



Note to A & B Community Planning Management Group for meeting of 28th June 2006.

The three areas of Coll Colonsay and Jura continue to make progress in developing their interaction and confidence with the main agency support structures and the local authority staff. Community confidence needs to be continually buttressed in order to achieve even small gains.

Main points to note since the last meeting are -

Coll:-

- Project groups continue to be formed , gaining experience and trust , in relation to recycling, promotion of Coll produce, senior social club and mums and toddlers.
- A working group has been formed to look at a refurbishment or replacement of the Arinagour Hall - possible dual role with an upgrade , replacement of Arinagour school. This group has representatives from several interest groups and is supported by WHHA and Communities Scotland staff.
- Regular newsletters produced.
- Environmental audit commissioned.
- Local IATE board has changed office bearers and more directors have volunteered.(2)
- **Problems remain with capacity to tackle "it all - and all at once"**

Colonsay :-

- Crofting township scheme moves forward.
- Fuel supplies at communities own hand
- Renewables project worker in place
- WHHA on Colonsay on 14th June
- Comm Scot funded go see trip to Gigha in October.
- **Problems remain regarding sustainability of community effort and dedicated worker time to progress the development agenda.**

Jura :-

- Car park project moving forward.
- RSPA award has allowed development of passenger ferry option for summer - business plan being formulated.
- Road man position created 2 applicants with 1 from on island.
- Due to identified land bank and work to identify need another 4 affordable houses are in the pipeline. Thanks to all who helped- are helping.
- Beach clean project completed. Raised £750 --£300 to School Board - £300 to Playground Assoc & £150 to Badminton Club
- **Same problems as Coll & Colonsay but perhaps less so. Lucky to have several community bodies all working to achieve best for Jura.**

Overarching Themes.

- ❖ **Need for dedicated help from partners to address the infrastructure problems of timetables and connections , water supplies , road repairs and upgrades.**
- ❖ **Assistance needed to develop the community enthusiasm to continue the effort and to look for innovative funding streams to continue the work.**

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