
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

**Helensburgh and Lomond Area
Committee**

Helensburgh, Cardross and Dumbarton Cyclepath Update

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1. This report updates Members of the progress made since the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee on 16 September 2021 in relation to the delivery of Argyll and Bute Council's long-term ()28(t)28(h)56(e)-6()38.5362>B535104607(t)21 0 0 1 362 Tf1

- 4.9. **Helensburgh Town.** A funding application has been submitted to Transport Scotland's Places for Everyone fund, administered by Sustrans, for funding in 2021/22 to undertake a high quality community engagement to identify demand for and a potential route(s) of the Cyclepath from the western edge of Helensburgh into the centre of the town. Disappointingly, despite Sustrans Officers stating they expected to provide a quick decision on the application; since submission of the application Sustrans have now advised that the application will require to be considered by a funding panel. However, at time of writing Sustrans have not been able to confirm a timescale for the next funding panel. The uncertainty of when funding may be confirmed for this stage of work makes it likely that the earliest it will be possible to complete the planned work is 2022/23 given the required time for procurement and the work required.

Construction: Cardross Station to Geilston Burn

- 4.10. The permanent pedestrian and cycle bridge over the Geilston Burn was installed on 29 October 2021. Following installation of the permanent bridge, the temporary (pipes) bridge was removed from the burn.
- 4.11. Roads Operations are now working to undertake the final surfacing, lining and signage to complete the route linking Cardross Station and the Geilston Burn. Subject to weather conditions being favourable, it is planned to undertake surfacing works prior to the end of 2021. Lining and signage are dependent on availability of external contractors and delivery timescales.

Programme

- 4.12. **Appendix 1** provides an outline programme of the key stages and forecast timescales for each section of the Phase 1: Helensburgh to Cardross section of the Cyclepath; Phase 2: Cardross to Dumbarton; and, Phase 3: Helensburgh: Hermitage Academy to Town Centre.
- 4.13. **Appendix 2** provides an update on discussions with the design contractor and the current position on land negotiations. **[EXEMPT]**

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1. Completion of the Helensburgh, Cardross and Dumbarton Cyclepath will provide a dedicated, high quality, accessible walking and cycle route linking Helensburgh, Cardross and Dumbarton. This route will provide opportunities for all in the Helensburgh – Cardross – Dumbarton corridor to travel more sustainably and actively by walking and cycling. This will provide a safe alternative to having to use a private car to travel between these communities and help lower Argyll and Bute's carbon footprint. Funding for these works has been secured from our key active travel partners with further bids being developed to enable the construction of further sections of the cycleway following detailed design work and as and when land purchases have been concluded.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1. Policy

