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Urgent call for review of town's 'Deathrow' roads

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Residents and business owners living and working in Campbeltown streets, where a temporary traffic management system is in force, say a roads review is urgently needed 'before someone is killed'.

Instead of being able to continue from Longrow – which some are now calling 'Deathrow' – on to Longrow South towards Main Street, traffic is directed via the newly one-way Burnbank Street on to the trunked Kinloch Road to reach the town centre.

In last week's Courier, it was revealed South Kintyre councillor Donald Kelly had written to the council's chief executive Pippa Milne to voice his concerns about 'a high degree of apathy' within the authority's roads and amenity services department, regarding three main issues.

One of those was the impact of the new traffic management

system, which was introduced in October 2020 and the fact cars are now diverted via Burnbank Street, which is home to busy garage and vehicle rental centre Kintyre Hire.

Jim McPhee of Kintyre Hire, whose family has been in business in Campbeltown for more than 100 years, 64 of them in Burnbank Street, is also concerned.

He said: 'Over these years, we had different types of businesses working from these premises, repairing motorcycles, large heavy goods vehicles, heavy plant, all types of agricultural machinery, cars, vans, buses, you name it. During that time, the two-way system worked without any incidents.'

'This new route has caused nothing but a bottle neck and is not fit-for-purpose.'

'Jim Smith, the council's head of roads and amenity services, and South Kintyre councillor Rory Colville came on a trip round the route in our 7.5 ton truck early one morning but,

unfortunately for our cause, the road was quieter than normal.

'I hope Mr Smith could see the pitfalls, especially coming down Longrow, with the traffic having only one option – instead of taking Longrow South or Burnbank Street, it now has to go down Burnbank to the Kinloch Road junction.'

'We must be one of the only places in Britain that diverts traffic on to a trunk road. All for the sake of a no right-hand turn at the Longrow South junction with Main Street.'

'The quicker the old system is reinstated, the safer and better the traffic will flow.'

'We thank councillors Kelly, Colville and any others who may be working in the background, for all their efforts and can only hope their voices are heard at Kilmory [council headquarters].'

'Hopefully there's a solution to this problem before there's a tragedy.'

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HM the Queen's 70 years on the throne

In honour of the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the British throne, the Courier this week features a four-page From Our Files special. The Queen, photographed when she was Princess Elizabeth, took power on February 6 1952, following the death of her father, the late king George VI, left. Turn to pages eight, nine, 10 and 11 for more.



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Mystery creature revealed

Last week, we published this photograph of a mystery creature discovered on the shore near Bellochantuy and asked if readers could identify it.

Elsa Macdougall, originally from Tayinloan but now living in Bearsden, who took the photograph and sent it to the Courier, believes it is the body of a badger.

She told us it was a larger than an average male, measuring more than a metre from its teeth to the base of its tail.

'In half a century of walking Kintyre beaches, I have found many weird and wonderful things but this was my first badger,' she said, 'and the fact it was much bigger than average made it even more interesting.'

She said she has heard some 'interesting guesses' from friends trying to identify the beast and explained how she identified it to be a badger.

'The teeth show it is definitely a carnivore so that narrowed it down and there was just enough hair left to confirm the black and white facial markings,' she said.

'I removed a tuft of very wiry hair from the rump and took it home to confirm the identification with my dad.'

She added: 'When I was at college, I spent many nights lying completely still in the dusk watching badgers in a sett nearby. You simply put out peanut butter – a favourite of theirs – lie still and wait. 'Having spent so long studying them, I have no doubt my identification is accurate. You can tell by the teeth the one



The mystery creature is a badger.

on the beach was in the prime of his life, and a car collision normally results in broken teeth, so his death shall remain a mystery.'

Elsa added that badgers face many challenges, including being killed by vehicles on roads, and people should never try to locate or disturb a sett.

Man's actions 'deeply unpleasant', says sheriff

A man's actions were described as 'deeply unpleasant' when he appeared before Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

Hugh Hamilton, aged 58, of 38 Glebe Street, New Cumnock, was found guilty at the December 2021 sitting of the court of touching a 14-year-old girl on the buttocks.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes ordered reports be prepared on Hamilton before sentencing.

At this month's court sitting, the sheriff placed Hamilton on a community payback order for 12 months.

During that time, he will be supervised and must work towards addressing his behaviour 'so that there is no

repetition'. He must also carry out 180 hours of unpaid work in the community.

The sheriff told Hamilton his actions were 'deeply unpleasant' and had been inflicted on the girl 'at an important, formative period of her life'.

During his trial, Hamilton, who lives in accommodation in Campbeltown while working in Kintyre, said he had seen two girls on Longrow drinking alcohol and told them they were 'too young to be doing that'. The incident happened on July 11 last year.

He said one girl then pestered him, offering him money to go and buy Buckfast for them.

When he didn't, he told the

court she started to call him a 'paedo'.

His defence agent, when summing up, said that Hamilton had shown no criminal intent and was 'ushering' the girl out of his way. He also referred to the fact that, in her evidence, the girl had denied drinking but her friend, who also gave evidence, said that they had.

A police officer said the girl was 'clearly distressed, crying and shaking physically' when she gave a statement.

His agent said in Hamilton's defence: 'There is clearly some contrition and understanding of the complainer's distress.'

Hamilton was a first-time offender.

Four months' jail for fire raising threat

A 21-year-old man who threatened to 'burn down' the Campbeltown home of a member of his family has been jailed for four months.

During a conversation with the woman, which was overheard by others on a speaker phone, John Townsley had an argument which culminated in him threatening: 'I will burn your house down' and 'I am going to kill you and your weans'.

Townsley admitted threatening the woman, her partner and children with violence and by threatening to set fire to her house in May last year.

Criminal justice social work reports on Townsley, of 10 Wisp Green, Edinburgh, were presented to Sheriff Patrick Hughes at the February sitting of Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

Townsley's defence agent Edel McGinty said: 'His traumatic upbringing had an impact on his behaviour.'

She added he would 'utter threats for their shock value'.

In passing sentence, Sheriff Hughes told Townsley: 'It gives me no pleasure to see you in court again. This is the second time you have threatened to start fires.'

Referring to Townsley's criminal record, the sheriff ordered him to serve four months in prison, to run consecutively with the sentence he is presently serving.

POLICE FILES

Breach of conditions

A 63-year-old woman was arrested, charged and kept in custody to appear at Campbeltown Sheriff Court after allegedly breaching her undertaking conditions by being in an address in Mansecroft, Clachan, at 8pm on Saturday February 5.

Property vandalised

Police are investigating after cottage door locks and a padlock and chain securing a gate at a property in Tayinloan were allegedly vandalised between 12pm on Thursday January 20 and 5.30am on Saturday January 29.

Threatening behaviour

A 22-year-old man was arrested and charged after allegedly vandalising a tractor and acting in a threatening and abusive manner in Burnside Street, Campbeltown, at 11pm on Saturday January 29.

Woman assaulted

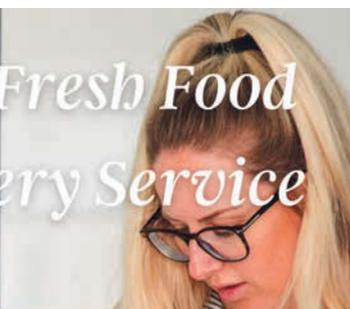
A 58-year-old man was arrested, charged and released on an undertaking to appear at Campbeltown Sheriff Court after allegedly assaulting a woman at an address in Mansecroft, Clachan, at 7.50pm on Saturday February 5.

Police are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information on the above or any incidents to phone 101 or anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.



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Man jailed for attacking his father

A man was sent down for 27 months by Sheriff Patrick Hughes not just as punishment, but 'to protect the public'.

The February sitting of Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard how Joseph Fairlie severely injured his father during a drunken assault on Islay.

The sheriff told him the punishment also showed a need to protect the public, saying that this was a 'serious and protracted assault' and if Fairlie could do this to his own father, with whom he was very close, he was a risk to the public.

Fairlie, whose address was given in court as HMP Low Moss, admitted assaulting and severely injuring his father at the family home in Glenegedale, Islay, on Wednesday April 7 last year, repeatedly striking, punching and kicking him to the head.

Ruben Murdanaigum, Fairlie's defence agent, said his client's alcoholism was a factor.

The 29-year-old had become upset earlier in the day following a telephone conversation with his partner about access to his daughter and had started drinking.

