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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **KINTYRE INITIATIVE WORKING GROUP** will be held in the **TOWN HALL, MAIN STREET, CAMPBELTOWN** on **FRIDAY, 30 AUGUST 2013** at **10:00 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

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8. MAKI COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

- (a) MAKI Community Planning Group - Meeting date
The date of the MAKI Community Planning Group meeting is:-

4, September 2013 – 2.00p.m.
Venue is - Town Hall, Campbeltown

9. A.O.B.

10. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for:-

Friday, 25th October, 2013.

KINTYRE INITIATIVE WORKING GROUP

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**MINUTES of MEETING of KINTYRE INITIATIVE WORKING GROUP held in the TOWN HALL,
CAMPBELTOWN
on FRIDAY, 28 JUNE 2013**

Present:

	(Chair)
	Councillor Rory Colville
Councillor Robin Currie	Councillor Anne Horn
Councillor John Semple	
Iain Jackson	Argyll and Bute Council
Richard Kerr	Argyll and Bute Council
Stuart Green	Argyll and Bute Council
John Lamont	HIAL
Anna Binnie	KCCCC
Steve Bone	Alan Jones Associates
Richard Johnston	Clyde Fishermens Association
Harvard Davis	Campbeltown Community Business Ltd
Chris Haran	NFU
David Barbour	NFU
Barbara Halliday	Business Gateway
Donald Melville	Business Gateway
James Martin	Campbeltown CC
Andrew Holtby	Kintyre Way
Alistair McKinlay	Community Care Forum
Kirsteen Graham	Campbeltown Hospital
Susan Paterson	KFCC, SKDT
Norman Weir	SKDT
Pat Dean	Argyll Voluntary Action (AVA)
Fraser Durie	Argyll College
Darlene Russell	Argyll College

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated by:-

Donnie Cameron (NHS Highland)
Matthew Willis (MACC)
Jane Mayo Campbeltown Community Business Ltd)
David Roger (HIE)
Jamie McGrigor MSP
John Bakes
Tracy Grant (SKDT)
Maryanne Stewart (AVA)
Alan Reid MP
Michael Russell MSP

2. MINUTES

The Minute of the previous meeting held on 26 April, 2013 was approved as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no Matters Arising.

4. EXPLORING COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES IN KINTYRE

The group heard a presentation from Iona McDonald, Community Energy Scotland. The Chair thanked Iona for her detailed and informative presentation and opened questions from the group and public in attendance.

Discussion followed in regards:-

Impact on local tourism
Benefits to the local community
Concerns in relation to potential detriment to the local landscape

Stuart Green, Senior Development Officer updated the group on the recent contract which had been awarded to EON by the Forestry Commission. The Forestry Commission had taken an ethical approach when preparing the tender. Stuart advised on the various options which could be considered by local communities in Kintyre.

These options included:-

That local communities could undertake a trade for shares
They could also buy into schemes.

He reiterated that opportunities were available for communities to fully engage with companies, with the assurance that Argyll and Bute Council would ensure that these companies conformed to their agreements.

Richard Kerr, Head of Planning reported on the growing demand for Windfarm turbines, which were considerably larger than ones which had been previously approved. He advised that planning consent for these ultimately reduced the landscape capacity and informed the group of the bullish approach undertaken by some companies in negotiations with landowners. A member of the public questioned the height of anemometers in comparison to the actual height of turbines. Richard Kerr confirmed that the anemometers height was the actual height of the turbine hubs.

Councillor Semple enquired on the accumulative impact of smaller turbines. Richard Kerr replied that smaller turbines were not so problematic and highlighted instances on Orkney and Aberdeen whereby larger turbines were proving detrimental to local areas.

The Chair invited questions from members of the public in attendance.

Discussion continued in regards the safer monetary return for communities collaborating with larger companies. Richard Kerr reported that work was currently underway in the development of a sub-station with an underwater cable to Hunterston.

Debate continued and the feeling intimidated by some members of the public was to leave the Kintyre landscape untouched. However, others were of the opinion that local communities could benefit from the potential funding generated from Windfarms.

The group agreed the need for further research and discussion, with representation and input from local Community Councils. Iona McDonald agreed to assist with the monitoring of this issue and her contact details are detailed below:-

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Oban

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5. INFRASTRUCTURE AND INWARD INVESTMENTS

(a) FERRY - UPDATE

The Chair confirmed that the Ferry Service from Campbeltown to Ayrshire was fully operational.

