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POLICY LEAD REPORT

24th November 2016

REPORT BY THE POLICY LEAD FOR COMMUNITY, CULTURE, GAELIC AND STRATEGIC HOUSING

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This is my fifth report as Policy Lead for Community, Culture, Gaelic and Strategic Housing. It covers the period from April to November 2016 and aims to highlight developments and activities within my portfolio.

2.0 COSLA

I have attended a number of COSLA meetings over the last 6 months including the Community and Well Being Executive Group and the COSLA Sports, Arts and Culture Working Group which is jointly chaired by the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and the Minister for Sport.

Public papers from those meetings can be viewed by Members if they so wish.

3.0 LEISURE SERVICES

Riverside Leisure Centre is closed for refurbishment for an estimated 12 week contract. Work is progressing well, although some additional issues have been uncovered as the renovation work proceeds.

The major aspects of the project are the replacement of the pool filtration plant, expansion of the gym area, tiling and lighting improvements to the pool hall and improved ventilation in the staff areas.

The facility closed on Friday night 16th September and the staff worked all weekend to empty the building for a handover to the contractor, and resumption of gym services on Monday morning. Alternative arrangements have been put in place for customers, with a temporary gym having been set up in Dunoon Grammar school and with swimming lessons being delivered in a private swimming pool.

4.0 ACTIVE SCHOOLS

Over 70 secondary pupils from across Argyll and Bute took part in the Active Schools Sports Leadership Academy. In partnership with sportscotland, Active Schools have revamped and rebranded their sports leadership programme which started with a 2 day residential in Campbeltown. Each pupil gained at

least 2 qualifications, with some taking part in as many as 4 courses including athletics, basketball, football, rugby, table tennis and dance.

The MACC Business Park, formerly the RAF Base at Machrihanish, provided the perfect accommodation for the pupils and staff. sportscotland provided tutors for their new multiskills course and Scottish Disability Sport delivered a course on disability inclusion. The pupils will also gain qualifications in Sports Leadership and First Aid before they are deployed as volunteers in to extracurricular and community clubs.

5.0 HEALTH PROMOTION – LEISURE SERVICES

Funding has been secured for a temporary one year full time post for a Living Well Physical Activity Co-ordinator in the Helensburgh and Lomond through the Integrated Care Fund (ICF). The main aim of the post will be to develop, manage and sustain local pathways to help support members of the community to increase their physical activity levels in order to meet primary and secondary health promotion targets across the locality in partnership with the NHS.

6.0 FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

Over the Summer Holidays Argyll and Bute Council Football Development Service delivered Fun Filled Football to many areas of Argyll and Bute. Over 350 children took part in a variety of camps ranging from Mini Kickers, Soccer Week and also the fantastic Summer Residential Camp. This year saw the highest number of children attending the residential with 47 in total from Oban, Mull, Coll, Islay, Lochgilphead, Helensburgh, Campbeltown, Iona and even Inverness.

Argyll and Bute Council's Football Development team held a girls only football development day at Dunoon Grammar School for Secondary age group girls. Over 50 girls from Hermitage Academy, Tarbert Academy, Oban High School and Dunoon Grammar attended the day.

A massive congratulations to David Paterson from Campbeltown on his fantastic achievement on winning 'Best Volunteer in Youth Football' across the whole of Scotland at the SFA McDonalds/Sunday Mail National Grassroots Awards, for his involvement at Campbeltown and District Community Football Club.

7.0 ADULT LEARNING AND LITERACIES SERVICE

7.1 Achievements

I have noted below, for your information, Adult Learning and Literacies Team achievements in the past year:-

- 2134 people received face-to-face tuition
- 1243 participants in employment-related activities
- 201 participants in SQA accredited learning activities
- 737 participants in Health and Wellbeing activities such as exercise for mental wellbeing, Scottish Mental Health First Aid, upcycling and confidence building.
- A further 1142 adults had contact with Adult Learning and Literacies staff during this period in activities such as drop ins, work clubs or at information sessions.
- The Adult Literacy and Numeracy service had 212 participants involved in employment related activities such as one-to-one sessions, SQA accredited work, and group work, and 42 in health and wellbeing activities such as upcycling/sewing. A further 1740 adults had contact with Adult Literacy staff through drop-ins or events.

