



The Impact of COVID-19 on Development Planning & Regeneration

We would like to reassure customers that we are doing everything we can to reduce the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on our ability to deliver our service. As our offices are closed staff are working remotely to maintain business continuity. All staff who are fit for work will continue to carry out as many of the regular duties as possible, subject to the restrictions set out by the government.

Local Development Plan 2

Work on LDP2 continues to progress. All representations received during the Main Issues Report (MIR) consultation are being given full and due consideration as we continue to progress with the Proposed Plan. Development Planning & Regeneration are working collaboratively with internal EAC departments, public bodies, key stakeholders and organisations.

LDP2 and Key Agency Group (KAG)

East Ayrshire Council is working with the Key Agency Group (KAG) to develop some of the main issues which LDP2 will seek to address. KAG, made up of public bodies, such as SEPA, Architecture and Design Scotland and Historic Environment Scotland, are developing a more collaborative approach to engagement within the planning system in line with the Place Principle. We look forward to working with KAG and to agreeing a shared vision for East Ayrshire.



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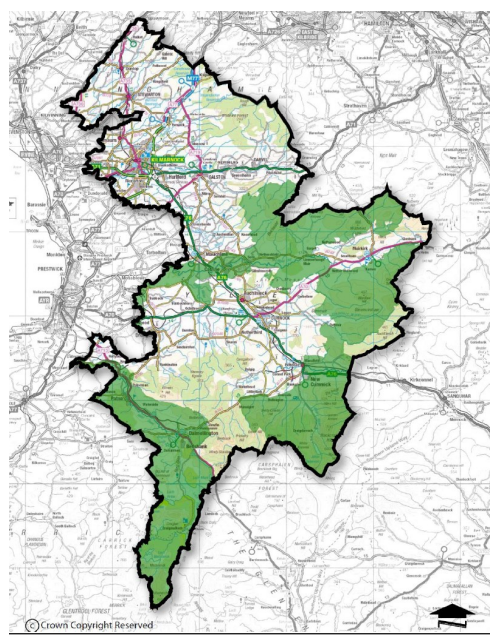
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In addition to collaborative working with KAG, East Ayrshire Council and SEPA are exploring ways in which we might work in partnership to ensure that we future proof our plans and investment and secure environmental, economic and social benefits for our communities. We need to look at our flooding problems in a new way and turn them into our solutions.

Studies and Tenders

We have a number of studies on going which relate to and contribute to Local Development Plan 2, including Business and Industrial Land (Avison Young), Gardens and Designed Landscapes (Peter Drummond Architects) and the Local Landscape Area.

LDA Design has been appointed to undertake a review of East Ayrshire's Local Landscape Area. The overall purpose of the Local Landscape Area Review is to identify East Ayrshire's landscapes which are of particular value and that merit special attention as designated local landscapes. It is intended that the study will be part of and fit into the development plan process by informing (1) the identification of Local Landscape Areas and (2) the associated policy framework which will be prepared for the East Ayrshire Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2).



Coalfield Communities Landscape Partnership

Attainment through Archaeology. Led by Archaeology Scotland who are working closely with the East Ayrshire Council's Learning Outdoors Support Team to identify schools to work with and looking to start in the New Year. This exciting project aims to engage and connect young people with their local heritage through hands-on archaeology activities, raising aspirations for work and further learning, developing new skills and knowledge while improving health and wellbeing within a supportive, outdoor learning environment.

Young people taking part will also have the opportunity to achieve a Heritage Hero Award.



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Ayrshire Growth Deal

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On the 19th November the Ayrshire Growth Deal was signed during a [virtual ceremony](#) marking a highly significant milestone in the development of the transformational Ayrshire Growth Deal paving the way for the creation of thousands of jobs and the investment of £251 million to the region.



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Ayrshire Manufacturing Investment Corridor (AMIC)

The AMIC project has appointed consultants to undertake formal business engagement. This engagement has commenced with a workshop session and questionnaire already completed with a further workshop planned in early 2021. The project team are also continuing one to one engagement with businesses and academia across Ayrshire to establish what support can be provided to businesses in the short term ahead of the projects delivery.



This is particularly important to provide additional support during these difficult trading conditions as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Following publication of the engagement report both a working group and steering group will be formed to support the future development of the AMIC project.

Linkages to other AGD projects is being scoped and developed and this will continue into 2021. The project team anticipate submitting an updated outline business case planned in Spring 2021 which will include the full report and findings from the commissioned engagement with businesses across Ayrshire and other stakeholders.

National Energy Research Demonstrator (NERD)

The NERD project team have been working closely with design consultants, Archetype and colleagues in Facilities and Property Management to develop the design and concept of the Centre of Excellence. A series of workshops were held over September, October and November and the RIBA Stage 2 report is due to be finalised in the coming weeks.

Unfortunately, the NERD project team were unsuccessful in their Low Carbon Challenge Fund application to Scottish Enterprise. The Climate Positive project aimed to support SMEs in East Ayrshire to transition their business to low carbon in partnership with EAC's Economic Development team and Energy Technology Partnership (ETP). A great deal of effort went into to developing the Climate Positive Project by the NERD team, colleagues at University of Strathclyde and ETP. The NERD team will continue to monitor any funding opportunities which may arise for this project.

A brief summary of what to expect from DP&R in 2021

LDP2 Proposed Plan: We will continue to engage with communities on the most pressing issues for LDP2.

We are working hard to have the Proposed Plan issued for consultation towards the end of 2021, where we will welcome your comments and feedback on our proposed policies and development opportunity sites.

Development Plan Scheme: In light of the Scottish Government's revised

transitional arrangements. This is likely to be considered by Cabinet in January/February 2021.

National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4): We will engage with the Scottish Government on NPF4 to make sure it best reflects the priorities and aspirations of East Ayrshire.

