

Play Park Update:

In August 2022, the Scottish Government confirmed a full 5 year funding package to all Scottish Local Authorities from 2020/21 through to 2025/26. Argyll and Bute Council will receive a total of £938k for Play Park funding. All Scottish Councils have received funding through the Capital Allocation for Renewal of Play Parks Fund for investment in play park equipment.

The Scottish Government commitment was to ensure that all children have access to quality play in their own community and the budget was specific in that the funding was for renewing existing play parks.

A consultation to ascertain community priorities for play parks took place, with online engagement for adults and young people, closing on Friday 14 July 2023 with the following responses:-

- 1054 Adult Responses
- 408 Young People Responses

The rate of response is considered to be a remarkable return for the play park engagement process, highlighting the importance play parks have within our communities, with summary responses identifying what local communities have identified as their priorities for play park users in regards to:

- Health and Safety (i.e. fencing and groundworks)
- Equal Access for all
- Equipment renewal/replacement

From this detail, it is then envisaged that funding can be allocated for specific Play Parks by each Area Committee according to requirements and responses from the engagement process.

The below table highlights the funding split for each area as well as the number of play parks per area. As per previous EDI Committee agreement, funding has been indicatively divided at £33,500 per play park. This can be amended by the local Area Committee once the engagement process has been fully reviewed.

Area	No. of Play Parks	Funding Total
Helensburgh and Lomond	11	£368,500

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands	11	£368,500
Bute and Cowal	5	£167,500
Oban Lorn and the Isles	1	£33,500

It is proposed that external procurement of equipment is installed, where possible, in-house and supported by specialist external local and national businesses. This will help to ensure the programme of play park equipment is delivered.

Proposed Timeline:

Action	Timescale
Engagement with Community Councils and Education Department	Commenced March-May 2023
Engagement with Disability Forums	Expected to commence Autumn – Winter 2023
Procurement process which may need to include a mixed model delivery of the equipment and fitting and depends on tender bids (which will last in the region of 8 – 12 weeks)	Expected to commence early 2024
Installations	Expected to commence Spring 2024 (dependent on procurement process as above)

For full details of the process see:

Play Park Funding – Update Report No 2, Environment, Development And Infrastructure Committee Road And Infrastructure 31 August 2023, link below:

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s198570/PLAY%20PARK%20FUNDING%20UPDATE%20REPORT%20NO%202.pdf>

All works are within the agreed parameters of for children between 0-14yrs as well as inclusive equipment where requested.

AREA	PLAY PARK	Completed/In progress/Works to be started	Details	Allocation of funding based on estimated costs.
Mull	Tobermory	Completed	Renewed equipment and included a woodland multiplay unit which was asked for by the local parents association.	£33.5k and an additional match funding from Community Benefits of £24k
Bute and Cowal Total Budget £167,500	Meadows	Completed	Included a wheelchair accessible roundabout and improved groundwork	£25k
	Port Bannatyne	Completed	Included a wheelchair accessible roundabout and improved groundwork	£30k
	Sandbank	Works yet to be started	Agreement reached with local community council and tender will be progressed shortly	£30k
	Glen Morag	Works yet to be started	Agreement reached with local community council and tender will be progressed shortly	£40k
	Dunoon Skate Park	Works yet to be started	Skate Parks will be looked at as the final stage of this project.	£25k
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Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Total Budget £368,500	Ardrishaig KGV Play park	Works yet to be started	In communication with local organisation looking to develop the area further, on hold whilst agreement is reached for this work	£33k

Bayview (Ardishaig)	Works yet to be started	Await above works and run both play park tenders together.	£25k
Tarbert Play Park	Completed	Fully developed a new play park	Already has £80k for new play park and will be supplemented by £20k funding from the Scottish Govt Funding.
Kinloch	Play park was removed as another play park was within 150metres and funding used elsewhere in Campbeltown on the other play parks.		£5k
Lochend Play Park	Completed		£33k
Hillside	Completed		£33k
Meadows	Completed		£50k
Stewarton	Completed		£20k
Jock's Boat	Completed		£50k
Bengullion Road Skate Park	Works yet to be started	Skate Parks will be looked at as the final stage of this project.	£10k
Ramsay Hill, Port Ellen	Initial works in progress		£30k – in partnership with South Islay Development who are part funding the movement and refitting of the play park nearby.

AREA	PLAY PARK	Completed/In progress/Works to be started	Details	Allocation of funding based on <u>estimated</u> costs.
Helensburgh and Lomond Total budget £368,500	Hermitage	Tender for works out at present		£30k
	Kirkmichael	Tender for works out at present		£25k
	Red Guantlet	Tender for works out at present		£20k
	Arrochar	Works yet to be started	Agreement being finalised with local community group and Community Council	£40k
	Bendarroch	Tender for works out at present		£40k
	Howie	Tender for works out at present		£40k
	Kidston	Tender for works out at present		£20k
	Kilcreggan/Cove	Tender for works out at present		£40k
	Rhu	Tender for works out at present		£50k
	Tarbet	Works yet to be started	Agreement still to be finalised with local community group and Community Council	£20k
	Cardross	Tender for works out at present		£15k