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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held by **MICROSOFT TEAMS** on **TUESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2026 at 10:00 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

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Executive Director

BUSINESS

- 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
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- 4. COMMUNITY FOCUS** (Pages 11 - 12)
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- 6. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE** (Pages 27 - 30)
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- 7. ARGYLL AND BUTE OUTCOMES AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN - PRIORITIES UPDATE**

Presentation by Community Planning Team, Argyll and Bute Council.

8. UPDATE ON ASPIRING PLACES: COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN ARGYLL AND BUTE (Pages 31 - 38)

Report by Corporate Support Manager, Argyll and Bute Council.

9. CRIMESTOPPERS AND COMMUNITY INTELLIGENCE

Presentation by Police Scotland.

10. PARTNER UPDATES

- (a) Police Scotland (Pages 39 - 44)
- (b) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (Pages 45 - 52)
- (c) Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau (Pages 53 - 56)
- (d) Public Health (Pages 57 - 64)
- (e) Transport Scotland (Pages 65 - 68)
- (f) Opportunity for Verbal Updates

11. CLIMATE CHANGE

- (a) Argyll and Bute Climate Action: developing a Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan for Argyll and Bute (Pages 69 - 82)

Presentation by Climate Change Project Manager, Argyll & the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust

- (b) Opportunity for verbal updates on community based initiatives

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 28 April 2026.

Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group

Jean Moffat (Chair)

Contact: Stuart McLean, Committee Manager - 01436 658717

**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held
by MICROSOFT TEAMS
on TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2025**

Present: Jean Moffat, Bute Community Council (Chair)
Councillor Ross Moreland
Councillor Gordon Blair
Councillor Peter Wallace
Chief Inspector James McArthur, Police Scotland
Sergeant Stuart Brannan, Police Scotland
Andy MacPherson, Argyll and Bute Climate Action Network
Janis Marshall Reilly, Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface
Ian Woodcock, Transport Scotland
Rhydian Knight, Friends of Glenan Woods
Ed Pybus, Kilfinan Community Council
John Brent, Ardentinn Community Council
Rachel McLean, Team Leader, Argyll and Bute Community Link Worker Service
Angela Coll, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership
Maggie Clark, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership
Melanie McLean, Argyll Community Housing Association
Rhona Altin, UHI Argyll

Attending: Rona Gold, Communities and Partnership Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
John McLuckie, Partnerships Lead – Community Planning, Argyll and Bute Council
Ailie Law, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor William Sinclair
Stuart McLean, Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council

Andrew Galloway, Local Democracy Reporter
Chris Martin, Argyll Media

The Chair ruled, and the Area Community Planning Group agreed, to vary the order of business and consider Agenda Item 8a 'Police Scotland Update' after Agenda Item3 (MINUTE) in order to facilitate Chief Inspector James McArthur attending another meeting.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and general introductions were made.

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of:

Julie Fish, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Audrey Forrest, Argyll and Bute Council
Ross McDougall, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, and
Becky Hothersall, The Poverty Alliance

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTES OF THE BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP HELD ON TUESDAY 12 AUGUST 2025

The minutes of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group meeting held on Tuesday 12 August 2025 was approved as a correct record.

PARTNER UPDATES

Police Scotland Update

The Group gave consideration to a report highlighting Police Scotland's priorities for the Cowal, Bute and Helensburgh area including Acquisitive Crime, Roads Safety, Anti-Social Behaviour/Violence and Public Protection. The report also referenced Local News such as the planned seasonal winter safety campaigns, community engagement opportunities, crime prevention, and operational effectiveness and the return of Dunoon Police 5s Football Tournament.

Chief Inspector James McArthur advised the Group that an article in the Dunoon Observer dated 31 October 2025 had suggested that violent crime within the locality had spiralled. Chief Inspector McArthur assured Partners that this is not the case and that the reported increase in violent crime was as a consequence of changes to the reporting structures introduced by the Scottish Government.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Police Scotland, dated November 2025, submitted)

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR FOR THE BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

The Group gave consideration to a report providing information relating to the appointment of a Vice-Chair for the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group. The report also outlined the expected time commitment and information on the role.

The Group took the opportunity to record their thanks to the previous Vice-Chair, Reeni Kennedy-Boyle, for her hard work and dedication to the role.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group agreed to continue consideration of the appointment of a Vice-Chair to the next meeting of the Group.

(Reference: Report by Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council, dated 4 November 2025, submitted)

5. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Group gave consideration to a report which outlined matters discussed during the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee Meeting held on 19 September 2025. The report provided information on the CPP Improvement Plan, Fair Funding Guidance, Climate Change and the Community Wealth Building Charter. The report also provided updates from each of the Area Community Planning Groups, which took place in August 2025 and progress within each of the Priority Outcomes.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group noted the contents of the report.

(Reference: Report by Partnerships Lead, Argyll and Bute Council, dated 4 November 2025, submitted)

6. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES

(a) Transport Update

The Group gave consideration to a presentation which was delivered by the Partnerships Lead of the Community Planning Team. The presentation highlighted information on how the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) would seek to improve transport infrastructure, taking in to consideration the agreed objectives of the 2024-2034 Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan (ABOIP). The presentation also included information on the project mandates to be signed off by the Community Planning Partnership in relation to Transport Infrastructure.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group noted the information provided.

(Reference: Presentation from Partnerships Lead Community Planning, Argyll and Bute Council)

(b) Housing Update

The Group gave consideration to a presentation which was delivered by the Partnerships Lead of the Community Planning Team. The presentation highlighted information on how the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) would seek to improve housing, taking into consideration the agreed objectives of the 2024-2034 Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan (ABOIP). The presentation also included information on the discussions held during the CPP Management Committee in September 2025 which focused on Housing; the Construction Skills Development Working Group and communicating financial interventions on homelessness.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group noted the information provided.

(Reference: Presentation from Partnerships Lead Community Planning, Argyll and Bute Council)

(c) Community Wellbeing

Consideration was given to a presentation delivered by the Partnerships Lead of the Community Planning Team. The presentation outlined how the Community Planning Partnership would seek to improve Community Wellbeing, taking into consideration the agreed objectives of the 2024-2034 ABOIP. The presentation noted that Community Wellbeing was the highest priority for both Bute and Rothesay and second in Dunoon; and overall, the second highest priority across the whole area. The presentation also provided information on the agreed actions to be developed and next steps.

Mr McLuckie highlighted a series of questions which would be circulated to Partners by email following the meeting. He advised that as part of the ongoing conversation, the Community Planning Team would welcome any additional comments in response to the questions.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group noted the information provided.

(Reference: Presentation from Partnerships Lead Community Planning, Argyll and Bute Council)

**7. ARGYLL AND BUTE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP
PUBLIC HEALTH TEAM**

(a) Partner Update - Public Health

Consideration was given to a public health update from Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership's Public Health Team on the ongoing wellbeing and prevention activities overseen and delivered by them in Argyll and Bute. The update provided information on the Stoptober campaign to encourage people to stop smoking, a Gypsy/Traveller community health event held in Ardrishaig in October, the Joint Strategic Plan for 2026 – 2031, the 'You Are Not Alone' drama performances for S2 pupils which took place in September across eight secondary schools in Argyll and Bute and the Planet Youth update.

The update also provided information on the accessible and easy read version of the NHS Highland Equality Outcomes (2025–2029), the first Speakeasy 'taster' webinars which were held in September, the Public Health Scotland report on emergency hospital admissions and deaths as a result of unintentional injury and the Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Health Improvement Senior, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership, dated November 2025, submitted)

(b) Working with Communities

The Group gave consideration to a presentation which was delivered by Maggie Clark, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership. The presentation offered an overview of the Working with Communities initiative and a number of the projects associated with it such as Planet Youth, Public Living Rooms and Living Well Self Management Strategy. Miss Clark also spoke of the importance of communities working together and the activities being taken forward to develop and enhance skills for leadership across Argyll and Bute.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group noted the presentation.

(Reference: Presentation by Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership, dated 4 November 2025, submitted).

8. PARTNER UPDATES

(b) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Update

The Group gave consideration to a report highlighting the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's FQ2 review of local performance across Bute and Cowal for the period 2025 – 2026. The report gave a breakdown of fires and special services incidents which occurred within the locality and provided information on the Fire Skills course which was run in Oban, Station open days, road and water safety campaigns and the work of the Community Action Team.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group noted the information provided and that, in the absence of a representative of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, any questions could be forwarded to the Committee Manager following the meeting and any responses circulated to the Group.

(Reference: Report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, dated November 2025, submitted)

(c) UHI Argyll - Rothesay and Dunoon

Consideration was given to an update by UHI Argyll – Rothesay and Dunoon, the update included information on the 2025 Graduation ceremony which was held during September in the Queens Hall, Dunoon; a Modern Apprenticeship Employer Engagement Event which was held in the Oban Centre in October; engagement at Dunoon Grammar School and Rothesay Joint Campus in September and October

and a number of new courses that have launched.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by UHI Argyll, dated 21 October 2025, submitted)

(d) Live Argyll Community Learning Services Update

Consideration was given to a report from the Live Argyll Community Learning Service, which provided an update on Cowal Youth Work. The report also provided information on the Youth Voice Showcase being held at the Queens Hall, Dunoon in November; Girls Group, Dunoon School Hostel and Social 22 and information on wider achievements, specifically Dynamic Youth and Youth Achievement Awards.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group noted the information provided and that, in the absence of a representative of Live Argyll Community Learning Service, any questions could be forwarded to the Committee Manager following the meeting and any responses circulated to the Group.

(Reference: Report by Live Argyll Community Learning Service, dated November 2025, submitted)

(e) Community Development Update

The Group gave consideration to a report by the Community Development Team which advised that Supporting Communities Fund applications were considered by the four Area Committees in September and that 20 groups within Bute and Cowal had secured funding. The report also advised that from 1 August 2025 the Community Development team will work across all Argyll and Bute Council areas to assist and strengthen networks that offer assistance and recovery opportunities, for people who have experienced addiction.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Community Development, dated November 2025, submitted)

(f) Transport Scotland Update

Consideration was given to an update from Transport Scotland which provided information on a variety of different works recently completed and planned along the A83, the Rest and be Thankful plus information on works recently completed and planned along the A82.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Transport Scotland, dated November 2025, submitted)

(g) Opportunity for Verbal Updates

Kilfinan Community Council

Ed Pybus advised that Kilfinan Community Council are currently developing a community plan with a focus on resilience. Mr Pybus further advised that the Community Council meeting in November will focus on roads, speed limits, potholes, cycle lanes and that they hoped a representative from the Roads and Infrastructure Service, Argyll and Bute Council would be in attendance.

Third Sector Interface (TSI)

Janis Marshall Reilly advised that the Chief Executive Officer is drafting the TSI manifesto in advance of the Scottish Parliament elections, scheduled to be held in May 2026. Miss Marshall-Reilly also advised that she had recently attended the TSI Network Scotland Conference and encouraged all Partners to undertake the Community Voices Survey consultation.

Committee Manager Update

The Committee Manager highlighted that the Governance Arrangements of the Group would be considered at the next meeting, including the membership, advising that this is drawn from public sector, third sector, private sector, community organisations and partnerships operating within the Bute and Cowal area. Mr McLean encouraged partners to refer any individuals or groups who may be interested to contact him regarding their inclusion within the membership.

Friends of Glenan Wood

Rhydian Knight advised that the Friends of Glenan Wood had recently facilitated a number of community engagement events and directed partners to visit the website for details of these and future events.

9. COMMUNITY FOCUS

(a) We Are With You

The Group gave consideration to a presentation by Team Leader, Argyll and Bute Community Link Worker Service regarding the 'With You' project. Rachel McLean advised that the Community Links & Drug and Alcohol Services supports anyone affected by drug or alcohol use to make a positive change to their circumstances. Miss McLean further advised that in 2024 'With You' services in Argyll and Bute received a total of 1088 referrals, Community Link Workers are based in 6 GP surgeries in Cowal and that people can access a variety of support services including, but not limited to, 1 to 1 support and psychosocial interventions Group Work, Support for friends and family and Support to access residential

rehabilitation.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group noted the information provided.

(Reference: Presentation from Team Leader, Argyll and Bute Community Link Worker Service).

10. CLIMATE CHANGE

(a) Climate Change Update

Consideration was given to a report and presentation which provided an update on the overall progress of with the climate change strategy; progress with developing a legacy proposal, shaped by the Scottish Government's aspirations; funding support for Argyll as Climate Ready Region and initial findings from the review of existing community resilience and emergency plans through engagement with community councils.

Decision

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group:

1. Noted the overall progress since the August update, with some work on community resilience and legacy/ongoing partnership proposals brought forward and pushing back some work on the Action Plan, and a timeline to July 2026.
2. Noted in particular the significance of the Scottish Government's aspirations and support for developing an Argyll and Bute Climate Ready Region.
3. Noted the initial findings from review and engagement to date on community resilience/emergency plans, and agreed to feedback opportunities for sharing learning and best practice to the Climate Change Project Manager (andy@act-now.org.uk)

(Reference: Report by Climate Change Project Manager, Argyll & the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust, dated 22 October 2025, submitted)

(b) Opportunity for verbal updates on community based initiatives

There were no verbal updates provided under this item.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group would take place at 10.00am on Tuesday 3 February 2026 by Microsoft Teams.