Members of his family went out for a meal that night; he stayed at home.

'When his father returned home later, he slept in his car to diffuse any situation,' Mr Murdanaigum said, but Fairlie woke in the night, realised his father was not there, found him asleep in the car and the incident occurred.

The court was told that Fairlie already had 'an extensive list of convictions'.

He had been in custody since Wednesday April 28 last year.

Sheriff Hughes said the sentence was back-dated to that date and, when he comes out of prison, Fairlie will be the subject of a supervised release order for 12 months.

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Fined £100 for bank card offence

A 34-year-old man was fined £100 at the February sitting of Campbeltown Sheriff Court for not declaring a credit card to the police.

Jacob Rees pleaded guilty by letter to the offence that, as a person subject to the notification requirements of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, he failed to notify the police of his bank

card details within three days. The offence is said to have happened between October 31 2019 and March 25 2021 when he attended at Campbeltown Police Station for officers to carry out a review.

The court heard that Rees was living in the High Askomil area of Campbeltown at the time.



There are concerns about the decision to direct traffic on to Burnbank Street, which is home to busy garage and vehicle rental centre Kintyre Hire.

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A resident of Albert Place on Burnbank Street has described the street as 'a shambles' since the change.

'The parking and congestion is a disgrace,' he said. 'It's becoming dangerous trying to cross as a pedestrian and the junction with Kinloch Road is really difficult to navigate out of in a car because of the parking.'

'Burnbank Street is not fit to be a main thoroughfare. I'm very surprised there hasn't been an accident there yet.'

Longrow resident Jimmy Coats also branded the new system 'a shambles' and added: 'I am very surprised someone hasn't been killed yet. I stay in the middle of Longrow, now renamed 'Deathrow', where something has to be done – and soon.'

Hamish Dunlop, who runs a mobile phone shop on Longrow South, said he witnesses near accidents 'just about every day' on the also newly one-way street.

'Whoever designed it needs their head examined and the same for whoever agreed for it all to go forward,' he said. 'It's madness.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson told the Courier it undertook a full public consultation as part of the process to introduce the new traffic system in Campbeltown, including a drop-in event.

'We made changes to the plans as a result of the feedback received and the new Traffic Regulation Order for the town was agreed by councillors in March 2019,' said the spokesperson. 'No significant concerns have been reported to us about the new layout, however, we are in discussion with Transport Scotland to look at ways of improving visibility for traffic turning on to Kinloch Road from the junction at Burnbank Street.'

'We intend to review the layout over the course of this year and a report will be provided to councillors. In the meantime, we would urge anyone with concerns to report these to us on the council website or by calling 01546 605514.'

Councillor Colville is also encouraging people to contact the council or any of their local councillors to report their own issues with the system.

'What is now in place was approved by the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee and there was a long consultation with the public,' he said.

'Council officers are aware of the concerns that have been expressed and a review will take place but it is a long, complicated process.'

'We cannot change things overnight, but we are listening to what people are saying.'

Councillor Kelly, who received a quick response from

Ms Milne to his letter of complaint, said: 'I am pleased the chief executive of the council recognises that problems do exist within the roads and amenity services department and that measures are now being taken to provide answers and hopefully much-needed

solutions. Regarding the traffic management problem, someone needs to step up to the plate and provide a solution as a matter of urgency.'

'If permanent changes to Campbeltown's traffic management system are to take place, it is essential a full public

consultation is carried out in a professional and competent manner.'

Fellow South Kintyre councillor John Armour has also been in discussions with council officers about the town centre traffic management issues.



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Council reaffirms climate change commitment after survey results

Council chiefs have reaffirmed Argyll and Bute's commitment to tackling climate change after its action plan was awarded 35 per cent in a national survey.

The council climate plan scorecards, compiled by Climate Emergency UK, analysed the action plans of every local authority in the UK to tackle climate change.

Assessors analysed Argyll and Bute Council's decarbonisation plan, published in November 2020, and the activities of the climate change environmental action group, as part of its research.

Argyll and Bute did score higher than 12 local authorities in Scotland – seven of whom were awarded zero per cent, including neighbouring Highland Council.

The council declared a climate emergency in Argyll and Bute in September, as well as committing itself to achieving net zero emissions in the next 23 years.

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'We are not aware of the group, Climate

Emergency UK, nor their scoring matrix, however, we welcome the findings of their report that Argyll and Bute is leading the way in tackling climate change in the region.

'We remain committed to tackling the threat of climate change and achieving net zero emissions in the area by 2045.

'There is a long road ahead but we are fully invested in becoming a net zero organisation and our plans will continue to evolve...'

'We have already made a great deal of progress in delivering the climate pledges in our existing action plan, and our decarbonisation plan, which was approved in December, sets out further actions we will take to address the council's own carbon footprint in its day-to-day operations.

'There is a long road ahead but we are fully invested in be-

coming a net zero organisation and, as we progress, our plans will continue to evolve as the scope widens to include local communities and businesses.'

Climate Emergency UK used 28 points to score local authorities on their action plans to tackle climate change.

Documentation had to be published online before September 20 – which was just days before Argyll and Bute Council declared the climate emergency.

Isaac Beevor, from Climate Emergency UK, said: 'Councils may be doing good things which aren't reflected in their action plan. That is why next year we will be assessing all councils on what they are actually doing.

'Local authorities can help to deliver 30 per cent of the cuts in carbon emissions needed to get to net zero, according to the sixth UK Carbon Budget published a year ago, so it is vital that councils do as much as they can.

'This year's scorecards are just the start of the process.'

Health partnership appoints new chief

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), the group responsible for planning, resourcing and overseeing the delivery of integrated services, has appointed a new leader.

Fiona Davies, who has held the post of interim chief officer since May 2021, has now been appointed as the HSCP's chief officer.

Saying she felt 'honoured' by the appointment, Ms Davies added: 'It is a privilege to be working with all the partnership staff, partners and voluntary organisations.

'My focus is to continue delivering high quality health and social care services, and to ensure the HSCP achieves the best possible outcomes for people living in communities across Argyll and Bute.'

Ms Davies started her career as a registered mental health



Fiona Davies.

nurse and gained a wide range of experience across three of the four UK nations in clinical, professional leadership, operational and strategic management roles.

Interest

In 2012, she moved to Lochaber and developed a strong interest in the delivery of remote and rural health and social care services.

Prior to her time in Argyll and Bute, Ms Davies was leading mental health services for the north of NHS Highland.

She has worked in a variety of care settings focusing on quality, governance and service development, with a particular interest in stakeholder work, organisational development, and innovative and transformative service planning.

Welcoming Ms Davies to her position, NHS Highland chief executive Pam Dudek said: 'Having Fiona on board permanently will be a great asset to the partnership and I look forward to continuing to work closely with her in the future.'

Pippa Milne, chief executive of Argyll and Bute Council, added: 'Fiona has been a fantastic interim chief officer and I am very pleased that she will be continuing to lead the organisation.'

Scottish Water to raise domestic charges

Water and waste water services to homes across Argyll are set to rise by 4.2 per cent this year.

The new annual charges, collected alongside the council tax, will mean an average bill increase of 31 pence per week. Around half of households in Scotland receive financial support as they automatically have either a discount, exemption or reduction applied to these charges.

Water and waste water charges, which raise almost

£1 billion annually, supports service delivery, investment in ageing infrastructure and improvements in water quality and environmental protection.

Scottish Water needs to increase investment to protect services against the impact of climate change, reduce carbon emissions and ensure customers have reliable and resilient services in future.

Douglas Millican, chief executive of Scottish Water, said: 'Customers rely on our services

for their daily water needs and to take away and clean the water they use. Over the last two years those services have been vital to maintaining public health during the pandemic.

'We understand there needs to be a balance between the need for higher levels of investment and the financial challenges faced by households at the present time. We have set charges at a level that takes account of those challenges.'

Monday Social Club back in action



Members of Cathie Duncan's Monday Social Club turned out in force recently for the group's first meeting since lockdown. Social isolation in older people is an increasing issue across the country, and the Monday Social Club aims to help solve this problem in Kintyre. 'All senior citizens are welcome,' said a group spokesperson. 'Just turn up to Campbeltown Town Hall at 2pm on Mondays and you will be made welcome.'

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Schools consultation on changes extended, again

The public consultation on proposed changes to education in Argyll and Bute has been extended again, until Thursday March 31.

A consultation of pupils on the Empowering our Educators plans is set to begin after the February half-term break.

