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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

A meeting of the **BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held via **MICROSOFT TEAMS** on **TUESDAY, 17 AUGUST 2021** at **10:00 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry  
Executive Director

## **BUSINESS**

- 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
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  - (a) Meeting of the Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group held on 4 May 2021 (Pages 3 - 12)
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- 5. PARTNERS UPDATE**
  - (a) Police Scotland (Pages 17 - 18)  
  
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  - (b) Dunoon Community Development Trust Update – July 2021 (Pages 19 - 22)  
  
Update by Ann Campbell, Dunoon Area Alliance Facilitator

(c) Community Learning Service Update (Pages 23 - 24)

Update by Rhona Grant, Community Learning and Development Assistant

(d) Argyll College - Brief Summary of Activity (Pages 25 - 26)

Update by Dr Faye Tudor - Learning Centre Manager, Argyll College

(e) Opportunity for verbal updates by Community Group Planning Partners

**6. ARDENCRAIG GARDENS**

Discussion facilitated by Chair

**7. CLIMATE CHANGE**

(a) Briefing Note: Climate Change Working Group - Involvement of Area Community Planning Groups (Pages 27 - 30)

Report by Committee Manager

(b) Fyne Futures (Pages 31 - 58)

Update by Reeni Kennedy-Boyle - General Manager, Fyne Futures

**8. COVID-19 RESILIENCE**

Discussion facilitated by Vice-Chair

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place at 10.00am on Tuesday 2 November 2021

**Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group**

Charles Dixon-Spain (Vice-Chair)      William Lynch (Chair)

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**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held via SKYPE  
on TUESDAY, 4 MAY 2021**

**Present:**

Willie Lynch – Dunoon Community Council (Chair)  
 Charles Dixon-Spain – Colglen Community Council (Vice-Chair)  
 Councillor Jean Moffat – Argyll and Bute Council  
 Councillor Bobby Good – Argyll and Bute Council  
 Councillor Liz McCabe – Argyll and Bute Council  
 Councillor Jim Anderson – Argyll and Bute Council  
 Stuart McLean – Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council  
 Samantha Somers – Community Planning Officer, Argyll and Bute Council  
 Sharon Macdonald – Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council  
 Rhona Grant – Community Learning & Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council  
 Cristie Moore Gaelic Development Worker, Argyll and Bute Council  
 Nicola Hackett – Business Development Manager, Live Argyll  
 Chief Inspector Emma Grimason – Police Scotland  
 Inspector John Forrest – Police Scotland  
 Iain Cameron – Station Commander– Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
 Rodden Shaw – Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
 Susan MacRae – Area Manager, Skills Development Scotland  
 Faye Tudor – Local Centre Manager, University of Highlands and Islands  
 Lynn Campbell – Department of Works and Pensions  
 Robert MacIntyre – Bute Community Council  
 Alistair Moodie – Lochgoil Community Council  
 Ann Campbell – Dunoon Area Alliance  
 John Hair – Forestry Land Scotland  
 Sue Wallis – Volunteer Cowal South West Group  
 Jim Osborne – Bute Island Alliance  
 Reeni Kennedy-Boyle – Fyne Futures

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting of the Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group.

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of;

Alastair MacGregor – Argyll Community Housing Association; and  
 Cathleen Russell – Colintrave and Glendaruel Development Trust.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group meeting held on Tuesday 2 February 2021 were approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising

In relation to item 4 b) Area Community Planning Group Governance Arrangements, having received a late request from Sue Wallis of Volunteer Cowal (South West), the Group agreed to add her to the Membership list.

#### **4. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Group considered a briefing note which provided an overview of the discussion which took place at the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee meeting on 10 March 2021.

##### **Decision**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group noted the briefing note.

(Reference: Briefing note by Committee Manager, dated 4 May 2021, submitted)

#### **5. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTION PLAN - TRACKER**

The Group gave consideration to a verbal update concerning the Action Plan Tracker and noted that the results from the Place Standard Engagement exercise that took place last year would be used to develop the action plans. Officers reported that short and focussed online workshops with partners would take place from August 2021 with the action plans being finalised by April 2022.

##### **Decision**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Verbal Update by Community Planning Officer)

#### **6. COVID INFECTION RATES AND VACCINATION**

The Group considered a briefing note which provided some detail around the current Covid-19 infection rates in Argyll and Bute and also gives some information on the uptake of Covid-19 vaccination.

##### **Decision**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group noted the briefing note.

(Reference: Briefing note by Committee Manager, dated 4 May 2021, submitted)

#### **7. PARTNERS UPDATES**

##### **(a) Police Scotland**

The Group considered an update advising on key activities of Police Scotland which included updates on personnel change, response to easing of lockdown restrictions, livestock attacks, fraud prevention and road policing.

Further to the submitted update the Group noted that some summer events have been cancelled including Butefest, Bute Highland Games and Cowal Games with the position of Argyll Rally still to be decided. Inspector Boyle also reported that

funding had been granted from the Scottish Government to put in place partnership working and support in anticipation of an influx of tourists into area over the summer months.

### **Decision**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Update by Police Inspector Mo Boyle – Police Scotland dated 4 May 2021, submitted)

(b) **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - Cowal, Isle of Bute and Dunoon - FQ4 2020/21**

A report highlighting the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's (SFRS) FQ4 review of local performance within Cowal, Isle of Bute and Dunoon for 2020-21 was considered by the Group.

Further to the submitted update the Group noted that Test and Protect facilities delivered within the Dunoon and Rothesay fire stations had been in operation since February and March respectively and will be in place for the foreseeable future.

### **Decision**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group reviewed and noted the contents of the report.

