



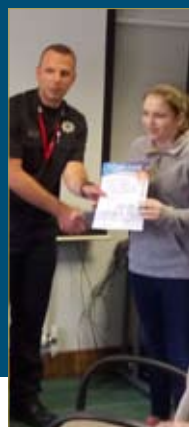
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## Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

### Annual Report 2016 - 2017

Argyll and Bute  
Outcome Improvement Plan  
2013 - 2023



*Argyll and Bute's economic success is built on a growing population*

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## Foreword by Councillor Aileen Morton

I'm delighted to introduce the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership Annual Report for 2016-2017. As in previous years, you will find a report packed full of evidence of the very real successes that partnership working is bringing to people and communities across Argyll and Bute.

Here in Argyll and Bute we often say that we do working together really well. And we do – for good reason. With public resources reducing, community aspirations and expectations changing, needs developing and services evolving to adapt, partnership working has never been more important.

By working together as effectively and positively as we possibly can, we stand the best chance of rising to the challenges that each of our organisations faces, individually and collectively. We can explore and find ways, together, of adapting, innovating and transforming to ensure that we're all in a position to continue doing business in these changing and challenging times. We can learn from each other and we can share in success – knowing that the real winners will be the people in the communities we are all privileged to serve.

We are all aware of today's rapidly shifting and challenging climate and each Community Planning Partner organisation has seen significant changes in recent years. Continuing to engage with our local

communities is crucial while those changes take place – especially as our engagement with them needs to match the pace of their own changing aspirations. That's a key area for Community Planning Partnerships across Scotland – they have a very significant role to play in supporting and developing the evolving expectations and needs of empowered communities in the 21st century political and democratic landscape.

A major part of our success in partnership working is down to the quality of the relationships we build here in Argyll and Bute. As Community Planning Partners we're all very proactive about keeping in touch - including outside the formal CPP meetings programme. We meet together, we'll touch base about particular issues of interest or concern, we'll share knowledge or we'll simply take time to catch up – and all that effort is focused on building and maintaining a strong, positive and successful partnership which delivers for Argyll and Bute.

We believe we have that in place – and, as you turn the pages of this report, you'll find for yourself many examples to back it up. However, while we're rightly proud of our strong track record in partnership working, we won't take it for granted. We know that in order to achieve Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership's shared goal of a thriving local economy built on a growing population, we must do more than keep on working

