

MAIN STRATEGIES AND PRIORITIES

These are the main strategies and priorities which the community will work closely and in partnership with local groups, landowners, local businesses, the public sector and developers /contractors to secure community and local economic benefit from investment in the island.



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THEME 1: TRANSPORT, ROADS AND ACCESS TO SERVICES

A significant issue for the community is the poor condition of the single track road. This being the only road, there is a strong feeling within the community to lobby for major road improvement which also includes surfacing and marking of passing places. Traffic volume is on the increase to the island as tourists are becoming more aware of Jura as a destination, in addition to this the community is also a growing one. As a result of these positive development factors, our existing ferry service is under demand pressures. The community recognised this as a main priority as well as improvement to connecting transport services for onward travel i.e. connecting buses, ferries and flights outbound and inbound. There is also a unique seasonal passenger only ferry which was widely supported as a priority to continue the service as a means to travel directly to and from the mainland. This opens up the islands economy and reduces the feeling of isolation.



THEME 2: HOUSING, VILLAGE AND ENVIRONMENT

As a result of the 2016 housing survey and the CAP survey a need was expressed for housing, in particular, for smaller more affordable housing for starter homes and those wishing to down-size - freeing up larger homes for families. There is much support for the need to encourage village safety by introducing a speed limit within the village as there are little or no pavements between the primary school

and the top of Craighouse village. Further development of safe walking and cycling would remove the hazards to residents and visitors on the single track road.

Main priorities:

- Develop more affordable housing
- Village safety – more pavements; speed limit within the village
- Open space and path improvements; flower pots, seating within the village; promote local path network through the village towards Corran Sands adding benches
- Composting facilities and better use of recycling area

THEME 3: LOCAL ECONOMY

A key concern in both the survey and the community event was the lack of telecommunications and broadband service. Certain parts of the village are well served with broadband whilst other areas out with have a very poor or non-existent provision. The community would like to see superfast broadband rolled out across all homes on the island. Mobile phone coverage is also very poor with some areas not able to get signal at all. This all in all would cement a more sustainable community allowing people to work from home as well as supporting local industry and businesses. The community would like to see more opportunity for local business start-up, skills trade to help people expand and/or sustain which could hopefully create more local employment. This could be supported by the creation of new workspaces and small retail facilities. In order to sustain our working population, support for childcare provision was identified. This would allow parents, and carers to remain and/or return to employment which is a key factor in sustaining the population growth. The community would like to see a better use of the bay and its facilities to encourage visitor income, promote outdoor recreation as well as look at ways to generate other community funds.

Main priorities:

- Faster better broadband and telecommunications provision
- Develop island childcare
- Village bay improvements; additional infrastructure; beach cleans; explore small scale marina
- Support existing and new businesses
- Delivering community benefit schemes

THEME 4: COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES & ACTIVITIES

It was widely recognised that there is a lack of sports facilities and activities for all. There was a sound support within the survey and at the event for a sports and recreation building as well as youth activities. People are keen to see a rekindling of arts and cultural services as well as maintaining and developing community events. There is already a great appreciation of the efforts that local groups and individuals put into improving the community, having a specific recreation facility would help encourage more community activeness. The community would like to see a better path network on the island which would promote safety, outdoor access and general well-being. A lot of hard work has gone into securing funding for path upgrades, play park and feasibility of a sports/recreation building. The community would like to see these projects carried through and supported to completion.

Main priorities:

- Develop activities and facilities for younger generation (0-17)
- Develop sports and leisure facilities indoor and outdoor
- Develop local path network
- Develop community art and culture

‘Better broadband’
‘Cheaper ferry fares’

