



Report for Argyll & Bute Community Planning Management Board Meeting 6th Dec 06.

Attached to this short report are the pro forma reports from the 3 islands of Colonsay, Coll and Jura.

In September Colonsay ended its period under designation and will move on to further work with the assistance of the Community Land Unit from 1st Dec. The compilation of this report was made possible with the assistance of Deirdrie Forsyth of A&B C and Chris Nisbett the now unemployed LDO for Colonsay.

Colonsay.

- Please refer to script at end of IATE Base Report attached to this cover page.
- Main points to highlight from the report are the difference between support and leadership and the way that leadership can be difficult in very small communities.

Coll.

- The island lost the LDO services in June.
- A new LDO has only recently been appointed and is very much finding her feet.
- The LDO is a native of Coll who left after schooling ago but has returned with her husband and 3 sons.
- Senior Citizens group drafting a constitution.
- Possible new Community Hall- Facility has a secure offer of a site.
- Playpark project is well supported and looking for funding.
- Recycling group looking for longer term (5 years) initial phase in order to become sustainable.
- Some on island fund raising has been successful.
- Affordable housing awaiting feedback from WHHA
- Water supplies for Arinagour now at capacity - Minimal capital investment needed to extend this ?
- Community Council in process of reforming.

Jura .

- Main workload is attached to RSPA project to deliver a fast passenger ferry to mainland.
- Some on island fund raising has been successful with distribution to island community groups.
- B.T. exchange is not delivering adequate internet connection speeds for the island.
- Thanks to all for relocation of road man onto the island.
- Adoption of local regeneration plan by agencies is asked for. (see attached page for Jura)

Overall Issues.

- ❖ Isolation and small community size need extra time, resources and support to generate positive actions.
- ❖ Sustainability & succession linked to above point - can LDO support be partnership mainstreamed ?

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Area	Colonsay
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Please use the space below to indicate any past, current and future projects for your area/s. Outlining the status and progress of the specific project

Action	Target	Indicator	Progress
Colonsay Crofting Development Project.	To encourage young families to locate and work on the island. Provide a route to affordable housing for new families.	Ongoing	Colonsay Community development Company (CCDC) are awaiting confirmation from the Crofters Commission that funding for the consultancy work to move the project forward is in place. Davie MacLeod has been interviewed by CCDC and has agreed to carry out the necessary work dependent on the funding being in place.
Rhododendron Clearance Project.	To eradicate Rhododendron ponticum from the island to improve the biodiversity and landscape value on Colonsay. To give employment and training opportunities to local people.	Ongoing.	Discussions are again taking place with the Forestry Commission (FC), Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and Colonsay Estate regarding the future funding of the project. CCDC are a cash poor business and the requirements of FC for Scottish Forestry Grant Scheme to be paid out are work has to be completed before a claim can be submitted. This is often not possible with a community enterprise which leads to uncertainty and a lack of security for the workers. This project provides much needed employment on the island and has made tremendous inroads into the <i>R.ponticum</i> problem. For the project to stall at this stage would have severe repercussions not just for the workers, but for the islands habitat. Please see attached report for more information.
Harbour Development Project.	To improve the facilities on the island for visiting marine craft.	Ongoing	A recent report which has been commissioned by AIE in consultation with the islands of Colonsay, Coll, Tiree and Mull has been received in draft form. This report has been circulated to community members via the Colonsay website noticeboard and comments are requested back by the 24 th November 2006.
Renewable Energy.	To provide an income stream for the community through renewable energy generation.	Ongoing	Colonsay is now part of the 3Islands Energy Initiative which involves Jura, Islay and Colonsay. The common link is the electricity grid. Two potential projects have been identified. Firstly a Wind to Heat project for the Community Hall and secondly, a 2-300kW grid connected wind turbine which could potentially generate £10 - £15K of profit for the community company. Gilbert Stevenson,

