

Rosneath Peninsula West Community Development Trust

'Our Community' Phase 2 Report



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1. Executive Summary

SKS Scotland CIC was commissioned by Cove & Kilcreggan Community Council (C&KCC) with the Rosneath Peninsula West Community Development Trust (RPWCDT) to undertake a two stage community consultation to inform a Local Place Plan (see [C&KCC's website](#) for more information on Local Place Plans) for Cove and Kilcreggan¹ (and households within the Community Council geographical area), defining the needs and ambition of the community into the future. This has been given the project name 'Our Community'. This commission followed a public procurement process.

The work was initiated in September 2022 and will run for approximately two years, having been awarded funding from the Scottish Government's Strengthening Communities Program through CEiS, set up to enable communities to decide their own aspirations, priorities and solutions (it does not allow for any capital investment). The grant is being managed by C&KCC in partnership with the Rosneath Peninsula West Community Development Trust (RPWCDT).

This document reports on the second phase of this project, following the first (Inception Report) which was completed in December 2022.

Phase 2: Community Consultation period

"Implement the approach to the community consultation as agreed in the inception report. This should include attention to social inclusion, engagement with diverse interests within the community, adjacent to the community and those statutory and other agencies with whom it interacts."

1.1 Summary of the suggested actions from of community engagement.

The goal is to create a masterplan which will feed into a Local Place Plan, which will be developed in the second half of 2023 to benefit from Scottish Government guidance due to come out then. It will be important to prioritise the actions and show progress to ensure momentum of the project and community support.

Phase 3 work should include the expansion of this table with more details of suggestions collated into one table per topic.

TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	SUGGESTED ACTIONS
Roads and pavements need improvements. Inc drainage.	Conversation with A&B council. Mapping of problem areas.
Footpath network – signage for current paths, improvement of surfaces, new coastal path.	Mapping of current footpath network. Gather ideas for extension of current network. Investigate funding.
Ferry service issues – timings of the ferry, Sunday service and new pier development.	Communications with CalMac and A&B council.

¹ It is worth noting that agencies sometimes refer to 'Kilcreggan' but include Cove. For clarity, this report will assume that any external references to Kilcreggan do indeed mean 'Cove & Kilcreggan'.

Parking for the village.	Multiple suggestions.
Cycle routes – maintained, signposted, improved	Mapping of current facilities.

HOUSING	SUGGESTED ACTIONS
Community wealth building – purchase of buildings, land, income generation.	Collate ideas from the community. Feasibility study.
A community voice in the development of the area (inc. infrastructure needed to support developments)	Local Place Plan. Commutations with A&B council and the Community Council.
Sheltered housing and social housing	Master plan. Local place plan.
Improvements in current housing – e.g. heating efficiency, older historic housing costs	Gather more information. Investigate funding sources.

ENVIRONMENT	SUGGESTED ACTIONS
Investigate renewable energy generation	Review of previous wind-farm work. Feasibility study of renewable energy options.
Environment protection – peat band, MOD nature reserve at Peaton Hill.	Mapping of areas of high environmental value.
Wildlife protection and control – wildlife corridor, deer control, marine wildlife protection, knotweed control, fish farm	Gather further information.
Sewage treatment	Identify the problem – old houses sewage pipes? Conversation with SEPA.

LOCAL ECONOMY AND SERVICES	SUGGESTED ACTIONS
Find out what the local shops & businesses need to help their business.	Business focused workshop. Form a business network group. Promote the variety of businesses in C&K Feasibility study of the development of work units. Mapping of empty buildings.
Develop tourist facilities.	Mapping of tourist businesses and assets. Run a tourism focused workshop.
Facilities improvement needs – parking, toilets, bins.	Gather more information
Develop leisure facilities including improving access to the water and shore/beach.	Review of current facilities. Mapping of potential access points. Liaise with council, developers, sailing club. Review of funding options.
Protect health services	Conversation with GP surgery to investigate.
Availability of trades people	Gather more information.

COMMUNITY	SUGGESTED ACTIONS
Facilities for young people	Young people focused engagements. Investigate George V playing field, Kilcreggan – ownership, maintenance, possible development.
Community social and activities facilities.	Promote communication between different clubs and the community – information provision.
Community garden and community growing	Gather more information

1.2 Immerging working groups

The suggested groups below would consist of members of the steering group and volunteers from the community who would explore the themes above in more detail. The consultants project managing phases 3&4 would give advice and assistance to help move them forward.

- Active travel group – footpaths and cycleways.
- Tourism / Combine with local business group?
- Young people committee.
- Community council – potential to expand role with planning involvement.
- Renewable energy group
- Community ownership group
- Beach group

1.3 Ambition and vision

The working group were keen to identify projects that showed ambition and vision. So far, we have identified the following projects:

- Renewable energy & community income generation – wind, solar, tide, hydro
- Community asset ownership – The Old Boatyard, Knockderry Farm.
- Coastal path creation
- Local Place Plan

1. Methodology

The table below shows the process carried out during phase 2, to reach as many people as people in the Cove & Kilcreggan area between December 2022 and February 2023. This community engagement will continue into phases 3 and 4 to build on the work and trust building up between parties.



The themes and some of the suggestions that have come out of this engagement programme will be developed further through community working groups in the next two phases of this project.



2. Community Engagement

2.1 Interviews with key stakeholders

Fourteen interviews were carried out over a two-month period with key stakeholders including local businesses, key agencies / organisations, community organisations and the steering group. This allowed for in depth discussions to take place with a focus on key points and a number of important issues were identified:

Strengths

- Landscape and heritage is a draw for tourists.
- The ferry.
- Cove Burgh Hall.
- Lots of well run local clubs/organisations (eg Youth Club, Sailing Club).

Weakness

- Lack of parking.
- Transport links not running late enough / joined up enough for hospitality workers.
- Ferry can be unreliable.
- Lack of affordable housing.
- Litter.
- Pollution on beaches / in water.
- Lack of community input in recent developments.
- Lack of sports/outdoor facilities for children.
- Lack of opportunities for minority groups.
- Not good access to water.

- Perception that CC has its own agenda.

Opportunities

- More housing required.
- Faslane is planned to grow.
- Look at previous Community Plans (such as Luss Estates).
- Improve sustainable travel (sustainable travel hub?).
- Community hub (combine youth club and bowling club?).
- Energy / windfarm.
- Document wildlife/flaura/fauna in area to influence where development might go.
- Create an aspirational environment.
- Bring younger people into the area.
- Highlight outdoor activities to attract visitors.
- Bring more people into the village via events eg farmers market? Create a central events space for this?
- Improve signposting (to heritage, walks, cycle routes etc).

