



# LENNOXTOWN PLACE PLAN

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2018-2023



## Our vision

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We want to see continued regeneration of Lennoxtown that does not compromise the beauty of our local environment. We want to feel connected to the rest of East Dunbartonshire, be respected, listened to, and have parity of access to local services. We are passionate about our village and involvement in potential changes to it are extremely important to us.

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The community in Lennoxtown is committed to working together and in partnership with local services to improve the village. This long term vision has been set by local people and is accompanied by a range of themes, priority areas and comprehensive range of actions to move the village towards its vision.

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# Introduction

East Dunbartonshire has been recognised as one of the best areas to live in Scotland based on people's health, life expectancy, employment and school performance. Economic activity and employment rates are high and the level of crime is significantly below the Scottish average. Despite this, inequalities exist across the authority. To try and address these inequalities, East Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) is committing to working with local communities to deliver actions through a number of plans for smaller geographical areas known as Place Plans.

## What is the Community Planning Partnership?

The CPP is made up of local services who work in our communities to make them the best they can be. Members include East Dunbartonshire Council, Police Scotland, the NHS and Health and Social Care Partnership, Scottish Fire and Rescue, Scottish Enterprise, East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action and a variety of other voluntary sector organisations.

## What is this Place Plan?

There has been a lot of activity in Lennoxtown over recent years to identify local issues with a view to creating a community plan for moving forward. The issues identified and possible solutions and opportunities have been grouped together in this document called the Lennoxtown Place Plan. The development of this plan has been led by local residents and prepared in partnership with the Council and other community planning partners.

## Why is it important?

This plan consolidates everything we know about the circumstances, needs and aspirations in the village. It provides a basis for regeneration of the village and is the 'blueprint' for action within Lennoxtown. This responds to new legislation that promotes and drives greater community leadership and partnership than ever before.

You can read more about the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 [here](http://www.scdc.org.uk/what/community-empowerment-scotland-act/).<sup>1</sup> There are not endless resources to tackle all the issues identified immediately but this is the start of a new era for Lennoxtown and this plan will be able to support projects and funding applications to make it a reality.

<sup>1</sup> [www.scdc.org.uk/what/community-empowerment-scotland-act/](http://www.scdc.org.uk/what/community-empowerment-scotland-act/)





# Our history

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This plan builds on lots of successes in recent years that have improved the quality of life in Lennoxtown. There have been regeneration initiatives in the past which have brought about changes like the Lennoxtown Enterprise Centre and local housing developments. Lennoxtown Project Group recently completed the Campsie Corner Community Garden and local residents have worked with the Council to enable the installation of a new play park at Bencloich Road. The Council worked with the Whitefield Pond Group to carry out conservation improvements at Balgrochan Marsh including a new path, a new sandstone monolith information point and a wildflower meadow. The Council opened Lennoxtown Hub in 2016 bringing a variety of services under one roof including housing, the library, leisure services and benefits.

People in Lennoxtown are rightly proud of the rich and fascinating History and Heritage surrounding their village.

Lennoxtown is the largest village in the Parish of Campsie. It was originally called Newtown-of-Campsie. It became so closely associated with Lennox Corn Mill and Lennox Mill Calico Print Works, that it eventually became known as Lennox Town. Locals often refer to Lennoxtown as 'Campsie' perhaps because it was the largest settlement in the Parish.

By the end of the 1780s the Calico Print Works was set up. Calico, a type of cotton cloth, and the printing of this style of cotton cloth was soon established as a major industry in the area.

During the 1790s many of the Lennox Mill workers supported Thomas Muir of Huntershill in his campaign to establish democracy in Scotland, and a Reform Society was set up in Campsie in 1792.



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Lennoxtown became a bustling hive of industry. A burgeoning community which was well served by its many thriving industries, its many shops, and by its railway.

Lennox Castle Hospital was built by Glasgow Corporation in 1936 . When it first opened it had 1,200 beds and was the largest mental deficiency (terminology used at that time) hospital in Britain.

A 120 bed maternity unit was also opened between 1941 and 1943. Although initially intended to be a temporary unit, it received patients until 1964 when it eventually closed. Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health board began a phased closure of the entire hospital by 2002.

You can read more about the history of Lennoxtown [here](#)<sup>2</sup> and more about the heritage of Lennoxtown [here](#).<sup>3</sup> Local history booklets are also available from the Campsie Local History Group and in the Library on Transport, Education and Schools, Buildings, Sport and Leisure, The Co-op (Lennoxtown Friendly Victualling Society) and much more.

<sup>2</sup> [www.welcometolennoxtown.co.uk](http://www.welcometolennoxtown.co.uk)

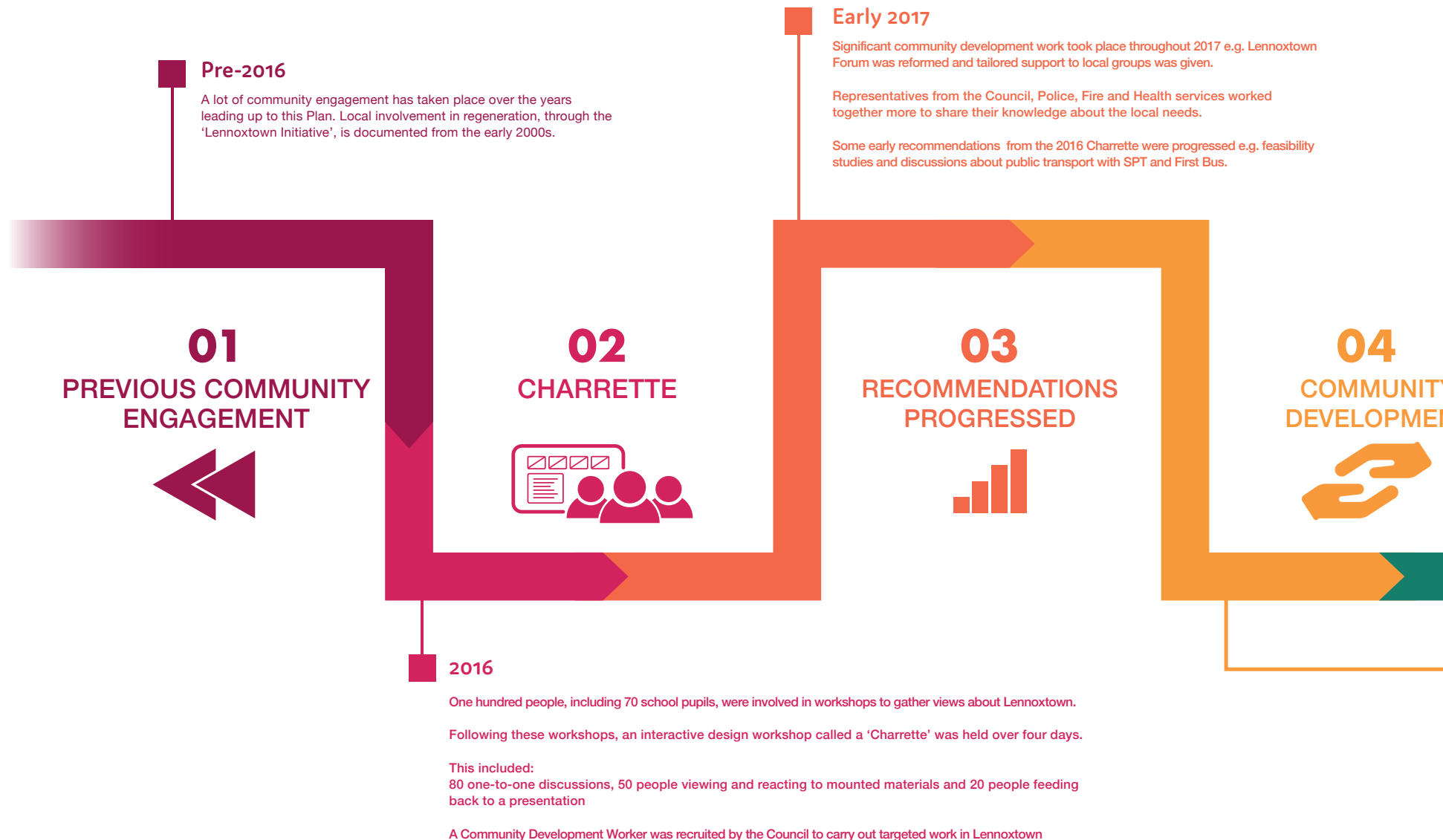
<sup>3</sup> [www.trailsandtales.org/news/?location=lennoxtown](http://www.trailsandtales.org/news/?location=lennoxtown)





