





## Agenda for Bute Community Council

<b>Date</b>	2024 March 20 <sup>th</sup> , Wednesday at 1900 in United Church of Bute
<b>Online at</b>	<a href="http://butecommunitycouncil.wordpress.com">butecommunitycouncil.wordpress.com</a>
<b>Agenda</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attendance/Apologies</li> <li>2. Declarations of Interest</li> <li>3. Police Report</li> <li>4. Minutes of Previous Meeting: 19 January, 2024</li> <li>5. Community Council By-Elections</li> <li>6. A&amp;B Councillor Reports</li> <li>7. Community Councillors' reports</li> <li>8. Guest speaker: Tony Edwards, Positive Pedals</li> <li>9. Matters Arising <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Update on West Coast Motors / Young riders being denied travel</li> <li>b. Any advance on offer by CHall to use Coffee Stop once a week for teen only hot chocolate and chat session: CHall</li> <li>c. Update on derelict buildings in Port Bannatyne: FMartin and JOsborne</li> <li>d. Survey on fish farms: T Nelson</li> <li>e. Update on Arden Craig Gardens and Rothesay Pavilion</li> <li>f. Bute Islands Foods Community Fund: J Osborne</li> </ol> </li> <li>10. Public Questions</li> <li>11. AOCB</li> <li>12. Date of Next Meeting: 17 April, 2024</li> </ol>
<b>Following Documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police Report</li> <li>• Cllr Report – Peter Wallace</li> <li>• Youth Consultation Report</li> </ul>



<b>Community Council Debrief</b>
<b>Dates Between: 14/02/24 – 07/03/24</b>
<b>Location &amp; Beat: Bute – LB53/54</b>
<b>Reporting Officer: PC James Convery</b>

<p><b>Between the dates of 14/02/24 and 07/03/24, the number of Incidents and Crime Reports respectively are 126 and 50</b></p>	
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<div data-bbox="204 526 480 748">  <p><b>ACQUISITIVE CRIME</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="491 526 917 629"> <p>You identified homes being broken in to as a priority</p> </div> <div data-bbox="491 645 917 748"> <p>We have also identified fraud as a priority</p> </div>	<p>There have been 4 crimes recorded regarding thefts. 2 of these have been detected and the remaining 2 are ongoing enquiries.</p>
<div data-bbox="204 1115 480 1359">  <p><b>ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="491 1115 917 1218"> <p>You identified road safety as a priority</p> </div> <div data-bbox="491 1234 917 1359"> <p>We identified drink / drug driving and reducing road casualties as priorities</p> </div>	<p>There have been 2 crimes recorded regarding road traffic matters, including a detected drink driver.</p> <p>The other crime is regarding failing to stop/failing to report a road accident within 24 hours. This is an ongoing enquiry.</p>
<div data-bbox="204 1563 480 1785">  <p><b>VIOLENT CRIME</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="491 1563 917 1666"> <p>You identified violent crime as a priority</p> </div> <div data-bbox="491 1682 917 1785"> <p>We have also identified domestic abuse as a priority</p> </div>	<p>There have been 10 crimes recorded regarding assault, several of which include assaults on police and other emergency services. 8 of these are detected and the other 2 are ongoing enquiries.</p>



You identified protecting children and adults at risk of harm as a priority

We identified missing persons, sexual crime and the management of registered sex offenders as priorities

There have been 3 crimes recorded regarding communications offences. 2 of these are detected with the remaining an ongoing enquiry.

There have been 3 detected crimes regarding the possession of offensive weapons in a public place.

There have been 2 detected crimes regarding resisting arrest.

There has been 1 detected crime regarding attempting to enter a licensed premises while barred by means of an exclusion order.

There have been 2 sexual crimes, 1 of which has been detected and the other an ongoing enquiry.

There have been 2 crimes recorded involving dogs. An incident of dangerous dogs being out of control which was detected and an incident regarding a dog being punched to its face which is an ongoing enquiry.

