Community Council Meeting

Date: 9th September 2025 Location: Cove Burgh Hall, Small Hall

1. Fire Alarms and Housekeeping
2. Present

John Auld (Convenor), Kenny Barlas, Susannah Conran, Nick Davies, Derek Fowlis, Ellen McVey, Ali Mills, Nick Daview, Kathy Gostick, Sheelagh O’Reilly (Secretary), James McLean, Anne Strachan

Cllr Corry

5 members of the public including one press.

1. Apologies

Sheena Lamont, Lynda MacKenzie, Christine Murdoch

Cllr Irvine, Cllr Paterson (note that this came to the Secretaries phone prior to the meeting but was not picked up until after the meeting).

1. Additional items for agenda

Request made to add under item 11 the issue of planning applications / enforcements at Strathlee, Cove (JM) – accepted.

Request made to add item on Housing Strategy following email from JM. Secretary proposed under item 15, Community Planning Policy and a vote was taken at request of JM / AS to merge items 11 and 15 into 11 a and 11b. A vote was taken and on Chairs casting vote this was rejected.

Note that during the meeting it was also agreed to add the issue of Fort Road planning enforcement to Item 11 (raised by KG).

1. Declaration of interest (financial and non-financial interests)

The DoI table was circulated (see below). Agreed to retain the OC Working Group column at this stage.

Additional declarations – focused on agenda items as follows:

John Auld (Convenor): As the convenor I have had discussions with the Governance Officer at Argyll and Bute Council regarding my ownership of land that is identified for possible development in LDP2. LDP2 forms part of Argyll and Bute Council’s statutory plans for the area and has now been adopted by them. As the landowner for one parcel of land I would follow the current guidance on Declarations of Interest and would not chair the section of any CC meeting dealing with issues specific to that parcel of land.

James McLean in relation to Auchengower, Fish Farm, Strathlee due to personal engagement in these issues.

Anne Strachan – planning generally as a resident and Auchengower

Kathy Gostick as resident of Fort Road.

1. Police Report

Police report circulated and no additional points / questions raised. There was no police presence at the meeting.

1. Minutes of the CC meetings as follows:

* **Agreement of Minutes from 8th July**: Derek Fowlis / Ellen McVey proposed the agreement and signature of the minutes.
* **Actions / items not included on the agenda**.
  + Bin emptying schedule. This remains a problem and the Community Council encourages residents to use the A&B Council ‘Report It’ Service ( <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/my-council/report-it> ). Some people complain that there is no response but others happy with the service. Bins at Cove Bay are old and difficult to handle – to be added to the ‘works list’.
  + The CC are not receiving regular due notification around local closures from A&B Council despite repeated requests on this issue. Using the local Facebook page to post closures (location / duration / reason) helps to reduce local concerns.
  + Issue raised regarding the closure of roads for work on Donaldsons Brae / Argyll Road and disposal of the waste from the work onto C&K Trust Land. As yet no complaint has been made by C&K Trust regarding disposal of waste amongst the trees at the bottom of Donaldsons Brae. Resident of the area happy with the work which was carried out speedily.

1. Convenor

* **Argyll & Bute Council re Phase 2 revision of the Scheme for Establishment** (documents circulated). The community Council agreed that the Secretary and Treasurer prepare a response paying attention to the issue of the grant. To also discuss issue of the grant with Cllr Corry to ensure suitable for the type of work Community Councils are being asked to do including ‘last mile’ consultations and input, in due course into LDP3.
* **Public Liability Insurance and Risk Assessments submitted** (note for record):
  + 2 noticeboards
  + Bench
  + Generic risk assessment for meetings in bus shelters which are agreed and minuted.
* **Public Liability** does not cover the legal costs should a CC member wish to sue another CC member (question from JM). JM raised additional point about a member of the public raising a legal action (of any type) against a member of the Community Council. The Secretary to seek further clarification from A&B Council.
* **Playpark update.** The procurement is ongoing and will seek a further update before the next meeting in November. Issue raised regarding the handrail from Church Road to the playpark / Community Garden. Permission has been given to the Green Group to take down the hand rail. Issue of a replacement to be considered.
* **PNR Update:** Board walk now reopened following extensive (and ongoing) repairs. A plant survey was undertaken in August and results will be published in due course. The community council were informed that long term volunteer (for PNR and local Heritage expert) Alistair MacIntyres funeral will be held on 16th September at Garelochhead Parish Church.
* **Glasgow University Transformative Action for Resilient Coastal Communities**. (paper circulated) The community council agreed to join this community network / research activity being managed by the University of Glasgow. .
* **Cove and Kilcreggan 10K** – thanks to the organisers. Enjoyed by many despite the weather!
* Chair gave thanks to those who helped to put up the two notice boards – one in Kilcreggan Village and one in Cove Village. Thanks to the funding from RPWCDT / OC for purchase.

