

Climate Action Towns is a Scottish Government pilot run by Architecture & Design Scotland. The pilot aims to support place-based climate action in a network of seven small Scottish towns, working collaboratively with local communities. From this, Architecture and Design Scotland will develop learning that can be applied in places across Scotland.

The work in each place is community-led and builds on local knowledge, interests, and aims. As a result, the pilot project is taking a slightly different shape in each place.

Campbeltown has been selected as one of the Climate Action Towns and, along with the other six towns, was selected using a data-driven approach. Firstly, the Scottish Government's Urban Rural Classifications (2016) and Census data (2011) were used to identify 156 towns in Scotland with a population under 10,000. Secondly, 156 towns were then assessed against a number of indicators to narrow down to 7 Climate Action Towns - including the SIMD, flood risk, sea levels, receipt of Climate Challenge Funding and whether A&DS had previously engaged with the place.

The Climate Action Towns project is focusing support on the development of the Campbeltown Community Action Plan (CAP), including help to ensure it considers future climate change and climate risks.

Since the last MAKI meeting on 3rd November 2021, we have worked with the Community Action Plan (CAP) team to:

- Run a series of workshops in December 2021 to share the priorities identified in the CAP survey with the community and develop actions to address these. This involved 26 local people and businesses, and 10 Campbeltown Grammar School pupils.

- Summarise the ideas from the workshops and, together with the CAP team, write up a concise set of actions for the action plan. These actions include some specific climate and resilience ideas/actions.

We are currently working to:

- Prepare a report on the work in Campbeltown to date, including an analysis of the climate risks and opportunities of all CAP actions. This report will be made publicly available.

- Support the publication and dissemination of the CAP (early February)

The Climate Action Towns project currently has funding secured until March 2022. Confirmation of Scottish Government funding for Year 2 is currently awaited. Granting of Year 2 funding would, excitingly, allow the Climate Action Towns project to continue to work with the community in Campbeltown to implement the CAP and other climate-related initiatives.