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**Mid Argyll and Kintyre and the Islands Local Area Community Plan**

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## **1. Summary**

Using the information collected at the Forward Together event, held in Tarbert on 19 June 2010, and presented in the Third Sector Partnership's Forward Together report, this paper:

- Considers the extent to which there is community support for, and understanding of, the local plan outcomes
- Considers the alignment of actions and outcomes in the Local Area Community Plan
- Considers how well the actions identified in the plan match with the issues identified by the participants at the Forward Together Events.
- Makes recommendations for areas for revision to the Local Area Community Plan.

The appended tables identify areas of agreement and mismatch between the plan and issues raised by participants of the Forward Together event.

## **2. Recommendations**

That the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group:

- Considers how the Local Area Community Plan outcomes can be clearly linked to the Single Outcome Agreement and Community Plan, and to the Scottish Government's fifteen National Outcomes.
- Considers combining the two outcomes 'Campbeltown and South Kintyre is an area of sustainable economic activity and is recognised as an attractive place to live, work and do business' and 'Communities within the MAKI area provide a sustainable range of services to support economic and social activities' into a single outcome, thereby addressing the overlap between the two outcomes identified by the participants of the Forward Together event.
- Considers revising some of the actions as set out in the local plan to create a closer alignment between:
  - The local plan outcomes and actions
  - The actions as articulated in the plan and issues raised by participants in the Forward Together event.
- Reword the plan to make clear what are actions and what are success measures
- Considers inserting an outcome that directly addresses the transport issues in the area. However, the inclusion of any transport outcome must be considered in the context of its alignment with the Scottish Government's 15 National Outcomes.
- Notes that the analysis contained in this paper includes all issues raised at the Forward Together event, and does not prioritise these or make judgments with regard to the appropriateness of their inclusion in the plan.

### 3. Background

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands draft community plan formed the basis of the themes explored at the Forward Together event, held in Tarbert on 19 June, 2010.

The Forward Together event was one of three facilitated by the Third Sector Partnership, on behalf of the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership. (The others looked at the local area community plan issues for Helensburgh and Lomond and for Oban, Lorn and the Isles.)

The Third Sector Partnership has described the findings of the three events in their 'Forward Together' report.

This current paper is based on analysis of the data from the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands 'Forward Together' event.

### 4. Community engagement

Approximately 40 people attended the Tarbert Forward Together event. Of the 40 people who gave information:

- 25 (63%) represented community groups
- 6 (15%) were from the Council
- 2 (5%) were from other public agencies
- 7 (18%) were individual residents.

Geographically, representation was biased towards Mid Argyll (67%) and Kintyre (28%). The lack of participants from any of the islands needs to be borne in mind when considering the findings of the event.

### 5. Analysis

Using the information contained in the Third Sector Partnership's Forward Together report, analysis has been undertaken to consider:

- How far there is support for, and understanding of, the Local Area Community Plan outcomes
- To what extent actions in the plan can be associated with plan outcomes
- How well the actions identified in the plan match with the issues identified by the participants at the Forward Together Events. (The appended tables identify areas of agreement and mismatch.)
- Key gaps in the plan's outcomes compared to the issues identified from the event
- How the plan's actions and the issues raised relate to the Scottish Government's 15 National Outcomes.

The recommendations for changes to the local plan reflect the findings of this analysis.

At the event, no attempt was made to ascertain the relative importance participants attached to the priorities, as set in the Local Area Community Plan outcomes. There was no vote as to the relative importance of the priorities / local plan outcomes, only of the actions / priority areas *within* each of the headings used in the event. These headings do not directly match with the priorities / plan outcomes.

Data collected at the event were of two types:

- Qualitative data (text).
- Quantitative data (numbers), collected via the electronic voting process.

The electronic voting only allows verification of impressions from qualitative data gathered.

On the basis of the votes cast, it is possible to identify differences of opinion expressed by participants from Mid Argyll and Kintyre and to note the lack of representation of residents from the islands.

The content of the qualitative data collected at the event has been subjected to analysis. The strength of feeling about particular issues has been noted where possible from the information reported in the Forward Together report.

## 6. Results

### 6.1 Local Area Community Plan outcomes

Although the event revealed no disagreement with any of the local area priorities / outcomes, there was concern that:

- There was clear overlap between two of the outcomes, with a quarter of participants expressing the view that they should be combined into one
- Transport is not covered in the current draft of the plan. However, given the focus given to transport by the event's participants, consideration should be given to the important role that it has in achieving sustainable employment and how this may be reflected in the plan.

