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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

A meeting of the **MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held by **MICROSOFT TEAMS** on **WEDNESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2021** at **2:00 PM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry  
Executive Director

## **BUSINESS**

### **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### **3. MINUTES**

- (a) Meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group held on Tuesday, 24th August 2021 (Pages 5 - 16)

### **4. PARTNERS UPDATES**

- (a) Transport Scotland Update (Pages 17 - 18)

Update by Transport Scotland

- (b) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Update (Pages 19 - 24)

Update by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

- (c) Police Scotland Update (Pages 25 - 28)

Update by Police Scotland

- (d) Campbeltown Community Council Update (Pages 29 - 30)

- Update by Campbeltown Community Council
- (e) Argyll College UHI Update (Pages 31 - 32)  
Update by Argyll College UHI
  - (f) Forestry and Land Scotland Update (Pages 33 - 34)  
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  - (g) Community Learning Service Update (Pages 35 - 36)  
Update by Community Learning Service
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Update by Dunadd Community Council
  - (i) Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust Update (Pages 39 - 40)  
Update by Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust
  - (j) South Islay Development Update (Pages 41 - 46)  
Update by South Islay Development
  - (k) Opportunity for verbal updates from Area Community Planning Group Partners

## **5. COMMUNITY FOCUS**

- (a) Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust - ACT Now Project (Pages 47 - 62)  
  
Presentation by Project Officer, Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust

## **6. CLIMATE CHANGE**

- (a) Minutes of the Climate Change Working Group meeting held on Friday, 10th September 2021 (Pages 63 - 68)
- (b) Climate Action Towns Campbeltown - Project Overview (Pages 69 - 76)  
  
Report by Senior Design Officer, Architecture and Design Scotland

## **7. UPDATE ON INVERARAY TO CROSSAIG PROJECT (Pages 77 - 82)**

Update by Community Liaison Manager, Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks

- 8. DATA SETS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN ARGYLL AND BUTE** (Pages 83 - 100)  
Presentation by Area Manager, Skills Development Scotland
- 9. COMMUNITY LEARNING PARTNERSHIP PLAN** (Pages 101 - 124)  
Report by Business Development Manager, Live Argyll
- 10. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE**  
(Pages 125 - 128)  
Report by Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
- 11. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR OF THE MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** (Pages 129 - 130)  
Report by Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
- 12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022.

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

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**MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMUNITY  
PLANNING GROUP held by MICROSOFT TEAMS  
on TUESDAY, 24 AUGUST 2021**

**Present:** Ian Brodie (Chair), East Kintyre Community Council  
Shona Barton, Committee Manager, Argyll & Bute Council  
Ailie Law, Community Development Officer, Argyll & Bute Council  
Councillor John Armour  
Councillor Anne Horn  
Brian Smith, Community Learning Team Leader, Live Argyll  
Lucy Sumsion, National Farmers Union Scotland  
Inspector Paul Collins, Police Scotland  
Teresa Robertson, Fyne Homes  
Neil MacFarlane, Transport Scotland  
Joan Stewart, Shopper Aide  
Hazel Fuller, Dunadd Community Council  
Don McKillop, Caledonian MacBrayne  
Jackie MacPherson, Argyll College UHI  
Phil Dickinson, Craignish Community Council  
Valerie Nimmo, Campbeltown Community Council  
Grant MacPherson, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
Sandra MacIntyre, We Are With You  
Alyson MacGillivray, South Islay Development

The Chair ruled, and the Group agreed, to a variation in the order of business to allow partner attendance. The minute reflects the order in which items were discussed.

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. The Committee Manager outlined the procedure for the meeting.

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of:

Councillor Donald MacMillan BEM;  
Councillor Sandy Taylor;  
Jane Cowen, Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust;  
Susan MacRae, Skills Development Scotland;  
Lynda Syed, Furnace Community Council;  
Catherine Anne MacAulay, Campbeltown Community Council; and  
Tracy Preece, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. MINUTES**

- (a) **Meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group held on 28 April 2021**

The Minute of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group held on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2021 was approved as a correct record.

#### **4. PARTNERS UPDATE**

##### **(a) Transport Scotland Update**

Neil MacFarlane, Transport Scotland, provided a verbal update to the Group around their activities. Neil confirmed that projects in Campbeltown at Tarbert Road and Hall Street were anticipated to be completed by the end of August. He also confirmed details around the resurfacing of the Old Military Road scheduled to be completed on 3<sup>rd</sup> September; resurfacing at Argyll Caravan Park scheduled to be completed on 25<sup>th</sup> August; and future works scheduled for the A82 at Stuckgowan and the A83 at Port Ann, Strone Hill, Dunderave and South of Lochgilphead.

Councillor Horn raised concerns about reported long delays at Balloch roundabout and Neil confirmed that Transport Scotland were aware of the issue, also providing information around the background and reasons for these delays. He noted that the situation could potentially improve with a decrease in staycation activity following a busy tourist season but any future solutions would be looked at carefully.

Councillor Horn also advised that the sign for Clachan Cemetery on the A83 had been removed but had not been replaced, which was causing issues for visitors to the area in locating the cemetery. Neil confirmed that he would raise this issue with BEAR Scotland and ask for the sign to be replaced.

Councillor Horn suggested that it could be beneficial for signage to be put in place at either side of the hill near Carrick Cemetery to highlight the possibility that cars could be crossing the flow of traffic when entering and exiting the Cemetery. Neil confirmed that he would liaise with Councillor Horn around this following the meeting.

Neil also provided an update on future plans for Kinloch Road, Campbeltown, noting that the intention was for the street to be looked at in detail as a whole with the aim of making it a more attractive route for walking, cycling and wheeling. He confirmed that the first step for the project was to complete a topographical and drainage survey, scheduled to start in October. He also provided details of plans to undertake public engagement, as well as involving local schools and the Education department in planning, noting that because of this and the scope of works there was no timescale as yet for the programme to be implemented on site. It was noted that the project was currently unbudgeted but line management were in general agreement with the philosophy proposed. Neil advised that any works undertaken on Kinloch Road would also have to take into consideration the requirements of wide-load vehicles regularly using the route.

Discussion took place around possible temporary solutions to the issues at the junction of Kinloch Road and Burnbank Place and Neil confirmed that investigations were ongoing around this.

##### **Decision**

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

(b) **Community Learning Service Update**

The Group considered an update from the Community Learning Service which detailed information around the transfer of Community Learning Services to Live Argyll; the re-instatement of the Health and Wellbeing Project; the Enhanced Summer Programme being delivered throughout July and August; and the development of a new Community Learning and Development Plan for 2021-24 which would be considered by the Argyll and Bute Council Community Services Committee on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August.

**Decision**

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

(Reference: Update by Brian Smith, Community Learning Team Leader, Live Argyll, submitted)

(c) **We Are With You Update**

The Group considered an update from We Are With You which expressed concerns around recent alcohol and drug statistics, as well as the high level of cocaine use among young people. The update also provided information around how to engage with, and promote, the services offered by We Are With You.

Sandra MacIntyre advised that there had been a recent decrease in referrals to We Are With You and provided information around an annual Recovery Walk being held in Perth at the end of September; the use of Community Re-enforcement and Family Training; and forest breathing workshops.

**Decision**

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

(Reference: Update by Sandra MacIntyre, We Are With You, submitted)

(d) **Argyll College UHI Update**

The Group considered an update from Argyll College UHI which provided information around the potential impact of government guidelines on the method of delivery for courses in the new academic year; the application process status for the new academic year; the effects of the pandemic on staff, students and the graduation process in the previous academic year; the successful delivery of online leisure courses; the completion of Skills for Work interviews; and the success of a Dunoon Argyll College UHI student in receiving the Herald Higher Education Award. The report also advised that work was ongoing with local organisations and community groups; ongoing support arrangements were in place for staff and students; and noted current arrangements for contacting Learning Centre staff.

Jackie MacPherson advised that virtual inductions would be underway soon and had previously worked well. It was noted that students would be working from home

initially for the upcoming academic year in line with current guidance, with a return for students to learning centres anticipated following the October holidays. She noted that there were exceptions to this including school pupils; those who were struggling with working from home; and students who were required to attend centres to undertake practical elements of their courses. She also advised that the re-instatement of CITB CSCS tests in Dunoon and Campbeltown had been delayed and Argyll College UHI were awaiting further information from CITB.

### **Decision**

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

(Reference: Update by Jackie MacPherson, Learning Centre Manager, Argyll College UHI, submitted)

### **(e) Police Scotland Update**

The Group considered an update from Police Scotland, providing information around fraud prevention; online child exploitation; the Keep Safe initiative providing safe places for vulnerable people to seek support; partnership working between Police Scotland and HSCP staff; additional resources put in place to assist with visitor management in the area; the launch of the Herbert Protocol to assist in tracing vulnerable people with Dementia; and a wheelie bin sticker campaign to assist with awareness of speed limits.

Discussions took place around concerns of increased drug use in the area among young people, highlighted earlier in the meeting by Sandra MacIntyre. Inspector Collins advised that the inability of Police Scotland to undertake physical searches due to Covid-19 guidance had reduced the amount of action that Officers could take in relation to drug searches, however this guidance had now been relaxed and Officers would resume previous activities. Inspector Collins noted that Police activity to tackle drugs was largely dependent on Police intelligence and encouraged anyone with any information in relation to this to contact 101 as soon as possible. He also confirmed that tackling drugs was a high priority for him as an Inspector and that action plans would be put in place to intercept those bringing drugs into the area.

### **Decision**

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

(Reference: Report by Inspector Paul Collins, Police Scotland, submitted)

### **(f) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Update**

The Group considered a report highlighting the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's (SFRS) FQ1 review of local performance across Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands for 2021-22.

Grant MacPherson advised that home fire safety visits had now fully returned in line with normal process.

## **Decision**

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the contents of the report and information provided.

(Reference: Report by Allan Gemmel, Watch Commander/Local Authority Liaison Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, submitted)

### **(g) Campbeltown Community Council Update**

The Group considered a written update from Campbeltown Community Council which outlined concerns around the standards of learning and teaching at Campbeltown Grammar School and provided information around discussions with Council officers around this. The update also provided details of concerns around some windfarm developers in Kintyre not offering Community Shared Ownership, and steps being taken in petitioning the Scottish Government to make this a requirement. Information around the development of a Community Action Plan; the procurement of new inclusive play equipment for the Jock's Boat Playpark; and the funding of materials and equipment for a Town Centre Maintenance Officer was also included in the update.

Valerie Nimmo highlighted parking concerns in Campbeltown, particularly around the area of Burnbank Street, noting that the one-way system put in place by the Council should be reviewed as it was not working for that particular area. Councillor Armour advised that he shared Valerie's concerns in relation to parking, noting that the new traffic management system had worked to an extent but not for Burnbank Street. It was noted that some of the parking congestion in Burnbank Street could be linked with businesses with numerous vehicles in that area. It was agreed that Shona Barton would raise concerns with the appropriate Council officers following the meeting and circulate any response to the Group, Councillor Armour confirmed that he would also be raising the issue following the meeting.

## **Decision**

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

(Reference: Report by Valerie Nimmo, Campbeltown Community Council, submitted)

### **(h) Dunadd Community Council Update**

The Group considered an update from Dunadd Community Council which included information around a steering group being set up to create a document for Emergency and Disaster Planning; 'Slow Down' signs being erected following work with the Road Policing unit around speeding concerns; and ongoing discussions with Argyll and Bute Council in relation to passing places. The update also noted that the Community Council had been sighted on proposals for the Car Duibh Windfarm, and had been invited to attend a Kilmartin Quarry Extension meeting in June.

Hazel Fuller confirmed that Dunadd Community Council were involved in the wheelie bin sticker campaign previously highlighted by Police Scotland. Hazel also

advised that the Community Council had received a number of excellent suggestions from the community in relation to how to spend a grant of £2,500 which had been provided by TSL, the contractors for the Kilmartin Museum Project, and were in communication with TSL to investigate which projects could be undertaken using the grant money.

### **Decision**

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

(Reference: Report by Hazel Fuller, Dunadd Community Council, submitted)

#### **(i) Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust Update**

The Group considered a written update from Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust which detailed information around the Trust's activities. This included the use of Scottish Government Supporting Communities Resilience Fund moneys for an outdoor area at Tarbert Bowling Club and summer activities carried out by Tarbert After School Care; the appointment of a Housing Project Worker; a proposed future housing development at a farm on the outskirts of Tarbert; and the setting up of a pilot transport fund. The report also noted that the Tarbert and Skipness Community Plan would be updated at an annual public meeting, scheduled to be held in October.

### **Decision**

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

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. noted that in the absence of a representative from Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, any questions could be sent to them following the meeting and any responses circulated to the Group.

(Reference: Update by Jane Cowen, Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, submitted)

#### **(j) Opportunity for verbal updates from Area Community Planning Group Partners**

Phil Dickinson, Craignish Community Council

Phil Dickinson advised that, following receipt of moneys from the HIE Community Support and Community Recovery Funds, he had been unaware that any projects using these funds should have been completed by May 2021 and asked if any other organisations had experienced any issues with this. Hazel Fuller noted that she did not believe that Dunadd Community Council had experienced any issues around this but offered to investigate this and discuss with Phil following the meeting if it was of assistance.

Ian Brodie, East Kintyre Community Council

Ian Brodie provided information around a Wellbeing Project that was in the early

stages, advising that a full update would be brought to the next meeting of the Group. He confirmed that other projects which had been in progress during the Covid-19 pandemic had been completed and the village hall was slowly beginning to open up, in line with relevant guidance. Ian noted that communications were underway with clubs who had previously used the hall around their expectations, and a questionnaire was being circulated to inform future arrangements.

## **5. COVID-19 MICRO GRANT FUND FOR VILLAGE HALLS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS**

The Group considered a report highlighting a new Council Covid-19 response fund for community groups. The report provided information around the background of the fund, as well as details around eligibility criteria and how to apply.

### **Decision**

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

1. noted and considered the information provided; and
2. noted that members of the Group could assist in promoting the fund using the details provided within the report.

(Reference: Report by Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council, submitted)

## **6. COMMUNITY FOCUS**

### **(a) Shopper Aide**

The Group gave consideration to a written update and presentation from Joan Stewart, Shopper Aide, providing information around the work of the organisation. Joan provided details of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, noting that Shopper Aide's client list had doubled and their methods of delivering support had changed hugely in line with government guidance, resulting in staff and volunteers providing support on the front line from the beginning of the pandemic. She also provided information around the requirement to set up a new financial system for older people without access to their money; the requirement to open offices earlier and allocate staff and volunteers set times to attend; and the impact on socialisation for staff, volunteers and clients.

Joan advised that a Phone Buddies system had been set up to assist in combating loneliness for older people, and to assist in identifying any issues which Shopper Aide or other agencies could assist with. It was noted that Phone Buddies had resulted in a lot of good friendships and it had also allowed staff and volunteers who were unable to assist in person to collect people's shopping orders over the phone.

Information was provided around the impact of the pandemic on the safety of staff, volunteers and vulnerable clients. It was noted that during the first lockdown period there had been a number of existing staff and volunteers who were unable to assist due to their own personal circumstances, however this had been combated by a number of new volunteers whose jobs had been impacted by the lockdown restrictions. Joan noted that the second lockdown was more difficult as requests for support had increased but there was not the same availability of additional

volunteers.

Joan also provided information around regular virtual afternoon teas which had been very successful, and the delivery of quizzes, gifts and other items to clients. It was noted that 90% of the client list of 240 people did not have access to the internet and so Shopper Aide had pulled together a newsletter outlining relevant information for them which was included with these deliveries. Joan also provided details of how 'bubbles' had been used when taking clients out and advised that Gary's gang, a men only club, had been very successful for the men involved and their families.

Joan noted that the organisation provides lots of services for clients and required as much assistance with funding as possible to continue this, encouraging anyone who knew of any suitable funding streams to contact Shopper Aide. Joan also advised that Shopper Aide were moving premises within the next 6 weeks which would allow all activities and business to take place under one roof. It was noted that Shopper Aide volunteers came from all walks of life and there were lots of volunteering opportunities. Joan provided details of how the organisation assist with the employment of people in the local area and how they ensure that they spend as much money locally as possible.

Joan advised that Shopper Aide had been very lucky to be nominated for the Queen's volunteering award, noting that the presentation of the award was set to take place next month.

### **Decision**

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

(Reference: Report by Joan Stewart, Shopper Aide, submitted)

## **7. CALEDONIAN MACBRAYNE UPDATE**

Don McKillop, Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac), provided a verbal update to the Group advising that CalMac had returned to providing a full Summer timetable for the first time since 2019. He confirmed that all restrictions, with the exception of face coverings, had been removed on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August and this had allowed vessels to move from reduced capacity to the seasonal norm. It was noted that there was a particular demand across all routes, and this could cause challenges, particularly for island communities. Don confirmed that CalMac were in conversation with Transport Scotland about how to address these concerns, noting that one example of this was the recent decision not to allow campervans into the standby lane.

Don provided information around the effects of increased staff absence caused by a high number of positive Covid-19 cases and the resulting safety measures in place, outlining a number of recent examples. It was noted that vessel reliability issues had been challenging in recent months, and resulting impacts across the whole network had been well documented. Don advised that dry dock season was approaching, and work was ongoing with Transport Scotland, the Scottish Government and CMAL to access additional tonnage. It was noted that the existing fleet was aging and as a result, the service status could be impacted at times, advising that attempts were underway to access additional used tonnage to increase resilience but availability was limited. Don also provided information around the delays in a number of new build boats being available, also noting

that a new Islay vessel was scheduled to go to tender and a project of works was underway for a new Mull vessel. It was noted that a small vessel replacement programme had also commenced.

Councillor Armour raised concerns around issues with the Campbeltown ferry route. Don confirmed that he was aware of this and the disappointment caused, noting that he had previously been in close dialogue with Councillor Armour.

Valerie Nimmo suggested that CalMac should review the ferry and service provided to Campbeltown, due to frequent cancellations and an unsuitable timetable causing regular issues, and Don agreed to note these concerns.

Councillor Horn reiterated concerns around the CalMac service in Kintyre and Don advised that he did understand concerns and apologised for the inconvenience, noting that island routes did have to be prioritised in line with Transport Scotland guidance and as the service was a mainland-to-mainland route it did, at times, suffer when resilience issues were experienced.

Councillor Horn advised that traffic queues for ferries at Tarbert and Claonaig had resulted in traffic being backed up and causing blockages of the road at times. Don confirmed that he would investigate this with the relevant port managers and provide a response to the Group in due course.

### **Decision**

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

## **8. NATIONAL FARMERS UNION SCOTLAND (NFUS)**

Lucy Sumsion, National Farmers Union Scotland (NFUS), provided the Group with information around the impacts of Brexit and current affairs on their activities. Lucy advised that the implications of Brexit were still somewhat unclear, however there were huge challenges around the removal of the Common Agricultural Policy. She noted that many of the impacts of Brexit had been clouded or compounded by the impact of Covid-19, and the effects of both were difficult to disentangle across a number of sectors.

Lucy advised that there were national concerns around new trade agreements and the potential for them to disadvantage the agriculture industry and result in lower industry standards. She confirmed that there was potential for better outcomes for farmers, and the Scottish Government would be setting out new policies in due course outlining support schemes. It was noted that the recent agreement between the Scottish National Party and Scottish Greens was likely to have implications, but these were as yet unknown.

Lucy advised that some noticeable effects of Brexit locally had included labour shortages and an increase in costs for materials, machinery and parts, as well as a decrease in the availability of same. She also advised that changes in the export requirements for sheep to Northern Ireland would have a big impact on the local sheep market in Argyll. It was noted that lamb and beef prices remained strong and there had been an increased interest in buying local produce which was encouraging for the industry. Lucy also advised that government incentives for helping people into workplaces and assistance with apprenticeships was positive.

Lucy summarised that overall, farmers in Argyll were reliant on national policies being put in place and provided details of a number of upcoming policies and bills. Lucy also provided information around regional land use partnerships; the effects of climate change and biodiversity targets on land and agriculture; the potential for further land reform bills; and input to a local Argyll and Bute food and drink strategy.

Lucy noted that change was inevitable for the industry due to the impacts of Brexit, Covid-19, and the climate change/biodiversity crisis and there were still many unknowns. It was noted that this could cause difficulties with future planning, however there were also the potential for new opportunities. Lucy confirmed that she would be happy to return and speak to the Group at a later point around any other issues which may be of interest.

### **Decision**

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

## **9. CLIMATE CHANGE**

### **(a) Climate Change Working Group - Involvement of Area Community Planning Groups**

The Group gave consideration to a briefing note providing information on the Climate Change Working Group which had been formed by the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee, the aims of the Group and the ways in which the Area Community Planning Groups could become more involved with it.

