



Appendix A to the Growth Plan for the Isle of Coll 2011

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Affordable and social housing

Project Objective: to deliver affordable and social housing

Purpose: to increase the availability of housing on Coll to meet current and predicted need such that community stability and resilience is improved.

Project description

The project can be broadly outlined in four stages: stage one includes a feasibility stage where a needs analysis is conducted. It is worth noting that this project is currently based on a positive response to the question “Is Affordable and Social Housing a community priority?” If the needs analysis shows there are no need for housing, this project would come to a swift end. If a need is identified then an options appraisals would be carried out for varying business models, sites, size and type of housing. Current options have been identified as: new build; renovation of existing housing stock; use of existing stock; or again, doing nothing should the needs analysis show no need.

Stage two involves acquiring a funding package. Stage three would be completing the design and mobilising the chosen contractor. Stage four would see construction completed and stage five would focus on the handover to whichever management structure had been agreed upon.

Benefits of having improved access to affordable and social housing

- Improvement of the long term sustainability of Coll by increasing confidence in the viability of life here.
- Affordable housing will consolidate the current growth in population that Coll has been experiencing

Milestones:

1. Project choice confirmed following needs analysis and options appraisal
2. Funding acquired
3. Design finalised and contractor mobilised
4. Construction completed
5. Housing delivered

Possible funding:

- WHHA or Fyne Homes or ACHA; private enterprise; Lottery for feasibility studies; Scottish government.

Improvement of transport links with Tiree and Mull

Note that Coll Community Council is to work with Cal Mac and Hebridean Airways; Development Coll is to look at alternative providers

Project Objective: to improve transport links between Coll, Tiree and Mull

Purpose: To improve transport links between Coll, Mull and Tiree such that the sustainability of all three islands is increased

Project description:

The project can be broadly outlined in four stages:

Stage one includes a feasibility stage where a needs analysis is conducted. Options appraisals would be carried out which would include looking at the feasibility of any propositions. Current ideas include a small boat, a helicopter or a causeway. If a need is not demonstrated or these options are shown to be unfeasible, the project would not continue. If the project progresses any further, stage two involves acquiring a funding package. Stage three would be design, construction, and setting up a management system. Stage four ends the project by handing the finished product on to an agreed management body. It is not known yet whether this would be a community company, private individuals, or a combination of the two. The company may be Coll based or Mull/Tiree based.

Benefits of having improved transport links with Tiree and Mull

- Increased social, business and education opportunities for three islands involved
- Best use of council resources
- Increased sustainability of all the islands involved

Milestones:

1. Project choice confirmed following needs analysis and options appraisal
2. Funding acquired
3. New transport system established alongside a management system
4. Improved transport delivered

Possible funding:

- European, Lottery, local or national government and private enterprise.

Lobby for provision of mobile phone coverage

Project Objective: to ensure a commitment from a mobile phone provider for improved coverage on Coll

Purpose: to improve safety for residents and visitors to the island who are often working or walking in remote areas with no means of communication; to increase business opportunities through improved communication infrastructure

Project description:

The project can be broadly outlined in three stages:

Stage one covers research into solutions found by other island or rural communities. It also includes investigation into the current situation for Coll residents and completion of a detailed needs analysis. Stage two would be conducting a campaign to persuade a provider of the need and mutual benefit of increased provision. Stage three is the securing of a commitment.

Benefits of having mobile phone coverage

- Increased safety for residents and visitors
- Increased business opportunities

Milestones:

1. Research and needs analysis completed
2. Campaign completed
3. Commitment for provision secured

Possible funding:

- Campaign and research activities may require small amount of funding to be sourced locally or via small programmes such as Investing in Ideas

Alternative secondary education/training

Note that CCC to work with the existing structure; DC to look at alternatives outside existing structure

Project Objective: to report back on identified, agreed actions following a feasibility study of alternatives to secondary education.

Purpose: To gain a common agreement over action to be taken

Project description:

The project can be broadly outlined in three stages:

Stage one includes conducting a needs analysis of all parents and children on the island. Stage two would see the completion of research into all options that would meet the identified need. Stage three would involve further consultation with all interested parties to reach an agreement for further action to be taken. It should be noted that the provision of agreed alternatives is not included within this project, but would be taken up as a separate body of work.

