



Chat Notes

Marie Archer, Aberdeenshire Council: Good Morning All from a very sunny Aberdeenshire. MA

Jason Railton, SCVO: Good morning and nice to see some familiar faces, from a sunny D&G! Jason Railton, SCVO.

Ian McCall, Paths for All: Fog in Fife

Euan Leitch, SURF: Fog is lifting in Edinburgh. Fingers crossed for you in Fife.

David Allan, SCDC: Sunny in Coatbridge (yes even here the sun shines!). David from SCDC

Gordon McLean, Corra Foundation: It is sunny in Peebles so you don't need to travel quite so far to find the sun

Euan Leitch, SURF: Working Together in Place Report <https://www.surf.scot/working-better-together-in-place/>

Mike Wilson, Place Design Scotland: Question, if I may: How many of Dunoon's shops are currently lying empty? Is there a programme to create so-called 'meanwhile' spaces; ie pop-up artist studios, etc?

Ian Clark, Iconic Consulting: We - Iconic Consulting - undertook the evaluation Derek mentioned. Alliance for Action was a really interesting programme, very different in the 3 areas we looked at - Govan, Dunoon & Langholm - but still successful in each. <https://www.iconic-consulting.co.uk/>

Ann Campbell, SURF/Dunoon Area Alliance: Hello Mike, Dunoon is fortunate in having a majority of its shop units occupied by small independent traders. There are probably about ten empty units and the CARS project has been pushing the owners to make the premises available for short term creative uses. Most owners are from out of town, unfortunately (ex banks and chain stores) and tend to try to hold out for full commercial rent. Any ideas and support on how to encourage new uses and / or change ownership would be gratefully received.

Tom Warren, Dunoon CDT: Hi Mike, thanks for the question. As Ann said we are relatively fortunate to have mostly locally owned and occupied Dunoon businesses, so we have less empty shops than many similarly sized towns. However, there are some long term persistently vacant shops, which do let down our main shopping street. I'm very familiar with the 'meanwhile' spaces approach, however to date some more absentee landlords in Dunoon haven't been willing to engage with local partners. A recent positive shop space in Dunoon with a long term plan for sustainable development is this project that I'm involved in supporting: <https://www.popshop.scot/>

Kate Drummond, The Pyramid at Anderston: Hello Tom & Ann, Have you approached Edinburgh Printmakers regarding the unoccupied shops. In Paisley - they ran a programme where meanwhile

lets were secured from absentee landlords in the shopping centre. They run similar schemes across Scotland. My space in Paisley was called POP! (It is no longer there, though ... in true 'meanwhile' style!)

Linda Gillespie, DTAS: Morning - it is worth bearing in mind that the relatively new Community Rights to Buy abandoned, neglected and detrimental and the Community Right to Buy for furtherance of sustainable development do not require a willing seller. We have had a couple of enquiries from communities interested in finding solutions for properties in their town centres - burnout shop in a Stirlingshire village and a former department store. The communities did not ultimately use the CRtB provision but the 'threat' of using certainly encouraged a resolution in one of the cases.

Ann Campbell, SURF/Dunoon Area Alliance: Thanks for that pointer, Kate. That's a new connection that we can explore.

Neil Ritch, The National Lottery Community Fund: Aye the Beach Boys have let themselves go!

Ann Campbell, SURF/Dunoon Area Alliance: Thank you, Linda - that is very interesting to know.

Gordon McLean, Corra Foundation: Here is information on Corra's Getting Alongside Communities Programme - <https://www.corra.scot/place-based-working/getting-alongside-communities/>

David Allan, SCDC: ... and here's the link to our Supporting Communities page on the SCDC site <https://www.scdc.org.uk/what/supporting-communities>

Andrew Magowan, Inspiring Scotland: here is Link Up's most recent annual report to: <https://www.inspiringscotland.org.uk/publication/link-up-transforming-relationships/>

Neil Ritch, The National Lottery Community Fund: You can see the most recent Our Place learning report here <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/media/insights/documents/Our-Place-report-2020.pdf?mtime=20200122120356>

Andrew Ormston, Drew Wylie: What are the implications of the 20 minute neighbourhood for the approaches of the agencies we have heard from?

Neil Ritch, The National Lottery Community Fund: It's a good question Elaine, there's no right way and it's important to remember that it's up to communities how they organise themselves - trying to understand why things are as they are is a good start. But most important I'd say just start somewhere, be present, do your work in the open but be ready for quiet conversations too.