A further report published by the authority claims some headteachers have said they spend 70 per cent of their week teaching.

The proposals involve school clusters being created, with an executive head overseeing each cluster. Each school would have a head of school. The council insists the clusters have not been decided.

Teaching unions have previously expressed fears that the plans will cut the number of headteachers in Argyll and Bute from 84 to 14.

The further extension of the consultation means it will now close after the next meeting of the council's community services committee, on Thursday March 10. It had initially been due to finish on Friday February 4.

A new frequently asked questions (FAQ) document

'We are looking forward to hearing the opinion of our children and young people.'

said: 'The voice of our children is our highest priority. We have been working with groups of children and young people to create the materials that schools will use for the pupil consultation which begins following the February

half-term break. We very much look forward to hearing the opinions of our children and young people.

'Teaching headteachers have told us they are spending up to 70 per cent of their week teaching. This means they do not have the capacity to focus on the strategic leadership of the school, developing the curriculum and learning about what works well elsewhere.

'Although non-teaching, the heads of school will maintain a presence in classrooms in order to drive forward quality assurance and school improvement, and to maintain close relationships with their teaching staff and learners. This model is designed to give our teachers focused time to teach, and leaders focused time to lead.

'This model has been developed by educationalists in

Argyll and Bute. It is essential the principles of the model were as fully developed as possible to enable meaningful consultation.

'Individual school collectives have not been pre-decided. Local communities and their school will be consulted in depth before decisions made.'

'On the possibility of heads of school being on the same level as a deputy headteacher, the report added: 'On the Scottish Negotiating Committee for Teachers salary templates headteacher and deputy headteachers are on the same salary grades. Argyll and Bute Council determines the salary for leadership posts using the national job-sizing toolkit. In Argyll and Bute job-sizing is approved by the trade unions.'

The full new FAQ document can be found at empowering-oureducators.co.uk.

Have your say on free period products

Free period products such as tampons, pads and reusable products will soon be more widely available for anyone in Argyll and Bute who needs them.

Argyll and Bute Council is seeking views on how to make sure everyone who uses period products, or who will use them in the future, can access this service in a way that suits them.

The free provision of period products consultation will help shape the existing service and identify any further opportunities to help people who require free products.

The consultation is available on the council website at argyll-bute.gov.uk/consultations/free-period-product-provision and closes on Friday March 4.

Funded by the Scottish Government, the initiative aims to ensure that products are available so those who need them in a dignified way, and that everyone who



Councillor Yvonne McNeilly.

menstruates can have the products they need.

'I'm proud that Argyll and Bute already makes period products available across all council buildings and schools,' said Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, policy lead for education. 'The consultation will help shape how we build on this service and deliver products, in a way that suits anyone who needs them.'

'Please do get in touch and let us know your feedback.'



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Whisky couple plan to breathe new life into family building

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A husband and wife who, in 2019, founded what is believed to be Campbeltown's first independent bottling company have unveiled plans for a new whisky tasting room.

Kate and Mark Watt of Campbeltown Whisky Company Ltd (CWC Ltd), which releases bottlings under the Watt Whisky brand, have applied to Argyll and Bute Council for planning permission to alter the two-storey building at 51 Kirk Street which currently serves as the company's office.

As well as a tasting room, the couple plan to include a reception and shop area on the ground floor, with the first floor continuing to serve as an office/administration area. The Victorian era town centre



Kate and Mark Watt.

building is particularly important to Kate as it housed her dad Keith Wright's accountancy firm, Wright Ogilvie, for more than 40 years.

When Keith retired a few years ago, he sold his business to William Duncan & Co which occupied the ground floor of the building until May last year when its Campbeltown office moved to

Hazelburn Business Park. At that point, CWC Ltd bought the entire building from Keith.

'It's nice to be keeping the building in the family,' said Kate, 'and whisky tasting is a lot more fun than accounts!'

Kate and Mark hope to open the tasting room later this year.

'Campbeltown has a fantastic whisky heritage and whisky offering for visitors - three distilleries, an award-winning whisky bar and now two independent bottlers - and we're very excited to be a part of that,' the couple said.

Argyll and Bute Council's planning officers are expected to reach a decision by mid-March, with the plans now available for the public to comment on. A supporting statement for the application says: 'Tastings would be offered by appointment only between the hours of 11am and 10pm.



How the tasting room will look, complete with original 1970s orange chairs from Kate's dad's accountancy office.

The number and frequency of tastings will depend on customer demand and availability of staff. Tastings will generally be for a maximum of 12 to 15 people, possibly less depending on Covid restrictions.'

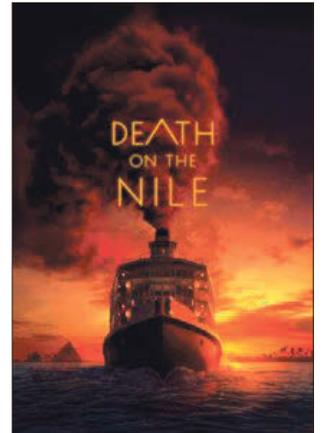
Kate and Mark told the Courier: 'We will be offering Watt Whisky tastings and walking tours of Campbeltown, by appointment, and hopefully running regular tastings too.

'We're also planning to join

in the fun of the Campbeltown Malts Festival with a Watt Whisky and Friends open day.'

As well as their own bottlings, the Watts have invited some of their industry friends to attend the Sunday May 28 event, so people can sample their products too.

The tasting room plans can be viewed by visiting the council's planning portal at argyll-bute.gov.uk using the reference number 21/02355/PP.



What's new at Campbeltown Picture House?

Death On The Nile (12A)

Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot's Egyptian vacation aboard a glamorous river steamer turns into a terrifying search for a murderer when a picture-perfect couple's idyllic honeymoon is tragically cut short.

Jackass Forever (18)

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Fuel switch sees distilleries raise a glass to cost and carbon savings

Whisky producer J & A Mitchell & Co is switching its energy supply from gas oil to liquid gas at its two Campbeltown distilleries to operate more efficiently and avoid the imminent withdrawal of tax relief on red diesel.

As a result of switching to Flogas at Springbank and Glengyle distilleries, the family-run company will cut energy costs by up to 18 per cent, even before the subsidy changes, while also reducing carbon emissions by more than 20 per cent. It will also minimise other pollutant emissions, making it compliant with the government's Medium Combustion Plant Directive (MCPD), which regulates against air pollution.

Springbank, the larger of the two distilleries, has been in operation since 1828, while



J & A Mitchell & Co is switching to using liquid gas at both of its Campbeltown distilleries.

heavy oil and most recently gas oil. We replaced this in 2017 with a much more efficient boiler, but knew we had to move away from oil and find a more future-proof energy solution at some point.

'It was the best way to make huge cost and emissions reductions in one go, without affecting our production process.

'The planned withdrawal of the red diesel fuel subsidy in April 2022 accelerated our decision. Staying on oil would have had a major impact on our energy bills.

'We knew other companies in the area were making significant cost and emissions savings using liquid gas and we wanted to tap into that.'

J & A Mitchell & Co approached liquid gas specialist Flogas and, working in partnership with energy solutions

firm Protech and burner manufacturer Weishaupt UK, Protech designed a tailored solution to meet the requirements for both sites.

At Springbank, the team is upgrading its existing burner to a dual fuel model, making liquid gas the primary fuel source, while at Glengyle, it is installing a new digital Weishaupt dual fuel burner.

Liquid gas tanks between the two sites fuel both systems using underground pipework.

'Running on more modern burners and switching to liquid gas is going to make us so much more efficient,' said Mr Ross. 'Also, the cost savings are going to be significant, even before the red diesel subsidy withdrawal, which means we can invest in other important areas of the business.'

Ross Docherty, director at

Protech, said: 'Both distilleries can now look forward to a modernised energy solution that will make them more efficient and MCPD compliant.'

Garry Wilson at Flogas added: 'Together with Protech and Weishaupt, we've been able to help J & A Mitchell & Co take a major step forward in becoming more fit-for-the-future.'

'With the red diesel duty increasing imminently, the company will be avoiding a big outlay. It's also made big headway in cutting emissions, which helps with internal targets and means it is MCPD compliant well ahead of the 2025 deadline.'

'When the time comes to consider a carbon neutral future, it will also be able to move over to BioLPG without any equipment changes, so it's on the path to net zero.'



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FROM OUR FILES

The King is dead, long live the Queen

A special edition of From Our Files this week recalls how 70 years ago Campbeltown mourned George VI and proclaimed Elizabeth as Queen.