Benefits of investigating alternative secondary education/training provision

- This project will enable parents to make informed choices
- It creates the possibility of a co-ordinated approach to any solution or solutions

Milestones:

1. Completion of needs analysis
2. Completion of research into options available
3. Agreement gained over action to be taken
4. Report written summarising all of the above

Possible funding:

- Campaign and research activities may require small amount of funding to be sourced locally or via small programmes such as Investing in Ideas

Continue to look into renewable energy sources

Project Objectives:

- to produce a renewable source of energy
- to generate income for the Coll community

Purpose: To increase the sustainability of life on Coll by creating a source of renewable energy and by generating an income for community use/benefit. .

Project description:

The project can be broadly outlined in four stages:

Stage one includes analyses both of previous work conducted and of concerns which were raised. The first stage will also see a full options appraisal being conducted and further community consultation being carried out. Current ideas include wind, tidal, solar, PV or hydro generation. If a need is not demonstrated or these options are shown to be unfeasible, the project would not continue. If the project progresses any further, stage two involves acquiring a funding package; obtaining a connection to the grid (if applicable) and gaining planning permission. Stage three would include the development of the business model, acquiring a site and choosing a supplier. Stage four sees construction completed. The project ends by handing the finished product on to an agreed management body. Throughout all these stages, two way communications between the volunteer working group tasked with delivering the project and the wider community is deemed essential.

Benefits of having access to a renewable energy source

- Reduce the island's carbon footprint
- Income available for community use

Milestones:

1. Project choice confirmed following needs analysis and options appraisal
2. Funding acquired, once grid connection and planning permission are in place
3. Site acquired and supplier chosen and mobilised
4. Service delivered

Possible funding:

- Various funds available for investigative stage, community and private funds for purchase and construction.

Provision of all weather sports pitch
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Project Objective: to deliver all-weather sports pitch on Coll

Purpose: to enhance health and well being of the resident population of Coll and to increase community cohesion through competitive sport

Project description:

The project can be broadly outlined in four stages:

Stage one includes a feasibility stage where a needs analysis and options appraisal are conducted. Stage two involves acquiring a funding package, to include donations in kind from community groups who will benefit directly from the project. Stage three includes carrying out the actual physical work, and stage four would be the handover of the finished pitch to the An Cridhe management structure.

Benefits of having an all weather sports pitch

- Improve health and well being of the community by providing a wider opportunity for physical exercise
- Encourage a wide variety of team sports
- Allow for interschool/interisland sports events

Milestones:

1. Project choice confirmed following needs analysis and options appraisal
2. Funding acquired
3. Completion of pitch construction
4. Handover

Possible funding:

- Lottery or Sportscotland, trusts focussing particularly on health and sport. It is assumed that there will be heavy reliance on local voluntary labour.

Community workshops and/or storage compound

Noted that there is a potential link with Village Hall change of use project which is being led by the Village Hall Committee, with support from the Coll Community Council and Development Coll if required

Project Objective: to deliver workshop and storage accommodation on Coll

Purpose: the workshops and storage areas will create business opportunities, and could be a source of community income run as a social enterprise

Project description:

The project can be broadly outlined in five stages:

Stage one includes a feasibility stage where a needs analysis and options appraisals are conducted. Current ideas include a new build or renovation of existing stock. If a need is not demonstrated or these options are shown to be unfeasible, the project would not continue. If the project progresses any further, stage two involves acquiring a funding package and designing the accommodation. Stage three includes choosing a contractor while stage four would contain the construction or renovation and the setting up a management system. In stage five, the finished product is handed over to an agreed management body.

Benefits of having community workshops and/or storage compound

- Increased sustainability of the island due to increase in business opportunity
- Increased access to storage amenity
- Income stream for community use.

Milestones:

1. Project choice confirmed following needs analysis and options appraisal
2. Funding acquired
3. Contractor chosen and mobilised
4. Construction completed
5. New workshop and storage accommodation delivered

Possible funding:

- HIE, European, Lottery and private enterprise.