(b) SUB-GROUP FOR FERRY SERVICES

Discussion was held in regards the formation of the Sub-group for the new Ferry Service. Councillor Semple stated that it would be necessary for the group to ensure that they addressed any issues arising from both existing ferry routes and any future ferry routes planned for the local area.

The Chair invited nominations from the KIWG and the following group members were nominated:-

Councillor Anne Horn, Councillor John Semple and Jim Martin. It was agreed that contact would be made with local Community Councils and Hoteliers in the area with a view to representation from these groups also sitting on the Sub-group.

The group agreed that the Terms of Reference and objectives would be agreed at the Sub-group's initial meeting in conjunction with Argyll and Bute Council.

(c) **UPDATE - TRANSSERV - COUNCILLOR SEMPLE**

Councillor Semple advised that a Business Case was being prepared in regards work proposals for the trunking of the A83. A report would be brought to the Council meeting in August for consideration.

(d) **CAMPBELTOWN AIRPORT**

John Lamont reported that the new Sunday service had commenced 2 weeks ago and would continue until the end of September. Initial passenger numbers were steady, but somewhat low and it was hoped as the service was imbedded numbers would increase. He advised on an increase in private and charter flights. In addition, the usage of the airport for 'out of hours' flying for smaller aircraft was proving popular. Figures for May were slightly down, but overall there was a 9.3% increase from last year.

Councillor Semple, Chair of HIAL, informed the group of a consultation study which was being undertaken on the new Twin-Otters service for Islands routes. He advised that there would perhaps be potential for a service between Campbeltown and Oban providing there was market capacity.

(e) **ROAD ISSUES**

The Chair advised the group that the Roads Performance Manager had been unable to attend the meeting. However a report was tabled updating the group on the Roads Capital Budget.

Discussion followed in regards recent road closures on the A83 and both the Chair and Councillor Semple advised that negotiations had been undertaken with the contractor to ensure that the road remained open as much as possible.

The Chair informed the group that BEAR had been invited to the next MAKI Area Committee in August. He requested that any issues on the A83 be forwarded to himself or Theresa McLetchie. A report was being compiled which would be forwarded to BEAR prior to the Area Committee.

Councillor Currie highlighted the prudence of undertaking grass cutting on single-track road verges, prior to cuts on major roads to avert danger to road users by this obstruction. Councillor Semple reiterated that if anyone had any issues in this regards, then they should be identified and reported to Roads Department.

(f) **CLYDE FISHERMENS ASSOCIATION**

The Chair welcomed Richard Johnston, Clyde Fishermens Association, to the meeting. Richard updated the group on concerns for fishermen in the local area and detailed the record reduction being implemented in the amount of fish they were allowed to catch. Another cause for concern was the mobilisation of the East Coast

fleet fishing into West Coast waters.

Councillor Semple reported on a recent meeting with local fishermen where they had expressed their concerns and he reiterated that local Members would continue to assist as much as they could.

The Chair thanked Richard for attending the meeting, requested regular updates on the afore-mentioned issues and reported that it had been agreed at the Council meeting held on 27 June to write to Marine Scotland suggesting a number of measures which would help minimise the impact of the Cod Recovery Plan (CRP) on the West Coast fishing industry.

(g) **CHORD**

The Chair detailed the background to the CHORD project and advised the group of the recent award from the Campbeltown CHORD Project Board of £300,00 towards the Town Hall project in Campbeltown.

Susan Paterson informed the group that the Stage 2 bid had been submitted and a meeting with the assessor was scheduled for 1 July.

Stuart Green reported that a full Business Case was being prepared for the Berthing Facility in Campbeltown. This would be submitted to the Project Board for consideration and discussion. Councillor Semple enquired if the plans included public toilets and Stuart advised that options appraisals would be presented at the next Board meeting.

The Chair informed the group that a Traffic Survey would be undertaken in September. Councillor Semple stated that he hoped this would address the current layout issues.

6. BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

(a) **HIGHLAND AND ISLANDS ENTERPRISE (HIE)**

A report was tabled from HIE at the meeting.