# Our voice

## A timeline of engagement in Lennoxtown





## Early 2018

Over 40 people attended workshop sessions in February to check back in with the community on Charrette topics. There was a designated station for discussing community-led action.

A working group of around 10 local residents began meeting in March to draft this plan.

There were further meetings between different teams in the Council to mitigate any unintentional duplication of work in Lennoxtown and join up the conversations.

## 05 WORKSHOP SESSIONS



## 06 CONSULTATION ON DRAFT



## The Future

The Council will assist with transferring this plan into an interactive map online (using GIS) which will show progress updates and details for getting involved in different parts of the action plan.

Lennoxtown Forum and Campsie Community Council will continue to be supported. These are key groups for local residents to come together, share ideas and influence change in the village.

We need you! The Forum meets regularly in Campsie Memorial Hall and the Community Council meets in the Glazert House Hotel. Everyone welcome.

## 07 THE FUTURE



## Late 2017

Meetings were held between Council services and other organisations to inform the overall picture of priorities in Lennoxtown.

A quarterly newsletter was started up for local community groups to share useful information.

There was more joined up working between EDVA, the Council and a newly elected Campsie Community Council which created new relationships and helped identify opportunities for the Community Council to grow.

## Late 2018

There was a consultation on this plan in summer. This involved showing and discussing content with people living or working in the village to gain feedback.

The Council and EDVA supported the Community Council to establish ownership of this plan over the next five years.

In autumn 2018 all partners considered the final draft and adopted it as the policy for Lennoxtown.

# Our assets

Lennoxtown is situated on the bank of the river Glazert three miles from Kirkintilloch and around 10 miles away from Glasgow. It sits at the foot of the Campsie Fells and consists principally of one long Main Street, running roughly east to west. It is serviced by several shops, cafes and a hotel. The village and immediate surrounding area has a selection of local assets. It lies close to the M80 and M73 motorways and there is a direct bus service to Glasgow, via Kirkintilloch and Lenzie Train Station.

## Community Organisation or Club

- ① 1st & 3rd Campsie Brownie Unit
- ② 1st Campsie Guide Unit
- ③ 1st Campsie Boys Brigade
- ④ 1st Campsie Rainbows
- ⑤ Campsie Accordion & Fiddle Club
- ⑥ Campsie Angling Club
- ⑦ Campsie Bowling Club
- ⑧ Campsie Community Council
- ⑨ Campsie Golf Club
- ⑩ Campsie Horticultural Society
- ⑪ Campsie Local History Group
- ⑫ Campsie, Strathblane, Baldernock and Kirkintilloch Agricultural Society
- ⑬ Campsie FC
- ⑭ Campsie Minerva AFC
- ⑮ Karas Dance Academy
- ⑯ Astonish Gymnastics
- ⑰ Lennoxtown Project Group
- ⑱ Lennoxtown Youth Project
- ⑲ Scotia Dance Academy
- ⑳ Writers Group
- ㉑ Zanshin Kai Karate

## Facility or Service

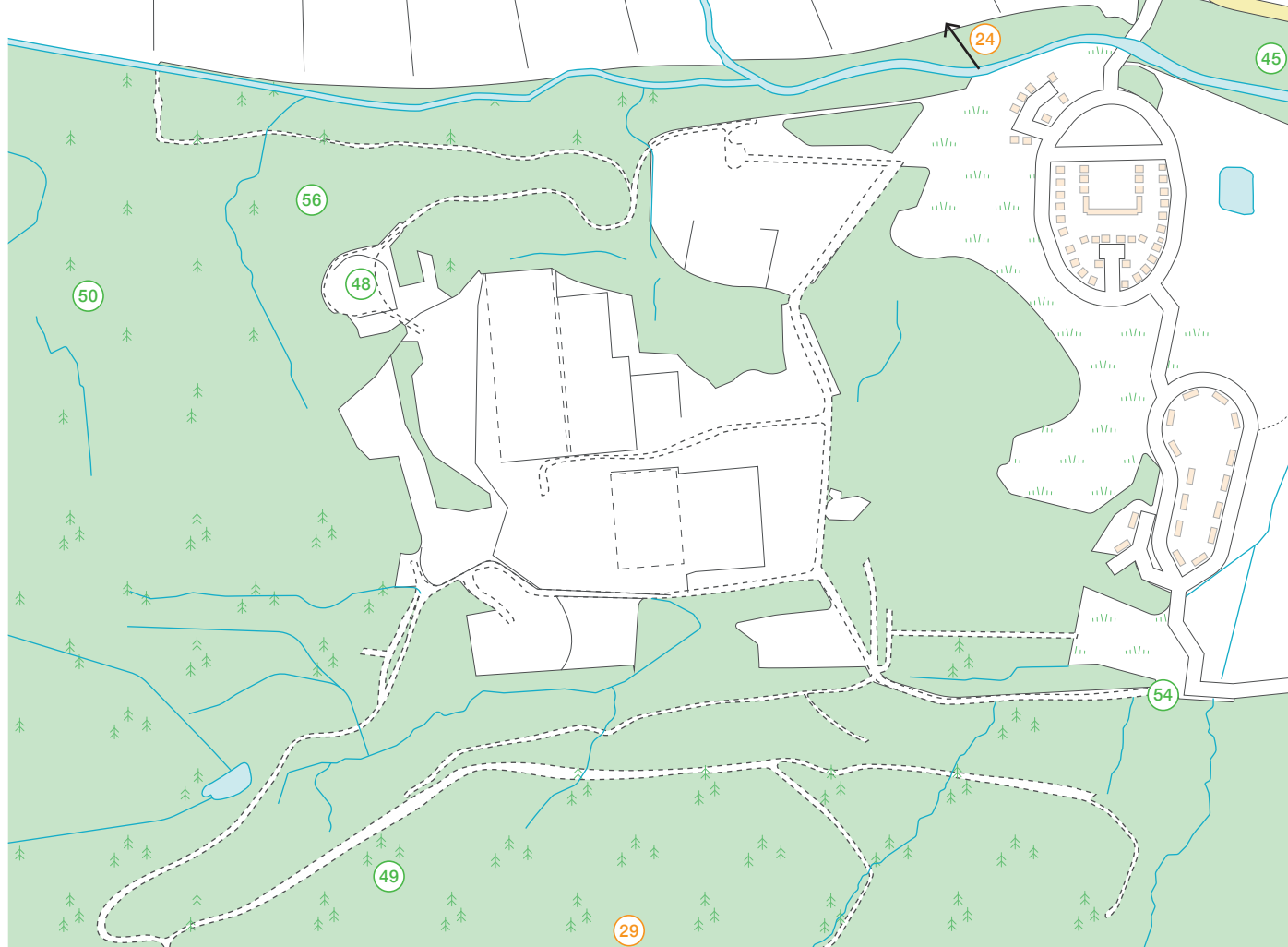
- ⑳ Campsie Memorial Hall
- ㉑ Clachan of Campsie Care Home
- ㉒ Campsie Glen Village Hall
- ㉓ Heritage and arts workshops (various). See what's on in Lennoxtown Library here.<sup>5</sup>
- ㉔ Lennoxtown Enterprise Centre
- ㉕ Lennoxtown Medical Practice
- ㉖ Lennoxtown Library
- ㉗ Rebound: Lennox Forrest Outdoor Centre
- ㉘ Whitefield Lodge Care Home
- ㉙ Lennoxtown Primary
- ㉚ St. Machan's Primary School
- ㉛ Campsie Dental Practice