(Reference: Report by Watch Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service dated 4 May 2021, submitted)

(c) **Bute Island Alliance Update on Arden Craig Gardens**

The Group considered a verbal update from Jim Osborne, Bute Island Alliance (BIA), in relation to the position of Arden Craig Gardens. The Group noted that a meeting with BIA and the council's asset management team had been arranged for the following week in response to the BIA's expression of interest where it is hoped that they will be able to ascertain potential running costs. Jim stated that it was not the intention of the BIA to take on responsibility of the gardens but to facilitate the formation of a community trust should enough suitable volunteers be found.

Discussion focused on the council decision and what options were available to ensure the continuity of the gardens.

### **Decision**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group;

1. noted the update; and
2. agreed to add Arden Craig Gardens to the agenda of the next meeting of the Group.

(Reference: Verbal Update by Jim Osborne, Bute Island Alliance)

(d) **Department for Work and Pensions**

The Group considered an update from the Department for Works and Pensions (DWP) which detailed their response to Covid-19 as well as various initiatives they are involved with including the Kickstart scheme, Virtual Youth hub, Video Appointment Service and the launch of a new Universal Credit benefits checker.

Discussion focused on the uptake levels of the Post Office Account Card and the use of social media to connect with young people.

**Decision**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group;

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. agreed that, where appropriate, DWP information would be shared via community group's social media pages.

(Reference: Update by Customer Service Leader - Department for Work and Pensions, dated March 2021, submitted)

(e) **Opportunity for verbal updates by Community Planning Partners**

Dunoon Area Alliance

Ann Campbell advised that an application to the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) to establish a Dunoon Community Development Trust had been submitted.

Skills Development Scotland

Susan MacRae advised that Skills Advisers are still operating remotely with focus being on young people who are scheduled to leave formal education this summer. Ms MacRae also advised that centre are to re-open on 17 May.

Live Argyll

Nicola Hackett advised that leisure factices and libraries are now open with a full range of programmes available.

**8. COMMUNITY LEARNING SERVICES UPDATE**

The Group considered an update from Argyll and Bute Council's Community Learning Service which detailed information on the Scottish Youth Parliament Elections 2021, Scottish Young Person Awards 2021, Argyll and Bute Community Learning Development Plan 2021-2024. The update also highlighted the work being undertaken to start the process of resuming face to face provision and Service Delivery around Recovery and Transition.

**Decision**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Update by Community Learning and Development Assistant dated 4 May 2021, submitted)

## **9. POLICE SCOTLAND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM**

Police Inspector Mo Boyle updated the Group on the position of the Police Scotland Community Engagement Team. The Group noted that the new team of community policing takes in a range of specialist officers who were looking to add value through new engagements and partnership working including a fraud awareness event due to take place online at 2.30pm on 18 May 2021.

### **Decision**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Verbal Update by Police Inspector Mo Boyle, Police Scotland)

## **10. UK WITHDRAWAL FROM THE EU**

### **(a) UK-EU Post Transition**

The Group gave consideration to a report which set out the considerations of the EU Withdrawal Tactical Group with regard to identifying and assessing any risks relative to Argyll and Bute in relation to the UK exiting the EU.

### **Decision**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group considered the report and were assured that the Council and the HSCP were as well prepared as they could be with regards to having exited the EU and are actively engaged with partners through the local and national resilience frameworks.

(Reference: Report by Chief Executive dated 7 April 2021, submitted)

### **(b) Opportunity for updates from Area Community Planning Group Partners in relation to the impact of UK Withdrawal from the EU**

No updates provided.

## **11. COMMUNITY FOCUS**

### **(a) Col-Glen Community Broadband Initiative**

Charles Dixon-Spain, Vice-Chair of ColGlen Community Council, on behalf to the Colintrave and Glendaruel Development Trust, advised that due to very poor connectivity in the area they have started a Community broadband project to help people in local community. Whilst they have been unable to attract suppliers large enough to execute the project, they are looking for solutions via connectivity testing for those that request it, including promoting the use of hotspots on mobile phones.

### **Decision**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Verbal update by Vice-Chair of ColGlen Community Council, on behalf of Colintraive and Glendaruel Development Trust)

(b) **Forestry and Land Scotland**

John Hair, Forestry and Land Scotland, spoke to his submitted update describing their current priorities which included the management of *Phytophthora ramorum* and their land management plans on a 10 year cycle for individual forest areas.

Discussion focussed around keeping community groups up-to-date on roads closures and not only when there was a requirement for a consultation on the closure.

The Committee Manager read out questions that were submitted by Ian MacNaughton from Sandbank Community Council as follows;

1. Given that the Scottish Government declared a "climate emergency" over a year ago what action is FLS taking to plant trees in suitable locations across the Cowal peninsula and, in particular, the land within and above the Bishop's Glen and throughout Glen Fyne?

Response from Mr Hair

All land is managed and planted with trees unless the ground is too high for sufficient tree growth consequently the land will remain open if not suitable; there is a planting programme for the A83 Rest and Be Thankful that will start soon; and any trees felled are re-planted after 3-4 years with a greater range of species.

2. What arrangements are being made to set aside specific areas for native species particularly broadleaf trees in addition to the extensive Sitka Spruce and Larch monoculture plantations? This occurred many years ago on land above Innellan and to a degree around the lower levels of the Bishop's Glen but there is precious little attempt being made to plant native species on the upper slopes of the Bishop's Glen and throughout much of the length of Glen Fyne.

Response from Mr Hair

Most of the plantation was done in the last century when timber production was the single objective, FLS is now looking to increase the variety of species in LM Plans as described in the report and to create a broadleaf habitat within the area to reverse the fragmentation of habitats which took place over last 100 years.