Minerals LDP Guidance: We will complete all of our Supplementary

Guidance to support the Minerals Local Development Plan.

Coalfield Communities Landscape Partnership (CCLP): The CCLP will have all 22 projects up and running in 2021.

Placemaking: Place Plans & Action programmes will be finalised for: NW Kilmarnock, Auchinleck, Mauchline, Darvel, Hurlford & Crookedholm and Kilmaurs



Mauchline CARS



The 20th-27th of November 2020 was National Maintenance Week as declared by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB), campaigners for best practice in the repair of traditional and historic buildings. The Mauchline CARS Team launched a supporting campaign on the Council's communication platform, Stay Connected, [https://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/news/article/do-you-](https://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/news/article/do-you-own-or-look-after-a-traditional-building)

[own-or-look-after-a-traditional-building](https://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/news/article/do-you-own-or-look-after-a-traditional-building) and also issued letters to potential applicants of the Mauchline CARS Programme who had already submitted an Expression of Interest in funding for essential repairs to their traditional and historic properties.

The results have been very encouraging with four out of nine potential applicants already requesting a consultation with recently appointed Wylie Shanks Architects, dedicated Conservation Architects for the Mauchline CARS Scheme - a good start to our Mauchline CARS Implementation Phase.

Modern Apprenticeship Training

The Mauchline CARS Team are pleased to announce the successful completion by our Modern Apprentice, Billy Govans of his SVQ Level 2 in Business Administration. Billy has worked hard to secure this, undeterred by COVID, and is now moving on to further his career using the significant skills he has obtained over the past 12 months.



Billy's enthusiasm during his time with us is unparalleled roping in family and friends to help with historic research and he has been an excellent young Project Ambassador for Mauchline CARS and the role that young people can play in it.

Community Participation and Learning

A new partnership is about to be entered into with the Council's Creative Minds Team and Mauchline Primary School to deliver a three phase programme of creative learning in 2021, celebrating Mauchline's unique rich, cultural heritage, increasing young people's understanding and appreciation of their own heritage and giving them a sense of pride in where they live and learn. The project will offer a dynamic, creative, collaborative learning for local children using four mediums - creative writing, music making, dance and film and will use, as inspiration, the poems and songs of our national bard, considering how they may be played out in a modern day Mauchline.

Seeking adult volunteers!

In June 2021, the Mauchline CARS Team will be looking for adult volunteers to work with Historic Environment Scotland and Scotland's Rock Art Team to research and digitally record the Neolithic and Bronze Age Cup and Ring Marks and other glyphs located close to the Ballochmyle Viaduct.



The digital recordings will then be used to create a 3D Model of this very unique form of Rock Art, currently designated by Historic Environment Scotland as a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

Submission of Stage 2 funding application for Artist in Residence

Community Participation and Learning - Mauchline CARS, in partnership with East Ayrshire Leisure (EAL) has been given the go ahead to submit a Stage 2 funding application for Creative Scotland's Culture Collective Fund. If successful, this will enable the Mauchline CARS Team and EAL to appoint an Artist in Residence to work with the local community over financial year 2021/2022, in the delivery of an innovative programme of visual arts projects celebrating Mauchline's significant and unique cultural heritage.



Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF)

Crossroads Community Hub — After several years in planning and securing funding from several funders including the Scottish Government’s Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF), and East Ayrshire’s Renewable Energy Fund work on the Crossroads Community Hub is nearing completion; unfortunately, due to the COVID 19 restrictions, it is a little later than anticipated, and will not be open prior to Christmas. However, it will be opening in January 2021.

The newly branded Ayrshire Food Hub is located on the site of the former Crossroads Primary School, and will include a farm shop, café/community space, training kitchen, meeting room, and office space.



In advance of the Ayrshire Food Hub building opening they are currently offering The Perfect Christmas Gift – a range of Christmas Hampers. Find out more and place your order via private message on Facebook or email: nfo@crossroadshub.org.uk

West of Scotland Climbing Centre — Based out of the former Grange Church in Kilmarnock town centre, local charity [Above Adventure](#) have an amazing vision for the future with a huge new climbing centre.



This week has seen the signing of the construction contract for in excess of £2 million, with the assistance of a £1.787 million grant from the Scottish Government’s Regeneration Capital Grant Fund.

Coalfield Environment Initiative (CEI)

The East Ayrshire Coalfield Environment Initiative (CEI) have had a busy autumn sowing wildflower meadows and planting native spring bulbs. We have worked with small groups of volunteers (socially distanced of course) to



create a small meadow on Craigengillan Estate, started creating meadows with the wonderful pupils and staff at Bellsbank Primary, and scattered seeds across a former

opencast site. Bluebells, daffodils, wood anemone and lesser celandine have been planted at Dalcairn Falls and around Dalmellington, including the Mote! Our new Project Officer, Emily Hay has been doing a marvellous job!

In other news, Project Manager Daisy Whytock will be leaving the CEI at the end of December after six years with the CEI.

Daisy would like to say a fond farewell to her colleagues at East Ayrshire Council and the many other fantastic folk she has worked with during her time with CEI. CEI will be recruiting for a new full-time Project Manager in the New Year.



Galloway & Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere

We were delighted to hear in October that the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO biosphere, has received a huge funding boost. The South of Scotland Enterprise Agency has committed to a five year funding package of £1.9 million, which will allow the core team of the biosphere to be expanded and allow it to really increase its activities across South West Scotland.

East Ayrshire Council sits on the Biosphere Board and the board is supported by officers of DP&R. With its focus on embedding sustainability into all our lives, by working with communities, businesses, land owners and land managers, we are looking forward to working closely with the Biosphere team over the next few years and seeing real benefits for East Ayrshire.