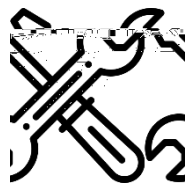


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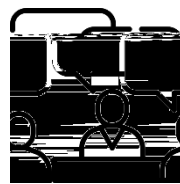
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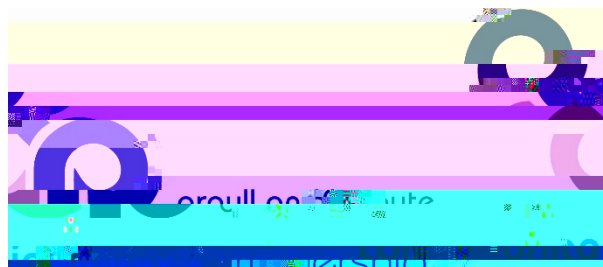
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Economy



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Influence and
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How good is your place? Area wide engagement results using the Place Standard Tool

Between May and October 2019, the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) used

Strong Responses

Top Rated Areas are:

Our Top

Top 5 Ratings

Identity and Belonging Respondents rated this area 5.1 out of 7

Identity and Belonging

Thematic areas by lowest score to highest score

Thematic Area	Average Score
Work and Local Economy	2.1
Care and Maintenance	3.6

Q2. Public Transport: Does public transport meet my needs?

9 responses in total – Average Score of 4.0							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
1 responses	0 responses	1 responses	4 responses	2 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

A bus route Dunoon-Oban would be appreciated instead of having to coordinate and change buses at Inveraray. The discontinuation of McGill's service Dunoon - Glasgow was regrettable. Even a smaller bus (as used by West Coast Motors) Dunoon - Greenock to connect with the 901 and 906 services to Glasgow would be appreciated. The late-night West Coast Motors Ardentinn-Dunoon is almost always empty when it passes through Blairmore and Strone - is it really commercially viable?

Bus from Dunoon to Glasgow now been removed

Bus services on a Sunday to areas just outside Dunoon are non-existent after 4.30 pm.

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Q4. Streets and Spaces: Do the streets and public spaces create an attractive place that is easy to navigate?

9 responses in total – Average Score of 5.1							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	3 responses	0 responses	3 responses	2 responses	0 responses

Comments

Dunoon's high street is run down looking. Old paving, flaking paintwork, leaking gutters, buddleia growing out of roofs, dirty green walls at pavement level, neglected alleyways and old posters tied to railings. The band area is a mess and so is the pier and the walls at the castle garden. The crazy golf needs updating or removal. The new Queens hall is good but only highlights the years of underinvestment in Dunoon.

Public spaces, community areas are not well maintained. 1. Locally the area in front of Strone Pier which could be a community focus are not well maintained. 1. The immediate around the head of the pier is a wasteland, with derelict facilities hav

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Q5. Natural Space: Can I experience good quality green spaces?

9 responses in total –

Q6. Play and Recreation: Can I access a range of places for play and

Q7. Facilities and Amenities: Does my place have the things I need to live and enjoy life? This could include shops, schools, libraries, health services or places to eat and drink.

9 responses in total – Average Score of 4.0							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
2 responses	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses	2 responses	1 responses	2 responses	0 responses

Comments

Access to toilets in Dunoon town is an issue. As an older male, I do need frequent access to toilets. This is a problem in the town. Perhaps the solution is one I have been aware of abroad, where shops can make facilities available to the public in exchange for a reduction in business rates. This is a simple and probably cheap way of resolving this issue, although I accept that many premises may not be able to provide disabled access.

Again only problem I have is the un-adopted High Road

Not in Ardentinny, but yes in or closer to Dunoon

Other than Cott House, there's little in the way of amenities except for the General Store in Strone which is for sale (again), the pub in Strone, the tea room and charity shop at Blairmore. The GP surgery and the school near Dunselma are the only remaining public services. Combined with the poor public transport links, it's not surprising that everyone takes their car into Dunoon or even further. It's a vicious circle. Is it licit to have a 7.9 (t-1.3) in a 3 (c-64) (t-3) (o) b.3 (c-6.7) (d)-0.1 (e)-3 (o)w)7 (e)-3 (n)10.5

Q8. Work and Local Economy: Is there an active local economy with good-quality work opportunities?

9 responses in total – Average Score of 2.1							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
4 responses	1 responses	3 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Q9. Housing and Community: Do the homes in my area support the needs of the community?