There has been 1 detected crime regarding making false allegations towards Police.

There have been 2 crimes recorded regarding breaches of bail, 1 is detected and the other is an ongoing enquiry.

There have been 14 crimes recorded regarding threatening/abusive behaviour. 13 of these are detected with the remaining an ongoing enquiry.

**Crimestoppers** – [Crimestoppers in Scotland | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

*Useful Links/Contacts*

**Distress Brief Intervention** - [Distress Brief Intervention - Connected Compassionate Support | DBI.scot](#)

**Scottish Partnership against Rural Crime** - [Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime | Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime \(scottishparc.co.uk\)](#)

**Women's Aid** - [Home - Women's Aid \(womensaid.org.uk\)](#)

**Citizens Advice** – 08081646000

**Trading Standards** - 08081646000

The Council faced a gap of £40m this year in the revenue and capital budgets, which put at risk the services and maintenance that we all rely on. The decision to increase Council Tax by 10% was one that I was reluctant to take, but despite identifying £4M of savings and looking for other ways to raise income, a multi-million pound budget gap remained. The alternative put forward included measures such as transferring £3.1M of the Health and Social Care Partnership pension gain to the Capital Plan, increasing fees and charges by 8% and depleting funds for future projects. The Council Tax Freeze proposed by the Scottish Government was not fully funded, with the CoSLA budget reality analysis showing a £62.7M cut to Councils. The Council continues to support the CoSLA campaign for fair funding for local authorities in Scotland.

Since then, on Friday 8th March the Council Leader and Depute Leader met with Deputy First Minister Shona Robison and while it is somewhat disappointing that engaging with the Council seems to have been an afterthought for the Scottish Government, I welcome the ongoing discussions to try to address the issues that we face here in Argyll & Bute. Our goal remains to protect the vital services and jobs on which we all rely and I support any constructive dialogue with the Scottish Government that furthers that objective.

I attended the Townscape Heritage Event which highlighted the beneficial impact this funding has had on the built fabric of our town and community. The funding from key partners, National Lottery Heritage Fund, Historic Environment Scotland and Highlands and Islands Enterprise has allowed the Council to support businesses and owners to reinvigorate buildings on Victoria Street, Montague Street, Argyle Street and the Discovery Centre, building on the successful delivery of the first THI programme.

Thanks to members of the community council for raising the issues of Ardenraig Gardens and Castle Street, Port Bannatyne at public questions at the Area Committee meeting, highlighting the concerns of the community. With Cllr Kennedy-Boyle, I also met with the new BID manager and council officers to discuss a number of issues affecting the town.

The Fyne Homes Management Committee heard a report about the challenges faced with abandoned tenancies and the poor state of repair that some properties are left in and the additional time and money required for these properties to be reallocated. This is particularly frustrating given the Housing Emergency that the area is currently facing, where these properties are much needed to provide new homes.

The capital footway works on Marine road are now complete and preparation works are about to begin for surfacing work on a 300mtr section of the A844 between Ballianlay Farm and Etrick Bay.

I attended the CalMac Community Board Drop In event at the Glenburn Hotel and heard from members of the Community Board and from our own community about the shared experiences being faced across the network, particularly in relation to the new ticketing system and capacity.

At the Argyll & Islands Sounding Board we heard feedback from the Scottish Government's Islands Team on the National Islands Plan with a desire for a more localised approach with more connectivity. It was noted that there had been high expectations with the initial plan but with too many priorities and not enough money the outcome had been disappointing, with members requesting a plan for action, not just a plan.

There are public engagement events planned for w/c 18th March on the A83 Rest and Be Thankful to provide the opportunity to see and comment on the design for the long-term solution to that key route. Unfortunately there are no events planned on the island, however a virtual exhibition is

available at [www.pinpointcloud.co.uk/A83restandbethankful](http://www.pinpointcloud.co.uk/A83restandbethankful) with a deadline for response by 10th May 2024.

