

TARBERT AND LOCHGILPHEAD REGENERATION FUND – PROJECTS UPDATE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the 6 projects which Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee agreed on 6 September 2017 focusing on those projects which have not previously been reported to committee as complete.
- 1.2 The Ardrishaig North Public Realm project completed on schedule and details of the works are shown in **Appendices 1 and 2**. The works included changes to the south car park as a result of recommendations of the pre-construction road safety audit. Following concerns raised, a post-completion road safety audit is to be undertaken.
- 1.3 The only outstanding project is the Gleaner phase 2 site in Ardrishaig. Discussions are ongoing in relation to this site.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee are asked to:

1. Note the progress made with the projects as detailed within the report

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This report provides an update on the 6 projects which Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee agreed on 6 September 2017 (ratified by Policy and Resources Committee) should form the Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund and proceed to full business case. The projects include:

Project Ref.	Project	Status
T02	Barmore Road (A83)/Garvel Road junction improvement	Complete
T11	Tarbert Harbour facilities	Complete
LA10	Lochgilphead Front Green	Complete
LA11	Argyll Street	Complete
LA13	Ardrishaig North Public Realm Improvements	Complete
LA17	Gleaner Oil Site	Phase 1 complete, phase 2 ongoing

The report below provides an update on the recently completed and remaining ongoing projects.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee are asked to:
1. Note the progress made with the projects as detailed within the report.

4.0 DETAILArdrishaig North Public Realm (LA13)

- 4.1 As advised in our previous report, works were commenced by P1 Solutions Ltd on 29 August 2022 and they were certified as completed on 24 April 2023. The works completed are shown on the drawing at **Appendix 1** and include:

- A new lochside viewing area with additional seating and art work;
 - Alterations to the north car park including an expansion of disabled parking;
 - New artwork on the canal embankment;
 - Reconfiguring of the memorial garden to include new seating areas, picnic benches and a path;
 - Improved accessibility for the Argyll Sea Kayak Trail making it easier for kayakers to go between Loch Fyne and the Crinan Canal;
- A series of before and after photos are included at **Appendix 2**.

- 4.2 The works included changes to the circulation of the south car park, this was recommended during the pre-construction road safety audit to ensure that, when in use the relocated bus layby didn't obscure visibility to the north. Following concerns raised since works have been completed a post-construction road safety audit has now been instructed.

Ardrishaig Gleaner Site (LA17)

- 4.3 This project is being delivered by Scottish Canals with a grant being provided through the Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund. Phase 1 of the Gleaner Site, the Egg Shed, was completed in 2019.
- 4.4 Discussions are ongoing between the Head of Development and Economic Growth, senior members of Scottish Canals and a private investor as to a potential development in relation to Phase 2 of the site. It is anticipated that further clarity on whether this proposal is progressing will be known over the summer/autumn time.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 With the exception of the grant for the phase 2 of the Gleaner site all projects shortlisted for funding through the Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund, including all projects to be delivered by the Council, have been successfully completed. We are in the process of finalising costs for the completed projects and following this expect to be able to report upon the financial aspects of the project as well as the outputs delivered. Should any underspend remain once the agreed six projects have been completed this will be reported to Committee so that arrangements can be agreed as to how this should be allocated.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Policy

The projects will support the overarching objective and long term outcomes of the Council's Corporate Plan, Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan, the Local Development Plan, the Economic Strategy. It will deliver the Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund.

6.2 Financial

A total of £3 million is allocated through the Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund, external funding has also been secured. Expenditure at April 2023 is £3,131,461.27.

6.3 Legal

Working with procurement colleagues in regard to management of contracts and tendering process. Leases, licences and memorandums of understanding with third party progressed by the legal team where necessary.

6.4 HR

Support required from colleagues across the Council particularly Roads and Infrastructure Services who are the asset owners for the Lochgilphead Front Green and Ardrishaig North.

6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:

6.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics

Equalities and Socio Economic Impact Assessments have been carried out.

6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty

See above

6.5.3 Islands

No impacts anticipated.

6.6. Climate Change

Construction works undertaken as a result of the Tarbert Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund will result in carbon emissions although it is anticipated that these will be restricted to the construction period. Works at Lochgilphead Front Green raise the ground level of part of the green and may offer a form of climate change adaptation.