1. Treasurer

* Update from Treasurer - paper circulated and attached below
* ND indicated that he had ordered the Remembrance Poppy wreath from the community council.
* The community council discussed options regarding the website annual costs. The Secretary has indicated she will confirm with the Argyll & Bute Supporting Communities fund if some of the money allocated for training purposes could be assigned to ensuring the website continues through from Nov 25 as new material will then be uploaded relating to the Community and Household Emergency Planning. Proposal was £200. The Convenor of the RPWCDT is open to a conversation around websites and costs and the Secretary to engage with him on this issue (the RPWCDT has paid the costs for the last 3 years of the initial joint CC / OC website). Following elections in 2026 the new CC can then decide on its approach to website management.

1. Update on Our Community Project under RPWCDT

* Update from the RPWCDT Convenor – report circulated (see below). The report gives the new Board members with an additional agreement to bring Mairi Benton on board (worked extensively on Craigrownie Play Park). There will be a kick off meeting for local stakeholders around what is required for the revision of LPP (before adoption / verification by A&B Council) and Community Action Plan in November. The Directors have an internal funding team. There are monthly board meetings with the next meeting on the 20th October.
* Issue of LPP revision / validation and LDP3 important and was discussed as part of Item 15 with the Secretary to write to RWPCDT around Housing Strategy dialogue within the community.
* Note also that the RWPCDT and C&K Trust have now set up a formal agreement regarding the spraying of Japanese Knotweed through use of trained volunteers from the Green Group.
* Red Phone Boxes: RPWCDT to take over the two in the Cove Conservation Area (outside Cove Store and in Fairfield Gardens). No decision on what they will be used for yet. The Kilcreggan phone box will remain with BT as the number of calls made from that location is currently over the level for ‘adoption’.

1. Community and Household Emergency Planning update

Work to commence on increasing information and public preparedness as winter approaches. Key points are:

* Banner up on Kilcreggan village and also on the Facebook page to remind people of preparedness.
* Sand and sandbags now at the Fire Station ready for winter use if flooding / storms forecast.
* Plan an initial information session in Kilcreggan Shelter on Saturday 13th September between 10 – 1200. Risk Assessment completed and CC agreed to this session. All welcome. Plan to hold one in Cove at a later date.
* Secretary starting discussions with businesses around business continuity but there is hope that the SPEN work in Argyll Road / Donaldsons Brae reduces the risk of village wide power outages (unless a more widespread issue). Will monitor. This also includes the Medical Centre given all records and services require electricity to be delivered!
* Looking at setting up a WhatsApp alert ‘cascade’ to existing groups such as residents associations, including Auchengower, to enable effective notices to be sent around in the event of an emergency. Does require working mobile services given the issues around the switch over to digital phone services.
* Still bring to attention of the HLCPP issues around the ‘resilience’ of Telecare call centres given challenges recently in Glasgow following a power outage.
* All but one person with a smart phone received the UK Emergency Alert on Sunday 7th September.

1. Planning Applications

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-building/find-and-comment-planning-applications> for details

* **Fish Farm Appeal. (LLTNP 2021/0357/DET)** The Community Council has noted the decision of the Scottish Government to permit the development of the site. A request has been received from Lochgoilhead Community Council (circulated to CC members) to examine what options may be open for further challenges. There was a strong debate reflecting different perspectives. It was also noted that some issues raised such as pollution / microplastics and radiation in Loch Long are not planning issues but food safety issue. It was also noted that the National Park Board have an agenda item on the Fish Farm for its meeting on the 15th September (<https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/15-september-2025-national-park-authority-board-meeting/> with the link to their Agenda Item 5 report at <https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Agenda-Item-5-Board-Report_BeinnReitheAppeal.pdf> )

A request was made, for the Secretary to ask Lochgoilhead for further information on options and a summary of the background to future options for the community council to consider at a future meeting. .