Community Focus



Call- out to community organisations

Your local area community planning group needs you! New members invited to join community planning at a local level.

Community Planning for Communities

If you are a community organisation, becoming involved in Community Planning in your area can bring real benefits. It gives you the opportunity to:

- Showcase the work of your organisation at Area Community Planning Group meetings.
- Raise the profile of issues that matter to you by getting them discussed by a wide range of agencies like the Council, NHS, Police, transport authorities etc.
- Have a voice in decision making on local priorities within Argyll and Bute.
- Meet other local organisations that you could work together with to improve your service or start new projects.
- Demonstrate to funders that you understand and are connected to what's happening in your community.
- Learn more about local issues that matter to your service users, clients and community.



Your organisation is invited to join local Community Planning partners.

Enjoy a feature article in this bulletin, with an audience of community and 3rd sector organisations in Argyll and Bute!

To enquire about Community Focus opportunities please contact:
communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Bute and Cowal Community Planning are looking for a new Vice Chair, the only requirement is that you are a member of the planning group, it's easy to join!

[Criteria for membership \(\(Public Pack\)Agenda Document for Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group, 04/02/2025 10:00 – please see page 16/17\)](#)

Each council area has its own Planning group that meets quarterly, for more information please contact Stuart.Mclean@argyll-bute.gov.uk

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**Argyll and Bute Community Planning
Partnership**

**Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning
Group**

03 February 2026



Area Community Planning Group Governance Arrangements

Summary

The report asks the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group to review the current Terms of Reference, the membership of the Group and also asks members to note the dates for meetings up until February 2027.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to confirm the governance arrangements of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group (Area CPG) specifically the Terms of Reference, membership and note future meeting dates.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Area CPG members are requested to:

- Consider and adopt the Terms of Reference submitted in this report (Appendix 1) and to agree that these be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure their ongoing currency and appropriateness for the work of the Area CPG as it develops over time.
- Consider and agree the membership of the group as attached (Appendix 2) and to agree that the membership of the group be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure currency and appropriateness for the work of the group as it develops over time.
- To note the future meeting dates submitted in this report.

3. Detail

- 3.1 The Area CPG Terms of Reference were last reviewed and agreed in February 2025, these are attached at Appendix 1. Please note

that no changes or amendments are proposed for the Terms of Reference.

- 3.2 The membership of the Area CPG was last reviewed in February 2025. The Area CPG are asked to consider whether any changes should be made to the membership, details of which are attached at Appendix 2.
- 3.3 The membership will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure currency and appropriateness for the work of the group as it develops over time, however there is provision for additional organisations to join the group at any stage to accommodate local circumstances.
- 3.4 Historically meeting dates for Area Community Planning Groups are scheduled approximately half way between the programmed meetings of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committees to enable effective and timeous reporting of matters to that committee. Members are therefore asked to note that the meeting dates for the Bute and Cowal Area CPG for 2026/27 will be:-
 - Tuesday 28 April 2026
 - Tuesday 11 August 2026
 - Tuesday 3 November 2026
 - Tuesday 2 February 2027

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The Area Community Planning Group is asked to review and agree the attached Terms of Reference and the current membership.

5. ABOIP Outcomes

Not applicable. The report relates to the administration of the Area CPG.

For further information please contact:

Stuart McLean, Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Tel 01436 658 717

Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference
Appendix 2 – Membership list

Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

Terms of Reference: Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group is a sub group of, and reports to, the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership's Management Committee.

It is an unincorporated partnership of agencies and organisations with membership drawn from the public sector, third sector, private sector, community organisations and partnerships that have an interest in Bute and Cowal.

Purpose

Argyll and Bute is a large and diverse area. Communities inevitably have different issues even within the overall umbrella of a community plan for the whole area.

Area Community Planning Groups are the vehicle to ensure that there is effective community planning delivery, as set out in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, at a local level by:

- Contributing to the oversight role of the whole partnership by highlighting issues of a partnership nature that cannot be resolved locally through the Area Community Planning Group, to the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee
- Acting on behalf of the Community Planning Partnership via its Management Committee to oversee the implementation of Area Community Planning Action Plans (known as 'locality plans' within the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015)
- Acting on behalf of the community to ensure that local concerns and priorities are highlighted to the Community Planning Partnership's Management Committee

Role

The role of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group is to:

- Oversee the development and implementation of the Area Community Planning Action Plan for Bute and Cowal
- Encourage effective working across community planning partners at an area level
- Act as a conduit to ensure that local priorities are met and local issues addressed through partnership working

Remit

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group has the authority to:

- Contribute to the development of an Area Community Planning Action Plan for Bute and Cowal
- Monitor progress of the Area Community Planning Action Plan for Bute and Cowal
- Provide the scrutiny role for the Community Planning Partnership within Bute and Cowal, considering regular performance monitoring reports and providing information

to the Management Committee by submitting written reports on challenges that cannot be resolved locally; where these challenges relate to partnership working and not single agencies. A representative of a community group or statutory body or business that is not a member of the group may also attend a meeting, with prior agreement from the Chair, to provide additional information should a specific issue of concern to the group be scheduled as an agenda item

- Form short term working groups to undertake defined pieces of work as required by the group
- Engage with communities within Bute and Cowal to understand their needs
- Inform and consult on issues relating to Community Planning at an area level
- Contribute to a Community Planning Annual Report for Argyll and Bute on progress on the agreed outcomes and best practice in partnership working

Short Term Working Groups

Short Term Working Groups initiated by the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group must:

- Be approved at a meeting of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group and its purpose recorded in the minute of the meeting, with clarity on the objective and output of the group and the start and end date of the work
- Have a named member of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group acting as lead officer for the group
- Have a list of members of the group agreed at inception
- Have an appropriate source of administrative support identified and agreed at inception
- Where relevant, have an appropriate funding package identified at inception and a named member of the short term working group undertaking financial responsibility for the initiative
- Provide regular reports of activity and progress to the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group; and in updates to the Management Committee

Any changes to the above must be approved by the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group and recorded in the minute of the meeting.

Equal Opportunities and Fairer Scotland Duty

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group will ensure that equal opportunities are considered in each of their remitted activities, any expected negative impacts are mitigated and that promotion of equal opportunities is central to its ongoing activities.

In doing so, the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group will consider the responsibilities placed on it by The Fairer Scotland Duty. This duty places a legal responsibility on particular public bodies in Scotland to pay due regard to (actively consider) how they can reduce inequalities of outcome, caused by socio-economic disadvantage, when making strategic decisions.

Criteria for Membership

- Membership is drawn from public sector, third sector, private sector, community organisations and partnerships operating within the Bute and Cowal area
- Membership is open to all public sector, third sector, private sector, community organisations and partnerships operating within the Bute and Cowal area with an

interest in at least one of the outcomes identified in the Argyll and Bute Outcomes Improvement Plan

- Organisations can self-nominate, be invited to join or have a statutory obligation to participate
- In order to ensure democratic accountability, the Chair and Vice Chair from Argyll and Bute Council, Bute and Cowal Area Committee and, one other Elected Member from an Argyll and Bute Council Bute and Cowal Area Committee Ward not already represented by the Chair or Vice Chair, will sit as members of the group
- In order to ensure democratic accountability, community councils situated within the Bute and Cowal area will sit as a member of the group. Subject to local needs, this may be individual community councils, or by way of a caucus arrangement agreed by the community councils situated within the Bute and Cowal area, or alternatively one community council representing all of the community councils on a rotational basis. The community council undertaking this role will be nominated by the other community councils within the area on an annual basis, or more frequently if agreed locally
- In order to comply with legislation which governs community planning in Scotland, some organisations have a statutory obligation to participate in community planning. The organisation will nominate the most appropriate person within their organisation to sit as a member of the group where relevant
- In order to reflect the needs of the community and range of activities covered by the Area Community Planning Action Plan, other organisations and partnerships operating within the local area are also able to sit as members of the group
- In order to obtain a balanced representation of the above and to ensure a community focussed approach, a ratio of no more than 50% public sector membership should be maintained throughout the lifetime of the group
- The representatives ought to be able to speak on behalf of their organisation and where appropriate commit funding and other resources to local partnership activity
- Membership should reflect the needs of the community and can therefore change subject to approval by a simple majority vote of the other members of the group

Role of Members

Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group members have the following responsibilities:

- To consistently attend the scheduled Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group meetings. (Consistency in attendance by members is necessary to build momentum and progress the activities of the group)
- Appoint a substitute to attend meetings on their behalf if they are unable to attend
- To communicate information relating to the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group with other members and officers within their own organisation and other organisations operating within the area of activity they represent
- To communicate information relating to their organisations area of activity to other members of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group at meetings
- To raise community planning-related issues (that is issues related to Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership's Local Outcomes Improvement Plan) on behalf of the community, at Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group meetings
- To contribute to the development, ongoing monitoring and review of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Action Plan
- To participate in short term working groups as required

Meetings

Chair

- The Chair and Vice Chair of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group will be elected by the members of the group and will be appointed for a period of two years
- The outgoing Chair and Vice Chair can stand for re-election at the end of the two-year period.
- However, no one person can serve in the role of Chair or Vice Chair for more than two consecutive two year periods
- Should either the Chair or Vice Chair resign their position during their term of office, the office bearer must either notify the group in person at a scheduled Area Community Planning Group meeting or contact the Chair in writing, advising formally of their intention to stand down. Members will be advised of the resignation timeously and an election to fill the vacant post will be conducted at the next scheduled Area Community Planning Group meeting
- Nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair positions will be proposed and seconded by Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group members. Each member will have one vote and a simple majority vote will determine the outcome of the election process
- The elected Chair, or in their absence, the Vice Chair shall preside over the meeting. If both are absent, partners will choose a member from the floor to preside
- Members should respect the authority of the Chair who will decide matters of order, competency, relevancy and urgency

Quorum

- The quorum for a meeting will be 5
- If a quorum is not present within 10 minutes of the scheduled start of a meeting, or if at any point after a meeting has commenced attendance falls below the quorum, the meeting will be declared inquorate
- If a quorum is not present, at the Chairperson's / Vice Chairperson's discretion, the meeting shall proceed and any decisions taken will be homologated at the next meeting
- For purposes of the quorum, participation of partners by video-conferencing or telephone conference links will be considered as present

Frequency of Meetings

- The Area Community Planning Groups of the CPP will normally meet once each quarter (4 times each year)
- These meetings will normally be held in February, May, August and November
- Where business requires, further meetings can be called with agreement of the Chair, subject to the required notice being given

Conduct of Meetings

- Meetings of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group will be held in public
- Observers can only participate in discussion with the agreement of Chair
- Members must declare any conflict of interests at the start of a meeting and take no part in the consideration of the relevant item
- Observers wishing to participate in discussion must declare any interest in the subject under discussion

- All meetings will be minuted and a minute made available through the Council's website and available from a link through the Community Planning Partnership website
- Meetings of the Area Community Planning Groups will be conducted in accordance with the lead partner's (Argyll and Bute Council) standing orders for meetings subject to any necessary changes as set out above (mutatis mutandis)

Decision making

- All members of the group have equal status
- Each member has one vote
- The Chair retains the casting vote
- All decisions must be clearly minuted with a brief summary of the discussion and reason for decision recorded as well as the outcome
- The minutes should clearly record who or whatever organisation is responsible for action
- Observers and persons attending the meeting in an advisory capacity may provide information but are not part of the decision making process and are not able to participate in a vote

Accountability

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group is an integral part of community planning in Argyll and Bute and is accountable to the following bodies:

- Full Community Planning Partnership via the Management Committee
- Community within its local area

Support

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group will be supported by:

- A Lead Officer to facilitate and promote the smooth operation of the group and work closely with group members to ensure a supportive structure, which responds to the needs of the members in addressing issues
- Administrative support, organising meetings, taking minutes and associated administrative support will be provided by Argyll and Bute Council, Legal and Regulatory Support
- A Local Community Development Officer will have a key role, working in partnership with organisations in the support of community groups, organisations and individuals, particularly those who do not traditionally engage in community issues, to participate in local community planning

Issue of Papers

- The agenda and papers for the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group will normally be issued 7 days prior to the date of the meeting
- The Chair can agree to accept late papers
- The draft agenda detail will normally be circulated four weeks in advance to allow members to propose items for inclusion
- The agenda and papers will be available via the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership website and will be published on the Argyll and Bute Council website.

Communications

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group is encouraged to share any best practice in partnership working locally with the wider Community Planning Partnership. Case studies and examples of partnership working making a difference can be sent to cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk to be shared and promoted. For example this may be through the regular CPP e-Bulletin. The CPP e-Bulletin is available to members of the Area Community Planning Groups and sign up is via cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk. Paper copies can be made available and it is downloadable from the webpage.

