

Achnamara Community Update – May 2019

Welcome to the May community update, brought to you by the Achnamara Village Hall Committee (AVHC).

Achnamara Village Hall Committee AGM

The Annual General Meeting of AVHC will take place in the village hall on **Thursday 16th May at 7.30pm**. If you are interested in becoming a Committee member, please come along or alternatively email Ailsa Raeburn: Chair.AVH@achnamara.org

Ashfield School Closure

On **Wednesday 8th May Argyll and Bute Council** held the planned **consultation evening** at the school. Headed up by Councilor Yvonne McNeilly (policy lead for education), Douglas Hendry (Executive Director, Customer Services), Anne Paterson (Head of Education – Lifelong Learning & Support) and Louise Connor (Head of Learning & Teaching) the Council clearly invested in the democratic process. Somewhat regrettably, only three residents turned up, so the community was not well represented – an opportunity missed. At the meeting, we were informed that very few responses had been received by the Council to date.

On **Tuesday 14th May, North Knapdale Community Council** held their quarterly meeting in our village hall. At our request, NKCC had changed the venue and brought the meeting forward a week so that the school closure could be discussed before the consultation window closed. (As part of the democratic process, NKCC are consulted to give the community view on the school closure proposals.) Only five Achnamara residents were present – another opportunity missed.

AVHC have decided to make a representation based on the results of Community Survey 2, where **60% of respondents asked for the school to be mothballed for a further period**, rather than be closed in October as the Council plan. The document is attached to this community update.

In formally responding to the consultation, **NKCC** have agreed to take the same stance as AVHC in calling for the Council to agree to an **extension of the current mothballing**.

Friday 17th May is the last opportunity to respond to the Council consultation, by visiting the Council website at: <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/school-consultations-and-proposals> and completing the response form.

Community Planning – Argyll & Bute Council

“How Good is Your Place?” – a consultation on behalf of ABC

“Community Planning brings different partner agencies together along with community representatives and organisations to plan how services will be delivered across Argyll and Bute. Your Local Area Community Planning Group is developing the next version of its Action Plan and will be engaging and listening to the views of communities between now and the end of September 2019. We want to hear about the place(s) that you live and work in, using the Place Standard tool, so that we can identify what is important for your community as a priority action.

The final action plans will be for each administrative area with priority actions identified where partner agencies can work together and with the community, to reduce inequalities in a particular community or place. Whilst not all of the information that comes out of the Place Standard tool will result in an action within the plan, we would be keen to ensure that all community councils and community groups within an area have access to the full results for their community so that this may assist in any community-led action plans that you are currently doing or planning to do.

Please complete the survey at: [How good is your place survey](#)

(AVHC note: if you choose to partake in this survey, Achnamara appears towards the bottom of the Sub-Area list.)

The survey is open until the **30 September 2019**.

In addition to this online survey, the council's Community Development team will be engaging with community councils and community groups throughout the summer. If you would be interested in participating or hosting a face to face event for your community before the end of September, please contact cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk by the **7 June 2019** and we will do our best to accommodate your request subject to available resources.”

Community Survey 2

The results of the survey were emailed out on 26th April. If you require these to be re-sent, please contact any of the AVH Committee.

Feasibility Study

The final draft of the feasibility study on options for Achnamara’s future has been received. This will be issued following the AGM.

MACPool Redevelopment Project – Community Survey May 2019

MACPool in Lochgilphead is seeking input from local residents and potential users of the redeveloped facility...

“MACPool is buying the building next door, so that we can deliver an exciting redevelopment project. We want to make our facilities better for the whole

community by creating a community café, soft play and activity space, as well as improving the pool changing and reception areas. We've worked with an architect to come up with plans based on our earlier community consultation and now we need to know your thoughts.

We are working hard to raise over £1 million that we need to deliver this project and your input counts, so please, PLEASE, take a couple of minutes to answer these simple questions. Large plans will be on display at MACPool for you to view until the end of May.

**Please complete the survey online at – www.surveymonkey.com/r/MACPool
by Thursday 30th May at the very latest.
Thank you!!**

AVH Committee

We welcome your comments on any of the above.

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If you have any questions relating to this update, please feel free to contact any of the Committee members listed above, or email Comms.AVH@achnamara.org

Regards,

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