every 8 to 12 years. Argyll and Bute Council area was last reviewed during the 5th Reviews of Electoral Arrangements, which reported in 2016. Scottish Ministers did not accept the Commission's 5th Review recommendations for Argyll and Bute due to concerns about the impact of the recommendations on local ties and preference at that time for maintenance of status quo.
- 3.2 A further review is now required under the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018. The Act recognises the importance of the Scottish Islands and the particular challenges they face. It offers additional flexibility to allow the Commission to recommend wards that elect 1 or 2 Councillors, as well as 3 or 4 Councillors, where such a ward contains an inhabited island. The Act requires the Boundary Commission to review the six Councils containing inhabited islands. Shetland, Orkney and Na h-Eileanan an Iar Councils were consulted during 2019, and Argyll and Bute, together with Highland and North Ayrshire Councils are being consulted with during the course of this year.
- 3.3 The Scottish Elections (Reform) Act, which has recently completed its passage through the Scottish Parliament, allows the Commission to recommend 2 and 5 member wards, in addition to 3 and 4 member wards, throughout Scotland. The Commission has considered the Act in determining their proposals.

Review Process

- 3.4 The number of Councillors for each Council is determined by placing it into a category with similar Councils. Argyll and Bute Council area is grouped with other more rural Council areas with below average levels of deprivation, according to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) with a ratio of electors per Councillor of 2,800.
- 3.5 In recognition that a large change of Councillor numbers can be disruptive, the Commissioner's methodology incorporates a 10% change rule, meaning that they will not normally propose increasing or decreasing the total number of Councillors in a Council area by more than 10%.
- 3.6 In undertaking their review the Commission took account of the relevant legislation and:
- The interests of effective and convenient local government;
 - Within each council, that each Councillor should represent the same number of electors as nearly as may be;

- Local ties which would be broken by making a particular boundary;
- The desirability of fixing boundaries that are easily identifiable; and
- Specific geographical considerations.

Proposals for wards in Argyll and Bute Council area

3.7 At its meeting held in April 2020 the Commission considered a report which set out 3 potential options with regard to ward designs for Argyll and Bute Council area –

Option 1 - Retains the existing electoral arrangements with 36 Councillors

Option 2 - Considers Island wards with 34 Councillors; and

Option 3 - Aims to minimise change to the existing ward boundaries with 33 Councillors.

3.8 The Commission have now advised that option 2 is being proposed - an electoral arrangement for 34 Councillors representing four 2-member wards, six 3-member wards and a two 4-member wards, reducing overall Councillor numbers by two; and increasing the number of wards by one, from 11 to 12.

3.9 A summary of key implications arising from Option 2 are:

- i. Makes no changes to the boundaries of five of the existing wards: Mid Argyll; Lomond North, Isle of Bute, Dunoon and Cowal.
- ii. Takes account of the Islands (Scotland) Act by using the flexibility offered by 2-member wards to better reflect local ties for Island communities. The proposals present a:
 - 2-member Isle of Bute ward, retaining the existing Isle of Bute ward boundary but reducing Councillor numbers by one;
 - 2-member Islay, Jura and Colonsay ward; and
 - 2-member Mull, Iona, Coll and Tiree ward.
- iii. The Island wards offer wide variation from electoral parity but as Islands they are less accessible than other areas within Argyll and Bute, therefore the Commission could consider special geographical circumstances in these wards.
- iv. Reduces representation in Helensburgh by one Councillor. It transfers approximately 900 electors from the existing Helensburgh Central ward to the Helensburgh and Lomond South ward. The proposed ward boundary follows historical ward boundaries from the Commission's 2nd and 3rd Reviews of Electoral Arrangements. As a consequence the Helensburgh Central ward becomes a 3-member ward, previously a 4-member ward.
- v. Proposes a 4-member Kintyre ward, covering the whole of Kintyre and including the Isle of Gigha.
- vi. Places Oban within a single 4-member ward to avoid breaking local community ties

- 3.10 Table 1 below illustrates the current electoral arrangement for Argyll and Bute and Table 2 details the proposed model, and actual/forecast variation from parity of the proposed wards.