Councillor Peter Wallace  
Isle of Bute Ward  
Argyll and Bute Council

# Youth Consultation

## Young People's views about living on Bute



### Take Time Event

### Rothesay Joint Campus

### Wednesday 15 November 2024





## Overview



Bute youth worker Shona supported by colleague Hugh attended Rothesay Joint Campus to take part in their Take Time event which is held during careers week. This event brings prospective colleges, universities, employers and services together in one place to meet with young people.

Being an island this is a key event as young people cannot always easily travel to events to experience this type of event so often don't have the opportunities that many urban young people have.

This was an ideal opportunity for Youth Services on Bute to hear young people's voices and gather views as the event was open to all pupils in the only secondary school on the island.

Having discussed with Bute Youth Action Group it was decided that we would adapt a consultation that Kintyre Youth Action Group had run previously to find out what young people felt about living on Bute and what supports or services they felt were needed.

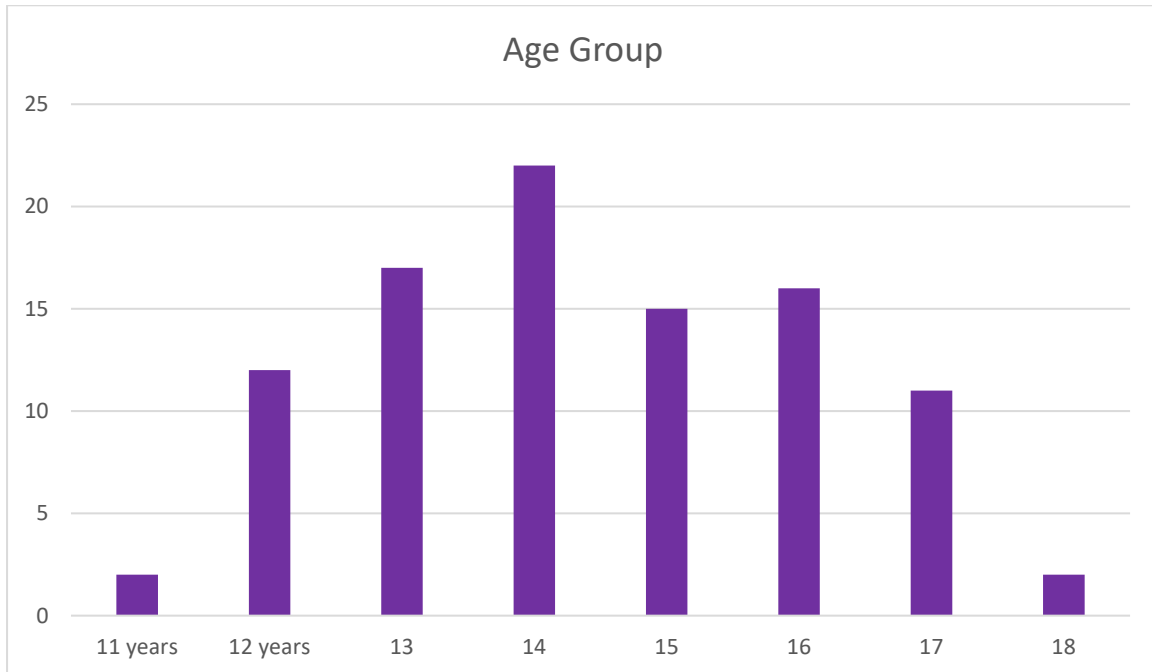
The consultation was completed by young people at the event and the personal data collected was age and their current situation.

The information collected was collated by the worker and then interpreted by members of youth action group to form this report.

