

Item 4: Convener's Report for the period June 2019 to December 2021.

Convener's Review

The words which sum up things since our last AGM are COVID, COVID, & COVID. It brought many changes and challenges to the way our CC could operate. With government enforced restrictions and changes to CC regulations from Argyll and Bute Council we had to adapt to new ways of carrying out CC business. Working from home rules for council employees did not make it easy for us to contact officers. Isolation and quarantine incidents did not help either. We had to change practices to communication by email, telephone and conference calls and online meetings by Zoom to get the business of the CC done. And there was plenty to do...but we did it. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members for adapting to the new practices.

On behalf of the residents, I would like to thank the MoD personnel for their part in dealing with the longstanding flooding issues in Shandon. In particular, Cdre Doull who finally secured repair work at Chapel Burn and Cdr Mark Fitzsimmons for progressing the culvert works in the grounds of St Andrews.

I would like to say thanks to Fiona who had an especially busy time which involved Aldonaig issues from ponies to woodland fires and disruption from illegal gatherings during lockdown. Fiona also deserves our thanks for her extensive works on the problems for new woodland at Letrault and Stuckenduff as proposed by Scottish Forestry.

I would also like to thank Kate for organising food and shopping support for elderly and isolating members of Rhu and Shandon during early lockdowns.

Very special thanks are due for our secretary Jean.

Jean continued to keep us all up to date with what was happening throughout the pandemic from planning applications, consultations, advice on changes from Argyll & Bute Council and especially her work on forestry matters and issues at Invergare.

Finally, I would like to thank the other office bearers, Andrew and Linda for continuing their active work in their roles as Vice Convener and Treasurer throughout this difficult time.