Table 1 – Current Electoral Arrangements

Ward No.	Ward Name	Cllrs
1	South Kintyre	3
2	Kintyre and the Islands	3
3	Mid Argyll	3
4	Oban South and the Isles	4
5	Oban North and Lorn	4
6	Cowal	3
7	Dunoon	3
8	Isle of Bute	3
9	Lomond North	3
10	Helensburgh Central	4
11	Helensburgh and Lomond South	3
Total		36

Table 2 – Proposed Electoral Arrangements

Ward No.	Ward Name	Cllrs	Electorate (Dec 2018)	Variation from Electoral Parity (%)	Forecast Electorate (2024)	Forecast Variation from Electoral Parity (%)	Forecast Electors per Cllr
1	Kintyre	4	7,404	-5.7	7,222	-6.8	1,806
2	Islay, Jura and Colonsay	2	2,847	-27.5	2,927	-24.4	1,464
3	Mid Argyll	3	5,985	1.7	5,927	2.0	1,976
4	Mull, Iona, Coll and Tiree	2	3,211	-18.2	3,438	-11.2	1,719
5	Oban	4	8,357	6.5	8,497	9.7	2,124
6	Lorn	2	4,190	6.8	4,164	7.5	2,082
7	Cowal	3	5,734	-2.6	5,596	-3.7	1,865
8	Dunoon	3	5,500	-6.6	5,304	-8.7	1,768
9	Isle of Bute	2	4,696	19.6	4,406	13.8	2,203
10	Lomond North	3	6,000	1.9	5,858	0.8	1,953
11	Helensburgh Central	3	6,424	9.1	6,075	4.6	2,025
12	Helensburgh and Lomond South	3	6,377	8.3	6,420	10.5	2,140
Totals		34	66,725		65,834		

Consultation on Initial Proposals

- 3.12 The Council have been asked to consider the proposals from the Boundary Commission and agree the terms of an appropriate response. From an Officer point of view the proposals maintain the current four Area Committee areas, therefore from an administrative/governance perspective they do not create any issues. However, alteration of the ward boundaries is ultimately a political matter for consideration.
- 3.13 The legislation states that the Commission must first of all consult on proposals with Councils, as the statutory body, for a period of at least 2 months. This initial stage of the consultation process runs from 16th July until 30th September 2020. On the basis that the Council, as the statutory body, decides to submit views on the proposals, the Commission will consider these and then conduct the 2nd stage of the process in the form of a public consultation, which will commence in the autumn of 2020.
- 3.14 Following consideration of all the responses received, the Commission will then submit their final recommendations to Scottish Ministers by May 2021, in time for implementation for the next local government elections in May 2022.
- 3.15 In order to facilitate a response to the initial consultation, a member's seminar was held on 10th August, with the Boundary Commission in attendance, to allow members the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on their proposals. In addition to this Officers met with each Area Committee during w/c 11th and w/c 17th August to discuss the proposals for each area in more detail and to give members another opportunity to provide their views. Members were also encouraged to submit written comments via email. Summarised below is the key comments / issues that have been captured as part of the consultation events with members.

General points

- i. Following on from the 5th Review of Electoral Arrangements undertaken in 2016, which recommended a reduction of 3 Councillors, and was subsequently rejected by Scottish Ministers, it is disappointing to note that the Commission have again proposed a reduction in Councillor numbers by 2, diminishing overall electoral accountability within Argyll and Bute.
- ii. Broad agreement of the principles and methodology applied by the Commission in their determination of the proposals for Argyll and Bute;
- iii. Content that the four Area Committee areas have remained unchanged;
- iv. General acceptance of the proposals with regard to those wards where no change is proposed to Councillor numbers or the boundary – Cowal, Dunoon, Lomond North, and Mid Argyll;

Ward specific points

v. Mid Argyll, Kintyre & the Islands

- Further proposal suggested which would see the boundary for the Kintyre ward stopping at Kennacraig, with Tarbert and Skipness moving within the boundary of ward 3 - Mid Argyll. This would maintain the current Community Council boundary for Tarbert and Skipness, and the East and West Kintyre split.
- View that the status quo should remain with regard to MAKI proposals as they do not appear to provide a positive outcome for the area.
- The proposals currently have Gigha as part of ward 1 – Kintyre, however, an alternative suggestion was that it should be considered in line with all other islands and form part of the proposed island ward for Islay, Jura and Colonsay.
- Proposed ward 2 – there was a division of opinion amongst members with regard to these proposals. On the one hand it was considered that having a 2-member ward for Islay, Jura and Colonsay has the potential to create workload issues and under representation. There was also a desire to take cognisance of a previous response submitted by the Council's Argyll Islands Strategic Group to the Islands (Scotland) Bill Consultation in September 2017. This response noted it was advantageous to have councillor representation which covered both mainland and island areas to better represent the interests between island and mainland communities.

