Ardrishaig Community Council

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill

Reference: Policy Memorandum - Easy Read Version

Comments by Ardrishaig Community Council

Paragraph 2, page 6 Community Planning

The new law should require that public service providers must make every effort to engage with the community ideally via the community council. Public service providers should be required to attend a community council meeting or organise public meetings in order to have meaningful discussion on people's needs. Given the volunteer make up of a community council, public service providers should provide personnel resources, to help the community council develop meaningful outputs and outcomes which can contribute to community plans.

Paragraph 3, page 7 Community Organisations

Public service providers should pass all proposals for service changes to a community council as a statutory requirement for discussion.

Paragraph 4, page 7 Community Right to Buy.

Ardrishaig Community Council supports the new law to allow for the purchase of land or building assets even if the owner does not want to sell.

Paragraph 6, page 9 'Common Good' Property

The new law to require that local councils should make a list of common good property should also apply to other public bodies. For instance, this would require a list from Scottish Canals, owners of the Crinan Canal and land and building assets in Ardrishaig.

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