

# Passing the baton

## Sharing learning from coastal change adaptation case studies

Webinar 16 April 2024



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# What we'll cover

**13.00 Welcome**

**13:10 Some round 2 projects (2023-24)**

- South Ayrshire
- Scottish Borders
- Fife

**13:22 Introducing the round 3 projects (2024-25)**

- Angus
- Argyll & Bute
- City of Edinburgh
- Fife
- Highland
- Moray
- North and South Ayrshire

**14:00 Panel discussion / Q&A**

**15:00 Close**

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# Learning together

## Coastal Change Adaptation Workshop #3

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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How SG envisages the case study process to build the evidence base year on year?

CCC review of Scotland's Progress:

Majority of Scotland's shoreline does not have SMPs, meaning **most local authorities do not have a plan** to manage coastal erosion risk.

Absence of monitoring means many climate risk are unknown.

**Adaptation needs to be embedded across full range of government (incl local authorities)**

But we are making progress:

- 1) CCA Funding online (but £ pressure in LAs)
- 2) Many LA starting CCAPs
- 3) There is a need to showcase various aspects & undertake works on the ground & with communities.

**The Case Studies showcase our learning and provide knowledge-exchange opportunities between authorities & communities.**





We are keen to share our knowledge, help one and other and demonstrate action.

Great resources on

- [DynamicCoast.com/cca](https://DynamicCoast.com/cca)
- [Sniffer/Coastal Change Adaptation](#).

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## Case Studies

Case studies allow local authorities to develop and share learning on how to undertake coastal change adaptation. In 2024-25, £1m is shared between ten case studies. These join eight authorities which received £550k funding in 2023-24.

Some explore community engagement aspects, whilst other are using the latest technology to inform trigger points and guide adaptation actions.

**Summary**

Council updates (2023-24):

- [Dumfries & Galloway \(Sandhead\) #1](#),
- [Fife \(St Andrews\) #1](#),
- [Highland \(Nairn\) #1 & #2](#),
- [Orkney Isles #1](#),
- [South Ayrshire \(Ballantrae\) #1](#).

Council updates (2024-25):

- [Argyll & Bute \(Cullipool\)](#)
- [Moray \(CoastSnap\)](#),
- [Moray \(Kingston recharge\)](#)

Authorities can download a reporting template [here](#).

### Coastal Change Adaption Case Studies

Legend

- 2024-25 (with annotations)
- ▲ 2023-24

Map callouts:

- Highland, £40k
- Moray, £120k
- Moray, £20k
- Moray, £80k
- Angus, £40k
- Fife, £30k
- Edinburgh, £33k
- Argyll & Bute, £60k
- N. Ayrshire, £60k
- S. Ayrshire, £60k

Scale: 0 50 100 Kilometres

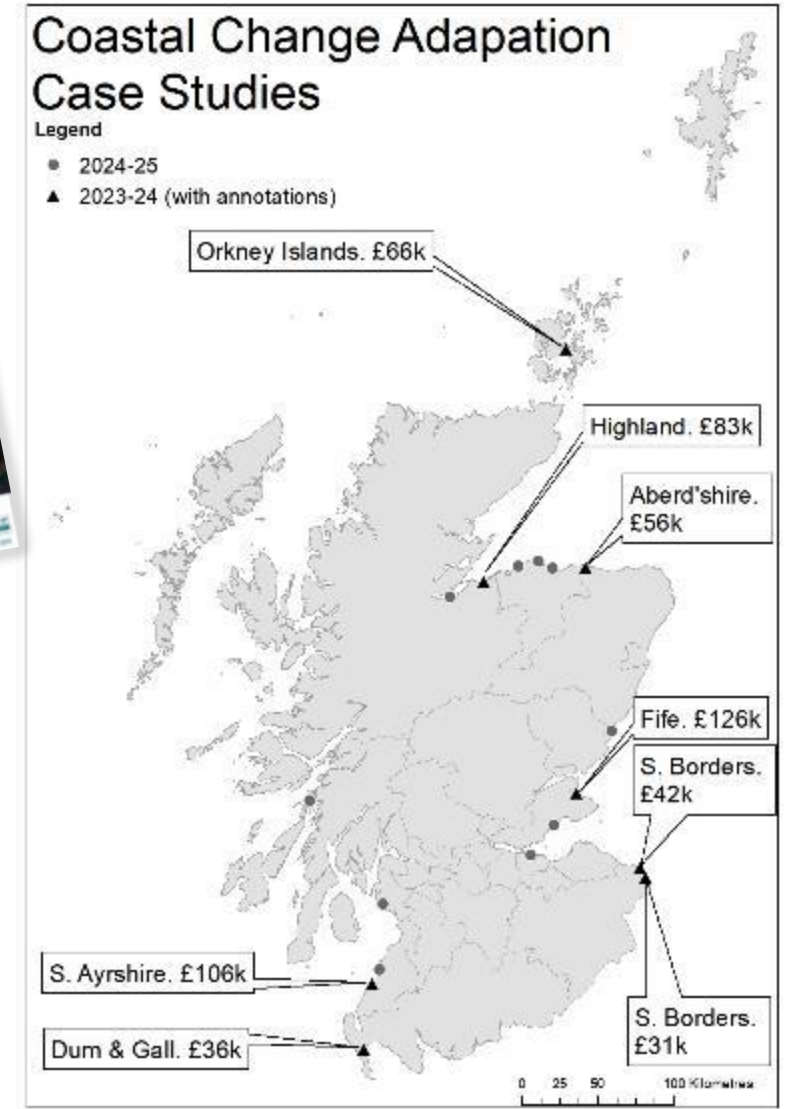
# Year 2 Case Studies (2023/24)

So, let's hear from...

1. Lorna Jarvie & Scott Greig (S. Ayrshire)
2. John Lavery (Mott MacDonald / S. Borders)
3. **Rick Haynes (Fife)**

4 mins each

*Not all plain sailing: Fife & Aberdeenshire*



# South Ayrshire

Lorna Jarvie & Scott Greig



# Ballantrae Coastal Change Adaptation Plan

## Lessons learnt to date at April 2024

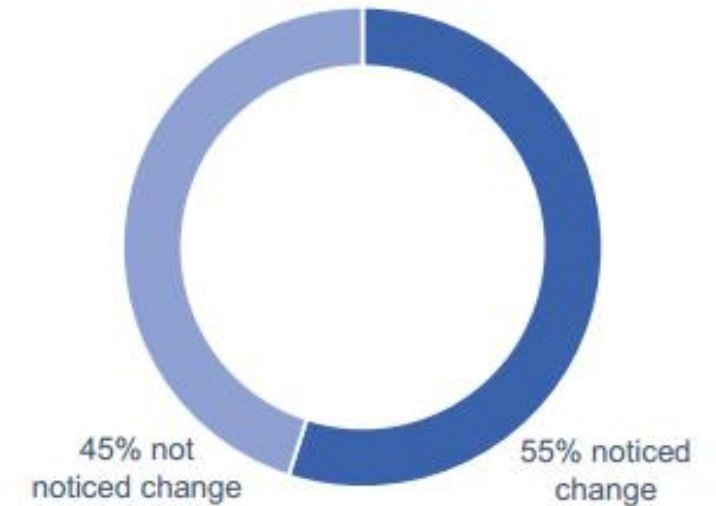




# Research / key stages learnings

- Familiarise with Dynamic Coast 2 outputs
- Familiarise with Coastal Change Adaptation Plan Guidance
- Consider / engage with stakeholders
- Get help
- Decide outputs
- revisit / refresh as project evolves

Is the Coast Changing?



