

## Community Development Update

### **ABOIP - Consultation**

The Community Planning Partnership as part of their ongoing consultation for the Argyll Bute Outcome Improvement Plan (ABOIP) have identified and engaged with a number of groups who may face barriers to participation with traditional consultations.

Community Development have engaged with community groups, who may face barriers to online participation, or come from underrepresented groups; including adults with additional needs and the elderly. This is to provide a balance of results from which the CPP can identify 3 main themes for the ABOIP. The consultation has also been open to the wider public with wide promotion of the online questionnaire.

The first stage of the ABOIP consultation closes on the 14<sup>th</sup> February. Those seeking further involvement in the next stages are invited to take part in CPP focus groups to provide more qualitative feedback on issues.

### **Supporting Communities Fund**

The SCF is opening on the 9<sup>th</sup> February to not-for-profit community organisations, (with eligible governing documents), who can apply for up to £2,500 to support community projects. The SCF is open to the voluntary sector including Community Councils and Parent Councils community councils and parent councils.

Applicants are able to apply for up to 100% of the total funding costs for any project / activity, up to the £2500 maximum award.

All applications are assessed using a robust scoring system ensuring each accords with wider council objectives.

**The fund opens on the 9<sup>th</sup> February with the closing date of 30<sup>th</sup> March at midnight.**