7.2 Basic SQA Qualifications

The Adult Learning and Literacies Service provides opportunities for people from the more vulnerable groups in our communities to achieve very basic SQA qualifications. The Service operates a registered SQA 'Centre', which processes registrations and submissions. Some of the Units should take as little as 10hrs to complete, but can take much longer for someone who is unused to the process. These achievements signify a major step forward into learning, and boost to CVs, personal confidence, skills and chances of employment.

The qualifications, and the numbers achieving them over the last 3 years, include:

• Preparation for Employment: 80

Information Technology and Communications: 75

• Exploring Wellbeing: 17

• Improving Wellbeing: 10

• Communications Award, including Reading and Writing: 22

Building Your Own Employability Skills: 25

• Dealing with Work Situations: 23

Responsibilities of Employment: 13

Total number of SQA accredited Units achieved was 265

As a new venture to provide progression for those who have achieved a Basic Unit, we are piloting National Progression Awards (NPAs). NPAs are available in a variety of sectors including areas like Construction and Childcare, through to newer subjects such as Digital Literacy and Social Software. They're aimed at providing and assessing a defined set of skills and knowledge in specialist vocational areas, and are therefore a further step towards employment. We

will shortly be piloting the NPA in Digital Literacy, in Campbeltown.

8.0 COMMUNITIES

8.1 Community Action Plans

MAKI Community Development Officer has supported the design and delivery of the review of the 4 action plans for South Kintyre Development Trust. This has involved agreeing a design for delivery and setting up a local steering group for each plan. All 4, East Kintyre, West Kintyre, Southend and Campbeltown have agreed a questionnaire and methodology for consulting their communities on their priorities for action over the next 5 years to keep their action plans up to date and live. All four have now distributed their questionnaires and hope to have the results in and collated, with the action plan appendix completed before Christmas. These can be circulated to strategic partners for their interest and to support effective partnership working and co-production where appropriate or where opportunities arise."

We are looking to source some Community Action Planning training for the community on Islay at their request, and we hope to confirm this before Christmas.

8.2 National Theatre Company and Catherine Wheels Theatre Company
National Theatre Company and Catherine Wheels theatre Company came to
Bute to gather research material for "the Bed Project".

They wanted to gather people's memories of bedtime routines, stories, lullabies, favourite toys, insomnia etc. The ultimate aim is to put on a play which will tour village halls around the theme of bedtime experiences, in 2018.

The Community Development Officer set up groups to participate in workshops. The groups included the Memory Group (people with varying stages of dementia illness), fit for life group (people with various long term chronic illnesses) and Crossroads for Carers.

Catherine Wheels Company used songs, drawings and stories to interact with those attending. The groups really joined in and found it a very enjoyable experience.

8.3 Kirkmichael

Residents in the Kirkmichael area of Helenburgh (identified as Argyll & Bute's area of highest multiple deprivation), who have been working in partnership with CPP partners, are seeing significant progress towards helping them to address the three priorities identified in the Public Reassurance Area Action Plan by the Kirkmichael Multi-Agency Partnership and the Kirkmichael Community Development Group. These are: tackling youth disorder and anti-

social behavior, community capacity building and improving the perception of Kirkmichael. Recent highlights include partnership working between ACHA and Police Scotland which has led to a reduction in ASB and tenant disputes, securing Health Lottery funding to launch: a lunch club for older people, delivery of a programme of touch rugby and DT training sessions for young people, a successful fund-raising Gala Day and various other community events.

8.4 Marine and Land Based Litter

Communities in the Helensburgh & Lomond area are starting to organise to tackle chronic problems with marine and land-based litter in the countryside and marine environment, particularly at loch heads in the Clyde estuary. 60 representatives from communities in Arrochar, Garelochhead, Helensburgh, Rhu, Shandon, Cardross and Lochgoilhead packed into a public meeting, dubbed a 'Litter Summit' by the local media, to listen to presentations from the Clyde Marine Planning Partnership (CMPP), Marine Conservation Society (MCS) and Beachwatch Bute. The meeting was organised by officers in the Amenity Services and Community Development teams and was chaired by Cllr Ellen Morton. Hundreds of people throughout the area have been participating in beach cleans this year to try to tackle the problem. Helensburgh Community Council is organising a meeting with all H&L community councils later this month and GRAB Trust staff to support the Trust to try to secure funding to allow them to have a presence again in the H&L Area.

