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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held **ON A HYBRID BASIS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD AND BY MICROSOFT TEAMS** on **WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST 2023** at **10:00 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director

BUSINESS

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12. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR TO THE MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (Pages 83 - 84)

Report by Governance Officer, Argyll and Bute Council

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 1 November 2023

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group

Councillor John Armour (Vice-Chair) Ian Brodie (Chair)

Melissa Stewart, Governance Officer

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MINUTES of MEETING of MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held on a HYBRID BASIS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD AND BY MICROSOFT TEAMS on WEDNESDAY, 3 MAY 2023

Present:

Ian Brodie, East Kintyre Community Council (Chair)
 Councillor John Armour, Argyll and Bute Council
 Councillor Jan Brown, Argyll and Bute Council
 Councillor Dougie McFadzean, Argyll and Bute Council (By Microsoft Teams)
 Melissa Stewart, Governance Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
 Lynsey Innis, Senior Committee Assistant, Argyll and Bute Council
 Antonia Baird, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council (By Microsoft Teams)
 John McLuckie, Partnerships Lead - Community Services, Argyll and Bute Council (By Microsoft Teams)
 Kirsty Moyes, Community Development Team Leader, Argyll and Bute Council (By Microsoft Teams)
 Lucy Dunbar, Community Planning Officer, Argyll and Bute Council (By Microsoft Teams)
 Mark Dowe, Architecture and Design Scotland (By Microsoft Teams)
 Valerie Nimmo, Campbeltown Community Council (By Microsoft Teams)
 Chris Abell, Islay Community Council (By Microsoft Teams)
 Sandra Taylor, Islay Community Council (By Microsoft Teams)
 Helen Moffat, Police Scotland (By Microsoft Teams)
 Darren Gibb, Scottish Fire and Rescue (By Microsoft Teams)
 Neil MacFarlane, Transport Scotland (By Microsoft Teams)
 Alyson MacGillivray, South Islay Development (By Microsoft Teams)
 Rory Munro, Interim Health Improvement Lead, NHS Highland
 Jen Broadhurst, Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau (By Microsoft Teams)
 Teresa Robertson, Fyne Homes Housing Association (By Microsoft Teams)
 Jamie Titterton, Community Learning Worker, LiveArgyll/Kintyre Youth Action Group (By Microsoft Teams)
 Jackie Westerman, Home Energy Efficiency Project Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
 Jeni West, Forestry and Land Scotland
 Lauren Worrell, National Farmers Union (NFU) (By Microsoft Teams)
 Petra Pearce, Argyll TSI (By Microsoft Teams)
 Dave Wilkinson, West Lochfyneside Community Council
 Stuart Scott, Community Contacts, Carr Gomm (By Microsoft Teams)
 Susan Macrae, Skills Development Scotland (By Microsoft Teams)

Attending:

Janice Gale, Community Cycle Ardrishaig (By Microsoft Teams)
 Jamie Joyce, Argyll and the Islands Coast and Countryside Trust (By Microsoft Teams)
 Ashley Glen, Kintyre Youth Action Group (By Microsoft Teams)
 Grace Irvine, Kintyre Youth Action Group (By Microsoft Teams)
 Andrew Galloway, Local Democracy Reporter (By Microsoft Teams)

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of:-

Jackie MacPherson, Argyll University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI)
Laura Evans, Police Scotland
Caitlin Quinn, Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE)
Iona MacPhail, Fyne Homes
Jane Cowen, Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust
Margaret Wallace, Argyll TSI
Becs Barker, Carr Gomm

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTES OF MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2023

The minute of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group meeting, held on 1 February 2023 was approved as a correct record.

4. IMPROVING LIVES IN ARGYLL AND BUTE

Consideration was given to a presentation by the Council's Community Planning team on their recent consultation 'Improving Lives in Argyll and Bute'. The presentation included information on the promotion of the consultation; the support provided for non-digital participation and Community Groups and the responses received from the survey. It was noted that the top three priorities were transport and infrastructure, housing and community wellbeing. Information on how the information collated from the consultation would be used to progress the 2023-2033 iteration of the Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan (ABOIP) was also provided.

Decision

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

(Reference: Presentation by Community Development Team, submitted)

5. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report which provided matters discussed during a meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee held on 23 March 2023. The Governance Officer outlined a number of key highlights from the meeting, which included the introduction of car parking charges by Forestry and Land Scotland and the undertaking of the Chair of the CPP Management Committee to prepare a response on behalf of the Management Committee in this regard. The results and next steps of the Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan Consultation were also outlined.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Committee Manager, dated 3 May 2023, submitted)

6. NHS HIGHLAND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT

The group gave consideration to a report which provided an update on ongoing wellbeing and prevention activity overseen and delivered by the HSCP Public Health team in Argyll and Bute. The Interim Health Improvement Lead presented a number of key messages from the 2022 annual report of the Director of Public Health on Prevention. The full report can be found at:- <https://indd.adobe.com/view/45cbb2d9-8f8d-44dd-a040-efe28296701c>

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Interim Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) Coordinator, dated 3 May 2023, submitted)

7. PARTNER UPDATES

(a) Police Scotland

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on the recent work and activities of Police Scotland within the MAKI area. The report included information on Road Safety, Fraud Prevention, the roll out of Naloxone to all officers across Argyll and West Dumbartonshire and the reinstatement of the Pub Watch programme.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Police Scotland, submitted)

(b) Scottish Fire and Rescue

The group gave consideration to a report which highlighted the performance and activity of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service within the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area during financial quarter 4 of 2022/23. The report also included information on the Local Firefighter Training Plan; Road and Water Safety Campaigns; Community Engagement Activities and Home Fire Safety.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, submitted)

(c) **Transport Scotland**

Neil MacFarlane provided a short verbal update outlining the recent resurfacing works carried out at a number of locations throughout the MAKI area. He advised that the areas in Ardrishaig and Port Ann, which had been highlighted at the last meeting as issues had now been resurfaced. Mr MacFarlane outlined the planned resurfacing works which were scheduled to take place within the coming months and confirmed that the resurfacing works in Hall Street, Campbeltown required to address the ponding issue outside Café Bluebell had been carried out, and that he was due to meet staff from BEAR and their subcontractor to discuss the next phase of operations in the coming weeks.

Discussion was had in relation to a number of minor accidents that had occurred as a result of the poor road layout on the approach to the roundabout at the trunk road in Campbeltown. Mr MacFarlane advised that he was happy to look at erecting signage as an interim solution but that he would investigate the possibility of including a solution to this problem into works already planned at Kinloch Road so that the layout of the road would be obvious to those not familiar with the area.

Decision

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

(d) **Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau**

Consideration was given to a presentation which outlined the background to the Citizens Advice Bureau and the provision of services across Argyll and Bute with offices in Lochgilphead and Helensburgh and outreach services available in Dunoon, Oban, Campbeltown and Mull. The presentation included information on the advice provided to clients since 2021; the audit and assessment standards that require to be met and staffing numbers and information on the training programmes provided to volunteers. Ms Broadhurst outlined a number of services currently on offer and included the provision of advice to those worried about the rising cost of energy. Partners noted the ongoing survey which sought the views of communities on the work that the Citizens Advice Bureau do and noted that they could participate. The survey can be found at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ABCABCommunityPartnersSurvey/>

Decision

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

(Reference: Presentation by Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau, submitted)

(e) **Forestry and Land Scotland**

The group gave consideration to a report which highlighted the ongoing workstreams of Forestry and Land Scotland within the MAKI area. Information on Land Management Plans; Renewable Energy plans; the significant spread of the Larch-Phytophthora ramorum disease in the Kintyre area; the ongoing peatland restoration programme and a number of upcoming complex operations.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Forestry and Land Scotland, submitted)

(f) **South Islay Development**

Consideration was given to an update from South Islay Development (SID) which included information on the appointment of the construction team to begin work on the Port Ellen Playing Fields; the response to the new fund set up by Ardbeg Islay single malt Scotch whisky to support community, and environmental projects on Islay and the installation of new fuel pumps at Port Ellen Filling Station.

Discussion was had in relation to the issues faced due to the lack of child care provision on the island. Ms McGillivray advised that work was ongoing with the Council's Early Year's team in the hope of securing a venue for this service.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by South Islay Development, submitted)

(g) **Campbeltown Community Council**

Consideration was given to an update from Campbeltown Community Council which outlined the plans to host a picnic on Kinloch Green on Sunday 7 May to mark the coronation of King Charles III. The report also provided information on the ongoing work to restore the footpath between the Trench Point and Slatyfarlan; the creation of a community garden together with the opportunity for food growing, as identified in the 2022-2027 iteration of the Campbeltown Community Action Plan and the queries received about the current availability and future strategy for the provision of EV charging points within the town.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Campbeltown Community Council, submitted)

(h) **Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust**

Having noted the apologies of Jane Cowen of Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, the group gave consideration to a report which provided information on the ongoing work to take forward the plans outlined in the SHIP for 30 new houses by 2026; the opening of the Tarbert Heritage project for the 2023 season; the donation of the skeleton of a Cuvier beaked whale and the plans to display them and the annual beach clean which took place over the weekend of 28-29 April.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, submitted)

(i) **Argyll Third Sector Interface (TSI)**

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on the work of Argyll TSI during the period 16 February to 21 April 2023. The report included information on Local Strategic Partnerships; Future Funding opportunities as a result of the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund and events taking place across Argyll and Bute, which included the Volunteer of the Year event. Further information was provided in relation to the new and improved digital platform for volunteering; the Argyll and Bute Positive Destination programme and the Argyll and Bute Community Directory, which can be found at <https://abcd.scot/>

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Argyll TSI, submitted)

(j) **Opportunity for Verbal Updates**

East Kintyre Community Council

The Chair provided a short verbal update on the planned activities taking place in East Kintyre to celebrate the Kings Coronation. He advised of a number of community events including an afternoon tea for the over 75's; a gala day with the local primary school hosting sporting events and the unveiling of a commemoration bench.