Threats

- Ferry commuters using Kilcreggan parking spaces overnight/weekly.
- Houses used for airbnb's.
- Green space disappearing.
- Medical centre service is dwindling.
- Younger people/young families can't afford to buy houses in C&K.
- Can't get people to work in local hospitality.
- Poor roads/lack of infrastructure (particularly if more houses developed).

2.2 Previous consultations

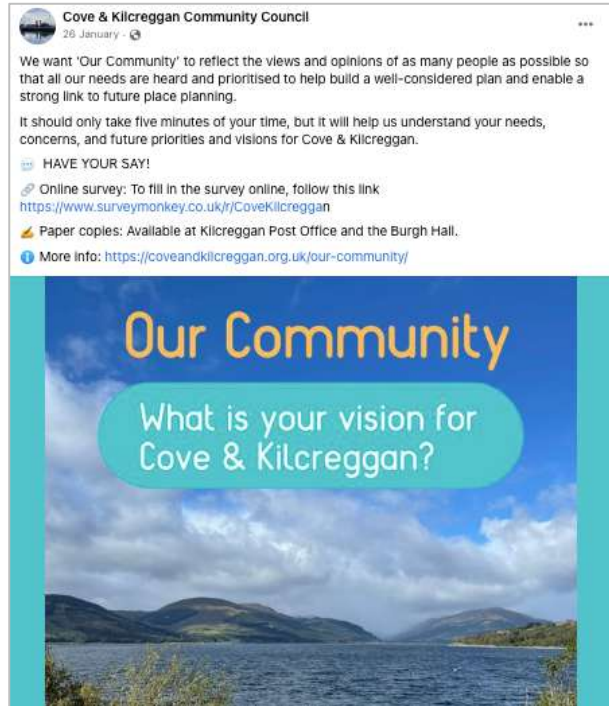
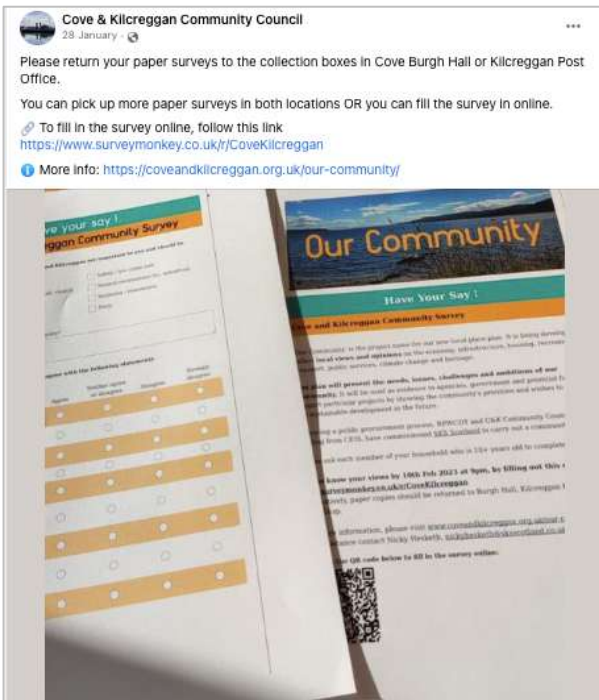
A community survey for the Community Action Plan developed in 2011 was carried out almost 12 years ago. This has been reviewed and summarised in the Inception Report.

2.3 Community Survey 2023

A community survey was carried out in January / February 2023 to gather local views and opinions on the economy, infrastructure, housing, recreation, transport, public services, climate change and heritage. It was available to fill out on-line using a link / QR code or on paper copies, and issued via:

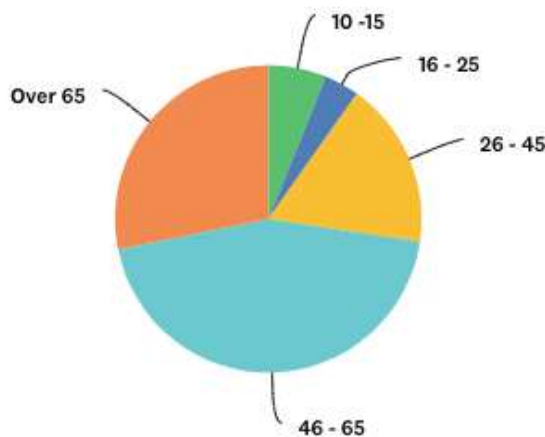
- Email to key stakeholders whose contact details we had.
- Facebook – multiple posts were put up on LCDT's page, which were shared and liked by many organisations and individuals.
- Paper copies were available to pick up and drop off at the Post Office, on the ferry and at Cove Burgh Hall.

A press release was also issued to the Helensburgh Advertiser and the Peninsula magazine to promote the survey.



382 surveys were completed, with 331 of those being filled out by residents of Cove & Kilcreggan which is a good response rate of 26% amongst the local population of 1,270 people and provides significant feedback and an extremely positive inclusion rate (including engagement across diverse interests). 33 surveys were filled out by people living in other areas on the Peninsula, 12 by people outside it and 3 by ferry users.

There was also a good spread of ages of respondents, as the pie chart below shows:

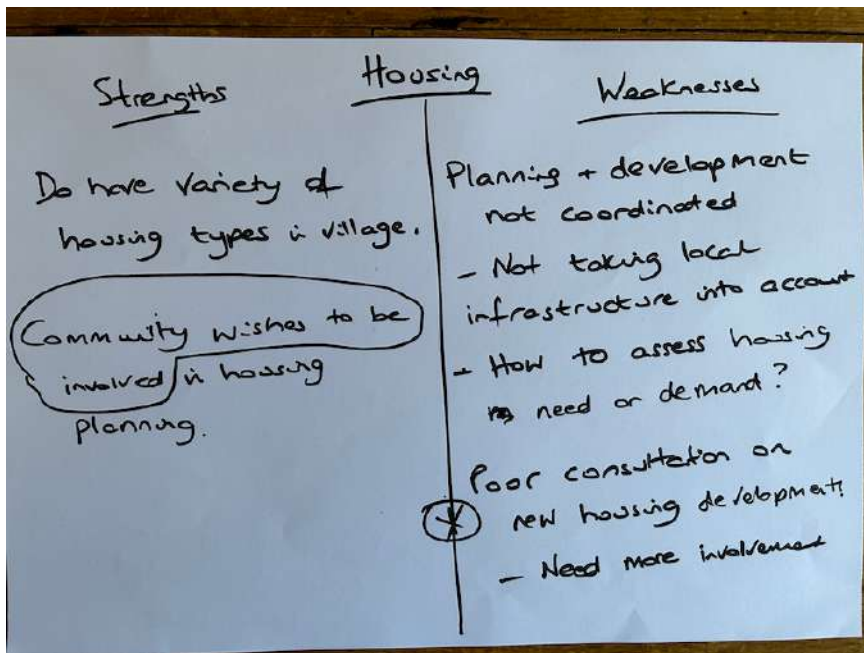


58% of respondents were female with the rest being male, other or would prefer not to say. The analysis of this survey is given in appendix one.

