

It is in the interest of everyone to reduce the amount of landfill waste and to increase the amount of recycled waste in Argyll and Bute.

This, in my opinion, begs the question of why the recent roll out of blue bins in Kintyre is restricted to households only.

Places such as golf clubs, bowling clubs, caravan parks, and popular beaches for picnics/walking plus the many hospitality venues are by their very nature high volume plastic/cardboard venues. Yet they were not given these bins.

Businesses already pay for the removal of waste, therefore providing blue bins will result in them removing recycling items with less going into the green bins and therefore landfill.

The down side is the initial cost of providing these bins plus the increased amount of recycling being collected, however on the plus side is:

- (a) LESS GOING TO LANDFILL - reducing the cost of transporting it and paying for it to be processed
- (b) MORE RECYCLING -

Councillor Redman noted that concerns around recycling bins were raised with him on a regular basis, and advised that he would like to see Roads and Infrastructure Services

requested that the Committee write to the Administration to enquire about the reason behind this decision. The Chair agreed that this would be progressed following the meeting, and a response would thereafter be provided to Members by e-mail.

Councillor Kelly provided background information in relation to the Yellow Book report which had been carried out in 2005, and had been the catalyst for regeneration in Campbeltown. He noted that Campbeltown Community Council were currently progressing a Community Action Plan and requested that the Committee support a request for officers to bring forward a report to the next Committee meeting outlining the options for taking forward an updated survey and putting in place an updated strategic approach. He advised that it was important to deliver and build on the success of Campbeltown, particularly in light of proposed future investments and the need to put in place suitable infrastructure to support this. The Committee Manager agreed to progress this request following the meeting.

Councillor Kelly expressed his disappointment at the condition of the public toilets in Bolgam Street, Campbeltown. He requested that the Committee support a request for officers to bring forward a report to the next Committee outlining the actions required to bring public toilets across the area up to a reasonable standard. The Committee Manager agreed to progress this request following the meeting.

Councillor Kelly advised that he was seeking the support of the Area Committee in ascertaining the position on bedding plants for Campbeltown. He noted that he had been unsuccessful in contacting officers for a response and advised that, if the Head of Roads and Infrastructure Services could not provide a response to this at the meeting, he would ask the Committee to write to the Executive Director to seek clarity around this.

Councillor MacMillan advised that Traffic Warden attendance was urgently required in Lochgilphead, particularly in response to a number of Heavy Goods Vehicles being parked in the Stag Car Park overnight without paying for this. He noted that he had been told that it was too expensive to bring a Traffic Warden to Lochgilphead, however a lot of money was being lost by not monitoring the car park. Councillors Philand and Taylor reiterated concerns around this, noting that strategies should be explored to address this loss of revenue.

Councillor Horn advised that she was pleased to see work had been carried out on the footways in Tarbert, however she would like to enquire about whether there were plans to extend works to the Quay, rather than stopping at the public toilets. She noted that the slabs at the Quay had been the cause of a number of falls.

Councillor Redman raised concerns about a section of road between Islay Auction Mart and Whins Park, Islay. Councillor Currie advised that this had been addressed in the Roads Capital Reconstruction Programme 2022/23, which was being considered at the upcoming Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee meeting.

Councillor Redman advised that concerns had been raised by South Knapdale Community Council in relation to branches on the roads at Kilberry. Councillor Taylor advised that he had received assurance that the bushes and scrub would be cut back on the next occasion when the Council were cutting the verges.

Councillor Redman also raised concerns about the condition of the Cemetery Road in Carradale. He noted that he had previously received correspondence confirming that the

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee agreed to award funding from the Supporting Communities Fund budget to 12 applicants, totalling £24,619.59, as follows:

Ref No	Applicant	Recommendation	Amount Requested	Award 2022/23
1	Islay & Jura Community Enterprises Limited	Award	£2,500.00	£2,500.00