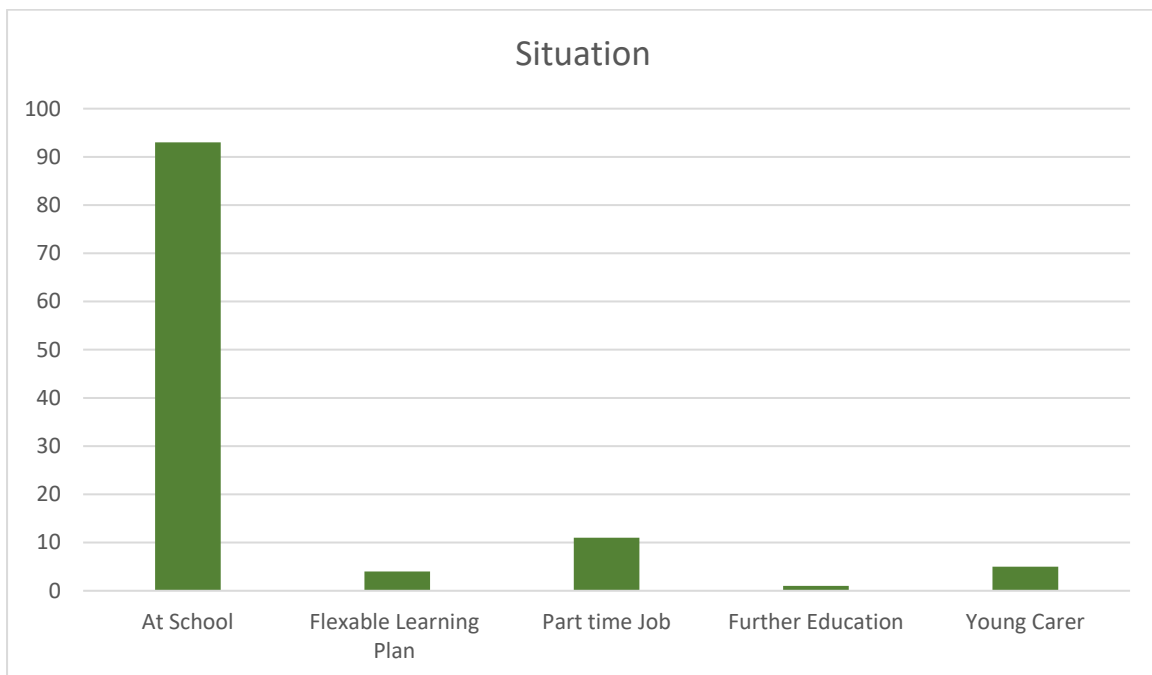
This report will be used to provide feedback to Rothesay Academy staff, Bute Community Council, local councillors and other organisations who want to know the views of young people on Bute. It will also be used by the Youth Services to shape our services on Bute.

Bute Youth Action Group and our Member of Scottish Youth Parliament can draw on relevant information from this report to enable them to share the voices of their peers on Bute and shape any programme of campaign they may take from this information.