Winding Up

The Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group is a sub group of the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership.

- If the Argyll and Bute Community Partnership is dissolved, the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group will cease to exist by default
- If a review of Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership delivery structure should recommend that Area Community Planning Groups should be dissolved to facilitate a new delivery structure, the decision whether or not to wind up the group will be made by the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership following consultation with the Area Community Planning Groups and Argyll and Bute Council as lead partner for community planning within the area
- Area Community Planning Group members may initiate a proposed wind up of the group by submitting a report outlining the reasons why it was felt the group was no longer required, to the Management Committee in the first instance. The decision whether or not to wind up the group will be made by the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership following consultation with Argyll and Bute Council as lead partner for community planning within the area

Approved and adopted at the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group meeting held on 3 March 2015

Amended March 2015 to reflect a change in the meeting cycle

Amended March 2016 to clarify procedure if either the Chair or Vice Chair resigns during their term of office and amend number of days meeting papers are to be circulated prior to meeting date

Amended February 2017 to clarify procedure if outgoing office bearer wishes to stand for re-election.

Amended February 2019 to clarify terms in respect of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan / Area Community Planning Action Plan.

Amended February 2020 to clarify Communications, specifically the sharing of best practice and other minor changes to ensure ongoing currency and appropriateness for the work of the Area CPG.

Amended February 2021 to clarify language and terminology and to include reference to Fairer Scotland Duty.

Amended February 2022 to clarify language and terminology.

Amended February 2023 to clarify language and terminology.

Amended February 2024 to clarify language and terminology, and to update the default media for the CPP e-bulletin.

February 2025 no changes recorded.

February 2026 no changes recorded.

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Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Groups Membership (incorporating changes in local communities since February 2025).

Partner Organisation	Contact Name
Argyll and Bute Council	Councillor Peter Wallace, Councillor Ross Moreland & Councillor Gordon Blair
Community Councils	Ardentinny, Bute, Cairndow, Colintrave & Glendaruel, Dunoon, Hunter's Quay, Kilfinan ,Kilmun, Lochgoil, Sandbank, South Cowal, Strachur
Police Scotland	Chief Inspector Allan Dickson, Inspector Bart Simonis, Sergeant Sophie Marshall
Scottish Fire and Rescue	Anthony Mallon, Anthony McGloin , Christopher Spence, Ross McDougall
Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership	Angela Coll
NHS Highland	Alison McGrory, Caroline McArthur
Argyll and Bute TSI	Janis Marshall Reilly
ACHA	Michelle Mundie, Melony MacLean
Fyne Homes	Janet McAlister
Bute and Cowal Living Well Network	Dee James
Cowal Transport Forum	Councillor Daniel Hampsey
PA23 BIDs	Colin Moulson
Dunoon Community Development Trust	Ann Campbell, Tom Warren
Bute Islands Alliance	Jim Osborne
Isle of Bute BIDS	John Glen, Dorothy McDonald
Colintrave & Glendaruel Development Trust	Cathleen Russell
Skills Development Scotland	Susan MacRae
Department of Work and Pensions	Lynn Campbell
Carr Gomm	Becs Barker
Scenic Sandbank Ltd	Sue Mckillop, Iain MacNaughton and Caroline Cuddihy
Sandbank Community Development Trust	John Parker
Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau	Jen Broadhurst
Bute Kitchen	
UHI Argyll	Rhona Altin, Sheena Finlay
Live Argyll	Rhona Grant
Addiction Recovery Cafe (ARC) Dunoon	Dee James
Oakbank Community Inn Sandbank	Iain MacNaughton
Dunoon Gourock Ferry Action Group	Robert Trybis

Time For Change Argyll and Bute	Angela Anderson
Poverty Alliance	Becky Hothersall
Fyne Futures	Reeni Kennedy-Boyle
Friends of Glenan Woods	Rhyddian Knight
Argyll and Bute Climate Action Network (ABCAN)	Andy MacPherson
Transport Scotland	Ian Woodcock
Waterbaby Arts Scio	Linda Payne and Donna Marie Canavan
Lucy Sumsion	National Farmers Union
Bute Resilience	Fiona Gillespie

Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Bute and Cowal
Area Community Planning Group****3 February 2026**

**Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Bute and Cowal Area
Community Planning Group**

Summary

The following report provides information relating to the appointment of a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group. It outlines the expected time commitment and also gives information on the roles. The Area Community Planning Group is asked to consider making an appointment to the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report asks the Area Community Planning Group to consider the appointment of a Chair and a Vice-Chair.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Area Community Planning Group is asked to consider the appointment of a Chair and Vice-Chair.

3. Background

- 3.1 The current Chair, Jean Moffat has been in post since February 2024. In accordance with the Terms of Reference the Chair and Vice-Chair positions are for a period of 2 years, the outgoing Chair can stand for re-election at the end of the two-year period. The Group is therefore required to nominate a member to take on the role of Chair.
- 3.2 Reenie Kennedy-Boyle who had served as Vice-Chair since May 2025 has submitted her resignation effective from November 2025. The Group considered a report providing information relating to the appointment of a Vice-Chair during the meeting held in November 2025 and agreed to continue consideration of the appointment to the next meeting of the Group. The Group is therefore required to nominate a member to take on the role of Vice-Chair.

4. Detail

- 4.1 According to the Terms of Reference the Chair or Vice-Chair, if elected, would serve for a term of 2 years with an option to be re-elected at the end of this time. However, no one person can serve for more than 2 consecutive terms.
- 4.2 In order to be considered as a candidate for the position of Chair or Vice-Chair the person must be a member of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group.
- 4.3 Some further information on the commitment required for both roles:-
- Attend meetings of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group;
 - Attend meetings of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee or the Full Partnership, in the case of the Vice-Chair to attend these meetings if the Chair is unable to attend;
 - Time commitment of at least 4 CPG meetings per year in February, May, August and November and 4 pre-agenda meetings per year in January, April, August and October;
 - To participate in any Short-Term Working Groups as required; and
 - To engage with officers of the Council in terms of setting the Agenda for the Community Planning Group.

5. Conclusions

- 5.1 The Area Community Planning is asked to consider the appointment of a Chair and a Vice-Chair.

6. ABOIP Outcomes

- 6.1 This report does not link to any specific Outcome as it relates to the administrative arrangements.

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Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group

3 February 2026



Community Planning Partnership Management Committee

Meeting Highlights

This briefing is for noting and relevant discussion.

Summary

The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee met on 5th December 2025 in the 3 Villages Hall, Arrochar. The highlights from this meeting are here for the interest of members of the Area Community Planning Group.

Access to the reports and full agenda is found by following this link – [Agenda for Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership - Management Committee on Friday, 5 December 2025, 10:00 am - Argyll and Bute Council](#)

Highlights

CPP Management Committee Chair

Pippa Milne, who had been acting as interim Chair since Joe McKay stood down, nominated Gary l'Anson, Police Scotland, as new Chair of the CPP Management Committee and this was approved by the partners in attendance.

CPP Improvement Plan

Rona Gold provided an update on the progress of CPP Improvement Plan actions, agreed in March 2025 as part of a self-evaluation exercise with the Improvement Service, including the first meeting of the partner Engagement Group on 1st December, the accessible web version of the [Welcome Pack](#) and the monthly [Community Planning podcast](#).

Fair Funding Guidance and Community Wealth Building (CWB) Charter

Rona provided an update on the Fair Funding Guidance for the Voluntary Sector, which was created by the Community Planning Improvement Board, and the CWB

Charter, which was created by the CPP CWB Steering Group. Community Planning Partners have been asked to consider signing up to both the guidance and the charter and a number of individual partners have already done so, however as not all partners were in attendance, it was agreed that separate sessions would be set up with partners to obtain sign up or agree the state of play prior to the March 2026 CPP meeting.

Climate Change

Andy Macpherson updated the CPP Management Committee on the draft climate change action plan, adding it was important for partners to identify which actions are achievable. It was agreed that Andy and Rona would discuss if a sub-group was needed to consider which actions the CPP partners can pick up.

Andy also highlighted the positive reception to the ongoing climate change resilience work, considerations on how to combine carbon literacy and resilience training, and he also encouraged partner engagement in the focus groups being set up by the consultants looking at the Climate Ready Region business case.

Area Community Planning Group (ACPG) Updates

Gary l'Anson noted the paper reporting on the ACPG meetings held in November 2025, with partners asked to consider nominations for the vacant position of Vice Chair of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group.

Priority Outcome – Housing

Rona provided a summary of the CPP Management Committee Housing session in September which was also attended by representatives from the housing sector. The outcomes from the session, which included discussion on actions to help deliver the long-term housing objectives agreed by the CPP, will be circulated to all attendees.

Partners will be invited to raise any concerns on content, with a follow-up session scheduled to provide an opportunity for final content amendment, following which a governance structure will be created to deliver the agreed actions. Partners were reminded that the actions had been created from discussions with partners and the wider community, looking at what was already being done and what the CPP can add value to.

Argyll and Bute Employability Partnership (ABEP) and Economic Strategy

Ishabel Bremner gave a presentation on the ABEP Action Delivery Plan, which provides a platform for partners and stakeholders delivering employability services across Argyll and Bute to work together to identify opportunities and add value to every engagement with supported individuals. This was endorsed by the CPP Partners. A [video](#) showcasing the work of the ABEP during 2024-25 was shared with partners.

Ishabel also advised that the Annual Investment Plan has been approved by the Scottish Government. The plan provides a summary of delivery priorities across 424 participants with a total funding package of £1,568,587. A video highlighting recent projects undertaken across Argyll and Bute, which is available through the [Invest in Argyll website](#), was shared with the group.

Priority Outcome – Community Wellbeing

Rona provided an overview of the Community Wellbeing priority outcome, noting the six actions agreed by the CPP following consideration of the results and data obtained from the Argyll and Bute Outcomes Improvement Plan consultation. Five of these actions would be looked at during the breakout areas to see where CPP partners could add value collectively to existing or new areas of work around the Community Wellbeing actions, with the action to “Consider a CPP engagement group to support joined up approaches to engagement” already underway.

Rona thanked members of the Area Community Planning Groups for their input to the discussion on the Community Wellbeing actions at the November ACPG meetings and said that feedback from the CPP discussions would be taken back to the ACPGs in the new year.

Community Wellbeing Actions in the Pipeline

Presentations were delivered under the heading of ‘Community Wellbeing actions in the Pipeline’ by Sam Campbell, Health Improvement Principal for NHS Highland/Argyll and Bute HSCP; and Mahailia Kateryna, Wellbeing Development Manager for Argyll and Bute TSI. Papers were also submitted under this item on Community Benefit by Ashley Mackay, Contract and Demand Management Officer at Argyll and Bute Council; and on Community Justice by Mary Holt, Community Justice Coordinator for Argyll and Bute Council.

Breakout sessions to discuss agreed actions

Attendees participated in breakout groups for the majority of the day, focused on shaping five CPP Community Wellbeing actions:

1. Providing the community wellbeing pipeline – no wrong door approach - Look at funding mechanisms such as community benefit.
2. Consider options for ways of working that enable collaborative working on assets and services within a place.
3. Consider a CPP data group to support data sharing between partners and with the community.
4. Explore to what extent the Living Well programme maps community, social and volunteering opportunities, identify any gaps, and create partnership solutions to address these.

5. Engage with the community to better understand how communities achieve a sense of connection and belonging and identify actions to support this where there are gaps in support.

Pippa thanked everyone for their contributions to the discussions on Community Wellbeing. The CPP team will share the outputs from these discussions and will contact partners for commitment of resources to help deliver the actions.

Single Authority Model (SAM)

Laura Blackwood and Graeme McMillan, Argyll and Bute Council, delivered a presentation on the work they are taking forward on the SAM as part of public sector reform.

Laura gave an overview of the background and drivers behind the potential benefits of alternative service delivery and governance arrangements, noting there has been a push at a national level in the last year to take work forward looking at SAMs. Laura said SAM offers opportunity for greater coordination, integration and collaboration across Council, Health and Social Care and the wider public service to deliver better outcomes for the people of Argyll and Bute.

Graeme indicated that following a submission to be made to the Scottish Government by the end of December, there will be a formal consideration of the options at a special Council meeting on 29th January 2026 and at the Health Board on 27th January 2026. By the end of March 2026, the Scottish Parliament wishes to report on the potential SAM for each locality, with further consultations taking place during 2026.

CPP partners were then asked to give their feedback on SAM so this can be incorporated into the submission to the Scottish Government.

Close

Pippa thanked everyone for attending and for their contributions to the topic of Community Wellbeing, noting it had been an excellent opportunity to meet and build relationships for the work that the CPP needs to take forward in 2026, which will be a year of action. Pippa thanked Gary for taking over the role of Chair, and also thanked Joe for his work during his tenure as Chair.