* **Giants Burn Windfarm (Statkraft).** A discussion was held as a member of the public was concerned about the C&K Community lack of objection to the wind farm in the Cowal Hills. The Secretary explained that there has been two public events in CBH with Statkraft, material has been placed on Facebook from the Scottish Government, Statkraft and the Cowal Hills and a very limited response. The CC noted that the NATS have submitted an objection to the site in relation to the operation of radar facilities. The Community Council agreed unanimously that it would remain neutral is this matter and continue to follow the debate.
* **Auchengower 25/00516/PP**
  + JM raised the matter that the CC objection (agreed in June 2025) was not detailed enough and that we should have used his objection as the basis for ours. As he did not table his objection to the CC for consideration prior to the meeting on the 10th June the members of the Community Council have not had an opportunity to formal review the contents and come to its own decision on the grounds for its objection.
  + The decision of the A&B Council planning is now expected in October 2025.
* **Ardpeaton 24/01321/PPP:** Not clear if going to formal committee given the number of objections but may need to given the location within the MOD ‘blast zone’**.**
* **Knockderry Castle:** The CC notes the restoration of the wall and fencing. There was an indication that there would be a clear ‘workplan’ for the grounds of Knockderry Castle (within the Cove Conservation Area). The Secretary to write to the owners to ask if they would like to come and talk to the CC regarding future plans (JM to supply name / email address).
* **Strathlee (various 23/00296/LIB; 24/00867/PP; 25/00910/LIB).** There are a range of ongoing planning permissions / applications with details available from the planning website. JM has been supporting the owner of a neighbouring property in her engagement with the Planning / enforcement authorities. There have been a number of site meetings now that construction has started. The work on planning enforcement for Strathlee remains open and it is being monitored by enforcement team of A&B Council. The issue raised for the community council is around the ‘enforcement’ of planning permission and requirements and the CC noted that all matters are open at present. The Community Council suggested that:
  + Private individuals should use the A&B Council complaints service if they think that they are not getting the necessary service from the council – including in relation to planning enforcement. Site at: <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/my-council/complaints>
  + The Community Council to include this as an example of the need for planning enforcement to be ‘active’ not ‘passive’ so that the reality and perceptions of adherence with requirements can be seen by the community. See later for action point.
* **Planning Enforcement: Fort Road (23/000172/ENBOC1 first issues in 2023 and reissues in 2024** [**https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-applications/enforcement-register-2024**](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-applications/enforcement-register-2024) **and remaining open on Enforcement website:** The Community Council received a report from a Fort Road resident and CC member (KG) that construction has commenced again at the Fort Road development. The CC agreed that the Secretary should write to A&B Council on this specific issue to ascertain what A&B Council is planning to do regarding the Breach of Conditions notice and how this will now be remedied in a timely manner.
* **Planning Enforcement:**  The Community remains concerned about the lack of coherent enforcement of planning permissions conditions before / during and after completion of sites. The CC has sought to understand the process of change of ownership and have been informed that this is only possible through the Land Registry. The CC agreed that the Secretary should write to A&B Council planning and our local councillors outlining, again, concerns about lack of action when planning permission regulations are shown to be materially breached. Examples currently in this area, and discussed in this meeting, which could be referenced are; Auchengower, Fort Road, Kyle View and Strathlee.