8.5 Bridge of Orchy Village Hall

The Hall Committee's Climate Challenge Fund project is in full flow and so far has resulted in a polytunnel project which is up and running, a number of energy saving initiatives being introduced to help reduce energy bills in the community and an agreement that Tesco will extend their delivery area to include Bridge of Orchy. The group are now looking at a potential application for a second phase of the Climate Challenge Fund and are supporting Tyndrum Village Hall to look at a similar project.

8.6 Housing

A number of new housing developments have been completed since I last reported and these are as follow:-

8.6.1 New Housing Development Completions

i. Fyne Homes

ST. Cuthbert's, Dunoon.

No. of Units: 17 – Social Rent General Needs; (12 x 2 apt/2 per, 5 x 3 apt/4 per)

Site Start: February, 2015; Completion: November, 2016

Funding:-

Scottish Government - £959.871

Argyll & Bute Council (SHF) - £554,500

Argyll & Bute Council (SHF - Loan) - £201,193

Private Finance (Santander) - £493,323

Total Development Cost - £2,208,887

Finnartmore, Kilmun – completed previous quarter

No. of Units: 8 – Social Rent, General Needs; (1 x 3 apt/3 per, 7 x 3 apt/4 per)

Site Start: January, 2015; Completion: June, 2016

Funding:

Scottish Government - £510,232

Argyll & Bute Council (SHF) - £176,000

Private Finance (Santander) - £322,163

Total Development Cost - £1,008,395

ii. ACHA

Sealladh na Mara, Bowmore Phase 2

No. of Units: 10 – Social Rent, General Needs; (4x 2-bedroom homes, 4x 3 bedroom homes & 2x 4-bedroom homes)

Started on-site Sept 2015; completed October 2016.

Funding:

Scottish Government - £785,400 Argyll & Bute Council (SHF) - £250,000 Private Finance (Lloyds) - £700,523

Total Cost - £1,735,923

Connel Phase 2

No. of Units: 10 Social Rent, General Needs; (6x2 bed homes & 4x3 bed homes)

Started on-site June 2015, completion October 2016.

Funding:

Scottish Government - £658,440

Argyll & Bute Council (SHF) - £250,000

Private Finance - £666,564

Total Cost - £1,575,004

iii. WHHA/LINK

Dunbeg Phase 2

No of Units: 25 Social Rent

Completion: August 2016

Funding: Scottish Government - £1,645,875 Argyll & Bute council SHF - £647,000 Other - £1,329,125

Total Development Costs = £3.622m

8.6.2 New Housing Support Contracts

The new housing support contracts began at the start of October and I am pleased to report that the savings identified through Service Choices have been achieved through delivery of a revised Prioritisation of Need framework and good collaborative working with our service providers. It is important that support is targeted at the most vulnerable as we face a period of significant changes to welfare benefits.

8.6.3 Capital Stimulus Fund

The Housing Service successfully bid for £267,000 from the Government's Capital Stimulus Fund. This funding is to support an ACHA project to up-grade insulation in their properties so that they meet the energy efficiency standard in social housing.

9.0 GAELIC

9.1 Gaelic Gathering

Argyll and Bute Council's first ever dedicated Gaelic Gathering took place in Oban in August and marked a huge milestone in the future of the language for the area.

Over 70 people attended, including representatives from the Scottish Government and Bord na Gaidhlig, and the event provided an excellent platform for networking and developing Gaelic in our communities, our schools and amongst our businesses.

At The Gathering I announced that a virtual Gaelic Forum would be developed

to build on the momentum gathered from the day and share all the exciting Gaelic things that people are doing every day in Argyll and Bute. This Forum went live at the beginning of the month and is attracting a lot of interest.

Speaking at The Gathering I said, "This is a new chapter for Gaelic in Argyll and the dawn of a new era of collaborative working to get the language and culture, that we are so proud of, more prominent in Argyll and Bute.

