

Argyll and Bute Council news round-up – 2 August 2019

Welcome to Argyll and Bute Council's weekly news round-up. Thank you for reading it. If you have ideas on how we could make it more useful for you, we'd love to hear them. Please let us know by emailing press@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Council welcomes funding announcement for Argyll and Bute

Following the announcement by Boris Johnson of growth deal funding for Argyll and Bute, Leader of Argyll and Bute Council, Councillor Aileen Morton said:

"We have worked hard to develop and promote a rural growth deal that will transform Argyll and Bute's natural resources into long term success for the area, and into drivers for growth in the UK and Scottish economies.

"We are ambitious for Argyll and Bute, and we have strong local backing for this deal."

[Read more:](#)

Did you know?

The council-run Oban Airport saw 3221 passengers pass through its doors to fly with air services to the islands. Passengers included scholars, residents, business people and tourists. #abplace2b #closerthanyouthink

News

[Are you eligible for help towards your child's school meals and uniform:](#) Parents in Argyll and Bute are being invited to find out whether or not they are eligible for help towards the cost of their children's school uniform and free school meals.

[Council ICT service ranked number one local authority in the UK:](#) Argyll and Bute Council has been ranked the number one UK local authority for high performance and low cost of our Information and Communication Technology (ICT) service.

[Egg Shed opening marks next stage in Ardrishaig regeneration:](#) The re-opening of the historic Egg Shed, on Ardrishaig's waterfront, as a community hub, on Friday 2 August marks the first stage of the regeneration of the gateway to the Crinan Canal.

[Doing business with Argyll and Bute Council:](#) Last year, local companies won 49 out of 70 council contracts. Our website has information for businesses who would like to become a supplier of services, as well as for those who already do.

[Supporting veterans' health and wellbeing:](#) Grants are available for groups/charities who support veterans' health and wellbeing. You can find out more from the Defence Medical Welfare Service.

[Bute Noir this weekend:](#) Fans of who dunnits and thrillers should head to the Isle of Bute this weekend for the Bute Noir festival. Hear from best-selling authors including Ann Cleeves (Shetland and Vera), Ian Rankin (Rebus) and Denise Mina (Garnethill).

Argyll and Bute Council from A-Z: We've been highlighting some of our key services, from A-Z, and asking the people who do the day to day jobs, exactly what's involved. Here is this week's selection.

[P is for Planning](#)

[Q is for Qualifications](#)

[R is for Regeneration](#)

[S is for Social Work](#)

[T is for Teaching](#)

Consultations

FareShare is a charity that works to 'fight hunger and food waste' by distributing food that would otherwise go to waste. Argyll and Bute Council, with the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), is gathering information to help FareShare support people in Argyll and Bute. We would appreciate any food bank or organisation in Argyll and Bute interested in playing a part in storing and distributing food to people in need, to [complete this survey](#) to register their interest in supporting this initiative.

Between now and the end of September we would like to know what you think about the places you live and work. That way we can work out what is important for our communities as priority actions. Please help us by taking [our survey](#).

Work with us

There're still a couple of weeks before the end of the holidays, so plenty of time to pack some activities in with friends and family. Ceilidh nights, Scarecrow Festivals, agricultural shows, village fetes and Highland Games. There's even a Mod Revival, in Dunoon, and Shakespeare outdoors, in Helensburgh! Something for everyone. There's plenty of jobs available too, including: Customer Liaison Assistant, Senior Development Worker, School Crossing Patroller, Tutor, Fitness Instructor and much more.

Find out about these, and other posts, at [MyJob Scotland](#).

For information about living and working in Argyll and Bute go to www.abplace2b.scot
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We will issue our next news round-up on Friday 9 August 2019.