2.4 Community Meeting and Workshop

An online workshop took place on 20th February via zoom, attended by 15 people. SKS presented the initial survey summary and facilitated discussion around four main themes. The analysis of this online workshop is in appendix two.

An in-person community meeting and workshop was held at the Cove Burgh Hall on 25th February, attended by roughly 80 people.



We asked the groups to give us their top 3 opportunities at the end of the meeting, which are listed below:

- the room clapped their support
- several people mentioned the same point

TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE

- Parking - MOD staff need separate parking. Need more parking for local shops.
- Improve the state of the roads
- Maintain a field for A&E heli-pad
- Proper coastal footpath
- Footpath from Kilcreggan to Rosneath. Footpath back over the Millbrae – circular route.
- Link forest road to Garelochhead
- Improve ferry timings

HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT

- Community involvement in planning applications
- Community purchase buyout of the boatyard area

Need infrastructure that supports the developments
Community buyout of Knockderry Farm. 🍌
Need sheltered housing – try to be innovative, integrate it with schools and surgery – round of applause

ENVIRONMENT

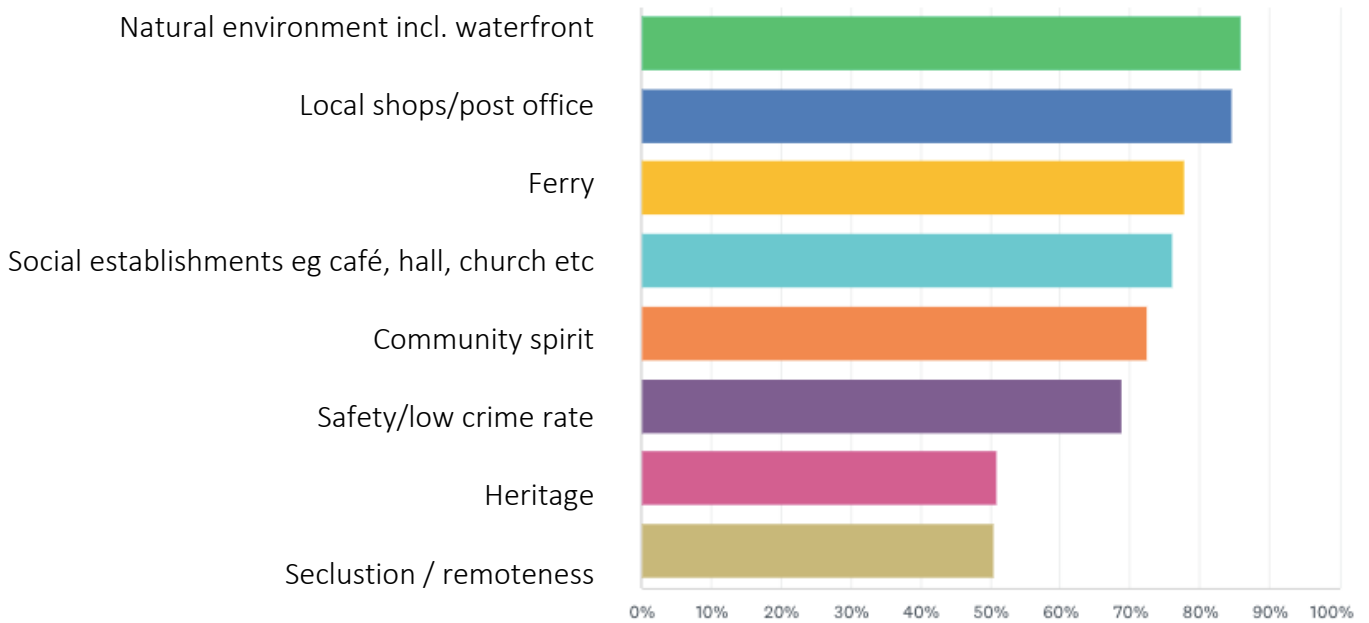
Explore wind and/or tide power 🌀
Create a community garden
Less trees planned for the top of the peninsula. Protect the peatland – carbon capture.
Improve George V playing field. Make a multi-purpose area of children.
Prevent fish farm. Negative impact on environment.
Improve sewage treatment – assessment of the problems.

LOCAL ECONOMY & SERVICES

Develop facilities to encourage day tourists.

3. Appendix One: Cove & Kilcreggan Community Survey

Q1. What aspects of living in Cove and Kilcreggan are important to you and should be preserved/protected/enhanced?



This graph shows the importance that respondents attached to in particular the natural environment, local shops/post office, the ferry and social establishments, but all the categories were considered important by over 50% of respondents and none should therefore be disregarded in the future Local Place Plan.

