

ROYAL BURGH OF WIGTOWN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CONSULTATIONS WORKING PARTY – April 2016

CURRENT CONSULTATIONS

- a) **Consultation on landing controls for the Scottish crab and lobster fisheries** – Marine Scotland. Closing date: 20 May 2016

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/marine-scotland/crab-lobster-landing-controls>

Scotland's brown crab, velvet crab and lobster fisheries are of great importance to many of Scotland's coastal communities with landings worth £32 million being recorded in 2014. Marine Scotland is seeking views on landing controls that it proposes to introduce throughout the Scottish coast to protect fisheries.

- b) **Transport Surveys** – SWestrans. Closing date – 27 May 2016

<http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/dqswestrans/index.aspx?articleid=15089>

SWestrans (the Transport Partnership for Dumfries and Galloway) has commissioned Sustainable Transport Options Studies to identify transport problems which affect the area and the surrounding communities on a day to day basis. Individuals can still complete the relevant online surveys for [Dunragit/Glenluce/The Machars/Newton Stewart transport study](#) -

- c) **Community right to buy abandoned, neglected or detrimental land as introduced by the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015** – Scottish Government. Closing date: 20 June 2016. *Draft response to be agreed CC's June meeting.*

Part 3A of the 2003 Act gives community bodies the right, in certain circumstances, to buy land without a willing seller, when the land is wholly or mainly abandoned or neglected, or the use or management of the land is causing harm to the environmental wellbeing of the local community.

The consultation addresses the proposed procedures and processes that would apply when communities look to exercise their right to buy. The consultation document is available for download at https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/community-land-team/abandoned-land/user_uploads/00497575.pdf

- d) **Asset Transfer under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015: Consultation on Draft Regulations.** – Scottish Government. Closing date: 20 June 2016. *Draft response to be agreed CC's June meeting.*

Community ownership or control of land and buildings can make a major contribution to empowering communities. It helps to provide stability and a sustainable base from which a community organisation can develop its activities, and can create a stronger sense of community identity, cohesion and involvement.

This consultation is on the draft regulations for asset transfer, along with an indication of guidance and best practice in certain areas. The Scottish Government is seeking wider views on the proposed procedures from relevant authorities, who will be required to implement them, and community bodies who may wish to use them. [Click here to download a copy of the consultation paper.](#)

- e) **Local Policing Consultation.** – Police Scotland. Closing date: None.

Police Scotland has launched a local policing consultation which looks to find out the priorities for policing in local communities. This process takes place each year, but this is the first time the consultation can be completed online. The online consultation is open all year which means you take part when it suits you - as well as giving you the flexibility of being able to resubmit the consultation if your priorities change. Police Scotland say: "The public consultation is for you to tell us what is important to you in your community. Your opinion is valued - we need your opinion to inform our policing. Having your say in the decision making process of Police Scotland is a vital tool for residents of Scotland to be

able to shape the way their public services should operate. Everyone's views across Scotland will be taken on board at a national and local level. They want you to help them focus on the priorities that will help communities most. There is no 'one size fits all' approach to local policing and all the needs and wants of individual communities will be considered." Take the survey [here](#). Many of the questions refer to the local area, which for the purposes of this survey, is considered to be the area you stay in. The survey includes 27 questions and should take, on average, up to 15 minutes to complete.

FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIONS

No Forthcoming Consultation