## Place of Worship

- ㉜ Campsie Parish Church
- ㉝ Lennoxtown Free Church of Scotland
- ㉞ St. Machan's Roman Catholic Church

## Natural or Historical Asset

- ㉟ Balcarrach Wood
- ㊱ Balgrochan Marsh
- ㊲ Benvue Woodland
- ㊳ Campsie Fells
- ㊴ Crow Road Car Park
- ㊵ Ferguson Park
- ㊶ Field of Blood
- ㊷ Gallow Hill
- ㊸ Glazert Wood
- ㊹ High Church and Graveyard
- ㊺ High Park
- ㊻ Lennox Castle
- ㊼ Lennox Forrest
- ㊽ Lovers Leap Viewpoint
- ㊾ Redhills Woodland
- ㊿ Reservoir
- ㋀ Station Road Park
- ㋁ Walks and Trails (various). See a list of routes in and around Lennoxtown for all ability levels here.<sup>6</sup>
- ㋂ Whitefield Pond
- ㋃ Woodhead House



For the most recent information on approved land designations, visit East Dunbartonshire Council's webpage for the Local Development Plan (LDP) [here](#).<sup>4</sup> You can view an interactive version of the LDP via this webpage.

For information about what's on in the village, visit the Lennoxtown Community Forum Facebook page @LennoxtownForum, or simply drop into Campsie Memorial Hall for a chat.

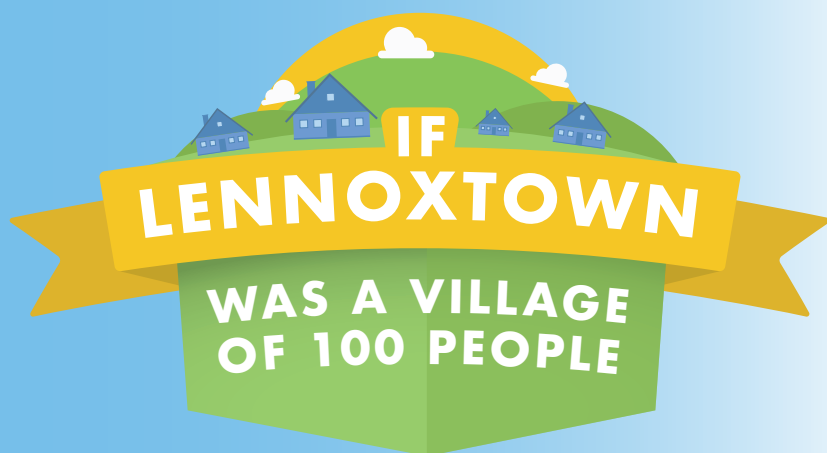
This is not exhaustive. We would love to hear about your local asset. Please let us know at the contact details on the back page.

<sup>4</sup> [www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/LDP](http://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/LDP)    <sup>5</sup> <https://www.edlc.co.uk/heritage-arts/whats-on>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/sport-leisure-parks/parks-gardens-and-open-spaces/healthy-habits-and-walking>







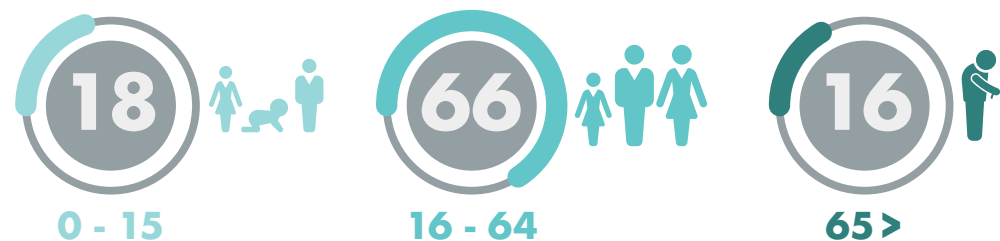
You can explore more data about the local population in Lennoxtown at:  
<http://scotland.datashine.org.uk>