(b) **BUSINESS GATEWAY**

A report was tabled at the meeting and Barbara Halliday introduced Donald Melville, new Business Advisor to the group. Barbara would continue with existing clients and Donald would be tasked with assisting new clients.

Discussion continued in regards the need for Business Gateway to become more prolific in the area and make themselves known to the local community.

The Chair thanked both Barbara and Donald for their attendance.

(c) **ARGYLL COLLEGE**

Fraser Durie informed the group of the key focus areas by the College - which included:-

Agriculture
Hospitality
Tourism
Renewables

He advised on the close working partnership between the College and Argyll and Bute' Council's Economic Development team. In addition, he highlighted the ongoing support from Wind Towers Ltd and the importance of the Lochgilphead Engineering Centre. Darlene Russell reported on the new HNC in Hospitality in conjunction with the LEADER programme.

7. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(a) CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE COUNCIL

Anna Binnie, Chair of the Community Centre Council updated the group on progress made since her last attendance at the KIWG. Funding had been raised from the Big Lotter, LEADER, Robertson Trust and the Community Centre Council.

She introduced Steve Bone, Alan Jones Associates who had been appointed to assist with the Community Council Development planning for a period - April-October.

Steve Bone introduced himself to the group and detailed the background of his Company, which entailed Community Development and Regeneration. He advised of a forthcoming consultation exercise .the detail of which is below:-

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WX7DPTD>

The Chair thanked both Anna and Steve for their attendance and acknowledged the hard work and effort being undertaken by the Community Centre.

(b) MACHRIHANISH COMMUNITY FACILITY

There was no update from MACC. Matthew Willis, Manager, had intimated his apologies.

(c) KINTYRE WAY

The Chair introduced Andrew Holtby to the group. Andrew updated the group that he and 2 colleagues were now in place as part of the Coast Community Fund project. Their remit was to provide training to the unemployed as part of a new scheme and this would involve extending the Kintyre Way. He advised that 2 trainees had been taken on for a 6 month period as part of the scheme.

Andrew related some issues of concern on the Kintyre Way, whereby

walkers presently needed to use the A83 as part of the route. He and the team were hoping to address this and they were tasked with various route options to determine a solution.

The Chair thanked Andrew for his attendance and would appreciate regular updates to the group.

(d) **SOUTH KINTYRE DEVELOPMENT - UPDATE**

Susan Paterson had updated the group on this issue under Item 5g.

8. MAKI COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

(a) **MAKI COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP - MEETING DATE**

The next MAKI CPG meeting was scheduled for:-

4 September, 2013 – 2.00p.m.

The venue for the meeting would be the Town Hall, Campbeltown.

9. A.O.B.

Harvard Davis reported on the success of the recent Wee Picture House Centenary celebration on 26 May, 2013. He expressed thanks on behalf of Campbeltown Community Business Ltd to their sponsors and funders, especially HIE.

He advised the group of the re-application to the Lottery Fund and envisaged that they would receive notification of the outcome in approximately 3 months time.

The Chair thanked Harvard for this update and wished them every success with their application.

10. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The KIWG agreed to defer the appointment of a new Chair and Vice-Chair until the next meeting.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was scheduled for:-

**Friday, 30 August, 2013
10.00a.m. – Town Hall, Campbeltown.**

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and appreciated the informative updates received.

