

# Argyll and Bute Strategic Partnerships

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**Argyll and Bute Agricultural Forum** – Argyll and Bute Agriculture Forum purpose is to: raise awareness of agricultural issues across the area, to act as a Forum for discussion about agricultural issues, too promote the sustainable development of agriculture and to create a unique opportunity for all agencies with an interest in land use sectors to work together. Contact – Fergus Younger, [fergus.younger@sac.co.uk](mailto:fergus.younger@sac.co.uk)

**Argyll and Bute Childcare Partnership** - Argyll and Bute Childcare Partnership aims to bring together a wide range of providers and service users in the public, private and voluntary sectors in a spirit of co-operation and genuine partnership. Using the shared knowledge, commitment and resources of all partners the partnership promotes the expansion of high quality early education and childcare in Argyll and Bute. The partnership also addresses strategically the identified needs of children and families in Argyll and Bute seeking access to and information about early education and childcare services. The Childcare partnership plans and develops early education and childcare services as part of the integrated planning framework for children and young people's services in Argyll and Bute, ensuring that the plans for early education and childcare enhance the care, play and learning experiences of all children in Argyll and Bute recognising the special needs of particular individuals and groups. Contact – Alison Mackenzie, Principal Officer Childcare and Education, [alison.mackenzie@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:alison.mackenzie@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

**Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership** – Argyll and Bute CHP provides primary care and community services in Argyll and Bute and some acute services, including a wide range of out-patient and in-patient services across four localities: Oban, Lorn and the Isles; Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay; Cowal and Bute; and Helensburgh and Lomond. Contact – David Ritchie, Communications Manager, 01436 655040, [Davidritchie@nhs.net](mailto:Davidritchie@nhs.net)

**Argyll and Bute Health and Care Strategic Partnership** – The Argyll and Bute Health and Care Partnership is the strategic working forum between the council and NHS Highland / Argyll and Bute CHP. Led by senior members and officers of the Council including the Leader, Spokesperson for Community Services, Chief Executive and Director of Community Services. From the NHS, General Manager and Clinical Director of Argyll and Bute CHP and Director of Community Care NHS Highland. Partnership manages all issues relating to: Joint Service Planning and Service design / re-design; Integration of Services and Management structures; Joint financial planning including resource release proposals; All issues relating to the Joint Performance Indicators and Assessment Framework; (JPIAF) e.g. Delayed Discharge, Local Improvement Targets Contact – Council: Douglas Hendry, Director of Community Services [Douglas.hendry@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:Douglas.hendry@argyll-bute.gov.uk) and James Robb, Head of Integrated Care [jim.robb@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:jim.robb@argyll-bute.gov.uk), 01369-708911 Or 01546-604323 NHS: Fiona Ritchie, Argyll and Bute CHP General Manager [fritchie@nhs.net](mailto:fritchie@nhs.net) and Josephine Bown, Argyll and Bute Head of Integrated Care [Josephine.bown@nhs.net](mailto:Josephine.bown@nhs.net)

**Argyll and Bute Housing and Communities Strategic Forum** – The Argyll and Bute Housing and Communities Forum was established in 2006, following the merger of the Strategic Housing Forum with the Community Planning Partnership Sustaining Our Communities, Culture and Environment theme group. The core membership currently comprises over 22 individual representatives from around 12 separate partner organisations with over a dozen further additional members who participate on an ad hoc basis. Membership reflects a range of interests from national and local perspectives and statutory, private or voluntary sectors. The partnership has an extended remit to monitor, and support the development and implementation of, a range of plans and strategies relevant to housing, land use, infrastructure capacity, and community development, sustainability and engagement. These include: the Local Housing Strategy; the Homeless Strategy; Supporting People Strategy; Fuel Poverty Strategy; Argyll and Bute Local Plan and the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Plan; Affordable Housing Policy; Communities Scotland Investment Programme; Scottish Water Development Programme; RSL Wider Role Strategy; Community Regeneration Fund and Outcome Agreements; and the Renewable Energy Policy. Contact - Malcolm MacFadyen, Head

of Community Regeneration, Argyll and Bute Council, 01546 604412 [malcolm.macfadven@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:malcolm.macfadven@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

**Argyll and Bute Partnership Against Domestic Abuse (ADA)** – The aim of ADA is to improve on the protection provision and prevention of Women and Children in Argyll and Bute who experience Domestic abuse and violence of any sort. The ultimate aim is to eradicate violence towards women and children. Contact – Isobel Strong, Chair of ADA PARTNERSHIP, [isobel.strong@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:isobel.strong@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