Of the 33 people who have noticed the coast changing, 19 expressed their concerns about this.

"Climate change will affect Ballantrae in the next 20 years."

41 agreed

9 disagreed

"Climate change will affect Ballantrae in the next 50 years."

48 agreed

5 disagreed

# Stakeholder engagement

## Importance to the Community

When asked "how important is the beach at Ballantrae to you?"

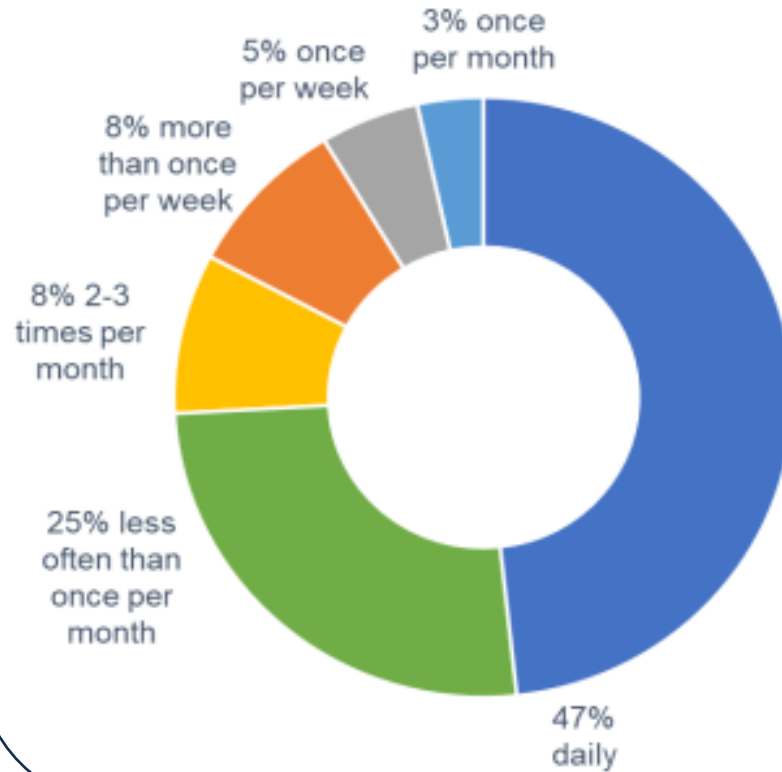
83% of people said "very important" or "important"

3% of people said "unimportant"

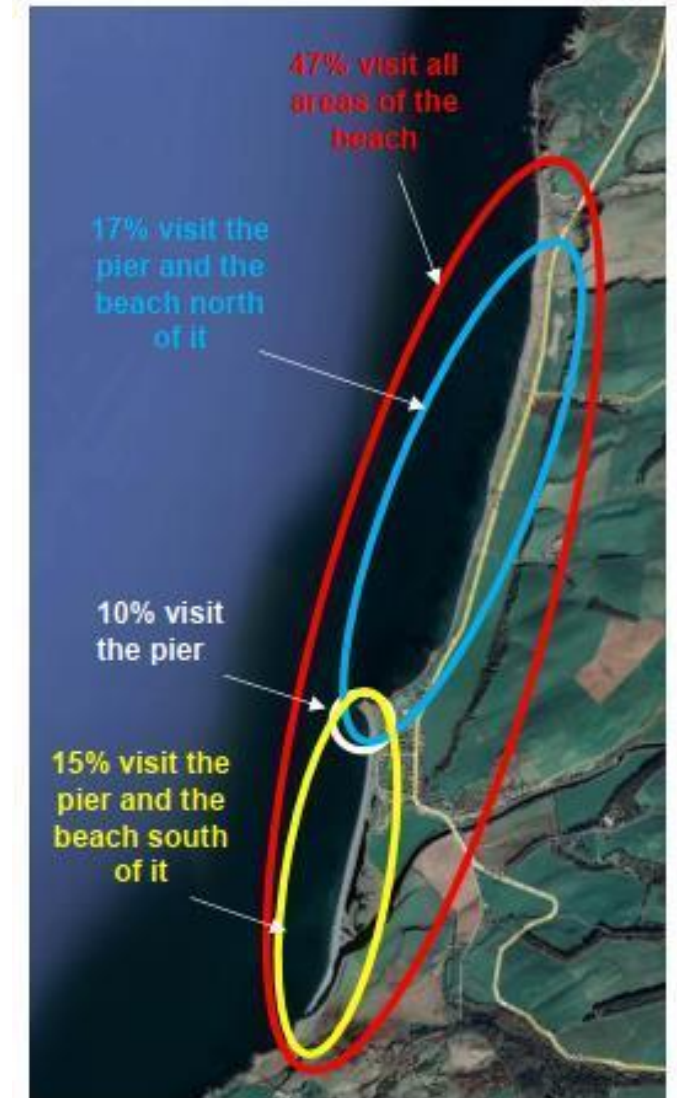
## What do you value about living in Ballantrae?



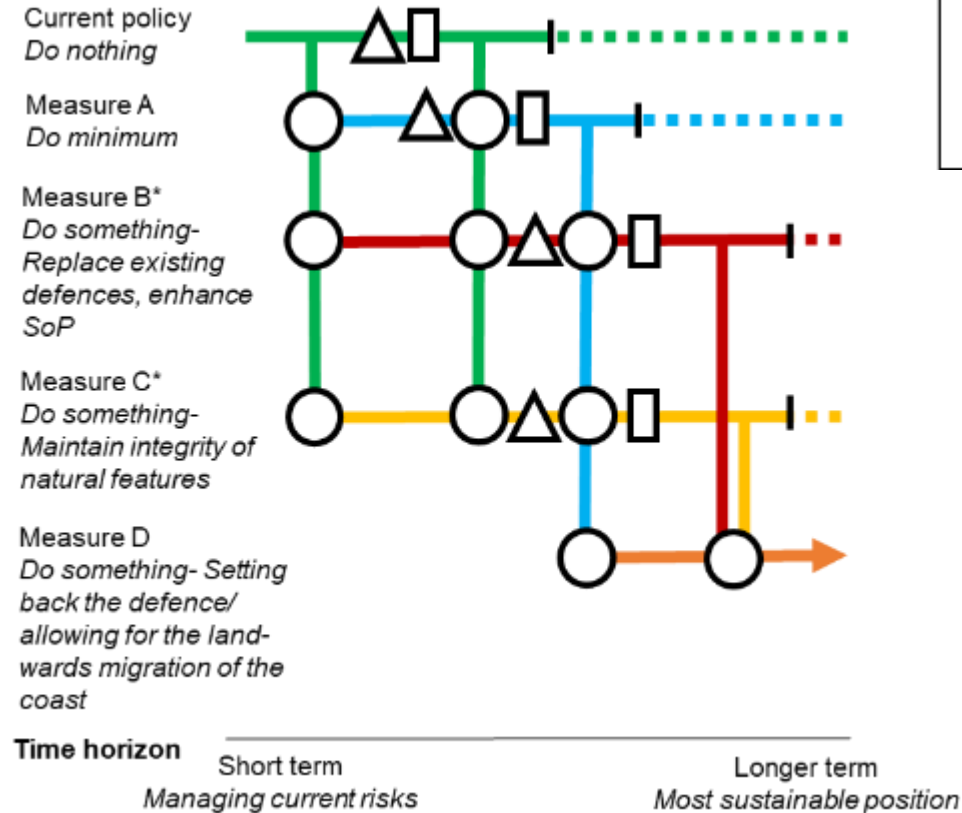
## How often do you visit the beach?