Valerie Nimmo suggested that the Climate Change Working Group should look into improved cycle routes across the area to encourage active travel.

Phil Dickinson suggested that investigations into making public transport more viable and attractive by the Climate Change Working Group could assist in cutting down emissions.

Ian Brodie and Councillor Horn confirmed that they would be happy to be the representative and substitute representative for the Group on the Climate Change Working Group.

### **Decision**

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

1. discussed the information outlined in the briefing and provided suggestions for actions for the Climate Change Working Group;
2. nominated Ian Brodie to represent the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group on the Climate Change Working Group;
3. nominated Councillor Anne Horn to be a substitute representative for the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group on the Climate Change Working Group; and
4. agreed to provide details of relevant projects/organisations that could be put forward as an addition to the ACT interactive map by e-mail following the meeting.

(Reference: Report by Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council, dated 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021, submitted)

**(b) Local Climate Change Initiatives Update**

The Group gave consideration to a brief written update from the Head of Development and Economic Growth, Argyll and Bute Council, providing information on a number of local climate change initiatives.

**Decision**

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

(Reference: Update by Head of Development and Economic Growth, Argyll and Bute Council, submitted)

**10. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

The Chair provided an update to the Group on behalf of the Community Planning Manager, Argyll and Bute Council, as follows:

“Work on Locality Plans for Area Community Planning Groups is currently postponed due to staff vacancies within the Community Planning and Development Team.”

**Decision**

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

**11. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Group considered a briefing note which provided information around matters discussed during a virtual meeting of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee, held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Jackie MacPherson suggested that it could be beneficial to invite a member of Scottish Forestry or Scottish Woodlands to attend future meetings of the Group, particularly in light of increased interest in timber transportation due to the ongoing Inveraray to Crossaig project. Lucy Sumsion noted that deforestation could be a very pertinent issue for the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area and provided some contacts for relevant organisations. Shona Barton confirmed that she would make contact with the relevant organisations and invite them to attend the Group meetings.

**Decision**

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the briefing note.

(Reference: Report by Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council, dated 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021, submitted)

**12. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**

The Group considered a report providing information relating to the appointment of a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group and outlining the expected time commitment and information about the role.

**Decision**

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

1. agreed to appoint Ian Brodie as Chair of the Group for a second term;
2. agreed to continue consideration of the appointment of a Vice-Chair to the next meeting of the Group; and
3. noted that Shona Barton would circulate further information to the Group by e-mail around the role of the Vice-Chair.

(Reference: Report by Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council, dated 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021, submitted)

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group would take place on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2021 at 2pm.

**Transport Scotland Update for the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area  
Community Planning Group – 03/11/2021**

The following is a list of Trunk Road projects being carried out by the end of December 2021:

- Balure resurfacing 7 to 11 Nov
- North of Tayinloan resurfacing 7 to 11 Nov
- South of Tayinloan resurfacing 7 to 11 Nov
- Argyll Caravan Park resurfacing 14 to 18 Nov
- Ardrishaig resurfacing 21 Nov to 1 Dec
- Artilligan resurfacing 2 to 7 Dec

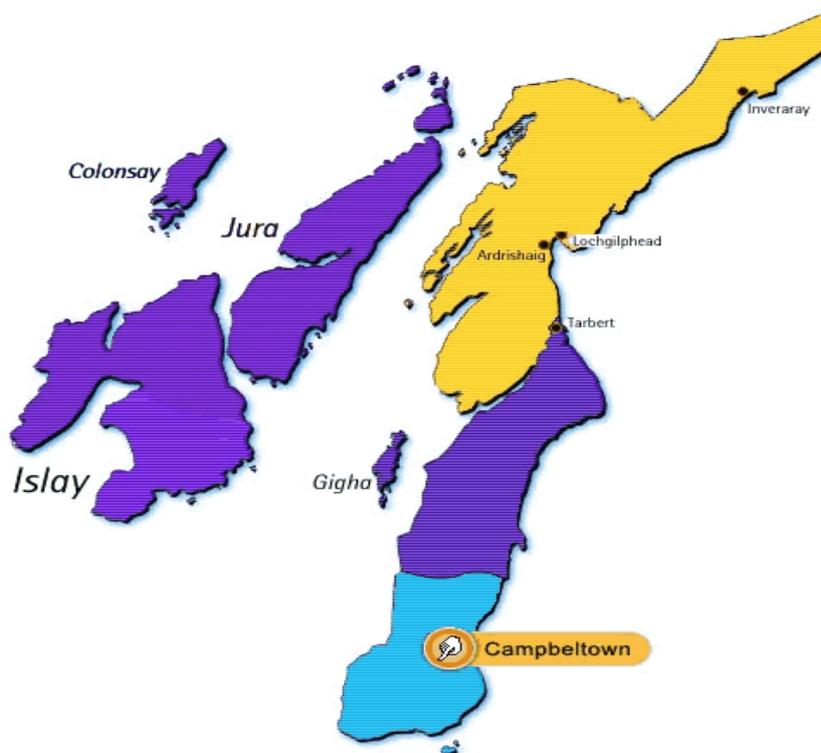
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Transport Scotland

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## Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands 01/7/21 to 30/9/21



## Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Incidents

Incidents	MA 20/21	K&I 20/21	SK 20/21	Total 20/21	MA 21/22	K&I 21/22	SK 21/22	Total 21/22	+/-
Total	50	52	32	134	44	26	36	106	-28
Fire Fatalities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Fatal Fire Casualties	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	-1
Accidental Dwelling Fires	0	2	1	3	1	0	1	2	-1
<b>7KPI's</b>									
Deliberate Fires	1	0	2	3	2	0	0	2	-1
Accidental Fire	8	9	3	20	2	3	7	12	-8
Fatal & Non-Fatal Fire Casualties	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	-1
Non-Domestic fires	2	1	3	6	0	0	0	0	-6
Special services incidents	4	8	4	16	6	1	6	13	-3
RTC Casualties	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-1
False Alarms	37	35	23	95	34	22	23	79	-16

**Incidents of Note****Fires**

03/07/2021	MACHRIHANISH	Outdoor Fire
05/07/2021	CAMPBELTOWN	Vehicle Fire
09/07/2021	Lochgilphead	Outdoor Fire
15/07/2021	PENINVER	Outdoor Fire
20/07/2021	CAMPBELTOWN	Outdoor Fire
25/07/2021	CAMPBELTOWN	Outdoor Fire
25/07/2021	TARBERT	Outdoor Fire
27/07/2021	B842, CAMPBELTOWN	Outdoor Fire
02/08/2021	CARRADALE	Primary Fire
04/08/2021	Lochgilphead	Outdoor Fire
12/08/2021	B842, SOUTHEND	Dwelling Fire
01/09/2021	Lochgilphead	Refuse Fire
11/09/2021	ISLAY	Outdoor Fire
29/09/2021	Ardrihaig	Dwelling Fire

**Special Services**

09/07/2021	CAMPBELTOWN	Effecting entry/exit
09/07/2021	ARDRISHAIG	Assist other agencies
13/07/2021	Lochgilphead	Effecting entry/exit
15/07/2021	CAMPBELTOWN	No action
15/07/2021	CAMPBELTOWN	Effecting entry/exit
21/07/2021	BOWMORE, ISLAY	Assist other agencies
23/07/2021	A83 at Inverneill	RTC
13/08/2021	CAMPBELTOWN	Effecting entry/exit
23/08/2021	CAMPBELTOWN	Medical Incident
05/09/2021	A83, INVERARAY	Assist other agencies
08/09/2021	LOCHGILPHEAD	Flooding
23/09/2021	B842, CAMPBELTOWN	RTC
27/09/2021	A83, INVERARAY	RTC

**Community Safety Activity**

<b>Home Fire Safety Visits</b>		
<b>Station</b>	<b>Home Fire Safety Visits</b>	<b>High Risk Visits</b>
Inveraray	2	2
Tarbert	9	5
Campbeltown	4	4
Bowmore	0	0
Jura	0	0
Port Ellen	0	0
Port Charlotte	0	0
Carradale	0	0
Gigha	0	0
Lochgilphead	12	9
Colonsay	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>20</b>

- Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) – 8
- Fire Safety Talks – Firework Presentations – Due to Covid 19 restrictions we are unable to go into schools so we are working in partnership with education to embed our presentations in school networks.
- Continue to provide HFSV's and safety guidance
- Represented on the MARAC for those affected by domestic Violence
- Committed to raising water safety awareness via our participation in the Argyll & Bute Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) Group.

## New Smoke Detector Legislation



**For information on the new detector standard that will be introduced in Scotland from February 2022:**

**Open the camera on your phone and fit the below QR code onto the screen. A link to the Scottish Government information will pop up on the screen**



[www.Fire and smoke alarms: changes to the law - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

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**Police Scotland - MAKI Area Community Planning Partnership Update for meeting on 03/11/21****Fraud Prevention:**

Continuing on from our update in the last meeting, the MAKI and surrounding areas have again seen a number of people fall victim to frauds.

We are urging residents in the area to be vigilant following a number of reported incidents of unsolicited phone calls and emails received over the past few months which are scams.

A number of different types of fraud have been reported to us, which include a phone call pretending to be from your bank or a 'Scottish Fraud Team', advising that your account has been compromised and requesting either, immediate transfer of funds into an account they provide you, or withdrawal of money from your account and physical posting of this money to a detailed address.

In September, an 82-year-old woman in Oban was contacted by phone by a person claiming to be from her bank. She was asked to withdraw large sums of money and send it via 'special delivery' as part of an investigation into bank staff who may have been defrauding her account. The woman was told by the caller if questioned by bank staff to state the reason was a family purchase.

**This is a scam.** No bank will ever ask you to withdraw cash from your account and send it on.

Earlier this month, a resident in Campbeltown received a phone call from a person claiming to be from her bank, requesting they attend the bank to collect £17,000 in cash, before then meeting with a police officer to hand over the money.

**This is a scam.** No police officer or member of police staff will ever ask for money under any circumstances nor will they ask for personal financial information other than in the course of a full police investigation, where it will be absolutely clear and obvious of the identity of the officer asking and the reasons why the information is required.

In August, we received a report of a romance fraud, where a person gains the trust of a victim through social media or a dating app and slowly seeks to draw money or valuable items out of them after securing a 'romantic connection'.

A 49-year-old woman in Lochgilphead reported sending over £23,000 to an unknown person met via a dating app. The fraudster continually requested transfers of money, along with valuable items as gifts.

**This is a scam.** Do not send any money to people you have not met in person. Discuss any requests of this nature with friends and family, or with police, to help test check what is taking place and ensure someone is not manipulating you.

Other scams include:

- **Emails and text messages** purporting to be from a service provider such as your bank, internet, or delivery company requiring you to input personal details or click on a hyperlink. Do not respond to the message or click any links. Go through the company's own website and only phone using the numbers detailed there. Check whether they have sent the correspondence.
- **Cold calling by companies**, either at your door in person or via telephone. Responsible companies avoid doing this. The advice is clear, never buy from or pass your personal or financial details to a cold caller.

- **Financial service providers**, advertising on social media, offering high value returns for investments in shares or Cryptocurrency. How can you check if they're reliable? Check the company with the Financial Conduct Authority. If a deal is too good to be true, it usually is. Reputable firms don't cold call, pressure sell, use 'mobile numbers' or offer heightened investment returns beyond the ability of trusted businesses.

I would ask that everyone takes every opportunity to highlight the following guidance notes to anyone within their family or community who may be vulnerable to these scam types.

In the bluntest of terms –

- Do not trust **ANY** unexpected correspondence.
- Never pass your personal or financial details to **ANYONE** unless you're clear who they are and why they require that information.
- If you feel the need to reply to correspondence to check the authenticity of a contact, please, only use the company's verified official website and the communication methods detailed upon it.
- Where money is being requested, be it physically withdrawing it from the bank or the electronic transferring of it, always, **STOP, THINK AND CHECK** with a friend, relative or neighbour before taking any action.
- Any victims of such crimes, or anyone with any concerns can contact their local police station via 101.

### Vehicle Thefts

As we head move into Winter and the longer periods of darkness which come with it, I would ask that everyone takes the time to ensure the safety of their vehicles.

Within the farming community in particular, expensive Quad Bikes and the likes are extremely sought after due to their value and we have had a recent incident in Campbeltown where 2 were taken. Our officers were able to trace the vehicles and have them returned, as well as apprehend a group suspected of being responsible.

Other incidents have seen cars taken by means of true key. These can vary from 'sneak-in' thefts whereby thieves will enter insecure houses and grab car keys which have been left on a table or worktop near to the door, to vehicles being left insecure with the keys within.

Please take a moment to ensure that all vehicles are locked and secured at night and that keys are placed out of sight, whilst keeping doors locked.

### Mobile Police Office

As the winter months and the associated weather come forwards, here in MAKI we will be looking to get our Mobile Office out to some of our more remote communities and given residents a chance to come and meet with officers and discuss any queries or issues they may have.

A schedule will be built over the next few weeks, however if any community councils wish to get in touch and let us know of specific days or events which would suit, please let us know and we can try and factor this in.

### COP26

As everyone will be aware, COP26 is taking place in November in Glasgow and as part of the Policing operation a number of MAKI officers will be there. These officers will perform a number of conventional and specialist roles

and will represent the area. Whilst this is ongoing, the officers remaining in MAKI will continue to provide the high levels of service expected.

### **Festive Period**

We are only a few weeks away from the start of the festive period and we all hope that this year it can resemble the more traditional Christmases we are used to, as opposed to the one we endured last year. In the run up to Christmas it is expected to be a busy time for all licensed premises and as such we are keen to work with licence holders to ensure that they are supported and customers can feel safe when socialising.

In the coming weeks, my team will reach out to all licence holders and offer them the chance to come together and restart the PubWatch scheme, which was so successful in the past.

Using this scheme, all licensees will be able to meet either in person or virtually and discuss concerns, issues and upcoming events with members of the local Policing team. This will ensure that Police can provide a suitable response to keep community and pub goers safe, give staff the comfort of knowing we are on hand, whilst also allowing officers to give out any important advice or messages which may be of interest.

I would urge all licenced premises, including hotels, to engage with this scheme, as like many, it's success will come from the participation. The ultimate aim is that the business can continue to be an important part of the community and everyone can enjoy themselves in a safe way.

As part of the festive campaign, my officers will be highlighting the Police Scotland message on Drink Driving. The consequences of drink or drug driving can be devastating and it is important that we are all aware of the impacts it can have on our communities. I would ask that everyone takes the time to look out for those who may be considering getting behind the wheel whilst under the influence, including the morning after, and dissuade them from doing so.

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**Campbeltown CC Report for MAKI****Town Centre Maintenance Officers**

Additional funding has been provided for materials to enable them to continue with their task of upgrading and restoring the many benches in the town.

**Roads**

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

**Windfarms**

Campbeltown CC are annoyed with the lack of concern for the local communities being shown by the wind farm companies, particularly that they are not following the Scottish Governments Guidelines on Good Practice. Campbeltown CC would like it that planning permission would be dependent on companies providing Community Benefit.

**Airport**

The runway refurbishment is proceeding well and the airport should reopen on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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Argyll College UHIIslay, Campbeltown & Lochgilphead CentresMeeting 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

- Online course applications are now open for 2022/23.
- All centre staff have returned to their workplace with most lecturers still working from home.
- We are still following Government guidelines and are awaiting the next announcement regarding student's return to campus.
- All full-time and part-time courses in Further and Higher Education are well underway with most students studying from home.
- With smaller numbers, and adhering to Government guidelines, all Islay FE students were invited to study from the centre with a small number of students also attending the Lochgilphead and Campbeltown centres.
- Closed book assessments are being arranged to be held in centres.
- CITB/CSCS testing has recommenced at our Campbeltown and Dunoon centres.
- Both centres in Lochgilphead are currently being refurbished.
- Campbeltown is in the process of getting a new Construction/Engineering workshop.

- Although there was no face-to-face graduation ceremony this year; students were invited to share their personal graduation celebrations online on our social media campaign.
- We are delighted to welcome 12 new CITB Carpentry and Joinery Apprentices attending our construction centre in Lochgilphead.

**FORESTRY AND LAND SCOTLAND (FLS)****Update to the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group 03/11/21**

- The timber market remains strong with high demand for all grades of timber. The FLS timber cut is dictated by forecast of sustainable production and approved management plans, so there is limited capacity to increase production on short timescales. Depending on winter weather throughout Scotland the West/Argyll can sometimes be a key area for keeping timber supplies moving when other areas are snow or ice bound.
- Phytophthora ramorum disease in larch is unfortunately fairly well established in the south of Argyll and Cowal with current outbreaks in Kintyre, the Loch Awe area, near Oban and on Mull. Infected trees have to be felled based on statutory timescales issued from Scottish Forestry. This can prove very challenging where there is limited access or suitable resources are hard to source. Further spread of this disease is expected with measures being undertaken hopefully slowing the rate and extent of spread.
- The proposed windfarm south of Tarbert is nearing the formal planning submission stage and we are working with the developers on their detailed proposals. The windfarm with planning approval at Clachaig Glen is undergoing detailed proposals discussion on an updated layout.
- Early works and surveys are taking place to allow the scale of peatland restoration to be significantly increased through the Argyll area – there will be some large areas to restore in some forests, though details of this are not precise until additional survey is complete.
- The Stay the Night scheme was largely successful and discussions are taking place about how this evolves into 2022.
- Land Management Plans (LMP) are being revised for the Glen Orchy/Glen Lochy area, Cologin just south of Oban, On Mull, at Carradale and soon to start at Beinn Ghuilean near Campbeltown.
- The Inveraray – Crossaig powerline upgrade project first phase to Port Ann is almost complete and work is now starting on the second section between Lochgilphead and Crossaig – a significant length of this runs through FLS land.

**Donald McNeill | Planning Manager**

**Forestry and Land Scotland**

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**Community Learning Service update**

Be inspired, be you!

**Community Learning Services.**

We have made some changes within our Service Team and have moved back to Thematic remits for Adult Learning and Youth Services Work.

In each of our areas we now have Community Learning Workers who will have responsibilities in developing Youth Work and Adult Learning and who will lead on driving these remits within their own local areas.

Our workers will continue to engage and work with both Partners and Learners to establish and deliver/support provision around identified needs and collective Partnership working. This will be in accordance with new CLD Strategic Plan 2021 – 2024 around the priorities and needs of: Digital Skills, Poverty, Core Skills for learning, life and work, Health and Wellbeing and Your Voice and will be reflected in our New Cluster Plans for both Adult Learning and Youth Service work which are currently being worked on under our new position within LiveArgyll.

Below are the contact details for the Community Learning Workers (CLW) for each of the areas and remits please note we are currently in the process of filling a couple of positions .

Area	Remit	CLW	Contact	Email
Bute	Adult	David Hagerty	01700 801088	David.Hagerty@liveargyll.co.uk
Bute	Youth	Shona Edwards	01700501335	Shona.Edwards@argyll-bute.gov.uk
Cowal	Adult	Vicky Laing-Davis	01369 708453	Victoria.Laing-Davis@liveargyll.co.uk
Cowal	Youth	Ann Kennovin	01700501368	Ann.Kennovin@liveargyll.co.uk
Helensburgh	Adult	Eileen Kay	01436658743	Eileen.Kay@liveargyll.co.uk
Helensburgh	Youth	Thomas Guy-Conroy	01436658817	Thomas.Guy-Conroy@liveargyll.co.uk
Kintyre	Adult	Dawn Park	01586 555288	Dawn.Park@liveargyll.co.uk
Kintyre	Youth	Jamie Titterton	01546604819	Jamie.Titterton@liveargyll.co.uk
Mid Argyll	Adult	Linda Tough	01546604659	Linda.Tough@liveargyll.co.uk
Mid Argyll	Youth	TBC		
Oban	Adult	Maureen Evans	01631 567975	Maureen.Evans@liveargyll.co.uk
Oban	Youth	Scott Douglas	01631567977	Scott.Douglas@liveargyll.co.uk

Team Leaders	Remits	Contact	email
Brian Smith	Youth Services		Brian.Smith@liveargyll.co.uk
Rhona Grant	Adult Learning		Rhona.grant@liveargyll.co.uk



**Dunadd Community Council – update**

Currently, Dunadd CC are involved with the following-

- Setting up a steering group to create a document for Emergency and Disaster Planning. The document will set out emergency procedures and hold local contact details. This is still in early stages.
- Kilmartin speeding issues – the speed survey has taken place with an average speed of 32MPH. We are working with the roads team at Argyll and Bute Council to see what traffic calming measures we can put along the A816 in Kilmartin.
- C38 in Kilmichael – the roads and infrastructure team have confirmed they are aware of the issues with the C38 and will update us in February next year once they are aware of what budget they have with regards to upgrading the road.
- We are delighted to report our application for the £500 Covid 19 recovery grant from Argyll and Bute Council, was successful. We will use this money to host some community events next year.
- TSL the appointed contractors for the Kilmartin Museum project have given us unrestricted funding of £2500 – we did an online survey which closed on 22<sup>nd</sup> October for the public to choose which ideas are taken forward.
- We continue to receive updates on the Kilmartin Quarry Extension and the Kilmartin Museum at our meetings which are currently held every 2<sup>nd</sup> month on-line.