**Argyll and Bute Social Economy Partnership** – To provide strategic support to social enterprises in Argyll and Bute. Contact – Strengthening Communities Team at HIE AIE, 01546 602281 Email: [aie@hient.co.uk](mailto:aie@hient.co.uk)

**Argyll and Bute Youth Forum** – Argyll and Bute Youth Forum is a constituted voluntary organisation with charitable status bringing together young people from a number of local youth forums across Argyll and Bute. There are 32 young people on ABYF with 8 members from each of the Councils four decentralised areas. The forum nominates 2 young people to represent Argyll and Bute at the Scottish Youth Parliament general meetings. The ABYF rotates its AGM round the communities of Argyll and Bute and there are normally 4 meetings of the forum each year, including the AGM. The ABYF is

**Argyll and Bute's Children** – This group has responsibility for :(i) The commissioning, publication, reviewing and monitoring of Argyll and Bute's integrated children's services plan.(ii)The development of integrated children's service systems including; the further development of FUSIONS, the response to GIRFEC, integrated assessment, and the operational implementation of integrated working.(iii) Ensuring consistency of service and policy development in respect of Child Protection; Early Years; and Children With Additional Social Needs Contact – Douglas Dunlop, Head of Service – Children and Families, 01546 604256, [dougie.dunlop@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:dougie.dunlop@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

**Argyll and Bute Advice Network** – a partnership of advice agencies aiming to improve the quality of and access to advice for people in Argyll and Bute Contact – Jennifer Swanson, Chair of Argyll and Bute Advice Network, 01546 604298 [jennifer.swanson@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:jennifer.swanson@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

**Community Safety Partnership** – A multi agency partnership working to make Argyll and Bute a safe place to work, live and visit. Community Safety Strategy The Community Safety Strategy for the Argyll and Bute Council area has identified three priorities, 1. Anti-Social Behaviour – the strategy identifies anti-social behaviour as a key community concern and sets priorities and objectives in an effort to target the associated problems and deliver effective solutions. 2. Vulnerable Persons - the strategy also identifies areas for improving the safety of vulnerable groups within the community including the elderly and victims of domestic abuse 3. Environmental Safety - the strategy outlines environmental concerns across the Community Planning area and looks at ways of improving for example road and water safety The three areas identified were as a result of our comprehensive consultation process which partners believe remain the main priorities for community safety. The Strategic Partnership is assisted in the day to day implementation of the Strategy by locally based Community Safety Partnerships at Bute and Cowal, Mid Argyll Kintyre and Islay and Oban Lorne and the Isles. Contact – Charles Reppke, 01546 604192 [charles.reppke@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:charles.reppke@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

**Health and Wellbeing Partnership** – This is a group that comprises of a cross section of statutory and voluntary organisations and community representatives. It comes together to tackle issues that are better dealt with within such a partnership because of the multi-faceted nature of the problem or where the issue is not addressed by separate organisations. Contact – Elaine C Garman, NHS Highland, Victoria Hospital, Rothesay, 01700 501534 [elaine.garman@nhs.net](mailto:elaine.garman@nhs.net)

**LEADER (LAG)** – European funding partnership brings European funding to community-based rural development projects. The partnership comprises a minimum of 50% community/voluntary sector partners with agencies making up the remainder. It is administered by Development Services' European Unit. Contact – European Unit [MaryLouiseMacQuarry@argyll-bute.co.uk](mailto:MaryLouiseMacQuarry@argyll-bute.co.uk)

**Argyll and Bute Local Access Forum** – The Forum is an independent statutory body comprised of representatives from land managers, public agencies, communities and users. The Forum's aim is to provide expert and impartial advice on outdoor access. Because of the disparate and complex issues associated with outdoor access this aim can only be achieved through working in partnership with various interest groups. Contact – Douglas Grierson, Access Officer, 01546 604228  
[Douglas.grierson@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:Douglas.grierson@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

**Argyll and Bute Local Biodiversity Partnership** – The Argyll and Bute Local Biodiversity Partnership was established in 1997 with 31 partners representing government and non-government agencies and organisations. The Argyll and Bute Local Biodiversity Action Plan (AandBCLBAP) was launched in September 2001 with 67 action plans representing land, freshwater and marine and coastal habitat and species. Partners are delivering the actions through projects and as part of their remits. In order to increase public awareness and engagement in the LBAP, Phase I and Phase II of the Community Action for Biodiversity project was developed to support community activities, training and demonstration projects. The Partnership supports the Community Planning Partnership, the Argyll Agricultural Forum, Access Forum, Scottish Working Group on Invasive Non Native species, Firth of Lorn and Loch Creran SAC and the newly formed Argyll and Bute Invasive Species Forum. Contact – Marina Curran-Colthart, Local Biodiversity Officer, Kilbowie House, Gallanach Rd., Oban, Argyll PA34 4PF. Tel 01631-562125. email: [marina.curran-colthart@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:marina.curran-colthart@argyll-bute.gov.uk) Website: [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/biodiversity/](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/biodiversity/)