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Full minutes of CPP Management Committee meetings are found here: [Browse meetings - Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership - Management Committee - Argyll and Bute Council](#)

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS****CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UNIT****FEBURUARY 2026**

Update on Aspiring Places; Community Projects in Argyll and Bute

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Further to the launch of the Aspiring Place initiative, an evaluation has been completed, and key findings are set out in this report including levels of participation, user satisfaction and challenges.
- 1.2 An unexpected and critical finding also emerged is that grants and external funding has become a significantly larger area of Council and community work and is not only growing in scale but also in complexity and fragmentation. It is therefore argued that a review is now required to build on our understanding to date and develop sustainable solutions to managing grant funding.
- 1.3 For this reason the Council's Policy and Resources Committee agreed 04 December 2025 to request that the Chief Executive undertake a formal review of current practice with regards to grant funds with a view to recommending improvements.
- 1.4 This activity provides the opportunity to ensure that the Council develops a sufficient understanding of the complex and inter-related problems to support good decisions based on evidence and data, and better inform future decisions about Aspiring Places.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members of the Area Community Planning Groups are asked to note:
 - a) The successful launch of the Aspiring Places platform and that it remains a live site for the benefit of communities, funders and the Council.
 - b) The key findings from the evaluation of the scheme as set out in paragraphs 3.7 to 3.10 below.

- c) An emerging need to develop a more sustainable approach to managing grant funds in an equitable manner for the Council and our communities alike and therefore the Council is undertaking a review of our internal approach and practices in the management of grant funding.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 Members of Area Community Planning Groups will recall from a decision of the Council in September 2024 to the creation and launch of Aspiring Places - Community Projects in Argyll and Bute.
- 3.2 The vision of the initiative was ‘to create in one place, a comprehensive picture of all community projects to increase the likelihood of collaboration, securing external funding and implementation of projects in a planned approach to place’.
- 3.3 Further to testing with a panel of community groups, Aspiring Places was launched as a digital platform in March 2025 and supported by the following:
- a. In collaboration with other services and organisations, participated in a promotional ‘Funding Connections Roadshow’ taking in Bute, Dunoon, Islay, Jura, Lochgilphead, Mull and Oban. Officers attended a separate and larger community event in Helensburgh at the time of the launch.
 - b. In addition to online guidance, project officers were available to directly support community organisations in tutorials on the platform and responded to all enquiries and requests for assistance.

3.4 Set out in the table below is the number of registrations and projects published on the platform as of 30 June 2025, broken down by administrative area.

Administrative Area	No. of Registrations	No. of Projects Published
Argyll & Bute-wide	11	3
Bute & Cowal	31	13
Helensburgh & Lomond	27	9
Mid Argyll, Kintyre & the Islands	49	40
Oban, Lorn & the Isles	39	38
Unknown	1	0
Outwith Argyll & Bute	2	2
Total	159	104

- 3.5 Once a community group had published a project proposal on the platform, it could be connected with relevant funding opportunities and during the pilot period, three calls for ‘expressions of interest’ for the following government funds were issued by council officers through the Aspiring Places platform:

- a) Carbon Neutral Islands Fund
- b) Regeneration Capital Grant Fund
- c) Community Led Local Development Fund

- 3.6 An important observation is the notable increase in the registration of community groups and projects in direct correlation with the announcement of request for expressions of interest for government funds.

Evaluation

- 3.7 An evaluation was undertaken and the table below provides an overview of the approach and participants.

Table: Numbers of evaluation participants by stakeholder group

Evaluation Method		Community group staff or volunteer	Council Officers	Elected Members	Community Planning Partners	Individuals in the Community
1	Baseline Survey	109	17	4	8	112
2	'Funding Connections' Feedback Survey	n/a	7	n/a	n/a	n/a
3	Semi-structured interviews	n/a	8	n/a	n/a	n/a
4	Follow-up Survey	60	9	7	6	308

- 3.8 The key findings of the evaluation are set out below:

- a) Engagement - over 150 community group members registered, and 104 project proposals were published during the pilot phase.
- b) Level of participation - 83% of publishing groups submitted Expressions of Interest for funding.
- c) Correlation between funds and registrations - project proposals submitted by community groups appeared to be driven by the Council's request for Expressions of Interest for the 3 government funds that had to be submitted via the Aspiring Places platform if to be considered.
- d) User satisfaction:
 - i. 85% of users who published a project were satisfied with the submission process.
 - ii. 80% of project-uploading groups found the platform valuable.
- e) Internal collaboration - the pilot strengthened cross-departmental collaboration, particularly between Community Development and Economic Growth teams, supporting the Council's "One Council One Place" transformation principle.

3.9 Key challenges were identified as follows:

- a) Participation barriers:
 - i. A small percentage of users faced difficulties with the platform.
 - ii. Examples of participants with low confidence in accessing digital platforms.
 - iii. A perception that the platform was not relevant to smaller or early-stage projects.
- b) Geographic disparities - uptake varied across the region.
- c) Cross-service dependencies: user satisfaction and value was (partially) dependent on successful collaboration between internal council teams.
- d) Sustainability - concerns were raised about the resources required to maintain and develop the platform beyond a pilot phase and a need for an efficient method of administering grant funds.

3.10 Initial key recommendations from the evaluation were as follows:

- a) Strategic development: consideration to further developing a digital platform that supports delivery of the empowered and resilient communities theme in the Council's Corporate Plan.
- b) Value: seek to ensure value for all participating, including those not seeking external funding.
- c) Funding: explain what funding will be promoted and how decisions will be made.
- d) Community engagement: target under-represented areas.
- e) Promotion: use a multi-channel approach.
- f) Data and evidence: consider how data gathered can be used to support outcomes.

Reassessing the problems we seek to address.

3.11 A particular challenge with this initiative has been to understand our future needs. As set out in the vision (to create in one place, a comprehensive picture of all community projects to increase the likelihood of collaboration, securing external funding and implementation of projects in a planned approach to place), Aspiring Places started out as a dynamic platform to address two problems defined as follows:

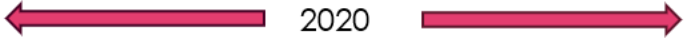
- a) Capture a comprehensive picture of all community projects.
- b) Due to the increasing critical importance of government grants to fund community projects, seek to increase our share.

3.12 Whilst the Aspiring Places platform has been contributed towards addressing the first problem defined above, as concluded in the evaluation, project proposals submitted by community groups was partly driven by the Council's request for Expressions of

Interest for the 3 government funds and had to be submitted via the Aspiring Places platform.

- 3.13 A counterfactual question has emerged that asks if the request for Expressions of Interest for funds were not launched via the Aspiring Places platform, what would the actual number of community project submissions be? Whilst we don't know the answer, it is safe to assume that it would be less than the 104 received from 159 groups during the pilot period.
- 3.14 This in turn led to the project manager seeking an understanding of the current grant funding environment and its relationship with the problems defined above and concluded that there is anecdotal evidence that 2020 onwards (in a post European Union environment), has witnessed a rapidly evolving landscape of (government) grant funding becoming increasingly fragmented that can be illustrated across four key characteristics as set out in the table below.

Compare and contrast funding pre and post 2020.



Characteristics	Coordinated (EU)	Ad-hoc (Post EU)
Quantum	✓	?
Time	✓	?
Criteria	✓	?
Administration	✓	?

- 3.15 The structures and administration during the period of funding within the EU (i.e. the Leader and ERDF schemes) which whilst was considered bureaucratic with long lead in times to the establishment of schemes (due to protracted negotiations across member states), resulted in certainty and consistency on quantum of funding, when it would be forthcoming, the qualifying criteria and the administration process which in addition was resourced.
- 3.16 It is suggested that since the UK exited the EU we have witnessed a more ad-hoc approach from governments in the use of public funds in the form of grants for either or both local government and communities that has unwittingly resulted in complex and systemic issues that:
- Places enormous and growing pressure on 'local systems' (i.e. local authorities and community groups).
 - Created a hidden and growing cost to local government (and taxpayers).

3.17 Set out below is an abstract diagram that seeks to illustrate the modern practice of how governments connect grants with community projects based on an understanding of the following characteristics:

- a) Community groups receive capital benefits towards projects (whilst noting that many bids can be unsuccessful).
- b) Government (both UK and SG) receive policy benefits (i.e. demonstrable efforts in use of funds to address policy issues).
- c) Local authorities are de-facto 'middle management' and often with either no benefits (i.e. service is *gratis*) or benefits in the form of 'capacity payments' that are projected to reduce in value in proportion to the level of 'management' required.

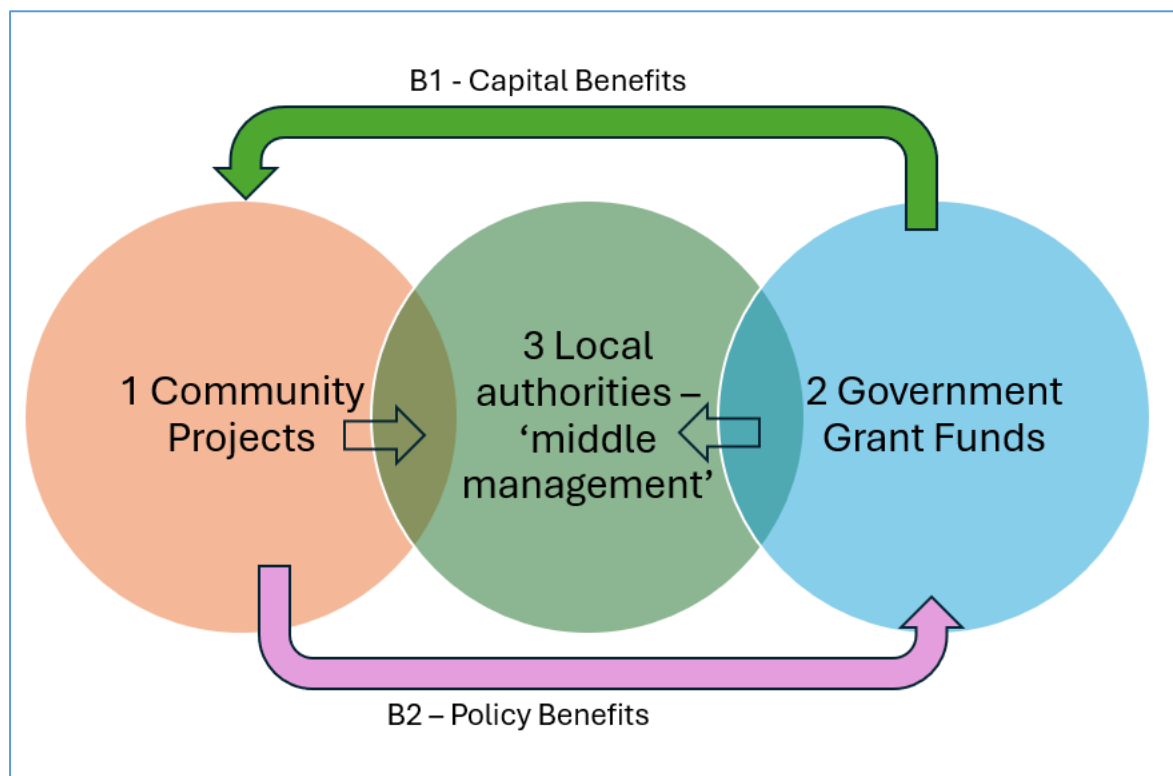


Diagram: illustration of the practice of how governments connect grants with community projects.

3.18 There is now much reduced certainty on the following:

- a) What funds are coming forward.
- b) When they will come forward.
- c) What is the qualifying criteria?
- d) What are the administrative arrangements?
- e) How are administrative arrangements resourced?

3.19 It is perceived at a time when government funds are now critically important for the delivery of both community and local government initiatives that funds are increasingly competitive, all applicants are working harder with decreasing

opportunity of success and reduced opportunity to improve proposals for a further round of the fund.

- 3.20 The time period between the open and close of invitation to bid for government funds has in many cases reduced significantly and where it is unexpected, can result in Council Officers undertaking unplanned activity to create administrative systems, promote to and advise community groups, identify and score community projects and seek Committee approval for returns to government who ultimately decide on awards; and in some instances with no reimbursement on costs for local authorities.
- 3.21 Recent information suggests that this issue is likely to deteriorate, and it is proposed that this defines a third problem (in addition to the two defined above) as follows:
- a) A need to develop more sustainable solutions to managing government grant funds in an equitable manner for the Council and our communities alike.

A Review of Our Practices in Managing Grant Funding

- 3.22 Whilst we cannot change how government issues grant funds, in response to the evolving landscape and embodying a spirit of continuous improvement, we must change how we work to meet these challenges and the Council's Policy and Resources Committee agreed 04 December 2025 to request that the Chief Executive undertake a strategic review of grants activity. As well as gathering evidence and producing recommendations for change, the review will seek to trial and evaluate new ways of working. Ultimately, this will help us understand the practical steps the council can take to manage change effectively and navigate the complex, shifting funding landscape we are operating in.
- 3.23 It is possible that due to the unpredictable future of public sector policy and funding arrangements, the Aspiring Places platform may not be suitable for our longer term future needs. Therefore it has been agreed that new activity is required to build on our understanding to date and develop more sustainable solutions for the benefit of our organisation and our communities alike before making further decisions with regards to Aspiring Places. In the interim, Aspiring Places site remains live and a resource of information about community projects across Argyll and Bute.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The Aspiring Places initiative emerged from an idea to have a clear picture of community projects in order to be better placed to increase our share of government grant funds.
- 4.2 The initiative has been shaped by wider engagement with a range of stakeholders including communities and colleagues from which it has emerged that government

grants are proving to be an increasingly complex issue that is increasing costs with diminishing benefits to local authorities (and taxpayers).

