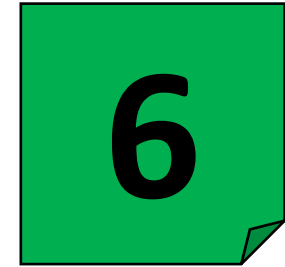
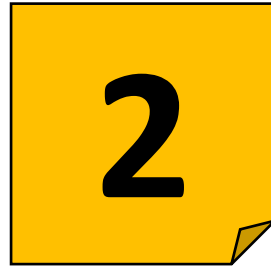


Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Action Plan Update on Progress



Progress as at January 2020

Actions which are classed as “not on track”

Reference No.	Date agreed	Community Name	Lead Organisation	Action and Update
BC02	October 2017	Dunoon	Argyll & Bute Council	<p><i>Encourage growth in passenger vessel movements/cruise ship tender accommodation and increased associated commercial activity on Dunoon waterfront and other maritime access hubs</i></p> <p>Transport Scotland is setting up a group to consider the future of marine infrastructure at Gourock and Dunoon – possibly Kilcreggan too. More information will be forthcoming once the first meeting has taken place e.g. format, attendees, potential goals etc.</p> <p>It was agreed in November 2019 to move this action to “not on track” as there are concerns over the linkspan.</p>
BC04	October 2017	Dunoon	PA23 BID	<p><i>Speak to local businesses about what activities they run in the area and the marketing for these activities. Create opportunities for the business community to engage with Argyll & the Isles Tourism Co-operative and its partners to help understand and reach markets the area wants to attract and/or expand.</i></p> <p>Colin Moulson from PA23 BID attended the ACPG meeting in August 2018 and gave an overview of the activity happening in Dunoon and the marketing for these activities. Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative representatives are working alongside PA23 BID to market the various activities happening within Dunoon.</p> <p>It was agreed to move this action to not on track as no</p>

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				communication had been received from PA23 BID since then to update on current activities. PA23 BID are due to give an update on their activities at the February 2020 meeting and it is expected that this action will subsequently move to on track then.
BC06	October 2017	Rothesay	Argyll & Bute Council	<p><i>Continue to work with Rothesay Pavilion charity to support the successful delivery of their business plan for the future management of the Pavilion as a centre for cultural and community activities</i></p> <p>Unforeseen repairs were completed in December 2019 and the internal heating, lighting and plumbing fit of the building is now well underway with practical completion anticipated late spring, followed by handover to Rothesay Pavilion Charity. At handover internal furniture, fittings and equipment supply and installation will progress to get the building ready for service. Planned opening scheduled for late Autumn/early Winter 2020.</p>
BC07	October 2017	Rothesay	Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group	<p><i>Develop a brand narrative for Bute to transform perception and promote this narrative on the island</i></p> <p>This work is being taken forward by Rothesay Townscape Heritage Initiative in collaboration with a number of partners including Visit Bute, Rothesay Pavilion, Mount Stuart Trust and other community organisations and businesses. Argyll & the Isles Countryside Trust have completed a couple of group sessions with tourist-focused business to support improved digital marketing and collaborative working between enterprises. This is</p>

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				being followed up with 1:1 coaching sessions. It is anticipated that with a successful Bute Island Improvement District, the remit for co-ordination of the marketing for Bute will lie with them incorporating Visit Bute.

Actions which are classed as “on track”

Reference No.	Date Agreed	Community Name	Lead Organisation	Action and Update
BC01	October 2017	Dunoon	Dunoon Area Alliance	<p><i>Work with communities to attract funding to help regenerate area</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Years Revisited project - awarded £10,000 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to develop a touring exhibition, podcasts and begin an options appraisal on future development of the project. Dunoon in Bloom - with support from Dunoon Community Council and Dunoon Area Alliance the group was awarded £250 from Volunteering Matters Action Eath programme for initial work on the Rose Garden in Dunoon. Dunoon Burgh Hall Trust - was successful in attracting £28,000 from Creative Scotland Film Fund to support the seventh Dunoon Film Festival in November 2019.
BC08	October 2017	Rothsay	Argyll & Bute Council	<p><i>Agree a strategy and look to reduce the number of empty commercial properties on Bute</i></p> <p>There is very little that the council can do as a landlord as all properties (currently) are leased or under offer. This position may develop with rationalisation of depots etc. The standard of many empty shops requires significant investment is required from owners.</p> <p>Rothsay Townscape Heritage is a five year heritage-led regeneration project that encompasses a shopfront</p>

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				improvement scheme. As part of the scheme, the project will seek to improve the quality of shopfronts within the town centre through the administration of grant to property owners.

Actions which are classed as “complete”

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BC03	October 2017	Rothsay	Argyll College UHI	<p><i>Continue to review the range of courses available on Bute and where possible, offer video conferencing to networked classes (non-practical)</i></p> <p>There has been quite a lot of very positive changes for our activity in Rothsay and I'm happy to list below the courses that we have run in the past couple of years, and the ways in which provision has improved in the intervening time.</p> <p>In terms of schools provision, when I took over, we were offering Skills for Work Early Education & Childcare. There have been changes in headship at Rothsay Academy and we've worked together to broaden the offering of options for school pupils. We now offer:</p> <p>SfW Early Education & Childcare SfW Hairdressing SfW Sport & Recreation SfW Creative Digital Media.</p> <p>These are all at National 5 level, with the exception of Creative Digital Media, which is at Nat4 level. We have had good uptake on these and they continue to be available. In addition to this, we also offer senior phase pupils who are interested the option of joining our full-time NPA Construction – this has had a positive response and again, we continue to offer this option. Over the last two</p>

