
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

**MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE
ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE**

**DEVELOPMENT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

07 December 2016

**CAMPBELTOWN TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE ±END OF PROJECT
REPORT**

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

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3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee note the content of the report.

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 The purpose of the THI was to bring about regeneration of the historic town centre of Campbeltown through investment in the heritage assets within the area coupled with complementary initiatives to support existing uses, create new uses and promote a framework of business and training structures to secure a sustainable, thriving, long term future for the town centre. The main aim was to provide a sustainable economic future for Campbeltown, recognising the value of its built heritage whilst making it a better place to live, work and visit. The provision of a dedicated project officer and support staff has been critical to the successful delivery of the THI.
- 4.2 Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) has proven to be a hugely successful heritage led regeneration project, which has significantly improved the appearance of the built fabric of the centre of Campbeltown whilst enhancing the conservation area. The THI incorporated the Campbeltown Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) Round 1 budget (minus the CARS funding that had already been committed). A total of 31 grants were offered totalling £1.4million. This generated over £7million of work to over 20 buildings and has led to the successful award of funding from Historic Environment Scotland (HES) for a second CARS for Campbeltown town centre.

- 4.3 The main funding partnership included the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), Argyll and Bute Council including CHORD, Historic Environment Scotland (HES), Argyll and the Islands LEADER and Highlands and Islands Enterprise. In addition to this building owners contributed towards the cost of repairs to their properties.
- 4.4 Two key buildings and five target buildings were completed. Notable achievements include; the repair and conservation of Campbeltown Town Hall; over 2,000 square metres of vacant floorspace being brought back into sustainable use, the Old Schoolhouse that now provides backpacker accommodation and two derelict tenement buildings were refurbished providing

Future Jobs Fund . During 2010 and 2011 the THI secured funding to employ 4 Future Jobs Fund employees on six month contracts including a town centre handyman and an Administration Assistant; CARS Round 6 . In early 2015 the council secured funding from Historic Environment Scotland for another CARS that will run until 2020. The £2.2million scheme aims to build on the success of the THI, concentrating on prominent tenements in and around Main Street.

4.8 The THI has secured a number of awards including:

Surf Town Centre Regeneration Awards 2013 (runner up).

Scottish Empty Homes Champion of the Year Award 2014 for 13-15 Kirk Street.

Council Employee Excellence and Recognition Awards 2015 . Strong and Sustainable Communities.

Campbeltown Town Hall •^& |^å c@ ä~ å*^• A, æåqæ c@ H^!æå Property Awards 2016.

Scottish Empty Homes Champion of the Year Awards 2016; 50

Total costs	£1,664,071	£1,664,071
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6.3 **Legal** . The Legal Services Section provided advice and support at different stages of the project including; the preparation of THI third party grant contracts, standard security arrangements for large grants, asset transfer of Campbeltown Town Hall and the back to back legal agreement for 50-52 Main Street/2 Cross Street. Without this support it would not have been possible to deliver some of these projects.

6.4 **HR**