- 4.3 It is argued that a wider and deeper piece of work is now required to build on our understanding to date to better inform decisions about the future of Aspiring Places to ensure we have sustainable solutions for the benefit of our organisation and our communities alike.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy; delivery of a priority within the Council's Corporate Plan 2025 – 2027 to enhance and deepen our understanding of local issues and improve collaboration including launch of Aspiring Places: Community Projects in Argyll and Bute.
- 5.2 Financial; none, the review will be met from existing resources.
- 5.3 Legal; none.
- 5.4 HR; none.
- 5.5 Customer Service; none.
- 5.6 Risk; none.
- 5.7 Climate Change; none.
- 5.8 Fairer Scotland Duty: none
- 5.9 Equalities - protected characteristics; none.
- 5.10 Consumer Duty; none.
- 5.11 Island Communities; none.
- 5.12 Children's Rights and Wellbeing; none.

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Chief Executives Unit

07 January 2026

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Argyll & West Dunbartonshire Division

Cowal & Bute Area Community Planning Group

February 2026

COWAL, BUTE & HELENSBURGH PRIORITIES 2023-2026

The priorities for your area are decided by data from our strategic assessment which details threats and risks, and also from feedback from local authorities, partners, and residents in the [Local Policing Survey](#). The current priorities are:

- Serious and organised crime
- Crimes of theft and dishonesty (acquisitive crime)
- Road safety and road crime
- ASB & Violent crime
- Public protection.

Acquisitive Crime

Acquisitive crime remains a local priority especially as we are in the winter months where community members can feel more vulnerable during the darker evenings. Our preventions team continue to look for ways to raise the importance of crime prevention within the community. Small steps and a review of personal routines can help reduce the likelihood of becoming the victim of opportunistic crime.

Our pro-active work to protect the public from fraud continues. We are delivering inputs to groups and utilising our social media presence to maximum effect. Our relationship with our colleagues in Trading Standards is strong and we are installing call-blockers to landlines when appropriate which is a device to add a level of protection against the automated type of fraudulent call.

Between 09/10/2025 and the week commencing 12/01/2025 locally we have recorded 20 Shopliftings across our community which is up on previous months. We have had 1 report of domestic housebreaking.

Please note that all data included in this report are management information and not official statistics. All data are sourced from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as of date of publication. Unless stated otherwise numerical comparisons are against the previous year to date and the previous five-year average for the same data period specified.

OFFICIAL: POLICE AND PARTNERS

Digital evidence sharing capability, which revolutionises the way we collect and process digital evidence throughout the criminal justice system, is now live in Argyll. Digital Evidence Sharing Capability (DESC) is a programme designed to deliver an end to end service which will collect, manage, and share digital evidence throughout the criminal justice process. DESC will allow members of the public/businesses to quickly and easily submit digital evidence online (via portal).

Road Safety

Speeding and driving complaints remain prevalent within the area. We continue to support community concerns in this area through direct action, prevention, and intervention work. Proactive speed checks have been carried out across the area and

Between 09/10/2025 and the week commencing 12/01/2026, we have detected 31 speeding offences across our local communities. These drivers have been issued with fines or reported to the COPFs.

During the same period 7 drivers have been charged with dangerous driving and a further 24 drivers charged with driving without due care or attention.

We have also detected 2 drivers who were unfit to drive through drink or drugs and have been reported to the COPFs.

During this period, we have received a total of 134 reports of road accidents and from that number 14 were assessed as immediate response calls.

ASB/Violence

All operational officers are briefed daily prior to deployment to furnish them with the intelligence and information required to be able to identify those involved in violence and ASB.

It is difficult to prevent sporadic acts of violence particularly indoors in private dwellings. We continue to engage with housing partners to identify problematic neighbour complaints to assess and target ASB which if left to fester may escalate to violence. We have robust policing plans in place to monitor those individuals released with specific bail conditions.

The Preventions Team are in daily contact with the ASB and Housing Teams to ensure we maximise our response through a partnership approach.

Our officers will make full use of their stop search powers when it is justified and proportionate to do so. We have 47 recorded minor assaults and 1 recorded serious assault.

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We have proactively stopped 40 individuals who were found to be in possession of drugs, controlled under the misuse of drugs act.

Public Protection

We continue to support individuals through a victim centred approach. Our officers receive regular training and guidance to ensure that we are supporting those affected with a professionalism and empathy.

Public protection is often complex. Policing on its own is not the solution. By working in partnership, taking a multi-agency approach, increasing public confidence, and raising public awareness, we are better placed to identify threat, manage risk, and prevent harm.

A scheme launched ten years ago by Police Scotland has seen over 19,500 disclosures made to people about their partner's abusive past.

The Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland (DSDAS) was launched on 1 October 2015 following a successful trial in Ayrshire and Aberdeen city, and since then has received over 35,500 requests to ask about the background of a partner. DSDAS is an important preventative tool in tackling domestic abuse.

Of the 35,847 requests received, 19,867 disclosures (55 per cent) have been made to tell individuals their partner has a violent or abusive past.

Before the DSDAS scheme, there was no formal way of an individual finding out if their partner had a previous history of abusive behaviour. And similarly, there was no mechanism for police to proactively tell individuals if their partner posed a risk to them.

The introduction of DSDAS has made significant changes and improvements to the violence against women landscape. It gives people the right to ask and police the right to tell individuals at risk of domestic abuse about the history of their partner. They can then make an informed decision about their relationship.

The DSDAS form is available on our website: <https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/disclosure/>

Local News

As we enter 2026, we reflect on the successes of last year's initiatives and look ahead to building on these foundations. Our Seasonal Winter Safety Campaign in 2025 saw increased

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high-visibility patrols effectively deterring anti-social behaviour and acquisitive crime. Collaboration with the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service ensured vital firework safety messaging reached the community, contributing to a safer festive period.

Community engagement remains at the heart of our mission. Throughout 2025, we delivered fraud and scam awareness talks, empowering residents against financial crime, while ongoing crime prevention surveys guided our targeted interventions.

The Golf Partnership Initiative with Cowal Golf Club flourished in 2025, with junior memberships growing from 20 to 100, supported by the Golf Club Hire Scheme, which provided equipment to 20 new players, removing financial barriers to participation.

The Dunoon Police 5s Football Tournament last year was a resounding success, bringing together schools for athletics and football, while the adult tournament saw a strong post-COVID return, attracting 20+ teams, including competitors from Glasgow. Planning is already underway for this year's event and we hope to work in partnership with the Dunoon Youth Football League to bring together another fantastic weekend of athletics and football, promising another exciting showcase of community spirit.

PC Wells, our dedicated Youth Engagement Officer, was instrumental in driving positive change in 2025—her outstanding contributions were recognised at the recent Police Awards Ceremony. Her initiatives, including Social 22 youth club, boys' and girls' running clubs, and vital school inputs on drugs and knife crime, continue to make a lasting impact.

Looking forward to 2026, we are in the early planning stages for a multi-agency open day in one of our rural villages, strengthening partnerships and accessibility. Additionally, following the success of last year's Road Safety Hubs, we will reintroduce these sessions later on in the year.

These efforts highlight our ongoing commitment to public safety, crime reduction, and community cohesion. As we progress through 2026, we remain focused on fostering a safer, stronger, and more connected community for all.

**The crime data referred to above is recorded between 9th October 2025 and 12th of January 2026*

Useful Links/Contacts

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- **Argyll and Bute Community Directory** - <https://abcd.scot/> including warm spaces information
- **Crimestoppers** – [Crimestoppers in Scotland | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](https://crimestoppers-uk.org/) 0800 555 111
- **Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime** – www.scottishparc.co.uk
- **Women's Aid** - [Home - Women's Aid \(womensaid.org.uk\)](http://www.womensaid.org.uk)
- **Citizens Advice** – 0808 164 6000
- **Argyll and Bute Council Trading Standards** – 01546 605 519
- **Argyll and Bute Council** – <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/my-council/how-contact-us>
- **Transport Scotland** – road related incidents and road closures - <https://www.traffic.gov.scot/traffic-information/incidents>
- **Scottish Water** - <https://www.scottishwater.co.uk/Help-and-Resources/Contact-Us> 0800 0778 778
- **NHS24 (including mental health support)** – 111 or <https://www.nhsinform.scot/>

Follow us on Social Media and help share local appeals and education messages

- Facebook - Police Scotland Argyll and West Dunbartonshire
- X (formerly Twitter) – PSOSArgyllBute and PSOS ArgWestDunb

Sign up to Neighbourhood Watch to receive local alerts and bulletins for your community area - <https://neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/#0>

Have your say on your local policing priorities - [Your Police 2024-2025 - Police Scotland - Citizen Space](#)

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SCOTTISH
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Bute, Cowal and Dunoon CPG Briefing Report

Q3 2025/26

Performance & Activity Report

From: 1st October 2025

To: 31st December 2025

Introduction

Welcome to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Community Board Performance Report. This performance report is designed to provide citizens, stakeholders and partners with information relating to Community Board based activity undertaken by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Whilst using historic statistical benchmarking data, consideration must be taken of the somewhat random nature of fire related incidents and events, and how this can pose difficulties in interpreting emerging patterns and trends. This is of specific relevance where Community Board level data is analysed due to the relatively small number of actual incidents/events that occur in Community Board areas.

However, regardless of statistical anomalies, emerging patterns and trends in fire related incidents and events can assist the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Community Planning Partners plan and implement preventative intervention initiatives to target reducing fire related incidents and events.

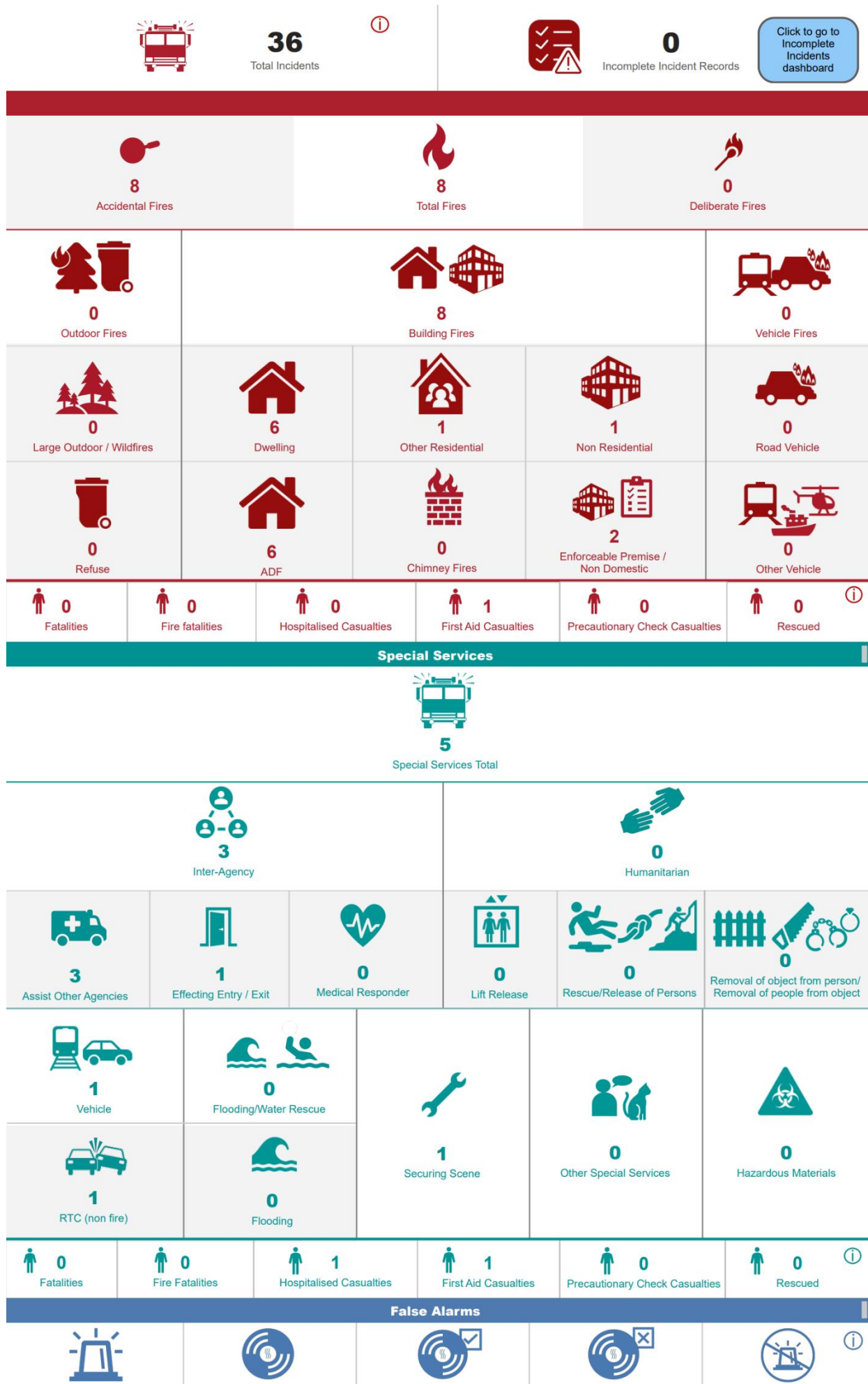
About the statistics within this report

The activity totals and other statistics quoted within this report are published in the interests of transparency and openness. They are provisional in nature and subject to change as a result of ongoing quality assurance and review.