1. Roads / Paths / Lighting / Drainage etc

* **Tigh Dearg:** A residents meeting is to be held soon (Cllr Corry). Connections from drainage in field above almost complete.
* **Craigrownie parking issues:** Cllr Corry has responded to residents. It is important that the law is followed but discussions on exclusions are taking place. Access for emergency services is required. Also need to work with A&BC regarding long term solutions. Has any thought be given to demolishing the existing garages and turning into an open parking area? No progress regarding idea on the BT site.
* **‘Works’ List update:** 
  + **Road surfacing welcomed in Kilcreggan village / near CBH. However edging / parking spaces remain challenging as land in private ownership.**
  + **New items to be added to the works list include:** 
    - Donaldsons Brae water from site below old Kilcreggan Hotel. Water and vegetation that grows out of the gap between the wall and pavement. The bush’ restricts pavement use.
    - Bins in Cove Bay
    - Hand-rail from Church Road to Play Park.
    - Need schedule for gulley clearance / regular maintenance plan especially as now moving to winter.
    - Safety Barries in Kilcreggan village near car park – dilapidated / broken.
    - Fort Road (adopted) and gritting bins.
    - Knockderry road gritting bins.
    - Leaking sewage system by Bowling Club – camera searched. A&B / SW Church Road liaison and future plan to be prepared by A&B Council.
    - A&B Council have a new white linking vehicle. Priority request is Kilcreggan Car park but also other locations in villages.
  + **Kilcreggan Bus Shelter** repair (Cllr Corry) – ongoing and not date for repair.
  + **Drainage:** Gulleys, ditches and regular maintenance to minimize including plan (not yet made available to the CC)
  + **School Road** update (Cllr Corry) – to be continued
  + **North Ailey Road and Scottish Water – ongoing**
  + Follow up meeting with Tom Murphy to be arranged (DF and Cllr Corry)
  + Argyll Road / Donaldson’s Brae and SPEN upgrade – acknowledge reaching completion of this essential work. Some tidying up still required.
* **Street Furniture (Benches, Notice Boards, Phone boxes etc.)**.
  + **Two new notice boards in place. Convenor thanked the team who put in the hard work to put in place in a safe manner.**
  + **Funding for bench:** Decision to be made shortly but indications are that C&K CC request for funding for a new disabled bench has been successful. Application made by SL. Risk Assessment has been completed and when bench has been purchased the installation team can carry out the work.

1. Ferry and Pier (ND)

* Nothing new to report on the current Ferry / Pier situation.
* The CC noted that the Gourock waiting room is being modified but that the toilets / waiting area should still remain open for next 6 – 8 weeks during this process.

1. Communications

* JM has not located any clear sources of finance. Matter discussed under finance above and a proposal for exploring a financing model with the current service provider for 2025/26. Renewal is usually in November 2025 and currently facilitated through ND.
* Any new CC formed following the 2026 elections would then be free to explore options. Re linking CC / OC to be discussed between Secretary and RPWCDT convenor.

1. Community Council Planning Policy

* Report from Director of C&K Trust (and CC member) regarding management of land to the shore side of Shore Road.
  + An agreement has been made between C&K Trust and RPWCDT to enable initial spraying of Japanese Knotweed on trust land. This is part of a pilot programme. Full risk assessments have been undertaken for the use of Glyphosate in suitable locations and this will use fully trained sprayers. Insurance is in place through RPWCDT.
  + Progress on the C&K Trust Working Party on shore ward land management to reported at the next meeting by JM.
* Note that the CC has no statutory role in Short Term Lets licensing (A&B Council email 10 July 2025)
* Discussion of email sent by JM on 3 September regarding housing and related matters. JM presented the email and a discussion was held. Three distinct areas of work proposed which overlap and have implications for C&K (and wider links with Helensburgh and Lomond) around **3 areas of work –** 
  + **Housing Strategy**: what does this mean for OC and revision of LPP to prepare an evidence base for LDP3 through constructive local dialogue representing the diverse views relating to housing as well as identified needs relating to wider infrastructure and services such as schools, transport, business, medical facilities etc. Secretary to contact RPWCDT / OC on this matter. This is for the short term (less than 5 years), medium term (up to 20 years) and longer term (say 50+ years), across demographics, types of housing (social, affordable, family, retirement, for people living with disabilities……)
  + **LDP 3 engagement**: <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-development-plan-3> Important to understand timetable, use of LPP evidence and opportunities for local & H&L level engagement on housing and related infrastructure including ‘growth’ plans. Secretary to track timetable and report options at the next meeting. Currently LDP2 is expected to have a ‘shelf-life’ of around 5 years so to 2029 and then LDP3 has an expected life span of 10 years i.e. through the 2030s.
  + **Role of C&K Community Council as a Statutory Consultee (JM email point 7).** The CC agreed for JM to prepare a short paper on what this may mean for the CC in terms of current legal / regulatory framework and changes that may be required to support new approaches and ideas.