3. As to the large blocks of private forestry planting on the hills above Dunoon, are the owners, who I understand are able to receive grants from Government to construct roads and other infrastructure, obliged to set aside land for native species planting?

Response from Mr Hair

All private or public planting needs to follow the UK forestry standard, with a minimum of 5% native species in forest areas.

4. There is a significant area of forestry land within Sandbank Community Council's "administration" area and it would be most helpful to have an indication of FLS's local proposals given the Government's "climate emergency" announcement.

Response from Mr Hair

FLS do not manage any forest in Sandbank Community Council's area but are responding to the climate emergency by planting in anticipation of climate changes such as for wetter and windier weather by design forests to withstand these weather patterns and to plant more trees to lock up more carbon and help reduce the CO2 in the atmosphere.

**Decision**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Update by John Hair – Forestry and Lan Scotland dated April 2021, submitted)

**12. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSULTATION**

The Group gave consideration to an update on the Community Development Plan Consultation and noted that a short survey will be posted on BaseCamp in the next few days for issuing around the networks.

**Decision**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Verbal Update by Nicola Hackett - Business Development Manager, Live Argyll)

**13. GAELIC DEVELOPMENT ACROSS ARGYLL AND BUTE**

The Group considered a report which provided information on the role of the Gaelic language in Argyll and Bute; provided details of the value that the Gaelic language could bring to the improvement outcomes; and encouraged partners to continue to support the promotion and usage of the Gaelic language.

Cristie Moore, Gaelic Development Worker, requested assistance from the Group in promoting the ongoing survey on the Gaelic language and invited Group members to pass her details to any contacts who may be interested in supporting work around Gaelic.

**Decision**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group agreed;

1. to support the promotion of Gaelic where possible;
2. to consider Gaelic as an option when looking at new and existing initiatives;
3. to connect interested parties with the Gaelic Development Worker;
4. to have an awareness of the Argyll and Bute Gaelic Language Plan and where possible support the objectives;
5. to note the information provided in relation to Colmcille 1500 funding and celebration which relates to initiatives linking Scotland and Ireland; and
6. to take forward actions, where appropriate, identified by the Gaelic survey.

(Reference: Report by Gaelic Development Worker, Argyll and Bute Council, dated 4 May 2021, submitted)

#### **14. BASECAMP TRIAL**

The Group gave consideration to a verbal update in reaction to the uptake and usefulness of BaseCamp noting that Bute and Cowal is the most active out of all four areas and partners were encouraged to continue to engage with the platform.

##### **Decision**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Verbal Update by Community Planning Officer)

#### **15. CAMPERVAN, MOTORHOME AND STAYCATION ACTIVITY**

The Group considered a report on the opportunities and challenges in relation to informal camping.

##### **Decision**

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group;

1. noted the content of the report and progress to date;
2. agreed to continue to collaborate to try and address the challenges faced due to increased informal camping activity; and
3. noted that in absence of an officer the Committee Manager would take back any questions to the relevant officer and circulate any responses to the Group.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth, dated 4 May 2021, submitted)

#### **16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group would take place at 10.00am on Tuesday 17 August 2021.

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**Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership****Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group****17 August 2021**

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**Briefing Note: Community Planning Partnership Management Committee Update**

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This briefing relates to the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee which was held on 30 June 2021. The briefing is for noting and relevant discussion.

**Summary**

The CPP Management Committee met on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 with the meeting being held virtually given the restrictions in place in regard to public gatherings.

This update provides an overview 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**Matters Arising from Area Community Planning Groups

- An update was provided on the discussions which had taken place at all 4 Area Community Planning Groups which had been held in April/May 2021. The meetings had been well attended and there had been a variety of interesting presentations given.
- It was noted that the administrative arrangements for the Helensburgh and Lomond ACPG would now be undertaken by the Council's Governance Team which would provide a consistent approach across all 4 Groups.
- Discussion took place on how the Area Groups could contribute to the Climate Change Working Group as it had been highlighted that there are many examples of local good practice which could be shared – it was agreed that Stan Phillips would raise this with the Working Group at the next meeting and that there would be discussion at the Area Group meetings.
- Willie Lynch, Chair of Bute and Cowal ACPG advised that the Argyll Rally had went ahead despite the concerns around rising Covid cases and that it had went well. It was noted that there would be a review undertaken to discuss the event and look at any lessons which could be learned going forward.

### Scottish Youth Parliament

Cameron Garrett, MSYP spoke about his work with the Scottish Youth Parliament including the work on the SQA exams appeal process. Cameron also spoke about the “bounce back campaign” and how it looks to take a human rights based approach to pandemic recovery and highlighted the work that is ongoing to encourage visitors to the area to take home litter and reduce waste wherever possible. He spoke of the importance of distance learning and university promotion to the youth in Argyll and Bute which provides avenues for young people who might not want to leave the area to study. A video was also shown and this is available to view on YouTube via this link - [video](#).

### Cross Cutting Themes

- The Committee heard a presentation from Martin Turnbull and Ailsa Clark around digital inclusion. Ailsa spoke on the Digital Connection project which had started as a response to Covid in Kintyre with over 150 devices being donated by the community for redistribution. The project identified that there was a need for more devices and following engagement with the Council this led to increased donations and grant funding to purchase 220 more refurbished devices. The project ran over a period of 8 months and complimented the Connecting Scotland project. Martin spoke about the Connecting Scotland initiative which the Scottish Government set up with the aim of targeting 50,000 digitally excluded households by the end of 2021. He provided detail on the project and outlined the success of distributing devices to older people, disabled people, families and care leavers. The Education service also funded the purchase of 1356 new devices and 254 mifi connections.
- Discussion took place on the importance of digital connectivity and it was agreed that a short life working group would be set up to look at what partners can do in regard to digital inclusion across their organisations.
- Fergus Walker, Revenue and Benefits Manager advised that the Council was looking to procure a poverty awareness training programme.