**Argyll and Bute Social Enterprise Network** - To provide practical support to social enterprises in Argyll and Bute Contact – Tel: 01688 302851 Email: [enquiries@mict.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@mict.co.uk)

**Argyll Marine Special Areas of Conservation** – The management of the Firth of Lorn and Loch Creran marine SACs is led by the Argyll Marine SAC Management Forum, a group of local and statutory stakeholders, who have developed site management plans for the SACs to ensure that current and future activities can take place without damaging the special features of conservation interest. Contact – For more information contact the Marine and Coastal Development Unit on 01631 565745

**Construction Excellence Partnership** – The Construction Excellence Partnership was formed in response to the Community Planning Partnership's desire to see the area take advantage of the opportunities from the investment coming into the construction sector. The partnership includes HIE Argyll and the Islands, Fyne Homes, West Highland Housing Association, ACHA, Argyll and Bute Council, Maitland Consulting, and CITB Construction Skills. Contact – Lucinda Gray, HIE AI Tel 01546 605 435, Fax 01546 603964

**Sport and Physical Activity Network** – The network consists of four Area Groups which bring together every Council and Public Agency involved in the delivery of sport and physical activity programmes. Partners include; Community Resources (sport and leisure) Community Learning, Facility Services (sports facilities), Childcare and Pre-Fives, FUSIONS, Active Schools, Amenity Services (playing fields), PE departments in secondary schools, Forest Enterprise, Atlantis Leisure (Oban). Membership of the group is malleable and will vary from area to area dependent on opportunities and priorities. Each group meets approx. once every three months to discuss common areas of development, holiday programmes, updates on the Sport and Physical Activity Strategy and other relevant matters such as sports development programmes, events, coaching and funding. Projects identified by group members that others can partner e.g. holiday programme promotion, can result in improved services and communication, and a better public service. Contact – Willie Young, Principal Leisure Officer 01546 604121 [willie.young@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:willie.young@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

**Young Scot – Dialogue Youth** – The Scottish Executive, Young Scot and Argyll and Bute Council are working in partnership to deliver a localised youth information package under the initiative of Dialogue Youth. The project aims to ensure young people aged 12 - 26 are fully represented in community planning, enabling them to make informed choices by providing information and opportunities, engaging young people through surveys and consultations and empowering them by

providing platforms for them to express their views. Contact – Roanna Taylor, MAYP, Union Street, Lochgilphead, PA31 8JS Tel: 01546 600035

## Operational / Issue and Area Based

**Ardenslate, West Milton and the Glebe Area Development Group** – The Area Development Group brings together local community reps with statutory and voluntary organisations working in the community regeneration area, to identify and address local issues and direct services. In common with the other Area Development Groups in Argyll and Bute, Ardenslate, West Milton and the Glebe ADG has been focusing its regeneration activity on three priority themes: -Employment, Training and Lifelong Learning Health and Well-being Infrastructure and the Environment Contact – Martin Turnbull, Area Community Learning and Regeneration Manager, Email: martin@comed-adsd.demon.co.uk Tel: 01369 704669

**Bute Area Development Group** – Bute Area Development Group operates as a partnership body involving a range of local agencies, community based organisations and community representatives. The ADG has responsibility for taking forward the regeneration of the local area and forms an integral part of the community planning partnership. Bute ADG's Development Priorities will be addressed through sub-groups focussing on Employment and Lifelong Learning, Health and Wellbeing and Community Development and Infrastructure. Contact – Alan Donald, Senior Community Learning and Development Worker. Email: Alan.Donald@argyll-bute.gov.uk Tel 01700 503696

**Bute Beyond 2000** – BB2000 is a multi-agency partnership that has as its underlying purpose the promotion, in a sustainable way, of development initiatives for the Isle of Bute. BB2000 seeks to: link statutory, voluntary and community organisations; respond to needs of the local community; identify and prioritise local needs; highlight problems or deficiencies; participate in consultation Contact – Darrell Wood, [darrell.wood@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:darrell.wood@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