Hazel Fuller

Secretary

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## TARBERT AND SKIPNESS COMMUNITY TRUST

## UPDATE TO THE MID ARGYLL KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust Housing Project has made significant progress having secured support for the need for more affordable homes from the Housing Services team at Argyll and Bute Council. The Trust has also had very useful discussions with planning services and wishes to record its thanks to the Council staff who have been of great assistance with the project.

The Trust is in discussions with two local Registered Social Landlords to seek support for the development of social rented properties and is very grateful for the positive and helpful response from both organisations.

The Trust has taken steps to progress discussions in respect of the land acquisition detailed in the last update, and is in contact with the Rural Housing Fund.

The Trust also submitted a detailed response to the Council consultation on the new Local Housing Strategy in October 2021.

The Trust has completed the upgrade of the White Shore path using local contractors and this will enhance access to an area of natural beauty for local people and tourists in the coming years. This upgrade was made possible thanks to support from Argyll and Bute Council.

The Trust is also involved in the early stages of investigating the feasibility of a community buy out in the village of Skipness.

The Community Plan update meeting was postponed due to concerns around covid and will now take place on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The focus will be on the need for more housing locally.

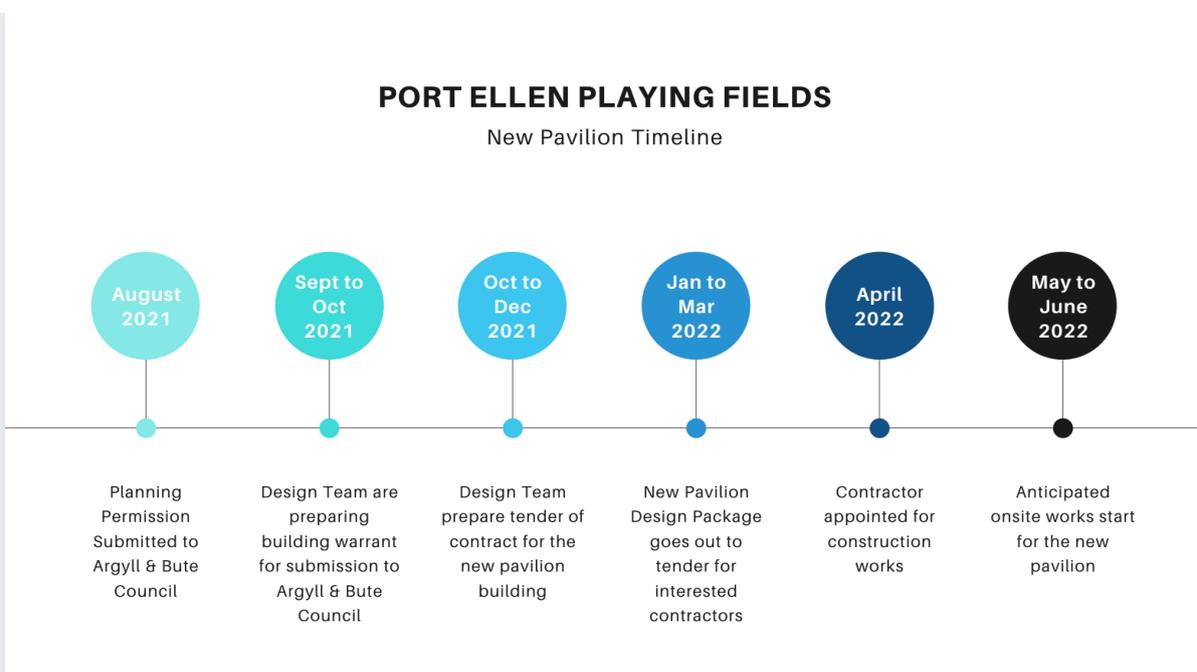
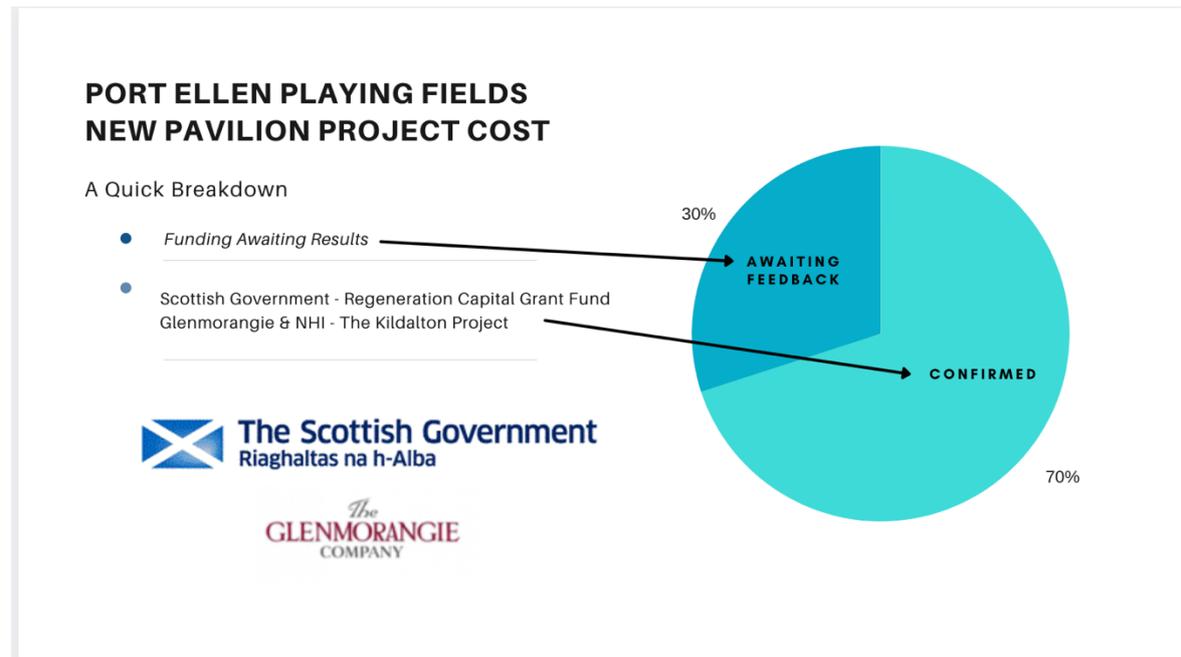
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**South Islay Development Update – October 2021**

**Port Ellen Playing Fields Development**

Following the extensive community consultation an application was submitted for planning permission in August 2021 and is currently being validated by Argyll & Bute Council.

In the meantime, SID continues to work alongside their design team, to finalise the overall building design. Work is also ongoing to secure the necessary funding required to fully finance the project. The design team are currently preparing the building warrant. SID hopes that construction work will begin onsite in May/June 2022.



## Sonas Childcare Project

Sonas Childcare is a registered SCIO set up by a group of volunteer parents who recognised the need in the community for a day care facility for children under three years of age.

Earlier this year, SID and Sonas Childcare were very pleased to have been successful in being awarded Crown's Estate funding from Foundation Scotland to develop the initial early development stages of this project.

We are very pleased to be working with Argyll & Bute Council, Live Argyll and AMP Architects to work on a feasibility study of The Ramsay Hall. Considering if this important building in the community could accommodate a childcare facility at the rear as well as keeping the strong community hall at the front.

Sonas Childcare and SID are looking forward to working with the community over the next few months to develop a sustainable option to take forward. Keep an eye out for community consultation events coming soon.

## Islay Covid-19 Funding

SID alongside the panel of local community members have had an increase in applications after recirculating the poster and highlighting that groups from Islay and Jura can apply. So far, the fund has distributed over £50k to local groups on Islay and Jura.

We currently still have a budget allocated to cover any winter recovery if needed i.e. volunteer mileage. The Islay Resilience continues to meet monthly and has a few regular volunteers still working with households.

SID in partnership with Jura Development Trust and Mactaggart Leisure Centre have recently been awarded Community Recovery – Round 2 Funding to take forward various local events/activities for the charities and local groups, additional ppe for reopening buildings and revenue to enable new staff recruitment for the projects.

Please find attached:- SID's recent Newsletter for October

Please do get in touch if you have any questions,

Kind regards

Alyson MacGillivray  
Development Manager  
South Islay Development

# SOUTH ISLAY NEWS

October 2021



## There has been a lot happening behind the scenes at South Islay Development this month!

The SID website is now LIVE. SID have been working behind the scenes in partnership with Ben Shakespeare Photography to bring together a website to showcase the hard work of the South Islay community over the last ten years.

We hope the website will be a focal point for the community near and far to keep up to date on all things SID. The website will provide a landing page for you to find the latest news on South Islay's projects, documents to download and much, much more.

The website will host a new bookable page for your community owned Filling Station Motorhome Services, making the process of booking a pitch more flexible and accessible for our visitors.

**Check it out at: [www.southislay.co.uk](http://www.southislay.co.uk)**

### The SID Office is now OPEN in the Ramsay Hall.

Monday to Thursday 9am – 4.30pm  
Friday 9am – 2pm  
(No Lunch Closures)

These hours may be subject to change.  
The staff are continuing to work a mixture of home and office based working pattern.

If the office is closed when you visit, please contact by telephone or email.

### Contact us:

Call SID Office: 01496 300 579

Email Alyson: [southislaydevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:southislaydevelopment@gmail.com)

Email Rosie: [portellenplayingfields@gmail.com](mailto:portellenplayingfields@gmail.com)

Email Rose: [southislayassisatnt@gmail.com](mailto:southislayassisatnt@gmail.com)

We require everyone to wear a face covering within the office buildings and adhere to UK government guidelines.

# Port Ellen Playing Fields - The New Pavilion

## Project Timeline



- Building Warrant is being prepared now Sept/Oct 2021



- Out to tender for construction works: January 2022



- Contractor appointed for construction works: April 2022



- Onsite start: May/June 2022



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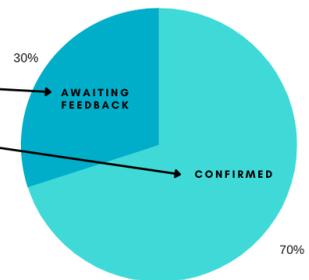
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### PORT ELLEN PLAYING FIELDS NEW PAVILION PROJECT COST

A Quick Breakdown

- Funding Awaiting Results
- Scottish Government - Regeneration Capital Grant Fund  
Glenmorangie & NHI - The Kildalton Project



 **The Scottish Government**  
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 **The GLENMORANGIE COMPANY**

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**EXTERNAL STORAGE STORES**

These rooms will be used by The Port Ellen Bowling Club and Footballers.

**KITCHEN & BAKERY AREA**

This area will be tendered nearer to completion for interested parties/individuals to apply to lease this business opportunity.



**Legend FRONT HOUSE COUNTER**

- Circulation
- Community
- Kitchen
- Storage
- Toilets

This will be a front of house counter for the cafe, where you can hire equipment, purchase confectionary .....

**STORE ROOMS**

These will be available for regular users to store equipment, extra tables and chairs etc.

**ROOMS 1 TO 3**

**CLUBROOM**

These rooms will be available for charities, businesses and individuals to rent either short or long term.

This room is available for the whole community to hire for various functions.

**FUNCTION HALL**

This large area can be used daily by the cafe to host its customers. It will be available for the community to use or hire.

# Port Ellen Filling Station

## > FUELLING THE COMMUNITY <



As well as filling a very important need within the South of Islay for everyone, the profit generated from the Filling Station facilities are pumped directly back to the Community.

We would like to take the opportunity to say a massive 'Thank You' to the community near and far who have supported The Filling Station when the community decided to buy and managed this essential community service in 2014. Over the past 7 years, the small business has grown in strength, securing 3 part time jobs in the community along with introducing new services – the jet wash, air compressor and motorhome facilities.

SID are very pleased to announce that it has successfully secured funding to upgrade the Filling Station Fuel Pumps, we are currently working with Industrial Services to work out a plan of action for the works. Alongside the outside works, we are excited to say that the interior of the shop will be upgraded throughout the winter. We will keep you posted on all the developments.

### Get to know your SID Directors:

John Findlay - SID/SITCo Director/Chair  
 Patrick McGrann - Director/Vice Chair  
 Alex Gillespie - Director  
 Diana Buller - Director  
 Dionne Johnston - Director  
 Gordon Currie - SID/SITCo Director  
 Grant Addison - Director  
 Ian Faggetter - SID/SITCo Director  
 Jackie Thomson - Director  
 James McFarlane - Director  
 Jim Porteous - Director  
 Jordon Paisley – Director  
 Niall Kirkpatrick - SITCo Director



### The Filling Station Staff:

Lizzie Fitzpatrick - Supervisor  
 Alan Kerr & Isla Swanson  
 - Fuel Attendants

### Pop in and chat with the SID Staff:

Alyson MacGillivray - SID Development Manager  
 Rosie MacLellan - PEPF Project Manager  
 Rose Mota Dos Reis - Admin and Finance Officer  
 James McDonald - Digital Marketer  
 Lucy Sutherland - Sonas Childcare Project Manager



**ISLAY COVID-19 FUND**

**SMALL GRANTS  
FOR  
LOCAL GROUPS  
& ORGANISATIONS**

Are you a charity or group on Islay/Jura looking to re-open safely, start new or progress with projects affected by Covid?

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**IF SO, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT UP TO £2K TOWARDS YOUR COVID-19 PROJECT**

To request an application form or discuss in more detail please contact:  
 Alyson MacGillivray at the SID Office  
 T: 300 579 or E: southislaydevelopment@gmail.com



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Mid Argyll Knowledge Exchange  
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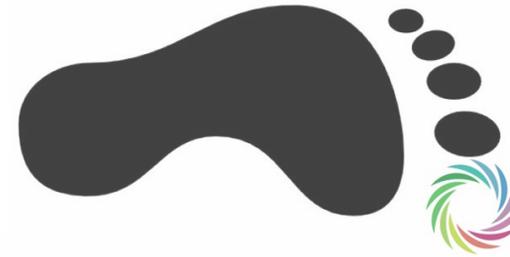
**The ACT Now Project, which covers Mid Argyll, is funded by the Scottish Governments Climate Challenge Fund**



**The projects impact has been over 60 tCO<sub>2</sub>e saved since its launch last year.**

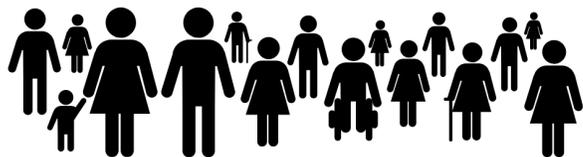
# The ACT Now Project delivers accredited education on Climate Change.

Climate  
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Carbon Literacy  
Project

We offer online training to all businesses, community groups, and individuals with certification by the Carbon Literacy Project



Carbon Literacy  
Project



This is to certify that via

Argyll & the Isles Coast & Countryside Trust

Sara Maclean

has met all the requirements of the Carbon Literacy Standard and thus for the purposes of workplace, education and community should be regarded as Carbon Literate.

signed

Dr. Ali Abbas, Chair, on behalf of The Carbon Literacy Trust.  
Registered Charity Number 1156722

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6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

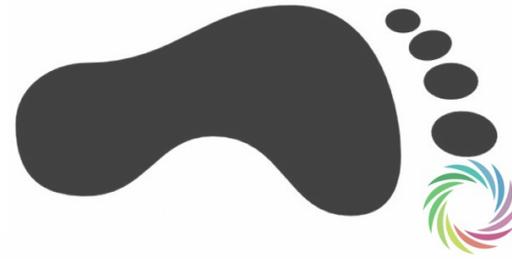
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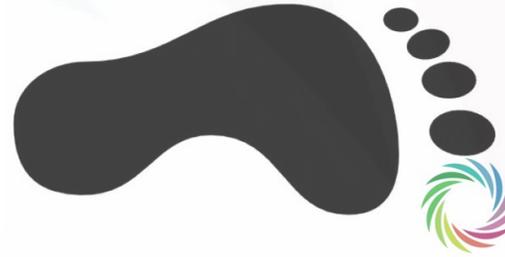
# **The ACT Now Project delivers accredited education on Climate Change.**

Climate  
Conversations



**Contact us directly to arrange training for your  
organisation, or community group.  
In the lead up to COP26 there has never been a more  
pressing time to have a Carbon Literate workforce or  
community.**

# Climate Conversations



**Online delivery of presentations with home study in own time.**



**Weekly webinars to explore climate change topics relating to Argyll and Bute and affected communities, for example.**

This is to certify that via  
Argyll & the Isles Coast & Countryside Trust  
Sara Maclean

has met all the requirements of the Carbon Literacy Standard and thus for the purposes of workplace, education and community should be regarded as Carbon Literate.

signed  
*Mi Abbas*  
Dr: Ali Abbas, Chair, on behalf of The Carbon Literacy Trust.  
Registered Charity Number 1156722

date 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 certificate no. 00021304/ v2.50

**Certification following assessment!**

**The ACT Now Food Share network has saved 3200kg, and counting, of unsold supermarket food going to waste in Mid Argyll**



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**This is achieved by partnership working in Lochgilphead and Inveraray.**

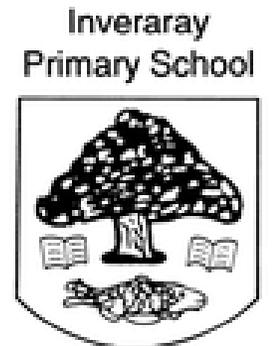
**Ensuring the food is made available to the community with education on food waste reduction always available.**

# The ACT Now Food Share network has saved over 3200kg, and counting, of unsold supermarket food going to waste in Mid Argyll



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**Some of our partners include...**





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**Food share in action**



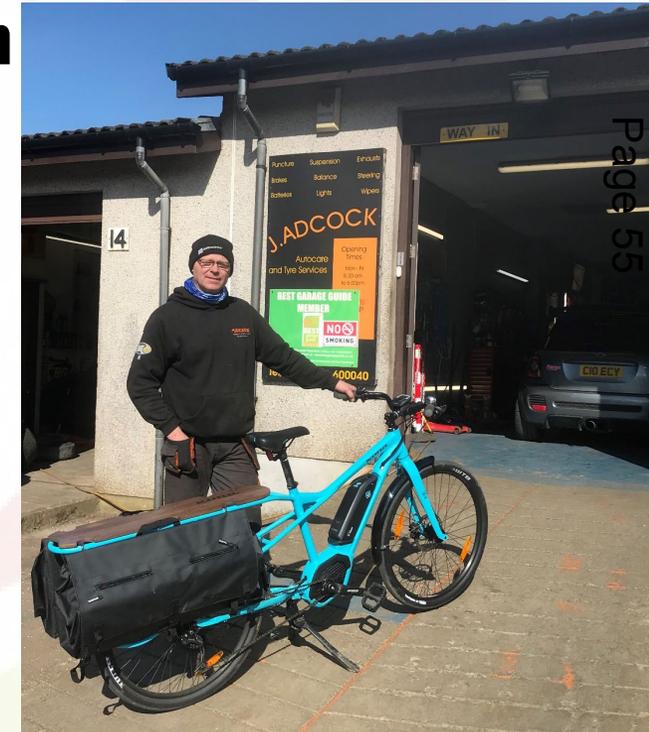
This was all food due to go to landfill this year

# Promoting sustainable transport in Mid Argyll



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**The two ACT Now eCargo bikes are on offer to all Mid Argyll organisations to have a month-long trial. Contact us directly to book a free trial and encourage pedal power with your workforce or group!**



# Promoting sustainable transport in Mid Argyll



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## **‘bikes back to the community’**

**A scheme which has, to date, prevented over 30 bicycles going to landfill. These bikes are repaired by fully qualified volunteers and made available for free back to the community. Renewable Parts Ltd staff are amongst many who have been provided refurbished bikes to commute, for leisure, and to generally encourage cycling, reducing all barriers, in Mid Argyll**

# Promoting sustainable transport in Mid Argyll



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**‘bikes back to the community’**

**45 bikes are currently in stock, all donated by local residents, and are undergoing preparation to be redistributed to those who wish to travel more sustainably.**

# Promoting sustainable transport in Mid Argyll



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**The ACT Now Project has delivered 15 'Velotech' cycle technician qualifications to Mid Argyll residents to refurbish donated bicycles.**



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**1- Bikes donated**

# 'bikes back to the community' in action

**6- A happy new cyclist!**

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**2- Bikes refurbished**

Reconditioning Bikes for Use by the Community.