### Climate Change

- The Council has a new website which has a map linking to climate change projects across the area – [Climate website](#)
- In regard to the Climate Change Working Group it was noted that the group had recently met and had discussed the purpose of the group and they were looking to identify what projects to take forward. This will be explored further at the next meeting with it being noted that they were keen to welcome new members and diversify the membership particularly from young people.
- There are plans for an Education Climate Summit in October prior to COP 26 and plans for this are being worked on. It was noted that the Scotland Climate Assembly have compiled a report for the Scottish Government which tables 81 recommendations, you can view the report [here](#)
- The Committee was shown a video by Cowal Youth Forum which had been made as part of the Keep Scotland Beautiful competition and had received a

commendation. The video was well received and provided some great images and took on some key themes around the use of plastics and the impact of fires on beaches. The video can be viewed here [Video](#)

### Outcome 3 – CLD Partnership

- Nicola Hackett provided an update on the work of Community Learning and Development (CLD) which has recently transferred to Live Argyll and a new strategic partnership has been formed. CLD covers areas such as adult learning and literacy, youth work, family based learning and the early intervention agenda and wider volunteering opportunities to build capacity in Community Learning.

### Outcome 4 – Children and Young People

- Brian Reid, Interim Head of Service for Children, Families and Justice gave a presentation on “The Promise”. Following the Independent Care Review which had been commissioned by the First Minister to figure out how Scotland could love its most vulnerable children and give them the childhood they deserve “The Promise” was made – “We grow up, loved, safe and respected so that we realise our full potential”. A suite of documents have been created which apply to a wide variety of areas within which change will be driven to meet this Promise.
- The Promise Scotland Team who have been delivering the framework have now been commissioned by the Scottish Government to lead the implementation of the Promise and an initial Change Programme has now been published. It was acknowledged that the CPP has a governance role in overseeing the work to keep “The Promise”.

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**Police Scotland – Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Partnership Update for meeting in August 2021**

1. **Personnel Change** - Inspector John Forrest has now commenced his role as Community Inspector for the Cowal and Bute area taking over responsibilities from his predecessor Inspector Simon Shanks. Inspector Forrest has previously worked in and is familiar with the area and will look to maintain and develop working partnerships.
2. **Covid** - As we move forward with the continuing easing of Lockdown restrictions, and entry into level 0, local policing plans are in place to direct, guide and inform officers as the various different restrictions are relaxed. Officers continue to monitor the areas of retail, hospitality, travel and socialising.

Officers are generally still instructed to follow the strategic Police response which is the four-step escalation principles of engagement, explanation, encouragement and finally enforcement but as the lockdown restrictions have continued for so long now, there are more instances where officers are justified in moving straight to enforcement with the issue of fixed penalty notices.

3. **Future planning** - Although lockdown restrictions are easing there have already been a number of cancellations or postponements to annual events normally held within the summer months. Planning is continuing on a National level regarding the upcoming COP26 Climate Change Conference being held in Glasgow in November 2021. Cowal and Bute resources may be used during this operation although planning has already been carried out to ensure that the Cowal and Bute area will be adequately resourced.
4. **Fraud Prevention** – Police Scotland in partnership with Argyll and Bute Council have successfully secured funding from the “Flexible Fund” to purchase more call blocker devices given the increase in telephone scams since the start of the pandemic and the success of the initial funding bid. During 2021, Police Scotland and Argyll and Bute Trading Standards have installed 66 call blocker devices onto landlines of vulnerable people who were being hassled by nuisance telephone calls. Initial analysis has shown that 33% of calls received were nuisance or scam calls and that over the 4 year lifetime of these units they will have blocked 64,833 nuisance calls. Over this same 4 year projection, these units will have prevented 105 scams, saved vulnerable households £309,736, led to a reduction of £287,702 in NHS, social care & police costs, and an increase in wellbeing & quality of life valued at £303,641 - total benefits of £901,080. In Bute and Cowal, devices have been installed in Rothesay, Dunoon, Innellan, Sandbank and Ardentinnny. If you are being pestered by nuisance calls or you know a family member or friend that could benefit from having a call blocker please contact Argyll and Bute Trading Standards on 01546 605 519 or [tradingstandards.office@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:tradingstandards.office@argyll-bute.gov.uk) to apply for a funded device. Priority will be given to those who are vulnerable.
5. **Online Child Exploitation**- The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), in partnership with age verification platform Yoti, have developed the Report Remove tool to support young people to remove sexual images of themselves online. Report Remove can support a young person in reporting sexual images or videos shared online and helps the young person to get the image removed if it is illegal. The NSPCC’s Childline service ensures that the young person is safeguarded throughout the process. Young people aged under 18 who are worried a sexual image or video of them may have been shared online can use Childline and IWF’s Report Remove tool at <https://www.childline.org.uk/Remove>. This helps children and young people to report an image or video shared online, to see if it is possible to get it removed. Once the report has been made, it keeps the young person informed at each stage and provides support and feedback where necessary.

6. **Road Policing** – Police Scotland’s Community Engagement team supported by Police Scotland's Mounted Branch, Road Policing Unit & British Horse Society Scotland were in Dunoon on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 for a road safety/crime prevention initiative. Speeding check points were set up across the area with 10 drivers warned for being just over the speed limit. We also carried out Operation Close Pass which is an operation focussed on road safety in relation to cyclists. This initiative reminds motorists to give cyclists the same space you would a car when overtaking. Lose The Blinkers, again is a road safety initiative to protect horse riders and horses whilst on the road. This was as a result of an incident in Clachaig where a driver was charged with dangerous driving for passing too quickly and closely to a young horse rider and their horse.
  
