

### THIRD SECTOR UPDATE

AVA, ABSEN and Islay and Jura CVS have agreed to merge. All have agreed to the Memorandum and Articles and it is hoped the process will be completed by the end of August. The new name is to be Argyll and Bute TSI.

Macmillan Cancer and Information Support Service is contributing to SOA 5 through supporting the self-management agenda and by using co-production in the community, including key stakeholders and harder to reach groups, to develop better designed services. Positive outcomes for people using the service is evidenced in the evaluation which is online at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/macmillan](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/macmillan)

Kintyre Food Bank continues to support individuals and families in need. Demand is expected to grow during the school holidays. Support has come from Lochgilphead and Tarbert as well as locally. A food bank presence is planned at country events this summer to raise awareness.

Shopper-Aide has grown immensely, with a large number of clients assisted by volunteers, many of whom go on to find paid employment. Clachan Old Pals group meets on Fridays 1:30 – 3:30. Elderberries meet in Campbeltown Free Church every Tuesday and Thursday, 12:00 - 4:00.

It is reported that the Addaction situation is causing problems with funding. There is growing concern that clients supported by KADAS do not wish to work with Addaction. KADAS workers are still providing support on an unpaid basis, for example, supporting hospitalised clients on Christmas Day.

Dalintober and Millknowe Tenants and Residents Association will discuss ACHA`s handling of their move from Broom Cottage during a visit from Housing Minister, Margaret Burgess.

Monday Social Club leaders intend running a tea dance at the Guide Hall in the coming months.

South Kintyre Development Trust is engaged in various projects to redevelop Campbeltown town centre together with the work being undertaken at the Town Hall: partners include the Community Garden, Employability and Adult Education.

South Kintyre Seniors` Forum now meets monthly at Lorne and Lowland New Hall. Guest speakers have included representatives from Health, Age Scotland and Police Scotland. Funding has been secured to provide IT support and classes in members` homes throughout South Kintyre.

Happy Bus trips have been extended into 2016, with well over 100 participants having enjoyed outings.