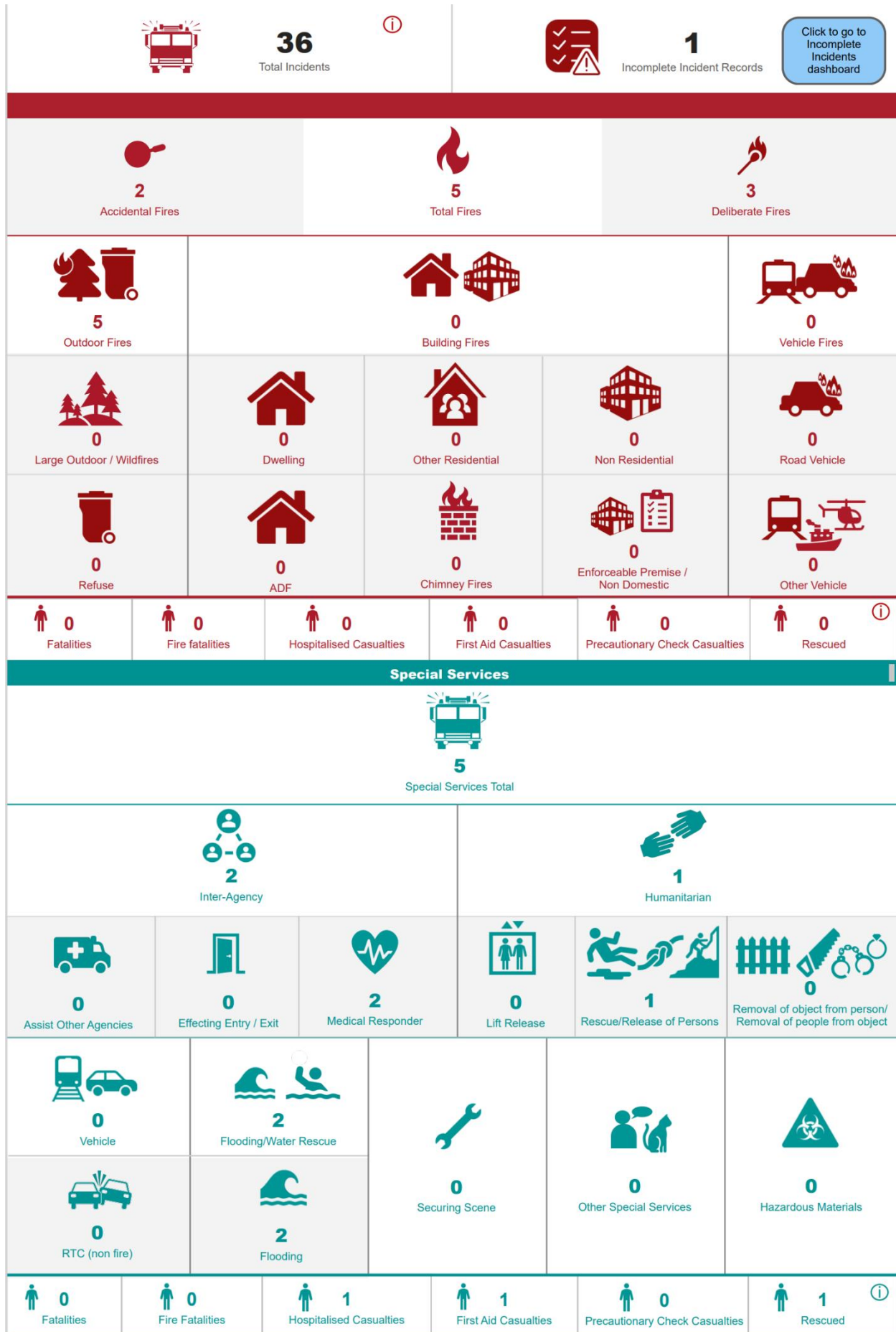
Because all statistics quoted are provisional there may be a difference in the period totals quoted in our reports after local publication which result from revisions or additions to the data in our systems.

The Scottish Government publishes official statistics each year which allow for comparisons to be made over longer periods of time.

Isle of Bute Q3 2025-26



Cowal Q3 2025-26



Community Safety & Engagement

Community Safety Campaigns/ Safety Messaging

In the lead up to 5 November, our Community Action Team and operational crews delivered bonfire safety presentations in all Argyll and Bute secondary schools. The sessions covered the risks linked to bonfires and fireworks and highlighted how young people can stay safe during this busy period.

Pupils engaged well and asked useful questions, and staff welcomed the support in reinforcing key safety messages ahead of Bonfire Night.

Thank you to everyone involved for helping promote safer choices in our communities.



On-Call Firefighter Training

On-Call Firefighters across Argyll & Bute continue to demonstrate outstanding commitment to their communities, balancing their on-call duties with personal and work responsibilities. Crews have worked hard to maintain and develop their operational skills, completing essential refresher training in key disciplines such as Breathing Apparatus procedures and Road Traffic Collision (RTC) extrication techniques. Their dedication ensures a high standard of preparedness and professionalism, helping to keep local communities safe and resilient.



Christmas Gift Appeal

The SFRS Christmas Gift Appeal, delivered in partnership with Home Start, was a tremendous success this year. Thanks to the generosity of the public, an outstanding number of toys and gifts were collected, ensuring that local children and families received much-needed support over the festive period.

CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in the Oban Lorn and Isles area is working in partnership with Home Start Lorn in Oban to deliver Christmas gifts to children in your area up to the age of 15 years old.

Gifts should be new, unwrapped, and dropped off at Oban Fire Station or Salen Hotel on Mull by the 3rd of December to allow for distribution in time for Christmas.



Community Action Team

- Our Community Action Team are engaging with local partners including ACHA, to highlight the associated risks of domestic open fires. This safety information is available on the SFRS website and will continue to be shared on our social media platforms.
- Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) following every domestic incident: Offers homeowners a free safety check and installation of alarms where applicable.
- Representation on Multi Agency Risk Assessment (MARAC) for those affected by domestic violence.

- Continue to support 'Make the Call' campaign and On Call recruitment drive for retained and volunteer stations within Argyll and Bute
- Engaging with communities utilising Summer/Autumn Thematic Action Plans TAP (Thematic Action Plan)
- Establishing "Referral Pathways" with our partnership agencies. Empowering new referral groups to help us arrange Home Fire Safety Visits for some of our most vulnerable groups in our communities.



Argyll & Bute Citizens Advice Bureau

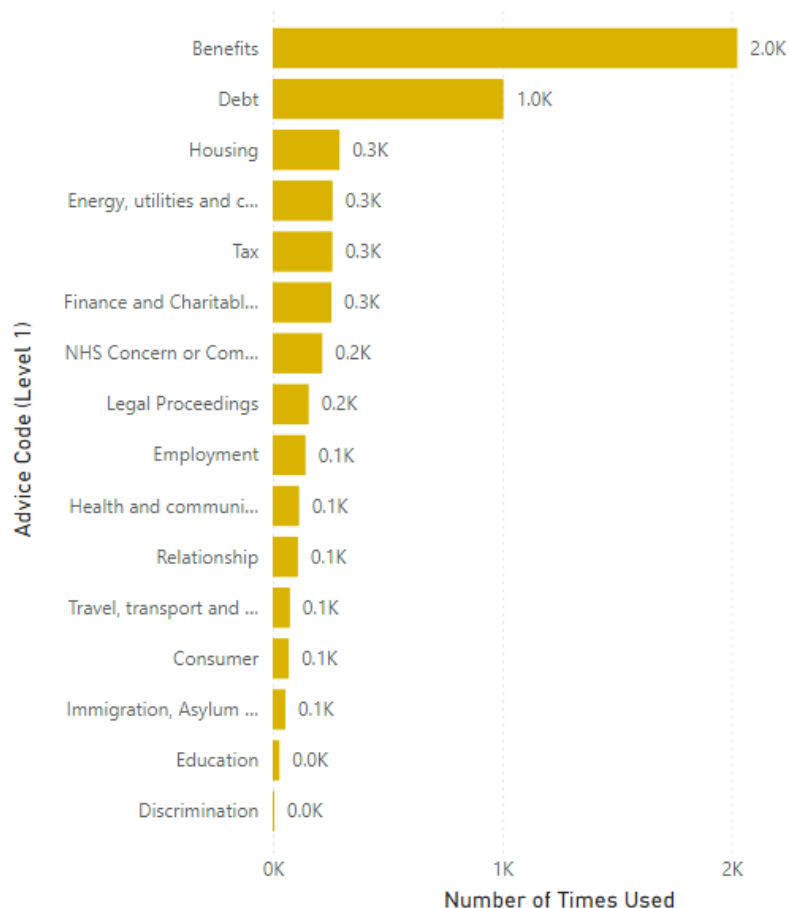
Community Planning Partnerships Update

January 2026

Between January 2025 and December 2025, Argyll & Bute CAB supported over 2000 clients, with 65% being new to the service.

The Vast Majority of our cases are Welfare rights and Benefits enquiries which accounted for 39% of overall advice provision, with 2026 single pieces of advice recorded.

Number of Times Used by Advice Code (Level 1)



Client Financial Gain over the same period was just over £1.2m, with 80% made of benefits entitlements and another 13% realised from our free debt advice.

Volunteer recruitment

While we currently have 17 trained adviser volunteers across the region, we are reopening our recruitment drive for April 2026 commencement on our SCQF Level 6 training programme.

To request an application pack, please email info@abccab.org.uk – we require a commitment of 6 hours per week under Scottish National Standards, of which we are an accredited advice provider.



We are also continuing to look for relevantly experienced Trustees, and non-advice related volunteers. There is no minimum hour requirement for our IT, social media or maintenance volunteers.

New Services

Energy Debt Advice –

Our Adviser Mark is a City & Guilds qualified energy adviser, supporting clients to negotiate with Suppliers, seek debt reduction, change tariffs, submit complaints to suppliers and Ombudsman. If individuals would like to look at some resources to support them while awaiting an appointment. This can be found on our site here <https://www.moneytalkteam.org.uk/>

Homelessness Prevention Pilot

Home Secure Argyll is our new project working in collaboration with Carr Gomm, Argyll & Bute Council, ACHA, West Highland HA and Hope Kitchen and Dunoon Foodbank within the scope of the Ask and Act legislation supporting statutory bodies and other organisations to prevent homelessness. This launches publicly in March and we look forward to supporting colleagues with the training program and recruiting lived experience individuals to the advisory board for the project. If you know of someone who may wish to join the advisory board, expenses are payable, as are travel and child costs; please contact laura.mcleod@abccab.org.uk or sarah.nixon@abccab.org.uk

Existing Services with the Bureau

Welfare Rights – support with completing applications, submitting mandatory reconsideration requests and representation at tribunal/appeals.

Housing Debt – support for people in housing arrears or facing debts that threaten tenure retention. FCA regulated support to address debts and seek free solutions includes court representation where required.

Council Tax Debt Partnership – working with the LA to support vulnerable households to realise eligible reduction, and discounts and affordable repayments, with a view to also increasing awareness of what CT pays for and support in our communities.

About Turn Argyll, provides targeted support to serving and former military personnel and their dependents. Our Adviser Phil is ex-forces and can support anyone connected to the armed services with a wide range of issues including employment, housing, relationship breakdown and debt.

Patient Advice Support Service – advice on patient rights, complaints to GP's, HSCP, and SPSO.

Money Talks – Income maximisation project looking to reduce costs, increase income through benefits entitlements and address low persistent debt.

Unpaid Carers Advice Project. – Provision of targeted advice to carers across Argyll & Bute. Support to access care, raise issues, complete applications for Power of Attorney etc, address financial supports and access benefits.

Generalist advice on Housing, Employment relationship, court processes, parking charge notices and neighbour disputes.