Please complete this form and return it to Act Now  
 Email: [james@act-now.org.uk](mailto:james@act-now.org.uk) Phone: 079-43 020241

**Your information to help us find a bike to suit you.**

Full Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	
Age	Height
Preferred riding position (Please circle one option)	Don't know

**Explain why you would provide a good home for a bike.**  
 Please include what you will be using the bike for (commuting, leisure, shopping, transport) and include what type of surfaces you will be riding over (road, low path trails).  
 Your personal details are kept confidential. The information provided in this section is provided to an independent, impartial third party to assess suitability for the scheme.  
 Preference is given to those who can demonstrate a move away from car use.

**3- Application received**



**4- Bicycle selected for users needs.**

**5-Final check and handover.**

# **A map to bring together and highlight likeminded organisations in Argyll and Bute**



## EC nnect Map Argyll

**The purpose of this map is to bring together all those in Argyll and the Isles that have aims broadly in line with the mission statement of ACT - *to sustainably maintain, enhance and promote the coast and countryside of Argyll and the Isles. Why? Because it is a spectacular part of the world that everyone should be able to enjoy now and forever.***

Find the map [here](#)

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The ACT Now Project regularly delivers workshops to upskill the Mid Argyll Community. These include-

Seasonal  
cookery

Food  
preservation

Foraging

Green  
Woodworking

Tool repair

Textile repair

Bicycle repair

## Upcoming from the ACT Now Project

### The Mid Argyll Community Tool Library!

Giving every resident the opportunity to live lower carbon lifestyles!



Clothes upcycling



Household repairs



Bicycle repairs



Upholstery repairs



Food preservation

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Contact the ACT Now project  
officer at

[Jamie@act-now.org.uk](mailto:Jamie@act-now.org.uk)

For more information on any of the  
subjects covered here

**Climate Change Working Group**

(a sub-group of Argyll and Bute's CPP Management Committee)

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 1000 - 1130am

**Minutes****Attending:**

Stan Philips, Operations Manager, NatureScot (Chair)  
David Rennie, Social Enterprise Officer Argyll and Bute Council  
Ross McLaughlin, Head of Commercial Services, Argyll and Bute Council  
Lucinda Gray, Projects and Partnerships, Highlands and Island Enterprise  
Angela Anderson, H&L ACPG representative and Plastic Free Helensburgh  
Stephen Kelly, Area Station Commander and Energy Champion, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
Cathleen Russell, Chair of Cowal Development Trust and Director Scottish Rural Action  
Charles Dixon-Spain, B&C ACPG representative (Vice-Chair)  
Sarah Davies, Helensburgh Community Council and Plastic Free Helensburgh  
Nicola Reaney, Administration Officer, Argyll and Bute Council (Secretary)

**Apologies received:**

Willie Lynch, B&C ACPG  
Jamie Joyce, ACT  
Ian Brodie, MAKI ACPG,  
Anne Horn, Councillor Argyll and Bute Council Kintyre and the Islands

1. Stan welcomed everyone to the meeting especially those who are new to the meeting including representatives from each of the Area Community Planning Groups. Round table introductions were given from attendees.
2. **Climate Change News** Stan noted that since the last meeting there had been 3 major reports published on climate change.

- The Climate Change Committee's Independent Assessment of UK Climate Risk sets out the priority climate change risks and opportunities for the UK. It is worth noting that the report states that we "are less well adapted to climate change now than we were 5 years ago".

<https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/independent-assessment-of-uk-climate-risk/>

- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's 6<sup>th</sup> Assessment provides an update on where we are on climate change. Stan noted that this is not a pretty report and contains the starkest warning yet, that we are at "code red for humanity".

<https://www.ipcc.ch/report/sixth-assessment-report-working-group-i/>

- Farming for 1.5 degrees: From here to 2045. The report opens with a note that doing the same thing this year, as we did last year is no longer an option for Scottish farmers and lays out how the Scottish farming sector needs to adapt to the new climate change landscape.

<https://www.farming1point5.org/>

Charles asked what recommendations there are for support to hill farmers in the last report and if there are any leads on that that local farmers can contact. Stan advised that is still being worked out as the farming report for 2024 is still in development and NatureScot and the Scottish Government are working on the issues but there are no obvious signpost at present. Lucinda pointed to the farming report area of “rapid uptake in low methane breeding for cows and sheep” and advised of an R&D project taking place on this, however, there are no findings available at the moment but that may be something for the group to look at / take forward in future. Angela asked if it would be possible for links to slides / reports to go out with the agenda and / or recirculated with minutes. Stan noted that it is not always possible to send in advance but that links and reports will be issued with minutes.

3. **Climate literacy training overview** - Jamie was not able to attend the meeting so this discussion could not take place.

4. **Overview of Nature Based Solutions** - Stan advised this refers to the use of nature and natural environments to help tackle socio-environmental challenges for mitigation and adaptation to climate change. This can include reducing net emissions, providing habitats for biodiversity and helping society adapt to climate change. Practical examples of mitigation include local variety tree planting and restoring peat bogs. Of note, 75% of all peat bogs in Scotland are in poor condition and area actually releasing carbon. Adaptation can include improving flood risk defences, such as removing culverts to create open naturalised water courses, and provision for heat waves and drought.

Nature based solutions are already happening and Stan gave examples of:

- Peatland Action - £250m to repair bogs over next 10 years
- Woodland planting - Scottish Government have committed £100m to plant 18000 hectares per year over next 5 years.
- Green infrastructure to be embedded into National Planning framework NPF4 in near future.

Lucinda thanked Stan for the presentation and asked about education and awareness raising i.e. for tree planting, should we be making sure that there is information resources and advice available for the public. She also felt the need to look at the economic potential of the different types of skills and jobs that “adaptation” require and could the group look at this in more detail to ensure that education establishments can provide the right curriculum for the future. Stan noted the education side of adaptation planning needs a comprehensive strategy for education and raising awareness, and that can be looked at by this group. Angela added that in Argyll and Bute a lot of tree planting has a commercial bias and that there is spruce planting being allowed without a requirement to have a high percentage of natural broadleaf planting, and allowing spruce planting too close to ancient woodland. Angela felt the type of trees to be planted must be clarified during planning permission process. Ross clarified that tree planting is permitted by Forest and Land Scotland (the land holding arm of Scottish Forestry) and they issue the licenses (the Council planning teams can only be advised by them). Stan added that NatureScot definitely want to see a wider variety of benefits from planting programs and the inclusion of native varieties, not just spruce.

5. **Islay natural capital project** - Stan was asked to give an overview of this project. Natural Capital is another term for the stock of renewable and non-renewable resources that combine to yield a flow of benefits to peoples, and looks at how these can be provided and how sustainably they are being used and how we support agricultural system in the future. Whilst still being worked out, this will be a reward system for demonstrating good quality management of “natural capital” assets. NatureScot have proposed this pilot project to look at how this will actually work on the ground, clarify what it will reward and what is important to reward to agricultural support. This will be an independent and objective look at how it can work on Islay. The project is awaiting a formal funding decision but it is likely the bulk of work will be carried out in 2022. Stan can provide more information if required. Lucinda asked if this will include the offshore wind farm in Islay? Stan felt no, as this would be a land based model.

6. **Priority Action Topics discussion** - At the last meeting the group came up with priority areas to focus on, the broad topics areas agreed are Messaging and Education, Business, Adaptation Planning and Area group feedback. The suggestions that came forward from the ACPGs were collated and included developing a horticulturally trained workforce, minimising transportation of goods and the role of Argyll & Bute in the hydrogen economy.

Stan suggested the need to make a recommendation to CPP Management Committee for funding to resource an exercise to agree and identify priority areas in Argyll and Bute and create an action plan of what Argyll & Bute should be doing regarding climate change in an area wide strategy. Stan asked the group to consider this.

Lucinda fully supported that suggestion as without looking at the practicalities of how improvements can be taken forward we end up with a “wishlist” that is undeliverable. Ross added his support and noted how it dovetails with the Council strategy on climate change (as a business) and he supported a look at having a baseline check. He noted there is an EV infrastructure Strategy being considered by the Council which he hoped that would be picked up when the review takes place. Ross felt the area did have a role in the hydrogen economy for local haulage and timber / aqua culture industries. He added it would be great to get business buy in for a carbon neutral Argyll and Bute. Ross also felt that “Waste” should be added under Messaging / Education and Business as waste forms 47% of the Council’s carbon footprint from the area (but they are not in control of what is being deposited as waste) and there is a need to look more at how people treat their waste. Sarah said that waste is raised repeatedly at community council level and it is felt that the majority of residents do want to dispose of their waste properly and they need to know how to do that. Stan said that there is a small project with Argyll Countryside Trust looking at waste - they have engaged with the Co-Op to offer food for free that is about to go out of date rather than dispose of it, replication of that across Argyll and Bute would be good. David noted that this is happening in other areas that are benefiting food banks.

Ross suggested that any action plan needs to start by looking at what the highest regional carbon emitters are and he shared the carbon footprint information for the region as defined by the [National Atmospheric emissions inventory](#) (which is used

by UK government). The region emits appx 570000 tonnes of carbon in total. The largest contributor was road transport from A roads (157000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent) with road transport on minor roads, domestic fuels, gas and electricity making up the bulk of the remainder. The biggest advantage for this region is the sequestration benefits through woodland and peatland etc (which offsets over 510000 tonnes carbon dioxide equivalent).

It was noted that whilst Argyll and Bute region has the lowest net carbon footprint in the UK per head, and although it looks like A&B are not far from being carbon neutral, Stan added that there are other measures such as looking at the carbon footprint of items imported in to the area (that have an impact in the place of production yet are used in our area) and it would be useful if we could include that in the figures in future. Stan added that carbon accounting and measuring is changing all the time, so whilst Argyll and Bute look good now that may change as modelling changes so we must continue to do the maximum that we can do.

Stan felt an action plan would help to pull all existing plans together and look at what is beyond that, beyond organisational decarbonisation plans. Lucinda said to change behaviours there also needs to be communication highlighting the benefits and impacts.

Cathleen suggested the supermarkets should be challenged regarding excessive packaging and that there may be an incentive for the Council to give communities land to be used for food production for local consumption. Ross advised that there is already an Asset transfer process (via the Community Empowerment Act) and that the Council can be contacted to enquire about use of council land (there has already been approaches by groups for land for allotments). The Council is also looking at a Food Strategy (this includes schools having veg patches for use by the school). David advised that groups are being worked with to form "allotment societies" but that there is actually not that much Council land available that is suitable for growing. All available land is put on the council website. Cathleen felt the Asset Transfer process was not easy. David invited Cathleen to contact him at any point to discuss the process and that he is happy to help support any enquiry regarding council land.

Charles felt there is an urgency around what is required and the Council pledge of being carbon neutral by 2045 is too late and asked if this group should put pressure on speeding up the process and challenging targets set to be more ambitious. He added that if there are other regions doing work that is ahead of us then that should be included in the audit / action plan so that we can use it to learn and improve upon. Stan noted there are great examples of what is already being done in Argyll and Bute on the Council Climate [webpage](#).

**Action - It was agreed that the CPP MC should be approached for funding. Stan to table a paper with that request to the next CPP MC.**

7. **Mission Statement discussion** - Draft words for a group mission statement were put forward by Cathleen at the last meeting. Stan felt the need to include adaptation and making representations to the full CPP Management Committee in the previously noted statement. Charles felt the statement was too passive and was

about increasing understanding rather than taking action. He felt it should be more energising (but did not have any wording suggestions at present). Cathleen felt there should be an inclusion for working in partnership and that the work should include the 17 UN Sustainability goals and be led by the Council. Stan asked for a volunteer to take forward shaping the mission statement - Charles and Cathleen agreed to take this forward.

### **Action - Charles and Cathleen to draft new mission statement.**

Sarah agreed that we need to be talking about working with community groups and co-ordinate Argyll and Bute activity to inform on what is happening. Ross noted that although this CPP subgroup do not have current funding, we can apply for funding so there is no need to view that as a barrier. He also felt that it would not be helpful to name and specific organisation in the mission statement. Although there are crossovers with existing strategies across partners, the vision needs to be generic enough that I partners can sign up for it collectively.

### **8. AOCB**

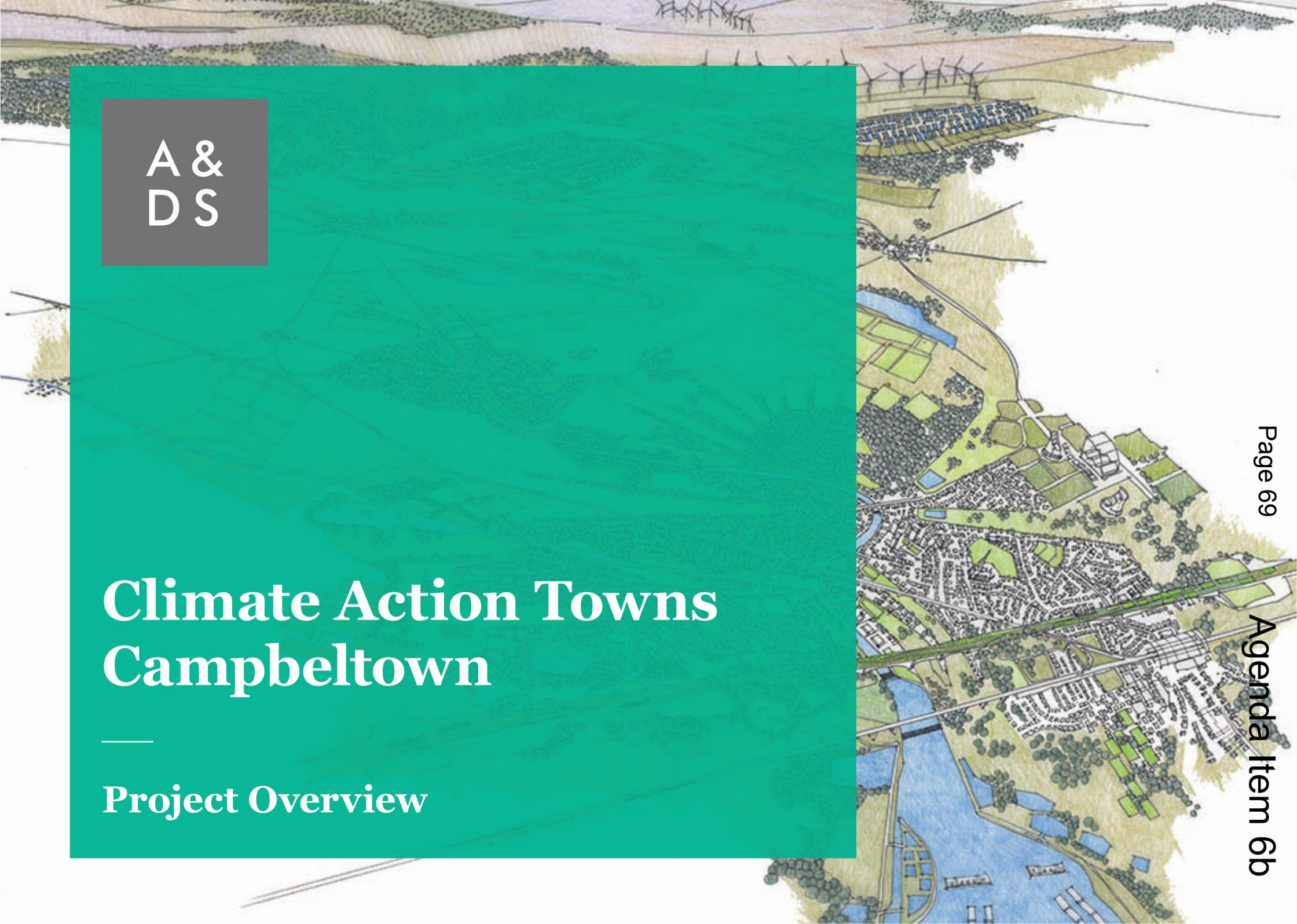
Climate Financing - David noted that he [Climate webpage](#) has been updated with a funding search to highlight where communities can look for climate funding. That page will be updated on a monthly basis.

9. Date of next meeting is 21 October 2021 at 1000.

## CPP CLIMATE CHANGE GROUP ACTION GRID – from 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Complete	In Progress	Outstanding	<i>Please highlight actions as per traffic light system to show progress</i>
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Date Set	Action	Who	Required by Date
10/9/21	It was agreed that the CPP MC should be approached for funding. Stan to table a paper with that request to the next CPP MC.	Stan	15 September 21
10/9/21	New mission statement to be drafted.	Charles / Cathleen	21 October 21



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# Climate Action Towns Campbeltown

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Project Overview

# Climate Action Towns

## In a nutshell...

To support place-based climate action in a network of seven small Scottish towns, working collaboratively with local communities. From this, Architecture and Design Scotland will develop learning that can be applied in places across Scotland.



# Project Aims

We are working collaboratively with local people and organisations in small towns across Scotland to:

- Bring small towns into the climate adaptation conversation;
- Challenge and explore what types of place based action can be taken in small towns;
- Explore opportunities to support communities to deliver real change on the ground in areas with historically limited action on climate change;
- Use this work to share learnings for inclusive climate action at a town scale that can be applied in places across Scotland and beyond.



# In Campbeltown...

In partnership with South Kintyre Development Trust, Campbeltown Community Council and Inspiralba we are aiming to support the development of the latest Campbeltown Community Action Plan. Looking at the topics prioritised in the action plan, we will help identify climate risks and opportunities for climate action.

In addition, we are exploring how we can work in partnership with Argyll & Bute Community Planning Partnership Climate Change Working Group to support the development of further educational resources on climate change and adaptation.



# The Climate Action Towns Team

*A brief overview of  
our team's experience  
and expertise*



**Karen Ridgewell**

Karen has worked with the Built Environment for over 15 years as an Architect, BREEAM Assessor, Contractor, Responsible Sustainable Business Manager and Adaptation Planning professional.

At A&DS, her focus is the Designing for a Changing Climate service, working with Local Authorities through the planning system to enable systemic change that works towards the achievement of carbon reduction targets and embeds climate adaptation into spatial plans and development strategies and briefs.



**Laura Hainey**

Laura is an Architect with experience in small sustainable practice in Cambridge and a practice in Glasgow focussed on social housing and environmental and landscape improvements. She has voluntary experience designing an earth brick school in Southern India and in Community Gardens in Glasgow.

Joining A&DS in 2013, her sustainability focused work has increased gradually in scale from managing the Library of Sustainable Building Materials, to producing building case studies for A&DS and Retrofit Scotland, to joining the Designing for a changing climate work and Climate Action Towns.

# The Climate Action Towns Team



**Ness Wright**

Ness is a specialist in user-centred design, with a background in systems thinking, co-design and climate change adaptation planning. In her previous role as Senior Service Designer at Snook, Ness led on a wide portfolio of climate-related projects across the UK and Ireland.

Ness will be drawing on this rich body of experience to support the work of the Climate Action Town's project, helping to identify climate action with co-benefits at town scale, and foster collaboration for wider systems change.



**Chiara Fingland**

Chiara is an Architect with a broad experience from working on projects across a diverse set of sectors and formats, including master planning, residential development, conversion of existing fabric, and community-led feasibility studies. She has a passion for research with a focus on investigating more sustainable housing solutions and how communities can be empowered to make decisions.

She aims to use this experience, having recently joined A&DS, to support the work of the Climate Actions Town's project in addition to the wider spatial strategy work of the organisation.