**RECOMMENDATION: The following outcomes be combined, reflecting feedback that they overlap in content.**

- Campbeltown and South Kintyre is an area of sustainable economic activity and is recognised as an attractive place to live, work and do business
- Communities within the MAKI area provide a sustainable range of services to support economic and social activities

**RECOMMENDATION: All outcomes in the plan should be checked for overlap between each other.**

Additionally, all plans developed by the Council currently are being brought into closer alignment with the Scottish Government's fifteen National Outcomes, and the Community Planning Management Committee has recently agreed to work toward bringing the Community Plan and the Single Outcome Agreement together into a single document. As a result of these changes, the following recommendation is also being made:

**RECOMMENDATION: There should be clear links between the Local Area Community Plan outcomes and the Single Outcome Agreement, Community Plan and to the fifteen National Outcomes.**

### 6.2 The relationships between Local Area Community Plan outcomes, actions and success measures

The alignment between outcomes and actions in the plan as currently written are weak and not always clear.

**RECOMMENDATION:** the MAKI Area Planning Group checks that the relationships between outcomes, actions and success measures in the plan are strengthened and appropriate.

### **6.3 The alignment of Local Area Community Plan actions and issues raised at the Forward Together event**

Although transport emerged as a major issue at the Forward Together event, it is not currently reflected in any of the actions in the plan.

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the MAKI Area Planning Group considers whether any actions relating to transport can be incorporated into the plan. Moreover, the MAKI Area Planning Group may wish to consider whether there should be an outcome relating explicitly to transport issues.

As can be seen from the tables appended to this paper, there are mismatches between all actions as drafted in the plan and issues raised at the Forward Together event.

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the MAKI Area Planning Group check the alignment between actions in the local plan and the issues identified in the Forward Together event in order to determine that the current local plan actions are the most appropriate possible.

### **6.5 Linking the Local Area Action Plan with activities occurring within the area**

Currently, there is no attempt to link explicitly the outcome 'Campbeltown and South Kintyre is an area of sustainable economic activity and is recognised as an attractive place to live, work and do business' with any of the actions that are arising out of the CHORD project.

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the MAKI Area Planning Group investigates whether there are any links that can be made between the CHORD project and the Local Area Plan, and whether there are any actions arising from this or other projects in the area that can be included in the plan.

### **6.6 Additional recommendation**

**RECOMMENDATION:** issues arising from local event are noted and fed back, even if they cannot be addressed in the local plan.

## **7. Conclusion**

This paper has focussed on recommendations based on feedback from participants at the Forward Together event in June 2010. However, the recommendations given in this paper need to be considered within a wider context, wherein the contraction of public sector budgets will have significant impacts on service delivery in all areas.

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## **Appendix: Results of Tarbert Forward Together Event**

### **Notes about the tables:**

The linkages made between headings used by the facilitators in the Forward Together event workshops and the outcomes and actions in the plan were weak.

This analysis has attempted to group issues raised at the workshops under the most appropriate headings as used in the event. However, as there are overlaps between the outcomes in terms of the kinds of issues that fall beneath them, the allocation of outcomes and actions to headings has been subjective. Areas of possible overlap have been noted in the tables, below.

### **General COMMENTS about information gathered:**

- There are mismatches between issues raised in the event and the actions contained in the Local Area Plan. This confusion is reinforced by the lack of coordination between actions written into the plan and workshop topics. The range of points raised reinforces the general impression of confusion and lack of focus under all the event headings discussed.
- Although issues raised at the event are mentioned in the Forward Together report, levels of agreement from other participants are only indicated in a minority of instances. As a result, it is unclear whether the comments are held by the minority or majority of participants. Although some indication of the relative importance of issues can be ascertained from the electronic voting results, these are not clear-cut, particularly where voting topics did not match with issues raised. For example, there was no voting option relating to the importance of transport in the area, although this was clearly a major area of concern for participants.
- Much of the reported discussion related to whole MAKI area, rather than to specific locations within, although participants did mention some detailed examples. This contrasts with the draft Local Area Community Plan, wherein actions tend to be very location-specific. This provides a mismatch in tone / geographical focus of interest. However, it should be noted that there were some identifiable differences in voting patterns from respondents from Mid Argyll and participants from Kintyre.

