

Argyll and Bute Council news round up - 24th August 2018

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

Focus on: Pupils create Gaelic comic to celebrate culture and heritage

Talented young people from four different island communities in Argyll and Bute have joined forces to create a unique Gaelic comic book which celebrates the area's rich culture and heritage.

The comic, "Na Gaisgich" was written by primary seven pupils from Islay, Jura, Mull and Tiree as part of a transition project for going into secondary school.

The pupils were all learning Gaelic as a second language at school and were able to create the comic as a result of funding from the Scottish Government.

After some deliberation, the pupils decided to base the book on folklore and fables from their islands, and all ideas were collaborated to form the final product.

Social Enterprise Company, Magic Torch Comics, travelled to each of the islands involved to deliver workshops to enable the children to adapt the stories, characters, illustrations and plots into comic strips.

Argyll and Bute Council's Policy Lead for Education, Councillor Yvonne McNeilly said: "The comic book looks great. I particularly like the way it has been created with both Gaelic and English translations, enabling everyone to enjoy it.

"The children have written the stories in a way which really captures the readers' attention, whilst celebrating their heritage. They are an extremely talented bunch and I'm sure they will go far. Well done."

Councillor Robin Currie, the Council's Policy Lead for Gaelic agreed: "It's very encouraging to see young people in our communities using their initiative in projects like this.

"Not only are they promoting the Gaelic language to a younger audience, but they are also helping to preserve tales from the area which could otherwise get lost over the years."

To view the comic, visit: https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gaelic_comic_2018_screen_res.pdf

Did you know?



News

[Rothesay ferry lifts set for £100,000 upgrade](#): Upgrade work to improve the lifts at Rothesay Ferry Terminal is currently programmed to begin in October of this year subject to procurement and off-site fabrication of materials by the Council's contractor.

[Oban jobs fair for cleaning and catering positions](#): Argyll and Bute Council is holding a recruitment fair in Oban next month to showcase the variety of cleaning and catering jobs that are currently available in the area.

[Housing service exceeds annual targets](#): Argyll and Bute Council's Housing Services Team brought a total of 55 empty homes back into use last year- double the annual target – and helped 1,037 households to avoid becoming homeless.

[Education staff and pupils praised](#): Education staff and pupils were praised today when Argyll and Bute Council's Annual Education Plan was approved the Community Services Committee.

[Argyll and Bute air gets clean bill of health](#): Air quality in Argyll and Bute is very good with low pollution indicators, a major factor for the wellbeing of its residents and visitors.

[Planning good practice highlighted](#): The council's Planning Service is focused on ensuring that Argyll and Bute is open for business and supporting economic growth. That's the message the service gave to the Scottish Government when it presented its [2017/18 Planning Performance Framework \(PPF\) Annual Report](#) for scrutiny and scoring.

[Could you help a child?](#): Could you offer a child a home in a secure, loving environment? If so, Argyll and Bute Council is looking for you to come forward and apply to become a foster carer.

Work with us

Argyll and Bute is a great place to live, work, visit and invest. We're looking for people to fill a number of vacancies. Is the time right for you to make the move to join us? Just some of the jobs on offer are Clerical Assistant, Museum Curator, Teacher, Assistant Cook and Active Schools Co-ordinator. Why not have a look and see what we have to offer? Visit: [My Job Scotland](#).

Consultations

[British Sign Language](#): We would like to know what you think of the first Draft Joint Local British Sign Language Plan for Argyll and Butte 2018 – 2024.

Next edition

We will issue our next news round-up on Friday 31 August 2018.