

MAKI Community Planning Group update | 26th April 2022

Climate Action Towns is a Scottish Government pilot run by Architecture & Design Scotland. The pilot aims to support place-based climate action in a network of seven small Scottish towns, working collaboratively with local communities. From this, Architecture and Design Scotland will develop learning that can be applied in places across Scotland.

Campbeltown has been selected as one of the Climate Action Towns. The 7 towns were selected using a data-driven approach; firstly the Scottish Government's Urban Rural Classifications (2016) and Census data (2011) were used to identify 156 towns in Scotland with a population under 10,000. These 156 towns were then assessed against a number of indicators to narrow down to 7 Climate Action Towns - including the SIMD, flood risk, sea levels, receipt of Climate Challenge Funding and whether A&DS had previously engaged with the place.

We decided to focus our support around the development of the Campbeltown Community Action Plan, and ensure it considers future climate change and climate risks. Over the past 8 months we have helped involve local people and businesses in developing the action plan.

Since the last MAKI meeting we have worked with the Community Action Plan (CAP) team to:

- Publish and share the Community Action Plan, including a launch event in early March at the town hall.
- Printed copies of the Campbeltown Community Action Plan are available from the town hall, or online at https://www.inspiralba.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Campbeltown-CAP-Summary_Final-140222.pdf

Climate Action Towns was designed as a 3 year project, and we are excited to say our funding for Year 2 has been confirmed (April 2022 - March 2023). Over the next year we will be working with the CAP team to prioritise and implement the actions relating to climate change. Such as exploring the feasibility of a community owned wind farm, identifying funding for walking and cycling paths in Campbeltown and restarting local food growing. There is also an action in the plan to create a climate change initiative/group to start dialogue around what climate change means to Campbeltown and establish practical activities (tool libraries, rainwater harvesting, tree planting etc.).

If you'd like to get involved or find out more please email ness.wright@ads.org.uk