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BRIEFING SHEET

Development Projects and Renewables

Topic/Issue Title	MAKI Community Planning meeting (JUNE 2013) <i>Broadband and mobile phone coverage UPDATE</i>
Background:	
Broadband:	
<p>Highlands and Islands (HIE) have announced that BT have been appointed as the contractors who will deliver the £146 million pound Next Generation Broadband (NGB) project in the Highlands and Islands region. This is the first phase of the NGB rollout which ultimately aims to provide 100% NGB coverage by 2020. This phase aims to provide 84% NGB (<i>speeds of > 24Mbps+</i>) coverage levels in the Highlands and Islands area by 2016. Currently there is only 21% coverage levels across the HIE region.</p> <p>Exact details of the extent of the improvements in Argyll and Bute have not been issued yet. Maps released by HIE via their website indicate that there will be a number of infrastructure improvements in Argyll and Bute with new fibre optic cables replacing the existing cables in the mid Argyll area and new subsea cables to Kintyre, Islay and Jura. As the details emerge these will be made available on the HIE web site.</p> <p>For the 16% that will not receive NGB broadband this time round they will be able to contact Community Broadband Scotland (CBS) to register their interest in looking at a community scheme. Whilst it is still unclear which communities will not receive NGB as part of the first roll out phase, CBS will be able to help explain the alternative options that may be available.</p> <p>Community Broadband Scotland has just appointed Campbell Cameron as their representative for the Argyll area. Campbell will be based in the HIE office in Lochgilphead and his contact details are:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">01546 605 415 / campbell.cameron@communitybroadbandsotland.org</p>	
Mobile Phone Coverage	
<p>UK Governments £150 million Mobile Infrastructure Project (MIP) has been awarded state aid approval and recently (13th May 13) procured the firm Arquiva to carry out the upgrades to 10 roads in the UK. The A82 trunk road is included within the MIP project and is expected to benefit from improved coverage levels as part of the upgrades. Details of the MIP plans are on the Department for Media, Culture and Sport website including a map of expected improvements to mobile not spots coverage. The works will include the provision of additional phone masts across the area although full details of the actual locations have yet to be released. The project is expected to be completed in 2015.</p> <p>In the report to full Council on Mobile Signal coverage by Gerry Wilson in December 2012 it was noted that Vodaphone and O2 will be initiating a mast sharing programme that will improve coverage and quality of signal in Argyll and Bute. Vodaphone have since stated that the project completion date has been delayed from December 2013 until December 2014.</p>	

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Actions: Continue to liaise closely with HIE, BT and Arqiva to ensure that the most up to date information is available in regard to the proposed works within Argyll and Bute to allow a full understanding of the extent of the provision of Next generation broadband as well as the improvements to the existing mobile phone coverage .	
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SCOTLANDYour ref: SMact/VMF/C2c
Our ref: A6345012
29th July 2013

Dear Mr Mactaggart,

Thank you for your letter of 8 July 2013 relaying the concerns of Argyll and Bute Council about the potential economic and social impact of effort restrictions on the fishing industry on the West coast of Scotland.

Time limits at sea are imposed by the European Union through the Cod Recovery Plan (CRP). Through the CRP, the EU allocates one pot of effort for the North Sea and one for the West coast, and does not allow transfers of unused effort between either. Each year the Scottish Government agrees with the fishing industry a scheme for allocating these pots of effort among Scottish vessels.

Controls on days at sea are set in relation to West coast inshore prawn vessels, in particular; even though it is widely acknowledged these vessels catch very little cod and have taken further new conservation measures (by inserting large fish escape panels into their nets) in 2012 to further reduce unwanted catches of fish. In 2010 we did succeed in getting 67 West coast vessels exempted from days at sea limits altogether.

The increased use of days at sea in 2012 was caused by an influx to the West coast of vessels normally active in the North Sea. They moved because prawn fishing grounds in the North Sea were less abundant. However, in August 2012, the Scottish Government banned almost all East coast boats from using the West coast limit, which allowed West coast vessels to continue fishing throughout the year. This allowed the West coast prawn fishery to remain open despite clear indications it would be safer to close the fishery in January 2013.

This year, having taken account of strong concerns voiced by industry and community representatives, days at sea allocations for 2013 for prawn fishing vessels on the West coast is the number of days equivalent to **95 per cent of their average annual time at sea in 2009-11**, with a minimum allocation of 110 days at sea. We also agreed to restrict

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transferring of West coast effort to ensure effort remains with the vessels that have a proven history of working on the West. We continue to keep these decisions under constant review through monitoring the use of effort on a weekly basis and we have made available an appeal mechanism on 2009-11 totals. We will reconsider the measures put in place to see if we can, where appropriate, alter them to the benefit of the fleet.

Official information indicates that (among the 97 prawn vessels based on the West coast with days at sea limits in 2012) 48 will receive an allocation in excess of their average annual time at sea in 2009-11, three will have their time reduced, but by less than five per cent, and the remaining 43 will have a five per cent reduction.

We have considered other avenues where we would assist the West coast fleet and proposed a scheme whereby through use of on-board cameras we might secure an exemption from days at sea limits altogether in the West coast. This proposal is currently being considered by the industry and we stand ready to help them take it forward if they so wish. We have also provided an option to participate in a range of publicly funded marine science initiatives identified by Marine Scotland that will improve inshore fisheries and marine science on the West coast. Participants will be invited to provide their vessels for chartered research activities on the West coast, which will include payment to the skipper.