Outreach Locations

Dunoon [Food bank, Crossroads Carers and JC+]

Oban [Hope Kitchen, NA Carers Centre, Toy Library and JC+]

Campbeltown JC+

Helensburgh Carers Centre

Research areas

Our Voices Matter - Working with the Poverty Alliance, and TSI to push for better lay representation on HSCP IJB and demonstrating budgetary reduction impacts on the communities across Argyll & Bute

Stakeholder Survey

As we move forward into 2026, please complete our stakeholder survey – we use this to form new areas of work and partnership opportunities.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ABCABCommunityPartnerSurvey2026/>

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Argyll & Bute Community Planning
Partnership
Area Community Planning Group
Partnership update
Date: February 2026

Public Health Partner update

Mental Health and Suicide Prevention training (see attached poster for more details)

<u>Scottish Mental Health First Aid (SMHFA)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>February 19th and 20th – Oban</u> • <u>30th and 31st March- Helensburgh</u>
<u>First aid for youth Mental Health</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>February 10th, 11th and 17th - Online</u> • <u>March 3rd, 4th and 10th March - Online</u>
<u>Applied Suicide Intervention Skills (ASIST) Training</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>January 14th- January 15th (Campbeltown)</u> • <u>24th and 25th February Lochgilphead</u> • <u>March 25 - March 26 (Oban)</u>
<u>Safe Talk Training</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>January 22nd - Helensburgh</u>

Speakeasy online bitesize sessions (see attached poster for details on how to book)

Keeping Children Safe [Wednesday 18th February 2026 6.30-8pm](#)

The Online World [Tuesday 3rd March 2026 6.30-8pm](#)

Sessions for those with older children

Healthy Relationships, Consent & The Law [Wednesday 21st January 2026 6.30-8pm](#)

The Adolescent Brain Tuesday **3rd February 2026 6.30-8pm**

Young People & Pornography Thursday **26th February 2026 6.30-8pm**

Young People, Sex & Technology Wednesday **11 March 2026 6.30-8pm**



Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership

Work continues on the ADP Strategy 2025-2027 and Implementation Plan, which focuses on the three pillars of Prevention, Recovery Orientated Systems of Care (ROSC) and a Public Health Approach to Justice.

The ADP Support Team published their Winter Bulletin highlighting areas of work delivered by partners. The Winter Bulletin can be accessed here: [ADP 3 Winter Bulletin 2025](#)

Prevention



Argyll and Bute Youth Voices Conference

The Planet Youth team hosted a Youth-led Conference in Kilmory Chambers in November 2025. This event provided an opportunity for young people in Argyll and Bute to meet directly with decision makers and have their voices heard. There was an empowering talk by Brian Costello from Head Strong Minds, followed by group discussions facilitated by adults and led by the young people. Conversations centred around: Families, Peer Groups, Leisure, Local Community/ Contextual safeguarding, School / Positive Destinations. The Q&A panel included: Pippa Milne (Argyll and Bute Council Chief Executive), Amanda Ward (Children's Services), Tony McGloin (Scottish Fire and Rescue), Laura Stephenson (Alcohol & Drugs Partnership), Wendy Brownlie (Head of Education – Learning and Teaching) and Zahra Hedges (Winning Scotland).

Planet Youth Residential

Members of the Public Health team attended a two-day Planet Youth course, which brought together a small group of representatives from organisations across Argyll and Bute including: Scottish Fire and Rescue, Third Sector, Children's Services, Health, Education and Young Carers. Those attending the course were encouraged to think boldly, work collaboratively, and lead differently in pursuit of identifying systems that universally support children and young people at its core. Barriers to achieving the goal were identified with the group discussing methods which could be implemented to removing these barriers through working collectively, aligning ambition, investment and action across services and sectors.

Recovery Orientated System of Care (ROSC)

Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) is a framework adopted by the Argyll & Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) to build a holistic, person-centred, community-anchored support system for people experiencing issues with alcohol and drugs. It emphasises multiple needs (health, housing, education and social inclusion), trauma-informed practice, and connections across services. With the support from the Community Development team the first local ROSC meetings across Argyll and Bute started in October 2025. These meetings, attended by a variety of partners, set out the actions for going forward.

Bute Connect

With You, a third sector organising specialising in alcohol and drug support commissioned to provide recovery supports within the community, have been renovating a building in Bute. The building will be used as a space within the community for drug and alcohol support and health and wellbeing. In December partners were invited to view the completed renovations and consider how this asset can support recovery and wellbeing on the island.

Training

39 people attended *Volatile Substance Use* training delivered by *Re-solve* in each locality in November 2025. Attendees reported an increase in knowledge of gas and solvents following the training and felt more confident discussing these issues with their clients.

Certificated CPR training from *Heartstart*, which was offered throughout December in four localities, received very positive feedback. This provided attendees with both the theory and practical skills required to save a person's life.

19 people from across A&B attended a two day online training in *Community Reinforcement and Family training*, an evidence based, non- judgemental programme for practitioners to use with family members and carers affected by someone else's alcohol or drug use.

30 people, from organisations across A&B, attended *REACH Advocacy* online workshops on the Charter of Rights for People Affected by Substance use and Advocacy in November.

Medically Assisted Treatment Standards Experiential Programme 2025-2026

As part of the Scottish Governments Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards for drug use, Argyll and Bute ADP have commissioned Scottish Drugs Forum (SDF) to carry out interviews with people who have experience of accessing MAT in Argyll and Bute, their families and service providers. The findings of this work will be reported to the Scottish Government in April and inform service development. If you would like to participate in the interviews or find out more about this work please contact samanthas@sdf.org.uk.

For any further information on the ADP update, please contact:
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Screening Inequalities event in Campbeltown



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FREE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING



*Free training is available for everyone living or working in Argyll and Bute.
Build your confidence to recognise when someone is struggling and learn how to help.*

SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING



Scotland's Mental Health First Aid provides general information about mental health problems, helping you learn how to recognise someone is struggling, offer help, and guide them towards the right support.

Register for: [Scotland's Mental Health First Aid](#)

LEARN HOW TO ASK AND TALK ABOUT SUICIDE



Free suicide prevention training is available to help you spot when someone might be struggling, start a conversation, and guide them towards support.

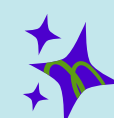
Suicide is preventable — and talking about it saves lives.

Register for: [Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training \(ASIST\)](#)

Register for: [safeTALK](#)

Register for: [ASK, TELL Workshops](#)

SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH



Youth Mental Health First Aid training is free for anyone supporting young people in Argyll and Bute.

Learn how to recognise when a young person is struggling, listen without judgement, and guide them to help.

Register for: [First Aid for Youth Mental Health](#)



YOU CAN BOOK A COURSE THROUGH [TURAS LEARN](#). HERE'S HOW:

1. Sign up for [Turas](#) | [My Turas](#) | [Home](#) (if you haven't already)
2. Go to the [Public health zone](#) | [Turas](#) | [Learn](#)
3. Choose a training category: [Mental health and wellbeing](#) or [Suicide prevention](#)
4. Pick a course, choose a date, and book your place.



nhsh.ab-sptraining@nhs.scot



<https://www.ablivingwell.org/mental-health-and-suicide-prevention-training>

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Free bite-size Speakeasy online sessions

Speakeasy sessions are relaxed and interactive and is for anyone caring for a child in Argyll & Bute. The sessions help parents and carers build on what they already know about growing up, relationships and sex.

Taking part in a Speakeasy course can:

- Support young people dealing with body changes, safety and relationships
- Give you the confidence to discuss these subjects with young people in a fun and relaxed way

We have created 8 online sessions, 4 for those with children at primary school and 4 for those with children at secondary school. **As the sessions are interactive, they will work better through a laptop or computer, rather than a mobile phone.**

Click on the individual session(s) below to book a place:

Sessions for those with younger children

Culture & Influence

Tuesday 13th January 2026 6.30-8pm

Answering Questions

Thursday 29th January 2026 6.30-8pm

Keeping Children Safe

Wednesday 18th February 2026 6.30-8pm

The Online World

Tuesday 3rd March 2026 6.30-8pm

Sessions for those with older children

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Periods	Activity	Duration	Traffic Management
Now – Pre Christmas	Hillside protection barriers repairs Roadside crash cushion repairs on A83 Drainage emergency repairs	1 week	Temporary Traffic Signals on A83
Christmas – New Year	No site works	2 weeks	Traffic management removed
First week after the Christmas and New Year break	Hillside protection barriers repairs	1 week	Traffic management removed
January – March 2026	Hillside protection barriers repairs Slope remedial works Routine barriers and drainage maintenance works Hillside boulder removal Remedial works at A83 RaBT following landslide on 1 st Sep 2025	3 months	Temporary Traffic Signals on A83
April – June 2026	Slope remedial works Routine drainage maintenance works Remedial works at Butterbridge and Glen Kinglas following landslide on 1 st Sep 2025	3 months	Temporary Traffic Signals on A83
July – September 2026	Works at Loch Restil (Easn Dubh).	Exact period to be defined	Temporary Traffic Signals on A83

Note: This is an indicative programme and is subject to revision, for example due to unpredictable hillside movements, adverse weather conditions, assessment findings for remedial works of landslide events.

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We are currently within the Winter Maintenance regime, noting that the general cyclic maintenance works are all now complete, although, weekly road & bridge inspections are still ongoing;

TS/BEAR Scotland have recently completed works;

- The implementation of the 20mph zones within a number of towns within the Kintyre peninsula are being progressed and all locations should be fully installed throughout Argyle & Bute by the end of 2025
- Re-surfacing works at Low Ballevain, Drum, Glaschoine House & Bellochauntuy
- Strone Point Netting Replacement
- Bend signing improvements between Minard & Lochgilphead
- Drainage works at Dun-Aluinn

RaBT;

- From 19th January, generally carrying out ongoing maintenance works such as barrier repairs to various sections, some barrier snagging works with lower slopes commencing after that time. Other works to follow include catchpit baffle wall & barrier emptying, rock slope remedials at northern bends, Kinglas Ditch works & Loch Restil cutting failure
- The hillside is being monitored continuously by our dedicated team as per our Landslide Management Plan, noting that there is an amendment within the Management Plan regarding alert levels – **to be discussed at the meeting**
- At Cairndow, we are still awaiting SSE to confirm the electrical connection required to enable the new signage
- Find attached high level programme for upcoming works at the Rest and Be Thankful provided by BEAR Scotland, though the summer of 2026. This programme is indicative and may be subject to change, for example due to unpredictable hillside movements, adverse weather conditions, assessment findings for remedial works of landslip events.

Wider A83T;

- In addition to the recent visit on the A83 with our landscape team, BEAR are currently developing a more extensive scheme to cut back the vegetation harder/further on the A83T, to be implemented during Q4 of this financial year
- Resurfacing works are planned for Kennacraig & Tangy
- VRS works at Westport now planned for starting January 2026
- Active Travel scheme with Campbeltown is still being planned to complete the crossing facilities this financial year with power connections being taken forward at this time
- Tarbet to Campbeltown drainage ditching works are ongoing
- Drainage works planned for Campbeltown Road & Argyll Hotel in Tarbert, Honeymoon Bridge, Dunderave & Kinloch Road in Campbeltown

Other Points of Interest;

- North of Arden Roundabout filter drain renewal using temporary traffic signals is still ongoing. The project involves using a recycling technique that cleans and reuses existing stone within the drainage system. This method eliminates

the need for excavation and replacement with new materials, significantly reducing waste, conserving resources, and lowering the overall carbon footprint of the scheme

- Loch Lomond Lay-bys and Rest Area signing strategy design along with a number of junction improvements is still ongoing following on from a meeting held between BEAR and LLTNP. A number of surveys are required/planned for Q3/4 2025 with queue length surveys along the A82 Loch Lomond and Stoneymollan Roundabout
- VRS upgrades being progressed at Glen Falloch, to upgrade existing bridge parapet and approach terminals along with entire stretch of A82 Loch Lomond VRS with the scheme investigation now underway

Date: 20 January 2026



Argyll and Bute Climate Action: a Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan for Argyll and Bute.

Update to Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group

1.0 Purpose

This report provides an update on progress with the climate change strategy, in particular on three points:

- Overall progress and timeline;
- Ongoing partnership work: developing a business case and governance options for a Climate Ready Region for Argyll and Bute;
- Community resilience/emergency plans: initial findings from review of existing plans and engagement with community councils.

2.0 Recommendations

The ACPG is asked to note overall progress since the October update, and in particular to

- Return any feedback on the draft climate Action Plan attached as submitted to the CPP Management Committee in December, by 20 February to Andy Macpherson, CPP Climate Change Manager andy@act-now.org.uk;
- Note progress on developing an Argyll and Bute Climate Ready Region, and to provide any feedback on the forthcoming business case and governance model funding options by 20 February to the same contact;
- Note progress on review and engagement to date on community resilience/emergency plans, with any further input welcomed. If groups are struggling with capacity or there is no community council, the ACPG may wish to advise on how best to prioritise support.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Overall progress since August ACPG meeting

The funded period was originally due to end at the end of October 2025 but the CPP Management Committee agreed to reallocate elements of the budget in order to keep the project manager in post until July 2026 in order to support work on

developing legacy proposals and support community councils developing resilience plans. These new deliverables over the extended period are within the same original budget, although the project has subsequently secured further external (Scottish Government) funding to support specifics relating to the Climate Ready Region.

