



## **DUNOON** **AREA ALLIANCE**

Ann Campbell has now taken up the part-time post as Facilitator for the Dunoon Area Alliance (DAA). Ann is employed by SURF and based in Dunoon with her work directed by the Dunoon Area Alliance steering group. The post, which is part of a larger Big Lottery funded Scottish development, will support the voluntary efforts that local residents, organisations and businesses are making for the regeneration of Dunoon.

This post is a development of the 2016, SURF [feasibility study in Dunoon](#) which suggested that the town would benefit from becoming a new *Alliance for Action* programme area. Acting on points of interest in the feasibility study process, SURF applied for, and secured, Scottish Government support for a [Community Charrette process in Dunoon](#) in the first half of 2017.

A Community Group has been working over the last year to refine the points in the Charrette Action Plan and to establish a framework for progressing the Charrette outcomes, which are being used to inform themes and activities for the Dunoon Area Alliance Action Plan.

### [Minute of Understanding with Argyll & Bute Council](#)

A Minute of Understanding has been agreed between SURF and Argyll & Bute Council to support the work of Dunoon Area Alliance. As part of this agreement office space is being provided by Argyll & Bute Council for the DAA Facilitator within Milton House, Dunoon. This is a much appreciated contribution to the development of DAA.

### [SCIO](#)

DAA is currently in the process of applying to OSCR, the Scottish Charities Commissioner, for charitable status as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Trustees have been identified and it is intended to have a launch event once Charitable Status is granted to expand community participation.

### [DAA Action Plan](#)

The next meeting of DAA is set for Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 3pm in Dunoon Pier Building and will focus on reviewing the DAA Action Plan, as produced from the 2017 Charette outcomes. This review will inform priorities for action in the coming year.

## Living Streets Scotland

Living Streets Scotland, part of the UK wide charity for everyday walking, will be conducting two workshops in Dunoon as part of their **Healthier Safer Streets Community Programme** funded by Transport Scotland. Their mission is to achieve a better walking environment and inspire people to walk more. The workshops will explore with stake holders and community members how to improve Dunoon as a walking town and will consider signage and wayfinding, highlighting routes and places of interest. A provisional date has been set for Tuesday 27th November 2018 and information will be circulated inviting participation. Anyone interested in taking part is invited to email [ann@surf.scot](mailto:ann@surf.scot)

## American Years Project

A sub-group of the Dunoon Area Alliance has been established to explore the potential for creating some form of lasting record of the American presence in Dunoon, presenting and exploring its impact on the community and its heritage. SURF facilitated an opportunity for members of the group to meet with the US Consulate General in Glasgow where they explored the potential US support for developments. The group is now being supported by DAA and TSI to consider establishing a formal structure to enable them to seek funding for a feasibility study.

## 5e Feeling safe in Dunoon

Following on from the last report a funding application has been submitted to the Scottish Government 'Community Led Design' scheme to support consultation on developing Outdoor Activity / Play provision across Dunoon. The application has been submitted by SURF on behalf of Dunoon Area Alliance and includes in-kind support as well as financial support from a private donation and Live Argyll (£500). This consultation will include input from specialists to identify the types of play and outdoor activity provision required and potential locations.

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