<p>Purchase of a gateway or transition house.</p>	<p>To provide accommodation for either families wishing to locate on the island for the period where they decide if they like island life, or move into their own property. Would be suitable for the potential new crofters who come to the island and have no immediate accommodation. Could also be used to house a key worker such as a nurse when no other accommodation is available.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>	<p>the 3Island Project Officer will visit the island on the 27th November to hold discussions with members of the community regarding these potential projects. The RSPB and SNH along with the Civil Aviation Authority have been contacted in the first instance to obtain any comments they may have. Discussions are taking place between HIE's Community Land Unit and CCDC regarding a property at Uragaig that has come up for sale. This is dependant on decisions that the Big Lottery Fund will make I November regarding the allocation of funds through the Growing Community Assets funding package.</p>
<p>Construction of a Progressive Care Centre (PCC) on the island.</p>	<p>This would follow similar lines to the unit that is presently being constructed on Jura. Colonsay has an ageing population and most older people who have lived here would prefer to remain on island. This gives people to remain on the island when they are unable to cope in their own homes.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Discussions have taken place with members of the Jura steering committee and a scale model of the Jura building has been loaned to Colonsay and has been shown in the Servicepoint for people to look at. It has generated a fair level of interest and it is proposed to look further into this potential project at the meeting on the 27th November.</p>
<p>Amenity area in front of the Community Hall.</p>	<p>To clear up and create an amenity area in front of Colonsay Community Hall. This will include drainage, reseeding and low impact seating and perhaps a swing for children.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Funding has been secured through Argyll & Bute Council for this project. Quotes for the work have been obtained and clarification of funding is required from A&B C before commencement of any work.</p>
<p>Small Islands for Survival and Understanding (SISU).</p>	<p>To network with and promote interaction between small island communities. To provide a basis for learning from others and to create a policy document from the experiences gained which will contain proposals for the</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The final conference took place in Finland in September. From this a policy document will be prepared in time for the European Small Islands Network conference on Islay at the end of November. This will contain points of action relating to the different areas involved in the project. Once published the document will give</p>

	improvement of services to the islands.		powerful argument to several of the issues that the Scottish islands are faced with. These include costs of transport and freight and healthcare for the elderly.
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Project Title	Funding Approved	Funding Spent
Colonsay Crofting Development Project (CCDP). Valuation fees.	£1350	£1350
CCDP Feasibility Study	£4166	£4166
CCDP Legal review	£4900	£4900
CCDP land purchase	£194000	£169000
Fuel Station	£146000	£146000
Renewable Energy, feasibility study	£10000	£10000
Office accounts training	£1000	£1000
Achaological access project	£43000	£10000
Rhododendron clearance project	£215000	£198000
SISU project	£38500	£38500
Screen machine	£680	£680

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	Details of media coverage	Contact details

List any local links that you would want to see on the Initiative at the edge website:
Isle of Colonsay community run website: <http://www.colonsay.org.uk/index.html>

The Corncrake, Colonsay's local web based newspaper: <http://www.colonsay.org.uk/corncrake/cornframe.html>

Any other information

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Initiative at the Edge Base Report

Area	Isle of Coll
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Established a dynamic and proactive working group for	May 06		Contacted relevant parties in A&BC to ascertain attitude to a new build primary and