ACTION - A guide to the first steps which are to be taken

THEME 1: TRANSPORT, ROADS AND ACCESS TO SERVICES

Priorities	Action
Road improvements including passing places	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lobby for better road improvements and maintenance programme• Passing places clearly marked with suitable surfacing
Action by	Jura Community Council (JCC), Argyll and Bute Council (ABC).
Improved ferry service to meet growing population and visitor demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to lobby for more suitable vessel• Request a resident discount scheme that covers all full-time resident travel; a scheme for those working on Islay and travelling onwards to the mainland
Action by	Jura Community Council, Argyll and Bute Council. Support by: Jura Development Trust (JDT).
Continued support for Jura Passenger Ferry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to lobby for minimum 3 year contract• Encourage connecting transport links• Investigate marketing options
Action by	Jura Development Trust, Transport Scotland, Argyll and Bute Council. Support by: Jura Community Council, local community, Visit Scotland.
Better connections between transport services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make representation at transport groups and identify issues• Encourage communication process between all transport links to and from Jura/Islay/mainland
Action by	Jura Community Council, Argyll and Bute Council. Support by: ASP Ship Management, CalMac, Logan Air, Islay& Jura Transport Group Gareloch Coaches.
Re-instate dental service to Jura	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make representation to NHS Scotland and local authorities to ensure a dental service is provided on the island.
Action by	Jura Community Council, Argyll and Bute Council. Support by: NHS Scotland.
Protect existing health & care services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to support the need for a local GP on the island• Promote activities to be held in the local Progressive Care Centre to help raise funds
Action by	Jura Community Council, Jura Care Centre Group. Support by: Local groups, NHS Scotland, Jura Development Trust.

THEME 2: HOUSING, VILLAGE AND ENVIRONMENT

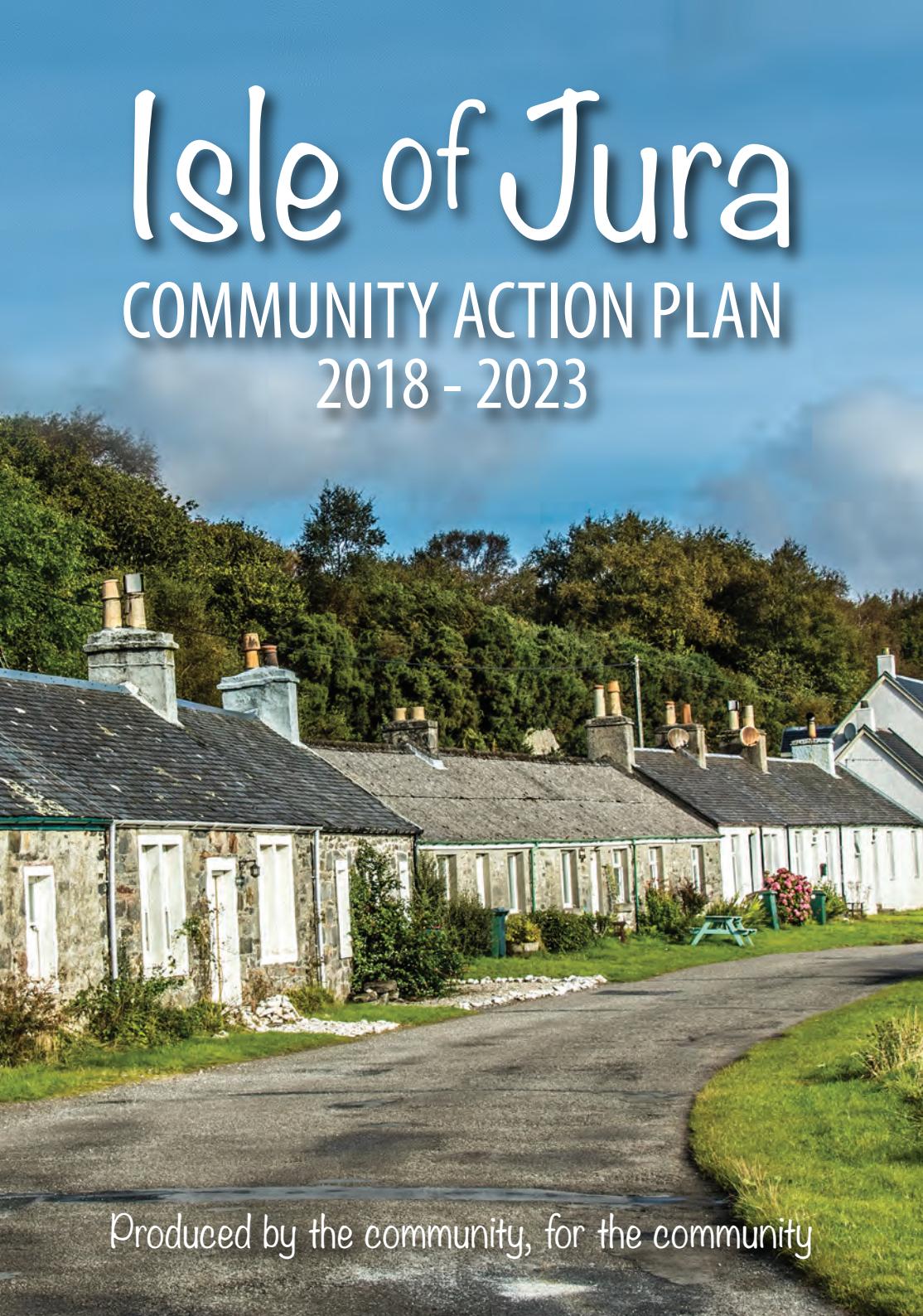
Priorities	Action
Develop more affordable housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to work with Argyll and Bute Council and West Highland Housing to identify and develop potential sites• Research how other communities have established housing opportunities• Investigate better use of empty properties
Action by	Jura Community Council, Jura Development Trust, Argyll and Bute Council, West Highland Housing Association, ACHA. Support by: Local land owners and estates.
Village safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investigate traffic calming measures – request a speed limit within the village• Lobby for pedestrian safety by introducing more pavements and paths
Action by	Jura Community Council, Argyll & Bute Council. Support by: Police Scotland , Jura Development Trust.
Open space and path improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support existing path and open space projects• Investigate potential for a better network of walking and cycling pathways• Establish areas where planted barrels and seating areas can be improved• Investigate and implement ways of reducing invasive species
Action by	JDT, Corran Path Action Group (CPAG), Jura Community Council. Support by: ABC, Multi Use Games Area Group (MUGA), local volunteers.
Composting facilities and better use of recycling area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain and improve the use of recycling facilities• Lobby for proposals for composting sites up and down the island
Action by	Jura Community Council, Argyll and Bute Council. Support by: JDT, Re-Jig.