Kintyre Youth Action Group

Members of the Kintyre Youth Group provided an update on the work they were leading on within their communities, which included representing local youth views on issues that they care about; running a number of community events such as local coffee mornings to raise money that would enable them to purchase and donate books for mental health to Campbeltown Library and a number of events which are due to take place at the beginning of the summer in Ardrishaig supporting the LGBTQ+ movement.

8. HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Jackie Westerman, Home Energy Efficiency Project Officer for Argyll and Bute Council provided a short update on the Energy Efficient Scotland: Area Based Scheme and how it is delivered within the Council area. Ms Westerman advised that the premise of the scheme is to contribute towards the Scottish Governments target of net-zero emissions by 2040, by retro-fitting insulation measures to homes, and to target fuel poverty within the area and outlined the grants and funding available to install the energy efficiency improvements.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Project Officer, submitted)

9. CLIMATE CHANGE

(a) Climate Change Working Group Highlight Report

Consideration was given to a report which highlighted the ongoing work of the Climate Change Working Group. The report outlined the proposal to produce a strategic Action Plan process as the best, and most thorough way to address the climate emergency in Argyll and Bute; the approved governance arrangements for the Climate Change Project Manager's post and the ongoing work in respect of the recruitment process involved for the post of Project Manager.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Chair of the Community Planning Partnership Climate Change Working Group, submitted)

(b) Climate Action Towns Update

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on the

workstreams of the Climate Action Towns group since the last meeting of the MAKI ACPG. The report highlighted the support around the development of the Campbeltown Community Action Plan, to ensure it considers full climate change and climate risks and the assistance provided in involving local people and businesses in developing the action plan. It was also noted that a Gathering event bringing together the nine Climate Action Towns to share learning and networking would take place on an online platform on 12 May 2023.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Climate Action Towns, submitted)

(c) Community Cycling Ardrishaig

Consideration was given to a report on the recently formed Community Cycle Ardrishaig, a registered charity which seeks to promote cycling as a green and environmentally friendly activity for all ages and abilities. The report outlined the background and context of the charity and outlined their visions, which include the provision of a weekly program of led bike rides and other activities such as maintenance and activities to suit all ages. Ms Gale advised that the charity were actively seeking volunteers and supporters to help them establish their service. She provided the email address of the charity, ardrishaigcycling@aol.com and implored people to get in touch if they could assist.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Community Cycling Ardrishaig, submitted)

(d) Argyll and the Islands Coast and Countryside Trust

The group gave consideration to a presentation by Jamie Joyce of Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust. The presentation provided an update on the current workstreams of the Trust which seek to support Argyll and Bute communities adopt strategies to tackle climate change as well as a look ahead to the development of a training event for children and young people to develop their knowledge on climate change, promote positive action and foster resilience in a changing world.

Decision

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

(Reference: Presentation by Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust, submitted)

10. COMMUNITY FOCUS

The Chair advised that it had been anticipated that Islay Connections would provide a presentation on their work at this section of the agenda, however on this occasion it had not been possible to do so. He advised that it is anticipated that they will attend a future meeting to present this item.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group noted that their next meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 30 August 2023 at 10:00 am on a hybrid basis.

The Chair thanked everyone in attendance at the meeting, and thanked all partners for their continued proactive work within the community.

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Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group****30 August 2023**



Community Planning Partnership Management Committee Update

This briefing relates to the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee which was held on 22nd June 2023. The briefing is for noting and relevant discussion.

Summary

The CPP Management Committee met on the 22nd June 2023 with the meeting being held virtually. This update provides an overview of the discussion which took place.

Reports which were discussed at the meeting can be found by following this link - [Agenda for Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership - Management Committee on Thursday, 22 June 2023, 10:00 am - 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 during the April 2023 cycle of meetings. The Management Committee were advised that the utilisation of hybrid meeting equipment in Helensburgh and Lomond (HL) and Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands (MAKI) continues to be positive.
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- The Community Planning Partnership Management Committee recognised the issues raised by the Dunoon Gourock Ferry Action Group and would request clarification on the specific ask from the Bute and Cowal ACPG as it mentions that it wants to see 'action' from the Management Committee however it's not clear what action it wants to see in reference to this matter. If deemed appropriate as a next step, the Community Planning team could facilitate a discussion between the Chair of the CPP Management Committee, the Chair of Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group and the Chair of the Dunoon Gourock Ferry Action Group.

The Management Committee is also interested to know more about any existing community partner involvement regarding this issue within the Bute and Cowal area. Transport Infrastructure is one of the top three priorities identified through the consultation process earlier this year which will feed in to the forthcoming focus group discussions to help inform the new 10-year Outcomes Improvement Plan. The Area Community Action Plan for Bute and Cowal will also be updated in 2024 and there will be opportunities to discuss transport issues in Dunoon and surrounding area within that engagement process.

CROSS CUTTING THEMES

Climate Change

Stan Philips provided a presentation in addition to his paper on Addressing the Climate Emergency in Argyll and Bute project by the Climate Change Working Group (CCWG). Consideration was also given to who should sit on the Climate Change Steering Group (CCSG) which will manage the climate change action plan project over the next two years.

Mr Philips advised that, once established, the CCWG would manage the function and support the CCSG, continue to seek funding, monitor the action plan and continue to report progress to the CPP Management Committee. Cllr Currie added that the Council had declared a climate emergency and was open to suggestions on what else the Council could be doing to be more involved in this.

It was also noted that Stan intends to step down as the Chair of the CCWG once the climate change action plan project is established.

Financial Inclusion

Fergus Walker highlighted the range of work being delivered around financial inclusion, including Scottish Welfare Fund, Discretionary Housing Payments and School Clothing Project.

Mr Walker advised that he is looking to further enhance data matching to better identify communities in particular need and that a 2 year project is about to start in partnership with the Poverty Alliance and the Third Sector to evidence local and national factors that affect poverty.

Community Wealth Building (CWB)

Takki Sulaiman advised that work was being taken forward on a CWB - Audit, Strategy and Business Plans with CLES having been appointed as consultants. The plans will look at the five pillars of CWB (plural ownership of the economy, making financial power work for local places, fair employment and just labour markets, progressive procurement of goods and service and socially just use of land and property).

The work CLES are being asked to do has been divided into lots:

- Lot 1 is an audit of existing best practice and a mapping exercise against each of the five pillars,
- Lot 2 is to identify case studies that can be replicated across Argyll and Bute and identify opportunities relevant to our local and strategic plans,
- Lot 3 is the development of a CWB strategy and action plan, and
- Lots 4 and 5 are the development of 2 business cases and models to move actions forward in two areas (proposed to explore a business model for Community Energy and a food hub but the final focus will be determined by the audit and mapping exercise).

Digital Communities

Alex Edmonstone provided an update on the CLD Partnership, advising that Digital Skills is a key theme in the 3 year strategy. As such, a digital work stream group has been created to look at digital inclusion and complete a mapping exercise. Alex also advised that a pilot to provide free Wi-Fi access (dongles) to those with an identified learning need in Helensburgh had gone well and it was hoped this could be rolled out across a wider area.

Iain MacInnes advised the R100 fibre roll out is progressing in Argyll and Bute, with installation currently being undertaken at Ardfern. Unfortunately, the roll out had experienced delays due to lack of accommodation available for contractors.

As part of the Shared Rural Network Infrastructure programme to install 4-5G in rural areas, the Argyll and Bute area is due to have 50 new mobile masts installed. Iain advised that this is a considerable investment in the area to target partial and not spots in network coverage. Three have gone live and there are 18 more at the planning stages across the area. Digital Hubs have been installed and are operating on Iona and Islay and drop in sessions have been organised to show residents how the hubs work. Digital hubs are also planned for Coll and Tiree but there have been some supply issues that have delayed the start of work at those sites.

Building Back Better

Kirsty Moyes detailed the successful structures and ways of working with the community that have been developed since the start of the pandemic and gave an overview of the engagement undertaken with communities. This included regular meetings, peer to peer working, targeting funding to meet needs and the Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan consultation.

Kirsty also outlined what is happening in partnership work on the identified themes with recommendations on how to progress on gaps and building this work with communities going forward, taking learning from the positives and challenges during that time.

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN

John McLuckie provided an update on the ongoing work on the new Outcome Improvement Plan, specifically the top 3 themes (Transport Infrastructure, Housing and Community Wellbeing). John advised that the themes had been discussed in detail at a CPP Management Committee Development Day in Arrochar on 18 May 2023. This was followed up with a survey which was circulated to all partners to complete to gather intelligence and insight on the top themes.

Output from the Development Day included the preference to meet in person and extended meetings as required to deep dive into topics and to create a steering group to direct the creation of the ABOIP over the next few months. The steering group would ideally look to be in place by July / August consisting of 3 - 4 members of the CPP Management Committee, focus groups would happen in September / October and then the data will be analysed before the ABOIP is published in November / December.

UPDATE ON WIDER PARTNERSHIP WORK

David Adams-McGilp, VisitScotland Regional Director, Argyll and the Isles, and Cathy Craig, CEO Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative, gave a presentation on the VisitScotland Action Plan and the current state of tourism in Argyll and Bute.

David explained the outcomes of the national plan are across four strategic outcomes:

- SPREAD includes easing visitor number pressure in certain areas and encouraging/promoting visitors to areas with more capacity and looking at extending the traditional visitor season. There is work ongoing on how to measure how successful this strategy will be and David noted that Scottish tourism is still in a post Covid recovery and growth phase.
- SPEND covers public and private investment in our tourism facilities, destinations and experiences to improve visitor experience in Argyll and Bute.
- SUSTAINABILITY is a key part of the action plan and the current Scottish Government Tourism strategy and the National Strategy For Economic Transformation (NSET) both share a commitment to destination net zero.
- SATISFACTION looks at ensuring positive local attitudes to area tourism using community engagement, visitor management, the rural tourism infrastructure fund and industry / tourist satisfaction. It is important that communities do not have development imposed upon them but that they are part of the planning to make the most of local assets.