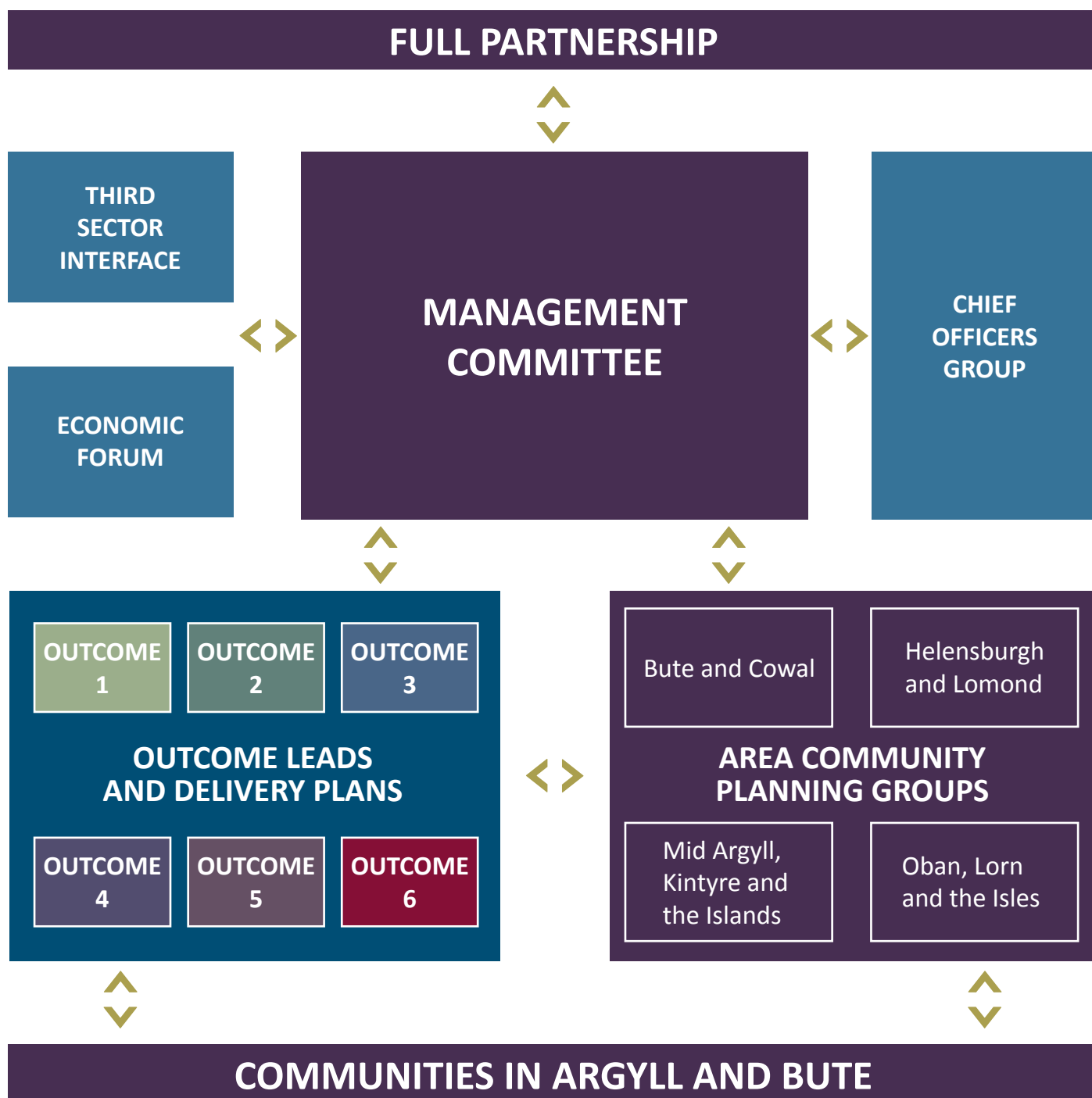


*Councillor Aileen Morton,  
Leader,  
Argyll and Bute Council*

together and talking together. We need to keep building up, building out and moving forward – constantly striving for success and strength, in partnership.



# Community Planning in Argyll and Bute



- Outcome 1** The economy is diverse and thriving
- Outcome 2** We have infrastructure which supports sustainable growth
- Outcome 3** Education, skills and training maximises opportunities for all
- Outcome 4** Children and young people have the best possible start
- Outcome 5** People live active, healthier and independent lives
- Outcome 6** People live in safer and stronger communities



## Overarching aim:

### Argyll and Bute's economic success is built on a growing population

The main purpose of the Community Planning Partnership in Argyll and Bute is to address population decline and the CPP is working together on a range of outcomes to make Argyll and Bute an attractive place to live, work, visit, learn and do business in.

The National Records of Scotland figures show that the area's population grew by 240 (0.3%) people over the year to the end of June 2016 to 87,130.

#### Rural Resettlement Fund

Argyll and Bute has a unique local economy and one that has much to contribute to Scotland's long-term economic growth and security. The Council's Rural Resettlement Fund (RRF) provides grants to eligible employers, self-employed people and new residents to assist with some of the expenses associated with relocating businesses or taking up employment within Argyll and Bute.

The Economic Growth section of the Council's Economic Development and Strategic Transportation service is responsible for disseminating the Rural Resettlement Fund which was launched on 31st October 2016 during Argyll Enterprise Week.

By the end of the financial year 2016-2017, a total of 24 new residents relocated to Argyll and Bute; 15 adults and 9 children. A summary of RRF applications during 2016-2017 is presented in the table below.



#### Summary of Rural Resettlement Fund applications – 2016 - 2017

RRF Applications	Received	Approved	Withdrawn	Rejected	Grant Awarded
Personal	13	7	2	4	£31,078.03
Self-employed	2	2	0	0	£10,000.00
Business	0	0	0	0	£0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>£41,078.03</b>

For more information on the Rural Resettlement Fund see [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/rrf](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/rrf), email: [rrf@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:rrf@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or tel: 01546 605522

# The economy is diverse and thriving

### Projects include...

Opportunities in the maritime industry sector - development of the Oban Maritime Quarter

Supporting entrepreneurship - Argyll Enterprise Week, Inspire, Inform, Connect

Promoting Argyll and Bute's links to the Central Belt

### Key Statistics

- 116 business start-ups supported
- 86% survival rate for businesses at 12 months
- 149 FTE jobs created through business start-ups
- 1,124,000 visitors came to Argyll and Bute
- £310,000,000 was spent by visitors in Argyll and Bute

### Opportunities in the maritime industry sector - development of the Oban Maritime Quarter

The Crown Estate report published in December 2016 identified that there are significant opportunities for growth in the marine tourism sector around the Argyll and Bute coast. They stated that there is the potential to offer another 120 berths on the Clyde Coast and 300 berths between Crinan and Connel. The report also advised that development in Oban would unlock growth on the whole west coast bringing benefits to southern parts of Argyll and North into Lochaber.