## Population

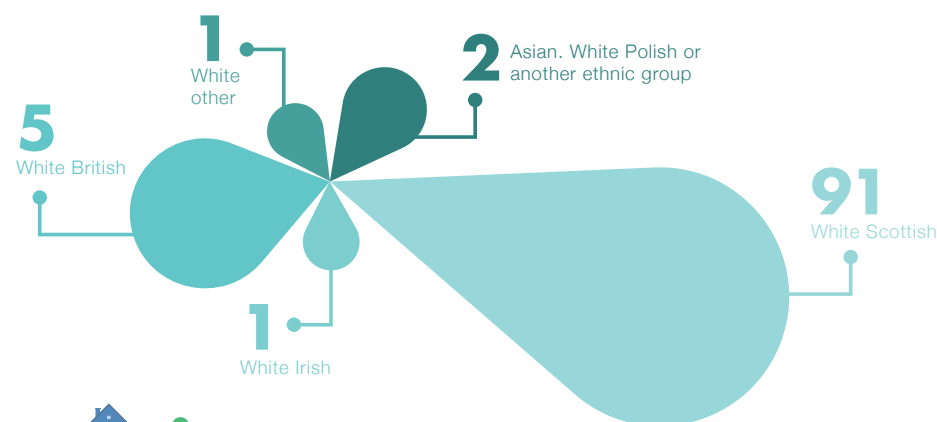
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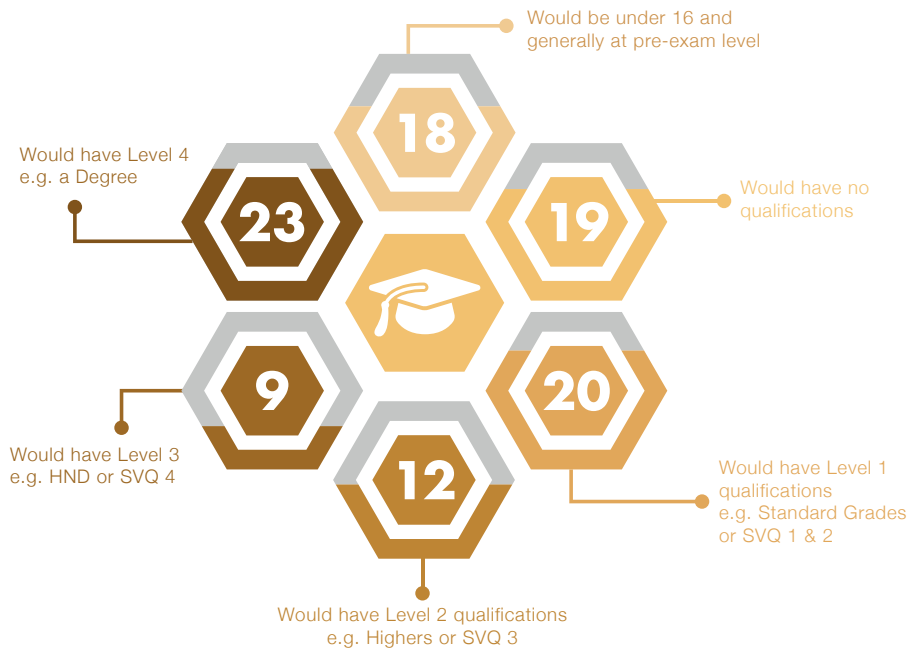
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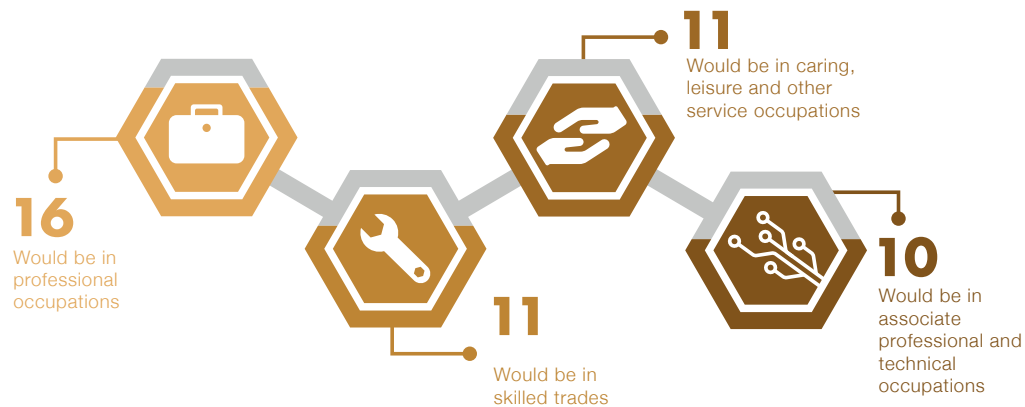
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## Education



## Work

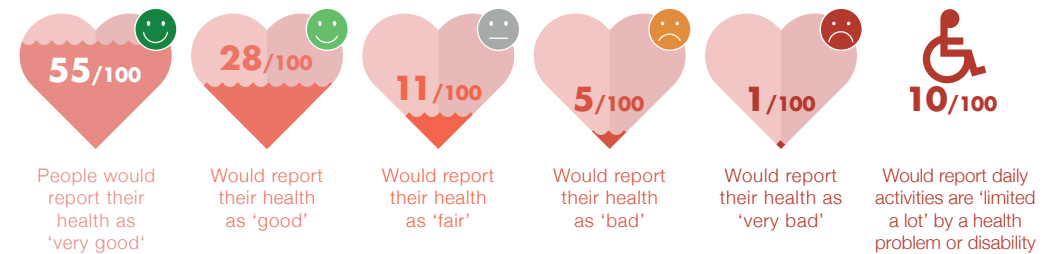
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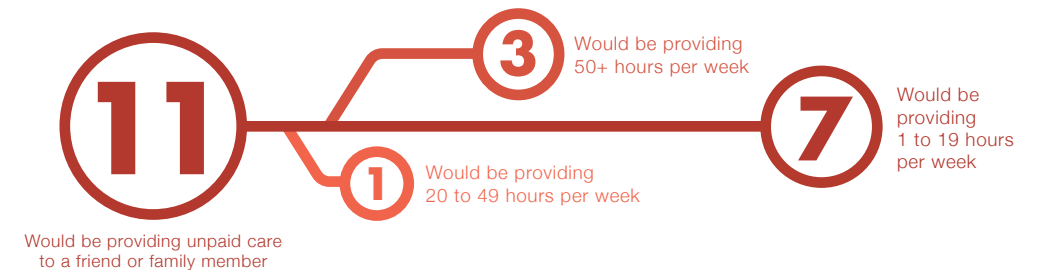
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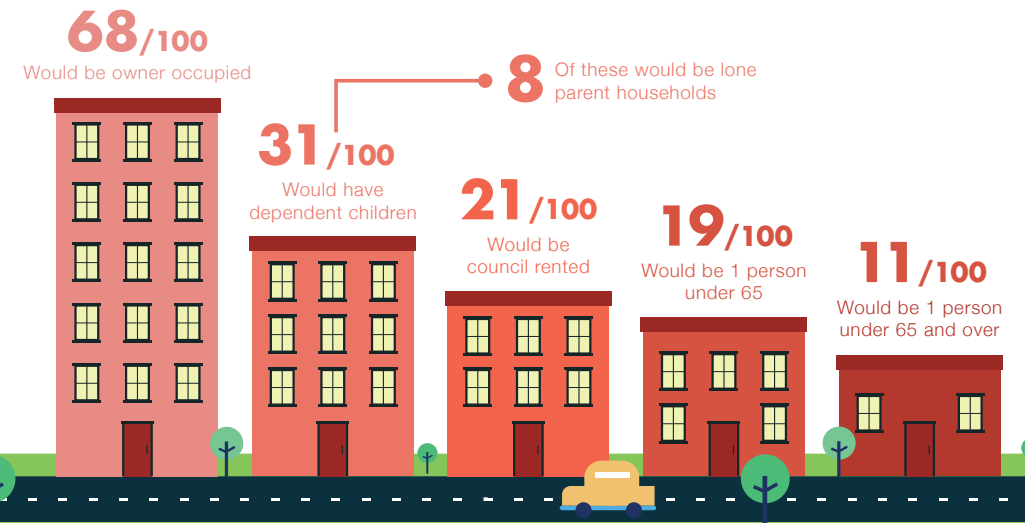
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## Care