Conversely, there was a view that the creation of dedicated councillors for island communities is a positive step forward, recognising the importance of, and particular challenges that Islands face. During the 5th Electoral Review an Atlantic Islands ward was considered but at that time it was not possible to have a 2-member ward. The Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 has changed this position and therefore presents the opportunity to adopt an islands only ward.

vi. Bute & Cowal

- There was consensus from all members consulted that the proposal to decrease the number of councillors for Bute from 3 to 2 should be rejected. As an area of social and economic deprivation there is a requirement for additional representation and the proposals would be counter to this. In addition an argument can be made for 3 members bringing the number of electors into closer parity with those proposed for Ward 2 - Islay, Jura and Colonsay and Ward 4 - Mull Iona, Coll and Tiree.

vii. Helensburgh and Lomond

- With regard to the proposed reduction of one member within the Helensburgh Central ward there was a view that this reduction would result in Helensburgh and Lomond, as an administrative area, being under-represented in terms of electoral parity. It is projected that the Helensburgh and Lomond South ward electorate will increase in future years as a result of planned developments, which could result in this discrepancy becoming more marked (increase from 8.3% to 10.5% in variation from electoral parity).

viii. Oban, Lorn and the Isles

- View that while the proposals deal with a dedicated 2-member island ward covering Mull, Iona, Coll and Tiree, there are concerns that there may be strong views expressed by residents on the smaller islands (Seil, Lismore, Luing, Easdale and Kerrera) which are currently included within the two mainland wards. If the public consultation process indicates that there is a desire for these islands to form part of proposed ward 4, this would be supported.
- The proposals suggest that the Lorn ward would be covered by 2 members. An alternative suggestion is that this should be a 3 member ward, and that the proposed ward 5 - Oban should also be a 3 member ward, as opposed to the 4 members suggested. In line with the comments made for ward 9 – Bute, this would bring the number of electors into closer parity with those proposed for ward 2 - Islay, Jura and Colonsay and ward 4 - Mull Iona, Coll and Tiree.
- A further suggestion in respect of ward 6 is that it should be renamed to “North Lorn”, rather than the proposed “Lorn”. The Council would recommend that this alternative is included in the public consultation for consideration.

3.16 Appendix 1 sets out the proposed Council response to the Boundary Commission, which covers the key themes that emerged from the consultation process and provides the overall consensus, based on the majority of representations provided at the member’s seminar and the area committee sessions. Members are being asked to consider the terms of the proposed response and agree the final version to be submitted by 30th September 2020 deadline.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland has undertaken a review of the electoral arrangements for Argyll and Bute. Following a period of consultation with members, Appendix 1 sets out the terms of a proposed response to stage 1 of the consultation process, which runs until 30th September 2020.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy – proposals take account of the Islands (Scotland) Act 201.
- 5.2 Financial – none arising from this report
- 5.3 Legal – Review undertaken in line with Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Scottish Elections (Reform) Act, and the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018.
- 5.4 HR – none arising from this report
- 5.5 Equalities/Fairer Scotland Duty/Islands – the Boundary Commission proposals have taken account of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018
- 5.6 Risk – none arising from this report
- 5.7 Customer Services – the Boundary Commission proposals consider enhanced local ties for Island communities / parity of constituent representation on Islands

6.0 APPENDICES

- 6.1 Appendix 1 – Proposed Stage 1 Consultation Response

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**Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland (LGBCS)
2019 Review of Electoral Arrangements – Argyll and Bute Council Area**

Argyll and Bute Council Response

In response to the letter from the LGBCS on 16th July 2020, which set out the initial proposals for the Argyll and Bute Council area, the Council have now considered the proposals in detail and welcome the opportunity to provide the following response to the stage 1 consultation.

