

H & L Area CPP April 2022 Report: Time for Change Argyll and Bute

We continue with zoom meetings every second Monday and working groups taking on tasks.

- **Actions with MSPs and Scottish Government**
- We had a follow up meeting with Jackie Baillie and Andy Wrightman to discuss land use and local food and growing networks.
- We met with Louise Harvey (lead for the Scottish government community based approach to climate change) to discuss TfC setting up a Regional Climate Action Hub
- We also attended the Climate Action Hubs Regional Session - Argyll & Bute
- IPPC

Every day is a busy day with the Climate Challenge and the latest IPPC report lays this out in graphic detail. If we do not mitigate now we will be left struggling with adaptations to cope with massive changes.

We are currently bringing the IPPC report to our MP and 16 MSPs across West of Scotland and Highland and those standing for election in May and also to all of you who are kind enough to read this.

- https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/apr/04/why-are-the-three-ipcc-working-group-reports-significant?CMP=Share_AndroidApp_Other

“Greenhouse gas pollution must peak “at the latest before 2025” to keep targets alive, the IPCC scientists write”.

- **Consultation Responses**
- NPF4 should bring an improvement but as lay group this was a difficult consultation to respond to. We are concerned that there is a rush for planning approval to beat the incoming regulations for building standards.
- Marine Litter
- Litter and Flytipping
- **Actions with Council and in A & B**
- Presentation to CPP Area Committee Climate Change Group
- Voter Turn Out

We are an apolitical group but it is politics and politicians who set the changes and many of these changes in Argyll and Bute are in the hands of the Council.

We are concerned that voter turn out in local elections is low. We interviewed independent Councillor for Lochgilphead, Douglas Philand and produced a video explaining the system and encouraging voting.

<https://www.facebook.com/timeforchangeargyllandbute/videos/511530127025181>

We are also exploring a video hustings, although this is more difficult than National elections, with 11 wards and 124 candidates.

- Carbon Literacy

Carbon Literacy, the council agreed to promote and deliver training and we are pleased that some Councillors and staff have undertaken training. We are exploring ways to encourage carbon literacy

training for Community Councils and Carbon Literacy Toolkits for Schools. ACT are currently delivering to Community Leaders.

- **Planning Applications Mitigations and Adaptations**

We have responded to a number of planning applications either in favour or against in relation to the seriousness of climate change emergency declared by the Council and the positive or negative effect in terms of mitigation or adaptation of the proposal.

On land we are particularly concerned that the current planning regulations are behind and out of step with what is recognised as necessary, particularly where land and habitat that holds water and mitigates flooding and drought is given over to hard run-off from roofs and roads.

On sea of the pollution effects from fish farm expansion.

- **Communication**

Communication runs through and binds everything.

- Facebook

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