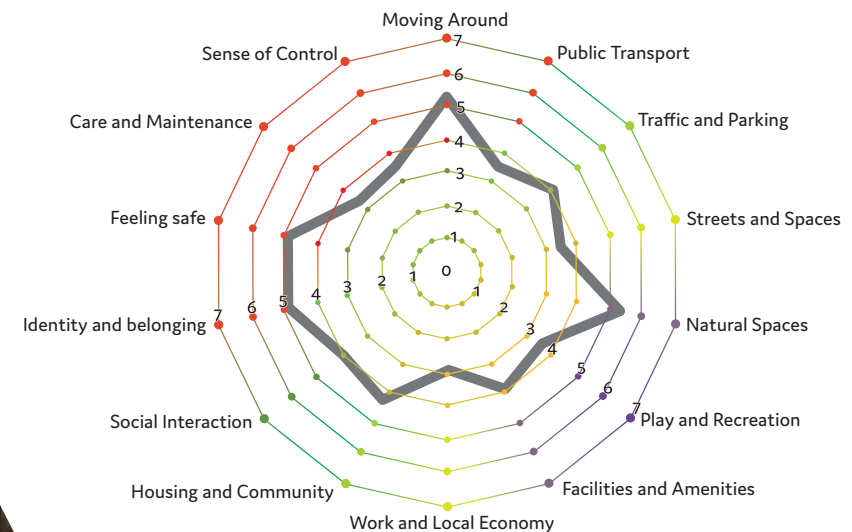
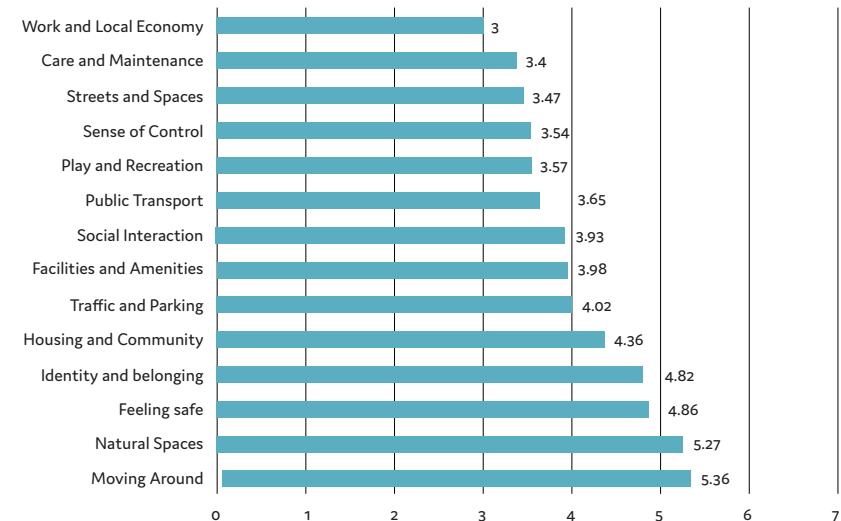
## Housing



# Community likes, dislikes and ideas for improvement

After the Charrette, survey feedback was collated and transformed into average scores for 14 different topics. The scoring system is as follows:

- 1 – very bad, no positive aspects
- 3 – the negative aspects just outweigh the positive aspects
- 4 – the positive aspects just outweigh the negative aspects
- 7 – very good, no negative aspects





## What local people said they liked

People felt really positive about community spirit, the outdoors, local clubs and businesses:

- Lots happening although people don't always know about it
- People are proud of the rich history of the village and family heritage.
- The sense of community spirit, friendly, welcoming people.
- Litter pick amazing
- I like to play outside, mainly at the park
- The picturesque setting, magnificent views, the Campsies
- The Memorial Hall and its committee
- Local people involved in the Community, and those who attempt to promote it



## What local people said they disliked

People felt less positive about traffic speed, environmental antisocial behaviour, village centre appearance, housing and childcare

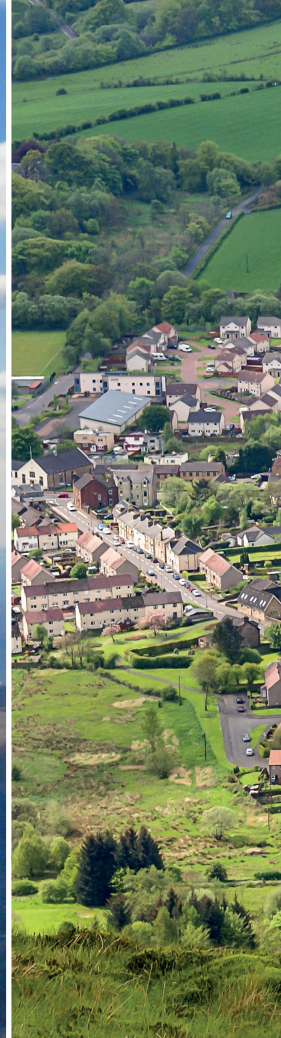
- Illegal parking Main St needs stopped
- Speed of traffic through village
- More social housing and investment in existing council housing
- Nowhere for children to play.
- Places neglected/overgrown
- Bad dog fouling in Lennoxtown. It has got to be cleaned up.
- Better and more flexible options for childcare
- Clean up railway/river area



## What local people suggested could be improved

- Ask shop owners to put hanging basket/tubs outside
- Seating required at High Park for walkers
- More sports and recreation for all ages
- make a place to play for the children to play instead of on the roads











# Our action plan

This plan has been prepared by the local community in partnership with the public and voluntary sectors. Community-led actions have been assigned to the Community Council to oversee. The Community Council will work in partnership with other local groups to progress these. This will be supported by East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action and East Dunbartonshire Council.

Representatives from local services sometimes work on action together in small groups. When this happens, thematic partnership groups oversee it. The lead organisations for these groups are as follows:

- East Dunbartonshire Economic Partnership (EDEP) - East Dunbartonshire Council (EDC)
- Employability Action Group (EAG) - East Dunbartonshire Council and Skills Development Scotland
- Delivering for Children and Young People's Partnership (DCYPP) - East Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership and East Dunbartonshire Council
- Community Safety Partnership (CSP) - East Dunbartonshire Council

- Joint Health Improvement Plan (JHIP) Steering Group - East Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership
- Health and Social Care (HSC) Strategic Planning Group - East Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP)
- Community Learning and Development (CLD) Partnership - East Dunbartonshire Council
- Financial Inclusion Partnership (FIP) - East Dunbartonshire Council

In addition to this plan there are a number of existing services that partners deliver across East Dunbartonshire. These can be viewed at the Appendix.

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# Campsie Memorial Hall

## Required Improvement

The Campsie Memorial Hall is run by the Campsie Memorial Hall Trust, a group of volunteers who maintain the building, rent out the spaces, and host local events within the building. The hall is well used and is an extremely important asset for our community. Many other local issues could be partly resolved through developing the building and creating greater sustainability of it.

The Place Plan and community aspiration is to protect and develop the Campsie Memorial Hall building. Consultation has told us a broader range of uses for the Hall is wanted, including it being a welcoming space for people of all ages to meet up, and somewhere with more of a tourism focus with local information for visitors.

Action	Responsibility	Timescale
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commission a feasibility study to investigate all options and costs for extending and improving the Hall</li> </ul>	East Dunbartonshire Council (EDC) - Regeneration and Town Centres	Short term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carry out short term redecoration to the Hall</li> </ul>	Campsie Memorial Hall Trust (CMHT)	Short term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide support for the operational and management activities relating to hall management and volunteering</li> </ul>	EDC - Community Planning and Partnerships and East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action	Short – medium term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore and implement possible physical &amp; operational improvements to the Hall, as result of feasibility work</li> </ul>	EDC – Regeneration and Town Centres and CMHT	Long term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carry out surface works in car park including line painting, in conjunction with Hall improvements</li> </ul>	EDC – Regeneration and Town Centres	Long term

**'We want our Campsie Memorial Hall to be a thriving and sustainable hub for everyone in Lennoxtown.'**



# Main Street

## Required Improvement

Lennoxtown is set within picturesque surroundings, however there is a significant issue of speeding traffic on the roads entering the village. Following the charrette, EDC commissioned traffic counts on the main roads entering the village to record the volume and speed of traffic to provide an evidence base for actions contained within this place plan. Local concerns about the safety and appearance of Main Street have also been well documented. Community engagement identified three target areas of the Main Street where improvements could have the biggest impact: west; centre; and east Main Street. Potential actions for each target area were discussed with the community February 2018 and the positive responses received helped the shape the actions detailed below. Any improvement should be based on the following four principles:

