



Quarterly Project Progress Report and 2020 Event Dates

As at: 19th December 2019

2019 Quarterly Project Progress Report	
Event: #DigiFest Dunoon Date: 16th November 2019	
<u>Update:</u> This new event to the DP calendar albeit with a reduced/scaled down budget was successfully staged on the 16 th November, in collaboration with Argyll and Bute Council at the Queens Hall. All workshops except one, were fully subscribed and covered a range of topics all based around digital skills and learning and also attracted a variance in age demographic of those participating	
Event: World Water Ski Water Ski Racing Championships bid submission Date: June 2021	
<u>Update:</u> Following the submission of a note of interest/informal bid to the World Water Ski Racing Championships in Vichy in early September, much work has been progressed on this bid submission: The draft budget has been significantly updated and following a meeting in early December with Event Scotland, they have escalated the event to their international programme which potentially allows for greater funding from ES. Internal due diligence work is complete by Dunoon Presents which will allow sign off by the DP board which in turn, should trigger the official endorsement of the world water ski federation, the IWWF of Dunoon as the chosen host location for the 2021 event.	

The full funding submission has to be with Event Scotland by the end of January and various other means of fundraising from both private and public sectors will intensify following the ES submission.

Event: Ultra Marathon and Relay
Date: 5th October 2019

Update:

This now very popular event in the Scottish ultra marathon running scene was a big success again this year with well over 200 runners tackling the 55km route from Benmore Gardens back to Dunoon via Pucks Glen and Glenbranter forestry park. The event attracts visitors from all over Scotland and a number who reside in England also.

It has undoubtedly tapped into a market that was previously not exploited but which is now proving to be economically beneficial for the area and Dunoon in particular, as the event hub.

Event: Dunoon Dazzles Christmas Lights Switch on Event
Date: 22/23/24th November 2019

Update:

This event for 2019 was upscaled to include Friday/Saturday evening and Sunday activity in addition to the usual Saturday activities of xmas street market, grotto, kids santa dash, santa procession and funfair rides, culminating in the town lights switch on, Saturday late afternoon.

This is now a fully established community event with a tangible expectation around the town and DP also facilitated and completed the handover of the town christmas lights to a now fully formed and constituted community group. This has been a valuable legacy exercise, with DP taking the lead to ensuring the town continued to have xmas lights for the foreseeable future

Event: 'Summit to Sea'- Dunoon's Outdoor Festival 2019
Dates: 27/28th September to 5th October

This new festival was a mixture of land and sea based event activities which attracted

the appearance of world renowned downhill mountain biker Greg Minnaar who led two exclusive ride outs Bishop's Glen behind Dunoon and who also hosted a sold out event called 'A Truly Scottish audience with Greg Minnaar' where he told of his illustrious career and which was also an opportunity for him to present and endorse the Dunoon Project – the multi million pound cable car and visitor centre project which is currently at feasibility stage.

Round the world cycle explorer Mark Beaumont also attended a successful and sold out event at the Burgh Hall where he told the story of his global cycling exploits and interacted with the audience in a Q&A session.

'Come and try' sailing sessions, run in conjunction with Holy Loch Sailing Club, Benmore Outdoor Centre and Holy Loch Marina were sold out as were 'come and try' mountain biking sessions with elite Scottish rider Ben Cathro.

This inaugural festival although successful in terms of feedback and participation, attracted participants/audience that were predominantly local but the festival has shown to have significant potential to expand in the future and attract large numbers of people from the central belt and beyond in the way that many of the established DP event now do.

Project: Supporting Communities Funding Application

Update:

An application has been submitted to this fund to meet the costs of the annual public liability insurance for the community pumptrack referred to in earlier project updates.

2020 Event Activity

2020 Event Dates

- **6th and 7th June** - The Fife Regatta (in partnership) this historic sailing event will run from the 4th to the 12th June, re introduced for 2020 will visit Holy Loch Marina on the above dates and sail onward on Sunday 7th June.
www.fiferegatta.com
- **19th/20th June** – Argyll Rally: to be run on closed private roads, with ceremonial start in Dunoon town centre on the evening of Friday 19th June. Dunoon stadium will continue to be the main event hub and service centre and open to

the public.

- **4th or 11th July** – The inaugural ‘Return to Life’ Argyll Sportive: this will be an open road sportive style event which will be a cycle and not specifically a race. This will traverse routes out as far as Kilfinnan and Glendaruel and will start and finish in Dunoon
- **1st August** – The Dunoon Half marathon and 10k Road Race: this event, established Scottish road running calendar, will again start in the West bay Dunoon and head south, with the half marathon going as far as the Toward Loop and back to the finish point near Dunoon Pier.
- **7th and 8th August** – The ‘Doon the Watter Revival Music Weekender: this event is now well established in the small Scottish events circuit and attracts an audience from a mix of ska, mod music and northern soul genres.
- **4th to 6th September** – The Dunoon Jazz Festival(in partnership) Dunoon Presents are partnering with the organisers of this event, now in its second year to assist with the evident growth and development potential.
- **12th and 13th September** – The Scottish Enduro Mountain Biking Series - Elite mountain biking makes a return to the forests around Dunoon with round 3 of the championship which for 2020, doubles also as a qualifying round for the Enduro World Series. This will in addition, be a round of the British Enduro Series. www.nofussevents.co.uk
- **12th to 27th September** - Summit to Sea Outdoor Festival: a two week events programme of all things outdoors, for beginners, families, right up to more elite competitors.
- **3rd October** - The Dunoon Ultra Marathon and Relay: these iconic two races start at Benmore Gardens early morning and finish on Dunoon Pier, a distance of 55k.
- **27th to 29th November** – Dunoon Dazzles: the annual street market, grotto, music, street food, reindeer and lights switch on.