## Which part of the beach do you visit?



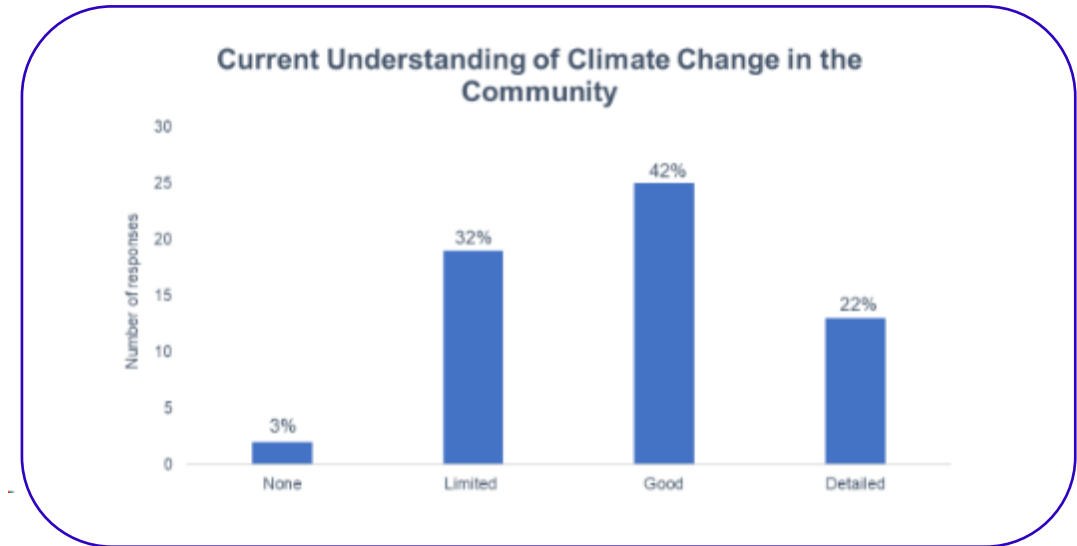
# Final thoughts



**Scorecard pathway overview:**

| Pathway: | Costs: | Benefits: |
|----------|--------|-----------|
| 1        | 0      | +         |
| 2        | £      | ++        |
| 3        | £      | +++       |
| 4        | £££    | ++        |
| 5        | £££    | +++       |
| 6        | £££    | ++++      |
| 7        | £££    | +++       |
| 8        | £      | ++++      |
| 9        | ££££   | ++++      |
| 10       | £££££  | ++++      |

- Key:
- Transfer station to new measure
  - △ Adaptation signal
  - Decision node
  - | Adaptation tipping point of an action
  - Measure effective
  - Measure not effective



- Deeper engagement to be achieved
- Monitoring regimes
- Long term planning

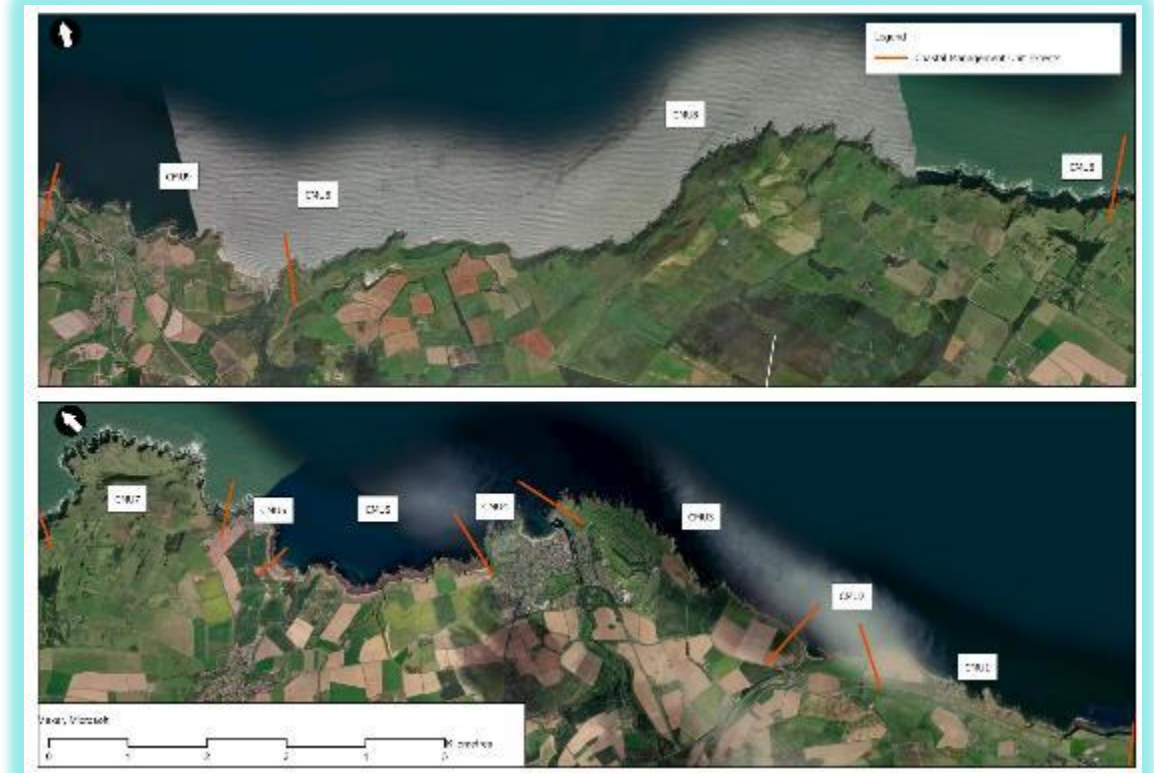


# Scottish Borders

Victoria Deakin

# Berwickshire CCAP – Consultation

In coastal communities, like those along the Berwickshire coastline, climate related events (sea level rise, flooding, coastal erosion) could be devastating, leading to isolation from key services and emergency response. The aim of our consultation was to review best practice and identify how to reach appropriate audiences in Scottish Borders.

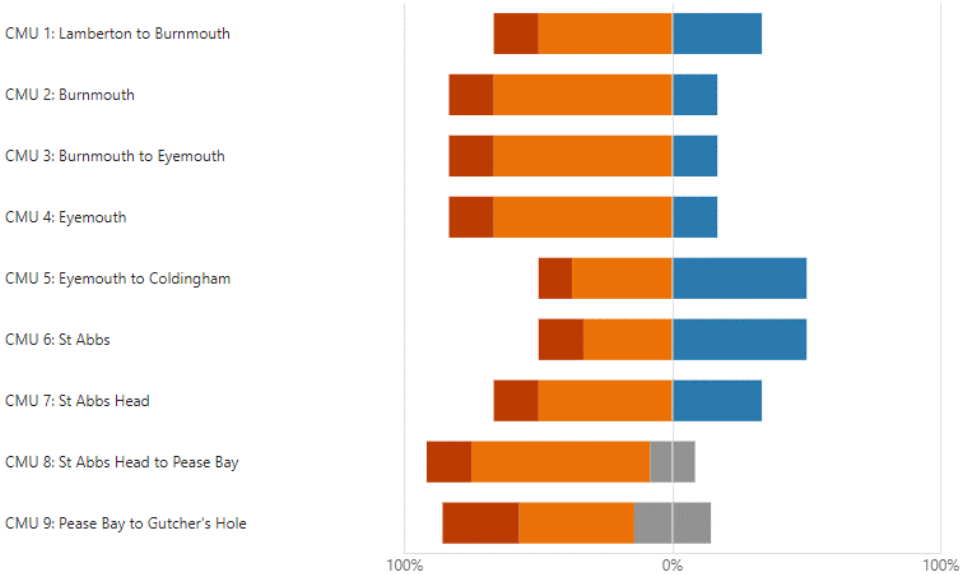


# Berwickshire CCAP - Consultation

The BCCAP should take full account of the potential to involve and engage the community in the process of coastal change and where appropriate create the opportunities for community participation in delivering mitigation and adaptation actions. This level of engagement helps to promote individual and community understanding of climate and environmental change.