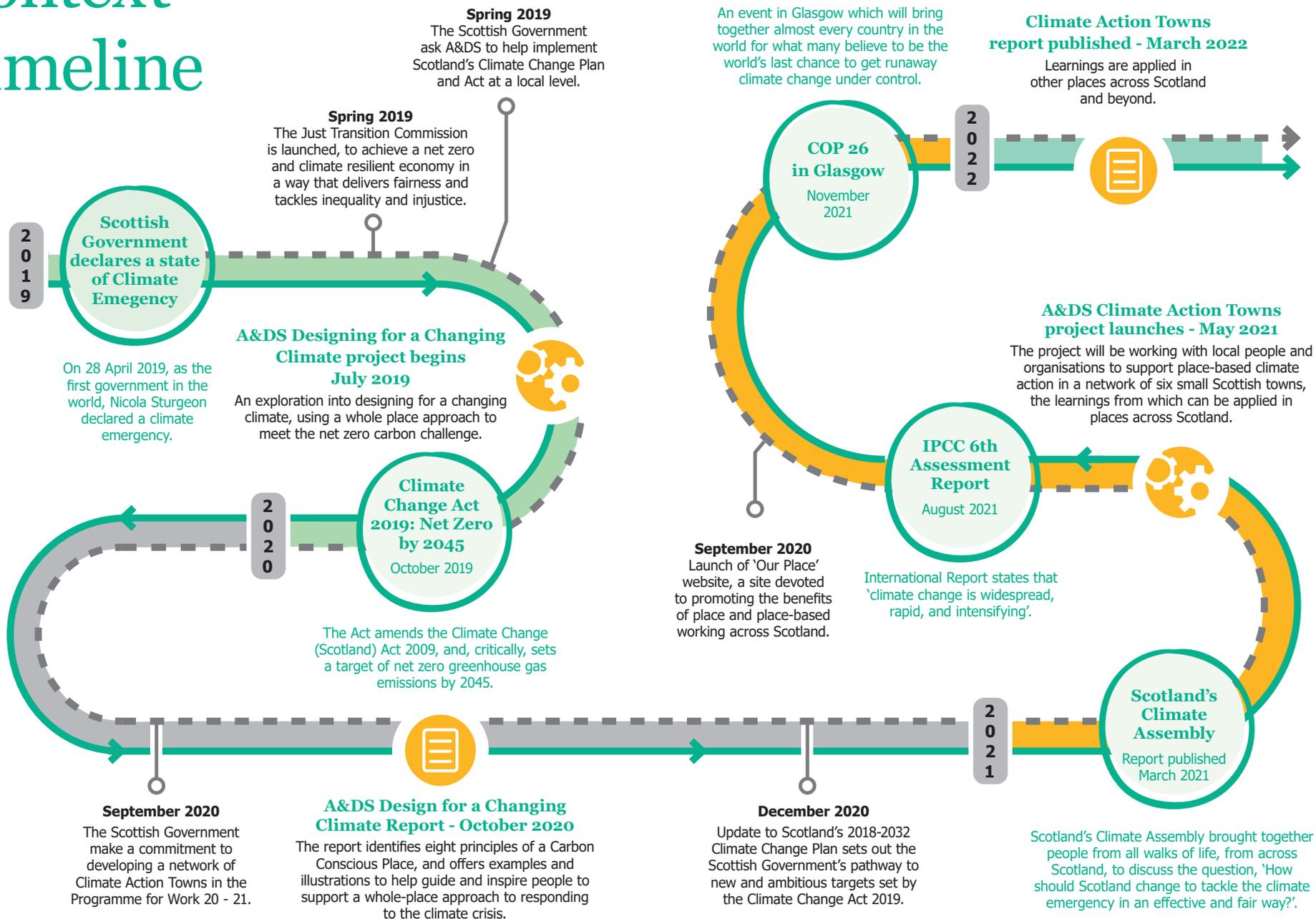


**Andrew Piggott**

Andrew is an Architect who has practiced in London and Edinburgh. In his ten-year career to date, he has delivered a gallery for rare books and manuscripts at the University of Oxford's Bodleian Library, a salmon smokehouse in the Outer Hebrides and a number of award-winning housing schemes.

Andrew recently co-curated the What If...? / Scotland exhibition, which was Scotland's entry for the 2020 Venice Architecture Biennale. The project involved extensive engagement work with communities across Scotland; Andrew's experience with this led him to join A&DS to support the Climate Action Towns project.

# Context Timeline





# Inveraray to Crossaig Reinforcement Project

Project Newsletter

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**Scottish & Southern**  
Electricity Networks

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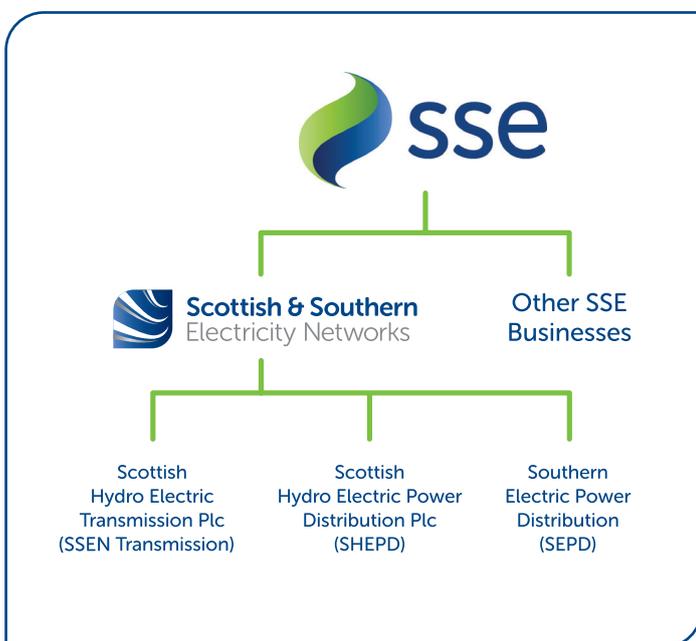
TRANSMISSION

# Welcome to our newsletter

## Who are SSEN Transmission?

We own, operate and develop the high voltage electricity transmission network in the north of Scotland. The network consists of underground and subsea cables, overhead lines on wooden poles and steel towers, and electricity substations, extending over a quarter of the UK's land mass crossing some of its most challenging terrain.

We power the communities we serve by providing a safe and reliable supply of electricity, taking the electricity from generators and transporting it at high voltages over long distances through the transmission network for onwards distribution to homes and businesses in villages, towns and cities.



## What is the difference between Transmission and Distribution?

Electricity Transmission is the transportation of electricity from generating plants to where it is required at centres of demand. The Electricity Transmission network, or grid, transports electricity at very high voltages through overhead lines (OHL), underground cables (UCG) and subsea cables. Our transmission network connects large scale generation, primarily renewables, to central and southern Scotland and the rest of Great Britain. It also helps secure supply by providing reliable connection to the wider network of generation plans.

The Electricity Distribution network is connected into the Transmission network but the voltage is lowered by transformers at electricity substations, and the power is then distributed to homes and businesses through overhead lines or underground cables.

## About this newsletter

As we start constructing the second phase of the Inveraray to Crossaig project, we have created a newsletter to keep you updated on the current and upcoming work we will be undertaking. We will continue to provide these updates as the project progresses throughout construction. This edition provides background to the phase one and two projects and the progress so far.

## Keeping in touch

We will be sharing regular updates on the project website, where you can also register for updates and find contact details to get in touch our team.

[www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/inveraray-crossaig/](http://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/inveraray-crossaig/)

## Upgrading the network in Argyll and Bute

The Inveraray to Crossaig Project is replacing the existing overhead transmission line which was built in the 1950's, following a long service, it is now coming to the end of its operational life. The line has experienced a higher-than-normal level of faults and in March 2013 following a severe storm several towers in Kintyre collapsed, interrupting the energy supply to thousands of customers. The construction of a replacement line is essential to ensure the security to the supply of electricity to the communities across the region. Once complete, the Inveraray to Crossaig Project will provide vital reinforcement to the existing transmission network in Argyll and Kintyre, improving network performance and providing access to the electricity network for new renewable generation developers, playing a key role in the

transition to net zero emissions. The new overhead line will operate initially at 132kV, as the existing line does, with the capacity to increase to 275kV to accommodate the continuing growth of renewable generation connection to our network. The new line will run between Inveraray switching station and Crossaig substation, connecting to the existing substations at An Suidhe, Crarae and Port Ann. The existing line will be decommissioned and removed upon completion of the new line.

The project is being constructed in two phases; Phase 1 is 39km long from Inveraray to Port Ann and is nearing completion, and Phase 2 which extends 45km from Port Ann to Crossaig and is currently in the enabling stage.

### Phase 1 - Inveraray to Port Ann

Construction of Phase 1 started in Autumn 2019 and following many months of hard work and some very challenging weather conditions this critical line is now fully energised and main construction works are coming to an end. Phase 1 has delivered:

- 39km new overhead line between Inveraray and a tee-off point west of Lochgilphead
- 129 new towers
- 98km of new build and upgraded access track
- Employment for over 250 people, including local contractors, many of whom have required local accommodation
- A major boost to local and national economies
- Removal of 149 existing towers

Decommissioning of the old line is progressing well, and over half of the redundant overhead line towers have been dismantled and recovered for recycling. Reinstatement and decommissioning works are expected to be fully complete by early 2022.

### Project timeline

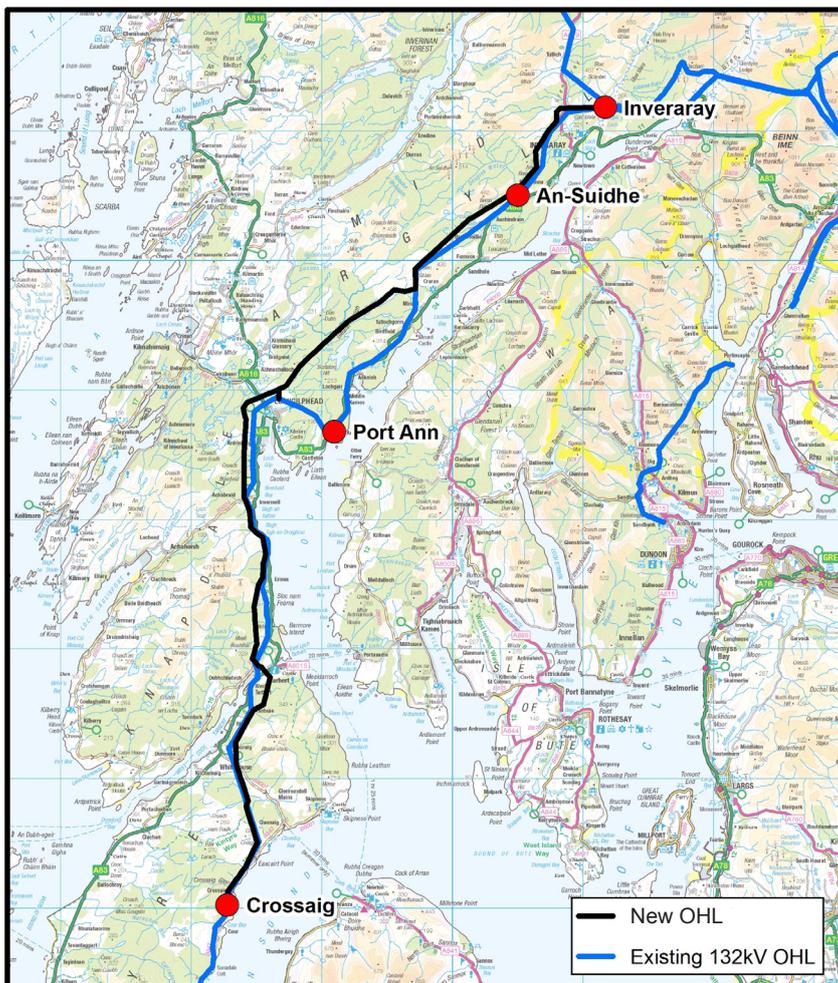


## Phase 2 - Port Ann to Crossaig

Phase 2 will deliver the southern half of the overall project and once complete will include:

- 45km new overhead line between Lochgilphead and Crossaig Substation
- 149 new towers
- Removal of 380Ha of forestry
- 108km of access track upgraded or constructed
- Anticipate 200-250 people employed
- Compensatory Planting

The route of the new overhead line and the existing overhead line are shown below for both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Project. The new line follows roughly the same path as the existing line however, to ensure the continuity of supply the new line must be built and operating before the old line is removed.



Works start  
May 2021



Full energy  
Summer 2023



Works complete  
Early 2024

## What's next?

We are currently busy with enabling works ahead of construction starting in Autumn 2021. The enabling work includes forestry clearance which is being undertaken by our contractors Scottish Woodlands and the installation of bellmouths which will be the entry points for our access tracks. Forestry works are scheduled to be complete by October 2021. We have started installing access tracks at several locations and following this, construction of the new towers will commence.

## Fulfilling our critical role in Argyll and Bute throughout the pandemic

Due to the critical nature of the work being carried out to ensure the security of supply to the communities that the Inveraray to Crossaig overhead line serves, following a pause of work when lockdown was implemented in March 2020, work on phase 1 of the project recommenced.

Throughout this time, the safety of our people, contractors and the communities in which we are working remained the key priority. Working closely with the Scottish Government, we have implemented robust safety procedures in place on site, which remain under constant review. These robust practices will be taken forward into phase 2 of the project and will be implemented in line with Government and industry guidance. We will continue to review and update our policies in response to the changes in guidance.

## How can I keep up to date with project developments?

We will keep the community updated by sharing quarterly Newsletters. These, along with any other updates, will be published on the Inveraray – Crossaig Project webpage:

<https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/inveraray-crossaig/>

If you would like to receive subsequent issues of this Newsletter in printed format, please request this from the Community Liaison Manager. A digital copy of the Newsletter will be sent to all individuals who have registered for updates on the project webpage.

As a responsible developer it is important that we work closely with the communities in which we work. Our Community Liaison Team will be the interface between the local community and our onsite project teams. If you have any questions about the project, please contact Caitlin via email or phone:

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Community Liaison Manager  
**Mob:** 07557478864  
**Email:** caitlin.quinn@sse.com

**Grace Campbell**  
Land Manager  
**Tel:** 07586 281 466  
**Email:** grace.campbell@sse.com

## Community Liaison Group

A Community Liaison Group has been established that brings together representation from the project team, Community Councils and local Councillors. This is an open forum to share updates on progress, celebrate success and to discuss key issues and potential impacts of our construction works. Minutes from the meetings will be available on the project website. If you have a question which you would like raised at a meeting, please contact your Community Council representative or the Community Liaison Manager.



# DATA SET FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN ARGYLL & BUTE

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SUSAN MACRAE – AREA MANAGER, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND

IN AN EFFORT TO  
STREAMLINE AND  
SIMPLIFY THE  
REPORTING  
LANDSCAPE WE  
HAVE 2 MAIN  
PUBLICATIONS

- **Scottish Government Initial School Leaver Destinations** - Snap shot first Monday in October of every school leaver in Scotland, published on Scottish Government website and their Insight Platform [Link to SG Publication here](#)
- **Annual Participation Measure** - providing a picture of 16 to 19-year-olds in Scotland who were participating in education, training or employment between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021. Published on Skills Development Scotland [Link to APM here](#)



## School Leaver Destinations & Insight

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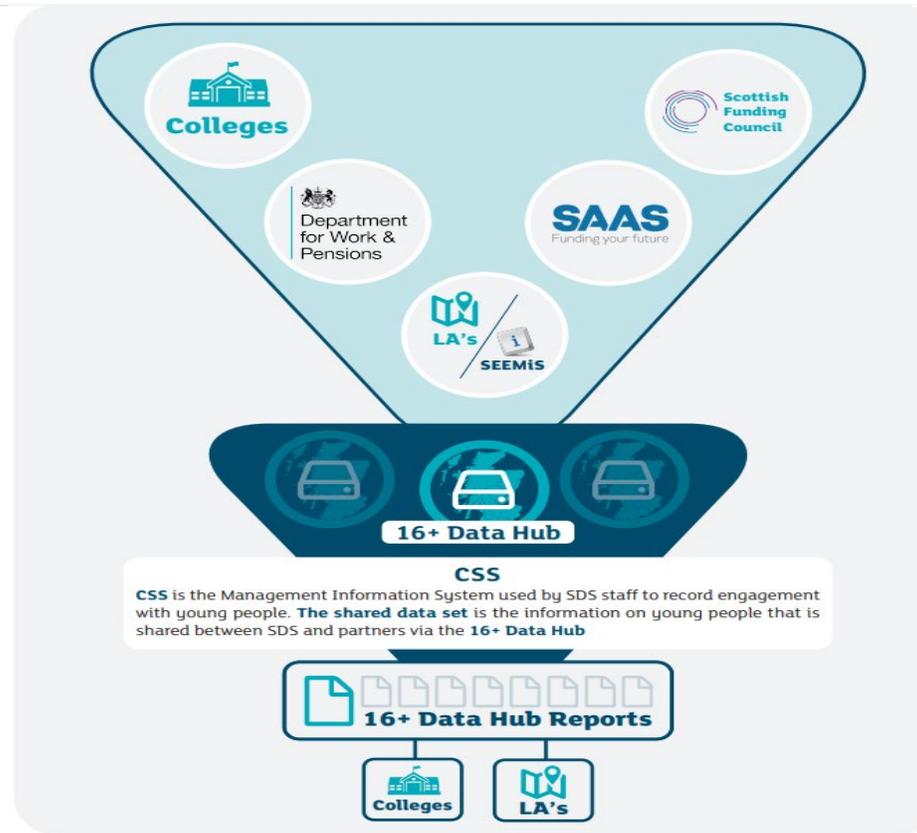
In an effort to 'simplify' and 'streamline' the reporting landscape, the Scottish Government are now solely responsible for publishing School Leaver Destinations.

Skills Development Scotland will no longer produce School Leaver Destinations, but will focus on the Annual Participation Measure.

In managing the Opportunities for All shared dataset, Skills Development Scotland supplies individual level data on the destinations of school leavers to the Scottish Government. This is used to populate **Insight**, which is used by schools to access their school leaver destination statistics and other data used for benchmarking; and **Parentzone**, where this information is available to parents and the general public. The Scottish Government also produce a short statistical publication on initial school leaver destinations.

# DATA HUB

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# COHORT NUMBERS

\* 2020/21 STILL TO BE  
CONFIRMED BUT ROUGH  
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# DESTINATION GROUPINGS

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Table L2.1. Percentage of school leavers by initial destination and local authority, 2009/10 to 2019/20

Notes:

Scotland total includes grant-maintained schools.

In April 2011, the Scottish Government rolled out the use of Activity Agreements.

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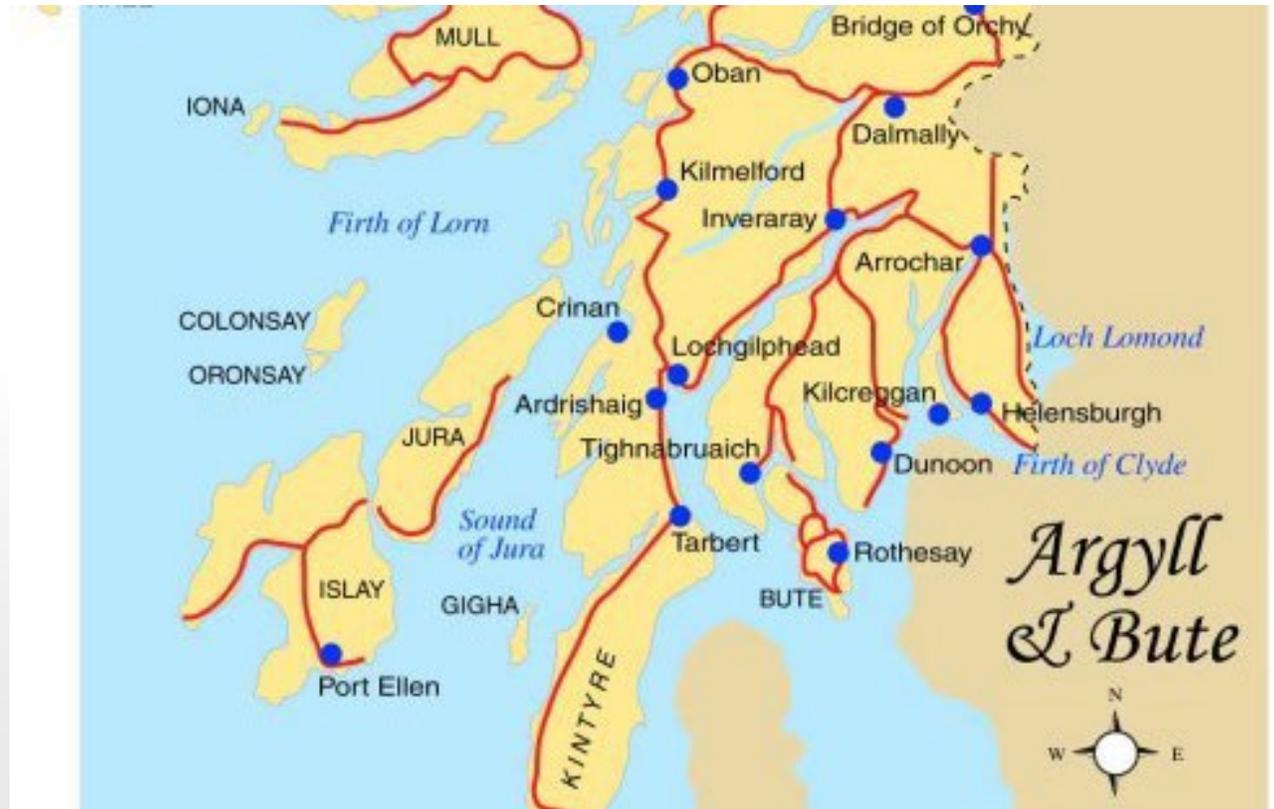
For information on how the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has affected these statistics, see section 1.1 of the main publication.