1. Licensing

No matters raised.

1. Any Other Competent Business

Issue regarding Argyll & Bute planning part of website with respect to the procedure to lodge comments noting who from, with all being visible to the public. AS to also discuss this issue with Cllr Corry to ensure the site is transparent.

1. Date of Next Meeting 11 November 2025. Also note start time of 1915.

**C&K Community Council: Declaration of Interest in relation to trusteeship, directorship, membership of bodies** **that may have a bearing on CC agenda items**.

As at meeting of 9 September 2025 and modifications to the RPWCDT structure for management of OC.

|  | **Community Councillor Name** | **RPW-CDT Director** | **OC Working Group (Name)** | **Cove and Kilcreggan Trust Director** | **CBH Director** | **Professional or business group** | **OTHER – name organisation** |
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| 1 | John Auld |  | Business |  |  | NFU | KVA |
| 2 | Kenny Barlas |  |  |  |  | Taxi |  |
| 3 | Susannah Conran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | Nick Davies |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | Derek Fowlis |  | Business |  |  |  | Creggans |
| 6 | Kathy Gostick |  | Green |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | Sheena Lamont |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | Lynda McKenzie |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | James McLean |  | X | X |  |  |  |
| 10 | Ali Mills | X | Arts / Green |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | Christine Murdoch |  |  |  |  | Minister Craigrownie Church |  |
| 12 | Ellen McVey |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | Sheelagh O’Reilly |  |  |  |  |  | C&K RNLI  KVA |
| 14 | Anne Strachan |  | Green |  |  |  |  |
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| **INSERT NAME** | **Community Council** |
| **Dates covered by this report:** | **01/05/25 – 01/07/25** |
| **Location:** | **Cove and Kilcreggan** |
| **Reporting Officer:** | **PC Cameron Macpherson** |
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| Number of calls to police | Between the dates of 01/05/25 – 01/07/25, there have been a total of 15 calls to the Police from the Cove and Kilcreggan area. |

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| **Local Policing Priority** | **Local Good News** | **How can you help?** |
| A blue rectangles with white text  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | Cowal, Bute & Helensburgh benefits from a dedicated Pro-active Serious and Organised Crime Team (SOCT). These specialist officers are supported by dedicated intelligence officers in tackling serious and organised crime in our communities.  We have been upskilling officers across Argyll ensuring they understand and appreciate the importance of community intelligence and information. This information is key are often results in the targeting of those involved in the sale and supply of controlled drugs. | Community information is key for us and may just provide us with the last piece of evidence required to apply to the courts for a warrant.  We encourage our communities to share concerns and suspicions around drug dealing either by calling 101 or by reporting anonymously via Crimestoppers 0800 555 111  [Crimestoppers in Scotland | Crimestoppers (crimestoppers-uk.org)](https://crimestoppers-uk.org/about-the-charity/crimestoppers-in-scotland) 0800 555 111 |
| A blue rectangular rectangles with white text  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | Acquisitive crime remains a local priority. Figures across the country are on an upward trajectory, which in part is a result of the cost-of-living crisis. We are working with our Preventions team looking at maximising our crime prevention opportunities and looking at innovative ways to increase local awareness.  We are working with our communities to identify areas of vulnerability where we can engage with our partners to maximise our response.  In Helensburgh Our community policing officers are engaging with local businesses in the retail sector to reduce shoplifting. Officers are taking ownership by identifying those responsible, collating information and seeking bail conditions restricting access by the perpetrators.  In the area of Kilcreggan and Cove housebreakings and suspect persons is still a priority for Police Scotland, and investigations are still ongoing with incidents already reported. We are still prioritising extra attention to the area, and will frequently carry out patrols throughout the day, and provide a higher visibility to the area to deter criminals frequenting the area. | Your local police would like for your Community Council to help us by following us on our social media channels and help us spread crime prevention advice and guidance.  Security could be improved by simply installing security lighting and or CCTV, by doing so this gives an extra barrier to stop potential housebreakers from entering your homes.  We would also like you to report any suspicious behaviour you see in your local community.  Call us on 101 or visit our website to report any incidents or 999 if incidents are ongoing and require our immediate attention |