<p>'Community Centre' Held a fundraising session with experienced fundraiser and timetabled an all -day fundraising workshop. Currently trying to firm up contract with an independent advisor to take on job of applying for funding and doing intensive paperwork side of project. Established contact with a local land owner who is willing to sell a suitable piece of ground.</p>	<p>December 06 December 06 October 06</p>	<p>On-going On-going On-going</p>	<p>invite them to a meeting of the working group. Produced two batches of t-shirts which have raised £709.55 to get the ball rolling.</p>
<p>Approached by 'Coll Play Park Committee' to seek funding of approx. £8,000 for new play frame and ground matting.</p>	<p>November 06</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>To decide on design to confirm amount of land needed. Then to contact CLU to start purchasing the land. Continue help search for funding through grants, also helping with letters to local businesses such as Co-op and Caledonian Challenge.</p>
<p>Secure funding to establish Coll Seniors Social Club to combat isolation and improve social welfare for the elderly.</p>	<p>June 06</p>		<p>Application for £5,000 with Comic Relief Older peoples fund. Still to secure. DO attending 'Seniors Lunch' Club Monday 20th November, to help establish working committee to enable them to receive funding.</p>
<p>'Recycling Group' to help local farmers dispose of bale wrap, by buying bale wrap bins and liners £800.</p>	<p>December 06</p>		<p>£500 funding secured from Grab Trust. £250 funding from RSPB still to be secured. Farmers to pay ½ towards purchasing items. Held meetings with local farmers to confirm details. Order bale wrap bins and liners on 7th December day after next meeting.</p>
<p>To help seek more long term funding £3,000 to £5,000 over the next five years. £1,000 per year to purchase materials and to take used bale wrap down to Solway Plastic Company.</p>	<p>June 07</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>To seek possibility of some funding from SNH. Designed a 'Bag for Life' to sell to help fund process. 1000 being ordered and printed ready for sale April 07.</p>

<p>'Affordable Homes for Coll' held meeting with WHHA.</p>	<p>June 06</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>WHHA contacted local owners and assessed land values.</p>
<p>Established Coll is a deserving case for improved housing provision, Affordable Homes for Coll.</p>	<p>June 06</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Research housing needs through Claire Jones from Housing Association on Tiree. Awaiting dates to conduct survey of Coll.</p>
<p>'Small Producers Group' held meeting with local producers, also attended by Christine MacDonald.</p>	<p>May 06</p>		<p>A lot of interest but no move towards creating a cooperative. Instead group decided to go forward as individuals. Next step is to invite those who attended meeting in May to put forward their views on any help Small Producers Group can give them.</p>
<p>Invited Calina MacDonald from HILFN to September meeting,</p>	<p>September 06</p>		<p>Unfortunately unable to attend due to lack of groups funds. This is being assessed by group.</p>

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Recycling Group	£500	£
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Action	Target	Indicator	Progress
	Put in place a summer only passenger ferry	On-going	Rural Community Transport Initiative (RCTI) funding application submitted 1 st September.

Passenger Ferry	from Craighouse, Jura to Crinan.		Business Plan complete. Await reply from RCTI re funding success, estimated beginning of Dec. Tender specification draft drawn up by A&BC and sent out to community for comment. Public meeting held 13 th Nov, various comments made and noted to change on tender spec. Blair Fletcher to finalise tender and issue to those interested. 10 expressions of interest since position of tender was advertised.
Parking Area next to Village Hall, Craighouse.	To complete a parking area for approx twenty cars	On-going	Sketch of car park sent to David Ferrer (Jun 1) to supply small working drawing of car park. Drawing provided (Oct) and altered to accommodate proposed Hall extension, so as not to encroach on same land. Donnie McLeod working on a firm cost from there, he will also liaise with Robin Dixon re costings for stone should there be a sufficient amount on Jura. Letter sent to Ardfin Estate to discuss purchase of land. Await Donnie's cost and reply from Ardfin..
Roads and Passing Places	To upgrade roads and passing places	Work underway	ABC agreed to the upgrading of 20 passing places by a local contractor. Survey complete. Work underway, 11 passing places complete so far.
Jura Road Man	Create part-time or full-time post for a maintenance worker	Complete	Position filled. Family of four moved to Craighouse from mainland.
Beach Clean	Up keep of our shorelines and beaches throughout from Feolin to Ardfarnal.	On-going	Beach Clean 26 th August. Hall to Manse. Successful, aided by Re-jig. £225 raised. Next clean scheduled for April 2007
Crofting Land	Bring more families to Jura.		Looking at the possibility of creating new crofts. (Croft Reform Bill not yet passed).
BT Internet	Upgrade exchange on island to help self employment		Contact BT to confirm whether it is possible or not to upgrade the exchange on the island. A Mr Desmond Linton from BT Devolved Government Unit Scotland is looking into this, 9.11.06.
Regeneration Plan	An umbrella venture incorporating seven projects within Craighouse area	On-going	Document and illustration of seven projects happening and proposed for the Craighouse area collectively known as the 'Regeneration Plan' all assisted by various community