THEME 3: LOCAL ECONOMY

Priorities	Action
Faster better broadband and telecommunications provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to support schemes for superfast broadband and lobby for full island coverage• Lobby for better mobile coverage• Investigate the opportunity for village wifi ‘hot spot’
Action by	Jura Community Council, Jura Development Trust.
Develop island childcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investigate the need for childcare – to help working parents and carers• Work with other groups for possible joined up projects
Action by	Jura Development Trust, Argyll and Bute Council Support by: Parent Council, local parents groups and Small Isles Primary School.
Village bay improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investigate the potential for developing more facilities e.g. pontoons, on shore services that would encourage visitors interested in water based activities• Continue to lobby and support community beach cleans• Explore small scale marina
Action by	Jura Development Trust, Jura Juniors. Support by: local tourism businesses, JCB, Re-Jig.
Support existing and new businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore training skills - support local skills• Development of workspace and storage units as well as IT facilities• Work with tourism businesses and support plans for development to grow and extend tourism potential
Action by	Jura Community Business, Jura Development Trust. Support by: Jura Community Council, local tourism businesses.
Delivering Community Benefit Schemes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to explore potential for a community renewable energy scheme• Investigate the potential for a Community Benefit Fund, lobby for more support from local authorities and work together with local stakeholders and landowners to ensure investment into the community
Action by	Jura Development Trust, Jura Community Council. Support by: Argyll and Bute Council, local estates, local businesses.

THEME 4: COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES & ACTIVITIES

Priorities	Action
Develop activities and facilities for younger generation (0-17)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop activities and facilities for younger generation (0-17)• Identify the 12-17 needs within the community• Continue to support holiday clubs and events• Jura Playground Association have improved the park by introducing ‘Stay, Play & Connect’ project. Continue to support local group, work together to promote activities.
Action by	Jura Juniors, Jura Playground Association, MUGA. Support by: Jura Village Hall, JDT, Argyll and Bute Council, Argyll TSI.
Develop sports and leisure facilities indoor and outdoor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The MUGA are working towards the development of a sports centre in the village – continue to support this venture• Look into the feasibility of a ‘pop up’ community swimming pool
Action by	MUGA, Ardfin Estate, Jura Development Trust. Support by: ABC, Jura Juniors.
Develop local path network	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Look into the feasibility of a connection from the village car park to Corran Path• Research how other communities have developed and promoted their path network• Work with local authorities to introduce more pavements (see theme 2)
Action by	CPAG (Corran Path Action Group), Jura Development Trust. Support by: JCC, local estates, Argyll and Bute Council, SNH, local volunteers.
Develop community art and culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Look at opportunities for art and culture activities - work with neighbouring islands and communities to encourage visitation to Jura• Continuation of the ‘Screen Machine’• Continued support for the annual Music Festival
Action by	Jura Development Trust, Argyll TSI, local volunteers, RBS, Jura Music Festival. Support by: Jura Community Council.