7. **Bike Marking-** Over 70 bicycles were security marked including pupils bikes from Dunoon Primary School. This event was so popular that we ran out of bike marking kits which had been the source of funding. We are looking to seek more funding for this and will be back in the near future to do more. Many other members of the community were spoken to during this event with crime prevention & Rural watch advice being provided.

**Staycation patrols.** Officers now carrying out joint patrols with the Cowal & Bute authority warden, covering the popular camping and tourist visitor areas to ensure minimal impact on the local community from an ASB and environmental perspective.

## Dunoon Community Development Trust Update – July 2021

**Dunoon Community Development Trust** has been set up, with support from **Dunoon Area Alliance**, by a group of local individuals concerned about the **sustainable development** of Dunoon and our surrounding area.

**Sustainable development** is about improving people's quality of life, now and for future generations; it is about being **ecologically sound, economically viable and socially just**. To achieve this the Trust will initiate new community-led activities and build alliances between community groups, businesses and public bodies to work together on shared goals.

Working together since January this year, the Steering Group has developed charitable purposes and a constitution for the Trust and has successfully registered **Dunoon Community Development Trust** as a **Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation** (SCIO number SC051050) with the **Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator** (OSCR).

Now we want as many local people and constituted organisations to become members of the Trust to support action and help to **Take Dunoon Forward**

### **Why you should join**

By becoming a member of the Trust you can have a say and actively support initiatives that will improve life for all in our town. As a member you will be able to:

- Support community-led development across Dunoon
- Keep up-to-date with plans, discussions and consultations
- Add your viewpoint to the mix
- Get involved as a volunteer within your community

Membership is free and open to anyone over 16 who lives, works or studies in Dunoon. Anyone from across the Cowal peninsula with an interest in the regeneration of our main town can also become a member. Junior members aged 14 and 15 are also encouraged to join and make their views heard.

Dunoon Community Development Trust will actively involve local organisations and public bodies. Constituted community groups and organisations will be encouraged to become Associate Members. In addition, our constitution allocates an Appointed Trustee position for Argyll & Bute Council. Our constitution also provides scope to involve Co-opted Trustees from other bodies or organisations.

All three elected Dunoon Councillors and a number of council officers have been actively involved in the Trust steering group and will continue to be engaged with our development work.

### **What will Dunoon Community Development Trust do?**

Dunoon Community Development Trust will build on the work of [Dunoon Area Alliance](#) (DAA), which was established to help strengthen connections between individuals, groups, organisations, businesses and public bodies in considering the regeneration of our town.

Informed by the findings of the Think Dunoon Charette, DAA has supported improved communication between organisations and joint action on specific themes. This has led to developments that include Dunoon Cycle Bothy and the American Years Revisited project.

A draft Development Trust Action Plan is being drawn up by our steering group, informed by the Think Dunoon Charette, the work of DAA and by a process of mapping the town's assets. We are also considering what we have all learned about community resilience through the Covid19 pandemic.

Our initial action is focused on building the membership of the Trust and establishing good governance. With that in place, our members will then be able to inform the priorities for action through a process of community engagement. All action will be community-led and based on engagement with our community and our partners.

Our main activities will be:

- The sustainable regeneration of Dunoon's community
- Strategic planning and development through community engagement and consultation
- Local project delivery
- Partnership working with relevant agencies and organisations
- Sharing best practice and experience with other similar groups and organisations
- Local capacity building and skills development

Our Charitable Objects:

These are the purposes of Dunoon Community Development Trust, as detailed in our governing document.

The Organisation's main purpose is consistent with furthering the achievement of sustainable development. The Organisation's Purposes are:

1. The advancement of regeneration and community development and, in particular, the promotion of the holistic regeneration of Dunoon and its surroundings through the design and delivery of a range of activities, services and infrastructure designed to help Dunoon be a sustainable, inclusive community for all who live or work in the area.
2. The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture and/or science through the creation, improvement and on-going support of associated sites, infrastructure and activities
3. To provide or advance the accessibility of recreational facilities, with a particular focus on encouraging the use of open spaces, which will be available to members of the Community and public at large, for recreational purposes to improve the community's quality of life
4. To advance environmental protection or improvement including preservation, sustainable development and conservation of the natural environment, the maintenance, improvement or provision of environmental amenities for the Community and/or the preservation of buildings or sites of architectural, historic or other importance to the Community

5. To relieve those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, particularly through the provision or support of projects working towards this aim within the Community
6. To promote, establish, operate and/or support other similar schemes which are in furtherance of charitable 'purposes for the benefit of the Community
7. And on the basis that in pursuing those purposes, the organisation will:
  - (a) encourage and promote:
    - (i) community involvement in, and direction of, Dunoon Community Development Trust;
    - (ii) ownership and/or leasing of buildings, offices or any other community assets and the use of these assets to generate income; and
    - (iii) maximisation of funding opportunities;
  - (b) work in partnership with public, private and voluntary agencies in the furtherance of these aims and, in particular, work in partnership with Argyll & Bute Council and its community planning partners to identify regeneration projects within Dunoon.