- a) Rebalance the street towards pedestrian movement and activity
- b) Support cyclists
- c) Create a place which residents and tourists wish to visit
- d) Reduce vehicle speed through street design

Action	Responsibility	Timescale
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold community Street Audits to identify and carry out short term maintenance and appearance projects working with local businesses where possible</li> </ul>	Campsie Community Council (CCC) and, East Dunbartonshire Council (EDC) – Place and Business Development	Short term and ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commission feasibility work to develop options for public realm improvements in the area identified in the Charrette process., This includes: new multi-functional village space; traffic calming measures; reconfigurations and enhancements to street layout; and street furniture upgrades throughout Main Street area</li> </ul>	EDC – Regeneration and Town Centres, Traffic and Transport	Short term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As part of the public realm feasibility look at options to create better and additional pedestrian crossing opportunities along the main street<sup>7</sup></li> </ul>	EDC – Regeneration and Town Centres, Traffic and Transport	Short term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase and improve safe parking options in the east and west Main Street, Service Street and Crosshill Street areas</li> </ul>	EDC - Regeneration and Town Centres, Traffic and Transport	Medium – long term

**'We want our village centre to be an attractive and people-orientated area that is easy to move around in and somewhere we feel safe as pedestrians and as road users. We would like our village to be a welcoming gateway to the Campsie Fells.'**



# Housing and the wider village area

## Required Improvement

Our community is striving to protect and enhance our built and natural environment and we feel that the appearance and conditions of buildings are extremely important. Social housing availability is recognised as being problematic in Lennoxton, with a key issue being a perceived lack of single person occupancy properties to meet demand.

The current Local Development Plan includes the principle policy of supporting regeneration and protecting the green belt. It states that green belt will be used to support regeneration by directing development to the most appropriate locations. Lennoxton is set within beautiful surroundings and it is important to us that the Council's planning, housing and other services involved in strategic and technical work communicate in a fair and transparent way.

Action	Responsibility	Timescale
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate the current activity and potential re-establishment of the Tenants &amp; Residents Association in the area by liaising with other residents and the Council Tenant Participation Officer</li> </ul>	Tenants & Residents Association Chair in partnership with local community	Short term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carry out roads and footways audits in partnership with the local community, to help identify any potential future upgrade works</li> </ul>	East Dunbartonshire Council (EDC) - Road Network Operations	Short term and ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase the profile of the Community Council as the central point of contact for the village, giving external parties a clear means of communicating proposals or information about housing and the wider village area</li> </ul>	Campsie Community Council (CCC)	Medium term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate updates from housing providers to convey key messages to locals and discuss plans such as capital improvement programmes to existing houses or new build development</li> </ul>	CCC	Medium term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Endeavour to ensure that information regarding policy formation, strategies, consultations, projects, programmes and technical actions are shared with the community</li> </ul>	EDC – Land Planning Policy, Sustainability Policy, Housing Strategy, Housing Operations, Estates and Facilities, Property Maintenance	Medium term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upskill the Community Council and wider community to participate in land planning processes</li> </ul>	East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action and EDC – Community Planning and Partnerships	Medium term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate the ownership of High Church and scope out restoration possibilities</li> </ul>	CCC and EDC – Place and Business Development	Long term

**‘We need more rented homes in Lennoxton which proportionately reflect the local demographics and we wish to have more accessible opportunities to be involved in how our area is developed, particularly to reduce encroachment into the greenbelt.’**



# Parks and recreation

## Required Improvement

A shortage of recreation options for all ages in Lennoxton has been identified as a key issue in Lennoxton. The Place Planning process in Lennoxton shows community wish to see more safe play areas and activities for children. It also notes that local people feel there are few attractive options for young and older adults, especially indoors. Feasibility studies undertaken as part of the Place Planning process for the blaes pitches at Station Road and Ferguson Park provided options for additional uses. Subsequent consultation with the community returned a preference for natural style improvements such as natural play areas, outdoor gym equipment, wildflower meadows, and improved access points and pathways. In light of the significant football activity in the area, separate feasibility study was undertaken to identify locations for a 3G pitch in the village. High Park was the only feasible site with an estimated development cost for the pitch and pavilion around £800,000. Any opportunities to revisit pitch and pavilion upgrades at High Park would be supported by the community.

Action	Responsibility	Timescale
• Install play park at Bencloich Road	East Dunbartonshire Council (EDC) – Streetscene Technical Support	Short term
• Install new seating at High Park	EDC – Streetscene Operations	Short term
• Develop the East Dunbartonshire WALK programme through trained leaders in Lennoxton	Campsie Community Council (CCC) & JHIP Steering Group	Short term
• Maintain ‘smoke free’ play park initiative	JHIP Steering Group	Short term
• Provide more learning for sustainability, including outdoor education through Forest Schools <sup>8</sup>	EDC – Sustainability Policy, Education	Medium term
• Review all path surfaces and local signage to identify areas of improvement to make the village disability and dementia friendly	EDC - Traffic and Transport and CCC	Medium term
• Develop the community preferred options identified in the feasibility work and implement natural and biodiverse improvements to Station Road and Ferguson Parks	EDC – Regeneration and Town Centres, Streetscene Technical Support	Medium term
• Identify potential sites for food growing in Lennoxton	EDC – Sustainability Policy and CCC	Short term
• Maintain ‘Snack and Play’ – a scheme that provides free meals and activities in primary schools during school holidays for children most likely to benefit from this	EDC - Education and East Dunbartonshire Leisure & Culture Trust	Short term and ongoing

**‘We want our parks and outdoor and indoor recreation options to be inviting and friendly for people of all ages.’**

# Community events

## Required Improvement

Lennoxton is a very active community where there is a real desire for big events. During community engagement, family activities and group activities are always high on the priority list for our community. One of the things that residents regularly highlight is that events that bring the whole community together are excellent. Re-establishing a Summer Gala and planning and coordinating other joint seasonal events is something we would like to aim for. Link in with EDLC and other partners who may be scheduling calendar events to raise their profile and secure greater involvement. Community events such as 'Pot Luck' nights and family movie nights are example of preferences in the community. There is a wealth of talent in the village so let's use this valuable resource.

Action	Responsibility	Timescale
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate the feasibility of holding seasonal events</li> </ul>	Campsie Community Council (CCC)	Short term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan and coordinate seasonal events to be suitable for all the family together, including activities which are dementia friendly</li> </ul>	CCC and HSC Strategic Planning Group	Medium term and ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure invitations and promotions about events reach wider audiences by using a variety of online and offline methods.</li> </ul>	CCC	Short term and ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate the feasibility of culture and creative arts events, and deliver events where possible</li> </ul>	CCC in partnership with local musicians and artists	Medium term and ongoing

**'We want more local events that bring different groups of people together and provide opportunities for socialising.'**





# Travel

## Required Improvement

Making more of the surrounding environment matters to the community and during community engagement the lack of a footpath between Strathkelvin Railway Line and Station Road was highlighted as an issue. Formalising a route would allow new signage and encourage walkers and cyclists to divert into Lennoxtown. We recognise the health benefits of more walking and cycling in childhood through to older adulthood so actions should support that. There are also isolation issues for those who don't use a car and this is compounded by a restricted choice of shops. Everyone should have as much journey and ticketing information about public transport and other demand responsive public buses and other 'on-demand' transport services.