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| **Local Policing Priority** | **Local Good News** | **How can you help?** |
| A blue rectangular sign with white text  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | Across Helensburgh and Lomond we very much understand public concerns in relation to road safety. We are committed to reducing road deaths by targeting the 5 main causes of fatal road accidents. These include speeding, being unfit to drive through drink or drugs, failure to wear seatbelts and driver distraction. Our officers will continue to pro-actively engage through enforcement and education.  We very much welcome the new average speed cameras on the A82 at Luss and the safety cameras in Cardross and hope these cameras positively influence driver behaviour and decision making.  Local police officers will be out and about the Helensburgh and Lomond area carrying out speed checks and we will be increasing our engagement with drivers, focusing on road safety. | We would like to know any areas of concerns in the local area that you feel would benefit with our presence in regards to speeding.  Your local police would like for your Community Council to help us with ensuring Road Safety by reporting anyone who is suspected of drink or drug driving within your community or any vehicle speeding/driving carelessly, this can be done either in person via 101 or via crime stoppers online:  [Crimestoppers in Scotland | Crimestoppers (crimestoppers-uk.org)](https://crimestoppers-uk.org/about-the-charity/crimestoppers-in-scotland) 0800 555 111 |
| A blue rectangles with white text  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | Violent crime continues to be closely monitored and reviewed with investigations being resourced across Local Policing Teams and the Criminal Investigation Department.  Each crime is subject of daily review and scrutiny and thereafter allocated to the most appropriate department to progress to assist in identification of repeat victims, offenders and locations. Any emerging issues and risks are shared, and appropriate actions identified  Across Helensburgh and Lomond, we continue to support our nighttime economy by providing a visible presence in our licensed premises. Weekend policing plans allow us to maximise our efforts across our towns as we look for opportunities to reduce early signs of anti-social behaviour which may escalate into violence. We often work with partners to maximise our presence.  In Helensburgh the Royal Navy Police continue to attend shift meetings learning about priority tasking and supporting local policing across the town. | Your local police would like for your Community Council to help us with tackling Violent Crime by reporting any ASB or community concerns either in person via 101 or via crime stoppers online:  [Crimestoppers in Scotland | Crimestoppers (crimestoppers-uk.org)](https://crimestoppers-uk.org/about-the-charity/crimestoppers-in-scotland) 0800 555 111 |
| A blue rectangular sign with white text  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | Throughout the summer months, we have been engaging with partners across various organisations to consider how we can work together more efficiently to tackle the seasonal Anti-Social Behaviour that we often see.  We have a team of 3 Local Community Officers who work from Helensburgh who are the eyes and ears for the local community. They aim to:   * Build positive relationships with local business and community. * Engage with and support night-time community * Robust ASB plans at the weekend * Not solely for the town centre and will ask them to patrol small villages across area   Fraud Prevention  Frauds and scams continue to be a focus as offences are still being reported on a regular basis, and we would welcome invites from any community groups or organisations in the Helensburgh and Lomond area who feel they could benefit from an input from our preventions team. | Your local police would like for your Community Council to help us with helping Public Protection by reporting any concerns you may have regarding potential victims of Domestic Abuse or vulnerable persons, who may be being exploited or who may just need additional crime prevention support to us either in person or anonymous |

*Useful Links/Contacts*

* **Argyll and Bute Communtiy Directory** - <https://abcd.scot/> including warm spaces information
* **Crimestoppers** – [Crimestoppers in Scotland | Crimestoppers (crimestoppers-uk.org)](https://crimestoppers-uk.org/about-the-charity/crimestoppers-in-scotland) 0800 555 111
* **Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime** – [www.scottishparc.co.uk](http://www.scottishparc.co.uk)
* **Women’s Aid -** [Home - Women's Aid (womensaid.org.uk)](https://www.womensaid.org.uk/)
* **Citizens Advice** – 0808 164 6000
* **Argyll and Bute Council Trading Standards** – 01546 605 519
* **Argyll and Bute Council** – <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/my-council/how-contact-us>
* **Transport Scotland** – road related incidents and road closures - <https://www.traffic.gov.scot/traffic-information/incidents>
* **Scottish Water -** [https://www.scottishwater.co.uk/Help-and-Resources/Contact-Us 0800 0778 778](https://www.scottishwater.co.uk/Help-and-Resources/Contact-Us%200800%200778%20778)
* **NHS24 (including mental health support) –** 111 or <https://www.nhsinform.scot/>