### **Join now**

Simply complete this [membership form](#) and email to [ann@surf.scot](mailto:ann@surf.scot) or send to:  
Dunoon Community Development Trust, c/o **The Pop Shop**, 28 Hillfoot Street, Dunoon,  
PA23 7DS

For more information about the Trust visit [Dunoon Area Alliance](#) website or contact Ann Campbell, SURF Dunoon Area Alliance Facilitator at [ann@surf.scot](mailto:ann@surf.scot)

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**Community Learning Service update**

**Community Learning Services have now transferred over to LiveArgyll.** The Community Learning Service will continue to work alongside communities and partners to ensure individuals, families and communities reach their potential through lifelong learning, mutual self-help and strong community organisations. If you would like to get in touch with the Community Learning team, please contact [cld@liveargyll.co.uk](mailto:cld@liveargyll.co.uk)

**Health and Wellbeing Project:** Has been able to re-start and move forward as restrictions lift and some schools have already completed their Outdoor Learning days and young people are working through SQA Health and Wellbeing units. Other schools will start after the summer break the programme is around supporting young people struggling to reengage with Education after lockdown. Funded by through [Youth work Education Recovery Fund.](#)

**ESP (Enhanced Summer Programme)**

Local authorities across Scotland have been provided with funding to help improve the wellbeing of children and young people over the summer period. Local authorities will be able to work with local and national partners to coordinate and deliver holiday activities and experiences, integrating food and wider family support where needed, and targeted at low income families, children and young people particularly adversely affected by the impacts of the pandemic.

Community Learning Services are involved throughout July and August in both delivery across Argyll and Bute and the Co-Ordinating of the Programme of Activities in Cowal and Bute alongside their colleagues in Active Schools who are also involved in delivery and Co-Ordinating the Programme of Activities in other areas across the Authority. The programme will run throughout the Summer school holidays and covers P1s – to S6 (Primary and Secondary School ages).

**New CLD Plan 21-24**

Ongoing/Update: A wide range of statutory and voluntary organisations are involved in delivering Community Learning and Development (CLD) services to young people, adults, families and communities across Argyll and Bute. As previously stated The Community Learning & Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013 place a statutory requirement on local authorities to publish a plan every 3 years' outlining how it will co-ordinate and secure "adequate and efficient" Community Learning & Development (CLD) provision with other sector partners. The current plan can be found here [Argyll and Bute CLD Plan 2018-21](#). Work is underway and continuing on the development of the next CLD Plan for 21-24, which has to be completed by September 2021. A number of local consultation exercises have now already taken place along with the new CLD Plan Partnership having met and also regular meetings being held with the CLD Plan Working Group.

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## ARGYLL COLLEGE UHI – BRIEF SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

The college continues to operate remotely, with all staff remaining at home for the moment. The college is not yet in a position to say when face to face or in-centre teaching will resume; we remain in consultation with health and safety groups and continue to follow the government guidelines. However, as in academic year 2020/21, we fully expect the majority of our courses to run, subject to numbers, and we will continue to make every effort to make learning from home possible for our students.

Last academic year, we provided laptops and internet dongles to students who required them, as well as additional financial support from Covid funds for students who were struggling. We anticipate that this will continue where appropriate and possible.

### Student Success

Principal Martin Jones said, 'this has been an extraordinary year and our students have done extraordinary things to make it to this point'. Martin acknowledged that our students faced significant challenges in working from home, often juggling family, home schooling, work and study. In the absence of a traditional graduation ceremony, we will find alternative ways to celebrate our students' successes.

We have most recently, celebrated the success of one of our BA Business & Management students, John Frace, who won the Herald Higher Education Awards for Outstanding Student Contribution. John is the man behind the Scottish Coronavirus tracker website which you can view here: <https://www.travellingtabby.com/scotland-coronavirus-tracker/> - John originally began this project as a spreadsheet, entering data relating to Covid before being encouraged by friends and fellow students to create a website, which has now attracted 1.5 million users, and at the height of lockdown had over 1,000 people logging on every day for the 3pm update. John's Twitter following has exploded to 22,800 followers, including Professors Devi Shridhar, Jason Leitch, Linda Bauld, and the First Minister.

It is estimated that John has spent 1,500 hours (187 working days) over the past year on the site, whilst also keeping up with his full-time studies with the University of the Highlands and Islands. His selfless efforts have helped to improve many people's experience of the most challenging year most of us have faced.

### College Applications Remain Open

We still have places left on many of our courses, with the exception of Access to Nursing and the PGDE in Primary/Secondary teaching, both of which are already fully subscribed.

Prospective students should visit our 'subjects' page on our website to find out more about the range of subjects on offer, from NC, HNC/HND and beyond to degree and postgraduate options – there's lots to choose from! The subjects page can be found here: <https://www.argyll.uhi.ac.uk/subjects/>

For those who are uncertain about aspects of studying with us, how to apply, or navigating the issue of funding, we have a really helpful 'study with us' page where you can click through a range of links to get more information. The study with us page is here: <https://www.argyll.uhi.ac.uk/study-with-us/>

Of course, despite working from home, staff are all ready, able and willing to help prospective students with their enquiries so they should feel free to contact Helensburgh centre staff via our email: [acrothesay@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:acrothesay@uhi.ac.uk) or call the centre on: 01700 501000 to chat to one of us.

We look forward to welcoming new and returning students in September when the new academic year begins.

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## Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

### Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group

17 August 2021




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## Briefing Note: Climate Change Working Group – Involvement of Area Community Planning Groups

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This briefing provides information on the Climate Change Working Group which has been formed by the CPP Management Committee, gives details on the aims of the Group and looks at how Area Community Planning Groups can be more involved.

### Summary

A Short Life Working Group was formed by the CPP Management Committee following its meeting held in December 2019 and was initially co-chaired by the MSYP's who were members of the Management Committee.

Following a break due to the pandemic, the Group has met recently and has a new Chair, Stan Phillips of NatureScot.

The Group is currently exploring its remit and what actions can be taken forward.