Elaine Gibb, William Grant Foundation: Thanks Neil

Susan Whyte, eXp Children's & Youth Work: Calum eXp in Dunoon and Cowal are certainly doing this to a degree and would like to do more but funding is a key barrier

Susan Whyte, eXp Children's & Youth Work: There is also the H.E.L.P. project in Dunoon who is trying to do this

Gordon McLean, Corra Foundation: We found that by taking the time at the start to do community mapping and understand the who, what, issues, resources, gaps and opportunities it allowed to have a shared understanding of what can be done while seeking to avoid duplication

Susan Whyte, eXp Children's & Youth Work: My understanding is that the Heritage opportunities are not paid for these young people BUT they do give amazing experiences

Francesca Lynch, Community Links (South Lanarkshire): Great questions and like Gordon, in community development we tend to start asset mapping within the community to identify and get conversations and relationships started.....this allows us to include all sectors of the community. It takes time and needs to be reviewed regularly but its very worth it :)

Ann Campbell, SURF/Dunoon Area Alliance: That's right, Susan (and hello!) - hopefully the placements will lead to future work opportunities and open up heritage as an option for them.

Emma Scott, SURF: Join SURF 20 Minute Neighbourhood Practice Network:

<https://www.surf.scot/projects/20-minute-practice-network/>

Karen Dick, Creative Scotland: Just to flag that CHARTS is funded by Creative Scotland, but I believe that the Heritage Horizons opportunities are supported by the Scottish Power Foundation.

Emma Scott, SURF: Find out more about Corra's work at the following links:

www.corra.scot/grants/

<https://www.corra.scot/wp-content/uploads/LOW-RES-4946-Corra-Grants-Report.pdf>

<https://www.ivar.org.uk/flexible-funders/>

Ian Clark, Iconic Consulting: On the engagement of younger people, the Langholm Alliance for Action programme made a specific attempt to do so. It was quite innovative using the arts to engage but, I believe, was limited in its findings/impact. Derek @SURF would be best placed to answer any questions on this.

Ann Campbell, SURF/Dunoon Area Alliance: Thanks, Karen - you are right about Scottish Power Foundation. Sorry!

Jason Railton, SCVO: Interesting you should mention that Ian, I was part of the team that bid for and delivered that work. Also happy to answer any questions

Emma Scott, SURF: Find out more about Creative Scotland's work at the following links:

www.creativescotland.com/funding

www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/open-fund

www.creativescotland.com/what-we-do/major-projects/strategy-update-and-funding-review

Elaine Wilson, Corra Foundation: Here is the link to grant programmes

<https://www.corra.scot/grants/>

Emma Scott, SURF: Here is a link to the information about HES's current consultation regarding how we are proposing to reshape our grants:

https://consultations.historicenvironment.scot/finance-performance/hes-grants-refresh/consult_view/

Karen Dick, Creative Scotland: no problem Ann!

Tom Warren, Dunoon CDT: If anyone wants further information about the projects in Dunoon, then there are links via this site <https://www.dunoonareaalliance.org/>

Karen Dick, Creative Scotland: More information about Culture Collective here:

<https://www.creativescotland.com/what-we-do/latest-news/archive/2021/02/culture-collective-recipients>

Emma Scott, SURF: Find out more about the National Lottery Heritage Fund's work at the following links:

Strategic Funding Framework 2019 - 2024 -

https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/sites/default/files/media/attachments/Priorities%20for%20National%20Lottery%20Grants%20for%20Heritage%202021-22_4.pdf

Ann Campbell, SURF/Dunoon Area Alliance: And if you fancy a wee insight to our American Years heritage: <https://americanyearsrevisited.com/>

Emma Scott, SURF: Great Place Scheme Nations - Interim Programme Evaluation Report -

<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/sites/default/files/media/attachments/GPS Nations Interim Report 2020.pdf>

Emma Scott, SURF: Parks for People: <https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/publications/parks-people-why-should-we-invest-parks>

Gordon McLean, Corra Foundation: Thanks everyone - I'm afraid I need to go for another meeting.

Jason Railton, SCVO: Loving this Langholm representation today too!

Emma Scott, SURF: Find out more about the Robertson Trust at the following link:

<https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding>

Emma Scott, SURF: Find out more about The National Lottery Community Fund's work at the following links:

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes?min=10000&location=scotland>

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes?max=10000&location=scotland>

Scotland Blog <https://bigblogscotland.org.uk/>

Neil Ritch, The National Lottery Community Fund: Funding News!

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/together-for-our-planet>

Julia Watt, Whithorn Trust: Sorry have to leave for another meeting. Thank you for interesting presentations and links!

Euan Leitch, SURF: Details here <https://www.surf.scot/surf-awards/>

Suzanne Rhind, Aberdeenshire Council: Thank you all for an informative morning.

Paul Davies, Dundee City Council: Thanks to all the speakers - loads of information to ponder and make use of here in Dundee. :)

Rhiannon-Jane Raftery, Creating Carbon Conscious Communities: Thanks all great session

James Turner, Highlands and Islands Enterprise: Thanks everyone!

Iain Wardrop, Scottish Futures Trust: Thanks to all the speakers; some big themes but also some granular best practice.

Marie Archer, Aberdeenshire Council: A great morning again thank you. Lots to ponder and take forward in Aberdeenshire.

Neil Ritch, The National Lottery Community Fund: Thanks everyone!

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