"It is a major initiative for Argyll and Bute and I'm determined that it will be successful. Many of those who attended are part of organisations that could really make this work. It is a great initiative to bring the grassroots and the agencies together and keep our language alive and thriving.

"We need to do more to keep Gaelic alive. As well as hearing it spoken in our Gaelic primary schools and Mods, we need to hear more of the language in the community, in the work-place, out in the street, etc.

"We want more people learning Gaelic and more people speaking Gaelic in Argyll and Bute. The task is crystal clear and we are starting from a strong base. I look forward to watching the future of Gaelic go from strength to strength."

Chief Executive of Bòrd na Gàidhlig Ceannard, Shona MacLennan said she was very pleased to be part of the Gaelic Gathering in Oban and congratulated Argyll and Bute Council on organising such an event, as did representatives of the Scottish Government; both said that they looked forward to working with the Council on developments in Gaelic-medium and Gaelic-learning education and supporting us in taking forward the recommendations gathered from the day.

The Gaelic Gathering took many months of planning and I thank Jane Fowler, Laura MacDonald, Duncan MacNeil and others for the help they gave me in getting this wonderful day just right. We are really excited that we have been shortlisted as finalists in the Daily Record Gaelic Awards with the winners announced at a ceremony in Glasgow on 16th November. Duncan MacNeil has also been selected as a finalist at the same ceremony for his valuable work at Furan.

9.2 Current Gaelic Medium Statistics.

At present there are 6 primary schools delivering Gaelic Medium Primary Education (GMPE):-

- Bowmore, Islay: 1 teacher and 1.32 vacancy 19 in GMPE, 7 in Sgoil Àraich
- Rockfield, Oban: 3.6 teachers 52 in GMPE, 18 in Sgoil Araich
- Salen, North Mull: 3 teachers 45 in GMPE, 13 in Sgoil Àraich

- Sandbank, Dunoon: 3 teachers -42 in GMPE, 11 in Gaelic Playgroup
- Appin: 1 teacher 5 in GMPE
- Tiree: 2 teachers 23 in GMPE, 21 in bi-lingual Pre-5

At present there are 5 secondary schools delivering a Gaelic for Fluent Speakers qualification:

- Dunoon Grammar: 1 teacher 24 students
- Oban High School: 1.6 teachers 22 students
- Tiree High School: 1 teacher 7 students
- Tobermory High School: 2 teachers 18 students
- Islay High School: 1 teacher 5 students

9.3 Gaelic Language in the Primary School (GLPS)

There are 4 Argyll and Bute staff members currently undertaking the GLPS training in Stirling. Two candidates are from South Mull and Iona and the other two are in Helensburgh. The course enables teachers to deliver Gaelic in English Medium classes to children as part of the Languages 1 + 2 initiative. In addition to this, we have two candidates from Argyll and Bute Council training to become trainers of the GLPS programme. This will give us greater flexibility in future years as to how we choose to train teaching staff.

9.4 Power Language Platform

The Power Language Platform is the medium through which Argyll and Bute Council has elected to support English – Medium teachers in delivering Gaelic Education in classes as part of Languages 1 + 2.

There are currently two members of staff working on the translation in to Gaelic of the original French version.

9.5 Gaelic Pre-5 / Sgoiltean Àraich

The statutory guidance on Gaelic Education 2016 states that where Gaelic Medium in the Primary School (GMPE) is in place the Education Authority should actively consider providing a Gaelic Pre-5 provision (section 2.7). In line with this guidance, there will be consideration given to the current Pre-5 provision in those schools delivering GMPE, especially in view of the Scottish Government's intention to increase Early Education and Childcare hours by 2018.

9.6 Request for GMPE

In line with the 2016 statutory guidance, parents in Bunessan, South Mull, have requested Gaelic Medium Education in the Primary School.

Officers have met Bunessan Primary School's Headteacher, staff and parents, with a view to ascertaining the potential demand for Gaelic Education and the

school's current ability to deliver it.

At present, there is an anonymous consultation with all families of children 0-5 in the area in order to predict projected numbers for GMPE and sustainability of Gaelic provision. The consultation closes on Friday 4^{th} November. Once we have this information it can be decided whether to move to a full assessment of the potential for GMPE in Bunessan.