INTRODUCTION

This Community Action Plan (CAP) summarises community views about:

- **Isle of Jura now**
- **the vision for the future of the Isle of Jura**
- **the issues that matter most to the community**
- **our priorities for projects and action.**

The plan will be our guide for what we 'the community' would like to see happen over the next 5 years.

WORKING TOGETHER

The preparation of the plan has been organised by the **Strengthening Communities Programme** funded by the Scottish Government and administered (and supported) by Development Trust Association Scotland working alongside the Jura Development Trust, to establish or ascertain the needs of our local community. This plan will help the community to develop our joint priority projects and make representation on behalf of the community on the issues that matter most to residents, organisations and local businesses.

LOCAL PEOPLE HAVE THEIR SAY

The CAP has been informed by extensive Community engagement carried out from September 2016 to September 2017.

The process involved:

Carrying out an online survey posted on the Jura community forum; Stakeholder interviews with Community organisations including the local primary school and residents of the Progressive Care Centre; face to face interviews at various local events; setting up of a dedicated social media page for views and ideas; organising a survey results event for the Community.

Thanks to everyone who took part.

OUR COMMUNITY NOW

We have summarised below the main facts from our Community and some of the views from the Community Views Survey.

Location

The Isle of Jura, or Deer Island as it is also known, is a remote and fragile community. The Island is one of the Inner Hebrides measuring some 30 miles long and 5 miles wide.

Although it is located just 5 miles from the mainland, it can be reached by ferry from the neighbouring Isle of Islay all year round which itself is accessed via a 2 hour ferry trip from the mainland and by a small expensive air service. Jura can also be accessed by a 12 seater passenger only ferry direct to Craighouse from Tayvallich on the mainland, April to September.

Population

In total, there are approximately 220 people living on the Isle of Jura according to the latest census. The population is a healthy range of working aged people between 16-64 years of age, an actively retired generation as well as an increasing 'colony' of children 0-12 years of age.

Housing

The majority of households on Jura are owner-occupied, while almost a quarter rent in the private sector and a small percentage occupy the social rented sector. There is a percentage of second-homes, vacant and derelict homes. Of approximately 160 dwellings, 48% are lived in, 23% are second homes, 22% are holiday lets and 7% are vacant or derelict.

Local Economy

Income levels of full/part-time and seasonal work are moderate. Self-employment for some is proving difficult due to technology advancement and poor broadband provision. These types of levels can have an

impact on competing within the local housing market, restricting mortgage access in the current risk-adverse economic climate and so limits local residents access to home ownership in the private market.

Schools and Education

Jura is served by Small Isles Primary school. It currently has a healthy role of 20 children, spanning from early level through to second level (Pre-5 to p7) and 2 teachers. The school is open plan and incorporates an outstanding pre-5 unit. The nearest High School is Islay High School reached by bus and ferry.

Health & Care Facilities and Services

- Jura Medical Practice
- Community Nurses
- Patient Transport Ambulance Service
- Progressive Care Centre
- Hospital and Acute services on Islay and Glasgow

Community & Recreational Facilities

- Jura Service Point - free wifi, genealogy, local area and accommodation information, photocopying and meeting room. Registrar of Births, Death's and Marriages
- Jura Hall - available on request for various events
- Jura Community Shop & Post Office
- Moorings & Pontoons
- The Antlers Tea room - open seasonally from March to October for lunches and light snacks
- The Jura Hotel - Open for lunches and dinners
- Jura Distillery and Shop - tours available
- Playground

Churches

- Isle of Jura Church of Scotland

Community Groups & Organisations

- CPAG - Corran Path Action Group
- Glasgow Jura Association
- Jura Care Centre Group
- Jura Christmas Elves
- Jura Community Business
- Jura Community Council
- Jura Community Shop
- Jura Development Trust
- Jura Juniors
- Jura Music Festival
- Jura Regatta Committee
- Jura Village Hall Committee
- MUGA - Multi Use Games Area
- Playground Association
- Small Isles Parent Council

Local Hill Walking

The Paps of Jura: Beinn Shiantaidh, Beinn an Oir (being the only Corbet) and Beinn a' Chaolais are accessed from various points in Jura. The Annual Fells Race is a popular activity which was started in 1973 and continues to this day drawing large crowds of fell runners and walkers to Jura.