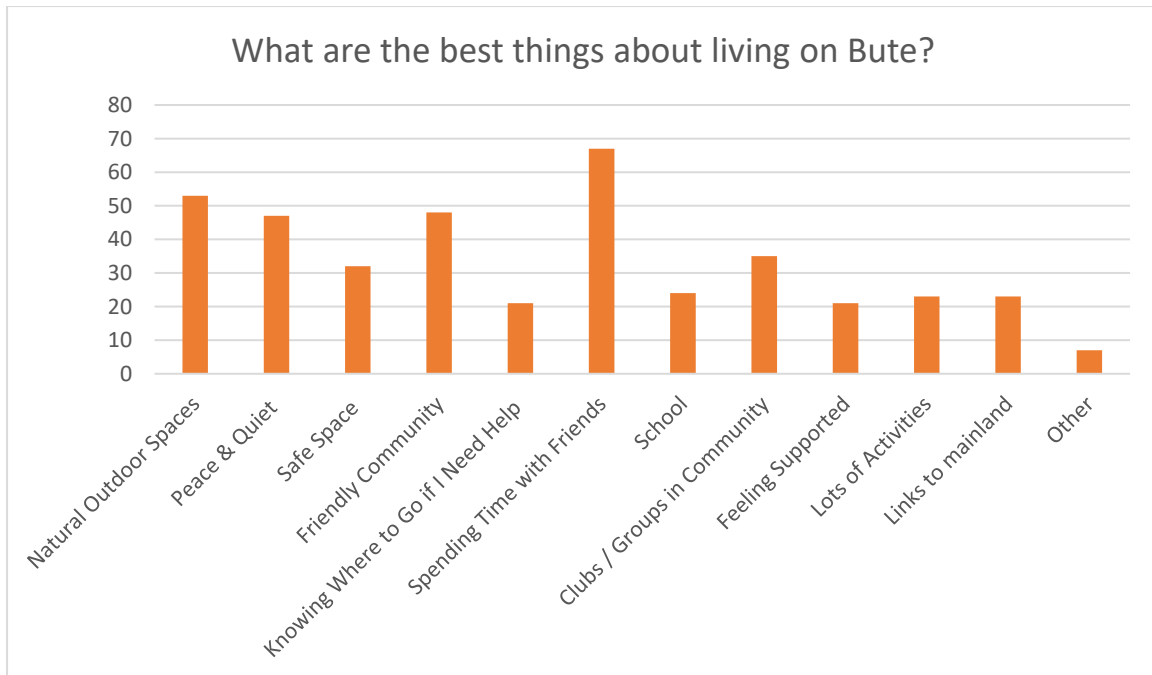
On the day 94 Young People between the ages of 11 & 18 who were attending the Take Time event took time to complete our consultation, this is just over a third of all pupils attending the school. All who completed the consultation attend Rothesay Academy of the these young people 4 are on flexible learning plans, 11 have part time jobs out with school and 5 are young carers. 1 young person is in further education doing a volunteer placement within the school.