6.7 Risk

As projects are completed the number of risks is reducing however for the remaining ongoing project these include those associated with external funding, public perception, etc. Project Risk Registers have been maintained.

6.8 Customer Service

None at this time

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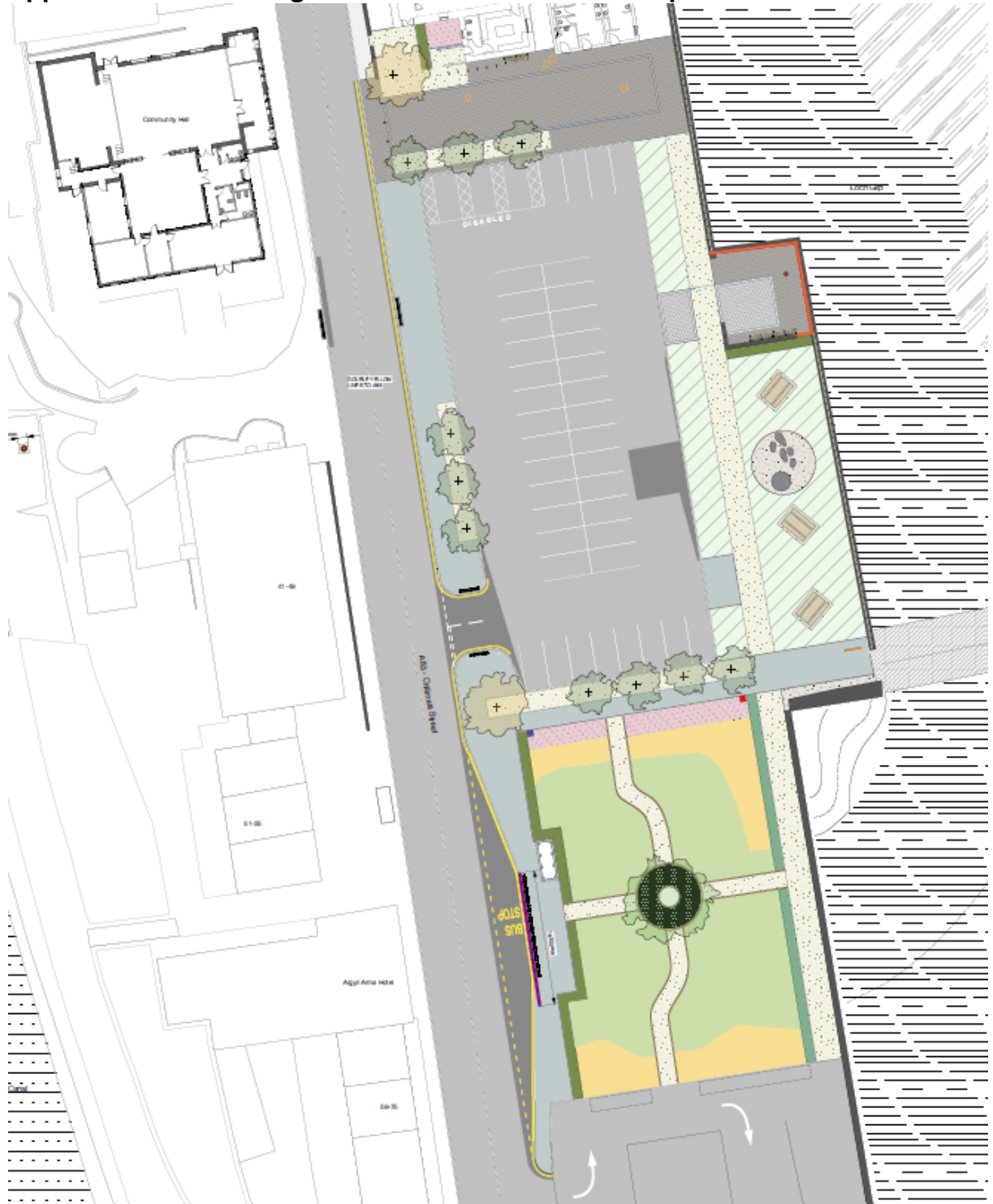
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Appendix 1 – Ardrishaig North Public Realm Landscape Plan
Appendix 2 – Ardrishaig North Public Realm Photographs

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APPENDIX 2 – Ardrishaig North Public Realm Photographs



Before



After



Before



After