### Membership of the Climate Change Working Group

The Group currently has members from across the CPP Management Committee. It is Chaired by Stan Phillips from NatureScot and has input from partners and Council officers – Willie Lynch, Chair of the Bute and Cowal ACPG is also a member.

At their last meeting the Working Group agreed that they would be keen to increase membership, to make sure relevant sectors/demographics were represented, including young people. It is therefore suggested that each Area Community Planning Group may want to appoint a representative (and a substitute if possible) who could attend the Working Group meetings and act as liaison with the ACPG.

### Remit and aims of the Climate Change Working Group

When the Working Group was originally set up it looked to build on and promote the work being carried out by partners across Argyll and Bute. At the most recent meeting the Group agreed to look at the remit and aims and discussion within the Group noted the following:-

- To educate everyone in A&B about climate change and reducing our carbon footprint.

- Messaging.
- More awareness raising around industrial decarbonisation agenda.
- How businesses are supported/incentivised to just transition to net zero.
- To have a simple, short statement reflecting our purpose/mission statement.
- To identify risks for the area e.g. rising sea levels
- Adaptation planning
- To explore what our natural capital means and how we can best use this, particularly in relation to Community Wealth Building.
- Continue to update website with new material

Members of the Group were asked to think about the discussion and to bring forward ideas for refining the discussion into a set of meaningful actions. Any actions which are put forward need to be achievable and realistic given that there is no direct resource allocated to the Working Group.

Primarily, actions should be something that can make a difference.

Input from the Area Groups with any ideas for actions would be welcomed.

### **Climate Change actions across Argyll and Bute**

Across Argyll and Bute there are many examples of good work and practice which relate to the climate change agenda. For example, the Council has a Climate Change Board which looks at how the Council can make a difference by implementing different ways of working or taking forward different practices which all contributes to the climate change agenda. There are many more examples across the partners of the Management Committee and in the wider community.

Members will be aware that the Climate Change Conference (COP 26) is being hosted in Glasgow in November of this year. This is a key opportunity in terms of the climate change agenda and there will be many activities taking place in local areas which will link into the conference, including an Education conference in October which is being taken forward by the Council.

The CPP Management Committee has created a dedicated climate change webpage which is hosted on the Council website, it has lots of useful links and information and can be accessed here [Community Planning Partnership - Climate Change \(argyll-bute.gov.uk\)](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/community-planning-partnership-climate-change).

ACT (Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust) are taking forward a project called Act Now and one part of this is the compilation of an interactive map which they hope will encourage greater levels of collaboration between organisations and promote engagement.

ACT Now is looking to add any not-for-profit organisation to the map which have a focus on climate change awareness, home energy efficiency, sustainable travel, local food production, health and wellbeing in the natural environment, environmental education, upcycling/recycling, improving biodiversity, promotion of natural heritage etc. You can view the map here [EConnect Map Argyll | Argyll and the Isles Coast and](https://www.ecconnectmap.org.uk/)

[Countryside Trust \(act-now.org.uk\)](http://act-now.org.uk) Any examples which the Group considers relevant can be collated and passed on to ACT Now.

### **Recommendations**

The Area Community Planning Group is asked to:-

- (1) Discuss the information outlined in the briefing and provide suggestions for actions for the Climate Change Working Group;
- (2) Consider the nomination of a substitute to represent the Bute and Cowal ACPG on the Working Group; and
- (3) Provide detail on any relevant project/organisation that could be put forward as an addition to the ACT interactive map.

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# Partner Update for Bute & Cowal Community Planning Group

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*By Reeni Kennedy-Boyle on behalf of Fyne Futures Ltd, Isle of Bute*

Ref: call for updates 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## Local Employment

With restrictions easing we have been able to fully open existing activities and successfully launch new activities. The business is resourced with 22 people 7 being volunteer Directors and 1 Observer. There are 14 members of staff

- 9 staff are on permanent contracts – 6.7 FTE based on 35 hour week
- 5 on fixed term contracts – 3.9 FTE based on 35 hour week

All Fyne Futures activities are focused on reducing Isle of Bute carbon footprint through provision of low carbon goods and services.

- Volunteer Programme – engaging people in good work and raising awareness of climate change
- Bute Produce market garden and Green Box Scheme
- ReStyle reuse furniture – diverting useful resources from landfill
- Car Bute community car club and Bike Bute e-bike scheme – shared travel resources

## Volunteer Programme

### *Successful delivery of Bute Dignity in All Work*

The project continues to progress well, with good support from a variety of stakeholder groups including people from Phoenix Centre, Rothesay Joint Campus, Rothesay Playgroup, as well as individual community members. End of year report was submitted to Scottish Government Investing in Communities team at end of May. Slide show appended to this report gives a flavour of the volunteer activities and events that are being supported. The three themes are:

- Cookery skills and food sharing with seasonal produce
- Making things last repair, refurbishment and upcycling
- Grow food in public space

This is creating a positive dialogue about our environment and tackling food poverty and insecurity inclusively and with dignity. During 2020/2021 there were 21 events engaging 129 participants with the project. These were all delivered outside with COVID19 protocols in place. For 2021 with restrictions easing our volunteer co-ordinator Steve Kemp has been able to plan some indoor activities around Making Things Last utilising textiles.

## Bute Produce

Our green box scheme is working well with 70% of the box coming direct from the garden. This is set to reach 100% during July as our own potatoes come into season. As part of our ongoing monitoring of our own carbon footprint, with support from Farm Advisory Service, a carbon audit was undertaken.

