

## ROYAL BURGH OF WIGTOWN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### CONSULTATIONS WORKING PARTY – June 2016

#### **CURRENT CONSULTATIONS**

- a) **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. **No response**

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](https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/community-land-team/abandoned-land/user_uploads/00497575.pdf)

- b) **Asset Transfer under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015: Consultation on Draft Regulations.** – Scottish Government. Closing date: 20 June 2016. **No response.**

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.](#)

- c) **Consultations on applications to register the names "Forfar Bridie" and "Ayrshire Early New Potatoes / Ayrshire Earlies" as Protected Geographical Indications (PGI) under the EU Protected Food Name (PFN) Scheme** – Scottish Government. Closing date: 18/5 August 2016 respectively.

PGI is a designation of the EU Protected Food Name scheme, which highlights regional and traditional foods whose authenticity and origin can be guaranteed through an independent inspection system.

Do you object to the application to register the name as a Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) under the EU Protected Food Name (PFN) scheme? Yes/No. Outline your comments or objection.

#### **FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIONS**

No Forthcoming Consultation