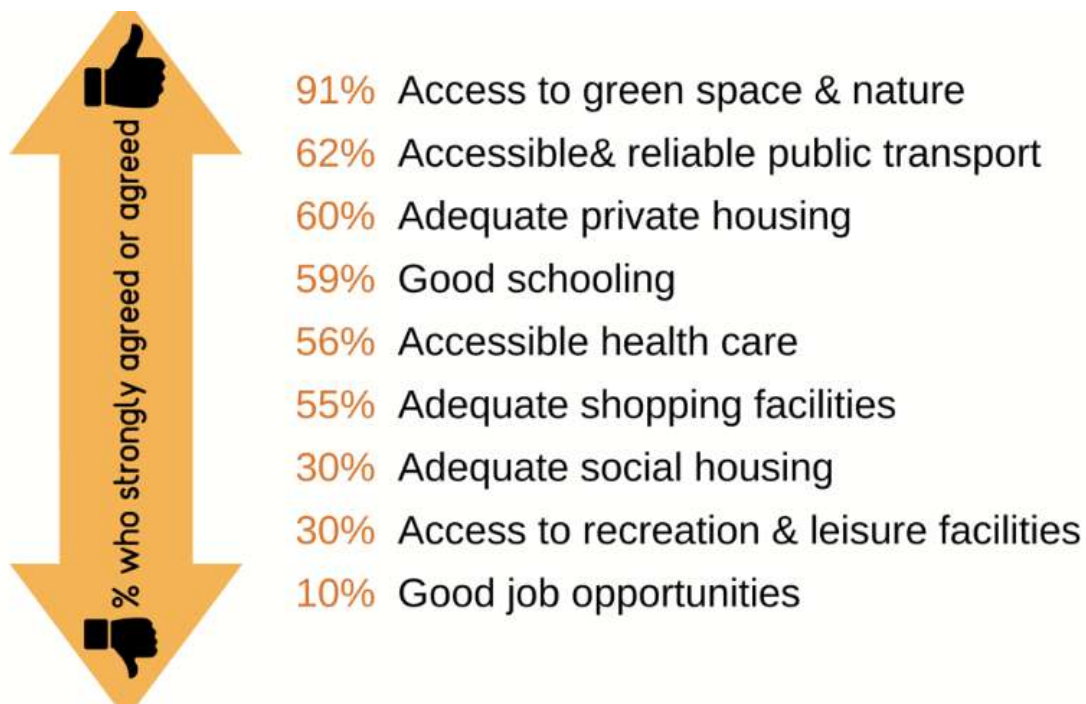
The word cloud below illustrates words that were frequently in the open responses to this question:



Comments include:

- Fire brigade, primary school. Drs surgery, cemetery.
- Green spaces, wildlife, hill walks
- The unique way the personality of the village has been and is being kept.
- I value the friendliness and community spirit
- No large break water. No new large scale pier pontoon.
- All these are important in living in a rural community, if you take any one away you diminish the community, if you take more than one you endanger the whole community, but to stay in a rural area it must be financially competitive with other places in regards to business or employees income in the area, without such income the area and community dies
- Living somewhere that feels very rural but can get to a city and airport in 45mins/1hr. Interesting history and relationship with the water. Being close to the highlands - accessibility of real wildness. Sense of community - events at the Burgh Hall.

Q2. To what extent to you agree or disagree with the following statements. Cove & Kilcreggan has:



Responses to this question corroborate aspects of the first question, with the most notable issues being a lack of adequate social housing, access to recreation and leisure facilities and good job opportunities.

Q3. To what extent do you feel your community caters for the following groups?

Groups Well Catered For

- People of retirement age
- People of working age
- Young children

Groups Least Well Catered For

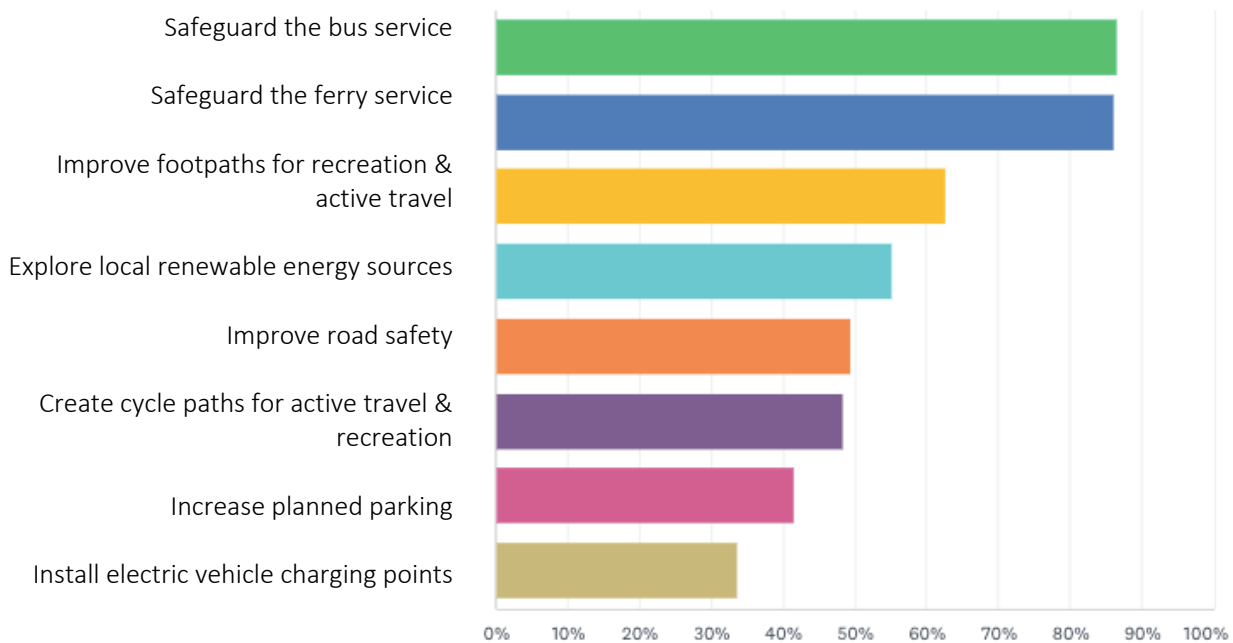
- Minority groups
- Teenagers
- People with health needs

Minority groups, teenagers and people with health needs being less well catered for is relatively common in rural areas, and should be addressed when prioritising themes and future projects within the Local Place Plan.

Comments that were given at this question include:

- *There is very little for children to do indoors in winter months.*
- *The burgh hall is very biased towards retirement age people. We need young people in there, for theatre, music and so on.*
- *Once again if people would USE the ferry. The battery park directly opposite us is a great example. Trampoline Park, lovely cycle path as well as the pool etc in summer in Gourrock itself. Rosneath Caravan Park also run activities for children although I don't think this is widely known.*
- *There are no signs to tell visitors that the park is up Church Road.*
- *I would hate to have to move away because of a health issue but think living alone in Cove with a disability would be very hard.*
- *Traffic is a safety hazard to all walkers especially young children, and has become more of an issue with the increase of delivery vehicles. The road areas adjacent to public amenities eg the shops, ferry should be max 20mph, with zero roadside parking.*
- *There are some good parent and toddler groups on the peninsula but there is very little for young children and teenagers to do. There is the playpark but that is about all.*