### **The Scottish Government's Fifteen National Outcomes**

As one of the recommendations in this report is to consider how outcomes and actions in the Local Area Community Plan link to the Scottish Government's 15 National Outcomes, an attempt has been made to indicate how both actions in the draft plan and comments made at the event relate to these outcomes.

There are several topic areas that came up at the event for which the identification of links to the National Outcomes may be difficult, as none of the 15 National Outcomes explicitly refer to:

- Older people (within the SOA Annual report, older people's issues have been associated with National Indicator 6)
- Adults who are not part of families
- Arts or culture
- Transport (within the SOA Annual report, transport issues have been associated with National Indicators 1, 2 and 10; road safety issues have been included under National Indicator 9)

<b>Heading used at community event</b>	Economic Development
<b>Local Area Community Plan outcome</b>	Campbeltown and South Kintyre is an area of sustainable economic activity and is recognised as an attractive place to live, work and do business
	Communities within the MAKI area provide a sustainable range of services to support economic and social activities ( <i>overlaps with voting topics in the 'Health and Wellbeing' topic</i> )
<b>Priority as discussed at event</b>	Campbeltown and South Kintyre is an area of sustainable economic activity and is recognised as an attractive place to live, work and do business
	Communities within the MAKI area provide a sustainable range of services to support economic and social activities
<b>Support for / comments about the priority</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No disagreement with priorities, but</li> <li>• At least a quarter of respondents felt the two outcomes overlapped; can they be combined into one outcome that covers the whole area?</li> <li>• Some concerns expressed that priorities do not reflect concerns over employment opportunities or transport barriers; outcome cannot be delivered without transport / connectivity issues being addressed</li> </ul>
<b>Top priorities within 'Economic Development' as identified by the electronic voting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear priority given to 'quality jobs, training and business support' in both Mid Argyll and Kintyre.</li> <li>• 'Environment' and renewables seen as important by participants from Mid Argyll</li> <li>• 'Housing' seen as important by participants from Kintyre (possible MISMATCH with actions focussing on Tarbert and Craignish)</li> <li>• Least support attached to 'cultural tourism' or 'sustainability'</li> <li>• NOTE: voting did not include 'transport' option, which came out from workshops etc as being important issue in area</li> </ul>

Actions set out in Local Area Community Plan	Related National Outcome	Issues raised at local event	Related National Outcome
Recruitment and retention strategy being developed by Strathclyde Police to recruit officers from the local area to serve within Campbeltown	9, 2	MISMATCH: employment issues seen as important, but were discussed in much broader terms that this very specific action	2
Utilise the new Campbeltown police Office and Video Conference facility for other groups and businesses to use thus improving communication links	15	Action AGREES with need for use of VC facilities to increase engagement with islands	-
Developing Community Policing Plans to target Community priorities and ensure Campbeltown and South Kintyre is a safe place to live, work and do business	9	MISMATCH: no comments relate to action	-
Waterfront and town centre regeneration in Campbeltown	10, 11, 1	Possible MISMATCH: Streetscape an issue for some participants. However, the four comments recorded about the poor state of a town referred to Lochgilphead town centre and buildings rather than to any of the specific examples given in the draft plan's actions.	10
a) Kinloch Road		MISMATCH: no comments relate to action	-
b) Marina Expansion		MISMATCH: no comments relate to action	-
c) Implementation of CARS/THI Project		Action AGREES with: Need to recognise and support heritage (3 comments). Also, see comments about streetscape, above.	12, 10
All MAKI towns designated a Com Pol Team/Officer to assist with Community Events/activities	9	MISMATCH: no comments relate to action	-
<i>Staff Resource to pursue funding and construction of all weather pitch [in Campbeltown]</i>	-	<i>OVERLAP: see Health and Wellbeing</i>	-



Actions set out in Local Area Community Plan	Related National Outcome	Issues raised at local event	Related National Outcome
Engaging with RSL's to ensure affordable housing units in Tarbert and Craignish	-, 10, 7	Action partially AGREES with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• housing raised as broad issue, with number of specific points made (housing shortage; need for affordable housing, esp. for young people)</li> </ul> However, possible MISMATCH with other housing issues raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• housing needs to be planned in sensible locations, e.g. close to employment opportunities suggestion for community housing e.g. for elderly with health facilities)</li> <li>• planning restrictive</li> <li>• affordability issues</li> <li>• space(?)</li> <li>• need water infrastructure to allow development</li> </ul>	-  10  - - - ?
Tarbert regeneration	10	Possible MATCH: Need to recognise and support heritage	12
Bowmore Town Centre	10	MISMATCH: no comments about this made at event. (Note: underrepresentation at event from islands)	-
Implementation of the Ardrishaig masterplan	10	Action may AGREE with need for pedestrian crossing in Ardrishaig (see transport issues, below). Also, note that this relates to streetscape issues (see above)	10?