The revised timeline and extra deliverables are:

DELIVERABLES 2025	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Updates to ACPGs												
Outline Action Plan to CCWG												
Strategy to CPP Management Committee												
Updated Action Plan to Steering Group												
Updates to ACPGs												
Action Plan and Legacy update to Steering Group												
Action Plan and Legacy update to CPP Mgt Cttee												
Steering Group, Ongoing Action Plan and Risk Assessment												
Updates to ACPGs												
Steering Group - overall review												
RAP/Climate Ready Region (CRR) initial comms												
Establish Climate Ready Region Short Life Working Group												
Action Plan to Steering Group												
Action Plan to CPP Mgt Cttee for scrutiny												
NEW DELIVERABLES 2025 - 26	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul		
CRR scope, governance, business case commission												
Updates to ACPGs												
CRR stakeholder interviews												
Community Resilience review												
CRR interim review to Steering Group												
Action Plan Scrutiny by CPP Mgt Cttee												
Updates to ACPGs and CCWG												
Action Plan feedback to CPP Management Committee												
RAP scope, governance framework, business case to CPP MC												
Community Resilience review to Steering Group												
Updates to ACPGs												
Monitoring & final report to CPP Management Committee												
Handover and close												

3.2 Ongoing Partnership Work: A Climate Ready Region for Argyll and Bute

The Scottish Government has provided some funding in the current financial year to support development of a Climate Ready Region for Argyll and Bute (previously referred to as Regional Adaptation Partnership). The support is for:

- Climate literacy and resilience training (currently being delivered by Argyll & Bute Climate Action Network ABCAN)
- Consultant support for governance and business case development
- Associated officer time and engagement (ABCAN and CPP Climate Change Manager)
- Plus in kind support from Verture/Adaptation Scotland

Following an invitation to quote on Public Contracts Scotland, Waterman Group has been appointed to undertake the governance and business case work, and they have recently completed a round of stakeholder focus group sessions, including from ACPGs, in addition to a literature review with the draft report due on 10 February, comments on the draft and scrutiny by a CPP Management Committee sub group by

24 February, and the final report due in mid March in time for the CPP Management Committee's March meeting.

Community resilience is likely to be of particular interest to the Scottish Government for the Argyll & Bute Climate Ready Region

3.3 Community resilience/emergency plans

The CPP Management Committee agreed that resilience and carbon literacy training should be foremost among the six priority areas for action in the climate change strategy and that a priority action for the climate change project manager should be to make use of available budget (the extended time in post) to support communities on climate change risk aspects of resilience plans. This corresponds to roughly 20 days per Area.

The emphasis on resilience and carbon literacy is also of interest to interest to the Scottish Government and this is reflected in the extra funding in the current financial year to support development of a Climate Ready Region.

The climate change project manager has

- reviewed existing resilience/emergency plans (the terms are frequently used interchangeably) where these are available;
- met community councils or representatives thereof on a sample basis across the Argyll and Bute administrative Areas;
- written to all current community councils in Bute and Cowal Area;
- engaged with ColGlen, Dunoon, Hunter's Quay, Kilfinan, Sandbank, South Cowal and Strachur

Capacity in community groups is a known issue throughout Argyll and Bute, and while some groups envisage six months or less to develop a plan, other groups will certainly take longer or may struggle to start. The ACPG may wish to advise on how to prioritise support to groups if this arises, and likewise where there is no active community council.

Where there are recurrent issues across Areas the project manager may escalate these to the CPP Management Committee.

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Argyll & Bute Climate Action

February 2026 update

- Ongoing work (currently funded until July):
 - Finalise and approve Action Plan (attached in meeting papers)
 - Develop Climate Ready Region business case (ScotGov funding)
 - Support community resilience/ emergency planning
- Requests to ACPG
 - feedback on draft climate Action Plan, by 20 February
 - feedback on pending Climate Ready Region business case 20 Feb
 - any input on emergency plans incl where no community capacity

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Tasks 2026

NEW DELIVERABLES 2026	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
CRR stakeholder interviews							
Community Resilience review							
CRR interim review to Steering Group							
Action Plan Scrutiny by CPP Mgt Cttee							
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Resilience – Bute & Cowal

- Approx. 20 days per Area until July for resilience plans aka emergency plans
- Engaged with engaged with ColGlen, Dunoon, Hunter's Quay, Kilfinan, Sandbank, South Cowal and Strachur.
- Written to all other current B&C Community Councils
- What about where no Community Council?
- Community resilience of strong interest to Scottish Govt for Climate Ready Region
- Working in collaboration with Local Resilience Partnership and A&BC Emergency Planning
emergencyplanning@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Community Resilience

“communities and individuals harnessing resources and expertise to help themselves prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies, in a way that complements the work of the emergency responders” (ScotGov)

- not in any way a method by which a local authority or an emergency service may reduce its response or service to the community
- you should never do anything which puts you or anyone else in your community at risk
- achieving any of these things will help make your community more resilient:

Community emergency plan – steps

- Prepare your own household/family emergency plan
- Distribution list
- Identify local risks
- Local skills and resources
- Key locations
- Emergency contact list
- List of community organisations who may be able to help
- How to trigger the plan
- First steps after plan is triggered
- Consider temporary premises where displaced people could go until formal arrangements can be made by the Local Authority.
- Alternatives if usual communications disrupted

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/my-community/how-make-community-emergency-plan>

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Argyll and Bute Climate Action: A Climate Change Strategy for Argyll and Bute

Action Plan Summary draft v2.2 26 November 2025

The CPP Management Committee approved the Argyll and Bute climate change strategy in spring 2025 and agreed that the action plan should

- reflect the strategy's 6 priority areas, with resilience foremost among these
 - Resilience/Carbon Literacy
 - Risk Assessment
 - Skills, Procurement and Supply Chain
 - Policy Influence
 - Transport and Infrastructure
 - Crosscutting/Other
- reflect the CPP's three Outcomes: Transport Infrastructure, Housing and Community Wellbeing
- emphasise action within the CPP's scope to control or influence: the group of organisations and community representatives working together to achieve improvements across Argyll and Bute in ways which promote prevention, reduce inequalities and build community capacity
- support just transition: as we prepare for the impacts of the changing climate we do so in ways that are fair and tackle inequality.

A summary of some of the suggested priority actions from the Action Plan for consideration by the CPP Management Committee's Steering Group is provided below.

Action	Description	Lead/ Proposer	Measurement/ Indicator	CPP Outcome	Just Transition
Area for action: Resilience/Carbon Literacy					
Work with community councils to develop emergency plans including lessons from previous events	This is a major area of opportunity for CPP influence and agency.	A&BC, CPP Climate Change Manager	Resilience plans developed	Community Wellbeing	Enhance ability of communities including to cope during emergencies
Develop and deliver climate literacy and resilience training appropriate to key groups	Ensuring accredited training relevant to roles and to Argyll's climate and needs.	ACT/ABCAN with CPP member organisations	Training modules developed	Community Wellbeing	Enhanced capacity to support just transition
Consider establishment of a Argyll and Bute resilience forum/community of practice	Build upon informal networks sharing good practice	Feedback from groups working on resilience plans	Establishment of forum	Community Wellbeing	Affordable approaches to enhancing resilience
Develop register of resilience resources and needs	Identify recurrent needs and gaps. Lack of capacity in communities a critical issue.	CPP Climate Change Manager	Register/report of findings	Community Wellbeing	Move towards "none left behind"
Carbon Literacy and Adaptation/Resilience for communities	Support informed choices on low carbon and climate readiness	ACT/ABCAN	Uptake of training	Community Wellbeing	Greater support for including vulnerable
Area for action: Risk Assessment					
Review and share CPP partner risk assessments	Make use of existing resource across all partners	CPP partner bodies	Assessments shared	Community Wellbeing	Identifying quick wins and most vulnerable
Coastal Risk Assessment	To identify key vulnerabilities and inform Coastal Change Adaptation Plan.	A&BC, SEPA?	Via statutory public body reporting	Housing Infrastructure	Communities depend on vulnerable infrastructure
Community-oriented risk assessment: Support communities, collate into regional report	Bring lived experience to scientific evidence. Extend ownership of lessons identified	CPP Climate Manager	Register/report of findings	Community Wellbeing	Lived experience represented, incl young/disadvantaged
Area for action: Skills, Procurement and Supply Chain					
Identify groups best place to lead on skills development	Establish clarity among large number of stakeholders	Skills Partnership, SDS		Community Wellbeing	

Action	Description	Lead/ Proposer	Measurement/ Indicator	CPP Outcome	Just Transition
Climate Education: Future Learning Pathways	Training and qualification to enable young people to live and work in Argyll	FLP partners	Gaps identified and mitigations proposed	Community Wellbeing	Building block of just transition
Identify opportunities to reduce transport mileage associated with procurement	Develop local supply and value chains, enhance resilience, reduce emissions	Community feedback	Mobile abattoir feasibility?		Community wealth building and circular economy
Establish a construction skills development working group	Need for range of skills incl new technology; training pathways; maintenance.	A&BC Housing		Housing	
Area for action: Policy Influence					
No policy-only action proposed in prioritised summary list	Multiple policy components under other Priority Areas eg grid, comms infrastructure				
Area for Action: Transport and Infrastructure					
Formation of a Transport Integration Working Group	Priority routes, shared transport options, integrate active travel, concessions	CPP Management Committee	Formation of group and reporting to CPP	Transport Infrastructure	Supporting accessible and affordable transport
Establishment of a community Active Travel Network	Understand infrastructure, priority routes, need, accessibility, skills	CPP Management Committee	Formation of group and reporting to CPP	Transport Infrastructure	Supporting accessible and affordable transport
Research to understand areas of greatest transport-related inequalities	Commission research to identify key transport inequalities in the area.	CPP Management Committee	Commission and report	Transport Infrastructure	Build capacity to address inequalities
Improve Electric Vehicle capability in Argyll and Bute	Accessible, affordable, fast charging; supply chain; signage, mapping, tourism	CPP Management Committee Transport session	A&BC EVIF Strategy & Expansion Plan?	Transport Infrastructure	Enhance affordability and accessibility
Incorporate housing energy efficiency, affordability and climate readiness within the CPP climate change strategy	Develop appropriate local actions and signposting, utilising pooled CPP knowledge	CPP Housing session/CPP Climate Change Manager	Tracking of progress in CPP annual reporting	Housing	Increase in affordable, lower carbon and climate ready housing
Partner working group to identify public sector assets which could provide housing	Need to link SEPA in to take account of flood risk mapping.	CPP Housing session	Group established, assets identified	Housing	Affordability of housing and flood risk

Action	Description	Lead/ Proposer	Measurement/ Indicator	CPP Outcome	Just Transition
Divert and reuse furniture and other household objects before reaching waste stream	Lorn and Oban Reuse Initiative also potential Dunoon, Helensburgh	Community feedback	Further reuse hubs	Transport Infrastructure	Affordable goods for disadvantaged, skills and jobs/volunteering
Bring school and other CPP partners recycling in line with level of recycling in community	Lack of recycling facilities particularly in secondary schools. Also recycling facilities at eg Live Argyll	Community feedback	Recycling increase, litter decrease	Transport Infrastructure	Pupils able to recycle and sustain recycling habits
Explore opportunities for food waste reduction: community composting	Explore opportunities for community composting, particularly on islands.	Community feedback	Tonnage of waste and ferry spaces saved	Transport Infrastructure	less council tax spend on waste transport
Explore options to reduce risk of wildfire and flooding – invasive species and deer management	Two major supporting measures are management of invasive species and herbivores.	Community feedback	INNS and deer management plans	Transport Infrastructure	Wildfire, flood risk, biodiversity. Community wealth building, skills
Coastal Erosion: nature based approaches	Assess potential for nature based approaches to complement hard engineering approaches.	Community feedback. SAMS?	Pilots trialled	Transport and Infrastructure	Reduced threat from coastal erosion, community wealth building
Identify alternatives to routes threatened by coastal erosion: 200km of road within 25m of the sea at high tide.	Potential alternatives such as forest tracks although standards, gradient, ownership etc issues	Engage with Strategic Timber Transport Group?	Km road identified	Transport Infrastructure	Reducing impacts of unavoidable climate change
Rainforest and peatland restoration	Add scale and connect with landscape scale projects	LL&TNP, ACT, NS	Area of restoration potential/delivered	Transport Infrastructure	Wildfire, flood risk, biodiversity
Area for Action: Crosscutting/Other					
Argyll and Bute Climate Ready Region	Work with CPP and wider community to work up business case	CPP Management Committee	Business case and governance models developed	Community Wellbeing	Emphasis on including voice of community
Community Benefit/Shared Ownership of Renewables	Development of revenue streams	Community feedback	Increase in shared ownership	Community Wellbeing	Local empowerment and regeneration