**Bute Healthy Living Initiative** – The Bute Healthy Living Initiative is a partnership of voluntary groups and statutory agencies and community representatives which started in 2003 funded by The Big Lottery, NHS Highland and Argyll and Bute Council. We are aiming to improve the health and Wellbeing and reduce inequalities on Bute. We are focussing on 5 main programmes: 1. Food Initiatives such as the Green Tree Café, cookery courses and the allotments 2. A Mental Health and Wellbeing and Stress Management Support Service 3. A Volunteering Support Programme, including the Bute Timebank 4. Training and Education, particularly basic life skills and confidence building training 5. Local Resource, Information and Signposting network Why not take a look at our website for the full programme of activities and the latest news: [www.butehealthyliving.org.uk](http://www.butehealthyliving.org.uk) Contact – [Yennie@butehealthyliving.org.uk](mailto:Yennie@butehealthyliving.org.uk)

**Campbeltown ADG** – The Campbeltown Area Development Group is a multi-agency partnership with formally elected community representatives which delivers the Community Planning Partnerships Regeneration Outcome Agreements in Campbeltown Contact – Chantal Geyer, 01586 552732, e mail [chantal.geyer@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:chantal.geyer@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

**Discover Bute Landscape Partnership** – The Discover Bute LP is a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) grant aided initiative relating to the whole of Bute excluding the urban areas. It will, through a varied package of projects, support the conservation of the natural and built heritage, community education and access to achieve the protection, enhancement and better understanding of the Bute landscape especially its unique heritage and scenic qualities. Examples of projects include training, interpretation, restoration and repair of heritage features, archaeological research, signage, parking and cycling facilities, access, wildlife related activities and facilities, family history research, schools and youth liaison and the creation of a website. Contact – Bridget Paterson, AandBC Eaglesham House, Rothesay. [bridget.paterson@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:bridget.paterson@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

**Dunoon and National Park Gateway** – The Dunoon and the National Park Gateway Group is a partnership group progressing the redevelopment and regeneration of Dunoon and Cowal as the Marine Gateway to the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park. The group was formed to

respond to the outcomes and recommendations made in the report commissioned jointly by Argyll and Bute Council, HIE Argyll and the Isles and the National Park and produced by Land Use Consultants. The partnership group comprises all of the agencies involved in the report commissioning, together with a number of local business organisations and individuals, and is considering development of the area in terms of Dunoon Pier/Argyll Street and town centre, Marine Access to the area, Environmental Assets, and Tourism, Marketing and Events Co ordination. Development plans for each of these aspects are at an early stage. Contact – Shirley McLeod AandBC [shirley.mcleod@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:shirley.mcleod@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

**Helensburgh Partnership** – The Partnership was established in 2006 to bring together the Argyll and Bute Council, Scottish Enterprise Dunbartonshire, Chamber of Commerce, The Retailers Association, and Helensburgh Community Council to enhance the economic regeneration of Helensburgh Town Centre and Waterfront. It has an independent chairperson and an Executive Director. Contact – The Partnership Executive Director is Derek Anderson 07813 213583 the Council Contact is Lynn Smillie 01436 658820 [lynn.smillie@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:lynn.smillie@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

**HOMEArgyll** – HOMEArgyll is the common housing allocation policy and procedure agreed among all four local Housing Associations in Argyll and Argyll and Bute Council. Its purpose is to improve housing information and advice and simplify access to social housing. Contact Myra MacDonald [myra.macdonald@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:myra.macdonald@argyll-bute.gov.uk) Phone 01631 572185.

**Islay and Jura Health Alliance** - IHLC Health Alliance is a partnership of local statutory and voluntary organisations on the island of Islay. The IHLC Health Alliance has the following charitable purposes under the 2005 act: the prevention and relief of poverty; the advancement of health; the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage Through its partners the Health Alliance aims to develop and deliver activities as part of the Joint Health Improvement Plan administered by the Argyll & Bute Health & Well Being Theme Group which is a sub group of Argyll & Bute Community Planning Partnership. Contact carol Muir, Islay HLC, 01496 810693 [carol.muir@nhs.net](mailto:carol.muir@nhs.net)

**Kintyre Healthy Living Partnership** – This is a non-constituted partnership, comprising of voluntary organisations and statutory agencies working together to improve the physical, mental and social health of the community in South Kintyre. The partnership is currently funded from the Big Lottery. The lead partner is NHS Highland Contact – [diana.mackenzie@kintyrehealth.org.uk](mailto:diana.mackenzie@kintyrehealth.org.uk)

**Kintyre Initiative Working Group** – a partnership of community groups businesses and statutory organisations who meet every 6 weeks to consider new initiatives to encourage the economic development of the area and to exchange information and issues Contact – Linsay Macphail, AandBC, [linsay.macphail@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:linsay.macphail@argyll-bute.gov.uk)