9 responses in total – Average Score of 4.3							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	5 responses	2 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Housing is mostly privately owned and of a varying size and meets the criteria set out here.
Lack of economical family homes
Strone is a community that was originally developed as a seasonal summer community in the 1840s. The housing stock reflects that. There is some infill housing, but generally infill housing does not blend into the historical architecture.
The Blairmore village community already do a lot. No need for much improvement.
The demographics of the Shore Road speak to it being primarily a retirement village, and yet, the housing options for "aging in place" are very limited. Some combination of adaptive housing for the elderly and/or more in-home services might be worth considering.
There are a large number of difficult to heat houses in the area, many occupied by retired people. However, the availability of grants to improve the environmental impact of such homes is limited to smaller homes. Thus a significant amount of the housing stock in this area has poor heating efficiency with little or no prospect of improvement. The style of these houses adds to the attractiveness of the area - but at an environmental cost. Demolishing these houses and replacing with heat efficient homes, the only real solution, would do nothing for the ambiance of the area.
Very difficult to get repair people or local tradesmen here. You call, set up an appointment and, most of the time, no one shows up. Homeowners are also charged extra or refused delivery services for goods ordered, saying that we are in the Highlands, which we are not.

Q10. Social Contact: Is there a range of spaces and opportunities to meet people?

9 responses in total – Average Score of 4.6							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	1 responses	1 responses	1 responses	3 responses	3 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Churches are the remaining institutions that create spaces for those that don't want to socialize in a pub. But the reality is that church membership is old and declining through natural attrition, as seen by the closure of churches along the Shore. Efforts are made to make Blairmore a centre for social interaction for the entire Shore Road, but it's based on volunteers that will inevitably burn out or drop out due to aging. I don't advocate public money being spent on infrastructure like a community centre, but there might be ways in which the public sector could better support the volunteer sector in this regard.
There are few spaces to interact with people. Most interaction is meeting people walking on the street.
Village hall needs more support. It was almost closed and sold a few years ago due to lack of community support.
We only have a tiny village hall and a walled garden. The village hall is currently working at events that will bring the community together more. As our community comprises mostly of retired, elderly folk, we need to try and create opportunities for them to get out and socialise more.

Q11. Identity and Belonging: Does this place have a positive identity and do I feel I belong?

9 responses in total – Average Score of 5.1

Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

9 responses in total – Average Score of 5.5							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	1 responses	2 responses	4 responses	0 responses

Comments

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Q13. Care and Maintenance: Are buildings and spaces well cared for?

9 responses in total – Average Score of 3.6							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
1 responses	2 responses	1 responses	2 responses	2 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

A lot of areas are neglected, such as High Road which is part owned by Blairmore Trust, having to maintain the overgrown lane ourselves and our communal refuse bins are used by everyone. I had to clear up glass bottles simply thrown at side of bins, the area is dirty and used like a local rubbish dump. Overgrown trees and bushes abound.

As mentioned before the area needs tidying up as it looks neglected.

Buildings yes, but the roads and pot holes and infrequent verge trimming and store drainage facilities/ditches from the council leave an awful lot to be desired. Try a bus ride or driving your car through the village. You'll see what I mean (if your vehicle has any springs left and if you haven't hit any people or wildlife.)

Generally they are However some public infrastructure shows sign of neglect; -weeds and grass growing on the edges of pavements - on some street lampposts the luminaires are at odd angles. Covers at are base of lampposts are held on by zip-ties - it feels like only critically necessary maintenance is being done

If we have a resident

Q14. Influence and Sense of Control: Do I feel able to take part in decisions and help change things for the better?

9 responses in total – Average Score of 3.8							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
1 responses	0 responses	4 responses	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses	2 responses	0 responses

Comments

Everyone has an opportunity to have a say in our community.
Everything I have complained about is in the paper every week. Other than The Queens Hall nothing else has improved for the better.
not immediately obvious people are being seriously asked to participate, rather than consultations that are done to show that we are consulting people, i.e. going through the motions The National Park has made efforts to engage the community, but at times, I wonder at how they are approaching their engagement strategy. It seems to be designed by young people from an urban setting, which assumes that on-line means are the best sinc1.5 ()JJETQBT63 (e10.60.7 (a)-I316 (en)2.7 (r))-6 (

What are the main issues and priorities for change that you have identified?

- quality of public spaces - ease of transport for persons of limited mobility and/or means - broader set of means to engage the public in decision-making but in ways which are responsive to the demographic realities
1. Stopping buildings from being left to fall down 2. Reinforcing a sense of community, that reflects the history and sense of place 3. revisiting a conservation zone for the area, and educating inhabitants on the positive benefits
A lack and need for a small cafe/shop to serve both the community and tourists and those who walk. A suitable playground area for small children and disabled children.
A reliable ferry. A better Sunday bus service. A building repair investment. More investment in employment. Less pubs and more tackling anti-social behaviour.
Car Parking in Dunoon. Car parking in hilly forested areas. Traffic policing. Pollution along the shoreline. I am also seriously concerned at the lack of wildlife (birds and mammals) which has become evident over the recent past (10 years). This in towns may not have noticed but rural dwellers see it very clearly.
Help to get High Road adopted, maintained and cared for.
Little or no bus services on Sundays or during school bus pickups and drop off times. Better repair of potholes for the roads and more frequent verge or roadside vegetation.

What actions could be taken to deal with these?