7. How supportive are you of the proposed short-term policies for each Coastal Management Unit (CMU)?

Very supportive Supportive Neutral / No opinion Unsupportive Very unsupportive



Online storymap



In-person event

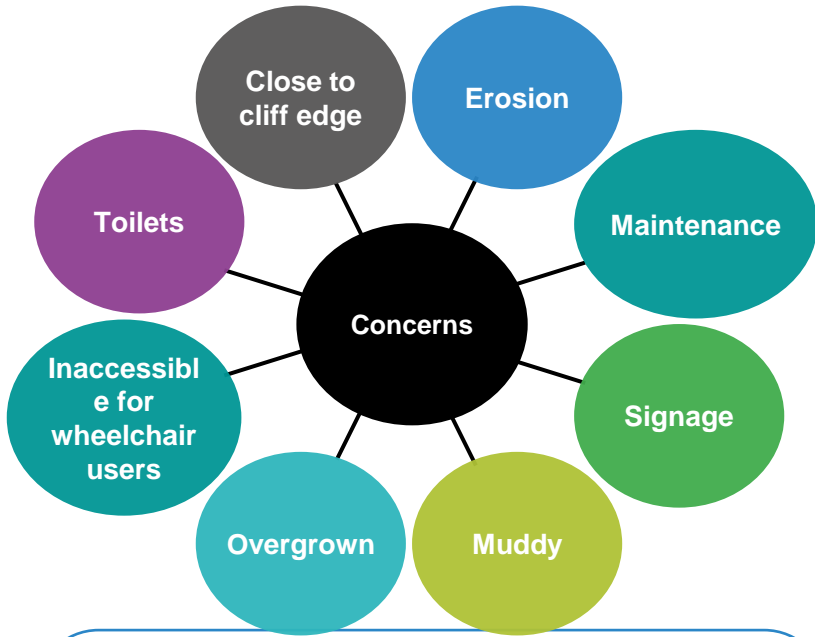


# Berwickshire Coastal Path



The Berwickshire Coastal Path is a central part of the Berwickshire coastline providing an important local amenity and is a driving force in boosting local tourism. Scottish Borders Council have used funding provided by Scottish Government funding to explore resilience and adaptation options for the Berwickshire Coastal Path.