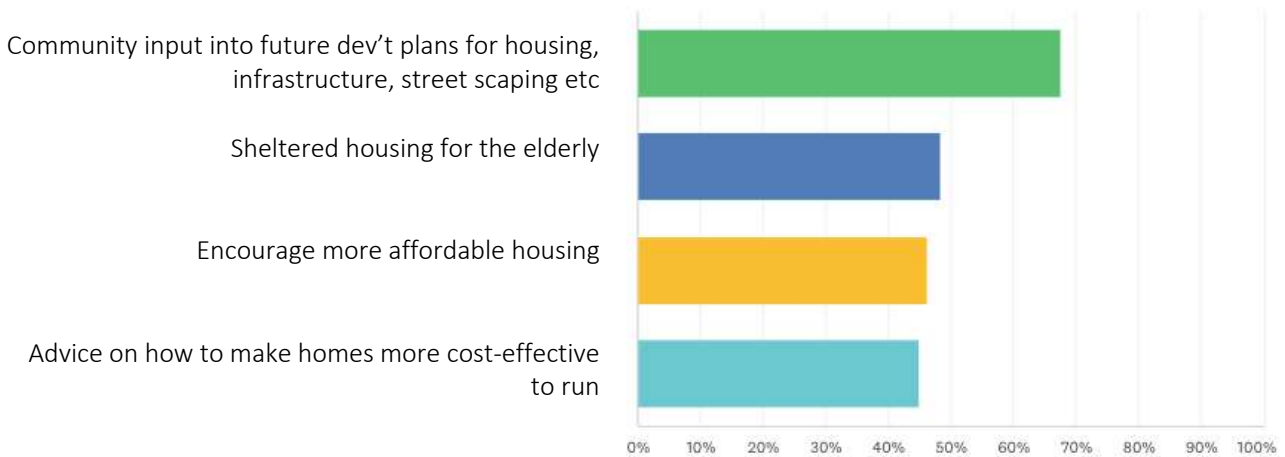
Q4. Transport and infrastructure. What areas do you think the community should focus on?



Comments given include:

- *The ferry needs to expand and connect to Dunoon. Not enough footpaths/cycle paths. Community energy system would be great.*
- *Wind power - we have lots of wind here, let's make electricity.*
- *More footpaths and bike paths.*
- *A footpath from Cove to Peaton L would be great and more footpaths up to the Doonans with Peninsula path.*
- *A promenade could be created along the shore in conjunction with clearance of weeds and scrub which were not planted but have grown wild.*
- *Road surfaces need attention, especially the parking areas outside the shops, as are unsafe for vulnerable people with walking difficulties and more parking need to encourage visitors to actually stop.*
- *More needs to be made of the ease to get by the excellent ferry service to Gourock which has dentists, physios, hairdressers, gym (all year) as well as the gift shops and restaurants all within 15 mins of Kilcreggan. Outdoor pool of course during summer months.*
- *Later ferry service to support different train connections for commuters - even at expense of some day time services. Removal of knotweed on shore and holding relevant authorities to account.*
- *Parking in village disgraceful. MOD should reinstate buses for Coulport workers who use the Ferry but leave many cars in parking spaces. Locals trying to get to chemist, bank, post office shop can't get space.*

Q5. Housing. What areas do you think the community should focus on?



Comments given include:

- *It is difficult for houses above Band C to retrofit affordably. Should consider some sort of system to do lots of houses for a better price.*
- *Focus on self-build noses not the horrendous pseudo-villas with 5 bedrooms.*
- *Pressure must be put onto council to ensure new roads built at same time as houses.*
- *Affordable retirement flats.*
- *Community input is essential, but CANNOT BE YET ANOTHER CHOKE POINT ON DECISION MAKING.*
- *New housing has been identified for this area. There is an opportunity to plan this properly. We need design briefs for land parcels identified in local development plan - prevention of further development of housing in groups of 4 which means the developer can avoid investing in local infrastructure - there is no gain for the community; housing should be carbon neutral and properly integrated into the landscape in contrast to recent housing development that has taken place. The housing should be appropriate - with a bit of vision the housing could be exemplars for sustainable living. And housing along the shore should be resisted - it is one of the assets of the community and should be accessible to all.*
- *In reality this area is a settlement area and we need housing. The MoD are on our doorstep and we need to be part of the expansion, accommodating families into homes. The MoD will be adding over 3,000 personnel to the bases and the peninsula does not benefit from that expansion in term of the circular economy. Currently too many base workers at Coulport and Faslane commute from outside the area - but who would live here if there was housing.*
- *We need to be considering more building of all types of housing, not just what is highlighted above. There are more RN jobs and families coming we should be looking to provide all levels of housing to bring families into C&K. This will support the local businesses, populate the school, provide more passenger fares on the public transport.*

There is clearly a desire for more community input into future development in Cove & Kilcreggan. The Local Place Plan which this research will directly form will be an important step towards providing this.

- Designating the Upper Clyde as a Marine Protected Area would promote recreational rod fishing businesses from boats and eco - tourism. More local, reliable general builders, contractors etc: are needed to maintain our ageing heritage.

A lack of job opportunities is a major concern for respondents as indicated in the feedback from question 2, and the themes and suggestions given to this question will be followed up as a priority.

Q7. What would encourage you to make more use of your local shops and services?

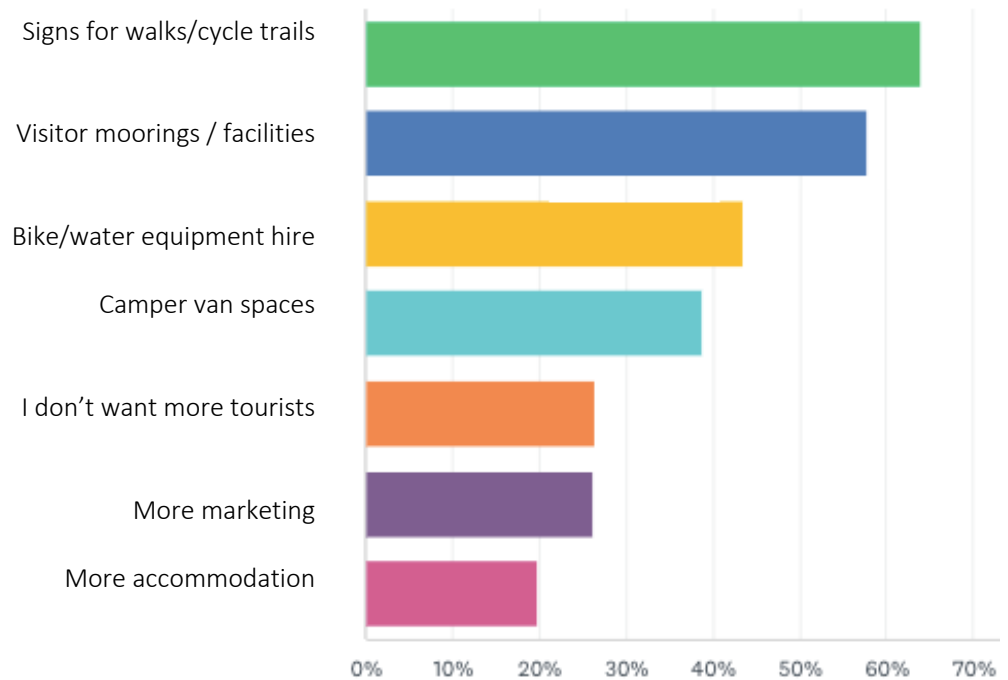
There was generally good support and feedback with regard to the local shops and services, with some useful input and comments as shown below.