Finally, you will wish to know Richard Lochhead MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment, called a meeting with fishermen's representatives last month to discuss the current situation and informed them he would draw up an action plan to help address the many and varying concerns and provide whatever support possible to assist the fleet. This action plan was published recently and a copy is included with this letter.

In addition, the Scottish Government continues with efforts to convince the European Commission of the need to amend the CRP and to implement it more flexibly, reacting to the needs of different fleets. This includes pressing urgently for the swift exemption from days at sea controls for vessels that catch very little cod and allowing greater ability to swap effort between sea areas.

I hope this letter reassures you and your council that the Scottish Government is doing everything possible to support the Scottish fishing industry in these tough times.

Yours sincerely

LINDA ROSBOROUGH
Director of Marine Scotland

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Date

30/07/13

Planning & Regulatory Services
Kilmory HQ

Aid to Adapt - a five-point action plan for Scottish white fish and prawn fishing

Introduction

In recent years, our whitefish and prawn trawlers have had to cope with tough times: high fuel prices, export markets under pressure and the continuing restrictions of the EU's Cod Recovery Plan have all taken their toll. On top of this in 2013 prawn fishers have struggled with very poor catches, reducing income for crews and placing pressure on whitefish quotas and markets. This is therefore a time of particular stress and challenge and the Government wants to help as much as we can. We want to help with immediate pressures and also support the transition towards discard free fisheries under the now reformed EU Common Fisheries Policy.

Point 1: Hardship fund

- We have established a £3 million hardship fund to offer help, where necessary, to affected fishing vessels facing exceptional stresses on their viability. We will now discuss urgently with fishing industry representatives how money from this fund might be made available to best help those in greatest need of assistance. In considering whether to deploy this fund, we will continue to monitor carefully the progress of prawn fishing, and will hope that improved catch rates will allow fishermen, through their own efforts, to restore stability to their businesses.

Point 2: Business flexibility

- We will where possible remove regulatory barriers that inhibit catching businesses from diversifying into alternative sustainable fisheries:
 - We will publish shortly proposals for changes to licensing systems that will reduce costs and add significantly to the flexibilities available to licence holders;
 - We will consider in particular calls from some industry representatives for multi-rig gears (fishing with more than 2 trawls in the water) to be permitted in the North Sea prawn fishery for at least part of the year; and,
 - We have received many representations about the cost of leasing fish quotas. Many fishermen have stated that these costs represent the most severe restriction on their flexibility and the greatest threat to the viability of their businesses. The Government is greatly concerned by these reports. We have in the past made proposals to seek to direct quota towards active fishermen and prevent it from being held as a speculative asset. In the light of the many representations we have received, the Government underlines that it remains ready to work with the fishing industry to improve the way in which quota is managed. We would welcome any proposals for ways in which this important national asset can achieve greater and wider benefits.

Point 3: Voluntary discard-free prawn fishing

- We will invite vessels – where they want to - to trial a discard-free prawn fishery this year by using gears including flexible grids that eliminate whitefish by-catch. We will then give vessels additional time at sea where required to catch whitefish quotas. We will seek funding from the European Fisheries Fund for this work to provide vessels with a minimum income to help them adapt to new ways of working.

- We will explore the scope for using fishing vessels in EFF-funded research into the North Sea eco-system.

Point 4: Reducing discards across the prawn fleet

- For vessels that do not want to move to discard free now, we will reinvigorate work with the fishing industry to develop new fishing gears and measures to achieve our discard reduction targets and will also consider whether it remains necessary for highly selective gears to be deployed in the Farn Deep, taking into account the potential for fishing effort to be displaced.

Point 5: Maximising economic growth through seafood

- The Scottish Seafood Partnership will shortly present an action plan to support the onshore sector as it seeks to maximise economic growth in Scotland, following which the Government will announce actions to be taken forward. We expect in particular to develop and roll out further efforts in langoustine marketing both at home and abroad.

Funding and implementation

Together, the actions outlined in this plan will involve funding of up to £6 million. We will provide information about the implementation of these actions in due course, including details of eligibility with respect to hardship funds.