9.7 Upcoming Training Day with Education Scotland

An in-service day for Gaelic Medium Pre-5 workers, Primary and Secondary teachers has been organised for Tuesday 22nd November 2016 in Furan, Corran Halls. Joan Esson and Maeve MacKinnon will attend from Education Scotland to work with staff on current expectations of practice, including planning and assessment, the rationale behind a Gaelic Medium curriculum and the importance of the immersion phase.

9.8 Gaelic Manager's Business meeting

There will be a Business Meeting for Gaelic Managers on Wednesday 30th November in Furan, Corran Halls. This meeting will follow on from the inservice day for staff on the 22nd November. Managers of Gaelic provision will be advised as to the importance of a Curriculum Rationale for Gaelic and the need for Gaelic staff to work together, sometimes virtually, to create a community of Gaelic teaching professionals in Argyll and Bute.

9.9 Furan

I have reported below on some activities over the last few months, associated with Furan, the Council's Gaelic Centre in Oban.

9.9.1 Bookbug

The Furan Gaelic Bookbug sessions continue to be popular with new families coming along regularly. This session takes place on Saturday mornings at 10.30am.

Shona Marshall has now taken over the Mid-Argyll Bilingual Bookbug sessions in Ardrishaig Primary Early Learning Centre.

This session is open to children who attend the nursery and also to families in the community.

Other Gaelic Bookbug sessions take place in Strath of Appin Primary School, Mull, Tiree, Islay and Jura.

9.9.2 Fealla-dhà Furan (Furan Family Fun)

This is a 45 minute family session with songs, rhymes and stories, hosted by Pigheid, the Gaelic-speaking parrot! 3 sessions were delivered in Furan during

the summer break and continues to be offered this session once a term to various children's groups.

9.9.3 Support for Rockfield & Strath of Appin Primary Gaelic Classes

Duncan MacNeil visits Strath of Appin Primary School on the 1st Tuesday morning of the month and Rockfield Primary on the remaining 3 Tuesdays. He works with all the classes in both schools doing conversation, reading, singing, drama games and working on any projects going on at the time.

9.9.4 Local Mod Preparation

A number of families have been coming in to Furan on a weekly basis to get assistance in poetry recitation and conversation in preparation for the Western Isles Royal National Mod.

9.9.4 Lynn Court Cèilidh

The fortnightly cèilidh continues to remain popular and is a great example of Furan working in the community. This is a joint project with Argyll & Bute Third Sector Interface. Duncan hosts the event and is joined by local singers and musicians who give of their time freely to come along. Four pupils from Rockfield Primary School, who were successful at the Oban local Mod, attended the cèilidh in June and performed for the audience.

In August, the ceilidh went over to Lismore for a day and they were joined by locals who welcomed them and performed for them.

A CD entitled "Furan Folk" which contains 16 tunes written by Ian MacLean, Furan's regular accordion player and are dedicated to some of the regular ceilidh-goers has just been produced.

9.9.4 Furan Conversation Group

Furan runs one Gaelic conversation group which takes place on Saturdays from 11.45am to 1.15pm in the lounge of the Royal Hotel, Oban.

The sessions are free and are very informal. People at all levels of fluency are welcome to attend. They are non-curriculum/unit based sessions where the conversation can vary from people's hobbies, careers, holidays, news of the day, etc.

9.9.5 Gaelic for Parents

This session takes place on Friday mornings (9.30am-11am) during term time and is for parents/grandparents/guardians who have children in Gaelic medium education, where they learn different words and phrases in Gaelic, suitable for conversation with their children in the home. This is a joint project with Comunn nam Pàrant an Òbain.

9.9.6 Leugh Leabhar (Children's Book Club)

Leugh Leabhar is a book club aimed at children in Gaelic medium education and takes place on Fridays between 4pm and 5pm in Furan. The purpose of the group is to allow children to read for pleasure outside the classroom. The children can either chose to read on their own or join in the group reading session where one book per week is chosen and Duncan reads the book along with the children. This is a joint project with Comunn nam Pàrant an Òbain

9.9.7 Fèis an Tairbeirt

It was a great pleasure to attend and speak at the first Feis an Tairbeirt which was a great success and very well attended. Furan continues to work with the committee of Fèis an Tairbeirt in preparation for the regular Saturday tuition workshops which will take place in and around Tarbert. The workshops began in October and continue through to June 2017.