King George VI died in his sleep on February 6, 1952, and his eldest daughter Elizabeth immediately ascended to the throne.

She has reigned now for 70 years and 2022 will be full of celebrations to mark her

platinum jubilee. When George VI died, the nation had seen five monarchs in the first half of the 20th century, including the Duke of Windsor, who abdicated in 1936, so people were used to the pomp and ceremony.

Today, only the oldest members of the community can remember these events.

The Queen's coronation did not take place until June 2, 1953.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO Thursday February 14, 1952 Traditional proclamation of Elizabeth II

At the weekend, when the Nation and Empire mourned the loss of the beloved king, Elizabeth, his elder daughter, was proclaimed Queen.

This mediaeval pageantry in the capital cities of Britain and the Empire followed The Queen's accession declaration at Saint James's Palace, London.

In the Royal Burghs and at other places, including ships and stations of the Royal Navy, Queen Elizabeth II was proclaimed 'by the grace of God, Queen of this Realm and of her other Realms and Territories, Head of the

Commonwealth, and Defender of the Faith'. At Campbeltown, the proclamation ceremony took place at noon on Saturday.

It was a cold, bleak day and even from a blue sky, decked with drifting white clouds, there was hardly a glint of winter sunshine.

The fishing boats lay huddled together in the harbour, the gulls wheeled and the crowd gathered in a wide semi-circle at the head of the Old Quay between the Christian Institute and the hotel.

A specially-constructed wooden dias had been erected in front of the Old Campbeltown Cross, placed in a new site since the proclamation of King George VI was read.

Then, the old runic cross, which is said to have been brought from Iona, was in Main Street near the Town Hall.

The new site, whatever else might commend it,

EMPIRE MOURNS THE LOSS OF A BELOVED KING
TRADITIONAL PROCLAMATION OF ELIZABETH II
Dignified Ceremony Watched By Large Crowd at Campbeltown Cross



Left: A photograph of the Queen which appeared in the Courier on February 14, 1952. It was taken when, as Princess Elizabeth, she arrived at the French Embassy in London for a state banquet given by the French President and Madame Vincent Auriol.

Greenlees MBE wearing his chain of office; Sheriff J Aitken Smith in wig and gown and the Town Clerk Mr A I B Stewart.

The naval guard marched smartly with bayonets fixed.

Overcoats were the order of the day.

A contingent of Campbeltown police, under Inspector Robert J MacKay, escorted the procession.

The naval detachment of petty officer and 24 ratings and two buglers wheeled to the right at the foot of Main Street and took up a position facing the cross, with their backs to the assembly of townspeople numbering between 700 and 800.

The proclamation was read in firm tones over the amplifying system clearly and distinctly.

Every window within sight of the cross and in proximity to the Old Quay seemed to be occupied.

certainly provided an opportunity for a fitting civic procession before and after the traditional reading.

Members of the Town Council, magistrates, councillors with officials and ex-provosts, the sheriff, honourable sheriff substitutes, the captain and the commander of the Royal Naval Air Station and the commanding officers of the two Territorial Army units, preceded by a guard of honour from the Royal Naval Station Machrihanish, HMS Landrail, took part in the procession, led by Provost Robert Wallace

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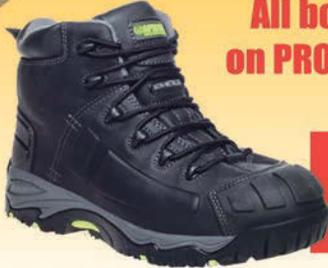


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Mark of sympathy by Campbeltown bench and bar

As a mark of loyalty and sympathy, the bench of Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Friday, when the court opened for its customary weekly sitting, was draped in black crêpe cloth. Sheriff J Aikman Smith took his place on the bench accompanied by Provost R Wallace Greenlees, Honorary Sheriffs substitute John Smith, Charles Mactaggart and Balfour Downie.

Sheriff Smith said: 'It is fitting that they, whose business lies in this court, should meet to pay tribute to our late King.'

'In doing so, we are offering no mere conventional respect to a great public figure who has passed from us.'

'We did not think of George VI as a monarch living in high places, remote from the lives of the ordinary men and women of this realm.'

'Such was his life and character that his passing came as personal grief to everyone of his loyal subjects.'

'We think today of a man who served us all with the highest and most self-sacrificing sense of duty and probably beyond the limits of his strength – a man of complete integrity and of great personal courage and endurance.'

'His life exemplified the virtues on which, as we all know, the welfare of our nation depends. What his example has meant for all of us we can only dimly comprehend.'

'Our respectful and affectionate sympathy in these days is constantly with our Royal Family.'

'To a new queen, so young, and yet so well equipped for the high duty to which she has been called, we pledge our loyal service in all the days to come.'

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PROCLAMATION

Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God to call to His mercy our late Sovereign Lord King George the Sixth of blessed and glorious memory, by whose decease the Crown is solely and rightfully come to the High and Mighty Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary; We, therefore, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm, being here assisted with these of His late Majesty's Privy Council, with representatives of other members of the Commonwealth, with other principal gentlemen of quality, with the Lord Mayor, aldermen and citizens of London, do now hereby with one voice and consent of tongue and heart publish and proclaim that the High and Mighty Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary is now by the death of our late Sovereign of happy memory become Queen Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God Queen of this Realm and of all her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to whom her lieges do acknowledge all faith and constant obedience, with hearty and humble affection; beseeching God, by whom Kings and Queens do reign, to bless the Royal Princess Elizabeth the Second with long and happy years to reign over us.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

The proclamation of accession of Elizabeth II, which was printed in the Courier at the time.

Left Proclamation party at Campbeltown Cross: Provost RW Greenlees MBE proclaims Queen Elizabeth's accession at Campbeltown Cross. Bailie MG McCallum and Sheriff J Aikman Smith are on his right and Bailie A Keith and the Rev John RH Cormack BD on his left. The Town Clerk, Mr A I B Stewart, is behind the Provost.



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FROM OUR FILES

King George's Love for Argyll

By Mr J G Mathieson, County Convener
My most memorable experience in a public life, extending to more than 30 years, was when I had the honour and privilege of a private conversation with his late Majesty King George VI. The occasion was when the Conveners of Counties and the Provosts of Burghs in the West of Scotland were presented to their Majesties in the Town Hall, Greenock, on July 22, 1947.

Princess Elizabeth, as she then was, Princess Margaret and the Duke of Edinburgh accompanied the King and Queen. After being presented to His Grace, the Duke of Montrose, I, in turn, introduced the Provosts and their wives of the six burghs in the County of Argyll. Shortly afterwards, I was summoned to His Majesty's presence. The King immediately put me at ease by asking me to sit down and join him in a cup of tea. He then spoke to me of affairs of the county.

To my delight, he displayed a wide and intimate knowledge of Argyll, a county for which he said he had a deep affection. He was keenly interested in all I told him.

After about 10 minutes' conversation, I asked permission to withdraw but His Majesty said, 'Do wait a little longer, please.' I came away with the feeling that I had left a gracious King, a great gentleman and, above all, a good and sincere man. His consideration, courtesy and kindness, combined with his deep interest in the welfare of his people in Argyll impressed me to the full and are an indelible memory.

GEORGE VI—A BELOVED KING MOURNED BY THE NATION



Above: A photograph of the late King George VI, taken during 'the last war' by Cecil Beaton, which featured in the Courier at the time of his death.

Right: The front page of the Campbeltown Courier of February 14, 1952 was given over to the death of King George VI and the proclamation of the new monarch.



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FROM OUR FILES

Condolence and loyalty – Town Council's resolution

Campbeltown Town Council resolved into a special public session during the committee meetings on Monday night to offer their respectful sympathy, devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, The Queen Mother and members of the Royal Family.

Provost R Wallace Greenlees, who presided, rose to remind members of the Town Council of 'the sorrowful time' through which the nation was passing and to ask them to approve of the following resolution:

This Council, in special meeting, wish to convey to Your Majesty their profound sorrow at the tragic and untimely death of your illustrious father, whose memory will always be an inspiration and a shining example to the citizens of Campbeltown. We, the Provost, Magistrates and Councillors, representing the Royal Burgh of Campbeltown do, at this time, humbly present our assurance of loyalty and deep devotion to Your Most Gracious Majesty.