Argyll and Bute Council, HIE and the Capital Regeneration Fund provided £2.5m to construct a 36-finger berth visiting boat facility located to the north of Oban's North Pier, providing direct access to the town. This is the first development phase of the "Oban Maritime Quarter" with the second being a maritime visitor facility. This project forms part of the CHORD (Campbeltown, Helensburgh, Oban, Rothesay and Dunoon) town centre regeneration programme and builds on Oban's key advantage as a strategic central pivot to the west coast economy and in particular the marine tourism sector.



## Supporting entrepreneurship - Argyll Enterprise Week, Inspire, Inform, Connect:

Argyll Enterprise Week was a partnership project delivered by Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway Service. The pilot took place at various venues around Oban between 31 October and 4 November 2016. The aim of the week was to promote and support entrepreneurship by providing -

- case study showing the success that peers had achieved
- learning and information on the support provided by a raft of agencies
- networking and mentoring opportunities

These goals were achieved by delivering a range of enterprise related activities including a business support trade fair, workshops, seminars, guest speakers, business competitions, one to one advice, demonstrations, networking and best practice sharing.

More than 400 participants representing at least 150 businesses or organisations took part in events across the week. Attendees came from across the area including Bute, Dunoon and Tiree. There were 29 workshops, seminars and discussions on topics such as cyber security, women in business, knowing your food and drink market, adventure tourism and funding sources.

In feedback, 95% of respondents confirmed they had learnt something new, 97% said they had made new connections and 96% said they had been inspired by the event. The organisers launched a short online survey to gather ideas and preferences to shape potential future Argyll Enterprise Week activity. That feedback, used to shape AEW 2017, was to increase the spread of workshops across the region, increase opportunities for informal networking and hear more from people who have made a real success of their business in Argyll and Bute.

## Promoting Argyll and Bute's links to the Central Belt

A public and private sector partnership has supported Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative's Wild about Argyll Campaign. The campaign's aim was to reposition Argyll and the Isles as a premier outdoor adventure destination.

The campaign, which ran for 12 months, had a primary aim of targeting adventure seekers in the central belt, as it was recognised that Argyll's proximity was close enough for people to decide spontaneously to make day and short trips to the area.

Funding of £20,000 from Argyll and Bute Council, complemented by funding from AITC members, was matched by a bid to VisitScotland's growth fund. This enabled a £80,000 campaign to be built around a series of videos, featuring adventurer and broadcaster Mark Beaumont, to be used as part of an online and cinema advertising campaign. The videos had been produced through support by local businesses, destination marketing organisations and agencies, many of whom paid for specific edits.

The main video was given a high-profile launch in Glasgow early in 2017 and HIE supported an appraisal of the Argyll adventure product. One of the videos focuses on the close proximity between Argyll and Bute and the Central Belt – with the caption, 'just a stone's throw away'.

[www.wildaboutargyll.co.uk/](http://www.wildaboutargyll.co.uk/)



### Projects include...

Simplified Planning Zones Project

Masterplanning for Business Growth – Kilmory

Dunbeg Masterplan Partnership

### Key Achievements

- 66.8% of premises in Argyll and Bute have access to superfast broadband
- 154 affordable social sector new builds completed
- 29% of geographical space in Argyll and Bute has access to 4G mobile

### Simplified Planning Zones Project

The opportunity was offered by the Scottish Government with the ongoing planning review through taking forward a pilot of Simplified Planning Zones (SPZ) for housing. This was an exciting opportunity to be engaged in improving the planning process. Argyll and Bute Council was successful in its bid to the Scottish Government for funding to develop Simplified Planning Zones. The aim of the pilot was to explore how SPZs could be used in a variety of contexts including to:

- Support remote and rural communities
- Promote diversification of housing types and supply, and innovative housing delivery, through self and custom build; and
- Support inward investment and economic activity.

The Argyll and Bute proposal encompasses two sites: one in Lochgilphead on brownfield land and one in Mull which is green field with private sector investment. The mainland and island approach allows us to test the concept in different situations and to explore a range of different issues.

