

Rhu and Shandon Community Survey (Local Place Plan)

Report for RSCC for 12 February 2025

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Attachments: Rhu and Shandon Community Survey

Poster / flyer

Key dates

Launch of online and paper survey: 8 February 2025

Community consultation at Rhu and Shandon Parish Church Hall on

Thursday 6 March 3-8pm

Friday 7 March 3-8pm

Saturday 8 March 10am – 5pm

Consultation closes 8 March 2025

Presentation to community of completed draft LPP before submission to Argyll and Bute Council – date TBC

Submission to Argyll and Bute Council - June 2025

Report

Nick Barton and Fiona Baker have been working closely with Rhu and Shandon Community Trust / Ardenconnel Wood Steering Group (one and the same) with Rob Stuart leading for RSCT/ Ardenconnel Wood. RSCT secured the assistance of 6 days of free assistance from Community Enterprise under the Accelerate Programme to develop the survey and create the survey form, identify key stakeholders etc.. Community Enterprise will be analysing the survey responses and producing a report as part of this assistance.

The survey is seeking to gather much wider community views than a LPP which is primarily concerned with land and buildings. A section of the survey relates specifically to Ardenconnel Wood. Other local institutions – Glenarn, the Church, Rhu Hall have been invited to have posters at the community engagement events. We suggest Shellie Montgomery is invited to have a poster on road safety issues at the event.

The community engagement event will entail A1 size posters on the particular themes of the survey with post it notes for participant to write their views and ideas on and stick to the poster. This information will then be collated and added to the survey results.

Nick and Fiona will write the LPP based on the survey and consultation results. It is hoped that the process will generate more information about a range of issues that are outwith the scope of the LPP. This community feedback will assist RSCC, RSCT and the Ardenconnel Wood project in identifying and taking action on community concerns and aspirations. It might be that a community action plan (CAP) can also be produced but we need to gather the information first.

Community Council members CALL TO ACTION

Please can all CC members circulate the flyer to their local networks and encourage people to fill in the survey. Paper copies are available but on line is preferred as it is easier to analyse.

At the community engagement event **we need all members of the CC to be in attendance over the three events – on a rota – to help facilitate the consultation. We need 6 people for each 2 hour session.** This will involve a person manning each poster and encouraging conversation and for people to write down their views on the posters. The facilitator should also keep a notebook to write down any observations – not everyone will want to write on post-it notes but they might have quite a lot to say and we need to try and gather as wide a range of views of possible for this to be truly representative of residents.

There will be a briefing for CC members before the event but reading the survey will familiarise members with the main themes.

- Village Identity and priorities
- Homes and development
- Environment and nature
- Active travel and transport
- Social and Cultural activities
- Ardenconnel Wood (covered by AW group)

The LPP is the most important document the CC can produce on behalf of our community as it feeds into the next Local Development Plan (LDP3), which determines development areas and attendant budget strategies for the next decade once LDP3 is adopted.

Please fill in the rota! Thank you.