To Her Majesty the Queen Mother and members of the Royal Family, the Royal Burgh of Campbeltown mourns with you the loss of revered King and humbly desire to convey to Your Majesty and other members of the Royal Family our deepest and heartfelt sympathy.

The resolution was unanimously carried.

These addresses were duly sealed with the Common Seal of the Royal Burgh of Campbeltown and signed in name and on be-

half of the Provost, Magistrates and Councillors by Provost R Wallace Greenlees and by Mr A I B Stewart, Town Clerk.

Messages of sympathy

Among the messages of condolence sent to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth were:

From Brigadier Sir Bruce A Campbell of Arduaine, Lord Lieutenant of Argyll: 'The people of Argyll humbly offer their deepest sympathy to Her Majesty.'

The Lord Lieutenant has received the following acknowledgement from Her Majesty the Queen: 'Am sincerely grateful for your message. Please assure all those for whom you speak that I deeply value their kindness and sympathy. Elizabeth R.'

From the County of Argyll: 'Argyll County Council respectfully tender their most profound sympathy to the Queen, Princess Elizabeth and other members of the Royal Family in the great loss which they and the nation have sustained by the passing of our beloved King.' Signed, J G Mathieson, Convener.

The following telegram has been received from Buckingham Palace: 'Chairman, Argyll County Council, Lochgilphead, Her Majesty has deeply appreciated your telegram of sympathy.' Private Secretary.

From the Royal Burgh of Campbeltown: 'On behalf of citizens of the Royal Burgh of Campbeltown, I humbly beg to convey to Your Majesty and the Royal Family our deepest sympathy in your sudden and tragic loss. We deeply deplore the passing of a life dedicated

and sacrificed to the service and welfare of his country.' Signed, R Wallace Greenlees, Provost.

On Thursday, the Provost received a telegram of acknowledgment from the Queen's private secretary conveying thanks for Campbeltown's expression of sympathy.

To Her Majesty, Queen Mary, Marlborough House, London: 'On behalf of citizens of the Royal Burgh of Campbeltown, I humbly beg to convey deepest sympathy in your grievous loss.' Signed, R Wallace Greenlees, Provost.

The Provost received the following telegram from the private secretary to the Dowager Queen Mary: 'Queen Mary commands me to express her heartfelt thanks for your kind words of sympathy from the citizens of the Royal Burgh.'

The Boys' Brigade's tribute

The Second Campbeltown company of the Boys' Brigade paid respects to their late Patron HM, King George VI.

The boys observed two minutes' silence and were led in prayer by one of their officers, the Reverend John Macintyre, BD, who gave thanks for the life and example of the late King and for his interest in the welfare of young people.

The Royal Naval Air Station

The Queen was proclaimed at the Royal Naval Air Station – HMS Landrail – on Friday.

A Naval Guard of Honour presented a Royal Salute as the Naval Ensign was raised to the masthead. The Colours remained fully hoisted until the following day, when they were brought down to half-mast and will remain there until sunset tomorrow (Friday).

Prayers were offered for the new Queen at a special service at the station, where the officers and ship's company paraded for divisions.



The late king, George VI, died 70 years ago.

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Make your voices heard

The response to last week's article about roads issues in Campbeltown, particularly the temporary traffic management system involving one-way streets, was overwhelming and surprising.

Overwhelming in volume and surprising, given that the council reports not having had any significant concerns or negative feedback. Simply complaining to your neighbours or friends on the street will never solve any issues. If you have serious concerns about the new traffic management system, it is vital you contact Argyll and Bute Council to let them know how the community feels.

South Kintyre's three councillors work very hard, often behind the scenes, to ensure our voices are heard on many issues but, again, if we don't tell them how we feel, how can they represent us?

Make sure your voices are heard, not only on this topic, but on any others that are important to you.

Seventy years on throne

We hope you enjoy our special From Our Files feature this week, in honour of the beginning of Her Majesty the Queen's platinum jubilee celebrations.

Having never witnessed a new monarch being crowned, we think the Courier's coverage from 1952 offers a fascinating insight into the event.

Any Dalintober developments must be sensitive

Regarding plans to demolish flats in a sensitive area of the town, as reported in last week's front page article 'Have a say on planned Dalintober demolition', these are iconic buildings in terms of the aesthetic value they bring to the town's outstanding seafront location.

I fully understand the need to reduce housing stock, in line with a declining population, but previously demolished buildings in adjacent areas – Saddell Street and Queen Street – are now unsightly gap sites.

Local opinion is important, given what has happened in the wake of recent housing demolition. There is concern, often heard in local conversation and frequently discussed on Facebook, of what might happen in the latest round of town planning.

To be fair, plans are afoot to replace the same with modern housing – probably less stock to suit the demands that exist in the town at the moment – however, it is really important any proposed build be sensitive in design to suit this prime parkland location, an area fronting onto Kinloch Park and town's seafront Esplanade.

I share this concern, given the results of previous demolition, but also hope any future plans will include thoughts to increase housing stock, this in line with greater employment opportunities and rising population levels.

Alex McKinven, Campbeltown.

The Right to Food has never been more needed

I am appealing to people throughout the region to support my Right to Food Bill proposal before the consultation closes on Wednesday February 16.

In the wake of Ofgem's eye-watering increase in the energy price cap last week, which will see already struggling households having to wrestle between paying for heating or paying for food, the Right to Food has never been more needed.

If the SNP and the Greens hadn't played party politics and kicked my Bill back, we could have already been working on ensuring the Right to Food is enshrined in Scots law.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This colourful butterfly was spotted by observant 10-year-old Hannah Molly Jasper during a recent family outing.

Mum Lizzie, who sent in the photograph, said: 'The butterfly was a lovely surprise spotted by Hannah Molly in the woods on our way up to find a trig point on Tirfergus Hill.'

If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk or get in touch via the Courier's Facebook page.

Instead, we are having to re-consult at a time when the country is already grappling with a cost of living crisis.

On Thursday, Ofgem announced that from April the energy price cap would rise 54 per cent to £1,971 – that is an extra £693 households will have to find just to keep their homes warm and the lights on.

Forthcoming increases to the interest rate and rises in National Insurance payments will exacerbate the situation.

It is heart-breaking. I have had food bank helpers in tears saying we can't wait another year for the Right to Food to kick in. People need help now.

Food bank volunteers need assurance that the invaluable support they provide in their communities will end one day, when wages and benefits are adequate enough for proud families to be able to stop using the food banks.

New statistics show rising homelessness across Scotland.

Food bank use is soaring. Illnesses of the past

like rickets and malnutrition have reappeared. In a rich nation like Scotland, in the 21st century, this is appalling. It's Dickensian.

People are struggling right now – it's time the First Minister stops commentating on the cost of living crisis and starts doing something about it. She could start by allowing her MSPs to support my proposal.

Rhoda Grant, Highlands and Islands Labour MSP.

Thanks to Co-op manager

Campbeltown U3A has recently resumed meeting after a Christmas break and the speaker at the most recent meeting was Colin Middleton from Campbeltown's Co-op supermarket.

He gave a most interesting and informative talk on the workings and history of the store and gave us all goodie bags which were greatly appreciated.

We would like to thank him very much for taking time out of his busy schedule for us.

Jean Kirk, chairperson, Campbeltown U3A.

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Thought for the Week

Be better, not bitter

I was excited to see Seville oranges in the grocers. Will you, like me, be making an annual batch of marmalade?

A key element is to get the pectin from the pips but, of course, you don't want the pips in the finished product.

One year, I made the mistake of tying the muslin bag containing the pips and pith with some 'hairy' parcel string. Unbeknown to me, the string was shedding its hairs as it bobbed around in the bubbling mixture.

That year, we had tooth tangling surprises on our toast. It wasn't a year to pass any jars on to friends, or enemies for that matter!

We use Seville oranges because of their bitterness. The intensely sharp, bitter Seville oranges hold their own, conquering the sweetness of the sugar; that fresh, intensely orange fragrance and flavour are unmatched in any preserve anywhere in the world.

They are certainly not like the easy peeler satsuma that graces a lunch box as one of our five-a-day. Bitterness might be an asset to marmalade but, in the human heart, it's a destroyer.

The writer of Hebrews reminds us in the context of living peacefully with others to watch out for its destructive presence.

'Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.' Hebrews 12:15.

It's a reminder to extend to others the grace that God has extended to us in Christ, to keep a short account of people's wrongs. Pull up bitterness as a small weed before it grows.

Be better, not bitter.

Reverend Chris Holden, The Fishermen's Mission.