9.9.8 Camus Beag (Little Bay) - Gaelic Drama Group

Furan is working with Artair Donald, Gaelic Drama Artist in Residence at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland to deliver drama to Gaelic Medium pupils in Argyll. Artair will also deliver 2 Gaelic drama workshops in Furan in November 2016.

9.9.9 Promotion of Local Events

Furan regularly promotes local Gaelic events via its e-mail circulation list. The communications department and are copied into these circulations for inclusion on the website and Facebook and Twitter.

9.9.10 Drop-in Centre

Furan is getting busier with people dropping in off the street to see the facilities and resources and also to get the opportunity to speak the language with Duncan or with anyone else who happens to be in at the same time. Some very impromptu cèilidhs and conversations have taken place due to people just walking in off the street. Ever since the new Gaelic sign was put up on the Corran Halls in August, Furan has become very much busier.

9.9.11 Translation Work

Duncan MacNeil works closely with various departments of Argyll & Bute Council to translate words, phrases, documents and place names, as requested. He also receives requests from individuals and organisations around the world asking for words, phrases and documents to be translated.

9.9.12 Hot Desks

The Furan hot desk facility is getting busier. Officers from Fèisean nan Gàidheal, Bòrd na Gàidhlig and An Comunn Gàidhleach regularly come in to Furan to work while they are in Oban.

9.9.13 Resource Lending

The shelves in Furan are filled with resources suitable for both the learner and fluent speaker and children and adults alike. Increasingly, people are coming into Furan to look through the resources and borrow material for a limited period.

9.10 Participatory Budget (PB) Pilot

I am very pleased to announce that the Council has secured some funding from the Scottish Government to pilot Participatory Budgeting in Argyll and Bute with a small fund offered up for strengthening and growing the Gaelic Language in the first part of the new year.

Stage 1 of the process will be to encourage the submission of costed ideas, with the opportunity for online discussion on the submissions. Stage 2 will be a public vote to decide which projects will be funded.

The pilot will be reviewed to evaluate the effectiveness of the digital system, how engaged communities were, and the opportunities / challenges for PB in Argyll and Bute

10.0 CONCLUSION

As Policy Lead for Community, Culture, Gaelic and Strategic Housing, I am pleased to be a part of the work of council services which are taking action to ensure that Argyll and Bute is a great place to live work and visit. These efforts make a significant contribution to our Single Outcome Agreement.

Councillor Name: Councillor Robin Currie

Policy Lead for: Community, Culture, Gaelic and Strategic Housing

Date: 14th November 2016

National Mòd Successes 2016:

Argyll and Bute was very well represented at this year's National Mòd in Stornoway and I sincerely congratulate all the prize winners listed below and thank everyone who attended as you have done Argyll and Bute proud.

