
Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

Management Committee

30th March 2017



Area CPG Focus – Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands CPG would like to raise the issue of vacant buildings and general decline in the built environment within the Mid Argyll area.

Although good work is being carried out by the CARS Initiative in Inveraray, the towns of Lochgilphead, Ardrishaig and Tarbert have many vacant buildings in varying states of repair. There is also scope for improvements to the built environment within these communities.

The issue of empty shops and general street furniture clutter was raised at the May 2016 MAKI CPG by the Lochgilphead Youth Forum. The matter was subsequently discussed by the Mid Argyll Partnership which noted the possibility of improvements as a result of the Crinan Canal Charrette activities and has been raised at Community Council meetings as well as during the locality planning discussions at the February 17 MAKI CPG meeting.

Key Points for Consideration

- The matter of vacant buildings and the need for built environment improvements has been raised as a matter of concern in several different community forums within the Mid Argyll area.
- The Crinan Canal Charette is a welcome initiative which may bring about improvements to part of the area

Key Points for Discussion

- How can Community Planning Partners help to address the issue of vacant buildings and empty shops in the area?
- How can Community Partners support the wider regeneration of the area?

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