Peat and Diesel's Tarbert gig is finally set to take place.

TARBERT

Peat and Diesel finally set to rock Tarbert

Peat and Diesel fans will be pleased to hear a sold-out Tarbert gig, postponed twice because of the Covid pandemic, is to go ahead next month.

Organisers West Kintyre Promotions have announced Stornoway sensations Innes, Uilly and Boydie, who play a mix of Scottish folk music and Celtic punk and were set to headline Tarbert Music Festival in September 2020, will now perform in the village hall on Friday March 4.

'Original tickets are valid and there may be a few others available, so please give us a shout on Facebook if you want tickets for the show,' said a West Kintyre Promotions spokesperson.

'We have The Ronains and Anavrin providing support, so the whole night will retain the original festival vibe. We thank everyone for their patience and look forward to welcoming everyone for what will be a unique opportunity to see Peat and Diesel in such an intimate setting.'

ISLAY

Island image VisitScotland's top Instagram post of 2021

A photograph of the shimmering clear blue waters of Islay's Machir Bay has been ranked as VisitScotland's most popular Argyll and Isles social media post of 2021.

The photograph, by @theglobefromglasgow, was liked 68,114 times when it was shared on the national tourism agency's Instagram account, making it the highest performing post of the region last year.

The Islay photograph came out ahead of the second most popular image, an image of the mysterious and striking hexagonal columns of Fingal's Cave on Staffa by @wee_dusty, which attracted 57,000 likes.

In the year to January 2022, VisitScotland's Instagram reached people more than 183 million times with 460 user-generated posts.

'The rich history and vibrancy of Argyll and Isles and the stunning scenery and sights on offer are a fantastic source of inspiration for photographers,' said VisitScotland regional director David Adams McGilp, 'and these images have captured some of the many reasons visitors are drawn to the region.'

'VisitScotland's social media channels have played a significant role in the last two years in continuing to keep Scotland front of mind and offering inspiration to our global audiences.'

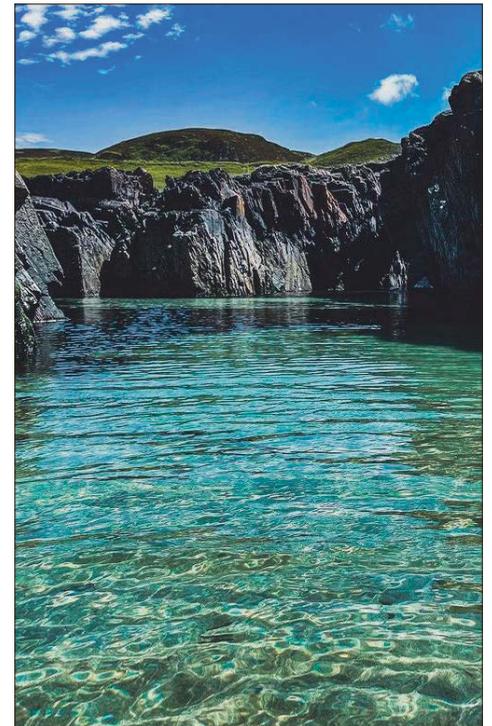
Emma Clark, chairwoman of Explore Islay and Jura, added: 'Our team is delighted to have Machir Bay on Islay noted as one of the most Instagramable spots.'

'Our island has the most amazing areas that enable you to capture the perfect picture and create the most magical memories.'

Island issues fixed

A Kintyre and Islands councillor has welcomed news that two Islay issues he reported to Argyll and Bute Council have been resolved.

Broken paving slabs in Bowmore Square, first raised by Councillor Alastair Redman in July 2021, have been repaired and seating outside Port Askaig Port Office that was reported as



This photograph of Islay's Machir Bay, by @theglobefromglasgow, was VisitScotland's most popular Argyll and Isles Instagram post of 2021.

being corroded in November 2021 has now been cleaned and painted.

'My constituents who use these seats will be very happy with this news, particularly those who are elderly,' said Councillor Redman. 'It took a few months, but we got it sorted in the end.'

'The news that the broken pavement slabs in Bowmore Square have finally been fixed is very welcome.'

'As well as the obvious aesthetic concerns, there were also justifiable worries about safety, particularly as many children play in the square.'

'I would encourage any of my constituents to contact myself with their pressing local concerns about our roads and other council matters. I will always work hard lobbying the council to get the job done.'

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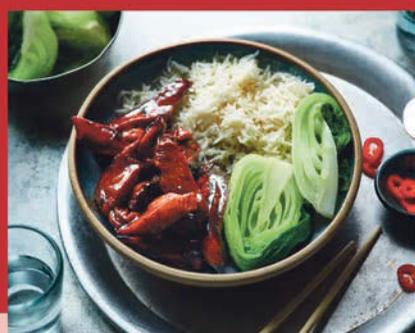
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The Oban Times, in association with BID4OBAN and supported by the Scotland's Towns Partnership are helping to provide resilience for our local business community.

Why should a business accept the vouchers?

When asked, Andrew Spence from BID4Oban said 'Love Oban Vouchers support local businesses. They have generated significant sales over the last nine years and encourage customers to Shop Local, Use Local and Buy Local. The face value of the vouchers can be redeemed by the participating business and we aim to credit your account within one week. The scheme is easy to use with minimal paperwork. Any business that wants to accept them can do so by contacting Kay or Andy at the BID4Oban Office.'

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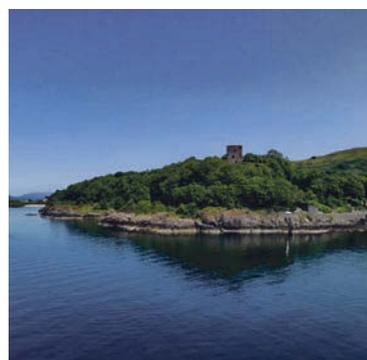
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Community council told £3.7m cuts won't be 'too bad'

Argyll and Bute Council's next annual budget must find savings to fill a £3.7 million gap, Islay Community Council has heard.

Speaking about the budget, due to be announced at the end of February, Kintyre and the Islands councillor and council leader Robin Currie said most savings would come from operational management, but some would have policy implications.

'Savings will have to be made,' Councillor Currie said, 'but it is not looking too bad in that a lot of the proposed savings are what are termed 'operational matters', which can be taken by officers.

'There's not the big issues that necessitated going out to public consultation the way we did in the last few years.

'At this stage I think, and certainly hope, we do not have to go into the areas that we did two, three, four years ago, which were not pleasant.'

He added: 'There is still a long way to go. We will be working right up to the budget.'

Councillor Currie said rising inflation also presents a problem for the council coffers, but a bigger one is the '10 to 30 per cent' hike in the cost of building materials which will put pressure on its expenditure on capital projects.

No plan to increase capacity on Islay ferries this summer

Transport Scotland rejects community council's plea in the face of rising 'record' demand

Competition for space on Islay's ferries will be even hotter this summer, the island's ferry group warns, unless CalMac heeds its advice to increase capacity in the face of rising 'record' demand.

At Islay Community Council's most recent meeting, it was revealed that CalMac and Transport Scotland had so far rejected a case by Islay Community Council Ferry Committee (ICFC) to put more sailings on the summer 2022 timetable.

Instead, capacity remains frozen at last summer's levels, despite evidence of increasing demand from hauliers, distilleries, contractors and visitors this year, on top of the needs of locals.

The ICFC's vice chairman Jim Porteous first thanked CalMac for 'doing its best' for the island, keeping ferries

sailing this winter while crews were off sick with Covid.

He then updated on the December meeting, about the summer 2022 timetable, with its convener Islay McEachern, Argyll and Bute MSP Jenni Minto and CalMac's managing director Robbie Drummond.

'In June we were given three weeks to say what we wanted for the summer 2022 timetable,' Mr Porteous said. 'It took six months to come back to us. All that time seems to have been wasted. By the time it came out in December, it was a fait accompli.

'Transport Scotland has rejected our case for extra capacity. It is going to give us, at this moment, exactly what it gave us last year. That is not enough.

'The distilleries are currently forecasting 24.7 per cent in production growth. One of the



There are no plans to increase capacity on Islay ferries this summer despite an anticipated rise in users.

expansion at Caol Ila and the Bowmore Water Mains Improvement.

'There is going to be a lot of contractors,' he said. 'Tourists have to get on. The community has to get on.