Cathy gave an overview of the tourism industry in Argyll and Bute, advising that the value of the local tourism market had not recovered post pandemic with visitor numbers down with continued negative effect to local businesses. The 2023 visitor

survey is currently underway and although tourism is making progress, this year's market is looking to be more depressed than last year, with over half of businesses surveyed in the area saying they were struggling financially.

In 2023 a new area tourism website was launched and there had been various marketing campaigns to attract visitors to the area, especially to boost low visitor numbers in Mid Argyll and Kintyre. Recruitment of staff within businesses in Argyll and Bute remains a critical challenge.

On a positive note, interest in our area is high and funding from Highlands and Islands Enterprise had enabled the recruitment of a travel trade expert who represented Argyll and Bute at national exhibitions and secured sign up by 21 new travel operators to add Argyll and Bute destinations to their itineraries.

ARGYLL AND BUTE HOUSING EMERGENCY

Cllr Robin Currie notified the Management Committee that the Council had declared a housing emergency and encouraged all partners to attend a Council housing summit that is due to be held in October / November to agree action on how this can be addressed. Morag Goodfellow, Highland and Island Enterprise, added that as housing had been identified as a priority in the ABOIP consultation this can be taken forward by the CPP Management Committee via the Strategic Housing Forum.

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Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**MAKI Area Community Planning Group****30 August 2023**

Transport Update – Argyll and Bute Council

- Schools returned on Tuesday 15/08/2023, following several months of preparation by school and public transport team to provide transport for the nearly 3,000 pupils that travel daily across Argyll and Bute.
- A small tweak has been made to the Carradale bus service at school times only, to avoid Longrow due to the length of the vehicle used on the afternoon school run.
- The Council has a social media campaign running to encourage drivers to park responsibly at the junction of Longrow, which is served by the majority of services within and linking to Campbeltown. Our operator, West Coast Motors (WCM), has identified multiple issues with poor parking hampering access to Longrow, particularly for larger vehicles used on school runs. We will continue to monitor progress at Longrow, and liaise with WCM and colleagues in the parking team and at Police Scotland, to try and address this.

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**Scottish
Ambulance
Service**

Taking Care to the Patient

Scottish Ambulance Service Argyll

NHS Scotland

14 Territorial Boards & 8 National Boards:

Scottish Ambulance Service

NHS 24

Golden Jubilee National Hospital

State Hospital (Carstairs)

National Services Scotland

National Education Scotland

Healthcare Improvement Scotland

Public Health Scotland

Overview

The Scottish Ambulance Service is in more demand than ever before:

- Calls received per year: over 1.5 million
- Average 2,600 999 calls received per day
- Average 80,000 calls received a month
- A&E incidents (999 calls) responded to annually: approx. 770,000, of which 660,000 were emergencies
- Planned patient journeys annually: approx. 690,000
- Inter-hospital transfers annually: approx. 56,600
- Scotstar retrievals annually: 2,518
- Air Ambulance missions annually: 3,721

With the changing demand for patients in Scotland, we have developed a new clinical response model. Developed following an extensive clinical review, it focuses on improving patient survival and treatment rather than simply measuring the time it takes to respond.



**Ambulance Control Centre
Co ordinate Response**



**Most incidents responded to by
A&E ambulances**



**In some cases we will use
Air Ambulance**




**Our SORT teams will respond to
large and challenging incidents**




Every day the Scottish Ambulance Service is ready to respond to every community in Scotland

In 2021




Our Ambulance Control Centres received 1,188,539 calls




We responded to 524,462 emergency incidents




We carried out 421,016 planned patient journeys and 33,082 inter hospital transfers




Our Air Ambulance carried out 3,856 missions



Our Paediatric team carried out 1,079 inter hospital transfers




Our neonatal team carried out 278 inter hospital transfers




Our EMRS teams responded to 1,185 trauma calls and carried out 290 inter hospital transfers


Our role continues to expand



Our Advanced Practitioners role has expanded to include phone/video consultation as well as treatment in person



Three vaccinations buses have been providing Covid 19 vaccinations around the country




Our Mobile Testing Units have delivered over 2 million tests


We respond in a variety of ways



Ambulance




Community First responders



Clinical advice over the phone



Special Operations Response team



Specialist staff from ScotSTAR

Resulting in different outcomes



A&E



Alternative pathway



Being treated at home

Provided by 7,000 staff and 1,200 volunteers

Patient Transport

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- Challenges around alternative transport options
- Patient transport strategy ongoing review

Why do we triage calls?

- Use our resources more effectively
- Save more lives
- Provide right response first time
- Better patient and staff experience

The new triage system

Purple Response Category (Target response 8')

Identified by Patients with a Cardiac Arrest Risk >10%

Current response time median: 7' 09" (90th percentile: 17' 02")

Red Response Category (Target response 8')

Identified by Patients with a Cardiac Arrest Risk >1% <10% or defined need for resuscitation

Current response time median: 8' 20" (90th percentile: 18' 18")

Amber Response Category (Target response 19')

Identified by acute pathway need I.E FAST+/STEMI

Current response time median: 14' 55" (90th percentile: 32' 22")

Yellow Response Category (Target response 19')

Identified by exclusion of ILT and Amber categories

Current response time median: 24' 48" (90th percentile: 1h 39' 00")

Green Response Category Exclusion of above categories and defined potential for potential alternative care pathway

Hospital Turnaround Times



Hospital Turnaround Times

- Median: 43' 17"

Hospital Turnaround Times

- Median: 43' 17"
- 90th percentile: 1h 30' 17"

What Next?

Invest in our people to
improve wellbeing

Enable people to receive the highest
quality of care

Work alongside communities
to improve population health

Make shared decisions with people &
support self-management

Embrace data & technology to
add value to services

Thank you
Any Questions

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Police Scotland is committed to Keeping People Safe. Our priority is on the protection of those at risk of harm through prevention, early intervention and the robust investigation of those who pose such a risk. We are committed to working with our Partners in the public, private and third sectors to ensure our approach to Public Protection is focused, meaningful and collaborative. This commitment allows us to continually improve the service and support provided to victims and their families, whilst working towards protecting those at risk of harm.

Crimes such as child sexual abuse, human trafficking, sexual offences or domestic offences are often concealed from authorities, and may have occurred recently or in the past, all of which contributes to challenging, complex and sensitive enquiries. It may be that our partners have information which could be vital in contributing to a bigger picture. As part of our commitment and drive to improve, we are expanding the use of the Partners Intelligence Portal (PIP) through awareness and training to relevant organisations.

PIP is a secure and confidential electronic system, developed by the Police Service to enable partner agencies to share important information they receive during the course of their work. This portal provides capable partners with the means to securely and discreetly submit key information, whilst maintaining safeguards which protect the source of the information. PIP is an information collection portal, and does not replace current incident or crime reporting methods, in particular the mechanism for child or adult referral.

PIP is a tool which should enhance the procedures already in place for all.

The information provided through the PIP portal will be dealt with as intelligence by Police Scotland. Intelligence is the useable form of information which has been subject to recognised processes to risk assess and determine how freely it can be used. This process is aimed at developing information around the threat, risk and harm posed by perpetrators and locations. By trying to capture what you already see, hear and know it will provide invaluable opportunities to target those who pose risk and protect those at risk of harm. The key aim is to provide a safe and secure pathway for Partner Agencies to share information that they believe the police need to know about in the investigation and prevention of crime.

This training has been delivered to a number of housing associations in Oban, Lorn and the Isles and we will continue to roll this out wider. If you require any further information please contact ArgyllDumbartonshireCommunityEngagementTeam@scotland.police.uk

Youth Engagement

Choices for Life presentations were delivered to all S1 pupils from Oban High School which included inputs on Water and Fire safety, Hate crime and LGBT awareness, Drugs and Alcohol awareness, Weapons input (No Knives Better Lives), Internet safety and cyber bullying. This is on the back of inputs done within the Campbeltown area at the beginning of the year. Such inputs are crucial in helping the young people in Argyll make the best choices for their own lives as they start to socialise with friends away from the support of parental control.

The importance of these decisions can be seen in Oban, where reports have increased during the early summer of anti-social behaviour involving a small number of young persons in Oban and particularly around Station Square. Patrols have been stepped up by officers in the town, who have

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been seizing alcohol from some teenagers and dispersing groups that have been involved in causing alarm to nearby residents and visitors. During July, four young people were arrested despite a number of warnings, due to the severity of their behaviour and subsequently referred to the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA). Police are working closely with local partners to identify those involved and take action where necessary as well as signposting some of those involved to more meaningful activities provided by a variety of third sector organisations. As well as this, options are being explored for additional CCTV in Station Square. Residents are encouraged to report anti-social behaviour to Police Scotland to ensure all incidents are being formally recorded and responded to.

Similar initiatives, but to a lesser degree, are in place both in Lochgilphead and Campbeltown where youth related ASB has occurred. Local Police monitor trends in behaviour, shown through calls for service from members of the public, to implement targeted responses to the problems communities face.

Fraud Prevention

An input was delivered to the Mull Musical Minds group which include a number of people with lived experience of dementia. This talk educated the group on the common scams that are being used and how to keep themselves safe from these scams.

As previously discussed by PC Laura Evans in this forum, should any groups wish for an input on common scams and frauds, please, link with either PS Shaw or PC Evans and we'll endeavour to get one sorted for you.

Pedlar Act

July saw a spike in an unusual crime type within OLI and MAKI, whereby a coordinated group of visitors to the area sought to engage our more rural communities with doorstep selling, in contravention of the Pedlars Act 1871. The reason such laws are in place is due to the pressure techniques used against residents during such selling and the fact that such acts tend to go hand in hand with dishonesty offences, such as thefts, rogue trading and frauds. Over 2 days Police responded to multiple calls and arrested 3 different people. This response was assisted by use of media to spread awareness of the issue taking place, whereby the communities then fed back timely information to permit action by our Officers. The response and support from the public meant that the group quickly moved on from the area, realising that it was not possible to continue their activities without sanction. This is a strong example of the strength the communities in Argyll have in tackling issues like this, when we all pull together to tackle it.