The Council are grateful for the efforts of the Commission to engage with us during the past couple of months, in particular attendance at the elected member seminar held on 10th August 2020 to discuss the proposals and to address member queries was appreciated.

The Council are content that the four Area Committee areas have remained unchanged, which from an administrative/governance point of view is welcomed. In addition, there is a general acceptance of the proposals with regard to those wards where no change is proposed to Councillor numbers or the boundary – Cowal, Dunoon, Lomond North, and Mid Argyll.

However, the Council are disappointed that the Commission's starting point, in a similar vein to the 5th Review that was undertaken in 2016, is to recommend a reduction in Councillor numbers for the Argyll and Bute area. In line with the Council's response at that time, the Council objects to the proposals in that they diminish the overall electoral accountability, while failing to take into account material factors in relation to electoral parity, impact of demographic issues such as an ageing population and social and economic deprivation, and the consequent requirement for more effective electoral representation these factors create. On this basis, the Council rejects any reduction in the overall number of Councillors for Argyll and Bute

In addition, the proposals for Argyll and Bute seem to be at odds with the overall focus of the review, which is to recognise the importance of Scottish islands and the unique challenges they face. The same can be said of the approach taken in 2016, when the review was focussed on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. In both reviews, the proposals adversely impact the island of Bute, with Councillor representation being reduced, which would appear to be in conflict with the principles being applied. There are significant demographic and deprivation issues on Bute, for example 30% of the electorate are over the age of 64. On this basis the case can be made that there is a requirement for additional representation on the island of Bute and the proposals from the Commission are counter to this. Furthermore, maintaining the status quo on Bute (3 members) would bring the number of electors into closer parity with the proposals for the other island wards.

Overall, the proposals presented by the Commission, particularly in respect of the island wards, have raised a number of concerns for the Council in terms of electoral parity. For example, in respect of the wards for Islay, Jura & Colonsay (ward 2) and Mull, Iona, Coll & Tiree (ward 4) it is proposed that there are 4 Councillors covering a similar population to ward 9 - Bute, where it is proposed to have only 2 Councillors.

Between ward 2 and ward 9 the forecast variation from electoral parity varies vastly from -24.4 to 13.8 respectively. Similar concerns can also be applied in respect of the proposals for ward 6 – Lorn, and the proposed boundary change within the Helensburgh and Lomond administrative area, which would inevitably result in the area being under-represented in terms of electoral parity in future years.

During the course of engagement with members on the proposals, a number of common points were captured with regard to the range of smaller islands within Argyll and Bute, which are currently included within mainland wards – Gigha, which sits within ward 1 – Kintyre, and Seil, Lismore, Luing, Easdale and Kerrera, which fall within ward 5 – Oban and ward 6 – Lorn. The Council are of the view that if, as part of the public consultation, there is a view that these islands should form part of the dedicated island wards proposed for their respective areas, then the Council would support this option being pursued.

A further boundary issue that the Council would like to see explored as part of the public consultation is in respect of proposed ward 1 – Kintyre, where it is suggested that the boundary for the Kintyre ward could stop at Kennacraig, with Tarbert and Skipness moving within the boundary of ward 3 - Mid Argyll. This would maintain the current Community Council boundary for Tarbert and Skipness, and the East and West Kintyre split. This proposal was raised at the Members Seminar held on 10th August 2020 and it is understood that the Commission have started looking at the implications of this.

The final issues that the Council would like to feedback on are in regard to the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands (MAKI) area which covers wards 1, 2 and 3, where there was differing opinions from members in respect of the proposals, particularly those for ward 2 – Islay, Jura and Colonsay. One perspective was that the status quo should remain for MAKI as there are no proposals to change overall Councillor representation, and the proposed boundary changes do not appear to provide a positive outcome for the area. It was considered, for example, that having a 2 member ward for Islay, Jura and Colonsay has the potential to create workload issues and under-representation.

There was also a desire to take cognisance of a previous response submitted by the Council's Argyll Islands Strategic Group to the Islands (Scotland) Bill Consultation in September 2017, which noted the advantages of having councillor representation across both mainland and island areas to better represent the interests between island and mainland communities. Additionally, the consultation response submitted that the development of 1 or 2 member wards for inhabited islands would reduce the number of members representing islands as a whole.