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Meaningful and effective engagement involves genuine dialogue, respect, integrity, transparency and accountability. It provides an opportunity for people to shape our services and influence decisions made. Insight from effective engagement helps identify practical solutions and determine changes required to meet the needs of the communities we serve.

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Twitter: Argyll and Bute Police

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Please Contact the officer below with any feedback or concerns raised at the meeting for further considerations or police action.

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**OUR COMMUNITY UPDATE FOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL 9 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**OC/RPWCDT BOARD**

* Directors: Laurence Slavin, Paul Munro, Euan Wright, Sheena Edwards, Christine Menhennet, Gauri Raje, Karen Clayton, Tom Walker, Ali Mills
* Meet first Monday of month in CBH

**RECENT ACTIVITY**

* Appointed Community Enterprise as delivery partners to:
  + transition from Local Place Plan to a Community Delivery Plan with tangible projects including indicative timescales and costings
  + focus on both quick wins and longer term/larger scale projects
  + ensure joined up plan development across working groups
  + Delivery Plan targeted for end of November
  + Implementation phase December 2025 to March 2026 to focus on commission any necessary studies, draft business plans for 2 flagship quick win projects and 2 larger projects, and support funding applications.
* Appointed a funding team who will engage with OC working groups and other stakeholders such as A&BC
* Community Lottery
  + £3,233 of income
  + £2,000 paid to youth café
  + £1,233 balance toward £2,000 target for Scout Group
* Awards for All Funding to Support Volunteer Activity
  + £9,335 awarded
  + Indicative allocation across green group, paths group, arts and heritage groups, £2,405 spent to date on areas such as beach cleans, community garden, and highland fault arts commission
* Material Group Updates

**Green Group**

* + Community Garden progressing very well and being publicised via OC website. Greenhouse has been donated and produce being made available in Post Office
  + Beach/coast cleaning event progressed
  + Progressing plans for invasive species spraying - particular focus on knotweed
  + Woodland monthly work parties to remove bracken; clearing paths, and dismantling and removing defunct structures in the Woods

**Footpath Group**

* + Current focus is on Green Isle Trail and Millpond Trail.
  + Invasive knotweed along Green Isle Trail. Farmer has cut few meters back and will spray in late Sept. However, will require multi-year effort
  + Planning an application to WalkingScotland for Core Path section along shore to east of Fort Road and possibly up to Portkil
  + Work party to cut back vegetation from path from B833 to Millpond.
  + Planning community walk late summer along Green Isle or Millpond trail by contacting survey respondents who left email addresses. May require volunteers to marshal organised walk.

**Heritage Group**

* + Organising a Heritage Open Day at CBH on Sat 25th October to raise heritage awareness and gain public consultation and carry out survey for grant application credentials.
  + Liaising with the Amenity Society to catalogue the local history collection under the custodianship of the Amenity Society held at Cove Community Library. It consists of manuscript documents and publication. Many of the publications are out of print and some are rare.
  + Continued interest in Highland Boundary Fault and its historical effect on agriculture, Flora & fauna and demographics - are to conduct another walk to quarries and built heritage.
  + Completed pier heritage gallery project and QR Code analytics are evidencing positive numbers of hits (110 in 3 weeks)
  + Considering options and possible funding to instate reconditioned Victorian water fountain and lamp post at Kilcreggan Pier - early days so far as need to consider funding, ownership, permissions and ongoing maintenance

**Clearwater Group**

* + Focus on water testing over the coming months as per direction from Marine Biologists.
  + Posters created as well as a social media post about reporting to the Clear Water Group suspected contamination, this will allow target testing of sea water.
  + In process of submitting a funding application to Nature Scotland to enable community led research.