# Coastal Path Consultation

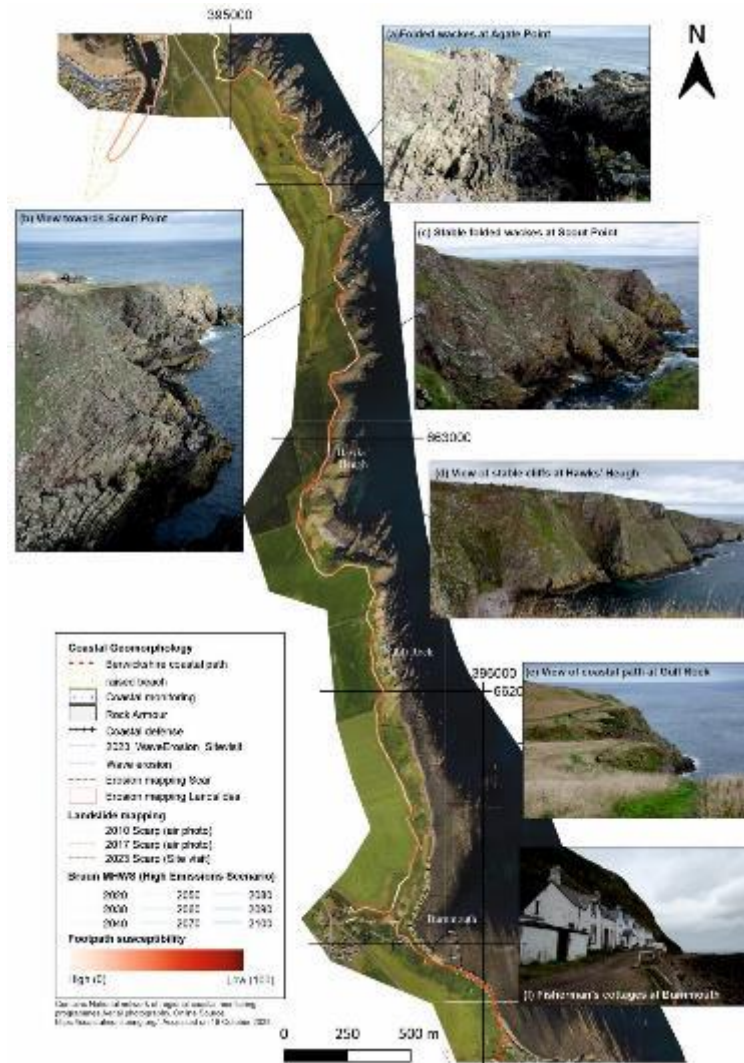


Walking, sightseeing, nature, photography and commuting

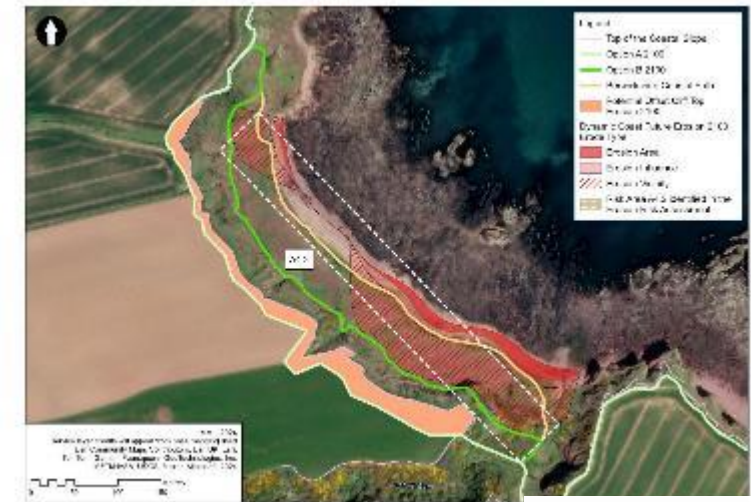
Top 5 reasons for path use

334 number of people responded

# Coastal Path susceptibility assessment



# Coastal Path options



# Fife

Dr Rick Haynes



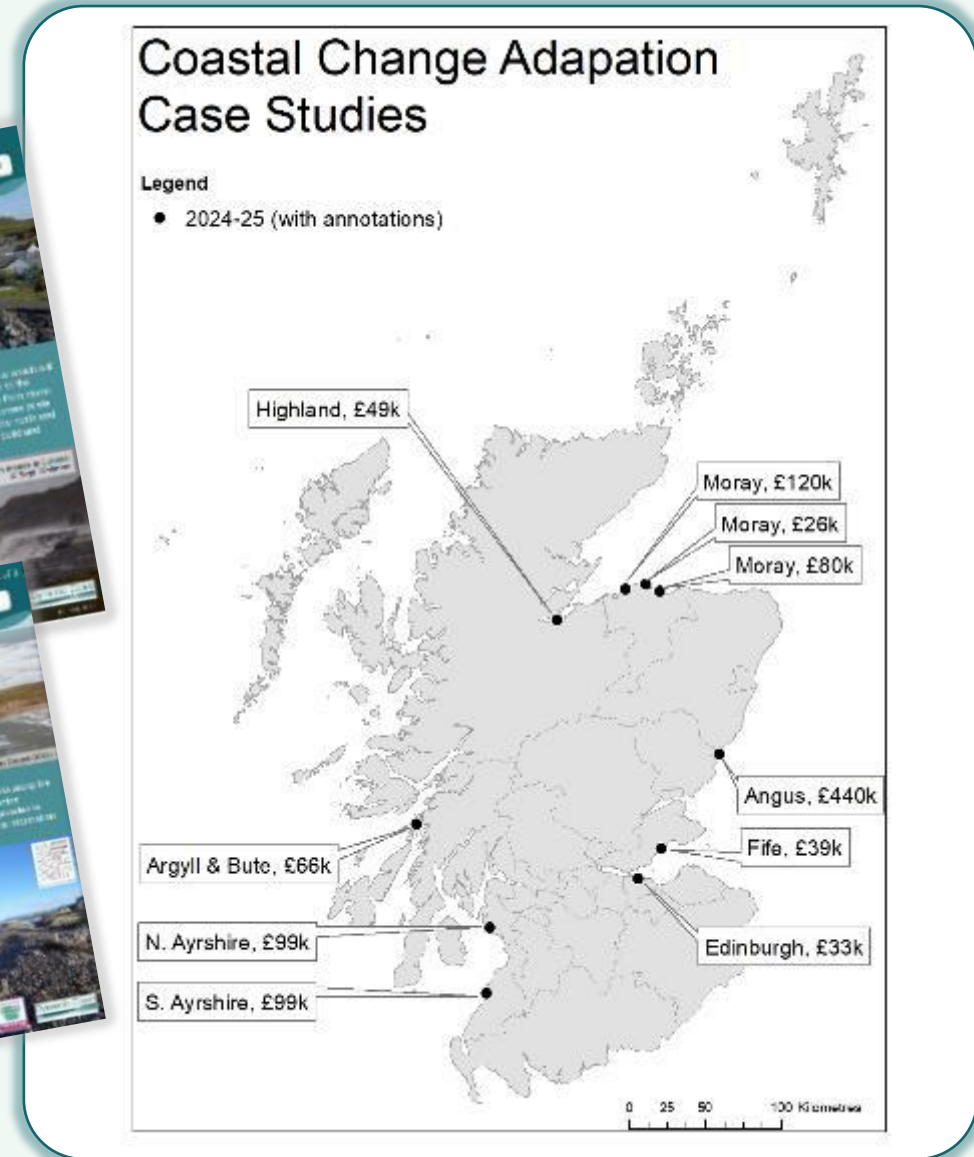
# Year 3 Case Studies (2024/25)

Next up, for case studies that are just starting

1. Eleanor Doyle (Angus)
2. Colin Buchanan (Isle of Luing)
3. John Lavery (Mott MacDonald / CEC)
4. Anee Scott (Fife)
5. Susan Veitch (Highland)
6. Will Burnish (Moray)
7. Lorna Jarvie & Scott Greig (Ayrshire CCAP)

4 mins each though Will has 6mins

Panel discussion & Q&A



# Angus

Eleanor Doyle

# Argyll & Bute

Colin Buchanan & Rob Black



# Cullipool conservation village - Isle of Luing

- Located 16 miles south of Oban off the west coast of Argyll
- Population of 179 and a mixed economy
- One of the Slate Islands and has historic slate quarries
- Our village is built on made ground and our beach is slate spoil



# What is our challenge?

- Sea storms will always cause damage
- Sea wall built from slate in 2000
- Damage in 2018 spurred our community to find a solution
- Realisation that Slate production could deliver material to protect the shore
- Funding and managing delivery



Isle of Luing  
Community Trust



# UoG report shows our village is at severe risk

Worst case, do nothing - erosion will continue and made ground will be lost

- By 2060 the bank is eroded to quarry edge
- By 2060 the higher bank is eroded through

Our delivery plan has four phases

1. Repair the worst affected (North) section
2. Repair the South section
3. Rock from setup of slate quarry operations (32,000 cubic metres) to nourish the wider beach
4. Annual and continued beach nourishment with slate spoil from the slate quarry operation

Ongoing monitoring programme to measure changes to the beach and made ground.

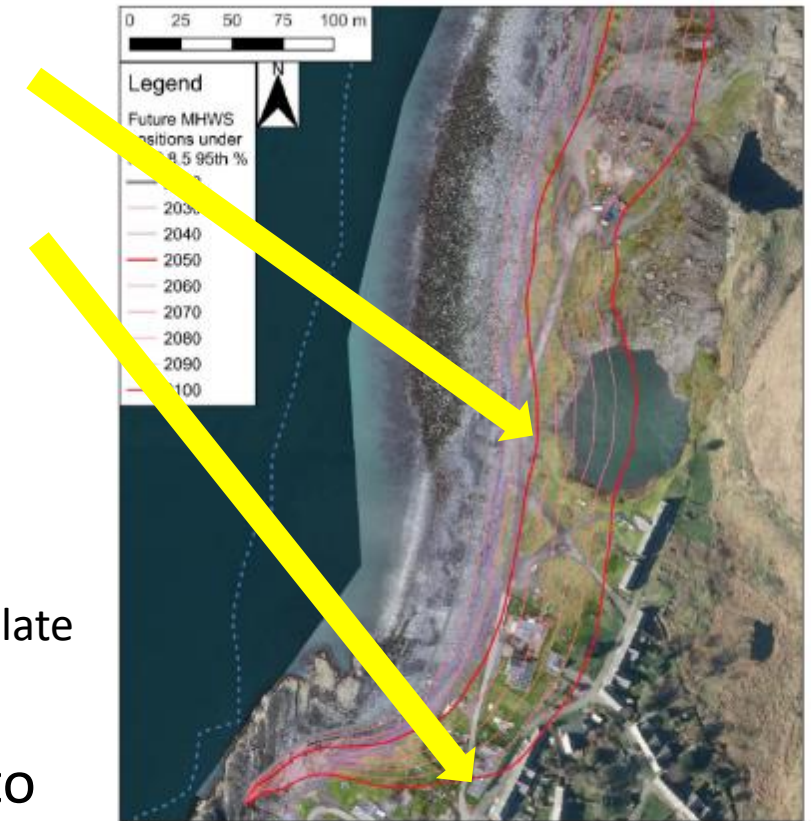


Figure 11: Future positions of MHWs under RCP 8.5 95<sup>th</sup> percentile scenario, as calculated following the methods of the Dynamic Coast project. MHW lines are plotted for each decade to 2100. This approach assumes that erosion occurs into unconsolidated substrate and is unabated by any coastal defences.