The longer term

The Government seeks in this action plan to make a positive immediate contribution that helps fishermen and the businesses that depend on their catches to overcome, where possible and necessary, the challenges they face in the short term. But substantial challenges will remain, and Government and all those with a stake in fishing must look to the long term. As we work in partnership to implement this action plan, we will also discuss with interested representatives what further steps can be taken by industry and Government together to strengthen the resilience and adaptability of businesses in the fishing industries. We recognise that as well as off shore interests these industries also encompass onshore businesses which are directly affected by the pressures experienced by the fleet.

We will investigate in particular whether new measures could be put in place that would allow businesses to develop their business models and operating practices in ways that might improve their capacity to achieve over the next few years a successful and profitable transition to a reformed Common Fisheries Policy.

Scottish Government
July 2013



APPROVALS LIST – HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS ENTERPRISE

Lochgilphead Area Office

June 2013

This approvals list for Highlands and Islands Enterprise provides details on financial assistance given to businesses, community groups, public sector partners and other organisations to deliver specific projects. The list also provides details on projects that are led and managed by HIE itself, sometimes in partnership with other organisations.

Please note that the sums relate to approvals, not payments. The approval simply shows that funds have been made available, but they will not be released until evidence is received which shows that the project or activity has gone ahead as planned.

Business Unit	Applicant	Project Description	Assistance Approved £	Total Project Cost £
Argyll & the Islands	Argyll and the Islands Area Team	Sandbank new office and light manufacturing units design and feasibility	100,000	100,000
Argyll & the Islands	Recycled Renewables Ltd	Funding for growth	150,000	300,000
Argyll & the Islands	Renewables Now Ltd	Training plan 2013-14	3,900	13,000

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Kintyre Action Plan: Status Report

Kintyre Action Plan		
Action / Project 1.2a Supportive Business Environment	Prepared By: Kate Fraser	Date: 16/8/13
Action / Project Overall Status: Delivery of Business Gateway service		
Action / Project Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donald Melville (Business Adviser) in Campbeltown 18th July and 1st August to meet clients. 		
Milestone/s scheduled for completion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donald Melville scheduled to be in Campbeltown 21st and 29th August and 12th September. Clients wanting to meet with Donald can request this via the local office or the national enquiry centre. Donald expects to visit Islay for 2 days every quarter, subject to demand. Other Campbeltown workshops can be added to the Business Gateway 2013-14 schedule subject to demand. 10 + clients are needed per workshop <p>All enquiries for support should be directed to 01546 605 459 or business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk</p>		
Impact (year to date April – July 2013): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been 22 start-up enquiries and 11 existing business enquiries from Kintyre year to date. This compares to 169 start-up enquiries for Argyll and Bute overall and 80 existing business enquiries. 30 meetings with a business adviser have taken place year to date for Kintyre, 21 relating to start-up and 9 with an existing business. Totals for Argyll and Bute for the same period are 128 start-up meetings and 54 existing business. For the year to date Business Gateway has supported 4 new start-up businesses in Kintyre (including Islay and Jura). This compares to 11 for the previous full year. Across all of Argyll and Bute, 36 start-ups have been supported year to date. Kintyre based start-ups represent 33% of the total start-ups supported in MAKI by Business Gateway year to date and 11 % of Argyll and Bute total start-ups. This compares to 58% and 9.5% for 2012-13. For the year to date Business Gateway has supported 5 existing businesses in Kintyre (including Islay and Jura). Across all of Argyll and Bute, 121 existing businesses were supported during this period. Year to date, Kintyre represents 10% of the total existing businesses supported in MAKI by Business Gateway and 4 % of Argyll and Bute. One start-up workshop has been held in Kintyre year to date, with a total of 2 across Argyll. These workshops are typically scheduled for Feb – April and Sept – Nov as demand over the summer tends to be lower 		

Project Status Report

- The rolling 12 month average for customer satisfaction at Apr 13 was 93% for Argyll and Bute compared to 86% nationally. Data is available at Argyll and Bute level only. Q1 data is not yet available.
- The rolling 12 month survival rate for Apr 13 was 85% for Argyll and Bute compared to 77% nationally. 36 month survival rates will be available shortly. Data is available at Argyll and Bute level only. Q1 data is not yet available.

Quarterly reporting data will be available after 11 October for Q2, 17 Jan to Q3 and 14 April for Q4.