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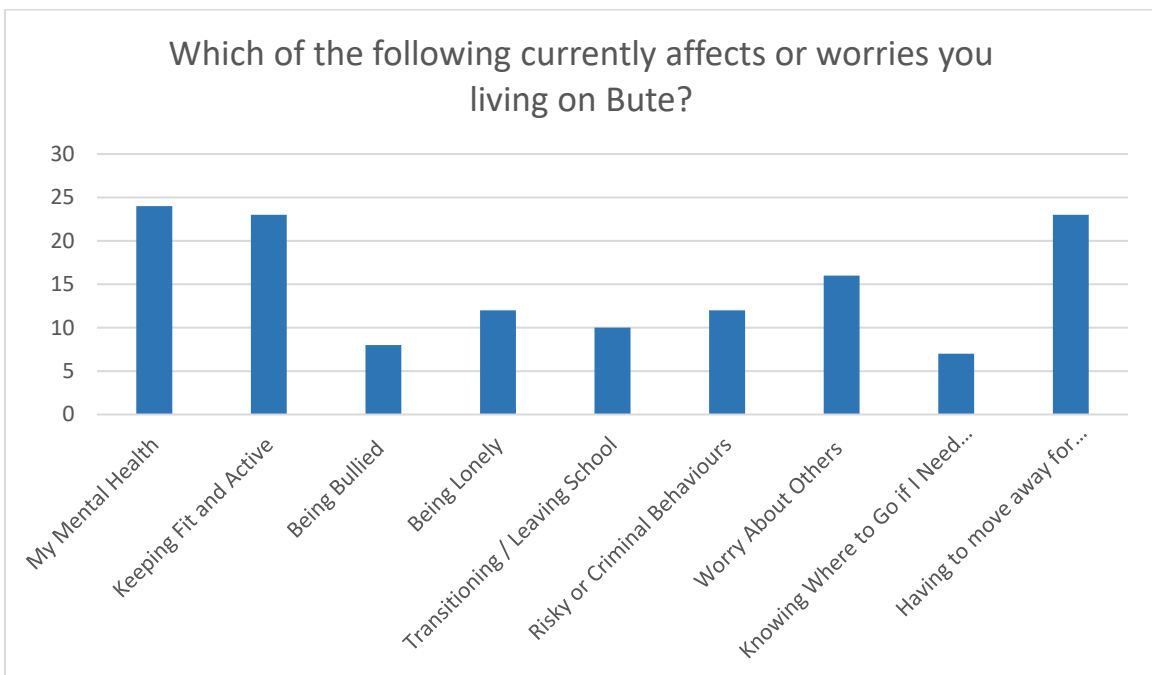
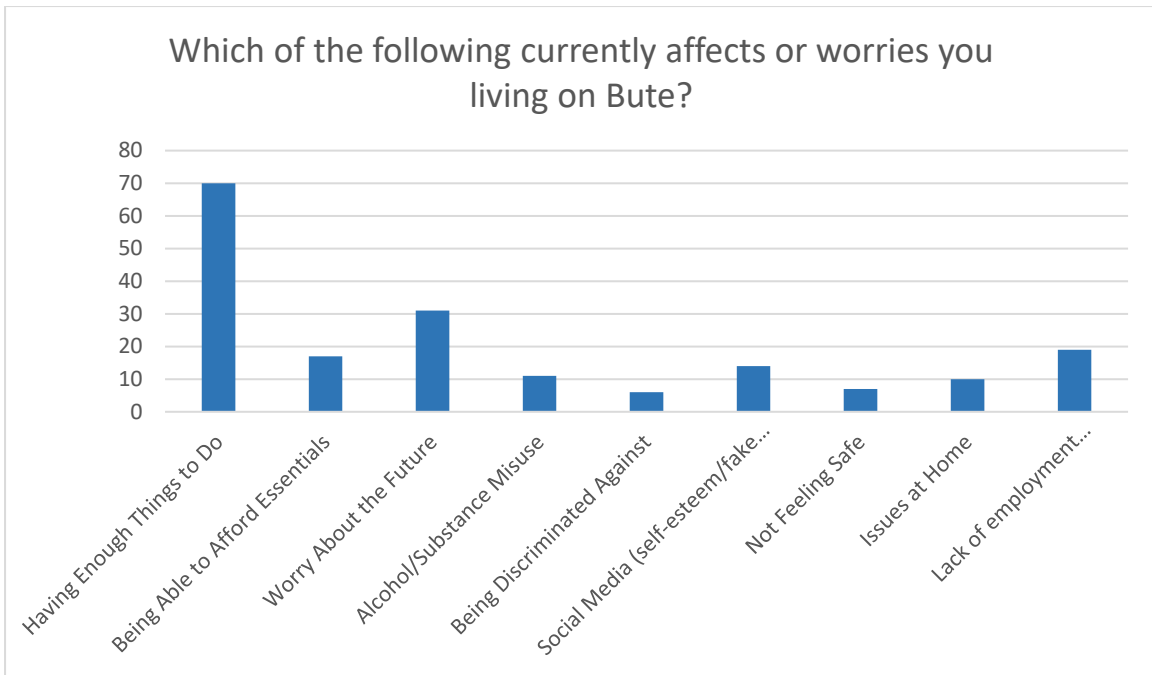