Action	Responsibility	Timescale
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a link between the Strathkelvin Railway path and the village centre via Station Road</li> </ul>	East Dunbartonshire Council (EDC) – Traffic and Transport	Short term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a foot link in the High Church area to support additional walking choices from east to west</li> </ul>	EDC – Traffic and Transport	Short term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create more consistent pedestrian signage that will help to move around Main Street and to the wider path network<sup>10</sup></li> </ul>	EDC – Traffic and Transport	Short term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide secure cycle storage in the village centre<sup>11</sup></li> </ul>	EDC – Traffic and Transport	Short term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Market and promote the village as part of existing and future cycle and active travel routes around East Dunbartonshire<sup>12</sup></li> </ul>	EDC – Traffic and Transport	Short – medium term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote journey and ticketing information from all transport providers</li> </ul>	CCC in partnership with SPT and First Bus	Short term

**'We want to be able to travel on foot, wheels, or by bus with ease, in and around Lennoxtown.'**







# Greenspace

## Required Improvement

Environmental protection is an important contributor to social and economic regeneration. Various successful projects have been completed in Lennoxton and through community engagement, we identified a lot of greenspace that could be considered for improvements. Amongst others, the community has already been successful in upgrading one 'stalled-space' into Campsie Corner and there is late naturalisation works ongoing through 2018. A healthy, biodiverse environment can have wide ranging and far reaching additional benefits to society and the economy as well as inherent benefits for nature and wildlife. A high quality natural environment can improve our physical health and mental wellbeing, support a sustainable economy including tourism and local food production, provide inspirational places for outdoor volunteering, education and training and help us adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change.

Action	Responsibility	Timescale
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As part of wider public realm improvements to Main Street, investigate the options for making the most of the space on front of St. Machan's Church</li> </ul>	East Dunbartonshire Council (EDC) – Regeneration and Town Centres and Campsie Community Council (CCC)	Medium term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate the options for a Campsie Memorial Hall Community Garden</li> </ul>	Campsie Memorial Hall Trust and EDC – Regeneration and Town Centres	Medium term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carry out habitat enhancement works around High Park area</li> </ul>	EDC - Streetscene Technical Support <sup>13</sup>	Medium term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore 'green' health initiatives for Lennoxton such as greenspace prescriptions and local air quality initiatives</li> </ul>	JHIP Steering Group	Medium term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carry out habitat enhancement works at Balgrochan Marsh and investigate potential to designate site as a Local Nature Reserve</li> </ul>	EDC - Streetscene Technical Support, Sustainability Policy <sup>14</sup>	Long term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create a woodland management plan and upgrade path network and entrances, signage at Southfields and Redhills woodland</li> </ul>	EDC - Streetscene Technical Support, Sustainability Policy, Traffic and Transport <sup>16</sup>	Long term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate strengthening links from Redhills View Grassland to other adjacent open spaces through habitat creation &amp; management</li> </ul>	EDC - Streetscene Technical Support, Sustainability Policy, Traffic and Transport <sup>17</sup>	Medium term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress Glazert Water River Restoration to provide natural flood risk benefits, create wetland and habitat areas and revitalise the wildlife corridor, ensuring community voice is sought and included throughout project</li> </ul>	EDC - Technical and Engineering, Streetscene Technical Support <sup>18</sup>	Short – medium term

<sup>13</sup> Committed in Open Space Strategy and Green Network Strategy

<sup>14,15 & 18</sup> Committed in Local Biodiversity Action Plan and Green Network Strategy

<sup>16 & 17</sup> Committed in Green Network Strategy and Open Space Strategy

**'We want well-kept and accessible greenspace that allows people of all ages to enjoy our beautiful local area.'**

# Antisocial behaviour

## Required Improvement

Antisocial behaviour is a big issue for the Lennoxton community. It has been identified that local incidents of fire raising have been fuelled by excessive alcohol consumption. The village has lots of outdoor space and paths however these are often blighted by inconsiderate dog owners and those who litter and vandalise. Cars parked illegally or inconsiderately around Main Street also make it difficult to cross the road and make cyclists and pedestrians feel unwelcome. Dangerous behaviour on the road and environmental antisocial behaviour are significant issues in Lennoxton so actions should aim to resolve these. We would also support any progress towards introducing by-laws for the licensing of professional dog walking on public land as this is perceived as a major contributing factor to dog fouling in our area.

Action	Responsibility	Timescale
• Run targeted patrols and joint days of enforcement action to tackle parking / traffic issues and a range of environmental incivilities such as dog fouling, fly tipping and littering	Community Safety Partnership (CSP)	Short term and ongoing
• Run preventative and educational initiatives on antisocial behaviour and community safety issues e.g. Junior Wardens, joint surgeries by community safety partners and use of multi-use games area	CSP	Short term and ongoing
• Run community prevention initiatives which encourage people to keep Lennoxton beautiful	Campsie Community Council (CCC)	Medium term & ongoing
• Increase 'walk-arounds' from community police officers to strengthen relationships	Police Scotland	Short term & ongoing
• Carry out joint licensing enforcement initiatives	CSP	Short term & ongoing
• Increase and coordinate community clean-up days	CCC	Short term & ongoing
• Enhance gateways, including welcome and speed limit signage to announce that drivers are entering a place not a road	EDC – Regeneration and Town Centres	Long term
• Increase promotion of car parks through improved signage	EDC – Regeneration and Town Centres	Long term
• As part of wider Parking Strategy work, investigate the feasibility of further parking management measures in the neighbouring street network	EDC – Regeneration and Town Centres	Long term

**'We want to prevent antisocial behaviour, and see greater enforcement of penalties when it does happen.'**



**'We want to feel a greater sense of togetherness throughout the village.'**

## Community integration

### Required Improvement

Lennoxton is a friendly place to live with lots going on. Lennoxton Forum was re-established in 2017 with support from the Council. This is an informal network of representatives from community groups, organisations and the Community Council. Initial meetings focused on exploring the main issues. Communication amongst local groups and the wider community was a priority. For many people it can be hard to know what's on and to feel they can get involved. People often say that they would appreciate a clearer 'one-stop-shop' approach for communicating what is on. It would also be beneficial to explore new ways of linking in with families and individuals who are not usually involved in projects and clubs. A newsletter subgroup was formed to help promote events and share information. Other issues related to joined up planning and project activity, developing skills and knowledge sharing. The lack of volunteers was also identified as being a barrier for local groups. We will endeavour to increase partnership working to improve integration in the village, address important issues together and develop a collective stronger voice for positive change.

Action	Responsibility	Timescale
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the communication between groups and services, and between them and the wider community and promote 'what's on' in a joined up manner</li> </ul>	Campsie Community Council (CCC)	Short term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold Hub open days to showcase what is available</li> </ul>	East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust (EDLC) and East Dunbartonshire Council (EDC) – Customer and Shared Services	Short – medium term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporate 'intergenerational' approaches to existing events and activities i.e. bringing our younger and older residents together for shared purposes</li> </ul>	CCC, HSC Strategic Planning Group Whitefield Lodge and Clachan of Campsie House	Short term & ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop use of the community noticeboard by different organisations and groups</li> </ul>	CCC in partnership with other community groups <sup>19</sup>	Medium term & ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Run volunteer recruitment events to support multiple projects in this plan</li> </ul>	CLD Partnership and CCC	Short term & ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build up the capacity of local volunteers across various local projects and groups</li> </ul>	CLD Partnership	Long term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore options for community based training around mental wellbeing</li> </ul>	JHIP Steering Group and CLD Partnership	Long term

<sup>19</sup> This is primarily the responsibility of Lennoxton Project Group. Enquiries can be made by using the contact details on the board.