Comments given include:

- New shop fronts, landscaped in front of them (grants available for this?).
- Better advertising of local services / activities, through social media / notice roads / local mags and papers.
- Scope for local produce to be sold. Also like in some other villages we've visited somewhere for free food to be made available eg when its new is use by date.
- Sale of locally sourced produce. Possible vegetable swaps during peak season.
- We do use them, but parking is a nightmare for businesses and customers alike, the money the village loses through this is substantial, further too many people use Asda deliveries because of this, and it does lead to a loss of community.

Q8. How can we support our local economy through the provision of tourist facilities?

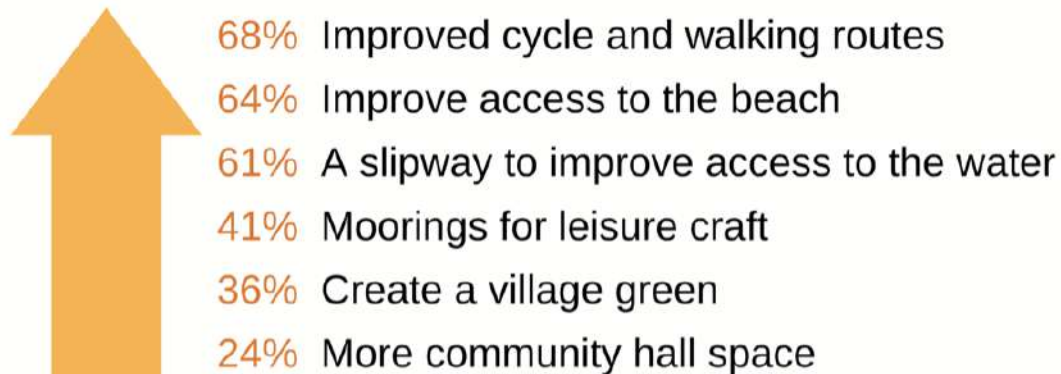


Although almost 27% of respondents said they didn't want more tourist, the majority saw the value in the right type of tourism and some useful comments were given:

- *Why is there no access to the water near the pier? The beach is great and could be the jewel in the crown.*
- *Cove Sailing club? Shore coastal path, Village needs to be more welcoming, more car parking, better cafes/restaurants, reliable ferry service. People need to be open to change and progression. A fuel station is needed on the peninsula.*
- *Tourist info paper based particularly at the pier head (walking leaflets, local history) is key.*
- *Proper designated areas for camper vans with proper toilet and bin facilities thus reducing littering.*
- *C&K should not aspire to be a MAJOR tourist hub, but we should provide facilities to attract short term visitors. There's a lot of AirBnB already.*
- *A Doors Open Days festival? (like the annual one in Glasgow) For the grand and beautiful houses on the peninsula. Music festival?*
- *The sailing club should offer more equipment hire such as kayaks and paddle boards. The current offering is very poor and excludes the majority of the community. Walks of varying lengths need to be created and then signposted for locals and visitors alike.*
- *Try and find a central location to store the electric bikes that were bought for the community - job opportunity for someone to run the bikes. Tourist information noticeboard in Kilcreggan - perhaps on public toilets. It would be good to have a glamping camp site. Playground in Kilcreggan. Places to encourage kayaks - we are on the Argyll kayak trail. Need to avoid people using the beach as a toilet as they did during lock down. Somewhere for artists to display their work - tie in with Cove Park - maybe this could be in Cove to encourage more people to visit the shop. Consider a community run cafe - these can be great for bringing the community together. Reinstate Kilcreggan Hotel.*

- *I believe heritage to be Cove & Kilcreggan's key USP both in terms of attracting day-trippers and indeed new residents. The history of the Victorian-era development of the villages, the architecture, the steamers, piers past and present, the long-lost interconnectivity, deserves to be told and brought back to life - possibly by way of an interactive walking/cycling trail from Kilcreggan pier right down to Knockderry, with a multimedia mobile application detailing the histories of key properties, allowing users to visualise Cove pier back in its heyday, and so on...*

Q9. How can we improve leisure and recreation facilities?



As the graphic above shows, improved cycle / walking routes, improved access to the beach and water were identified as possible improvements. These – along with other suggestions - will be investigated further.

Comments given to the open part of this question include:

- *It would be great to improve the OK bay which is completely underutilised yet at the centre of the village. There is plenty of space there for recreation and sensitive development.*
- *Lots of pontoons for boats to moor up. More for yachts, rowing kayaking.*
- *Cycle paths. Skate park improvements.*
- *Try and turn Kilcreggan football pitch at park to an Astro turf pitch.*
- *I've spoken for years about a handrail urgently required for the steps down to the shore opposite the pub. Mooring used to be put out each year but no more.*
- *Having a one facility to accommodate all clubs, Sailing, Bowls, tennis, skate park, 5 aside plus venue for other clubs like WRi, scouts, guides, If we all join together rather than each club fighting for small share of available budgets we might have a better chance.*

Q10. How can we protect and enhance our local heritage and conservation area? What heritage do you value?