Year	LA code	LA Name	Number of leavers	Positive Destination	Higher Education	Further Education	Training	Employment	Voluntary Work	Activity Agreement	Personal Skills Development	Unemployed Seeking	Unemployed Not Seeking	Unknown
2019/20	130	Argyll & Bute	704	92.3	42.9	17.2	2.8	28.8	*	n/a	*	3.7	*	*
2018/19	130	Argyll & Bute	838	94.6	39.3	17.8	2.3	34.6	0.7	n/a	-	3.5	*	*
2017/18	130	Argyll & Bute	802	95.0	40.6	20.1	1.9	31.7	0.7	-	-	3.0	*	*
2016/17	130	Argyll & Bute	862	94.8	40.8	18.0	2.9	32.1	*	*	*	3.1	*	*
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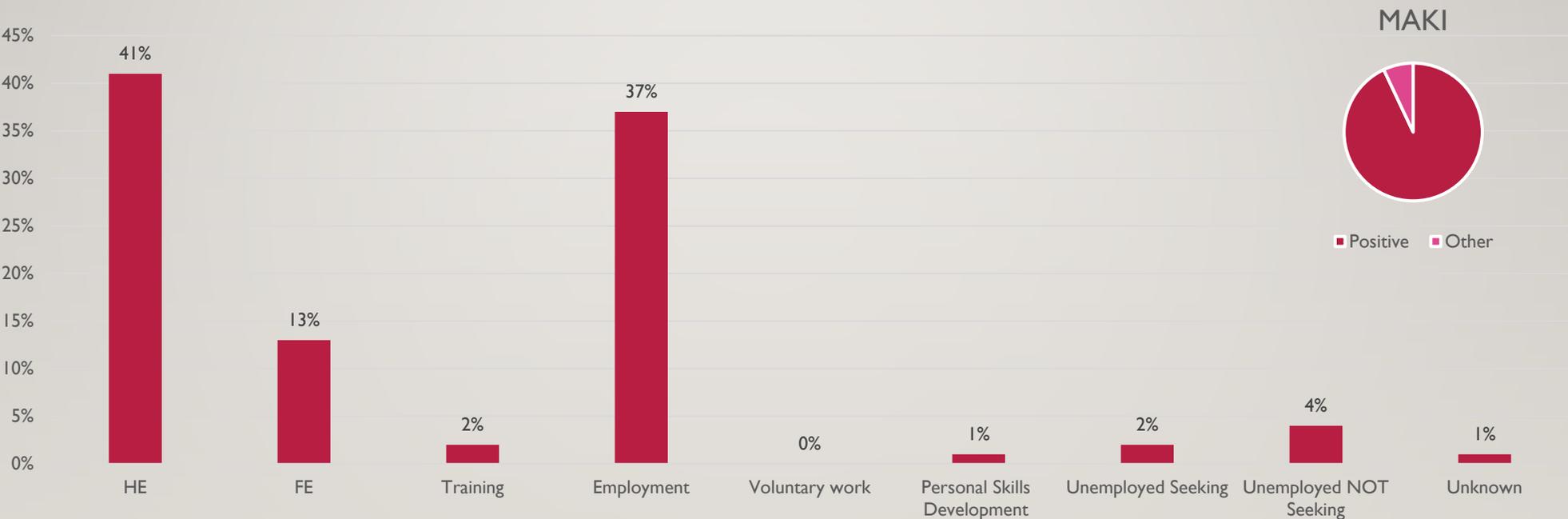
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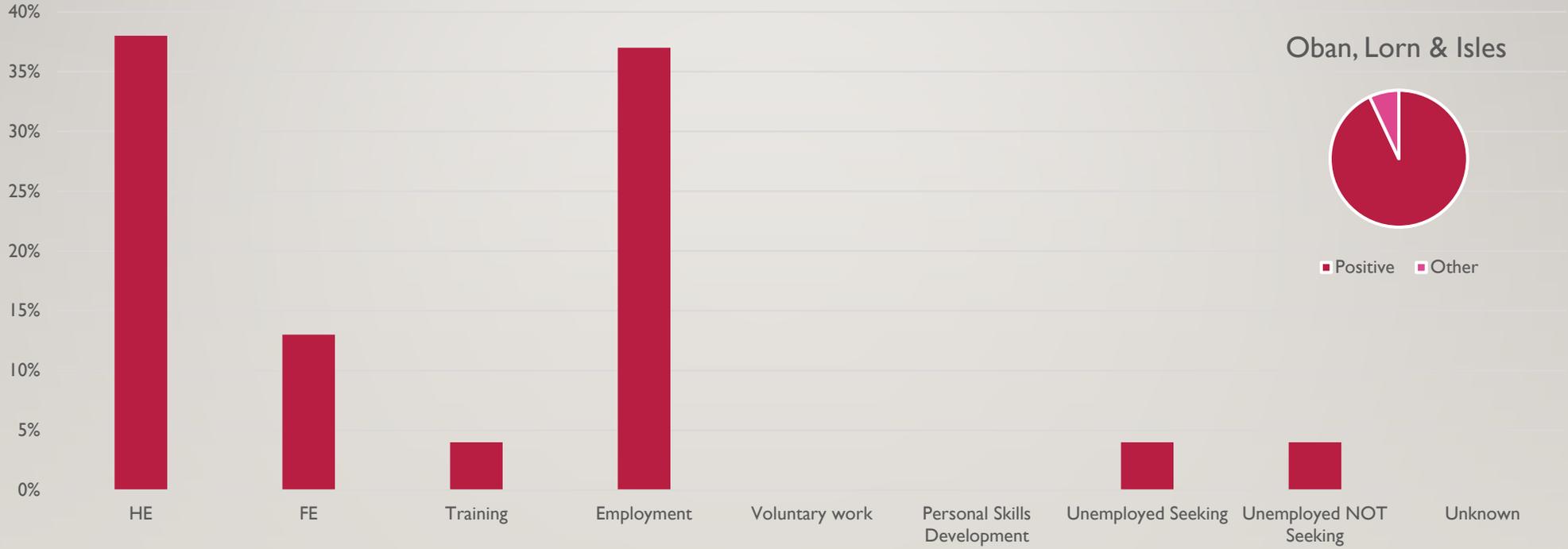
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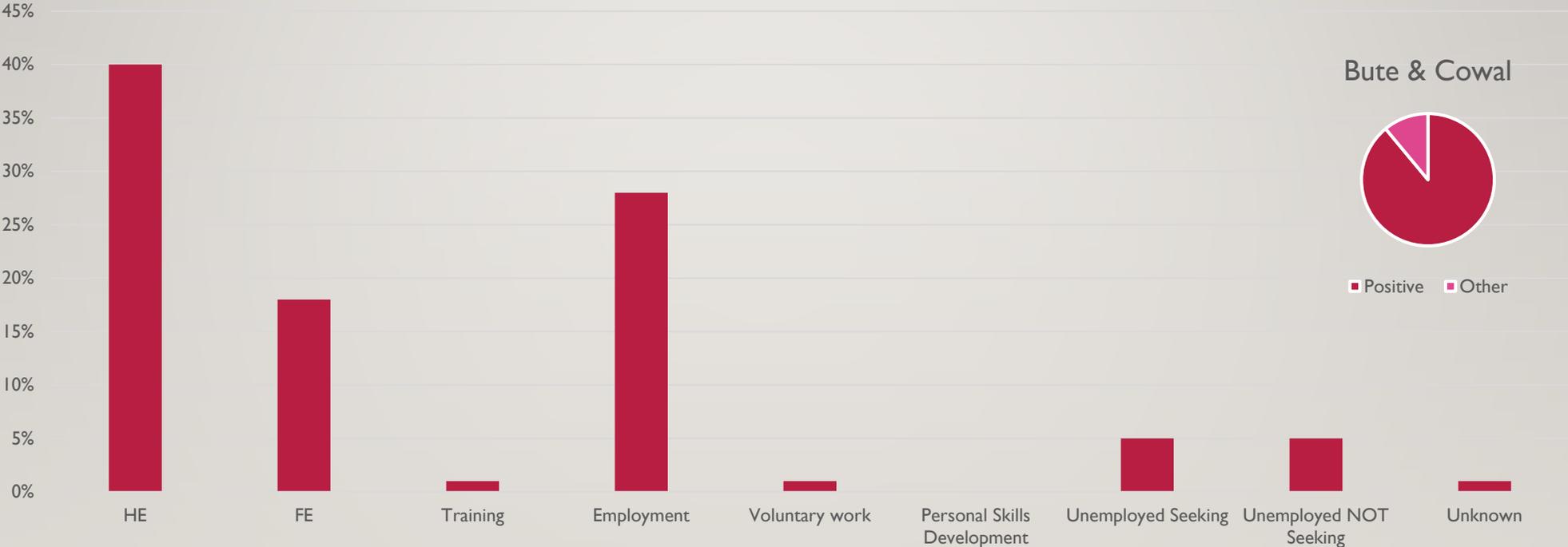
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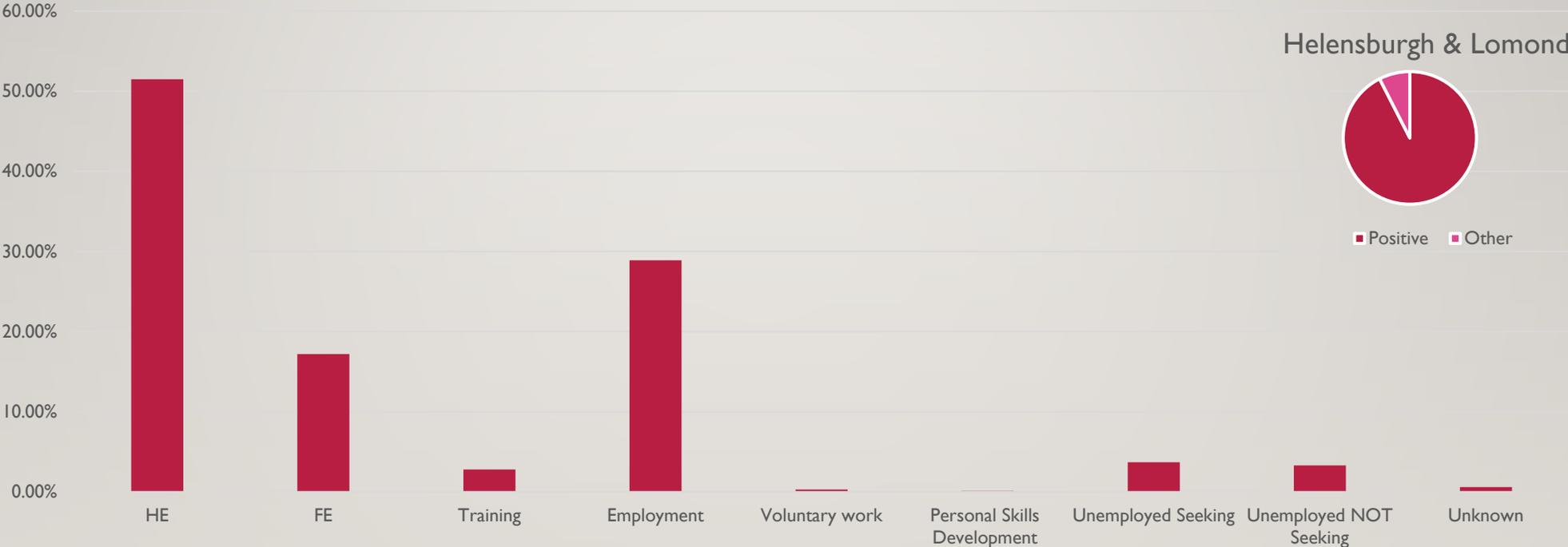
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# HELENSBURGH & LOMOND CPP AREA



# ARGYLL & BUTE COMPARISON





## The Annual Participation Measure

The combined data set, held on CSS, is used to produce the **Annual Participation Measure**. A statistical publication showing the “participation” of the 16-19 age group across an entire year, at a national and local authority level.

School Leaver Destinations

Annual Participation Measure

Participation Measure

Informs the National Performance Indicator “to increase the proportion of young people in learning, training and work”

### Methodology

The **Annual Participation Measure** measures the Status of a young person across an entire year (1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> March). Each status is allocated to one of three high level classifications, and the one with the greatest number of days is taken as their Annual Participation Measure status:

Participating

Not Participating

Unconfirmed

Continues terminology move from “destinations” to “participation”

School Leaver Destinations reported only on school leavers, approx. **55,000** young people



Participating

Not Participating

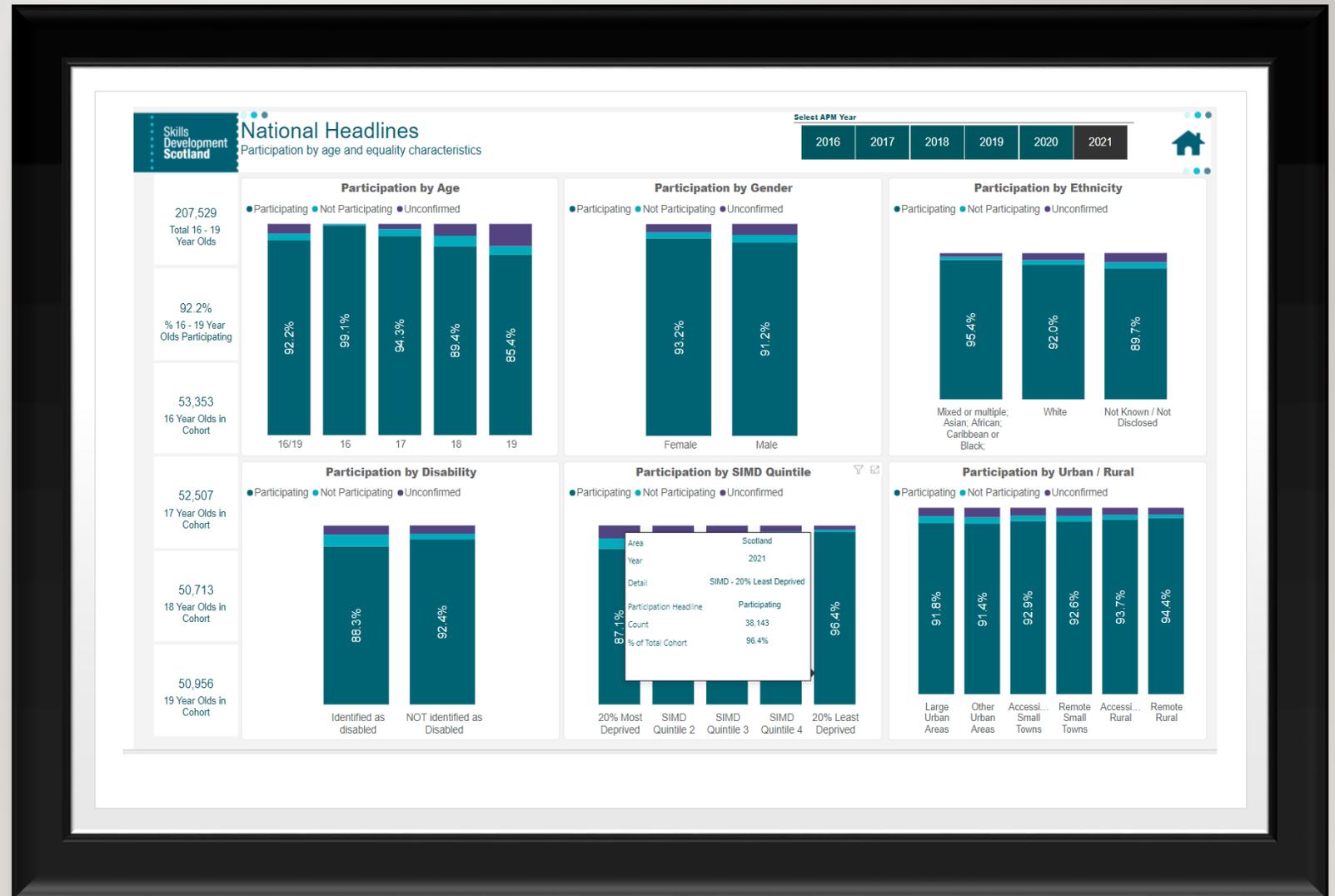
Participating

The Participation Measure considers the entire 16-19 age cohort, approx. **200,000** young people

Overall Status = Participating

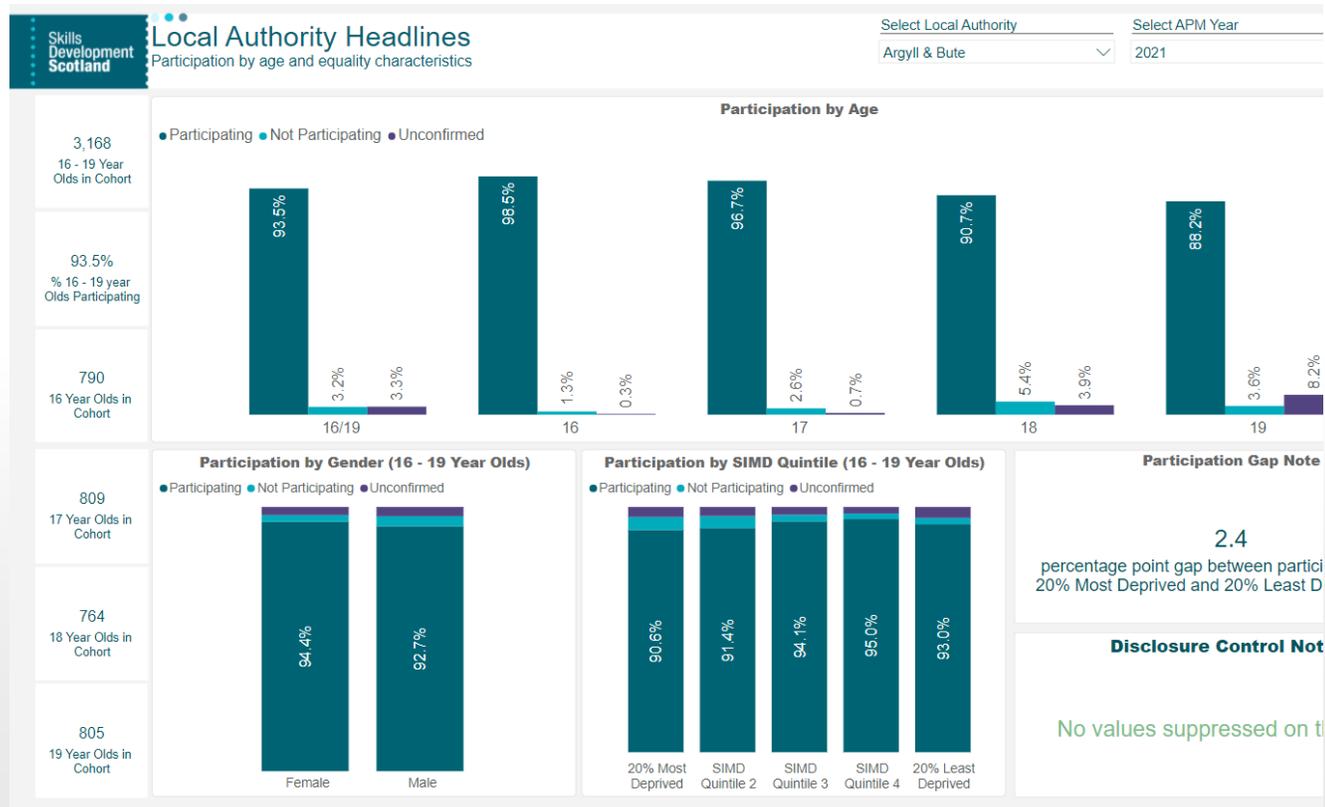
# ANNUAL PARTICIPATION MEASURE SCOTLAND

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# CURRENT TRENDS – NEXT DATA SET DUE FEB 22

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**Smaller  
leaver cohort**

**Higher  
number of  
unknowns**

# QUESTIONS

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**Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership****Mid Argyll Kintyre and Islay Area Community Planning Group****3rd November 2021**

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**Community Learning Partnership Plan**

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**Summary**

This report updates the Area Community Planning Group on the development of the Community Learning and Development (CLD) Strategic Plan for 2021-2024.