Taking part in this pilot was seen as offering an opportunity for further improvement of the planning service provided in Argyll and Bute in a number of areas as follows:

- Enhancing staff knowledge of the planning legislative processes.
- Actively involving officers in planning research work that will feed into improving the planning system in Scotland. This will assist with the evolution of the SPZ process.
- An opportunity to explore innovative methods of community engagement which may be of use in future consultations in the area.
- Improve delivery of custom/self-build housing in the area by demonstrating an innovative way of assisting the delivery of homes in a flexible and simplified manner for the self-builder.
- The pilot is looking at new ways to provide infrastructure through servicing plots for self/custom build.
- The existing Sustainable Design Guides will be integral to the process. Promoting good design and creating place will be central to this project.
- Help develop good practice in terms of dealing with island related issues.





## Masterplanning for Business Growth – Kilmory

Lochgilphead is located centrally within Argyll and Bute on the arterial A83 trunk road route. In addition to being the Council's headquarters, the town is the focus of retail, business, industry, health services, and community facilities for the Mid Argyll area.

The Kilmory Park site relates to an undeveloped area of almost 15.5ha to the South of Lochgilphead which is part owned by the Council with the remaining land in the ownership of MacLeod Construction Ltd, a private developer. The land is identified in the Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan 2015 as allocations for both Business and Industry, and Community Facility development and is identified as a strategically important site for promotion and realisation of sustainable economic growth.

The masterplan was commissioned by MacLeod Construction Ltd with match funding support from Argyll and Bute Council and HIE. The aim was to provide a clear vision for the future development of the site and was intended to be sufficiently detailed to show a clear understanding of the constraints of the area whilst maximising the opportunities for sustainable development and its relationship with Lochgilphead and the surrounding area.

The submitted masterplan proposes to divide Kilmory Park into five zones which are brought together through a network of roads, structured landscaping and a design code providing synergy between the zones.

The masterplan proposals were developed with representatives from across the Council's Development & Infrastructure Services Department and external agencies, including Development Policy, the Local Biodiversity Officer, Public Protection, Roads & Amenity Services, Scottish Natural Heritage and the West of Scotland Archaeology Service. Working in partnership with the project architects has included input toward the scoping of the project, identification of constraints, site analysis and resolution of conflicts/development of solutions as the project progressed.

The masterplan document was formally considered and endorsed by the Council's Planning, Protective Services, and Licensing Committee at their meeting in March 2016 and accordingly requires to be given appropriate weight as a material planning consideration in the determination of any future planning applications.

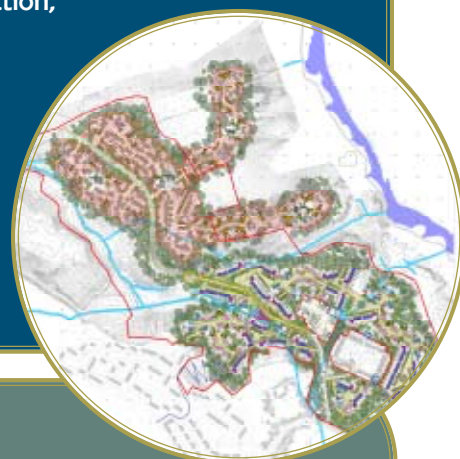


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## Dunbeg Masterplan Partnership

As part of the "Lorn Arc" proposals to deliver strategic scale development in the Oban area, Argyll and Bute Council, working in close collaboration with other internal and external stakeholders, endorsed a Masterplan for 605 dwellings and mixed commercial and business area on land between Ganavan and Dunbeg together with necessary roads infrastructure improvements.

Development of the Masterplan to the stage where it has obtained Council endorsement and has become a significant material planning consideration is the result of the setting up of a delivery framework involving the applicants, local councillors and external agencies to drive the project forward in a collaborative manner in accordance with agreed strategic objectives. Local members and a wide range of internal and external stakeholders sit on strategic and operational boards which have been set up to assist delivery of this development. These boards meet on a regular basis to provide overview and opportunity for detailed discussions. This has enabled constructive engagement between all parties in moving the masterplan forward and should ensure a similarly collaborative approach to envisaged future planning applications. In addition, the partnership has engaged with Scottish Government and Highland and Islands Enterprise with a view to potentially joint funding the up-front infrastructure which will be key to unlocking this development.

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/news/2017/may/major-masterplan-approved-dunbeg>  
<https://linkhousing.org.uk/news-resources/latest-news/dunbeg-masterplan-of-600-affordable-homes-approved/>

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## Projects include...