Conversely, there was support for the creation of a dedicated island ward, which was deemed to be a positive step forward. During the 5th Electoral Review an Atlantic Islands ward was considered but at that time it was not possible to have a 2 member ward. The Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 has changed this position and therefore presents the opportunity to adopt an islands only ward.

The Council considers it important that the aforementioned issues are fully addressed and explored as part of the public consultation, to enable the views of communities in Argyll and Bute to be considered.

In addition, and although the Council recognises it may not directly relate to the Commission's remit, the Council considers that it is a matter of concern that the public consultation is being undertaken during the COVID-19 pandemic when potentially further restrictions are being applied for the protection of the public, which could adversely impact the public consultation process and the work of the Commission overall.

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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

**Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands
Area Community Planning Group**

Chief Executive

10 November 2020

UK Withdrawal from the EU

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 In response to the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, officers from within the Council and the Health and Social Care Partnership continue to review and prepare for all potential risks and opportunities.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members of the Community Planning Group are asked to be assured that the Council and the HSPC are as well prepared as they can be with regards to exiting the EU, and are actively engaged with our partners through the local and national resilience frameworks

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 The UK withdrew from the EU on 31st January 2020, as the EU and the UK both ratified the Withdrawal Agreement in October 2019. This Act also sets in UK law that the present Transition Period must end on 31st December of this year.
- 3.2 Negotiations for a longer-term UK-EU27 free trade and partnership agreement continued throughout the summer 2020 and into October and it remains to be seen if these discussions continue or if they have ended without an agreement. It appears at this stage that any free trade deal will be limited with significant changes on trade in goods, services, border controls, mobility, transport and fisheries.
- 3.3 If a trade deal is not in place between UK-EU, the UK will fall back on World Trade Organisation rules resulting in tariffs on goods and little practical cooperation to smooth border checks.

3.4 The key aspects of the UK Internal Market Bill, tabled by the UK Government on 9th September 2020, are as follows:

- it introduces non-discrimination and mutual recognition across the different parts of the UK, including the power to disapply provisions of the Withdrawal Agreement in connection to Northern Ireland;
- it defines State Aid as a reserved power expanding the functions of the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) by creating an Office for the Internal Market (OIM) as a subset of the CMA. With regard to State Aid, it has been announced by the Business Secretary that the UK will follow World Trade Organisation subsidy rules from 1st January 2021 with guidance issued to local authorities by the end of the calendar year. However, it remains unclear how Local Government might formally be recognised and consulted by the OIM; and
- it legislates for the replacement of EU funds, through the launch of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, also as a reserved power.

3.5 Further to a presentation from my predecessor Cleland Sneddon to the Community Planning Partnership in March 2019, in 2018 the Council CEO established a Tactical Team to ensure that the Council and the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is sufficiently prepared for all risks and opportunities that may arise from the withdrawal from the EU; the Tactical Team reports directly to the Strategic Management Team.

3.6 The Tactical Team continues to liaise with all resilience partners and stakeholders whilst maintaining an overview of risks and mitigations to ensure readiness for business continuity in the event of disruptions to operating as 'business as usual'.

3.7 Some areas of risk that attract specific attention from the Tactical Team includes;

- Exports:
- Fisheries:
- State Aid:
- Replacement of Structural Funds;
- Food supply chains:
- Supporting vulnerable and depopulating communities:
- Private sector workforce recruitment and retainment.

3.8 The Council and the HSCP recognises that their role is to work with others in preparing for the impact and opportunities from the EU Withdrawal and continue to maintain dialogue with all resilience partners on an ongoing basis, work with partners including communities and business and influence decisions at a national level where there is a recognised impact on Argyll and Bute.

3.9 Community Planning Group members should be assured that the Council/ HSCP and partners remain ready to respond to any changes and decisions and will continue to forward plan for all and any foreseeable issues and opportunities.

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 The UK Government's withdrawal from the EU raises a number of risks and opportunities and the Council and the HSCP continue to liaise with all partners to ensure we remain ready to ensure business continuity whilst monitoring impacts on our communities.

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Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**MAKI
Area Community Planning Group****10 November 2020**

Briefing Note: Community Planning Partnership Management Committee update

This briefing relates to the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee on 23rd September 2020. The briefing is for noting and relevant discussion.