Actions set out in Local Area Community Plan	Related National Outcome	Issues raised at local event	Related National Outcome
		<p>MISMATCH: no mention of transport in any of the actions included in the plan, although transport issues clearly of great concern to participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pedestrian crossings / traffic lights (Campbeltown, Ardrishaig, Tarbert)</li> <li>• Public transport: frequency and timing of services; problems commuting to Lochgilphead; overcrowding on Glasgow bus and people being left at roadside; cost of ferries and infrastructure; Irish ferry (almost half respondents want Irish ferry reinstated)</li> <li>• roads: state of roads; road closures rather than convoy systems during maintenance; concern re overnight road closures and access to A&amp;E services at MAHICC</li> <li>• circular roads better (I think this means circular routes!)</li> <li>• improve roads on east side (of Kintyre) sensitively</li> <li>• Need to keep uniqueness of roads while improving</li> <li>• roads too narrow</li> <li>• condition of Rest and Be Thankful</li> <li>• need for integration of transport</li> <li>• need for transport to take pupils from Ardrishaig to Lochgilphead High (there are buses available, so this is a comment about the cost of the service, not its availability)</li> <li>• Signage: Gaelic road signs a waste of money, and dangerous; remove (Campbeltown) ferry signs temporarily</li> <li>• Parking: problems of people parking on pavements; parking in unsuitable places; need more parking to encourage tourism growth.</li> <li>• street furniture (though point of this comment is not clear)</li> <li>• Need to improve harbour facilities; sea is seen as being the key to economic development</li> </ul>	2, 10, 14
		MISMATCH: Connectivity issues not included in plan (mobile phone coverage; support for wind and tidal power (4 comments)	2, 12, 14

Actions set out in Local Area Community Plan	Related National Outcome	Issues raised at local event	Related National Outcome
		MISMATCH: Concerns expressed by participants over closure of community centres (may relate to supporting social activities in MAKI)	11
		MISMATCH: Role and nature of community facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost of hiring facilities</li> <li>• Need cultural centre in Campbeltown; community facilities as focus of community / schools as centre of community (suspect in part this reflects location of event, and issues relating to Tarbert Academy)</li> <li>• facilities need to be suitable (not 'make-do doubling and fitting in with) e.g. Exhibition space, arts venues</li> </ul>	11
		SUGGESTIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• link Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre to proposed Kintyre facility</li> <li>• expand Lantern Parade into bigger festival</li> </ul>	
		MISMATCH: Reliance on grant funding (Unclear precisely what point was being made here)	11
		MISMATCH: Housing raised as broad issue, with number of specific points made <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• housing shortage; need for affordable housing, esp. for young people</li> <li>• housing needs to be planned in sensible locations, e.g. close to employment opportunities</li> <li>• suggestion for community housing e.g. for elderly with health facilities</li> </ul>	
		<i>MISMATCH: Although discussion about tourism fell under the broad category of 'economic development' there is OVERLAP with the Actions under Community and Culture Development</i>	2,12

Actions set out in Local Area Community Plan	Related National Outcome	Issues raised at local event	Related National Outcome
		<p>MISMATCH: Discussion at event raised issue of 'support for business': new businesses need to be supported both by provision of premises and reduction of red tape</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• diversification of the local economy (local businesses should diversify, but conflicting comment also recorded about desirability of attracting specialist professions to the area)</li> <li>• social enterprise (however the point of the comment is unclear. Was it supporting the development of social enterprise, or stating the facts of the sectors existence?)</li> <li>• need to invest in deteriorating infrastructure.</li> </ul>	2
		COMMENT: renewables were discussed but the outcome of the discussion is unclear, with for and against attitudes being mentioned, but no details or conclusions being reported.	14