Springboard

GIVE Project

Growing Our Own  
– Create  
Opportunities for  
Young People to Enter  
the Public Sector

## Key Achievements

- 94.2% of 16-19 year olds were in education, employment or training/ personal development
- 78% of Primary 1 children are achieving Curriculum for Excellence early level in literacy - reading
- 75% of Primary 4 children are achieving Curriculum for Excellence first level in literacy – listening/talking
- 74% of Primary 7 children are achieving Curriculum for Excellence second level in literacy - reading
- 88% of S3 children are achieving Curriculum for Excellence third level in literacy – writing English

## Springboard

Department of Work and Pensions ran a course in conjunction with Springboard UK from February – April 2017. This course was an Introduction to Hospitality and was intended for candidates who had 2 or more barriers to work and was held 2 days a week over 10 weeks. Skills Development Scotland were also involved.

The course, funded by the National Third Sector Fund, is based at stage 2 level and provided a mix of classroom and practical training as well as a number of visits to employers. Workshops were held at Argyll College on cookery as well as other presentations covering topics as diverse as CVs, interview skills, confidence building, time management. Candidates were also taught how to make a personal presentation, eating out skills, how to design a restaurant, plan events and prepare cocktails.

Six candidates graduated from the course and feedback from them, trainers and employers was very positive. To date, 3 of these candidates have chosen to pursue further education via Argyll College and a further 2 are in full time work as a result of the course.





## GIVE Project

The Council's youth services team ran their annual summer holiday programme around a theme of volunteering so rather than simply putting on trips and outings as usual they linked the trips to volunteering projects.

This was done across Argyll & Bute. In Helensburgh & Lomond, the Council and the TSI worked together on the project and consequently it had by far the most successful uptake and extensive range of volunteer projects.

Fifty two young people were involved in 9 volunteer projects for which they earned ABC points that earned them trips and they also earned Saltire hours – completing 522 Saltire hours during the 5 week programme.

Part of the success was that alongside traditional volunteer projects like clearing an area of Hermitage Park, training sessions were run, including Dementia Friendly and Heartstart training. There was also a session looking at a consultation around police stop and search and an intergeneration project supporting a Grey Matters tea party.

An award night was held at which around 60-70 young people, family, friends and guests attended. Saltire awards, Dementia Friendly certificate and Heartstart certificates were given out.

Due to the success in the summer and the interest shown in volunteering by the young people, the GIVE project continued throughout the academic year.

It is a great example of a successful partnership between the TSI, Argyll & Bute Council, the Fire Service and Third Sector organisations like the Dementia Resource Centre, Helensburgh Foodbank and Friends of Hermitage Park.





## Growing Our Own – Create Opportunities for Young People to Enter the Public Sector

Growing our Own is Argyll and Bute Council's workforce development scheme which has been established to develop an all-encompassing approach to employee attraction, development and retention. It aims to ensure that we are not only providing a number of opportunities for young people to gain further qualifications through a work based learning approach within the local area but also provides a platform for attracting young qualified graduates into the area.



It also ensures that development opportunities are provided to existing employees to continue lifelong learning and to ensure they reach their full potential. As part of its Growing Our Own initiative, Argyll and Bute Council has in place a successful Modern Apprenticeship Programme which to date has offered opportunities for over 30 young people to join the workforce and undertake an industry recognised qualification as well as gaining key work experience which provides them with great opportunities on completion of their apprenticeship both within the Council, the wider public sector and the private sector.







### Projects include...

Partnership Stories from a Personal Perspective  
Community Childminding – My Experience as a Childminder

Early Years Service

Military Covenant

### Key Achievements

- 76.8% of Primary 1 children have a healthy weight
- 14,122 children and young people live in Argyll and Bute – an increase of 655 from 2015
- 100% of care establishments graded good or very good

### Partnership Stories from a Personal Perspective Community Childminding – My Experience as a Childminder

A social worker or health worker usually requests a placement for community childminding and the coordinator of the service subsequently contacts me with the referral details. One particular referral was requested by the health visitor for a 21 month old child called Amy\*. The family consisted of Mum and Dad who were both very young, inexperienced parents and the household was very chaotic. One full day was requested to give Mum time to catch up on routine chores. Socialisation was also required for Amy. She was not thought to be at risk at that time although there was social work involvement.

Amy settled well and she was able to participate in various stimulating activities and learning experiences which she wouldn't have had access to at home. Her social skills improved and she interacted well with two other children of the same age, always showing excitement when she met with them. However, I did notice that her speech wasn't developing as quickly as expected. To communicate she would prod me and point to something rather than speak. She often didn't respond when being spoken to and I suspected that she had a hearing problem and I spoke to Mum and the health visitor about this. Amy's speech has now improved after it was established that she did have impaired hearing that was treatable.