**Working together
for a safer Scotland**



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FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**
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Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands CPG Briefing Report

Q1 2023/24

Performance & Activity Report

From:	1st April 2023	To:	30th June 2023
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Introduction

Welcome to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Community Board Performance Report. This performance report is designed to provide citizens, stakeholders and partners with information relating to Community Board based activity undertaken by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Whilst using historic statistical benchmarking data, consideration must be taken of the somewhat random nature of fire related incidents and events, and how this can pose difficulties in interpreting emerging patterns and trends. This is of specific relevance where Community Board level data is analysed due to the relatively small number of actual incidents/events that occur in Community Board areas.

However, regardless of statistical anomalies, emerging patterns and trends in fire related incidents and events can assist the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Community Planning Partners plan and implement preventative intervention initiatives to target reducing fire related incidents and events.

Local Firefighter Training Plan

Below is a list of subjects the operational crews have been focusing on within this period. Each subject has been covered both practically and theoretically and recorded in the Fire Service Training recording system.

Training Subjects	April /May/June
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CFBT ● Tac Vent ● Casualty Care ● RTC and Extrication ● Knotts, Ladders & Pumps ● Marine Firefighting

Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Kintyre & the Islands	0.3	1	0
Mid Argyll	1	1	2
South Kintyre	2	1	2
Community Board Total	3.3	3	4

ADF Casualties

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Kintyre & the Islands	0.3	1	0
Mid Argyll	0.3	1	0
South Kintyre	1	1	1
Community Board Total	1.6	3	1

Deliberate Secondary Fire Setting

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Kintyre & the Islands	0.3	0	1
Mid Argyll	2	3	0
South Kintyre	0	0	0
Community Board Total	2.3	3	1

Fires in Non-Domestic Property

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Kintyre & the Islands	2.7	0	3
Mid Argyll	0.6	1	0
South Kintyre	0.3	1	0
Community Board Total	3.7	2	3

Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Kintyre & the Islands	1.6	1	4
Mid Argyll	2.3	4	0
South Kintyre	0	0	0
Community Board Total	4	5	4

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Kintyre & the Islands	12.3	17	9
Mid Argyll	15.6	16	20
South Kintyre	6.7	6	7
Community Board Total	34.7	39	36

Incidents/Activities of Note

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

We're continually working with partners and targeting our top offenders, which are Education including Infant/Primary/Secondary Schools, and Residential/Care Homes.

A new UFAS mobilisation policy has been devised by a dedicated project team within SFRS with an aim at reducing UFAS Incidents further. This policy is now live from 1st July 2023 and should result in a reduction of unwanted fire alarm signals.

Road & Water Safety campaigns

We've been working alongside Police Scotland, Loch Lomond Park Rangers and various other Partners across all sectors, engaging with the local community at various identified hotspots. We provided advice and literature relevant to Road & Water Safety (including drug and alcohol misuse and ASB). We have maintained a presence through Operation Ballaton meetings, allowing us to provide attendance of operational crews to support Loch Lomond Park Rangers, at specific hotspots in the park across busy summer weekends. Community Action Team and LALOs have received training input on the use of VR Headsets in preparation for delivering Road Safety lessons.

Community Engagement Activities

- Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) following every domestic incident
- Community Action Team (CAT) visited various Caravan and campsites offering appropriate fire safety advice
- Fire, Water & Road Safety provided to schools and local community groups with practical demonstrations using new interactive scenario floorboards
- Continue to deliver Fire Safety advice via HFSVs and provision of smoke detection.
- Representation on Multi Agency Risk Assessment (MARAC) for those affected by domestic violence
- Continue to support 'Make the Call' campaign and On Call recruitment drive for retained and volunteer stations within Argyll and Bute
- Supporting Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) group and engaging with the public: #RESPECTTHEWATER campaign
- Engaging with communities utilising winter/spring Thematic Action Plans TAP
- Victim support referral pathway set up
- Careers engagement pathway delivered to all schools for fire service employment

EWDAB LSO Activities

- Continued roll out of new fleet SFRS Electric Vehicles and on-station charging points within the area
- Beginning of training sessions on new Virtual Reality headsets in preparation for road safety awareness within the community
- We held a joint multi agency water exercise in Mugdock Quarry to allow operational crews to simulate a water rescue exercise with Police Scotland, HM Coastguard and Scottish Ambulance Service
- Watch Commander Chris Spence joined EWDABs Community Action Team as one of our Local Area Liaison Officers
- Congratulations to Tarbert WC Dennis on completion of his fundraising bike ride from Carlisle to Cramond Beach. A fantastic total of over £2000 has been raised so far.
- In May WC Tony McGloin attended DYW Argyll and Bute Opportunities for young people and employers conference at Queens Hall, Dunoon. The event allowed partners from various sectors to discuss opportunities for young people across Argyll & Bute.

Home Fire Safety

As part of our commitment to building a safer Scotland we offer everyone in Scotland a free home fire safety visit. We'll help you sort out a fire escape plan and provide information about smoke, heat and carbon monoxide alarms.

For a Free Home Fire Safety Visit, please:

- Call [0800 0731 999](tel:0800 0731 999)
- Text "FIRE" to 80800 from your mobile phone.

Twitter link: <https://twitter.com/abewdhq>

**Argyll & Bute Community Planning
Partnership
Area Community Planning Group
Partnership update
Date: August 2023**



Partner update – Public Health

The paper provides an update on ongoing wellbeing and prevention activity overseen and delivered by the HSCP Public Health Team in Argyll and Bute.

Public Health Intelligence

Saskia Schmitz has now joined the Public Health team in Argyll and Bute as Public Health Intelligence Specialist. The Public Health Intelligence team (PHIT) are part of the Public Health Directorate and provide an expert resource on epidemiology, demography and population health evidence. A key piece of work for the PHIT has been developing profiles for the four community planning partnerships in Argyll and Bute. Saskia is currently contributing to the Children's Health and Wellbeing Profiles Project, which aims to illustrate central aspects of the health and wellbeing of children and young people in the NHS Highland board area. The Children's Health and Wellbeing profile reports will present an overview of indicators relevant to the health of children in each partnership area. Going forward, Saskia will support PH projects and will work closely with the NHS Highland Health Intelligence team.

Money Counts

The Money Counts Level 1 awareness raising sessions continue to be delivered remotely. These sessions help to highlight and promote the Argyll & Bute Worrying about Money leaflet produced by the Independent Food Aid Network (IFAN). As well as being available in English, the Worrying about Money leaflet is also available in Arabic, Gaelic, Polish and Ukrainian, and, following a suggestion from a participant, it is now available in an Easy Read version. To access these leaflets, follow the link below then go to the Argyll & Bute section of the website. Some paper copies are also available. Please contact nhsh.abhealthimprovement@nhs.scot if you would like any paper copies for your organisation.

[Cash First Leaflets | IFAN \(foodaidnetwork.org.uk\)](https://www.foodaidnetwork.org.uk)

Living Well Networks

In April 2023, a new model of delivery was implemented, there is now a lead Living Well Network (LWN) Coordinator for each Locality, with a two-year Service Level Agreement in place. Although there has been a reduction in the number of LWN Coordinators, quarterly LWN meetings are still currently being held in each.

The LWNs provide an opportunity for people to come together to find out what issues matter to local communities; to plan activities and events together; and to network with individuals, services and organisations. The LWNs will now work in partnership with Locality Planning Groups, by supporting engagement work within communities, sharing any identified local needs, raising issues and providing feedback to/from communities.

The vacant LWN Coordinator post in Helensburgh and Lomond has now been recruited to with a new LWN Coordinator starting on 15th August.

Further information on the LWNs and contact details for your area can be found here: <https://www.abliveringwell.org/living-well-networks>

Living Well Strategy and Prevention Board

In June of 2023, the Living Well Steering Group and the Prevention Board agreed to a merger with an aspiration of embodying a philosophy of prevention, by focussing on wellness, not illness, empowering those within Argyll and Bute to live well. The five-year Argyll and Bute Living Well Strategy and Living Well branding will be retained and utilised to achieve the aspiration outlined above. A copy of the strategy is available at www.abliveringwell.org/living-well-strategy.

The Living Well Steering Group and the Prevention Board will be replaced by the 'Living Well' Board. The Living Well board will provide strategic direction to the Living Well and Prevention agenda, with the aim of creating supports and services which take a preventative approach to improving the physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of people across Argyll and Bute, enabling them to live well.

The Living Well board will ensure that all a multi-agency approach is taken, with all partners working together with a shared vision and responsibility to provide cohesion and clarity around wellbeing services. This will include ensuring funding is allocated wisely, aligned with the shared vision of all partners, avoiding duplication across partners.

The Living Well board will coordinate the efforts of all associated subgroups, providing strategic direction, authorisation, accountability and support to their respective aims. They will monitor the progress, and resolve any issues arising, reviewing and make recommendations on any business cases or proposals arising from the subgroups. Subgroups include frailty, wellbeing project and community assets/coproduction.

The 2019-2024 Living Well Strategy was developed following extensive engagement and consultation with our communities, our staff and our third sector partners, reflecting what people told us was needed to improve self-management across Argyll and Bute. The outcomes of this engagement resulted in four themes:

- People – People living in Argyll and Bute have the tools and support they need to support them to Live Well
- Community – There are a wide range of local services to support people to Live Well
- Workforce - Staff are able and motivated to support the people they see to Live Well
- Leadership – Effective Leadership is in place to support the delivery of the Living Well strategy

Following further engagement through the Prevention Board, both the Living Well Steering group and Prevention Programme board agreed to merge Living Well and the Health and Wellbeing Programme. The above themes and corresponding action plans have therefore been incorporated into the programme structure and action planning.