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				<p>years, we've had young people on the Foundation Apprenticeship Engineering, a two-year course available to senior phase pupils that includes a variety of work placements within the local community.</p> <p>Within our college provision, we have had very positive numbers in the last two years. We have almost doubled our numbers, compared to when I first began in the role, and we have maintained these increased numbers since then. We have had a broad range of courses and in the last two years, have had students on the following:</p> <p>Business, Administration & Computing (level 6) NC Horticulture NPA Construction NC Social Sciences HNC Administration & IT HNC Childhood Practice BA Childhood Studies BA Business and Marketing HNC Business SVQ 1,2&3 Hairdressing SVQ 2&3 Social Services (Children & Young People) SVQ 2&3 Social Services & Healthcare</p> <p>The vast majority of these courses are taught by video conferencing, the exceptions being construction, horticulture and SVQ Social Services (Children & Young People). Several of these courses include local placements – hairdressing, social services (children &</p>

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				<p>young people) and HNC Childhood Practice, while courses such as NPA Construction and NC Horticulture include opportunities for the students to work with local community groups and businesses. Our NC Horticulture group, for example, worked with Bute Produce at their gardens, and also on the Bute carbon free food project, where they assisted the community in preparing the ground for planters etc. Our NPA Construction group have recently been involved in a Rock to Roof project organised between Historic Environment Scotland and Mount Start, and the class regularly engages in supporting community projects that require trade-based input. We also encourage our hairdressing students to support community groups and our tutor provided advice and support to The Lade Centre, while our students offered cuts/blow dries etc to the residents of Thompson Court Care Home.</p> <p>Other activity that we offer includes our Education4Life programme which is offered to adults and young people with disabilities and we have a strong partnership with The Phoenix Centre, which supports much of this activity. We offer four days of activities, including drama and expression, arts and crafts, IT skills, and life skills. We previously offered three days of activity but have now broadened this provision to four days in order to offer more variety to their service users.</p> <p>We were pleased, last year, to work with the council to support a group of men from the Syrian refugee</p>

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				<p>community – all of these men were skilled in one trade or another but did not have UK qualifications and so were struggling to enter work. Our construction tutor ran a year-long skills for work construction course with this group which was a positive experience for all, and allowed the students the opportunity to take on small jobs within the local community.</p> <p>Finally, our centre offers evening courses – this year students have come in the evenings to study British Sign Language and Beginners Spanish, and we also offer CITB testing for those in the construction industry, as well as the European Computer Driving Licence for those looking to improve their IT skills.</p> <p>We are always keen to find out new ways to improve our provision to match local needs and interests, so we would welcome any feedback and I would be pleased to discuss this further if required.</p>
BC05	October 2017	Dunoon	Argyll and Bute Council - Education	<p><i>Deliver engaging intergenerational workshops and projects with young people and the elderly to develop trust and promote creative learning</i></p> <p><u>Dunoon Primary</u> Hold an annual daffodil tea which involves the older members of the community including residents from the local care homes.</p> <p>Small number of children sing and perform in some local care homes at Christmas time.</p>

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				<p><u>Kirn Primary</u> P3/4 class visited the local hospice and home for the elderly. Spending time chatting to the older people about different topics.</p> <p>P7 invited many older people from the local community to a World War 2 conversation event. Tables were made up of different age people and the P7 pupils asked questions about how life then compares to life now. They also explored war and how it can affect communities and countries.</p> <p><u>St Andrew's Primary</u> St Andrew's held a taster session for children and adults across the community to come along to Line Dancing Session whereby they could keep fit, socialise and learn a new skill whilst having fun. It proved so successful that we then ran a block of Line Dancing sessions for 4 weeks. Since this, we have now had an intergenerational taster session for Yoga. It was so successful that we intend offering a club in August when the new session begins.</p>
BC09	October 2017	Dunoon	Argyll & Bute Council	<p><i>Use the feedback from the Place Standard consultation and produce a communication detailing what is happening within the Dunoon area and circulate widely</i></p> <p>Lorna attended the ACPG in August 2018 and gave an overview of all activity happening within the Dunoon area. The presentation is available on the council website under the papers for this meeting and can be publically</p>

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BC10	October 2017	Dunoon	Health and Social Care Partnership	<p><i>Look at Strachur elderly support group as a model of best practice for social inclusion and exercise and promote learning from this</i></p> <p>Heather Grier gave a presentation to the ACPG in August 2018. The Health and Social Care Partnership have also promoted the Strachur Hub through Social Media and on their website. The Hub also held an open day earlier in the year. The success of the Hub is a mixture of passionate and enthusiastic volunteers, a willing GP practice and available funding. No communities have come forward requesting assistance in setting up a Hub similar to Strachur but information is available if any community is interested in learning more.</p>
BC11	October 2017	Dunoon	Police Scotland	<p><i>Consult with residents to understand why they feel “less safe”</i></p> <p>Mark Wilson from Police Scotland attended the August 2018 ACPG meeting. The Place Standard results from 2017 suggested that there was a perceived “fear of crime” in the Dunoon area. The low crime rates were highlighted at the meeting and it was felt unnecessary to undertake a consultation exercise to explore this action further.</p>
BC12	October 2017	Dunoon	Argyll & Bute Council	<p><i>Ensure partnership working with the Great Places Heritage Bid.</i></p> <p>The bid was unsuccessful however Benmore and Kilmun Community Development Trust have taken on some of the themes that had been proposed in the original</p>

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				applications and are looking to take these forward. There is no further work required from the ACPG in relation to this action at this moment in time.
BC13	October 2017	Dunoon	Argyll & Bute Council	<i>Invite a representative from Hunter's Quay Community Council to the Area Community Planning Group</i> Invitation sent and a representative came along to the February 2018 meeting.

Date when plan was approved: October 2017 by Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group

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