When she first started with me she was a quiet, subdued child but over time her confidence grew and she seemed much happier. I was able to provide her with a safe, secure environment with a set routine at a time when the family was going through a difficult period. I was also able to assess and promote all areas of her development. This particular case was difficult at times but I felt I had the support of the community childminding coordinator, health visitor and social worker when required.

Occasionally I see Amy and her mum and it is pleasing to see how Amy has progressed. I still have a good relationship with Mum who always gives me an update on how they are getting along. I think the most rewarding aspect about my role as a community childminder is knowing that I have been able to have a positive influence on a child's early formative years.

\*(name changed for confidentiality reasons)





## Early Years Service

Eilidh\* was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) at the age of three. She has a very supportive Mum and brother who supported Eilidh's communication in the early years. As a two year old she was unable to leave the house due to sound sensitivity, the sound of bird song terrified her. She had mobility issues and communication skills did not develop. Mum discovered that she loved music and songs so on the advice of her Speech and Language Therapist began to sing constantly to her. Repeating the songs she particularly loved and then asking Eilidh to make a sound when she left out the last word of a line. These sounds gradually developed into words. This love of music was supported by an incredible nursery and Additional Support Needs personnel. This nursery and a team of professionals including teachers, health visitors, physiotherapists and social workers worked closely with Mum to support every aspect of Eilidh's development. Today Eilidh dances and sings full songs. She can hold a conversation, has learned to express how she is feeling before becoming too upset and can respond to logic and reasoning. She has started mainstream school and with support is accessing the new P1 curriculum. There are still challenges that Eilidh and her family face. These will be lifelong. In the meantime as Eilidh starts her school journey she is being supported by a loving family and a team of professionals all committed to ensuring she fulfils her full potential.

\*(name changed to maintain confidentiality)

## Military Covenant

Her Majesty's Naval Base (HMNB) Clyde, situated in the Helensburgh and Lomond area of Argyll & Bute, is home to the Royal Navy Submarine Service and also 43 Commando Royal Marines. As a result schools in Helensburgh and Lomond have a large number (approximately 800) children and young people from Armed Forces families.

Key local organisations have been brought together by the Council in the Argyll and Bute Community Covenant Partnership to share knowledge, experience, expertise and to give active and positive support to the armed forces community. The partnership follow the aims of the Armed Forces Covenant which are to:

- Encourage local communities to support the armed forces community in the local area and to nurture public understanding and awareness among the public of issues affecting the armed forces community.
- Recognise and remember the sacrifices faced by the armed forces community
- Encourage activities which help to integrate the armed forces community into local life
- Encourage the armed forces community to help and support the wider community, whether through participation in events and joint projects, or other forms of engagement.

Children and young people from Armed Forces families can experience challenges that their civilian counterparts may not. They regularly are without a parent during deployments which can last up to 9 months and can be without any communication or knowledge of where the submarine is. Mobility within the Services also means children and young people change schools and geographical locations more frequently. The covenant focuses on the family as a whole and looks to ensure that teaching staff are aware of the issues faced by children from Armed Forces through training opportunities and their close links to the community.

The partnership considers local applications for funding under the Community Covenant Grant Scheme. Successful applications in 2016-2017 were:

- B.A.S.I.C. crèche and play centre
- Project 81 Youth and community centre – enhanced provision for Armed Forces families
- Bute Advice Centre – Support to military veterans
- The Scottish Submarine Trust – upgrade to heating system
- Rosneath Peninsula West CDT – play park facilities
- The Tower digital arts centre – Faslane cinema audio system

### Projects include...

1000 Voices project

Living Well Physical  
Activity  
Co-ordinator

Act Hubs

Falls Prevention

### Key Achievements

- Achieved uptake of 86% for free primary meals
- 723 enhanced telecare packages in place an increase from last year
- 857 Alcohol Brief Interventions were carried out
- 75% of older people receive care in the community

Photo by Paul Paterson





## 1000 Voices Project

The growth and development of the 1000 Voices Project was fast, (an Argyll & Bute TSI project jointly funded by Big Lottery and NHS), as we quickly uncovered greater need and desire to engage in rural and remote communities. This led to a number of rural areas having regular support, social activities that combat much of the rural 'hidden loneliness' that exists, developed with skills and enthusiasm of staff. Greater emphasis on intergenerational or "themed" groups were requested and championed. The ghettoisation of older people was challenged repeatedly, and the notion of one homogeneous group of "old" people has been considered anachronistic. For example, walking groups, IT classes, Men's Sheds etc, have themes which unite participants irrespective of age.