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Skills Development Scotland

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Update

August 2023

Service Delivery in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands

School Service Offer

Campbeltown Grammar, Islay High School, Lochgilphead Joint Campus and Tarbert Academy

Our careers advisers work delivering career guidance to enable young people from S1-S6 to develop their Career Management Skills via a range of group work and 1-1 coaching conversations. We work closely with our partners within the school to identify young people who are considered most at risk of not making a positive progression from school. Helping those young people to develop their career management skills and move onto education, employment, or training when they leave school. For more information click this link [What We Do - Scotland's Career Service](#)

Update

School Leaver Destinations Follow Up

Over the school holidays we are currently contacting all school leavers from Campbeltown Grammar, Islay High School, Lochgilphead Joint Campus and Tarbert Academy (**approx.200 pupils**) to ensure that they have secured a positive destination post leaving school and offer support to any that haven't.

- These results will be published by the Scottish Government sometime in the new year.
- Please click here to see last year's results. [Scottish Government School Leaver Destinations.](#)

Exam Results Helpline

Almost 145,000 learners across Scotland will receive their SQA results on Tuesday 8 August 2023

Skills Development Scotland's (SDS) Results Helpline will be there to offer information, advice and guidance to Scotland's young people and their parents and carers.

The SDS Results Helpline number is **0808 100 8000** – this goes live on results day and SDS's expert advisers will have access to information on course vacancies at UK colleges and universities, Confirmation and Clearing, advice about Foundation, Modern and Graduate Apprenticeships and jobs, volunteering, training, or staying on at school.

The 2023 Results Helpline opening hours are:

- Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 August - 8am to 8pm
- Thursday 10 and Friday 11 August – 9am to 5pm

Post School Service Offer

Our Next Steps service supports young people aged 16 – 18 (extended to 26 for care experienced young people) who are unemployed, helping them to build up their career management skills and move on to and sustain a range of options as appropriate. We also offer a service to any adult who wishes to develop their career management and employability skills and move into employment or support a career change.

Individuals can access face to face help at our local centres;

Campbeltown, 40 Hall Street, PA28 6BU (based within JobCentre Plus). Please contact **01586 552795** for an appointment.

Islay, Islay High School, Flora Street, Bowmore, PA43 7JY. Please contact **01496 545 990** for an appointment.

We also can offer virtual and telephone support if required.

PACE: Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE)

PACE is the Scottish Government’s initiative dedicated to responding to redundancy situations. Through providing skills development and employability support, PACE aims to minimise the time individuals affected by redundancy are out of work. PACE brings together 24 organisations, together with the Scottish Government to provide free and impartial advice, guidance and support for individuals affected by redundancy. Our PACE activity is co-ordinated by our Chair Pamela Little.

Update

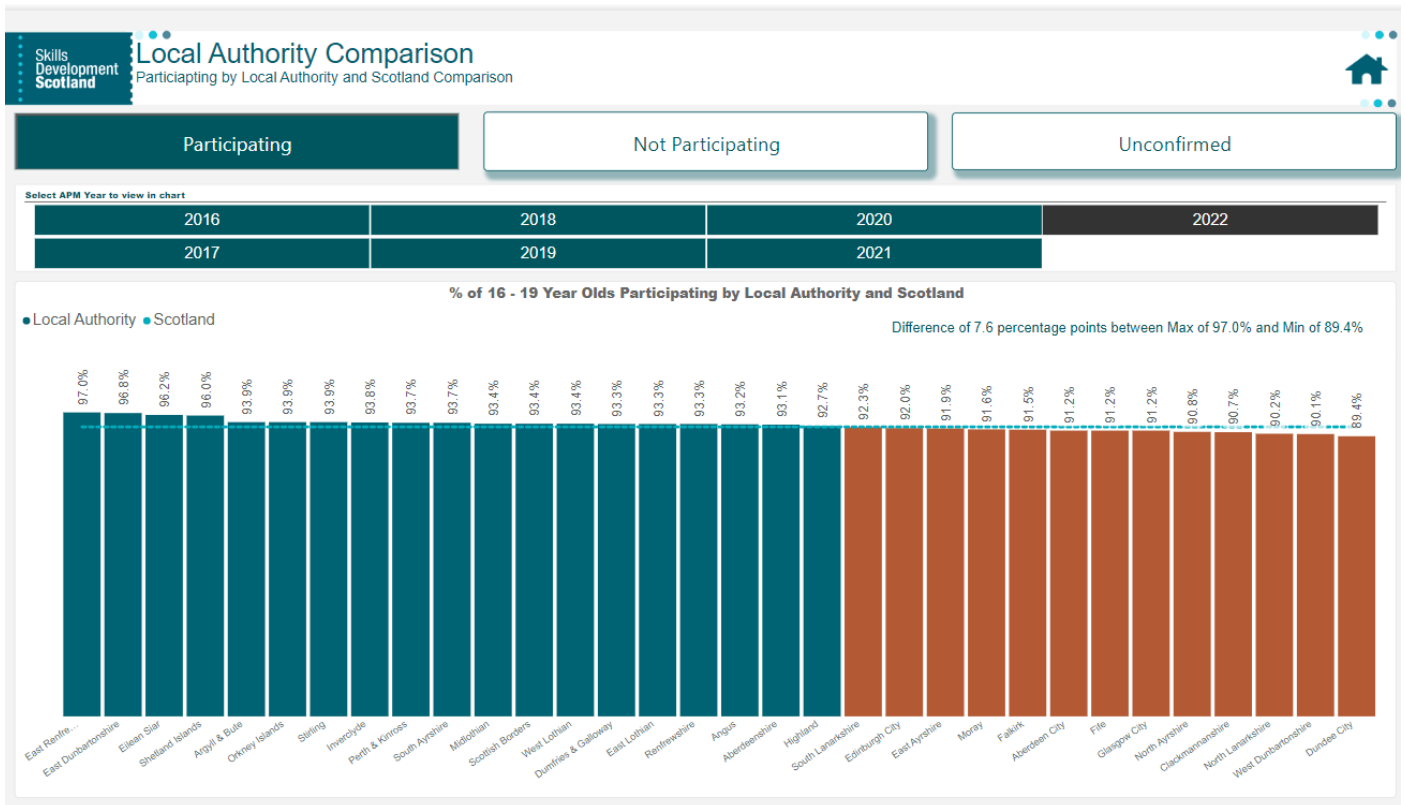
- In the current quarter of the financial year, we have had **limited** PACE activity. Please contact pacenationalteam@sds.co.uk for any further information

Annual Participation Measure

The Annual Participation Measure (APM) reports on the education and employment activity of 16 to 19 year olds in Scotland. It is the source of the Scottish government’s national performance indicator “Percentage of young adults 16 to 19 year olds participating in education, training or employment”.

The APM method takes account of all status of 16- to 19-year-olds in Scotland over one calendar year from the 1st of April to the 31st of March. We report on if they are participating, not participating and unconfirmed is based on which status an individual spent to the greatest numbers of days within the year.

See below the Annual Participation Measure from 2022



Update

- The 2023 Annual Participation Measure is due to be published on 31st August.
- This link will take you to the where the information will be published [Link to Annual Participation Measure](#)

Local Partnership Support

SDS local teams are involved in supporting the following partnerships.

- DYW – supporting our DYW colleagues with employer events in schools.
- Local Employability Partnership - member of the LEP
- Corporate Parent responsibilities – supporting Corporate Parent Board and working closely with the Through Care Forums
- CLD – supporting CLD Partnership Board
- Community Justice – member of Community Justice Board

Skills Development Scotland - General Update

Review of Skills Landscape Published

Scottish Government has published the report and recommendations from the Independent Review of the Skills Delivery Landscape. It was led by James Withers, formerly Chief Executive of Scotland Food & Drink. This report follows consultation, a call for evidence and submissions from a range of stakeholders.

The full report and recommendations are available here [Fit for Future: developing a post school learning system to fuel economic transformation](#)

Employer Support

Skills Development Scotland works directly with employers across Scotland, providing trusted advice that helps employers invest in existing skills, develop new talent using equal and inclusive recruitment, and get the right products to grow their business.

Update

- Find out more at our new employer hub [SDS Employer Hub](#) or contacting us on 0800 783 6000

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Further information

[skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk](https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk) - Corporate Website

[myworldofwork.co.uk](https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk) - for all your work, skills and learning needs

[apprenticeships.scot](https://www.apprenticeships.scot) - for all the latest on apprenticeships



LiveArgyll Community Learning Team – Kintyre Youth Work - Summer Update 2023

Kintyre Youth Action Group

The Kintyre LiveArgyll Youth Work Service facilitates weekly meetings with the Kintyre Youth Action Group (based in Campbeltown and Tarbert). The Action Group carry out local community projects and regularly volunteer and represent young people's views in the area by carrying out weekly meetings which involve regular focus groups and large scale youth consultations on a two yearly basis. The input from the Action Group ensures the local youth work service is entirely youth led by focussing on local youth views, issues and areas the young people would like to develop. Action Group members will provide a verbal update on their activities during the meeting, including their GIVE volunteering activities, summer exchange programme with Bute Youth Action Group, and their involvement in Rainbowfest.



Kintyre Friday Night 'Street Sports' Programme

In response to consultations with local young people and partners, Friday Night 'Street Sports' was delivered during early 2023. Led by LiveArgyll Active Schools and Youth Work, the programme was delivered in partnership with Campbeltown Grammar School, The Hub, Argyll Rugby Development, and Police Scotland. The programme offered a variety of sports activities at the Campbeltown All Weather Pitch between 8pm and 10pm on Friday nights, to encourage young people to engage in positive healthy behaviours at a crucial time of the weekend.

The project engaged mainly P7 pupils who are in the process of transitioning to the Grammar School and this proved a successful transitions activity in developing young people's confidence, health and wellbeing, and allowing them to develop positive relationships with school, youth service, police, and other staff before they made the move up to the Grammar School. Those who completed the programme were then taken to Glasgow for a reward trip which involved visiting Laser Quest and Inflata-Nation to celebrate their successes. Due to its success, it is planned to run this annually as a transition activity for following year's new S1's.



Kintyre Youth Creative Writing Group

The Kintyre Youth Writing group is a youth led writing group based in Campbeltown. The group were supported to learn about different writing styles and techniques and to create their own pieces of creative writing throughout the first half of 2023. They have created micro-fiction, poetry, and short stories in different genres since they began.

