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Conveners Annual Report 2015/2016

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The past year has been one of real disappointment with few items on the agenda showing any forward movement. Despite the work of Community Councillors, especially our hard pressed secretary, with many meetings held in trying to increase awareness of the depressed state of our area, the way forward has been slow.

Progress on Brownfield sites, Head of the Loch, Roads, Tidying up of the villages etc. has been next to nil, with authorities unable or unwilling to commit resources to improve our situation. With financial constraints placed upon Argyll and Bute Council I have major concerns for future years.

A stakeholders meeting chaired by Jackie Baillie is hoped for as soon as possible to discuss all issues concerning our community area.

The Community Council (CC) has endeavoured to show a way forward by leading with smaller projects which it is hoped will stimulate community interest and involvement, 1. War memorial 2. Community Pontoon 3. A further idea to improve the brae area of ground in front of The Arrochar Hotel. To this end the CC co-opted Dawn Gourlay and Jim Proctor to assist with project co-ordination, thanks to both thus far for their efforts and commitment.

Mary, through the CC, has once again secured funding from an environmental group to clean up the shore line at the Head of Loch Long, this underway at present. The CC extends a huge thank you to all groups who have given their free time in an effort to clean up an area much blighted by environmental damage.

Looking forward I hope that this coming year can benefit from the past years investigative work and in some way, hopefully many ways, benefit our communities.

On behalf of the CC, I would like to thank Mary our hard worked secretary and Jean (minutes) for their sterling efforts over the past year in keeping our admin clear, in order and sent out timeously, usually, with little or no contradictions.

I wish to thank my CC colleagues for their time and commitment to this our community, to me as convener and for their assistance in working through the various consultation documents and discussions at monthly meetings.

My thanks to our Argyll and Bute Councillors, George, Maurice and Robert for attending meetings and their valued advice and direction where applicable, to David McKenzie, David Robertson, Iain Wilkinson for their continued support, input and updates with regard to their relevant organisations, keeping the CC well informed, the Police for their continued efforts in keeping our villages safe and reporting back to community council meetings.

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