# PHASE 1 - COMPLETED



In 2023 completed Phase 1 with grant assistance from HES and local fund raising

- High cost - Phase 1 = £35k
- Difficult to get suitable contractors
- Used stone recovered from spoil heaps

# Phase 2 - CCA and Argyll and Bute Council funding will enable delivery in 2024



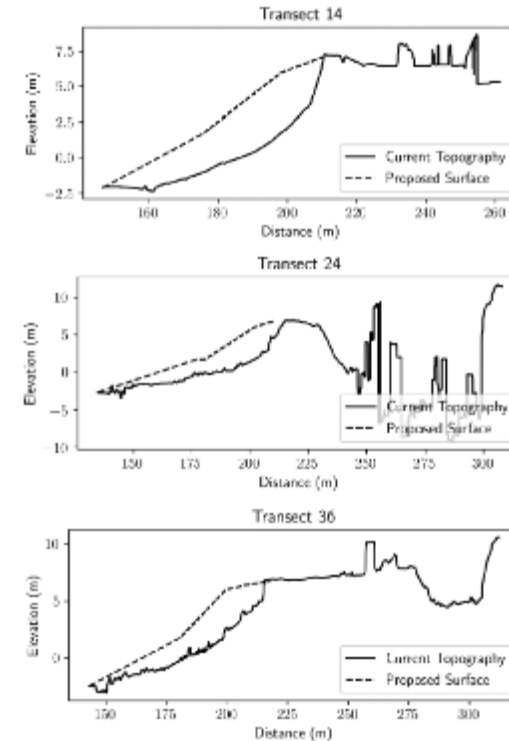
- The south part of the wall to be rebuilt in summer 2024
- Recover stone from shore and from quarry
- Change the slope of the wall to improve defense
- Place as much stone on beach in front of wall as funding will support
- Recover as much large stone as affordable for beach nourishment

# Phase 3 - Ongoing protection – use stone to raise levels back to 1995 state



Figure 9. Transects used for shoreline change analysis. Transects are numbered sequentially from south to north. Transects 14, 24 and 36 highlighted were selected to visualise cross-shore topographic profiles as shown in Figure 10.

- Whole area segmented
- Each segment calculated for amount needed
- Different profiles for each
- Total required is 90,000m<sup>3</sup>
- We will deliver 32,000m<sup>3</sup>
- Focus is on sections 1 – 27





# SLATE ENTERPRISE DESIGN

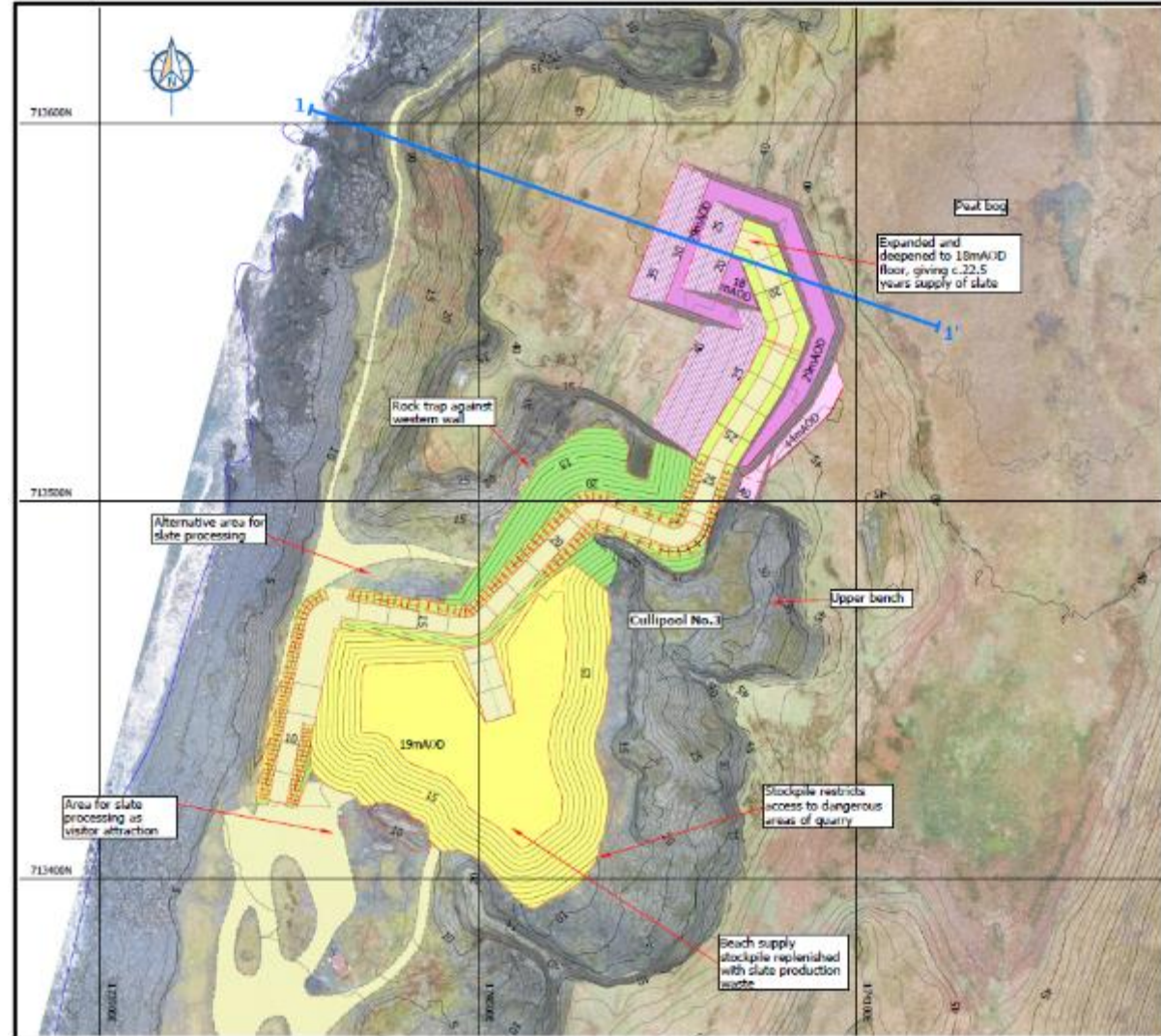
IOLCT Commissioned GWP to undertake a geological mapping and quarry development plan.

Small slate enterprise plan. Quarry moved eastwards and hidden from village after initial review.

Focused on areas from Cullipool no3 quarry up to the North at Port Mary.

25yr forecast production of circa 200 tonnes of finished roofing slate annually.

Initial set up would deal with the coastal erosion issue and then manageable through annual top ups.



# Barriers to progress

- **Time and resources**
  - Small communities need a lot of resources just to get a plan together
- **Expertise and knowledge**
  - is hard to identify, expensive and complex to assess
- **Funding**
  - Costs for some solutions for island communities can be unaffordable
  - Engineered solutions can be logistically too complex
  - Private land ownership means limited Council help
- **Contractor availability**
  - Finding a competent contractor with the appropriate schedule window to suit our project
- **Professional services**
  - Identifying and costing in services like QS or Civil Engineers.