Through this experience the group have noted improvements in their communication and team work skills, as well as feeling more confident. They feel creative expression has helped to support their mental wellbeing and intend to continue writing more frequently as they move forward. At the time of writing the group are planning a literary trip to Edinburgh as a celebration of their positive experience where they will do the Harry Potter Walking Tour, as well as other activities.



Kintyre Youth Music Group

The Kintyre Youth Music Group is another youth led project which supported young people from the Kintyre area to learn about general musicianship, song-writing, music recording and production. The group learned about different genres of music and were given some instruction on playing instruments including ukulele, guitar, keyboard and percussion instruments, before writing and creating their own musical pieces using music production software. These have since been shared online.

The group then switched their focus to writing a collective piece from scratch. The group successfully wrote and recorded their own piece together which will soon be released online as a charity single to raise money for the Mairi Semple Cancer Fund.



'Find Your Feet' P7 Transitions Programme

For the second year in succession we delivered 'Find Your Feet' transitions activities to P7 pupils moving up to secondary in local schools (Tarbert Academy, Dalintober and Castlehill).

57 pupils took part in total with the sessions designed to increase young people's confidence for the transition by undertaking activities which demonstrate their already existing strengths and resiliencies, including their support networks, personal strengths and qualities, worries/excitements, and strategies for coping with adversity.

Upcoming Youth Projects before the Next CPP Meeting

- Restarting our Campbeltown Grammar School Employability Support Programme for learning support students in partnership with SDS.
- The launching of an LGBTQ+ Youth Forum.
- Other projects – to be determined by the Action Group and other local young people in response to youth views and issues.

MAKI – Youth and Adult Services Joint Activity



LiveArgyll Community Learning (Adult and Youth Services), in partnership with Oban Pride, hosted the inaugural Rainbowfest event on the 1st of July 2023 in Ardrishaig. It was identified through consultation with partners, young people and adults that there was a need for inclusive events and spaces for LGBTQ+ community members and their allies to celebrate diversity and be themselves in a safe and inclusive space. As such, the family friendly event, which was also supported and attended by young people from local Youth Action Groups and a variety of other partners, was free and open to all and provided information from relevant services, arts and crafts stalls, entertainment including music and dance performances, LGBTQ+ story time, soft play, food and drink, and more, to allow people to come together and celebrate diversity whilst taking part in a range of activities.

The event was a great success and attendance surpassed expectations. The organising partners are now exploring how to replicate the event in different areas across the authority to further support the LGBTQ+ community and better develop forums and support networks across Argyll and Bute over the coming years.

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Councillor's Column

JAN BROWN - MID ARGYLL
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I was at Ardrishaig Village Hall for the Live Argyll Community Learning Rainbow Festival, organised in partnership with Oban Pride.

Both adult learning and youth services from Live Argyll were the leaders in the planning and organisation alongside Oban Pride.

This was a very well attended, family-learning day for all ages, an upbeat and very colourful event, aimed at helping to break down barriers between LGBTQ+ communities and promoting acceptance that it's OK to be different.

There was lots of information and help there for kids who are struggling with who they are, and for family and friends not only to help them with this but to understand more about what the issues are.

At the end of the day it's all about acceptance.

There was also a place to have a cuppa and sample the home baking - always a winner at any event.

I then popped into Blarbuie Woodland to the Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust (ACT) HUB where I met up with some young folk taking part in the GIVE Programme.

The themes include active travel, upskilling and waste reduction, all parts of the ACT reCycle Scheme funded by Smarter Choices Smarter Places.

When I visited, the group were on their last day of volunteering for a number of hours in the community on different projects, and at the end they have a treat day.

This group had completed a beach clean, spent the afternoon with residents at the local care home, worked with ACT helping to restore old bikes for return to the community and wheelbarrowed loads of wood chips to help upkeep some paths in the woods.

A great initiative run by Community Education to get kids out into the community.

I also attended the Mid Argyll Youth Development Services AGM which is somewhere I have been trying to get to since I was elected. Everywhere I go I hear about the work of this group of dedicated people who I take my hat off to.

They work tirelessly to help improve the lives of our young people in Mid Argyll.

The centre in Lochgilphead offers a wide range of weekly diversionary activities including free swimming, the provision of additional support needs and activities, young carers family swim sessions, JAM group sessions, 5 to 8s in action, youth clubs in both Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig, senior youth drop in, LGBTQ+ drop in, Outreach Street MAYDS and a Young Carers Fun club.

MAYDS also offer tailor-made support services to help and support those most marginalised and in need.

These include respite services for young carers and their families, support for those with additional support needs, counselling services, outreach support via STREET MAYDS and a Drive2work programme.

At present they have more than 100 young carers registered or supported and they have been able to support the whole family and not just the young carer.

With residential two-night, three-day trips to Lochgilphead and help with purchasing essentials for the family home through their hardship fund, they have been able to help families during the cost of living crisis.

They support more than 100 children and young people with one-to-one counselling and support.

They have the only trained counsellor in Argyll and Bute working with young people suffering from eating disorders.

They deliver counselling services in Islay and Tarbert High Schools and have supported around 45 young people into positive destinations through their Workingrite and Young Person's Guarantee programmes, who are now in further training or employment.

Just a youth club? I don't think so. Keep up the good work folk.

As it is the summer, we cannot forget to thank all the volunteers who work away behind the scenes to bring us the gala days, village fairs, coffee mornings, flower shows, music festivals and all the other events that are going on throughout Mid Argyll during the next few weeks.

A guest speaker at the Rainbow Fest in Ardrishaig earlier this month, one of the public events Mid Argyll councillor Jan Brown attended.





KINTRYE ADULT LEARNING

Kintyre Conversation cafe



The Kintyre Conversation Café was set up in February 2023. Led by LiveArgyll Adult Learning Services the programme is delivered in partnership with the local Living Well Network. It offers support to adult members of the community struggling with their mental and physical wellbeing providing a place of safety for social interaction, with access to therapeutic activities, training, practical support and signposting as well as access to information and available services locally & nationally.

The aim of the project is to combat isolation and loneliness for adults and provide a Community based peer support group for parents and babies with the Midwives popping in to provide support and guidance. The age range of individuals accessing the service is between 7 days and 86 years of age !! Refreshments are provided along with lunch.

Make and Mend



Kintyre Adult Learning are working in partnership with The Kintyre Link Club a local mental health club run by members for members, with its main aim being to promote the welfare of those who suffer or have suffered from mental ill health issues.

The sewing project was set up after consulting with the Link Club members to look at activities which would reduce isolation and increase opportunities for learners suffering from poor mental health. This activity has helped to increase their health and wellbeing by promoting positive mental health through learners being able to access social, mental and physical activities.

The Learners are learning how to use sewing machines, measure and cut material and follow patterns to make/upcycle/repair garments. Studies have shown that through creating something with your own hands provides a sense of accomplishment that can boost mental health, increase self-esteem and improve the sense of wellbeing.

This project will also help in reducing landfill, with the cost of living crisis as well as help with literacy and numeracy skills.

Community Learning Hub- 'The Workshop'

The Drop-in Employability Hub runs every Thursday from 11am – 1pm at The Kintyre Community Centre and is open to Adults 16-67 who are not currently in employment, under employed, looking for a career change or want to improve their Digital skills.

We provide assistance in terms of building the learners core skills, moving onto a positive destination inclusive of CV building, job searching, job application, cover letters, IT assistance and access, signing up to Community Learning/ SQA courses and groups to develop learning.

The Hub provides a learning environment where adults have the opportunity to undertake in learning activities which increase wellbeing, helps build relationships with partners (JC+) and other learners, reduces isolation and helps build social skills and confidence and self-esteem.

Planned activities.

The Adult learning team are planning a Celebration of Adult learning Event later in the year. We hope by running this event it will provide us with a platform to create an Adult Learner Forum. Supported by CLD the Forum will work together to support all adult learners to ensure that all learning opportunities meet the needs of learners and are accessible to all.

- Adult Digital Skills Course
- Repair Café
- Family learning event

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Mid-Argyll Youth Community Learning



Summer GIVE group volunteered for 4 days. They visited the Care Home and many of them brought baked goods that they had made at home. The Young People spent time talking to, reading and playing games with the residents. Some of the YP found this really challenging and during evaluation many of them were able to identify how sitting quietly with a resident is just as valuable and helpful than the litter pick that we had completed previously. Most of them were able to comment on how their confidence and wellbeing was impacted by these activities. The YP also spent the day recycling bicycles up at the woodland with one of our partners Argyll Countryside Trust. They also helped the ranger by managing the woodland, removing and moving woodchips around the woodland.



We were also involved with Rainbow Fest (Report given already by Jamie). So far we have received a great response for the community and have already identified points to improve on and consider moving forward.

Tuesday Wellbeing Group ran during school time in Lochgilphead High School. The activities are identified by the YP and have included arts and crafts, mindful colouring in, litter pick.

Looking forward to potential projects:

Fundraiser for World Mental Health Day – Sponsored walks

121 – Young Carers

Care Home Project – In partnership with Lochgilphead High School

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Lochside Enterprise Group

The learners involved in this project are adults 18 upwards who are all disadvantaged in some way in relation to physical and mental disabilities, some requiring additional assistance from a support worker. This project was formed with learners and their staff who initially attended Mid Argyll Community Learning workshops in autumn 2022. Subsequently the people supported by Lochside Centre engaged in consultation with Adult Learning and from this it was established that the learners would like to engage in a project that would be practical in nature and adaptable to suit the diverse learning needs of those attending. After an initial six weeks of taster sessions the group continued to work with Adult Learning to develop an enterprise project with the aim of raising money to support their activities fund. The group recently worked together over a twelve week period to create various items to sell for their enterprise alongside organising a craft fair evening at their centre which was well attended by the community and they were successful in raising £285. Engagement in this project has allowed those involved to improve their wellbeing, confidence and self-esteem alongside developing core skills-communication, collaborative working, problem solving and planning and organising. After the success of their first craft fair the group have expressed feelings of achievement and motivation and have now begun planning their new enterprise schedule with Adult Learning and have confirmed their next craft evening date to be held in December.