Emily Armstrong, Bun-sgoil Thiriodh - Instrumental - Piano Under 13 3rd place Còisir Òg Ghàidhlig Ìle - Choral - Unison Under 19 Open 1st place Còisir Òg Ghàidhlig Ìle - Choral - Puirt-a-beul Under 19 Open 1st place Port Ellen Primary School Gaelic Choir - Choral - Puirt-a-beul Under 13 Learners 2nd place **Iona Scott, Bogh Mòr -** Solo Singing Girls Ages 13-15 Learners 2nd place **Abbie Morris, Île -** Solo Singing Girls Ages 13-15 Learners 3rd place Comunn Gàidhealach Mhuile - Choral - Two-part Harmony Under 13 Learners 1st place Còisir Òg Ghàidhlig Ìle - Choral - Two-part Harmony Under 19 Open 1st place Alexander Dugdale, Comunn Gàidhealach Mhuile - Solo Singing Boys Ages 11-12 Learners 3rd Ryan Johnston, Bogh Mòr - Solo Singing Boys Ages 13-15 Learners 1st place Ross McLeish, Ard-sgoil an Obain - Solo Singing Boys Ages 13-15 Learners 2nd place Ryan Johnston, Bogh Mòr - Solo Singing Boys Ages 13-15 Learners 3rd place Abbie Morris & Elizabeth MacMillan Currie, Île - Duet Ages 13-15 Learners 2nd place Commun Gàidhealach Mhuile - Action Song Under 13 2nd place Còisir Ghàidhlig Bun-sgoil Phort Ilein - Choral - Unison Rural Primary Schools Only 1st place Còisir Ghàidhlig Bun-sgoil Bogh Mòr - Choral - Unison Rural Primary Schools Only 2nd place Scott Mac a' Phì, Bun-sgoil Achadh na Creige - Poetry Recitation Ages 7-8 Learners 2nd place Rufus Hughes, Bun-sgoil Achadh na Creige - Poetry Recitation Ages 7-8 Learners 3rd place Scott Mac a' Phì, Bun-Sgoil Achadh-na Creige - Storytelling Ages 5-8 Learners 1st place Ryan Johnston, Bogh Mor - Poetry Recitation Ages 13-15 Learners 1st place Elizabeth MacMillan-Currie, İle - Poetry Recitation Ages 13-15 Learners 2nd place Rachel Bolton, CGM - Loch Alainn - Poetry Recitation Ages 13-15 Learners 3rd place Mirren Brown, Bun-sgoil Port Ilein - Poetry Recitation Ages 11-12 Learners 1st place Eve Munro, Bun-sgoil Port Ilein - Poetry Recitation Ages 11-12 Learners 3rd place Rowan Morris, Bun-sgoil Port Ilein - Poetry Recitation Ages 9-10 Learners 1st place Rebecca Morris, Bun-sgoil Port Ilein - Poetry Recitation Ages 9-10 Learners 3rd place Rufus Hughes, Bun-sgoil Achadh na Creige - Conversation Ages 5-8 Learners 1st place Scott Mac a' Phì, Bun-sgoil Achadh na Creige - Conversation Ages 5-8 Learners 2nd place Rowan Morris & Rebecca Morris, Bun-sgoil Port Ilein - Duet Under 13 Learners 1st place Evie Kellett, Comunn Gàidhealach Mhuile - Solo Singing Girls Ages 9 Fluent 2nd place Eilidh Macdonald & Anna Macdonald, Bun-sgoil Port Ilein - Duet Ages 16-18 1st place Carol Maclean, Tobar Mhoire - Solo Singing Ladies Fluent 3rd place Carol Maclean, Tobar Mhoire - Oran Mor Ladies Fluent 1st place Mairi McGillivray, Île - Silver Pendant Final (Ladies) 3rd place Fergus Muir, Bogh Mòr - Silver Pendant Final (Men) 1st place Carol Maclean, Tobar Mhoire - Gold Medal Final (Ladies) 1st place Alasdair Martin Christopher Currie, Île - Gold Medal Final (Men) 3rd place Mairi McGillivray, Île - Solo Singing Ladies Learners 3rd place Lynn NicDhòmhnaill, Ìle - Solo Singing Ladies Learners 4th place Mairi McGillivray, ile - Solo singing (Ladies) 3rd place **Lynn NicDhòmhnaill, Ìle -** Solo singing (Ladies) 4th place **Donna Dugdale, Tobar Mhoire -** Solo singing 2nd place Fergus Muir, Bogh Mòr - Solo singing (Men) 1st place Alasdair Martin Christopher Currie, Île - Solo Singing Men Fluent 1st place Helen McNeil, Taigh an Uillt - Clàrsach Senior Elementary 3rd place **Donna Dugdale, Tobar Mhoire -** Solo Singing Learners 1st place Donna Dugdale, Tobar Mhoire - Solo singing 2nd place Carol Maclean, Tobar Mhoire - Solo singing 3rd place Còisir Ghàidhlig Ìle - Rural Choirs 3rd place Còisir Ghàidhlig Ìle - Rural Choirs 1st place Carol Maclean, Tobar Mhoire - Solo Singing Fluent 3rd place Donna Dugdale, Tobar Mhoire - Solo singing 1st place

Donna Dugdale, Tobar Mhoire - Puirt-a-beul 2nd place