The geography of Argyll & Bute is an ever-present challenge, together with inadequate transportation. Such issues still present recognisable barriers for us to address: currently we work with local transport providers, link with existing services, work with self-drive hire providers and utilise volunteer drivers to address concerns.

More outdoor pursuits have been requested, with 'sports' and trips highlighted as remedy to social isolation and loneliness: we are addressing requests locally throughout Argyll & Bute. This helps people keep active, and mobile and ultimately contributes to their ability to remain living in their own homes.

Participants directing and organising services allows the project to stretch further and deliver more efficient outcomes: supporting people to take control of activities and groups promotes participant "ownership" and creates a tailored delivery eg seniors forums deciding where to expend their energies and on which topics to campaign; men's sheds designed for and by participants.

Over 7,000 opportunities have been accessed by older people across Argyll & Bute through 1,000 Voices and the project is well exceeding its targets.

Findings are shared with partners; with updates to Community Planning Partnership and Health and Social Care Partnership. As a user-lead project, all monitoring and evaluation shapes future delivery now as we enter the second year of the project.







## Living Well Physical Activity Co-ordinator

An application for funding from the Integrated Care Fund (ICF) was submitted for a three year funded post for a Living Well Physical Activity Co-ordinator (LPC) in the Helensburgh and Lomond area. The LPC came into post in September 2016 and has been working in partnership with NHS and Third Sector agencies to great success to introduce physical activity programmes into the community.

Since coming into post, the LPC has:

- Taken over the management and administration of the Argyll Active programme, increased the lines of communication with clients, created links with private and voluntary agencies to increase the scope of physical activity that can be offered and introduced baseline testing and motivational interviewing techniques to show client progression. This uptake and adherence has increased to 54% in line with national averages.
- Taken over the management and administration of the Stage 1 falls prevention classes from the NHS, created strong working relationships with the Physiotherapy and Occupational therapy departments, increased uptake and adherence among participants and made sure classes are running at capacity.
- Implemented a Stage 2 falls prevention class for over 65s that are independently mobile. This was done with the help of trained leisure services staff.
- Worked in conjunction with the physiotherapy department to establish protocols for injury rehabilitation within the community setting.

Next stages of work are:

- Work with the dietetics team to establish physical activity components for children and adult weight management programmes.
- Work with the Technology enabled care team on the using the Flo text messaging service for programme adherence.

## Act Hubs

Act Hubs is an exciting, year-long, project led by Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust (Act) that began in Spring 2017. Act Hubs aims to help communities across Argyll and the Isles to develop projects that will enhance tourism and generate income in the local area whilst encouraging people to explore their natural environment.

The Act Hubs project team are working with community groups to help transform great ideas in to ready-to-go projects. The support offered to communities includes assistance to define project goals, calculate project costs, identify and apply for appropriate funding and seek expert advice, amongst other tasks which will help prepare projects for delivery.

One example of a project is to promote walking routes in Argyll's Secret Coast in Cowal. Act Hubs is supporting a partnership of community groups to promote and improve their local path network. The community aims to produce a promotional leaflet to illustrate maps and descriptions of local walks and to encourage more people to explore the area. The community also wants to encourage people to volunteer their time to help with marking and maintaining the paths to make them more accessible to residents and visitors. Act Hubs is facilitating the partnership project which involves a variety of groups including Tighnabruaich District Development Trust, Kilfinan Community Forest and Tighnabruaich Primary School.

Act Hubs is jointly funded by Act, the Scottish Government and the European Community Argyll and the Islands LEADER 2014-2020 programme.

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## Projects include...

Community Resilience

Motorcycle Road Safety Operation

## Key Achievements

- 3 anti-social behavioural cases were subject to a multi-agency tasking group, a reduction from 28 in the previous year
- There were 51 group 1 crimes of violence, a reduction from 87 in the previous year
- The number of domestic abuse incidents resulting in a crime or offence reduced to 433
- The number of doorstep/bogus crimes reduced to 4

## Community Resilience

Taynuilt Community Council were one of the first to produce a Community Emergency Plan, and when submitted to the Council they were given their Emergency Kit Bag. Their plan looks at everything from a major incident at the Primary School to a train derailment.

Over the last few years they have continued to look at and improve their resilience in the village of Taynuilt.