<b>Heading used at community event</b>	Health and Wellbeing
<b>Local Area Community Plan outcomes</b>	Communities within the MAKI area provide a sustainable range of services to support economic and social activities ( <i>OVERLAP with Economic Development</i> )
	Older and vulnerable people across the whole area live full and independent lives
<b>Priority as discussed at event</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communities within the MAKI area provide a sustainable range of services to support economic and social activities (see Economic Development)</li> <li>• Older and vulnerable people across the whole area live full and independent lives</li> </ul>
<b>Support for / comments about the priority</b>	<p>'Older and vulnerable people...'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No disagreement with priority in general terms, but almost half the participants questioned how realistic this was (events are moving in opposite direction, with services being eroded).</li> <li>• Some comments question priority's emphasis on specific demographic group. Area needs young people to achieve more balanced community.</li> </ul>
<b>Top priorities within 'Health and Wellbeing' as identified by the electronic voting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Different priorities identified by participants from Mid Argyll and Kintyre</li> <li>• Health prevention most important for Mid Argyll participants</li> <li>• Access and transport important in Kintyre</li> <li>• Elderly support and services important in Kintyre</li> </ul>

Actions set out in Local Area Community Plan	Related National Outcome	Issues raised at local event	Related National Outcome
NHS Highland will continue to develop and modernise local NHS services including the 3 community hospitals in the MAKI area. New Dental Centre being built in Campbeltown during 2010	15	Partially AGREES with: comments about dental services not being adequate in area; may help to address concerns in part of area.  Part of this isn't an Action (only 'new dental centre...' is measurable action). Remainder is statement of intent. What is meant by 'develop and modernise'?	15, 10
<i>All MAKI towns designated a Com Pol Team/Officer to assist with Community Events/activities</i>		<i>OVERLAP: See Economic Development</i>	
Staff Resource to pursue funding and construction of all weather pitch [in Campbeltown]		Partial AGREEMENT with comments made about health prevention, and sports role within this (need to upgrade football pitches and tennis courts; lack of outdoor pitches (should be community assets, not Council owned); promote core paths and sports prescriptions (sic))	6, 11
<i>Engaging with RSL's to ensure affordable housing units in Tarbert and Craignish</i>		<i>OVERLAP: See Economic Development</i>	
<i>Tarbert regeneration</i>		<i>OVERLAP: See Economic Development</i>	
<i>Bowmore Town Centre</i>		<i>OVERLAP: See Economic Development</i>	
<i>Implementation of the Ardrishaig masterplan</i>		<i>OVERLAP: See Economic Development</i>	
Redesign of NHS dementia services in 2010 will result in a release of resources from inpatient care at A&B Hospital to community services across Argyll and Bute. The MAKI locality will benefit by having a Dementia Specialist CPN and OT, plus support workers employed by Alzheimer Scotland and increased resources for SWD home care for dementia sufferers and their families. NHS continues to work with Argyll and Bute Council to develop a wider range of community services for older people. NHS Highland is committed to retract from the provision of long term elderly care thereby releasing resources for community service development.	15	(This isn't an Action; rather it is more a statement of intent.)  MATCH with comment about need for NHS and Council to cooperate better	15

Actions set out in Local Area Community Plan	Related National Outcome	Issues raised at local event	Related National Outcome
Identify vulnerable adults residing in Communities and ensure referrals are to appropriate agencies.	*	<p>Possible MISMATCH unless this is related to carers (young and older) and vulnerable groups (e.g. people with mental health issues). However, at present, not clear what this Action relates to. (Success measures in plan might suggest that this is adults on adult protection register as lead partner is Strathclyde police. Is this right?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• elderly: main issues are transport and mobility, and isolation.</li> <li>• carers: Young carers need recognition; need for respite care -- unpaid carers do not have resources to prevent their own health breaking down</li> <li>• mental health: concerns re closure of Mid Argyll Hospital; lack of facilities / support on discharge</li> </ul>	*
		Partially AGREES with development of community services for elderly : resources: need to resource wardens in sheltered housing; home care; domiciliary chiropody	?
		Partially AGREES with development of community services and response housing raised as a health issue; sheltered housing including care facilities; help keep elderly in their homes (Jura example); housing and homelessness is an issue for people with mental health problems (issues re affordability, shortage, appropriateness of stock for families etc mentioned here, too)	7
		MISMATCH: communication / information: view expressed that this is lacking at every level; good information gives people a better sense of inclusion	11
		<p>MISMATCH: prevention (presumably in a public health sense)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sport has preventative role: see comments re all weather pitch, above. Promote core paths; sports prescriptions (sic)</li> <li>• arts: promotes self-esteem</li> <li>• healthy eating: cost is an issue; should support projects e.g. food train(?)</li> <li>• support to health education; intergenerational events; volunteering (is this prevention?)</li> </ul>	6