# City of Edinburgh

John Lavery

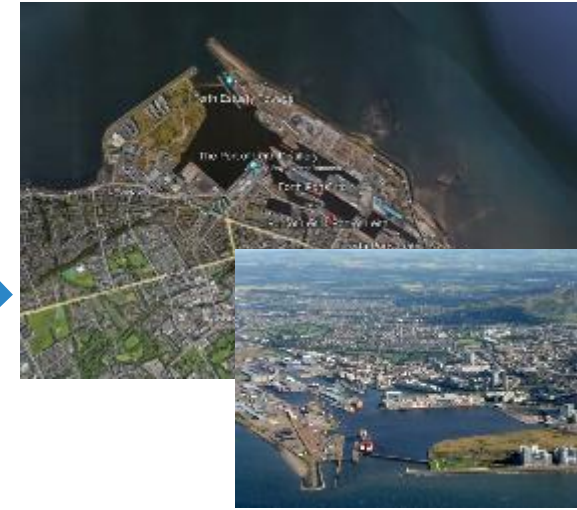


# Edinburgh CCAP

## Infrastructure Owner Consultation



- The Forth Rail Bridge (Responsible body: Network Rail)
- The Queensferry Crossing and Forth Road Bridge (Responsible body: Forth Bridges Operating Company)



Forth Ports Leith (Responsible Body: Forth Ports Group)



The Seafeld Wastewater Treatment Works (Responsible body: Veolia / Scottish Water)

# Fife

Amee Scott

# Coastal Impact Management

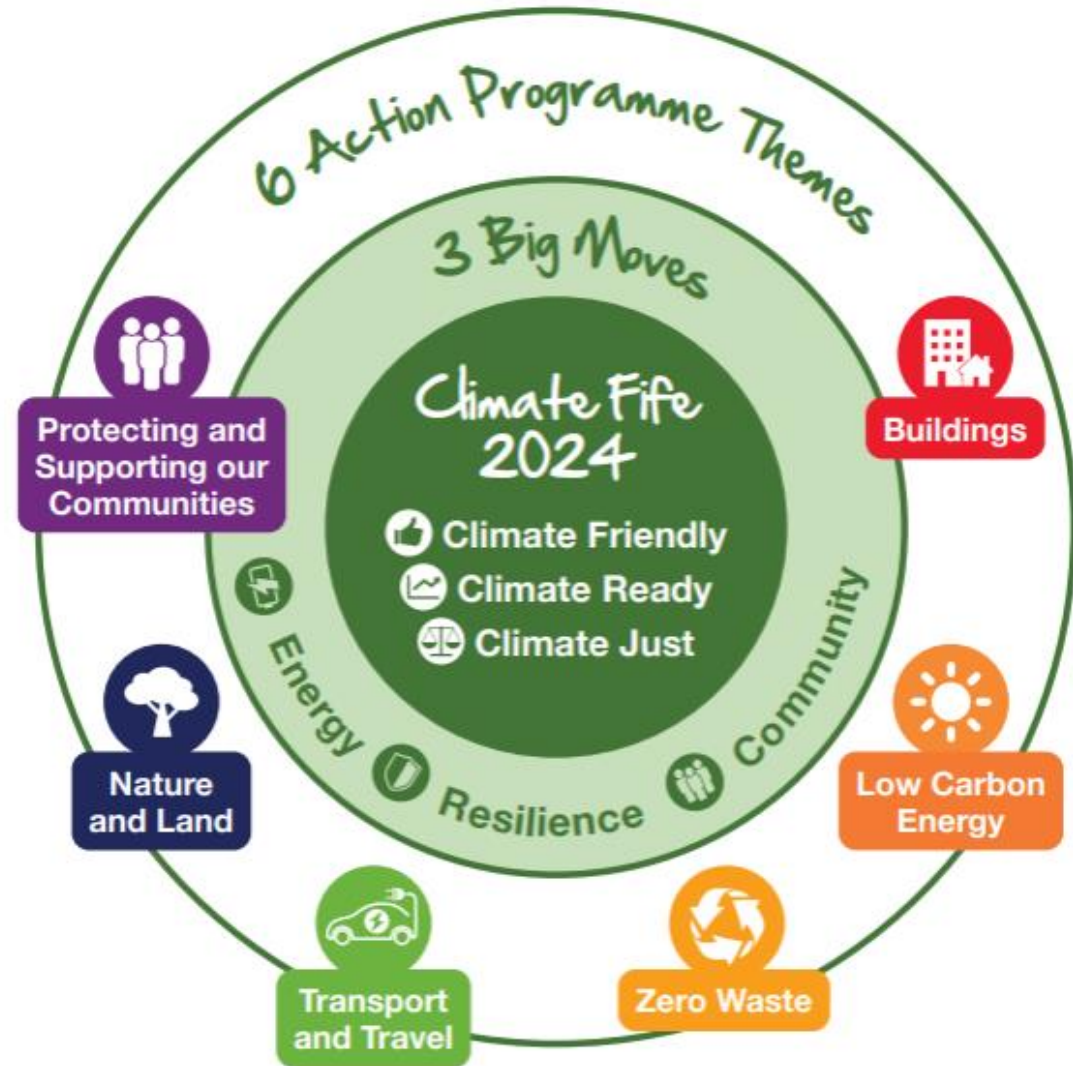
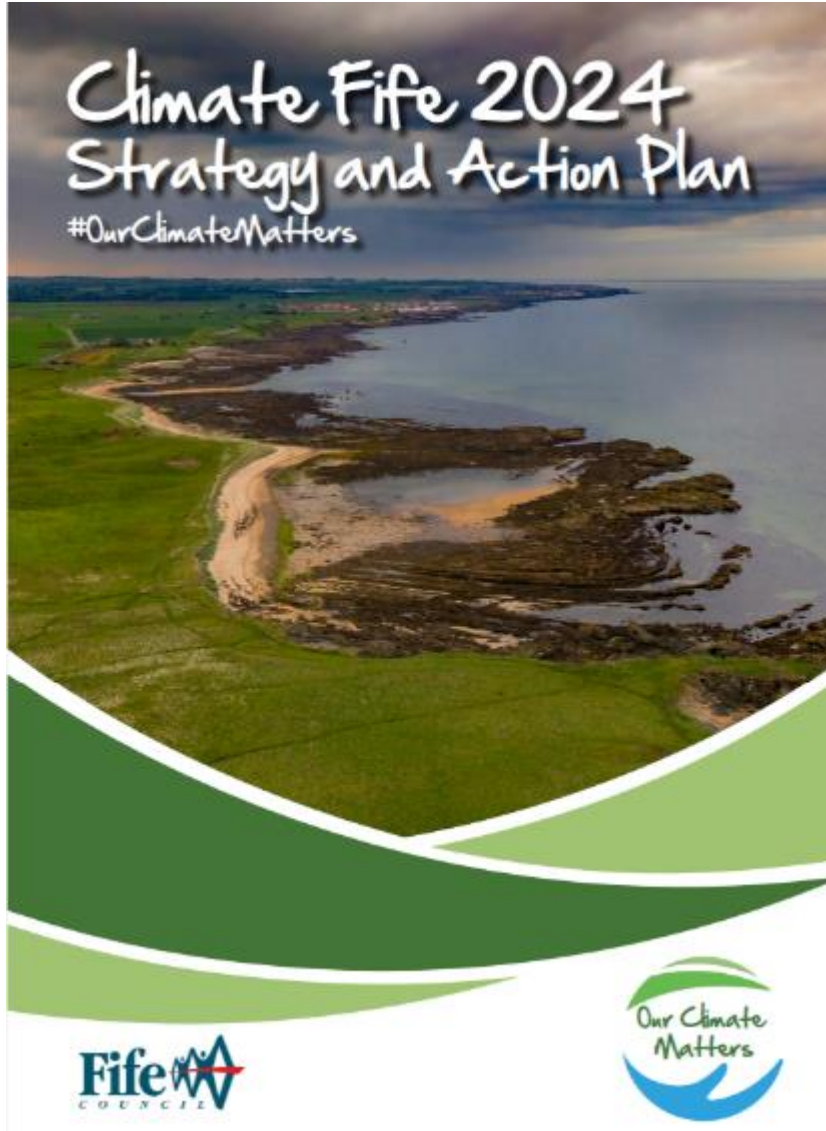
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**Climate Change & Zero Waste Team**