The CLD Strategic Guidance for Community Planning Partnerships (2012) set out expectations on Community Planning Partnerships (CPP) to use CLD approaches to public service reform and to develop a clear framework for the planning and delivery of CLD by the Local Authority and partners.

The CLD Regulations of 2013 requires a three year partnership plan for CLD to be developed by the Education Authority. This new plan was approved by the Community Services Committee in August 2021 and will be implemented by the Argyll and Bute CLD Strategic Partnership. Progress will be reported to the Community Services Committee, CPP Outcome 3 Group and Area Community Planning Groups.

Community Learning and Development or CLD is a field of professional practice to empower people of all ages to work individually or collectively to make positive changes in their lives, and in their communities, through learning, personal development and active citizenship.

A new multi - agency strategic CLD Partnership has been established involving key partners across the sector, with a clear remit and governance structure in place.

Area Community Planning Members are invited to:-

- Note the content of the new plan and acknowledge the clear synergy between the identified CLD priorities and those of the CPP.
- Recognise the importance of community capacity building support and the need for partners to focus CLD activity on the most disadvantaged communities.
- Identify areas from the action plan where partners can work effectively together at local level to support learners and communities as part of COVID-19 recovery.

## 1. Purpose

This report provides Area Community Planning group members with a brief update following the approval of the new Argyll and Bute CLD Strategic Partnership Plan for 2021-2024.

## 2. Recommendations

### Members are invited to:-

- Note the content of the new plan and acknowledge clear synergy between the identified CLD priorities and those of the CPP.
- Recognise the importance of community capacity building support and the need for partners to focus CLD activity on the most disadvantaged communities.
- Identify any areas from the action plan where partners can work effectively together at local level to support learners and communities as part of COVID-19 recovery.

## 3. Background

The CLD Strategic Guidance for Community Planning Partnerships (2012) set out expectations on Community Planning Partnerships (CPP) to use CLD approaches to public service reform and to develop a clear framework for the planning and delivery of CLD by the Local Authority and partners.

The CLD Regulations of 2013 requires a three year partnership plan for CLD to be developed by the Education Authority. This new plan was approved by the Community Services Committee in August 2021 and will be implemented by the Argyll and Bute CLD Strategic Partnership. Progress will be reported to the Community Services Committee, CPP Outcome 3 Group and Area Community Planning Groups.

Community Learning and Development or CLD is a field of professional practice to empower people of all ages to work individually or collectively to make positive changes in their lives, and in their communities, through learning, personal development and active citizenship.

#### 4. Detail

The Strategic Guidance defines the purpose of CLD as:

- 1) Improved life chances for people of all ages, through learning, personal development and active citizenship
- 2) Stronger, more resilient, supportive, influential and inclusive communities

CLD is defined as an approach that is used by a range of partners. CLD Learning providers should meet the outcomes above through:

- community development (building the capacity of communities to meet their own needs, engaging with and influencing decision makers);
- youth work, family learning and other early intervention work with children, young people and families; community-based adult learning, including adult literacies and English for speakers of other languages (ESOL);
- volunteer development; learning for vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the community, for example, people with disabilities, care leavers or offenders; learning support and guidance in the community.

The partnership consulted with some 700+ learners and wider community groups to establish what they consider to be the most important priorities for CLD in the area. This exercise included a survey and focus groups targeting specific learners and target groups. Given the challenge undertaking a consultation during the pandemic and the support required for many learners, further face to face consultation will take place in year one of the plan and the action plan will be updated to emerging local needs are being met.

CLD needs in Argyll and Bute have been carefully considered and grouped under 6 key themes:

- Digital skills
- Core skills for learning, life and work
- Health and wellbeing
- Your voice
- The learner offer
- Improve how we work as a partnership

The partnership recognises the importance of ensuring organisations within the sector work together, sharing expertise, manpower and resources to reduce inequalities and support those who need it the most coming out of the pandemic.

The action plan sets out our shared priorities for the next three years to improve outcomes for individuals and communities across Argyll and Bute.

The partnership will monitor progress and undertake a self-evaluation each year. Progress on performance will be reported to the Community Services Committee, the Community Planning Partnership and Area Community Planning Groups.

The most recent inspection by Education Scotland of the CLD Service in Argyll and Bute took place in 2019 with a subsequent follow up visit in 2020. Key lessons have been learned and focus given to these areas over the duration of the new plan. An HMle follow up visit is planned for 10th and 11th November 2021.

## 5. Conclusions

The new CLD Strategic Plan (appendix A) sets out how the CLD Partnership will support the needs of our learners and communities over the next 3 years. Opportunities exist both at local and strategic level for partners to collaborate and share resources and manpower for the benefit of our communities.

## 6. SOA Outcomes

3. Education, skills and training maximises opportunities for all
4. Children and young people have the best possible start
5. People live active, healthier and independent lives
6. People live in safer and stronger communities

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Argyll and Bute  
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# STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2021-2024



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# Foreword

**I am very pleased to introduce the Argyll and Bute Community Learning and Development (CLD) Strategic Partnership Plan for 2021-2024.**

Since the last plan was published, young people and the wider community have been working tirelessly to defend and protect their human rights. In this time, we have seen the COVID-19 pandemic come about which has challenged, at some point every young person's rights, notably the situation which faced those in education. Life was not as we knew it and everyone had to adapt.

Thanks to the dedication of CLD workers and partners, services were able to continue and young people have kept up their amazing work. For instance in March of 2021, the UNCRC Incorporation (Scotland) Bill passed through the Scottish Parliament with unilateral backing. That is a significant achievement that every young person and activist had a role to play in.

As we recover from COVID-19, CLD has a huge role to play in this by supporting and empowering the community by providing programmes of training and resources as well as building skills, increasing community empowerment and more. The pandemic has proven that things can be done differently and as we emerge

from the pandemic, this must be reflected on to change and improve the way we do things. Also as we do this, it's really important we all work together to build the best service we possibly can that delivers for every person in our community.

CLD is enormously powerful. Every two years, the service supports the election and training of three MSYPs, a position I am very honoured to hold. Not only that, throughout the two year term the team work hard to support MSYPs and help us to engage with the community through consultation, youth groups and more. Speaking personally, being an MSYP supported by the Argyll and Bute community learning team has boosted my confidence, communication skills and has allowed me the platform to speak up about the issues that matter most to young people. However, it's not just MSYPs that CLD partners equip these skills with, it's every young person they work with, from those involved in youth forums to other participatory youth and community empowerment groups. The power of youth participation and engagement must never be underestimated and it is up to organisations to meaningfully engage young people and the communities in any decision they take that will affect us.

Following extensive data analysis



and consultation with stakeholders, the partnership identified six key themes to focus on for the lifespan of this plan. There are strong links to CPP priorities and they take into account wider strategic plans and emerging priorities across Argyll and Bute:

1. Digital skills
2. Core skills for learning, life and work
3. Health and wellbeing
4. Your voice
5. The learner offer
6. Improve how we work as a partnership

I am looking forward to seeing how CLD evolves over the next three years, looking at the important role CLD plays in support by COVID-19 recovery, ensuring the workforce has the necessary skills to support communities, empowering young people and ensuring our rights are protected. I am keen for this plan to be a 'live' document that will change and adapt to the needs of the community between now and 2024.

As I have always said, **'youth and community work changes lives'**

*Cameron Garrett, Argyll and Bute MSYP, Convener of the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee and MSYP of the Year 2021*

# Introduction to CLD

**Community Learning and Development (CLD) is a method of working with groups and individuals of all ages to engage in learning, personal development and active citizenship.**

The Scottish Government's National Performance Framework clearly defines the specific focus of Community Learning by partners which should be to:

**Improve life chances for people of all ages, including young people in particular through learning, personal development and active citizenship.**

**Create stronger, more resilient, supportive, influential and inclusive communities.**



Support is focused on disadvantaged or vulnerable individuals or groups with the aim of bringing about change in their lives and communities. The term refers to a distinctive process of engagement and support with content that is negotiated with learners.

**CLD activity has a strong focus on early intervention, prevention, tackling inequalities and includes the following:**

- Community Development (building the capacity of communities to meet their own needs, engaging with and influencing decision makers);
- Youth work, family learning and other early intervention work with children, young people and families;
- Community Based Adult Learning including Adult Literacies and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL);
- Learning for disadvantaged and vulnerable groups and individuals, for example people with disabilities, have care leaving experience or have a history of offending.
- Volunteer development
- Learning support and guidance in the community

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. Whilst Argyll and Bute Council are required by legislation to lead on meeting the requirements of the CLD Regulations, it is important to note that partners must also be meaningfully involved, taking collective ownership and responsibility to produce, implement and review the CLD Plan.

**The newly formed Argyll and Bute Community Learning and Development Partnership will:**

- Have clear roles and responsibilities of partners
- Plan effectively together
- Use data and learner feedback to shape priorities, identify gaps, trends, avoid duplication and maximise resources
- Raise the profile of the work of CLD and share good practice

# Our Area

## What we know about Argyll and Bute and our communities (as of June 2021)



**690,964 hectares**

spread across the second largest local authority area in Scotland with 23 inhabited islands



**5.9%** from 2018 to 2028, the population is projected to decrease from 86,260 to 83,796. This is a decrease of 5.9%



**One in five** of the population is aged between 0 and 19 years



**The distance** between main settlements and use of ferry services creates challenges in terms of reliability, time and the cost of travel



**86 schools**

there are ten secondary schools, seventy five primary schools and one school for pupils with complex additional needs in Argyll and Bute



**32.8%** of employee jobs in Argyll and Bute are in public administration, education and health compared to 29.8% for Scotland



**£553** is the average gross weekly pay for full-time workers living in Argyll and Bute which is lower than the Scotland average of £595 with larger gap for female workers



**4.7%** of the working age population is claiming unemployment benefits with the 25-49 age bracket most impacted by the pandemic

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Estimated **20%** of children Argyll and Bute are living in poverty but the impact of Covid-19 has further impacted on families and communities, increasing the risk of poverty



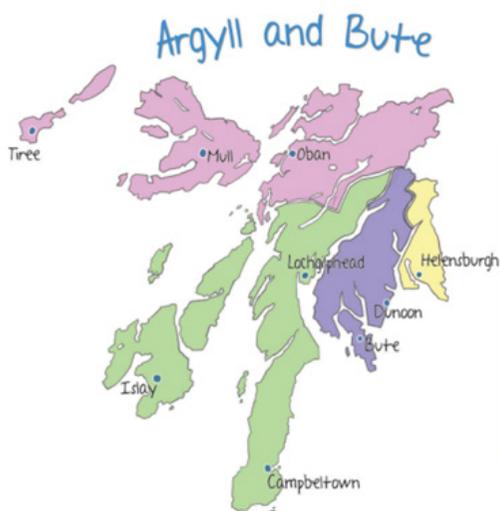
**Thirteen** data zones in Argyll and Bute are included in the 20% most overall deprived data zones in Scotland



**990+** people in Argyll and Bute registered to volunteer as part of the Caring for People Covid-19 community response

Services are directed through four main areas:

- Helensburgh and Lomond
- Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay
- Oban, Lorn and the Isles
- Bute and Cowal



**Population**

- Total population 85,900 (2020)
- Male 42,700
- Female 43,100
- 25% of population is 65+
- Under 18 years population 14,566

(Source: NOMIS official labour market statistics 2020)



In 2020 Argyll and Bute Schools were above the current national performance in Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) examinations in all four of the national measures; National 4, National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher.

Course	17/18 (A-C)			18/19 (A-C)			19/20 (A-C)		
	A&B Attainment %	National Attainment %	Difference %	A&B Attainment %	National Attainment %	Difference %	A&B Attainment %	National Attainment %	Difference %
Nat 4	100%	91%	8.90%	100%	89%	11.5%	100%	90.9%	9.1%
Nat 5	79.86%	77.40%	2.46%	79.43%	78.20%	1.2%	91.45%	88.9%	2.5%
Higher	78.79%	76.80%	1.99%	73.19%	74.80%	-1.6%	90.45%	89.2%	1.3%
Adv H	81.90%	80.50%	1.40%	75.68%	79.40%	-3.7%	95.70%	93.1%	2.6%

# New CLD Partnership

## Vision, Structure and Governance

### Our Vision

"Working together to improve lives across Argyll and Bute by empowering individuals and communities to lead sustainable, fulfilling and happy lives through continuous learning, cooperative problem solving and removing barriers to engagement, health and wellbeing."

### Values

The CLD Partnership has adopted the principles, values, ethics and competencies set out by the CLD Standards Council for Scotland. The principles that underpin CLD practice are:

**Empowerment** - increasing the ability of individuals and groups to influence matters affecting them and their communities;

**Participation** - supporting people to take part in decision making;

**Inclusion, equality of opportunity and anti-discrimination** - recognising some people need additional support to overcome the barriers they face;

**Self – determination** - supporting the right of people to make their own choices

**Partnership** - ensuring resources and the range of skills and capabilities available are used effectively

### The newly formed CLD Partnership will take a leading role in:

- Being responsible for the development implementation, monitoring and reporting of the Argyll and Bute CLD Plan. This will include the appropriate risk management and mitigations given manpower and resources available.
- Ensuring strategic priorities are aligned to key local and national plans and ensure there is no duplication of work

- Sharing and analysing data and identifying gaps to inform planning and decision making
- Fostering collaboration and where possible sharing resources across the partnership
- Putting in place delivery/workstream group arrangements to ensure effective implementation at operational and local level, taking into account geographical variations/needs.
- Evaluating and reviewing the CLD plan on a regular basis, taking into account changing learner needs and ensure a culture of self-evaluation and improvement.
- Communicating the work of the partnership to key partners, raising the profile of the work of the partnership and sharing and celebrating key successes.
- Identifying and sharing examples of good practice
- Contributing to Education Scotland CLD inspections and other appropriate CLD quality assurance measures.

### Membership

Core membership of the partnership includes one representative from the following organisations/groups:

- liveArgyll
- HSCP - Public Health
- Argyll and Bute Council Education Service
- Argyll and Bute Council Economic Growth
- Argyll and Bute Drugs and Alcohol Partnership
- Argyll College UHI
- Third Sector Interface
- 3rd sector community organisations representative
- 3rd sector community trusts representative
- Strategic Housing Forum
- Skills Development Scotland
- Department for Work and Pensions
- Community Planning management team
- Argyll and Bute Council Community Development team
- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire and Rescue
- Outdoor Learning sector representative

## Resourcing the Plan

The Plan will be delivered using existing resources across the partnership members. liveArgyll's Community Learning team will also provide the capacity to lead and support local learning partnerships and planning processes.

## Governance and reporting arrangements

Governance structures have been put in place at a strategic level (e.g. liveArgyll Board, Community Services Committee) and operational level (e.g. CLD Partnership, CPP Partnership) that will be utilised in terms of authorisation routes, scrutiny/performance management and liaising with key stakeholders/partners.

The diagram to the right illustrates the governance structure and highlights the key internal/external relationships.

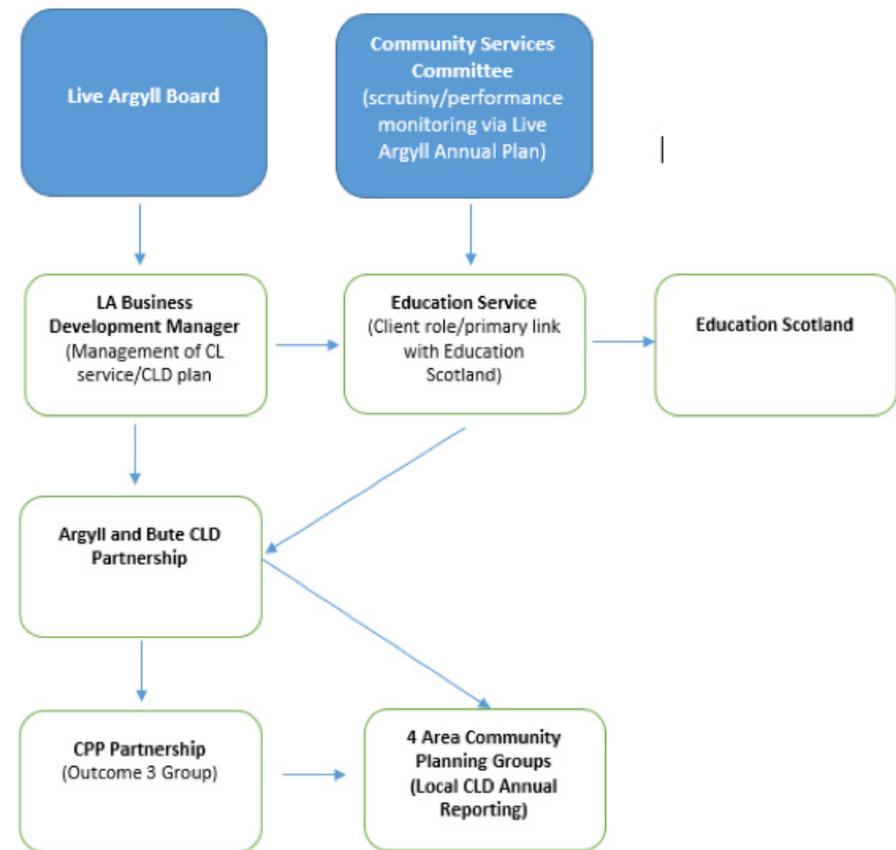
*(Abbreviations: LA - LiveArgyll, CPP - Community Planning Partnership)*

Quarterly updates on progress of the CLD Plan will be submitted to the Outcome 3 group within the Community Planning Partnership. This group has the remit to progress priorities around education, skills and training within the 10 year Local Outcome Improvement Plan for Argyll and Bute. The Outcome 3 group reports directly into the CPP Management Committee. Annual reports will be presented to the Community Services Committee of

Argyll and Bute Council as well as to Area Community Planning Group meetings. Education Scotland's Quality Improvement framework (How Good is the Community Learning and Development in our community) will be used to determine what worked well and where improvements could be made.

As well as Outcome 3 priorities, the Community Learning Partnership will support the delivery of wider CPP priorities, particularly Outcome 4: Children and young people have the best possible start and Outcome 5: People live active, healthier and independent lives.

LiveArgyll's Community Learning management team will be link officers as members of the 4 Area Community Planning groups. There are also Community Development Officers supporting community groups to attend and have a voice.



# Education Scotland Inspection

The most recent inspection by Education Scotland of the CLD Service in Argyll and Bute took place in 2019 with a subsequent follow up visit in 2020. Key lessons have been learned and focus given to these areas over the duration of the new plan.

## Key Strengths Identified



Ambitious community organisations and volunteers, improving communities and enhancing the learning offer.



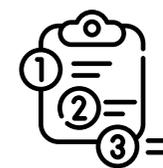
Youth voice and leadership opportunities, empowering young people to contribute to their communities.



## Improvement Areas



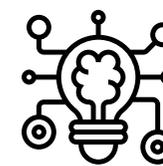
Strengthen the governance of CLD and develop a shared understanding of vision, values and aims.



Improve approaches to identifying the CLD offer across all partners to better inform resource allocation and joint planning.



Improve approaches to planning for improvement, including developing a systematic approach to shared self-evaluation, jointly setting targets, monitoring and reporting on progress.



Strengthen the collective adult learning offer across the partnership

# Informing the new plan

A number of methods were used to help inform the new CLD plan:

1. Review of the 2018-2021 plan with key partners
2. CLD inter agency work group mapping of key local/national plans and strategies linked to CLD, analysis of data and emerging Covid-19 recovery plans, gaps and local need
3. Consultation programme using the VOiCE community engagement tool. Two elements included an online survey for young people, adults and wider organisations and a programme of face to face/online focus groups with learners

## Policy context

The local and national policy context continues to evolve. In preparing the new CLD Plan, the partnership has taken into account relevant local and national strategies and plans as well as wider frameworks and consultation data as outlined in this table.