The word cloud below illustrates words that were frequently in the open responses to this question:



Comments given here include:

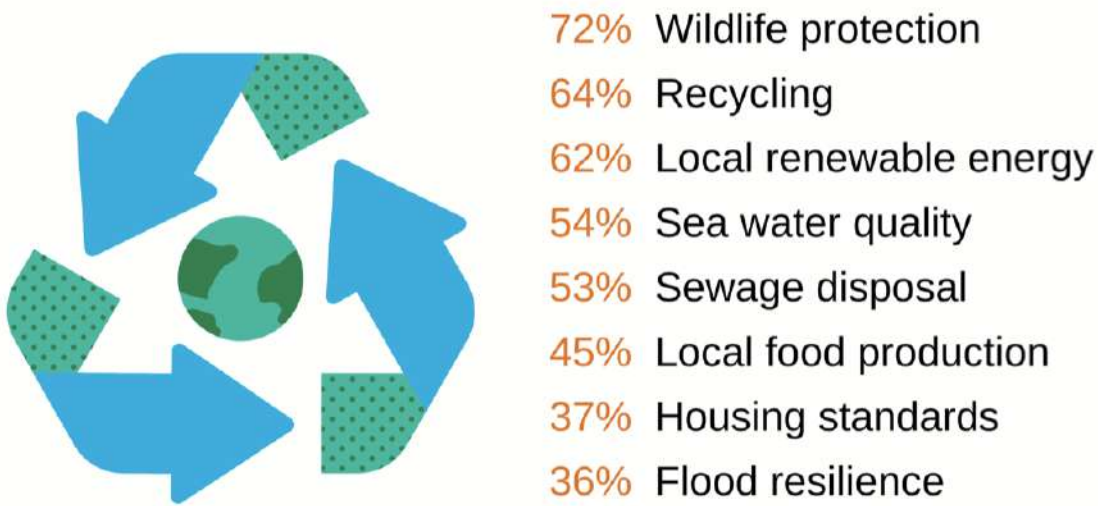
- *People drive here to see our conservation area. We must aggressively avoid inappropriate development.*
- *Since many houses are listed, advice from Heritage Scotland as retrofit insulation etc.*
- *Some of the housing is noteworthy but we shouldn't try to 'preserve it in aspic'.*
- *I am still learning about the local heritage so would welcome some exhibitions/talks etc.*
- *There is fascinating WW1 and WW2 history in the area - which is decaying but given the strategic importance of the Peninsula - would hold interest.*
- *By being extremely careful with planning applications and the development of small housing estates to ensure they do not have a negative impact on the environment and the listed buildings*
- *The local heritage is not obvious to either visitors or locals. A few signs along the waterfront provide some information. Nature and scenery is the DNA of this area. It is that which should be fully exploited via information, well appointed walking routes and cycle paths. Focussing on this with a keen focus on ecology and the environment would attract more visitors, and in turn tourism jobs.*
- *The sea fishing used to bring anglers from all over but now fishing is poor we should try protect the Clyde from trawlers clearing up sea beds/ spawning grounds, Arran set this up years ago for a small area.*
- *The marine environment is critical and we need to keep the loch safe from plastic, sewage, and fish farms. I am also very interested in the rural habitats that include rough pasture, hedgerows and ditches, small areas of semi-natural woodland, and the coast. We have relatively unspoiled habitat and we should conserve it. I am quite concerned about the use of strong herbicides to remove Japanese Knotweed along the shore. There are biological*

solutions being developed and in the meantime physical removal would be more environmentally acceptable. The dumping of garden waste into the loch is also problematic, as is burning. A local composting scheme would be a better solution.

- *Protect the Kilcreggan pier through getting the right ferry solution and keep the Waverley coming. Ensure we don't allow air B&B to take over too many houses and create party houses which has happened elsewhere.*

There are clearly a number of important themes arising from heritage and conservation, which will be examined in more depth in phases 3 & 4.

Q11. What climate change challenges and environmental issues can we address locally?



Wildlife protection was seen as a top priority to the local area, as is recycling and local renewable energy. All the themes are clearly important to respondents however, and will be investigated further.

Q12. Do you have any other comments on the Community Plan that you would like to add?

The word cloud below illustrates words that were frequently in the open responses to this question:



Comments include:

- *Get rid of deer. Develop a windfarm, hydro. Growing hub - community poly tunnel. More community places to gather. Build a boatshed on Kilcreggan beach with facilities for rowing underneath, restaurant on top. Stop development of large houses.*
- *More bins!*
- *The Scottish Water sewer system provides NO treatment and is pumped into the loch and often washes up in Cove Bay - needs resolution. Upgrade of septic tanks to sewage treatment tanks required including repair and maintenance of outfalls on the beach which affects quality of amenity. Seawater has the highest microplastic content in Scotland - what can we do? What do the base dump or discharge?*
- *What about focusing on the necessities first; pedestrian safety, inconsiderate road users, trash disposal..... Clear inviting, welcoming, repetitive signage in all our public places, eg "We are a welcoming clean tidy natural environment for all to enjoy, and for you to set the caring example."*
- *Please, please, please stop ignoring the large disabled community that live here on the Peninsula and stop treating them as if they do not exist.*
- *It would be great to work together with other communities on issues that affect the whole peninsula and also the communities around Loch Long (e.g. Fish farms).*
- *Plans are great but the village needs an income stream if it is to deliver the plans.*
- *It is crucial that the survey and the data are the things that shape the future - not small handful of people. It cannot be about any one person - and if the Community are all engaged equally then we will get a fabulous outcome. gather the data - examine the evidence - distil it down to what can done, what can't be done - consult on the viable outcomes and then consult again and again and again ...until the plans are Community Backed.*

- Provide roadshows or literature to make local residents aware of any such challenges and environmental issues that are affecting the area and help with suggesting possible solutions to these issues. Without spreading the knowledge of an issue there will be no changes.
- Years ago we commenced a study into having our own wind turbine, This was rejected due to the apparent visual impact on the national park. Given that there are now wind turbines clearly visible from the NP is this worth considering again?
- The shortfalls in the current pier and ferry has so far this year led to ferry cancellations on most days, this therefore leads people to the viewing the ferry as not reliable (ask those who get stranded in Gourock and face a 3 - 4 hour train and bus journey to get home. People are the lifeblood of a community if they won't come here to live the community will either die or become a museum exhibit.

4. Appendix Two: Online Community Meeting and Workshop

Theme: Local Economy & Services

- ? Support for local shops & businesses
- ? What type of tourism
- ? Support for the school
- ? Access to a GP and medical services

Is there anything that connects local businesses?

Work units down at the bay? Alternative therapies. Artists studios.

Range of facilities is good. Great bus service. Ferry. Fab internet. Tradespeople are difficult to employ.

Creation of walks and cycle routes. Some people know about routes, but others don't. What can be created? Hardly any routes. Cove to Peaton? Up between the roads.