Wildlife

Wildlife includes; Sea Eagles, Red Deer, Pine Martens, Wild Goats, Golden Eagle SPA, amazing raptor population, Otters, Minke Whales, Dolphins, Porpoises and Seals.

Heritage

Jura has a history that dates back to Norse times. Dyr ey - Deer Island became the Gaelic spelling Diùra which became Jura. Perhaps derived from a Viking Chieftain named Deer and co-incidentally Jura has many thousands of Red Deer roaming free.

Jura's history of settlement and Community were crofting townships in the 15th and 16th century. These townships still remain as working crofts.

The main heritage asset in the Community remains the Parish Church which holds some historical photographs, documenting the creation of the Island and villages as the Community knows them now. There is also access to the 'Jura Lives' digital archives in the Service Point.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES SURVEY

What makes Jura a good place to live?

- Community spirit and community activities
- Scenery and access to the outdoors
- Character of the village
- Local amenities
- Location
- Community events
- Access to services
- Village environment

What people said:

'Excellent GP and medical services'
'Community is small enough to look out for each other.'
'The landscape, the wildlife, my friends and family'
'It's my home, I love it the way it is'
'Peaceful and almost crime free'
'Traditions, if you lose them, you lose the soul of Jura'
'A safe and great place to bring up children'
'Care home on the Island for the elderly'
'Great school and pre-school'
'It's safe'

What would you change or enhance?

- Roads and transport
- Housing
- Shops
- Services and facilities
- Telecommunications
- Community activities

What people said:

'Better roads and more street lighting'
'More affordable housing'
'Less holiday homes'
'Better broadband'
'A ferry with increased capacity'
'Community shop to stay open over lunch'
'A gym facility'
'Getting rid of midges'
'Benches along the village'
'Cheaper ferry fares'
'More job options'
'Pot-hole free road'
'Working between Community groups'
'Traditional music opportunities for young people'
'More options for teenagers'

ISLE OF JURA 2023 - 'DREAM JURA'

This statement has been prepared using local residents and organisations answers to the question - **What would be your 'Dream Jura'?**

'Jura will be a sustainable and thriving community - will have good transport links, affordable housing, local jobs and access to services. Modern infrastructure and renewable sources of energy. Good community facilities and activities and recreation & cultural activities that can be enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.'

What people said:

'This is my dream Jura'
'More locals back'
'Gym and swimming pool would be handy'
'Better transport in general to take travel stress away'
'Easier access off and onto the island'
'Super-fast broadband'
'Heli landing pad'
'Re-distribution of land to people who actually want to live here full time. Instead of absent landlords'
'Carbon neutral island/eco-friendly/electric cars. Inter-connecting islands - free ferries as Finland'
'New road'
'I feel Jura in the last few years is losing its roots'
Encouraging a traditional Scottish culture or west coast culture is what is needed in my opinion'
'I like it as it is'
'Jura is a wonderful place to grow up but once you get to a certain age there is not much to do, and it is also hard to get around when you don't drive'
'This is my 'Dream Jura' don't make too many changes'
'A community owned asset that would generate a significant income for the community that could go towards financing some items. (e.g. power generation/storage)'



MAKING IT HAPPEN

This 5-year Community led action plan has been developed by the whole community for the community. There was a terrific response to the Strengthening Communities consultation and event, the community intend to build on this positivity and create more opportunities for people to get involved. The priorities in this action plan will be taken forward by our local community groups and volunteers as identified, working with a range of public, private and voluntary sector partners.

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Keeping the Action Plan up to date:

A Community Action Plan Annual Review meeting will be held once a year to report back to the Community on how the plan is progressing. This review will be carried out by individuals from each identified group and a nominated person will report.

The Plan is for the whole community and is jointly owned by all the organisations and individuals within who will be working together to ensure its implementation over the next 5 years. This Community Action Plan is also available to download at juradevelopment.co.uk

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