Actions set out in Local Area Community Plan	Related National Outcome	Issues raised at local event	Related National Outcome
		MISMATCH: transport and access to services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient transport: local and to Glasgow; times not thought through</li> <li>• difficult to make appointments at times appropriate for rural areas</li> <li>• maintain and improve Med Evac services</li> <li>• Mobility issues apply for all ages to help people participate in community life</li> <li>• voluntary transport group for Mid Argyll (Unclear from comment whether this is a 'we need a...' or 'there is a ...' comment.)</li> </ul>	15, 10
		MISMATCH: Public parks were raised under health and wellbeing theme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• these should be under community management, but the Council should be a partner to provide maintenance. (Relevance unclear.)</li> </ul>	11, 12
		MISMATCH: provision of services; chemo should be offered in Argyll.	*
		Other COMMENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• need for better respite and training for carers</li> <li>• provide care in the community</li> <li>• what resources are available for disabled people aged between 19 and 60?</li> <li>• Need to address issues relating to demographic change (various bullet points made about services to older people, but gist of messages not clear)</li> <li>• Need for facilities / services for young people</li> </ul>	*  4
		Possible MISMATCH: Focus of current outcome is on older and vulnerable people, actions do not match up with issues raised at event – however arguably outcomes related to improving area as a place to live and work are targeted at retaining and attracting a younger population	



<b>Heading used at community event</b>	Community and Culture Development
<b>Local Area Community Plan outcome</b>	High quality environment which supports employment, bio diversity, culture, arts and heritage ( <i>Overlaps with Environmental Development</i> )
<b>Priority as discussed at event</b>	High quality environment which supports employment, bio diversity, culture, arts and heritage ( <i>Overlaps with Environmental Development</i> )
<b>Support for / comments about the priority</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority overlaps with the other priorities / outcomes, so hard to differentiate between them</li> <li>• No disagreement with priority, but scepticism about our ability to deliver the outcome; view that we were going backwards, rather than working towards achieving this outcome</li> <li>• Strong support for using combination of arts, culture and heritage to lead / support economic development (including tourism) in the area, but requires adequate infrastructure to be put in place.</li> <li>• AB&amp;C does not have control over forestry, so it does not benefit communities; need for hardwood diversity, not just conifers; opportunities for processing within the area</li> </ul>
<b>Top priorities within 'Community and Culture Development' as identified by the electronic voting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall, 'cultural and heritage facilities' most important across all participants</li> <li>• But some indication of variation between Mid Argyll and Kintyre. However, numbers are too small for clear conclusions to be drawn.</li> </ul>

<b>Actions set out in Local Area Community Plan</b>	<b>Related National Outcome</b>	<b>Issues raised at local event</b>	<b>Related National Outcome</b>
Sustained level of sponsorship from Council of strategic area events.	-	Action AGREES with: comments re wanting support from Council for local arts events. However, desire for local voluntary arts groups to be supported also recorded; relative	-

Actions set out in Local Area Community Plan	Related National Outcome	Issues raised at local event	Related National Outcome
		importance participants attached to each of these is unclear.	
Support service level agreements for Kilmartin and Auchindrain Museums and Ionad Chalium Chile Ile	12, 3	Action AGREES with: general comments made about the importance of tourism within the area, with a number of suggestions being made. This included the promotion of cultural tourism in the area.	2
		MISMATCH: Encourage recording of heritage	12
		MISMATCH: Neglect of our castles etc	12
		MISMATCH: Need better marketing to raise profile Need for better representation of Arts on CPP	2 *
		MISMATCH: Other tourism issues include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• promoting countryside, landscape, marine environment and culture (heritage and arts) as attractions in the area</li> <li>• cross LA shared heritage projects would generate positive economic outcomes</li> <li>• Need to improve facilities (better toilets; upgrade empty hotels)</li> <li>• need for better eating places, especially in evenings; put a bunkhouse on the Kintyre Way</li> </ul>	12, 2
		MISMATCH: three comments made about wanting the Mid Argyll pool kept open	10, 11
		MISMATCH: Need for services / facilities for young people (which doesn't match outcome, but might fit under this heading)	4
		MISMATCH: Need to support facilities in smaller villages; concern over closure of facilities, numbers second and holiday homes, school closures (NB Tarbert Academy specifically mentioned; keeps community viable).	10
		MISMATCH: lack of public transport to access culture.	?
		MISMATCH: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication; we need better access to decision makers; there is a lack of communication at all levels.</li> <li>• Make Community Councils visible within the community</li> </ul>	11