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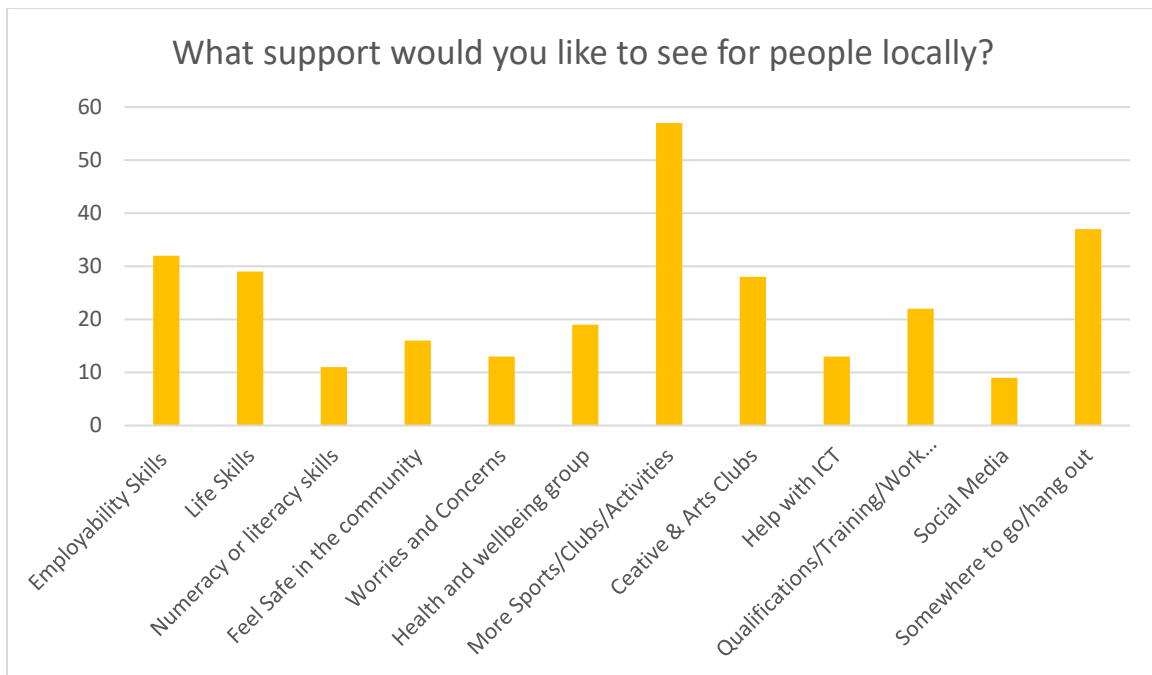


Bute & Kintyre youth exchange July 23

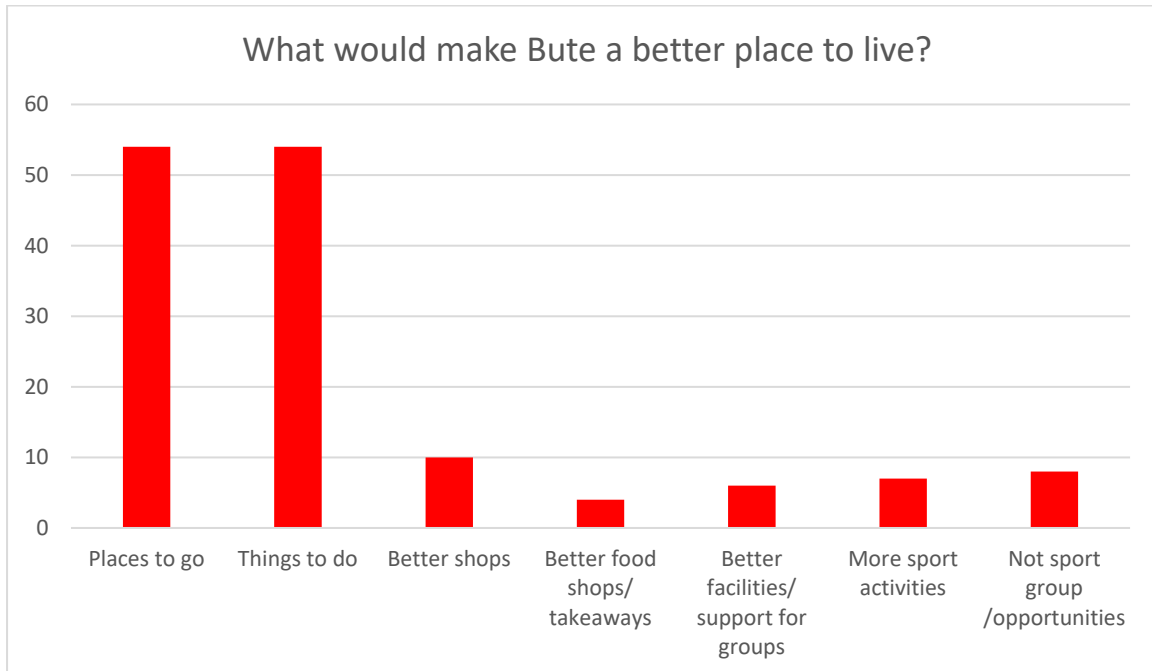
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### Question 5