Community Learning Hub

The Hub is continuing to operate successfully in partnership with Job Centre Plus and Skills Development Scotland. Partners from the wider community continue to utilise, signpost and refer to the service to enable the people they work with to move on positively for example Carr Gomm, Advocacy Services, Occupational Therapy and MAYDS. The Hub operates weekly to support and develop the learning of those attending to enable them to move forward in life, into employability, further learning, or other positive destinations. The Hub also continues to support people in terms of reducing social isolation and helping them to connect with the community, and attendees often drop in just to chat, get some advice, have a warm drink and stay to socialise with both peers and professionals alike. We also continue to support individuals from Ukraine who have relocated to our local area providing advice and sign posting to appropriate services. Additionally being able to access the SafelifeforDriving app has been a positive investment for the hub and Adult Learning currently work with learners at present as they prepare for their theory tests. Finally our LA Volunteer for Digital Skills has been with us for six months now and is working 1:1 with two learners. Her time and skills are a great asset and we are able to support people which we would otherwise not be able due to limited capacity.

Give Back Group

The Give Back Group is based at the MS Argyll - Snowdrop Centre and the learners involved are adults with long term mental and physical health conditions. The group was identified following learners from the centre completing their SQA Health and Wellbeing Award. The group wanted to continue to improve and develop their learning and wellbeing by volunteering and giving back to their community through planning and organising fundraising activities for the MS Argyll - Snowdrop Centre and have been successful in raising money to date through crafting and creating themed pop up shops at the centre. The group's motivation, planning, organisation and leadership skills have developed positively and this has given them the confidence boost they needed to now undertake an SQA Volunteer Award.

Let's Grow Group

The Let's Grow Group continue to meet every Thursday morning and learners attending are aged 18 – 65+, and take part in activities aimed at improving their learning and wellbeing inclusive of gardening, mindfulness, physical activity, arts and crafts. A core part of the groups learning continues to be in relation to growing their own food, which they are able to take home and also share with the community, and the group agree this is a definite benefit in respect of our current financial climate. They are committed to furthering their knowledge with their Adult Learning worker who works in partnership with ACT's Blarbuie Rangers to support those attending to expand their learning further. Growing, maintaining and harvesting food has been a significant journey for participants who have really begun to demonstrate a genuine confidence in their abilities in this area, and now enjoy being able to share their learning and knowledge with new participants. The group are also more ready to try new techniques or experiment when it comes to growing and maintaining their crops.

Most recently Adult Learning worked in partnership with ACT to provide a twelve week course of activities for the group and wider community. Learning activities included campfire cooking, woodcraft, willow wattle fencing, walking stick making, art in nature, bike repair and much more! Participants voiced that they felt feelings of achievement and that they had learned new skills, helping to build their confidence and improve their wellbeing. They also felt they had built relationships and trust alongside a stronger sense of community. The group's achievements were marked as they each received a certificate from ACT and enjoyed a celebratory exhibition of their creations in the woodland.

Health Wellbeing Network

The HWB network is currently working with various partners in the community to develop a new community foodbank. MOMA and Community Development plan to attend the Mid Argyll Community Learning Hub to find out about what people think are the key characteristics of a new food share project. The steering group have now identified some potential premises, and the partners are working hard to ensure there is a good and sustainable solution.

Library Funding Application

Currently working in partnership with Lochgilphead Library to research and identify funding opportunities with the aim of developing the garden space at the community centre into suitable shared outdoor learning space

ARGYLL AND BUTE THIRD SECTOR INTERFACE

Update to MAKI ACPG 30th August 2023

The TSI national network has continued to work on a response to the cost-of-living crisis and our CEO is on a working group with the SCVO to embark on a joint campaign to highlight the importance of our sector and to advocate for Fair Funding for our sector. A campaign document for local adaptation has been approved and a final national version will be circulated in August.

In addition, we organised a Chief Officers strategy event in late June in Glasgow to improve the speed of the TSI Network's responses to public policy issues and to discuss the idea of a national TSI manifesto. This was approved and work is ongoing on the details.

At the June 2023 Community Planning Partnership, the CEO presented a fourth paper on moving the local Community Wealth Building (CWB) agenda further forward.

The TSI has commissioned research from the Social Value Lab into the health of social enterprises in Argyll and Bute which has not been done since 2017. This has been commissioned jointly with the Council and Inspiralba. The census data will help with delivery of our duty to support the social enterprise sector and ties in nicely with the research on Community Wealth Building. This is due to be published later in July/August 2023.

The CEO participated in the recruitment of an Argyll based Poverty Alliance-led project officer to combat the rural poverty premium.

Progress on the Inveraray Hub has been excellent and the works have been completed on time and on budget. This represents a significant improvement in the facilities for use by the sector.

Our database officer, Phil Ashby, has built two new products which will help us deliver social change in Argyll and Bute more efficiently and effectively. The first is an upgrade of the platform built to administer and award funds for the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund and means that we can now offer fund management here in Argyll and Bute. It is in effect a direct competitor to the services offered by Foundation Scotland but is cheaper and offers the benefit of local knowledge and automation.

The second is a project management tool to accurately administer costs and performance data for the Positive Destinations Programme. This will support community engagement, save time and again provides real evidence of impact as well as a way of ensuring project costs do not exceed budget.

Climate Change Working Group**Date: 2 August 2023**

Climate Change Working Group Highlight Report*Argyll and Bute Climate Action***1.0 Executive Summary**

This CPP sub-group, known as the Climate Change Working Group are planning the production of a Climate Change Action Plan for Argyll and Bute.

The Action Plan is proposed to be produced by employing a Climate Change Project Manager to lead the process.

The Climate Change Working Group recently agreed to start the project by recruiting a Project Manager this financial year.

The project has been delayed due to underestimating the time taken to conclude a Memorandum of Agreement.

2.0 Highlight Report**2.1 Action Plan background**

The purpose of the Action Plan is to establish a region-wide climate risk assessment and to develop an integrated set of adaptation, mitigation and engagement actions.

The proposed post of Climate Change Project Manager will bring organisations, businesses and communities together to develop a shared vision and understanding of climate change risks and opportunities across the Argyll and Bute region. It will identify priorities for communities, areas and sectors that will establish where (both spatially and thematically) and how the region can increase resilience and adapt, mitigate and engage on climate change issues.

It will identify, but not reproduce, climate change work either already happening or part of an organisation or business's own responsibilities.

2.2 Funding

The Climate Change Working Group are currently pulling together a funding package to support the post of the Climate Change Project Manager.

The cost of a Project Manager post is estimated to be in the region of £120,000 over two years, which would include the salary of an appropriately qualified climate leader, associated employer costs, T&S costs, etc.

Subsequent to previous calls for funding contributions, we had two firm contributions from partners:

£20,000 NHS Highland - Argyll & Bute Health and Social Care Partnership
£50,000 Argyll and Bute Council

We have also the following bids in with the following organisations and are awaiting news on the success or otherwise of these bids:

£15,000 NatureScot

Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface (TSI) are also supportive of the proposal in principle and are exploring funding opportunities.

2.3 Progress

The Climate Change working Group decided to start the project with the budget we currently have.

The finalisation of the Memorandum of Agreement between the CPP and the hosting body (Argyll Countryside Trust) is now complete, which was required to establish the governance arrangements.

The Project Manager post is now advertised and can be viewed here:

<https://www.act-now.org.uk/news/new-climate-change-action-project-manager-vacancy>

We'd appreciate it if this opportunity was circulated widely amongst your contacts.

3.0 Summary

1. We propose producing a strategic Action Plan process as the best, and most thorough, way to address the climate emergency in Argyll and Bute.
2. We have an approved governance arrangement for the Climate Change Project Manager post.
3. We are actively pursuing the recruitment of a Project Manager to start this Action Plan work and hope to have someone in post shortly, once we have completed the recruitment processes.

Stan Phillips, Chair, CPP Climate Change Working Group

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Towards an Argyll and Bute Climate Action Hub – a proposal (updated August 2023)

1. Introduction

Argyll and Bute has a long history of community action taking forward environmental and social change but as with much of our local voluntary, third and social enterprise sector organisations tend to be focused in particular localities and/or sometimes lack the scale and/or profile for pan-Argyll and Bute action. This is evidenced by a large number of small organisations (circa 900) serving a population of 86,000 across a large area.

This updated outline proposal for community discussion seeks to change that picture by drawing together a range of community actors to coordinate, map and network build for the purposes of increasing community awareness about climate action. This will take the form of fostering deep engagement with communities, promoting learning and development, supporting the design and delivery of mitigation and adaptation projects and identifying barriers to climate action. A number of meetings have been held across Argyll and Bute to generate interest in a Climate Action Hub proposal over the past eighteen months. This community led Hub proposal complements parallels steps being taken by anchor Community Planning Partners taking forward plans to recruit a Climate Change Planning Manager who will prepare a Climate Change Action Plan. Initial funding from the Scottish Government, subject to a full application, is available up to £100,000 per annum for three years.

2. What form could our proposed Climate Action Hub take?

The Scottish Government guidance talks about the importance of either using an already established group or setting up a new group. The latter has been ruled out as it would take too long for instance to set up a new bank account or constitute a new group. So, our proposal seeks to leapfrog this stage by utilising existing community organisations, assets and expertise by establishing a **consortium model** underpinned by democratic legitimacy.

Partnering with another locality might have the impact of distancing climate action from Argyll's communities so we need a structure that reflects our dispersed population centres yet also preserves accountability.

We would seek to use the infrastructure of existing umbrella organisations to provide the administrative functions of the consortia – i.e. banking, payroll, HR, secretariat, office space, ICT, grant distribution systems. Some of this would be provided free but where a direct cost would be incurred this would be called off from the Hub project funding stream. The intention is to share, for free if possible, admin/back-office resources so that maximum value can be ploughed into network and hub activity.