The report concludes:

*“Fyne Futures is a unique business, but one that is efficient in its use of resources, its low carbon footprint is a testament to that. Regardless of the low carbon footprint, there are areas for improvement that can help the business reduce its carbon footprint further and improve profitability...”*

## ReStyle

Revolve Certification is valid for 2 years and is a Total Quality Management assessment of reuse stores.

I am delighted to report that we achieved certification on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021. We received the following feedback from Zero Waste Scotland

***“Huge Congratulations on completing all of the Revolve Standards 100%. I can confirm that you have passed with flying colours and have been awarded your Revolve Certification which is valid for 2 years.***

*The Revolve Online Tool is still fairly new to us all and you have been absolutely fantastic working with it through the actions in a timely manner to deliver exactly what was required to evidence that you meet, and often exceed the Revolve Standards. An exceptional and outstanding effort on your part which sets the bar for anyone else going through Recertification in this new way. Congratulations and very well done.”*

## Car Bute and Bike Bute

### ***Successful launch of Bike e-bike scheme***

With COVID restrictions still in place, decision was made to undertake a soft launch of e-bike scheme with a series of small targeted community events supported by online marketing.

Free test ride slots were set up for:

- NHS and Care Key Workers
- Calmac and Argyll & Bute Council pier staff
- Bute Wheelers
- Car Bute members

Car Bute facebook page has been updated to reflect extended offer -

<https://www.facebook.com/CarButeBikeBute/>

Embedded web page within Fyne Futures website implemented -

<https://www.fynefutures.org.uk/bikebute/>

We are committed to inclusive growth, and have demonstrated this with arrival of the companion e-trike which enables wheelchair users to experience the joy of exploring Bute by e-bike.

# Bute Dignity in All Work

{ by Steve Kemp

- Cooking skills with seasonal products
- Making things last with beeswax furniture polish; textiles and furniture upcycling
- Growing food in public spaces for people to share

























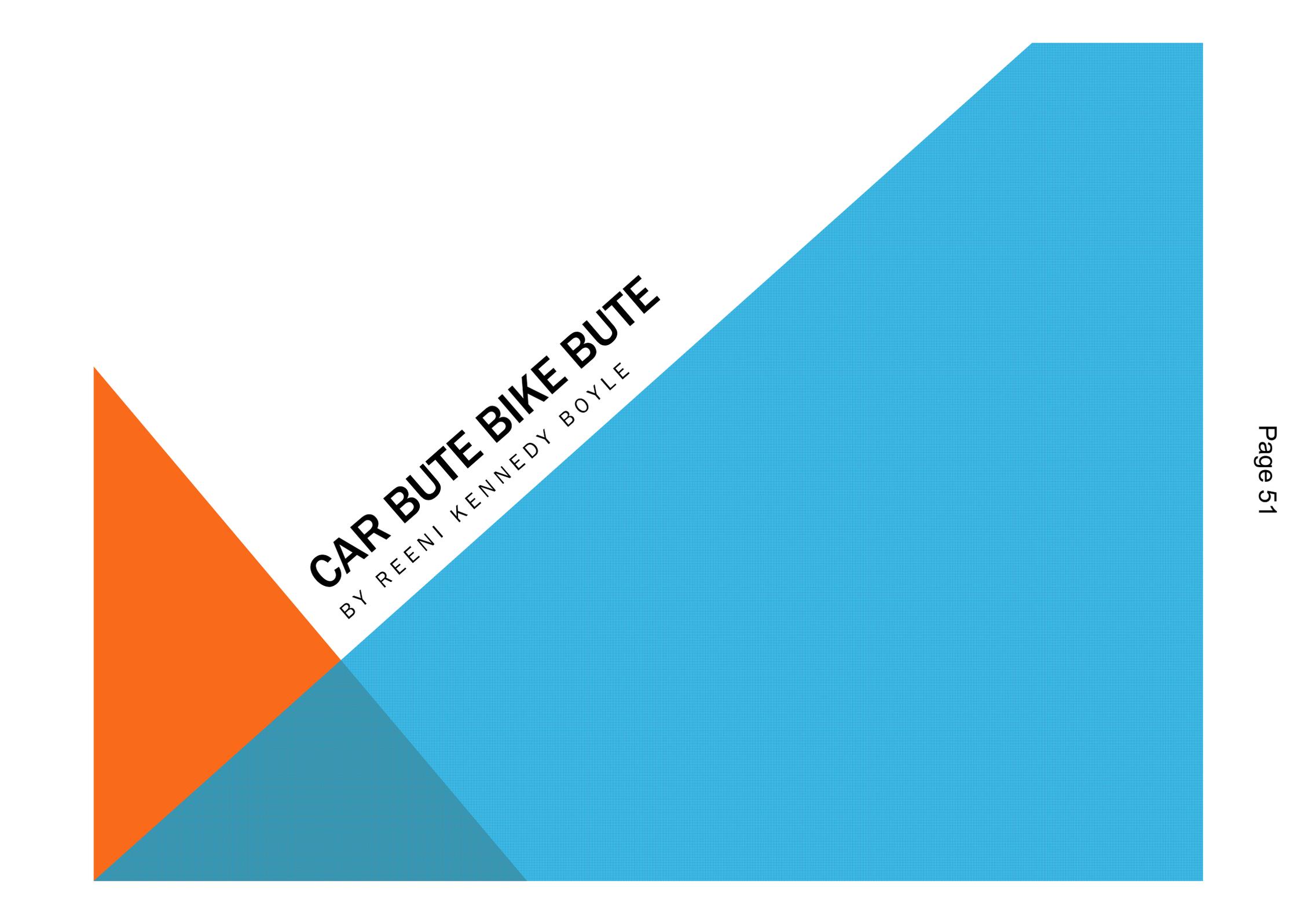












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