Summary

The CPP Management Committee met on the 23rd September 2020 with the meeting being held virtually given the current restrictions which are in place in regard to public gatherings.

This was the first Management Committee meeting since the beginning of the current restrictions. This update provides a flavour of the discussion which took place.

Further information is available in the *meetings, minutes and agendas* section of: <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/community-planning-partnership>

Highlights

- The Management Committee has a new Chair, Joe Mckay, Scottish Fire and Rescue.
- The Committee received a presentation on wild camping and campervans which was delivered by Fergus Murray. Key points which were highlighted included:-
 - This issue had been raised as a concern by the OLI Area Community Planning Group
 - Waste disposal is a key issue as well as camping equipment being left on site
 - Noted the need for partnership working with landowners, public, voluntary and private sector.
 - High numbers of campervans using the roads in Argyll and Bute and with limited infrastructure in place to support this, there are increasing issues being highlighted

- Good practice from other areas in Scotland where local people/groups have set up systems which address some issues such as waste disposal which are provided on a chargeable basis
- The Rural Advisory Group is doing some work on this issue
- Management Committee agreed to set up a sub group which will look to create an action plan which will be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee. Interested partners to make contact with Fergus Murray.
- Recovery and Renewal – following on from the workshop held earlier in the year it was agreed that Area Community Planning Groups should continue to feed in issues for escalation to the Management Committee where appropriate.
- Update received on the work of the Area Community Planning Groups with it being noted that the August meetings had been cancelled. It was noted that the Groups have agreed to have standardised agendas for the meetings in November.
- Changes in office bearers were highlighted and it was noted that these would be picked up at the November meetings.
- Updates were also given by the Chair of Bute and Cowal and of MAKI who were in attendance and highlighted the excellent community work which has been undertaken during the Covid pandemic.
- Discussion on Delivery Plans with a report provided which outlined the cross cutting themes which exist and proposed formation of working groups which will report back on a quarterly basis to the Management Committee.
- The Outcome Plan will be worked on with a new iteration to be in place by 2023.
- Climate Change and Poverty linking into Community Wealth Building is a government priority and was highlighted as one cross cutting theme along with Social and Digital Inclusion.
- The next Management Committee meeting will be held on 2 December 2020.

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Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group****10th November 2020**

Agenda Item

Appointment of Vice-Chair

Summary

The following report provides information relating to the appointment of a Vice-Chair for the MAKI Area Community Planning Group. It outlines the expected time commitment and also gives information on the role. The Area Community Planning Group is asked to consider making an appointment to the position of Vice-Chair.

1. Purpose

1.1 This report asks the Area Community Planning Group to consider the appointment of a Vice-Chair.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Area Community Planning Group is asked to consider the appointment of a Vice-Chair.

3. Background

3.1 At the meeting of the MAKI Area Community Planning Group held on 7th August 2019, members considered the appointment of a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Group. Ian Brodie was confirmed as Chair of the Group for a period of two years, while Andy Buntin was confirmed as Vice-Chair of the Group for an interim period of one year. It was agreed that a report be brought to the Group after a one year period seeking nomination of a Vice-Chair.

4. Detail

4.1 According to the Terms of Reference the Vice-Chair, if elected, would serve for a term of 2 years with an option to be re-elected at the end of this time. However, no one person can serve for more than 2 consecutive terms.

4.2 The current Vice-Chair, Andy Buntin, is now serving his first term as Vice-Chair, having spent two terms as Chair prior to this.

4.3 In order to be considered as a candidate for the position of Vice-Chair the person must be a member of the MAKI ACPG.

4.4 Some further information on the commitment required:-

- Attend meetings of the MAKI ACPG and deputise for the Chair in his absence;
- Deputise for the Chair at meetings of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee or the Full Partnership;
- Time commitment of at least 4 CPG meetings per year in February, May, August and November and 4 pre-agenda meetings per year in January, April, July and October;
- To participate in any Short-Term Working Groups as required; and
- To engage with officers of the Council in terms of setting the Agenda for the CPG in consultation with the Chair.

5. Conclusions

5.1 The CPG is asked to consider the appointment of a Vice-Chair.

6. SOA Outcomes

6.1 This report does not link to any specific Outcome as it relates to the administrative arrangements.

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