What are the community's needs? ie what can the shops be providing?

Space to rent / hot desk / business hub eg £20 per hour? Creates a business network eg webinars. Draw more businesses into the village (those that aren't visible) and create network)

Proper campsite? Other community hubs have 3 to 4 spots for campervans. Keeps it contained.

The provision of shops is surprisingly good. But getting tradesmen is difficult (joiners/electricians etc). A list of tradesmen would be useful.



Theme: Environment

- ? Natural environment, green space, water, wildlife.
- ? Environment protection
- ? Climate challenge, net zero
- ? Renewable energy

Sea water is not clean. During storms, waste ends up in Cove Bay. Treatment works?

Access to the water's edge is difficult. Not just open-water swimming, kayaking, etc. Rowing....build a restaurant with rowing club below).

A strategic look at the power supply on the peninsula. Wind, solar, biomass, PHP plant. For new housing and retrofitting.

The deer numbers are out of control.....contact Luss Estates for advice.

Containment of knotwood.

Royal West of Scotland Boat Club.....organise a Kilcreggan to Gourrock swim. Get in touch with them to learn from their model.

The loch might be a good source of heat for community wide heat pumps, as opposed to ground source heat pumps. Look at wind power again.

Small scale can provide good solutions eg insulating homes / use less energy. Where can you go for advice/to get work down. SG agencies will give general advice, but would like specific surveys for individual households. (energy saving trust can help with all of that.). Energy Env't Scotland specialise in retrofitting – talk to the community? (based in Stirling)



Theme: Community

- ? Support for: Minority groups / Young children / People with health needs
- ? Community facilities
- ? Community groups

Business networking group.

Fantastic to support the school with better sports facilities etc. Combined with community uses.

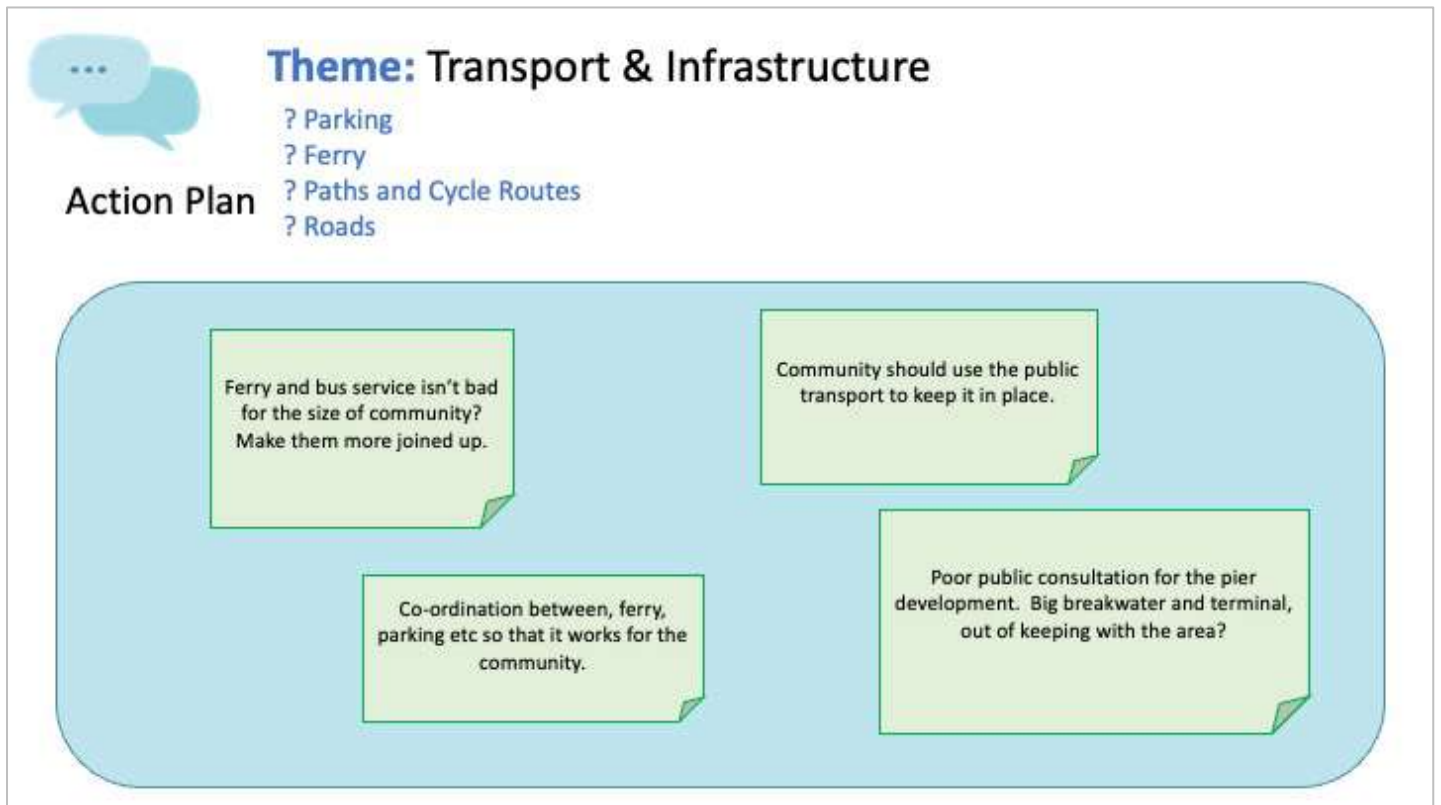
There isn't enough hall space – Burgh Hall is always booked up (check on-line at their calendar). Scout Hall seems to be empty most of the time. Space for more installations eg art displays (attract tourism). Look at sailing club.....planning new club house, community facing.

There's a disconnection between the pier, shops etc... and the social hubs

No indoor spaces for children on, for example on rainy days. Loch Fyne has a good example of a community hall that focuses on children's activities.

the Rainbow centre closed down due to lack of use. the sailing club is often available in the evenings

A plan to attract a Doctor? More housing planned.



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Theme: Transport & Infrastructure

- ? Parking
- ? Ferry
- ? Paths and Cycle Routes
- ? Roads

Action Plan

Ferry and bus service isn't bad for the size of community? Make them more joined up.

Community should use the public transport to keep it in place.

Co-ordination between, ferry, parking etc so that it works for the community.

Poor public consultation for the pier development. Big breakwater and terminal, out of keeping with the area?

5. Appendix Three: In-person Community Meeting and Workshop

All A3 worksheets are available here:

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