



Dear Leonard Gow,

Argyll and Bute Council news round-up – 9 October 2020

Welcome to Argyll and Bute Council's weekly news round-up. Thank you for reading it. If you have ideas on how we could make it more useful for you, we'd love to hear them. Please let us know by emailing press@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Budget planning on the agenda

Budget planning will be on the agenda when the council's Policy and Resources Committee meets next week.

Councillors will consider reports that set out the scale of financial challenge, and work being done to prepare for the council setting its budget in February next year.

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News

[Councillor Ellen Morton](#): Tributes have been paid to Councillor Ellen Morton, who passed away at the weekend.

[First look at Waterfront progress](#): Work is underway to create multi-million pound swimming pool, leisure centre and enhanced flood defences for Helensburgh.

[Lochgilphead Regeneration scheduled for 2021](#): Regeneration work on Lochgilphead Front Green and Colchester Square, Lochgilphead, is now expected to begin in 2021.

[WW1 football game inspires Penny competition win](#): Two pupils

[www.1footballgameinspirespoppycompetitionwin](#). Two pupils from Oban High School have won this year's Poppy Scotland Learning Competition.

[Campbeltown shortlisted for Scotland's most improved place](#): Following an extensive regeneration programme by Argyll and Bute Council with key partners, Campbeltown is shortlisted for Scotland's most improved place in the 2020 SURF Awards.

Did you know?

- Did you know you may be eligible for a [Crisis Grant](#) to meet expenses that arise from an emergency or disaster that have an immediate threat to the health and safety of you or your family
- From 12 October, people on low incomes will be eligible to receive a new [£500 grant if asked to self-isolate](#)
- The Scottish Government introduces [new moves to stop COVID-19 spread](#) today
- You can use [FACTS](#) to keep yourself and others safe.

Consultations

Argyll and Bute's council has to identify options to meet a [projected budget gap of £6.7 million in 2021/2022](#). As part of that, we are [asking you for your views](#) on how we can make savings from Amenity Services which cover everything from bins and grass cutting, to parking, road repairs and public toilets.

Communities across Argyll and Bute continue to play a significant part in the response to COVID-19. This [consultation follows discussions with local community response groups](#) and asks you to add to what they have told us.

[Police Scotland](#) would like to hear the views and priorities of Scotland's diverse communities, especially important during the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership is seeking the [views of unpaid carers](#) on how to improve the provision of Adult Support and Protection.

Transport Scotland is asking for comments on the [11 possible](#)

[options](#) for new access to Argyll and Bute via the A83, Rest ar
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