Third Coastal Change Adaptation Webinar  
Tuesday 16th April 2024







# Coastal Impacts in Fife



Picture: Fife Coast and Countryside Trust



Picture: Fife Jammers



Picture: The Scotsman



Picture: The Courier



Picture: Fife Jammers



Picture: Dunfermline Press



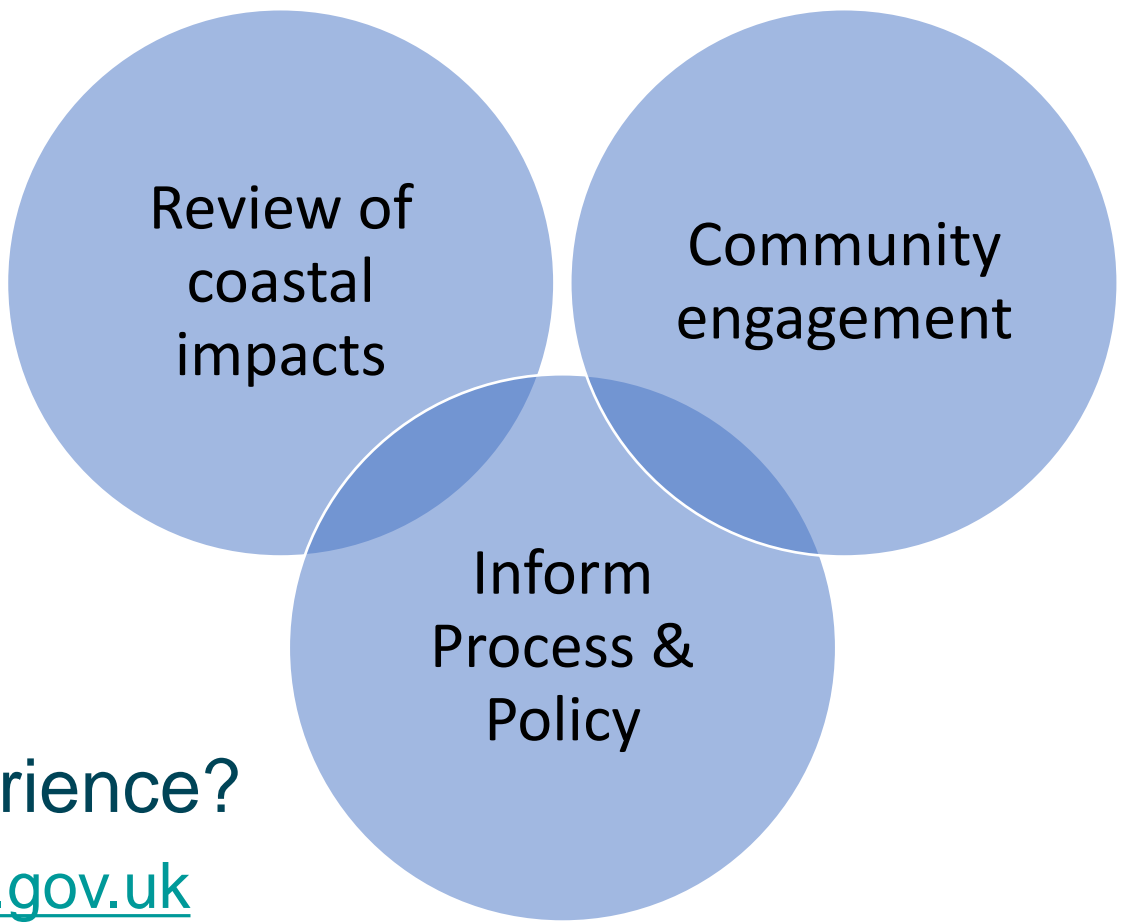
# Coastal Change Adaptation Case Study Aims

## Case Study Areas:

- Burntisland/Pettycur Bay
- Kirkcaldy Promenade
- West Weymss

What can we learn from your experience?

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Review of  
coastal  
impacts

Community  
engagement

Inform  
Process &  
Policy





# Step by step breakdown

| Phase                    | Objectives   |
|--------------------------|--|
| Impact Review            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify case study areas and boundaries</li> <li>• Gather community evidence</li> <li>• Expected future impacts</li> </ul>   |
| Ownership & Value        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review land and asset ownership for each site</li> <li>• Legal searches &amp; land registry</li> <li>• Quantify coastal value – economic, health, wellbeing and heritage</li> <li>• Create inputs for LDP2 &amp; Coastal Change Plan</li> </ul> |
| Mandatory Duties         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify mandatory duties for coastal impacts</li> </ul>  |
| Community Engagement     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify appropriate language</li> <li>• Carry out community engagement</li> </ul>  |
| Council Process Creation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a robust council process in response to coastal impacts – projected &amp; reactive</li> </ul>   |



# Thanks

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# Highland

Susan Veitch



# Relic Defences

Highland Council



# Highland Council Area

- Coastline
  - Approx 4,905 km of coastline at low water
  - Approx. 1, 900 km at high water
  - 49% of Scotland's Coastline
  - Most of Highland Population



# Where Are We?

- Very early stages
- What is a relict defence?
- Identify 2 locations
  - Receptors
- What will adaptation look like?
  - Monitoring
  - Repair
  - Abandonment



# Community Preparedness



- How do we communicate risk/responsibility
- Community involvement in decisions
- Community choice vs practicalities
  - Cost vs Benefit
  - Only access in

# Moray

Will Burnish





# Monitoring Moray Coastline



April '24 to March '25

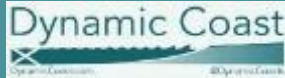
£28,000

Moray Council



Lossiemouth East Beach ©Moray Council (2023)

**Overview:** Our project aims to create a network of photographic monitoring points along the Moray coastline. These points will allow the community to upload photos of coastal change from the same viewpoint. These photos will be uploaded to CoastalSnap allowing access for all to monitor the change, This information will be used to inform Moray Council's Coastal Adaptation Plans.





# Near-Real Time Coastal Resilience Modelling

April '24 to March '25

£120,000

Moray Council



Bow Fiddle ©Moray Council 2023)

**Overview:** This project will deliver a near real-time approach to quantify coastal resilience through continuous monitoring. The aim of the study is to use satellite imagery and drone photographs to predict the changed. This improved and continuously updating record would allow both long-term trends and the impact of individual storms to be quantified.



# Natural Restoration of Kingston Coastline

April '24 to March '25

£80,000

Moray Council



**Overview:** The purpose of this project is to assist in the recharge of shingle along the west beach at Kingston. The recharge is to be designed to act as a feed of shingle while erosions take place. It is anticipated that this would reduce the rate of erosion and provide needed shingle to the SSSI/SAC without using imported material from outwith of the sediment catchment.

# North & South Ayrshire

Lorna Jarvie & Scott Greig



# Ayrshire Coastal Change Adaptation Plan Initial Stages



# Ayrshire CCAP

Map shows area  
to be included with  
sub-cell boundaries  
marked  
(taken from from  
2019 SMP)





# What we are planning to achieve

The Ayrshire CCAP will –

- Update models
- Identify policies
- Focus on at risk areas
- Involve stakeholders.
- Develop resources



# What we are planning to achieve

- Improve management and decision making
- Scoping and procurement
- Planning, monitoring and early responses





# Why is the project being undertaken now?

- Lessons learnt
- short comings of the existing SMP
- Embed CCAP Guidance (2023)
- Focus on engagement







# Panel discussion / Q&A

14:00-14:55

Crovie  
Credit: Dynamic Coast



# Panel discussion

- What do you wish you had known at the start of your project, that you know now?
- What are the blockers / obstacles to progress?
- What is essential to achieving success?
- If you could change one thing to help Scotland adapt to coastal change, what would it be?
- Open questions from the floor

# Thanks to our speakers

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# Thank you

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