

Practical Heraldry for the Self-Isolator

Week 9C — Community Councils III

We continue our look at those Community Councils which have recorded ancient burgh arms for modern use.



Milngavie Community Council

Gyronny of eight Argent and Sable, charged with four roses Gules, barbed and seeded Proper, and as many escallops alternately Or, over all a cross moline square pierced of the field and divided per cross of the Third and the Last.

The design incorporates a stylised mill-rind, referring to the probable etymology of the name, Lennox roses and Graham scallop shells. The gyronny background suggests a Campbell influence and enhances the sense of movement of the mill-wheel.

Prestwick Community Council

Gules, within a shrine Or, the figure of Saint Nicholas habited Proper, his dexter hand raised in benediction and his sinister hand holding a crosier, all between a castle triple-towered Argent, masoned Sable, in the dexter, and in the sinister a branch of laurel Silver.

Prestwick is the most ancient Burgh of Barony in Scotland, mentioned before the turn of the first millennium, and a 15th century seal forms the basis forms the arms.



Thurso Community Council

Argent, five barrulets Sable, engrailed on their upper edges, the figure of Saint Peter enhaloed Proper, vested Azure and Or, in his dexter hand two keys in saltire of the Last and of the First, in his sinister a patriarchal cross of the Fourth.

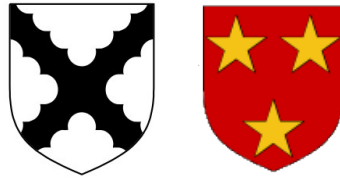
St Peter is the patron saint of the former burgh and appears in old seals. The Argent and Sable background, and the engrailing, come from the arms of Sinclair, Earls of Caithness. The old burgh arms differ slightly in that they have the engrailing on the under edges.



Helensburgh Community Council:

Per fess Argent and Gules: in chief a saltire engrailed Sable, in base three mullets Or two over one.

The arms of Helensburgh simply show those of the founder —Colquhoun of Luss in chief and his mother, Sutherland, in base.



Rutherglen Community Council

Argent, in a sea Proper, an ancient galley Sable, flagged Gules, therein two men Proper, one rowing, the other furling the sail.

Again as so often derived from an old seal of the former burgh, the galley seems to refer to Rutherglen's traditional role as an important port on the Clyde close to Glasgow.



St Andrews Community Council

Parted per pale Azure and Argent: in the dexter, on a mount in base the figure of Saint Andrew Proper, bearing his cross in front of him Argent; in the sinister, growing out of a mount in base an oak tree Proper, fructed Or, in front of the trunk a boar passant Sable, langued Gules, armed Or.

The ancient name for the burgh was Muckross "headland of the boars", hence the sinister charge.



Oban Community Council

Argent, in the waves of the sea Proper a lymphad Sable, oars in action, with a beacon on the top of the mast Proper, in base a salmon naiant Argent; on a chief parted per pale, dexter, Azure, a lion rampant Argent; sinister, gyronny of eight Or and Sable.

The Lorne galley is the principal charge, while the chief is divided between MacDougall and Campbell.