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## **Analysis of information**

Young people said that there are lots of good things about living on Bute they liked the natural outdoor spaces and that they felt safe. Most said they loved spending time with their friends and attending groups in the community. Many of the young people are worried about the future being able to access employment or training also having to leave the island to access these opportunities.

An astounding 70 young people have told us that there is not enough for young people to do on Bute. These young people said that this was a massive thing as they have nowhere to go and meet up and this effected their ability to meet friends and socialise in a safe warm environment. 37 of these said they would like somewhere they could go & hang out without being chased. 57 people said that there is a need for more organised activities/ groups and clubs however many of these are already engaged in sports or dancing groups who want more or different to what is available, many young people said there is nothing for non-sporty people.

More than 1/2 of young people said they were worried about their own physical and/or mental health and that they didn't know where to access good support. They told us that the HUB at school is the best place and that other services didn't meet their needs. Young carers support a large amount of young people on Bute (only 5 completed this consultation) they run groups for primary and secondary pupils on alternating Wednesdays after school. Youth services work closely with Young Carers.

The biggest response to what young people felt would make a better place to live was "Places to Go and Thing to do".

## **Additional information**

### **Community Learning Youth Services**

Youth services are part of the Live Argyll Community Learning team, who also offer adult and family learning. This service is a flexible service working both with young people in school and within the wider community. The service is led partially by young people who are involved with planning of activities and projects and statutory commitments which are service wide.

Youth Services;

- Are engaging with young people within school and the community every week
- Support young people to plan and run their own groups in the community promoting youth voice, Youth Action & LGBT inclusion group.
- Work in partnership & act as a links to other groups and organisations. E.g. fire service and young carers
- Support or deliver SQA certified courses and other accredited learning e.g. Youth achievement awards & saltires awards at school & within the community
- Support & train Argyll & Bute MSYP's throughout their terms
- Are working partnership with RJC to support young people to run an Art & Craft group in the HUB during Thursday lunchbreak
- Will be supporting Bute Youth Action group who are going to carry out audit of groups and activities for young people on Bute & create a directory.
- Support ABMSYP's & Bute Youth Action Group to conduct regular consultations with young people

### **In response to the consultation Rothesay Academy have clarified that they currently along with partners Inc. Youth Services and our local community;**

- Have effective pupil councils & pupil leadership teams in place. (Youth Voice)
- All 4<sup>th</sup> year pupils do the Employability Award units as part of their wider achievement classes,
- All pupils in their senior phase are give further employability opportunities tailored to their needs including flexible learning plans to incorporate college courses , volunteering opportunities & work placements as well as Leadership Awards at levels 4, 5 & 6
- Literacy & Numeracy is a core subject which all pupils attend right through school they offer 1-1 support to any pupil who needs this.
- Through some courses pupils are able to attain practical qualifications and awards, e.g. hospitality, sports coaching,
- A variety of lunch and after school clubs/ classes
- Young people on flexible learning plans are able to access alternative classes and opportunities which support life skills.

### **Final Note**

Where possible both Youth Services and Rothesay Joint Campus consult and engage with our young people and try to tailor our services and wider offer to meet the needs of our young people. This means that services are flexible, adaptable and change regularly meeting the needs of our young people as best we can.