In the last couple of years they have funded Red Cross first aid training in the village, also provided workplace first aid training, provided a defibrillator and recorded its location with the Scottish Ambulance service.

The Chair of the Taynuilt Community Council, recently contacted the Civil Contingencies Unit to ask for advice on securing a generator for the Taynuilt Village Hall. The appropriate forms were submitted, and subsequently they are now having a connection fitted to the hall, in preparation of a generator being required. They are also now on the Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks list of priority premises for the provision of an emergency generator in a power outage.

Fortunately the Taynuilt plan has never been activated, but should the situation ever arise in the future this community are extremely well prepared.

Argyll and Bute Civil Contingencies Unit continues to work with all Community Councils to promote the importance of good local Community Resilience arrangements. Currently 26 have submitted Community Resilience Plans to the Council and 9 are working on their Plan with a view to submitting one in the very near future.





## Motorcycle Road Safety Operation

The annual motorcycle road safety operation this year has included high profile safety events in partnership with motorcycle manufacturers, Scottish Fire and Rescue, Argyll and Bute Council and BEAR Scotland. Events have included ride out days at the Green Welly at Tyndrum, and most notable the annual launch of the Scottish Biker Safety Magazine, once again at Inveraray on 20 March.

This event was well received by over 1,500 motorcyclists who came from all over Scotland and abroad. On the day they were treated to discussion and demonstrations on road safety and first aid. It also gave them the opportunity to sign up with specialist driving providers such as the Institute of Advanced Motoring. It also let riders see first hand the type of technology available for detection purposes and to provide a real view as to the dangers of misuse of Argyll and Bute's road network.



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## Falls Prevention

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) work with our partners to improve the safety and well-being of the people in our communities. One of our new partnership working arrangements centres on 'Falls Prevention' and assisting our colleagues in the Health and Social Care Partnership to reduce the potential for a fall before it happens.

SFRS engage with our communities on a daily basis delivering our fire safety message through 'Home Fire Safety Visits'. This allows direct access to people in their home and the opportunity to provide additional information of the services available from our partners dealing with the prevention and management of falls.

Our Community Action Team received a presentation from a Physiotherapist which gave information on the people who fall, cost implications and details of the types of injury sustained. This information allowed us to understand the need to prevent falls, and appreciate the role we can have.

During a Home Fire Safety Visit, where a householder indicates that they have had a fall, an injury or functional decline caused by a fall, our Community Action Team will encourage the householder to self-refer. A referral from a team member can be initiated if they receive permission from the householder.

A pilot project in the Oban area and the Isle of Bute commenced in August 2016. Outwith these areas, our Community Action Team can recommend local community health facilities to members of the community for falls prevention information and advice if required.

Our partnership working has been improved through the pilot project. During the set-up of the pilot it became apparent that there are local falls classes in the community that assist people to remain active. Regular activity helps to strengthen muscles and may improve balance, stamina and flexibility. This all helps to reduce the risk of falling. We now have a pilot project with the local falls classes in the Helensburgh area where we deliver a presentation on 'Risk and Hazards in the Home' and offer a Home Fire Safety Visit.





# Argyll and Bute CPP Partner Organisations



**SCOTTISH**  
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE  
Working together for a safer Scotland



University of the  
Highlands and Islands  
Argyll College

Oilthigh na Gàidhealtachd  
agus nan Eilean  
Colaiste Earra-Ghàidheil



**Scottish Natural Heritage**  
Dualchas Nàdair na h-Alba  
All of nature for all of Scotland  
Nàdair air fad airson Alba air fad



Argyll and Bute Council

[www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk)

Police Scotland

[www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk)

Highlands and Islands Enterprise

[www.hie.co.uk](http://www.hie.co.uk)

NHS Highland

[www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk)

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

[www.firescotland.gov.uk](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk)

University of the Highlands and Islands

[www.uhi.ac.uk](http://www.uhi.ac.uk)

Scottish Natural Heritage

[www.snh.gov.uk](http://www.snh.gov.uk)

Skills Development Scotland

[www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk](http://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk)

Scottish Enterprise

[www.scottish-enterprise.com](http://www.scottish-enterprise.com)

Argyll and Bute TSI

[www.argyllcommunities.org](http://www.argyllcommunities.org)





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The SOA Annual Report is a review of partnership working towards the ambition of the SOA. For more details of the delivery plans for 2016 - 2017 please refer to this document on our website. For more information about what individual partners are doing in Argyll and Bute, please refer to the websites of our partners.

[www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/community-planning-partnership](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/community-planning-partnership)