		groups, these are: <i>Jura Development Trust</i> - Antlers tea-room & interpretation centre, Pontoons & moorings and Bio-fuel. <i>LatE</i> - Car park & recreational are and Direct mainland Passenger ferry service. <i>Village Hall Committee</i> - Village Hall refurbishment. <i>Jura Community Business</i> - Workshops. Full funding application to be submitted to The Big Lottery Fund by Jan. OPF has been approved for Antlers and Car Park.
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Project Title	Funding Approved	Funding Spent
Beach Clean April	£750.00	£750.00
Beach Clean August	£225.00	
Development Plan	£10,000 -	
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	£	£

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Jura Jottings	101 island recipients 175 mainland recipients	We continue to report our progress in our local newspaper.

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£750 raised from April Beach Clean. £300 awarded to Playground Association, £300 to School Board for trips and £150 to Jura Badminton Club.

£198.16 spent for the investigation carried out on the land ownership of the foreshore.

£225 raised from August Beach Clean. £200 to be used to produce large display boards for exhibitions in hall. £25 remains as kitty for next clean – food and drink.

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Jura Regeneration Plan

(As developed from Iomairt aig an Oir/IATE development plan of 2004.)

There are seven projects within the plan based in the island's main settlement of Craighouse.

They are:-

1. Car park, with a recreation area, to the North of the hall (Initiative at the Edge)
2. Renovated and extended village hall (Isle of Jura Village Hall Committee)
3. New Antlers building to include a bunkhouse, tea room and interpretation centre. (Jura Development Trust)
4. New moorings and landing pontoon (Jura Development Trust)
5. Passenger ferry with landing facilities (Initiative at the Edge)
6. Workshops (Jura Community Business Ltd)
7. Bio-fuel boiler (Jura Development Trust)

Following discussions between the groups responsible for these individual projects it was agreed to create a Regeneration Plan for the centre of Craighouse. This action was taken to ensure that there was no duplication between projects, that where it was possible to share facilities we did so and to ensure that each individual group knew what the other groups were doing. Overall it would ensure that the redevelopment of the centre of Craighouse went ahead in a co-ordinated and planned manner for the benefit of the community at large.

This regeneration plan has been accepted by Argyll & Bute Council's Planning Service dept and they have confirmed that all the projects would be supported by the Area for Action designation. We continue to develop this plan. The request now is for the community planning partnership to endorse our activities to date and it is our desire that it is formally agreed by them in the coming months.

- New projects are being brought forward by community members.
- Other successful projects undertaken and underway:
 - i. Beach cleans – raising money for local organisations such as Playground Association and Badminton Club. £975 raised in 2006.
 - ii. Training courses (Knotweed spraying course carried out in June)
 - iii. Jura roads man position now filled
 - iv. Further four houses being built on Care Centre site for 2007/08 by West Highland Housing Association
 - v. Expensive ferry fares – bid for Rural Priority Service Area monies now in place to aid with a short term discount tickets for residents scheme and signage.
 - vi. Roads and passing places to be completed by November. 20 passing places to be upgraded. Local Contractor secured to carry out work.
- Strong links forged with agencies through IatE.
- Valuable experience gained from involvement in any projects undertaken.
- Successful involvement with the Jura Development Trust, Jura Community Business and Jura Community Council, giving aid with IatE status where possible.