Local policy and planning context	National policy context	National drivers	Broader data
Outcome Improvement plan	Fairer Scotland	Strategic guidance for Community Planning Partnerships for CLD	Children's Services Joint Needs Assessment HSCP Joint Needs Assessment
Argyll and Bute Economic Strategy, 2019-2023	National Youthwork Strategy	Curriculum for Excellence	CPP Place standards
Argyll and Bute Council Corporate Plan	National Adult Learning strategy	GIRFEC	NOMIS labour market profile
Anti-Poverty Strategy	National ESOL Strategy	National Improvement Framework	Covid building back better consultation TSI national covid survey
Argyll and Bute Employability Partnership Action Plan	National Literacies Strategy	Attainment Challenge	Adult Learning Strategy consultation
Education Plan	Active Scotland Outcome Framework	How Good Is Our CLD	Inform Scotland data
Argyll and Bute Children and Young People Service Plan	National Performance Framework	Adult Literacies in Scotland	Scottish Attainment Challenge equity audit
Argyll and Bute Living Well Strategy	No One Left Behind	Adult Literacies Curriculum Framework	Education Scotland Equity and Outdoor Experiences 'add to action plan
Our Children Their Future Education Strategy	Developing the Young Workforce - Scotland's Youth Employment Strategy	A professional development framework for Scotland's adult literacies workforce	Performance data of partners in CLD Partnership
LiveArgyll Business Plan	National Strategy for Community Justice	Drugs and Alcohol Framework	Argyll and Bute CPP Place Standard consultation
Argyll and Bute Covid Recovery Plan	Preventing offending getting it right for young people	Education Scotland Guidance - developing CLD Plans 2021-2024	Salsus Survey
Argyll and Bute Corporate Parenting Plan	Youth Justice Strategy	National Standards for Community Engagement	LOIP locality profiles
Argyll and Bute Fire and Rescue Plan	Child Poverty Strategy for Scotland	UNCRC Scotland Bill	NHS Highland Social Mitigation Plan (Covid-19 recovery)
Argyll and Bute Policing Plan	Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act	Family Learning National Occupational Standards (NOS)	Young Scot lockdown lowdown
Argyll and Bute Strategic Volunteering Framework		National Mental Health Transition and Recovery Plan	TSI National Covid-19 survey

## 2018-2021 Plan Review

A review process of the 18-21 plan included feedback from a range of partners which is summarised below:

### What went well



Partnership work on digital inclusion



Joint working to meet the needs of communities



Leadership opportunities for young people



Inter agency work at local level

### Areas for improvement



Wider engagement with 3rd sector delivery partners



Regular review of data



Improved cascade of information and awareness of the strength of CLD work



Joint ownership of all key partners in developing the plan



Clear responsibilities of partners and where they will contribute

## Consultation Programme

The consultation survey exercise involved 315 adults, 219 young people and 96 representatives of organisations. A focus group delivery framework was developed with the support of young people and 8 face to face focus groups took place across Argyll and Bute. An engagement plan was put in place to target specific individuals and groups within communities.

### The survey themes were identified from:

- Local and national strategies
- Local and national data
- Education Scotland/Scottish Government CLD Plan guidance
- Emerging Covid recovery priorities across partners

### The process:

- Inter agency work group - consultation and communications plan
- Involvement of young people in developing and testing the survey
- Digital marketing assets for partners
- Digital via survey monkey and paper options
- Support for learners/groups

The partnership has identified some gaps from the consultation process which was anticipated due to a variety of factors linked to the Covid-19 pandemic. Further face to face consultation has therefore been built into year one of the plan.

## What we learned

The CLD consultation highlighted what was most important to adults, young people and wider community organisations:

### Priorities - adults

	Priority 1	Priority 2
▶ Digital skills	Affordable internet (65%)	Online safety (57%)
▶ Poverty	Home budgeting (62%)	Employability skills (61%)
▶ Employability skills	Core skills (74%)	Preparing for work (57%)
▶ Health & Wellbeing	Mental health (77%)	Outdoor learning (50%)
▶ Your Voice	Developing confidence (75%)	Youth voice (56%)
▶ Work with young people	Access to mental health (69%)	Closing attainment gap (68%)
▶ Adult learning	Employability skills (65%)	Knowing what's available (61%)
▶ Barriers	Cost (66%)	Don't know what's available (61%)

### Priorities - young people

	Priority 1	Priority 2
▶ Digital skills	Access to devices (78%)	Affordable internet (66%)
▶ Poverty	Employability skills (69%)	Improving reading and writing (60%)
▶ Employability skills	Gaining qualifications (76%)	Core skills (72%)
▶ Health & Wellbeing	Mental health programmes (85%)	Being more physically active (59%)
▶ Your Voice	Youth voice (79%)	Developing confidence (78%)
▶ Working with young people	Mental health programmes (81%)	Employability skills (69%)
▶ Adult learning	Gaining qualifications (72%)	Employability skills (63%)
▶ Barriers	Don't feel confident (66%)	Transport (61%)

### Priorities - organisations

	Priority 1	Priority 2
▶ Digital	Basic digital skills (69%)	Access to devices (64%)
▶ Poverty	Home budgeting (64%)	Employability skills (63%)
▶ Employability	Core skills (81%)	Preparing for work (71%)
▶ Health & Wellbeing	Mental health programmes (81%)	Volunteering (60%)
▶ Voice	Developing confidence (82%)	Locality groups (56%)
▶ Youth	Closing attainment gap (82%)	Mental health and well-being (69%)
▶ Adults	Employability skills (72%)	Knowing what's available (65%)
▶ Barriers	Transport (71%)	Don't know what's available (70%)

### Overall priorities

- Developing people's confidence, understanding and the skills required to influence decision making and service delivery - Your voice
- Developing core skills - Employability skills
- Mental health - Health and well-being
- Gaining qualifications - Adult learning
- Youth voice, having their voices heard - Your voice
- Closing the attainment gap - Work with young people
- Access to devices and affordable internet - Digital skills
- Knowing what learning opportunities are available - Adult learning

4 key barriers highlighted by adults, young people and organisations included:

Cost

Transport

Don't know what's available

Confidence

# Assessing need and setting priorities



CLD needs in Argyll and Bute have been carefully considered and grouped under 6 key themes:

## 1. Digital skills

## 2. Core skills for learning, life and work

## 3. Health and wellbeing

## 4. Your voice

## 5. The learner offer

## 6. Improve how we work as a partnership

We recognise the importance of ensuring the partnership works together, sharing expertise, manpower and resources to reduce inequalities and support those who need it the most coming out of the pandemic.

The action plan sets out our shared priorities for the next three years to improve outcomes for individuals and communities across Argyll and Bute. The partnership will monitor progress and produce a self-evaluation each year reporting the performance to Argyll and Bute Council and the Community Planning Partnership.

## Unmet need

We recognise that some identified needs will remain unmet.

Delivering an equity of provision across Argyll and Bute remains a challenge given the differing manpower, resources across our diverse urban, rural and island communities. Partners will continue to work together offer support for learners to access digital services as well as outreach activity where resources permit.

## Cost for participants

The partnership will continue to work together to maximise funding streams to help reduce costs for targeted provision. Using a hybrid of face to face and digital delivery will also help maximise financial resources.

## Transport

The partnership will share learner feedback with wider CPP/Locality Planning partners, deliver outreach programmes supported by volunteers and maximise use of online programmes working with local partners to reach rural/island communities.

## Key Milestones

### August 2021

Presentation of CLD Plan to Community Services Committee

### October 2021

Review of performance framework/ data collection

### December 2021

Further face to face consultation - phase 2

### February 2022 (Annual)

Review of learner needs

### June 2022 (Annual)

Partner self - evaluation

### August 2022 (Annual)

Progress report to Community Services Committee

### November 2022 (Annual)

Progress report to Locality Planning groups

# Partners

With thanks to all partners within the CLD Partnership



# Appendix 1

## Argyll and Bute CLD Partnership Action Plan

What is the need?	Actions	Lead	Timescale Year 1 (short) Year 2 (med) Year 3 (long)	Outcome	Measure of success/impact
<b>Theme 1: Digital Skills</b>	Create a digital workstream sub group to develop a coordinated plan to support learners most in need with device allocation and support	Partnership chair	short	Learners with the most need are identified and supported	Number of targeted individuals confidently/actively using devices  Case studies
	Review partner volunteering roles/opportunities to support digital development work with an assessment of training needs	TSI/liveArgyll/ Argyll and Bute Council	short	Coordinated volunteer opportunities in place to meet demand of learners with clear support mechanisms for volunteers	Number of volunteers supporting learners  Learner and volunteer feedback
	Creation of basic digital upskilling courses to meet digital requirements for job preparation and day to day life skills	Argyll College UHI/liveArgyll/ SDS	short	Improvement in digital competency	Learner feedback  Number of course attendees
<b>Theme 2: Core skills for learning, life and work</b>	Hold monthly meetings between leads of CLD and Employability Partnerships	NH/IB	monthly	Clear responsibilities within each plan, sharing of data/ identification of gaps/share good practice	Clear plans in place  Evidence of coordinated planning and review
	Deliver tailored inter agency support programme to Syrian refugee community	Argyll and Bute Council/ liveArgyll/Argyll College UHI	short	Community integration, improved skills	Numbers of individuals transition into work  Learner feedback  Number of individuals completing ESOL courses

	Support the Argyll and Bute Employability Partnership to deliver the NOLB policy agenda and associated interventions, Young Person's Guarantee, the UK Government's Kickstart Scheme and Fair Start Scotland.	Employability Partnership	short	Multi agency support in place to deliver sustainable outcomes for those facing barriers to accessing work	Number of participants completing the programme (NOLB) Number of kickstart/YPG placements Learner feedback including outcome star Case studies
	Identify gaps from employer skills survey and work with employers to deliver programmes/courses based on employer needs (especially hospitality/construction)	Argyll College UHI/SDS/LiveArgyll/DWP&Job Centre Plus	medium	Increased SQA/college offering that meets the needs of employers	Number of participants completing courses Number of individuals gaining employment
	Offer a range accredited and wider achievement opportunities in schools and community settings with clear pathway/progression options	CLD Partnership	medium	Improved skills and training	Numbers of accredited learning and wider achievement opportunities number of participants completing courses Learner feedback Stakeholder feedback
	Offer a menu of co-ordinated high quality CLD volunteering opportunities in schools and community settings	CLD Partnership	medium	Improved skills and confidence	Learner feedback Case studies Number of individuals volunteering within CLD roles across the partnership
<b>Theme 3: Health and Well-Being</b>	Offer a range of planned programmes in safe spaces in schools and communities that support health and well-being of learners	CLD partnership/ Argyll and Bute HSCP	short	Improved quality of life	Case studies Well-being star ROI/Social value indicators

	Implement the link worker offer in targeted communities in Argyll and Bute as part of modernisation of primary care services	Argyll and Bute HSCP	short	increased referrals via social prescribing model and improved sign posting	Number of referrals Case studies
	Offer a menu of targeted physical activity/well-being programmes for learners	CLD partnership	medium	Increased physical activity levels  Improved well-being and mental health Reduced anti-social behaviour	Number of learners taking part in activities  Participant feedback including well-being star and participants reporting improved well-being
	Deliver a coordinated outdoor learning offer for young people and adults	liveArgyll/ Argyll and Bute Council/ 3rd sector	medium	Increased confidence	Number of participants making a positive lifestyle choice to support their health & well-being
<b>Theme 4 - Your Voice</b>	Develop a new youth voice model and pathway for youth voice	liveArgyll/ CPP/ Argyll and Bute Council	medium	Improved mechanisms across partners to better engage and support learners and groups in planning of service provision  Enhanced youth voice that recognises the opportunities the youth work sector provides at realising the ambition contained within UNCRC	Increased number of individuals and groups formally engaged with the CLD partnership  Case studies
	Implement mechanisms to better engage and support adult and young learners and groups in planning of service provision  Review place standard data following consultation process	CLD Partnership/ LOIPS  CLD partnership	short  short	enhanced learner /community voice and empowerment	

<b>Theme 5 - The CLD learner offer</b>	Develop a menu of core CLD programmes including ESOL to deliver to targeted adults and young people	CLD partnership	medium	Clear learning offer that meets the needs of targeted individuals and communities	Number of individuals engaged in CLD activity Case studies Outcome star
	Identify gaps in family learning offer and examine how links can be made to promote and target parent/carer joint learning with children and young people	CLD partnership	medium	Improved outcomes for families Improved involvement of families in evaluation of family learning programmes Clear progression routes for adult learners as part of family learning activities	Parent/carer feedback and case studies Stakeholder feedback
	Undertake a mapping exercise of the work being undertaken by the 3rd sector in delivering CLD outcomes	liveArgyll/ TSI and 3rd sector/ CPP and community dev team	medium	Improved understanding of the range of local groups and organisations that are contributing to CLD outcomes and the needs of learners	
<b>Theme 6 - Improve how we work as a partnership</b>	Plan a rolling programme of self-evaluation/review using HGIOCLD and challenge questions	CLD Partnership	annual		
	Undertake further consultation with learners where gaps were identified in the consultation process and review the plan priorities quarterly as part Covid recovery	CLD Partnership	short	The plan fully meets the needs of learners post Covid	
	Representation of the CLD Partnership on all 4 area locality planning groups	liveArgyll	short	CLD Plan takes into account new priorities set out by LOIPs	

	<p>Raise awareness of the work of the CLD partnership as part of Covid recovery to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dedicated website</li> <li>• Sharing platform for members of the partnership</li> <li>• Develop a suite of case studies and videos</li> <li>• Deliver 2 CLD partnership good practice sharing events with all partners contributing to CLD per year (1 online/1 in venue)</li> <li>• Maximise the use of the new TSI database/website to undertake meaningful engagement work with the wider 3rd sector</li> <li>• Work with Standards Council for Scotland to raise awareness of CLD work with partners/communities and strengthening cross-sectoral participation</li> <li>• Celebrate the achievements of learners across the partnership</li> <li>• Ensure Community Learning has an active role in the work of the Northern Alliance, strengthen partnership work between Argyll and Bute and the partner authorities and share good practice.</li> </ul>	<p>CLD Partnership  Northern Alliance</p>	<p>short</p>	<p>Increased awareness, signposting and uptake</p> <p>Improved joint planning and partnership work</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Map CLD workforce development needs of staff and volunteers with support from National Standards Council for Scotland, taking into account rurality of the workforce</li> <li>• Develop a joint programme of training and learning to meet the needs of our workforce</li> <li>• Commit to UNCRC joint training as a partnership</li> <li>• Explore health behaviour change training for CLD practitioners</li> </ul>	CLD Partnership	medium	The CLD workforce has the necessary skills to confidently deliver on the ambitions of the plan	<p>Number of training and learning opportunities</p> <p>Increased number of practitioners registered with Standards Council for Scotland</p> <p>Case studies</p>
	<p>Develop the use of GDPR compliant shared data and performance information for effective decision making and reporting, to identify gaps in provision and target those most in need by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying what relevant CLD data local and national partners can share</li> <li>• Agreeing mechanism to collate, use and update the data using CLD basecamp group</li> <li>• Agreeing a set of performance measures for the duration of the plan with clear baseline</li> <li>• Utilise Dyslexia Scotland data for Argyll and Bute to effectively work with local partners to support targeted learners</li> </ul>	CLD partnership	short	<p>Robust performance management and reporting mechanisms in place.</p> <p>Effective decision making and targeting based on shared partnership data</p>	Set of performance measures and data sets

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**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 29 September 2021. The briefing is for noting and relevant discussion.

**Summary**

The CPP Management Committee met on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 with the meeting being held virtually given the current restrictions in place and in line with the Council's current approach.

This update provides an overview of the discussion which took place.

Reports which were discussed at the meeting can be found here [Browse meetings - Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership - Management Committee - Argyll and Bute Council \(argyll-bute.gov.uk\)](#)

**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 August 2021. The meetings had been well attended and there had been a variety of interesting presentations given.
- The Management Committee noted the detail on the climate change discussions and that this would be a standing item on agendas for all of the meetings going forward.
- The importance of attendance of key partners at the Area Groups was highlighted and noted by the Management Committee.
- An update on the position in regard to office bearer positions was noted by the Management Committee including the appointment of Ian Brodie as Chair of the MAKI ACP Group for a further 2 year term.

## **Cross Cutting Themes**

### **Climate Change**

Stan Philips provided an update on the work of the Climate Change Working Group (CCWG) with a short presentation. This highlighted the community projects that are currently ongoing across the area, adding that all partners will also have in place, and will be working on, their own decarbonisations plans. It was noted that the CCWG propose to develop an overarching strategy that will focus on mitigation, adaptation and awareness and asked for thoughts on how best to move that forward.

The Management Committee agreed that an audit of what work is happening across the area is required and noted that Partners should share their own plans and good practice. It was agreed that a meeting of the CCWG would be arranged to progress the audit and partners were asked to identify appropriate representatives to take part. A report will be provided to the next meeting of the Management Committee on the outcomes.

### **Child Poverty**

Rona Gold provided highlights from the latest Child Poverty Planning Group meeting. It was noted that training on Convention of the Rights of the Child and child poverty for the Third Sector had taken place and was attended by a number of partners. An online module is also being looked at.

The Summer of Play programme was successfully delivered mainly by Council Education Services and Live Argyll and learning from this is being evaluated to inform future programmes.

The Challenge Poverty Week takes place between 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The group are also updating a Child Poverty webpage which will allow comments and interaction on the site through a dedicated mailbox.

### **Digital**

Rona encouraged all partners to visit the [Connecting Scotland website](#) as this provides a comprehensive explanation of what Connecting Scotland is. The project is led by the Scottish Government and aims to get digitally excluded households online by the end of 2021. The deadline for applications to obtain a device is 5pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November (details are in the website link). Connecting Scotland provides a comprehensive approach to tackle digital inclusion and work is ongoing to bring the work of the digital infrastructure group and the CLD partnership group together to better support Digital Inclusion.

## **Building Back Better (Communities)**

Rona advised that the Building Back Better (Communities) group has started to review feedback that was received from communities at the height of the pandemic with a view to the delivery of an action plan. The group is meeting in early October and there is a good number of partners represented. A Building Back Better (Communities) post has been created and will be in place for 18 months to re-engage with community groups on the issues they face now and to support the group to address those issues. Recruitment for this will begin shortly.

### **Outcome 6**

#### (a) Update on Public Safety Projects and Community Safety Partnership

The Committee heard from PC Laura Evans who submitted a report which highlighted the work of the Community Safety Partnership. She highlighted a number of initiatives which are being delivered including keeping children safe online. Friendship benches have been installed to support the work of the suicide prevention group. Laura also provided some detailed information on incidence of fraud across the area and highlighted the use of call blockers as an effective deterrent. Funding for call blockers is available and referrals can be made via Laura.

#### (b) Water Safety Awareness

Albert Bruce from Scottish Fire and Rescue provided the Committee with an overview of water safety, highlighting that in the last 5 years there have been over 90 water related deaths in Scotland (compared to 160 on the roads). It was noted that Water Safety needs a partnership approach across all areas and it should be considered as a year round matter and not just a summer issue. Albert advised that a review of all water accidents will take place to identify local and national actions that are needed and encouraged all partners to support the delivery of those actions to ensure a co-ordinated approach can be in place for next year.

### **Outcome 5**

#### (a) Public Health Annual Report for Argyll and Bute

Alison McGrory provided an overview of the Public Health Annual Report, noting that the bulk of the work carried out last year was around COVID and included lots of partnership working.

#### (b) A National Care Service for Scotland Consultation - Presentation and Discussion

The Committee heard a presentation from Pippa Milne and Fiona Davies around the current consultation on the National Care Service for Scotland. Detailed information was provided and discussed by those in attendance. The key issue of remote rural challenges was highlighted. It was agreed that a response would be submitted on behalf of the CPP and that a sub group would be formed to agree a response in time for the deadline of 2 November 2021.

### **Outcome 1**

#### **ARGYLL AND BUTE EMPLOYABILITY PARTNERSHIP (ABEP) TERMS OF REFERENCE AND IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN**

Ishabel Bremner provided the Committee with an update on the Argyll and Bute Employability Partnership and sought agreement of Terms of Reference and an Improvement Action Plan. It was noted that regular updates would be provided to the Management Committee on the progress of the Partnership.

### **AOCB**

#### **(a) Staff Recruitment and Retention**

Morag Goodfellow and Anthony Standing advised that when engaging with the business community there is consistent strong feedback on concerns around staff availability and retention. Following discussion it was agreed to set up a Short Life Working Group to look at the issues of recruitment and retention with a report to the next meeting of the Management Committee.

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**Appointment of Vice-Chair of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group**

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**Summary**

The following report provides information relating to the appointment of a Vice-Chair for the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands 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 Rachel Whyte, who had served as Vice-Chair since 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020, submitted her resignation effective from 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

3.2 The Group subsequently considered the appointment of a Vice-Chair at the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021 and it was agreed to continue the report to the next meeting of the Group, as there had been no nominations for the role. The Group is therefore required to nominate a member to take on the role of 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 In order to be considered as a candidate for the position of Vice-Chair the person must be a member of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group.

4.3 Some further information on the commitment required for both roles:-

- Attend meetings of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group;
- Attend meetings of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee or the Full Partnership, where the Chair is unable to attend;
- Time commitment of at least 4 Area Community Planning Group meetings per year in February, May, August and November and 4 pre-agenda meetings per year in January, April, August 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 Area Community Planning Group.

## **5. Conclusions**

5.1 The Area Community Planning Group 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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