Actions set out in Local Area Community Plan	Related National Outcome	Issues raised at local event	Related National Outcome
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>find innovative ways of working with the public.</li> </ul>	
		MISMATCH: Need to forge links between natural heritage and other sectors e.g. arts, culture, health and wellbeing, tourism	12, 2
		<i>COMMENT: Poor match between the Local Area Plan outcome and the heading used for discussion at the event. For this reason, there is a poor match between comments (e.g. about tourism) and the heading. However, the tourism comments seem to relate well to the outcome.)</i>	

<b>Heading used at community event</b>	Environmental Development
<b>Local Area Community Plan outcome</b>	High quality environment which supports employment, bio diversity, culture, arts and heritage (Overlaps with Community and Culture Development)
<b>Priority as discussed at event</b>	High quality environment which supports employment, bio diversity, culture, arts and heritage (Overlaps between Community and Culture Development)
<b>Support for / comments about the priority</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>OVERLAP: See Community and Culture Development</i></li> </ul>
<b>Top priorities within 'Environmental Development' as identified by the electronic voting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two most important priorities in both Mid Argyll and Kintyre are 'Roads and transport' and 'Access to the environment'.</li> <li>• Very little support for Gaelic recorded (but it is not clear why Gaelic was included under this heading)</li> </ul>

<b>Actions set out in Local Area Community Plan</b>	<b>Related National Outcome</b>	<b>Issues raised at local event</b>	<b>Related National Outcome</b>
Ensure that partnership working is undertaken to tackle environmental issues such as fly tipping, litter, dog fouling and noise pollution	15, 12	Action AGREES with: streetscape / Streetscene issues mentioned, relating to litter, fly tipping, dog fouling and chewing gum on pavements	12
		<i>MISMATCH: support wind farms; renewable energy; but note comment elsewhere about inconclusiveness of discussion about renewables (OVERLAP see: Economic Development)</i>	14
		<i>OVERLAP: Roads infrastructure and condition also covered in discussions under this heading / outcomes (see economic development)</i>	2, 10, 14
		<i>OVERLAP: Need for new seafront in Ardrishaig raised under this heading (see Economic Development)</i>	10, 12
		MISMATCH: Community use of land for allotments, market gardens supported; support for community composting; support for farmers and farmers' markets.	11

Actions set out in Local Area Community Plan	Related National Outcome	Issues raised at local event	Related National Outcome
		MISMATCH: disrepair of buildings raised as an environmental issue	12
		MISMATCH: need better recycling facilities	14
		<i>MISMATCH: Marketing needs to be improved and there needs to be development of...: improve marketing to attract tourists; improve links between culture and environment; develop ecotourism. (OVERLAP: These comments complement those re tourism under 'Community and Culture Development')</i>	2
		MISMATCH: There is a role for education in promoting environment, heritage etc; needs to be built into the curriculum	4, 12
		<i>MISMATCH: A number of transport / pedestrian issues raised under this heading. (OVERLAP: See economic development for all transport issues)</i>	14
		MISMATCH: upkeep of roadsides needs to be done sympathetically (grass cutting for look and safety)	14

	<p>Other COMMENTS that don't sit under any of the themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Need to reduce packaging</li><li>• Stop junk mail</li><li>• Need to secure long-term funding; where funding is given, this needs to be appropriate, accountable and proportional</li><li>• Comments were made about the work of the Third Sector, but the report does not make clear the message that was being conveyed</li><li>• concern that priorities had been developed before consultation took place (generated comments from about a quarter of participants)</li><li>• failure to engage with the islands</li><li>• concern re the 'top down' approach being adopted by Argyll and Bute Council</li><li>• desire for acknowledgement of existence of community development plans</li><li>• public toilets need to be open in the evening</li></ul>
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