'We have this increase in 24.7 per cent [in distillery production]. It's massive. Put it all together on top of what we had last year and it just does not stack up. We have to go round the table again and hopefully get some additional capacity.'

A Transport Scotland spokesperson said: 'CalMac considered in detail the requests put forward by the Islay Ferry Committee for the summer 2022 timetable.

'However this concluded that services are already operating at maximum capacity within a complex operated environment meaning any additional services are unaffordable and the Kennacraig-Islay timetable will remain the same for summer 2022.'

major hauliers on the island has increased block bookings by 10 per cent, which equals about 50 car spaces every week.'

If Covid travel restrictions continue to ease, he added, Continental visitors would return too.

'Even CalMac has gone public saying it is expecting record volumes. In relation to Islay, it has gone up by approximately four per cent per year for the last 10 years. So it must be more.

'It says to us: 'You are getting two new ferries. This is a

temporary situation.' Each will give us an extra 40 per cent in capacity. Well, the new ferries are probably not going to be operating on our route until 2025. So we have got quite a stretch between times.

'We will be asking where the extra space is going to come from, because something has to give. We have to convince them this is reality.'

Mr McEachern said: 'I do not think they really took us seriously with the numbers.'

He listed many new works including new distilleries at Farkin and Port Ellen, an

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Relaunch of young farmers' exclusive training opportunity

British Wool and the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs (SAYFC) have collaborated once more to offer YFC members shearing training for a fourth year.

As in previous years the training gives young farmers an opportunity to attend a beginner shearing course, enabling YFC members to work towards a Blue Seal award.

The course will be over two days, covering all the essential aspects of achieving a successful shearing season, including health and safety, the use

of shearing equipment and hands-on shearing practise to develop technique.

This British Wool offer is open to YFC members who have not previously attended a British Wool shearing course - at a reduced rate.

British Wool is also extending its training offer to YFC members to participate in its wool handling course.

Richard Schofield, shearing manager, British Wool, said: 'We are once again delighted to be working with SAYFC in supporting the training and

development of the next generation of shearers and wool handlers, which is crucial to a thriving UK sheep sector and for ensuring the highest standards.

'We look forward to welcoming young farmers onto our courses again this year and would encourage any interested YFC member to make contact before the closing date of March 31.'

Excellent fleece presentation starts at shearing.



Hot farming topics in conference spotlight

The second consecutive online NFU Scotland annual conference and AGM is being held over February 10 and 11, with a packed programme for delegates.

Discussions have been held on current hot topics such as rising input costs, the farming labour crisis and skills shortage, as well as getting the food and farming across on social media.

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All roads lead to Oban for Highland Cattle

The Highland Cattle Society's 131st annual Spring Show and Sale takes place on Sunday and Monday, February 13 and 14, at Oban Livestock Market, Upper Soroba, Oban – and with entries from all over Scotland and the North of England this premier sale will be worth visiting.

The February sale is predominantly a bull sale consisting of two-year-old bulls, senior bulls, aged bulls and yearlings.

There will also be females on offer, although traditionally the sale of females is held in the autumn.

The Highlander has been synonymous with Oban for a great number of years, with the sale only moving to Perth when the market moved out of Oban, and returning once the new market was completed.

Highland Cattle are one of Britain's oldest and most distinctive native breeds, with the pedigree herd book going back to 1884.

The ability of Highland Cattle to live in the hardest

of conditions and browse through rough, otherwise unproductive, uplands makes them ideal cattle for low-input extensive farming.

Their hardiness means that Highland Cattle are often brought back to the home farm only for final production and can fit into any farming system from final production on grass or fattening in sheds.

What makes them so special is that they are utilised to make a real economic contribution to hill and upland areas.

Their browsing habits also make them the cattle of choice for many conservation projects, grazing Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), establishing hay meadows,

opening up forest floors and regenerating heather moorland.

Cattle grazed at low density in natural woods, moorlands, wetlands and lochs, coastal and upland areas are playing an important role in nature conservation management. Through their grazing and dunging Highland cattle recycle nutrients and can be integral part of the natural environment leading to a greater diversity of plant species and a more complex vegetation structure.

The Highland Cattle Society looks forward to welcoming all its members and friends, old and new to this year's Spring Show and Sale.





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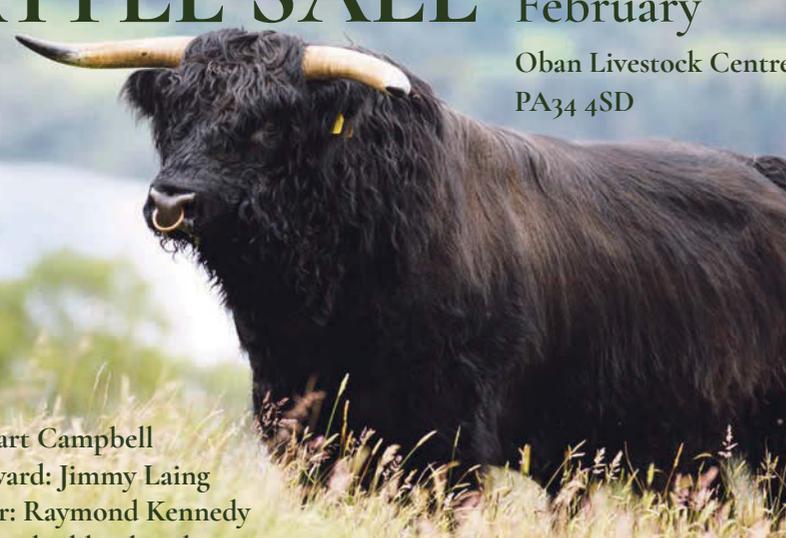
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This year's judge: Stuart Campbell

'I have been attending Oban Highland Cattle Sale for more than 30 years, initially as a young boy with my father, who managed the Keilbeg Fold near Tayvallich, Argyll. I remember as a child standing round the ring imagining being the judge one day. It was a dream come true to be asked to judge The Highland Cattle Society's 131st annual Spring Show.

'I started my career in Highland Cattle when working for the Lithgow family on their Ormsary Estate near Lochgilphead. I will always be thankful to Archie McArthur and his team for opportunities and viable experience that I gained there. I really caught the bug for showing when showing in-calf heifers for Ormsary where we won many a championship at the society spring sales.

'I am currently farm manager at Cladich for Jon and Queenie Strickland. In the 10 years I have been working with them, the Cladich Fold of Highland Cattle has grown from strength to strength. My biggest showing achievement at Cladich was two years ago at the last Spring Show, taking the Craig Sellar Trophy for the overall male champion.

'This was my main aim when I first started at Cladich after speaking to the late David Fellowes who originally owned Cladich. He showed me a photograph of John of Cladich, which won the Craig Sellar Cup in 1960 and it was made even more special with the trophy returning to Cladich 60 years on.

'I have had the honour to judge Highland Cattle in many countries, including Australia, Finland and Germany, but being asked to



judge this Spring Show is a very special honour. Oban is the heart of the Highland Cattle sales and as mentioned earlier, judging here is a dream come true.

'When judging Highland Cattle, I will be looking for something eye catching when entering the ring. It is very important for this part of the world that Highlanders are very good on their legs, with good locomotion, due to the Highlander having to live and forage on the hills. I am quite traditional with the West Coast type, which have to be true to breed type and also very sweet and elegant.

'I would like to thank all exhibitors who have given their time and dedication to getting animals ready for the show. I look forward to enjoying a dram with all members on Sunday night and toasting to a prosperous sale on Monday.'

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21/02652/LIB	Installation of electric vehicle charging point	Sheriff Court House, Castlehill, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6AN
21/01654/PP	Change of use of outbuilding and erection of extensions to form dwellinghouse (class 9). Installation of septic tank and alterations to access arrangements	Garden Ground Of Carnach, Kilmichael Glen, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8QL
21/02439/PP	Change of use of former agricultural land to siting of cabin and caravan for use as offices and installation of septic tank	Land West Of Auchindrain Museum, Furnace, Inveraray, Argyll And Bute
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LANG - At the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on February 1, 2022, Barbara Sinclair Campbell, in her 85th year, 150 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Ian, much loved mum of Florence and Jean, loving mother-in-law of David and Arthur, much loved granny of Angela and Chris, Christopher, Hannah and Fraser, a much loved aunt and friend to many.

