

Reports for Regular Meeting on 11th June 2025

ITEM 9: UPDATE ON RHU AND SHANDON COMMUNITY TRUST PROVIDED BY FIONA BAKER ACTING CHAIR, RSCT.

RSCT is progressing towards completing the community purchase of Ardenconnel Wood. Various boundary / land ownership issues and tree safety works are in the process of being resolved and we remain hopeful that the purchase can be completed by 30 June. Confirmation (Title Deed) has been received from Argyll and Bute Council that they own the Manse Brae – Quarry Knowe path.

The Trust is holding a logo and branding design workshop on Tuesday 17 June at Rhu Hall 7-9pm. All are welcome to come and make suggestions and contribute to the design. We anticipate this will be quite a useful and educational workshop in general as a logo needs to work in many different formats.

On 22 June the Trust are working with the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland to deliver a botanical plant identification study day which will involve a field trip to the wood.

Preparations are underway for our inaugural AGM, which we have decided to hold after the purchase of the woodland is completed.

ITEM 10. LOCAL PLACE PLAN UPDATE

Change to Local Place Plan deadline: Confirmed in April that the new deadline is July '26.

Justification - "The later deadline gives communities more time to prepare robust LPPs, while still fitting into the strategic LDP3 process."

As we have carried out a fair amount of the work already (particularly the community consultation) we will be aiming to complete in the autumn.

New revised timetable

Place Plan Activity schedule			
Activity	Deadline	Lead	Notes
Develop outline Place Plan with structure, headings, outline content etc	Jan	NB	
Draft possible questions for inclusion in 'community survey'	6 Jan	FB/NB	
Begin to "mobilise the troops to be ready to engage with the community"	Jan	FB	In order to maximise engagement and response across the community. Eg Fiona Hughes, Shelley ?, etc
Design a community survey with Community Enterprise (CE)	Jan	ALL	Input LPP questions with Ardenconnel and other issues, including speed limits
Develop a consultation plan	Feb	CE	Receive support and guidance from CE
Conduct survey	8 Feb – 8 March	ALL	Open 7 Feb. Close 28 Feb See separate notes for different channels and means of engagement for survey
Carry out interviews with a small selection of key stakeholders	Feb	CE	CE carrying out interviews
Work with CE to develop outline findings	Mid Feb	FB/NB	
Present progress update to R&SCC	12 Feb	FB/NB	Next Community Council meeting

			NB/FB provide written report
Analysis of survey results – divide up into Woodland results / LPP results	w/c 10 March	FB/NB	Support from CE
Public meeting to engage with the community	6-8 March	FB/NB	Support from CE. Interim survey feedback
Compile LPP consultation responses into report	May	CE	Issued
LPP Drafting	June - July	FB/NB	
Complete Draft 1 Place Plan	31 July		
Issue for comment to R&SCC	Aug	FB/NB	
Issue to others for comment??			
Further public consultation/presentation of initial draft – opportunity to comment	4 Sept	FB/NB	
Complete Draft 2 Place Plan	12 Sept	FB/NB	
Submit for formal consultation/comment: A&B Council and MoD (Others ?)	15 Sept	FB/NB	Issue to adjacent community councils Allow 3 weeks
Format into design template	16 Sept	NB	
Complete Draft 3 Place Plan - FINAL	6 Oct	FB/NB	
TARGET SUBMISSION DATE	13 OCT 2025	FB/NB	
Submission of Local Place Plan deadline	30 July 2026	FB/NB	