# Removing barriers

## Required Improvement

Some parts of our village are classed as being in the 20% most deprived in Scotland in terms of health, employment, income and experience of crime. This suggests some residents experience more barriers than others do, resulting in these poorer circumstances. There is also a higher than average proportion of people being prescribed drugs for mental health problems compared to the rest of the authority area. We also know that involvement in local decision making is important for people's sense of community and wellbeing and we want to address this.

Action	Responsibility	Timescale
• Develop breast feeding friendly settings and champions	JHIP Steering Group	Medium term
• Market and promote employability and adult learning opportunities	Employability Action Group (EAG)	Short term & ongoing
• Develop the community engagement skills of the Community Council and other local groups where possible	CLD Partnership	Long term
• Develop services for community based early years provision to meet the needs of the children and families in the community including: nurture, parental involvement and family learning opportunities; and parenting support and advice that is timely and appropriate	Delivering for Children and Young People's Partnership (DCYPP)	Short term & ongoing
• Explore options for developing community-led parent and toddler provision	East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action (EDVA) in partnership with local community	Short term
• Carry out a mapping exercise on options for reducing social isolation and promote amongst vulnerable groups e.g. through the Asset Map	Campsie Community Council (CCC), EDVA and JHIP Steering Group	Short term & ongoing
• Develop social enterprise in Lennoxton to contribute to the local social economy	East Dunbartonshire Economic Partnership (EDEP)	Short term & ongoing

**'We want to break down the barriers to education, employment, housing, good health and democracy that some of our more vulnerable residents experience.'**

20 Committed in  
Sustainability and Climate  
Change Framework and  
Economic Development  
Strategy



## Removing barriers (continued)

Action	Responsibility	Timescale
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify opportunities to build skills among the community in a number of 'green' contexts such as food growing and climate resilience</li> </ul>	East Dunbartonshire Council – Sustainability Policy <sup>21</sup>	Short term & ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to deliver high-quality early learning and childcare services from Lennoxtown ELC Centre and introduce improvements ensuring high-quality, flexible, accessible and affordable early learning and childcare services are available to local children and families. This includes:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue to provide 1140 hours of free early learning and childcare for all 3 to 5 year olds;</li> <li>- Introduce 1140 hours of free early learning and childcare for all eligible 2 year olds, including a 'blended model' with childminders;</li> <li>- Introduce provision for the care of babies within Lennoxtown Early Learning and Childcare Centre; and</li> <li>- Continue to work with multi-agencies to ensure additional support is provided to families in crisis</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	EDC – Early Years Education <sup>22</sup>	Short term & ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work together to ensure people are claiming the benefits they are entitled to and receiving advice and information about money and fuel poverty</li> </ul>	Financial Inclusion Partnership (FIP)	Medium – long term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote digital skills</li> </ul>	CLD Partnership	Medium – long term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the Pupil Equity Fund to provide additional support in primary schools aimed at closing the poverty related attainment</li> </ul>	EDC – Primary Education	Short term & ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate targeted and tailored business support to support potential, new and existing businesses and social enterprises in the area</li> </ul>	EDC - Business Gateway	Medium term and ongoing

<sup>21</sup> Committed in Community Learning and Development Plan, Sustainability and Climate Change Framework

<sup>22</sup> Committed in East Dunbartonshire Council Early Years Strategic Plan

# Making it happen

Public and voluntary sector organisations and groups operating in Lennoxton are expected to align to these priorities and to work with local people at every opportunity to do so. This can be facilitated by Campsie Community

This plan will be used by all of the partners to apply for funding to make this plan a reality. Any group or organisation operating in Lennoxton is encouraged to do so, and it would be most beneficial if Campsie Community Council is consulted to ensure local people are involved local decisions and that progress in the village is coordinated.

There is a lot of current and planned activity to help deliver this plan. [If you would like to know more or get involved and you are:](#)

[a local resident](#) please contact Campsie Community Council at [campsiecommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:campsiecommunitycouncil@gmail.com)

[a voluntary sector organisation](#) please contact East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action at [info@edva.org](mailto:info@edva.org) or on 0141 578 6680.

[a public sector organisation or business](#) please contact East Dunbartonshire Council at [communityplanning@eastdunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:communityplanning@eastdunbarton.gov.uk) or on 0300 123 4510.

Every year, partners will come together to monitor this plan and communicate updates to the community and the Community Planning Partnership Board. This will include information about progress against the planned actions and any short term changes as a result of them. Longer term change in Lennoxton will be monitored by using statistics after years 3 and 5. Large scale surveying in Lennoxton will be revisited after year 5 to supplement statistical information.





# Appendix: Universal Services

These are existing services throughout East Dunbartonshire. This Place Plan adds targeted improvements for Lennoxton



Provides a wide range of services including:

- Community protection
- Early learning, childcare and education
- Registration services
- Roads
- Economic development
- Housing
- Planning and building standards
- Recycling and waste



Enforces the law and keeps us safe. Local Police priorities are:

- Tackling violence
- Disorder and antisocial behaviour
- Protecting people
- Increasing public confidence and local engagement
- Tackling serious crime
- Responding to major events



Is Scotland's main economic development agency. The organisation works with partners in the public and private sectors to identify and exploit the best opportunities to deliver a significant, lasting effect on the Scottish economy.



In addition to responding to fire emergencies, SFRS also carries out:

- Youth development programmes
- Safety campaigns
- Home fire safety checks
- CPR training
- Traffic collision response



A newly integrated body which brings together a wide range of services including:

- Residential Child Care Service
- Children and Families Services
- Primary Care Services
- Youth Justice Service
- Home Care Service
- Occupational Therapy Service
- Community Alarm & Telecare Service
- Mental Health Services
- Public Health Improvement Services



Is a Charitable Trust established by East Dunbartonshire Council to deliver culture & leisure services. Services are delivered from 3 leisure centres (including pavilions); 8 libraries, a museum, an art gallery and an arts centre.



Provides services to help people achieve career success and support businesses with their goals.



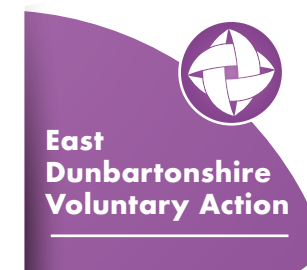
Manages around 780 men on remand, short term, long term and life and extended sentences. Supports people to re-integrate back into the community.



Is recently merged College providing a range of full and part time courses in Computing, Art and Design, Employability and Hair.



In addition to the housing provided by East Dunbartonshire Council, there are fifteen housing associations that provide social housing in East Dunbartonshire.



Facilitates, enables and connects the capacity and engagement of the local voluntary sector, social enterprises, and volunteering.









‘Neath its Fells lies the village of Campsie  
And its beauty is there to see

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Lennoxtown Heritage and Preservation Trust for local walking and cycling information. [www.thecampsies.co.uk](http://www.thecampsies.co.uk)

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