MACCORQUODALE - Peacefully at home, with his family by his side, on February 7, 2022, Angus John MacCorquodale, in his 86th year, of 48 MacDonald Terrace, Lochgilphead, (late of Caledonian MacBrayne). Beloved husband of Sheena Stewart, much loved Dad of Neil, Fraser and Elaine and adored Pappy to Isla Grace. Respected father-in-law of Paula and Karen. A dear brother, brother-in-law,

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ALLAN - Janette and Eleanor would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, letters, flowers, phone calls, text messages, emails and even the posts on Facebook, which we received following the passing of our much loved mother Florence. Also to those who paid their respects at the church and graveside, and en route to the cemetery. We would also like to thank the Rev. William Crossan and Rev. Chris Holden for the lovely service and Kenneth and Kelly at TA Blair for the dignified funeral arrangements. Thanks to Carers Direct and all the medical staff in Campbeltown for the wonderful care they gave Florence recently, but particular thanks go to Carr Gomm for all the professional and sympathetic care and kindness they showed her over the last two years. Thanks also to the Argyll Hotel for the arrangements following the funeral.

BEGG - Norma and Elinor would like to express their thanks to everyone who sent messages of sympathy, cards, flowers and food after the death of our Mum, Flora Begg. Very sincere thanks to all the staff who cared for Mum at Ardfenaig Residential Care Home in the last three years of her life and particularly for their compassion in the last few weeks. Thank you to Donald MacDonald

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CAMPBELL - The family of the late Mary Campbell would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy received by telephone, card and flowers following their recent bereavement. Many thanks also to the staff of Carr Gomm carers, Glenaray Ward, Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their guidance and support throughout and Flowers by Morna. Thanks also to the Rev. David Carruthers for a comforting service and to Cairnbaan Hotel for its excellent catering and service.

MCINTOSH - Hellema and family would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for all their kind messages, cards and flowers after the passing of John (Tosh) on January 30, 2022. A special thanks to the staff at Campbeltown Hospital, Dr Lazarus and Dr McGovern for their care and professional support. Also the team at Carr Gomm, in particular Keith Kirkland.

MCLEAN - Margaret and family would like to thank everyone for the expressions of sympathy including many lovely cards and flowers since the sad loss of Willie. Thank you to the doctors, nursing and physiotherapy staff of Campbeltown and Queen Elizabeth University

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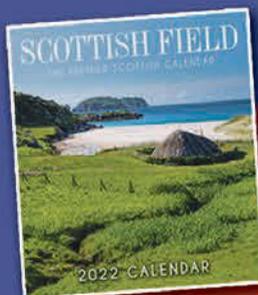
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Playing on the impressive 4G pitch at Mountblow, the Ardshiel Hotel-sponsored Pupils were 1-0 up within two minutes when a cross from Lorne Paterson was prodded home at the back post by Andrew Semple.

The Pupils continued to dominate and were 3-0 up after

Left: Ethan Parker, seen here in action previously, scored his seventh and eighth goals of the season for the Pupils during Sunday's clash.

15 minutes after striker Calum Ellis added two more goals.

Ethan Parker added a fourth when he bulleted home a header before making it 5-0 with his eighth goal of the season.

Fine work at the edge of the box by Ellis played Parker through and he made no mistake from 12 yards, smashing the ball home past the helpless Kilbowie Union keeper.

With only 12 players able to travel, it was an opportunity for quick-fire changes with experienced players Ellis, Scott Graham, Josh Arkell, Euan Dott, Ryan Shields and Kyle Paterson all being substituted during the game and a number of players playing in different positions.

The only black mark on the first half was conceding a goal. A needless free kick was given away 25 yards out, but credit to the Kilbowie Union midfielder who unleashed an unstoppable, inch-perfect strike past

Scott Oman in the Pupils goal.

Half-time: 5-1 to the Pupils. Kilbowie started the second half brighter and contained the threat of the Pupils' attack.

Likewise, the Pupils' defence of K Paterson, Dott, Shields and Ryan Harding stood firm, with Harding turning out another fine performance at left back.

The 2006 from Lochgilphead has been a stalwart in the Pupils' under-17s team, travelling from Mid Argyll to train and play for the last five seasons.

It took until the 62nd minute for the visitors to score another. Fine play from L Paterson saw him make a strong run into the box, beating four Kilbowie players before cutting the ball back for Stuart Phillips to hammer the ball home.

Kilbowie pulled one back to make it 6-2 in the 70th minute with a fine individual goal.

Ellis grabbed his hat-trick

with 10 minutes to go as he bustled his way past last-ditch tackles to calmly stroke the ball home and continue the young striker's impressive record of scoring in every game this season.

Phillips rounded up the scoring in the dying minutes when the Pupils were awarded a penalty. Phillips was denied from the penalty spot with a breath-taking save from the young Kilbowie keeper but was fortunate – and aware enough – to pounce on the save to slam the ball home for his third goal in three games in 2022.

The Pupils 2005s have another huge game this weekend when they welcome Southside Star to Campbeltown for the first time on Sunday. The Glasgow side is flying high in the league, sitting three points off the top.

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Second half winner sees Pupils seal away victory

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Campeltown Pupils staged a stirring second-half display last Saturday to claim all three points away to Paisley side Glenvale.

After travelling to Ferguslie Park in atrocious weekend weather, the Pupils and their hosts played out a largely even first half.

The big difference between the two sides was a clinical piece of play just after the half-hour mark in which Glenvale's right midfielder was picked out in space just inside the 18-yard box.

This allowed him to set himself, then drive a slick right-footed low shot across Pupils' keeper Alasdair Ferguson's goal, which nestled in his right-hand corner.

Before this, the Pupils had enjoyed an enterprising first 30 minutes, with lone striker John McCallum supported across the three attacking midfield spots by Andrew Renton on the left - making his first Pupils start at 18 years old - Stuart Crossan in the centre, and Scott Souden on the right.

Ellis Robertson, playing in a defensive midfield role along with Michael McKinlay, floated an inviting ball into the box after an initial free kick was cleared but the striker was caught in two minds and, in



John McCallum, second right in blue, rises highest to head home the Pupils' equaliser. Photographs: Chris Sanderson.

electing to get a foot to the ball, he only got the faintest touch with the goal gaping and the ball went wide of the mark.

Crossan and Souden also had shots saved by the keeper, while Jamie Burns, playing at left back, saw his looping goal-bound header cleared off the line by a Glendale defender.

Ahead of the second half, the Pupils anticipated a real battle, both against a resolute Glenvale team that has defeated them twice already this season, and against a strong wind which could allow their hosts to direct troubling long balls in behind the defence.

However, the added impetus of a half-time substitution proved pivotal for



John McCallum celebrates his goal.

the McFadyens-sponsored Pupils, with Matthew Lang replacing Renton in attack

and McCallum and Souden occupying right and left flanks.

As the half progressed, it was Lang's fervour in chasing down apparent lost causes that helped to chip away at Glenvale's defensive line, while he and Souden would win the visitors several useful free kicks in wide areas.

From one such opportunity, a second ball fell to John McCallum and, after stepping by his marker, he was clipped, but in staying on his feet, steadied to strike a right-footed shot which the Glenvale keeper turned on to the post and out for a corner.

Moments later, after two successive corners, the Pupils equalised after Crossan floated

in a high, hanging ball which McCallum powered home with his head.

While encouraged by the equaliser in attack, at the back, Ferguson was enjoying a fine game in goal, his catching and kicking consistent. He was protected well by right back Conner Brown, left back Burns and central defensive pairing Ross Souden and captain Keith Mitchell.

With less than 10 minutes remaining, McCallum - who had shifted into central midfield with the introduction of second sub and debutant Cameron Wylie at right midfield - intercepted a ball from a Glenvale player, his tackle putting Lang one on one

with the hosts' keeper. Lang showed excellent composure for his tender years to slot the ball low into the net with his right foot, just inside the box, his teammates joining him in celebration.

After seeing out the final five minutes of regulation time, four nervy minutes of added time were played as Glenvale pushed for an equaliser.

In the 91st minute, Ferguson was called upon to make the save of the day, stopping a powerful Glenvale drive from 15 yards out, before a Pupils defender cleared the danger.

The final whistle sounded soon after and the Pupils' squad and management could cheer a hard-earned, much-needed win, especially impressive considering the inexperience of much of the squad, who are still learning at this level, but judging by this showing, are certainly contributing.

Tomorrow (Saturday), the Pupils host high-flying Harmony Row from Govan, at Kintyre Park.

Kick-off 2pm. For more information see @PupilsAFC on Twitter or Campbeltown Football on Facebook.



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