The Argyll and Bute TSI could provide some of the back-office functionality with ACT, subject to further discussion, bidding to local consortia to deliver an SLA that would include line management of hub staff and their project plans.

3. How would the consortium model function in terms of governance?

It is proposed that each of the four administrative areas of Argyll and Bute (Oban, Lorn and the Isles, Mid-Argyll and Kintyre, Cowal and Bute, Helensburgh and Lomond) elect two representatives in an election to be hosted by Argyll and Bute TSI with the support of SSCAN. This group might then elect a convenor on an annual basis and they will lead the consortia in the commission and contract review of an SLA that will deliver the main activities of the Climate Action Hub. Secretariat services would be provided by the Argyll and Bute TSI as would banking services – subject to discussions with the TSI board. The TSI has also built a grant distribution platform which could also be provided to the consortia when looking to provide seed capital funding for community projects.

Expert advisers to the Hub consortia would take the form of the soon to be appointed Climate Change Project Manager who will be funded by Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partners. This would ensure no overlap of activity and integration of actions with the proposed CPP Argyll and Bute Climate Action Plan. Other advisers to the consortia may include other parties to be identified including postholders working on the Climate Action Towns initiatives.

4. Indicative project timeline and next steps

All of the following have been subject to discussion.

Task	When	Who
Finalise overall approach through sector discussion	May 2023 – early June 2023	CAN participants to date, wider stakeholders
Prepare more detailed proposal for discussion with Scottish Government	June - August 2023	SSCAN, TSI, ACT
Elect regional hub consortia representatives who then select a convenor	Late 2023/early 2024	TSI to run elections for community organisations of all types to vote
Meet as hub consortia to develop and deliver key hub objectives, finalise application and identify next steps	August-September 2023	Consortia facilitated by SSCAN, TSI and ACT will circulate draft application locally for comment prior to submission.
Scottish Government panel approves hub consortia bid	October 2023	
Preparation of virtual back office functions to support the hub in terms of governance and operations	October 2023	SSCAN, ACT, TSI and others
SLA out to tender	Oct -Nov 2023	Consortia



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The Templar Arts and Leisure Centre is a charity registered in Scotland, number: SC029453.
TALC was founded in 2002.

Timeline TALC's Creative Arts, Technology and Education Programme (founded in 2014)

Since 2014:

- TALC offers CPD training for artists
- School & youth group art workshops & projects in 9 High Schools in Argyll
- Drop in sessions for over 60's (at TALC) in Digital Textile Design and Digital Crafts
- Summer programme at TALC (except in 2021)

Since 2015, ongoing:

- TALC delivers weekly art workshops to approx. 350 individual young people per year outwith schools
- Annual exhibitions of young participant's work (2015 TALC's Art Fair in Tarbert, 2016 TTS in Glasgow & Ignite Walking Exhibition in Lochgilphead, 2017 Kilmartin Museum, 2018 Ignite Festival Lochgilphead & Rockfield Centre, Oban, 2019 Maryhill Burgh Hall, Glasgow and Rockfield Centre, Oban, since Covid 2020: changing Window Showcase at TALC, 2022 Creative Communities Showcase Event, Glasgow, 2023 Craignish Village Hall - Solo Show of TALC's Trainee's work).

Since 2016, ongoing:

- TALC delivers art & digital art workshops to approx. 650 individual young people per year outwith the curriculum
- TALC is running a paid Young Artist scheme
- TALC's programme is set up as a Youth-led collaboration with TALC's artists
- TALC invites Travelling Gallery to visit different venues in Argyll two times a year (*only once from 2023*)
- Edinburgh Art Festival visit with young people on an annual basis (except 2022)
- Introduction of Dance workshops during TALC's summer programme

Since 2017, ongoing:

- TALC is offering work taster days for young people in artist studios and within the creative industry (Timourous Beasties, Glasgow & Karen Beauchamp for textile design, Darnton B3 architects, Glasgow and Argyll & Bute Council Planning Department for Architecture, Glass artist Muranero Di Niang Moulaye, Venice/Murano and Inspiring Scotland)
- CPD training for teachers (in collaboration with Argyll & Bute Council and Creative Learning Network) on a regular basis across Argyll and Islands - *will change in 2023 due to the cut of post of Cultural Coordinator in A&B*

Since 2018, partly ongoing:

- TALC delivers 110 art workshop days to 1500 individual young people per year outwith the curriculum
- TALC increases offers for sound workshops
- TALC offers a paid traineeship for the first time
- Trip to Berlin with young artists
- Collaboration with BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra for workshops and events in Campbeltown
- Year of Young People Activities (with Engage Scotland, funded by Education Scotland)
- School workshops in response to the Argyll Collection in collaboration with Argyll & Bute's Cultural Coordinator

2019:

- Two of TALC's trainees participate in the Professional Development programme for Scotland + Venice, both at Cove Park and Biennale exhibition in Venice Italy
- Two young people join TALC's Management Committee

2020/21, ongoing:

- TALC's artists develop a range of art packs. TALC's in-house manufactured and partly individually customized art packs were used in hubs and schools during lockdown/Covid-19 pandemic for 650 children
- Introducing weekly dance workshops as part of the regular programme
- Introducing metal smithing workshops with recycled metal

2022:

- Introduction of a Professional Development programme for art school graduates

2023:

- Introducing a dedicated Crafts programme for TALC, Tarbert (silversmithing, ceramics, glass casting)
- First Solo Show curated for one of TALC's young artists/trainee

TALC's Creative Arts, Technology and Education Programme Collaboration Partners over the past 9 years:

- Argyll & Bute Council
- Artmap Argyll & Ignite Festival, Lochgilphead
- BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra
- Cove Park, Helensburgh
- Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern
- Inspiring Scotland
- Edinburgh College of Art, Architecture Department
- Engage Scotland
- Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh
- MAYDS, Lochgilphead
- Mid Argyll Youth Forum
- Phoenix Project, Lochgilphead
- Rockfield Centre Oban
- SAMS (Scottish Association for Marine Science), Oban
- Scotland & Venice
- Scottish Forestry Commission
- Scottish Canals
- Tramway Glasgow
- Travelling Gallery, based at City Art Centre, Edinburgh

TALC's Artists so far

Karen Beauchamp (Wallpaper Design, Printing), Stefan Baumberger (Kinetic/Interactive Sculpture, Photography, Digital Art & Design & Sound, Lead Artist), Ken Coburn (Writer), Grace Carroll (Communication Design, Printing), Sarah Duncan (Ceramics, Glass Casting), Anna Dawton (Metal Smithing, Editor), Nicola Derevyankin (Dance: Ballet, Jazz), Lynne Girdwood (Life Drawing), John Grant (Composition), Nicole Heidtke (Sculpture, Digital Art & Design, Lead Artist), Wilma MacKenzie (Glass Engraving), Tony Mills (Contemporary Dance & Physical Theatre), Sian MacQueen (Painting, Sculpture, former Lead Artist), Karen Liversedge (Fashion Design), Breege Smyth (Fashion Design), Adam Staff (Sound Programming), Isaac Stanesby (3D printing with clay), Rosemary White (Sewing, from Quilter's Guild).

TALC's Creative Arts, Technology and Education Programme's Funders (Main Grants)

Creative Scotland's TTS. Digital 1 + 2 for *sparks, drifts and rain*, Clore Duffield Literature Award (no other Scottish Organisation has ever been given this award), Young Start Big Lottery for *(de)code landscape*, Creative Scotland's Open Funds for the projects *land under water* (2018/19), *dust* (2019/20), *growth: wild card* (2020/21), *ambience: green* (2022/23), Engage Scotland's Celebrate Art, YMI grant for *soundjects and resonant spaces*, Heritage Lottery Fund for *clock lodge vibes* and Inspiring Scotland's Creative Communities Fund for *My World in a Box* (2021) and *Growth: Seed* (2022).

All funding is project-based.

TALC offers opportunities, focussing on young people, which are unique in Argyll. TALC brings on average more portfolio students into art school than any other organisation offering portfolio training in Scotland. TALC's paid young artist scheme, traineeship and work tasters are not offered from any other organisation in Argyll (and it is rare in Scotland).

Nicole Heidtke is Area Rep for all Highlands and Islands for Engage Scotland, based at TALC, Tarbert.

TALC is the only organisation who is not a top-ranked Art School who was invited to sent young people to the Professional Development Programme of Scotland + Venice.

TALC's programme delivers workshops in areas of art, design, technology, media and interdisciplinary projects, which can't be offered at school and also deliver CPD training for teachers. The evidence for the need is documented in the school evaluation carried out by Argyll and Bute Council with TALC in 2020.

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Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Mid Argyll, Kintyre & the Islands Area Community Planning Group****30 August 2023**

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

Summary

The following report provides information relating to the appointment of a Chair and 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 roles. The Area Community Planning Group is asked to consider making an appointment to both positions.

1. Purpose

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

2. Recommendations

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

3. Background

3.1 The current Chair, Ian Brodie, has now served 4 years in this role. The Terms of Reference for the Groups are clear that "no one person can serve in the role of Chair or Vice Chair for more than two consecutive two year periods. The Group is therefore required to nominate a member to take on the role of Chair.

3.2 The current Vice-Chair, Councillor John Armour, had previously agreed to serve as the Vice-Chair for a further 6 months period and that this would be reviewed further in August 2023. The Group should now consider nominating a member to take on the role of Vice-Chair.

4. Detail

4.1 According to the Terms of Reference the Chair and Vice-Chair 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. The current chair has served the maximum period in this role. The Vice-Chair would be eligible for re-election.***

4.2 In order to be considered as a candidate for the position of Chair or Vice-Chair the person must be a member of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre & the Islands Area Community Planning Group.

4.3 Some further information on the commitment required:-

- Attend meetings of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre & the Islands Area Community Planning Group;
- Attend meetings of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee/Full Partnership (4 meetings per annum);
- 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, July/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 CPG in consultation with the Vice-Chair.

5. Conclusions

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

6. SOA Outcomes

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

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