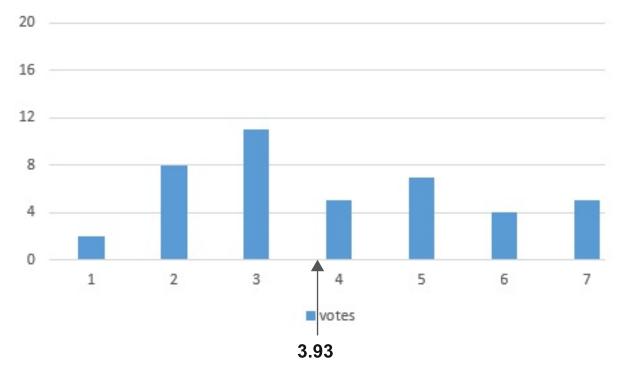


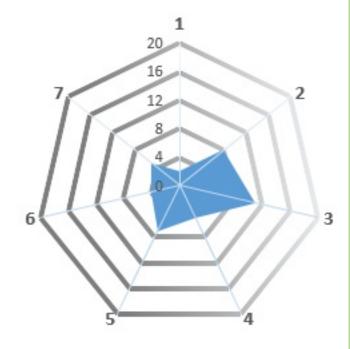
### 10. Is there a range of spaces and opportunities to meet people?

Scoring System:

- 1 very bad, no positive aspects
- 3 the negative aspects just outweight postive aspects
- 4 the positive aspects just outweight the negative aspects
- 7 very good, no negative aspects



Weighted Average



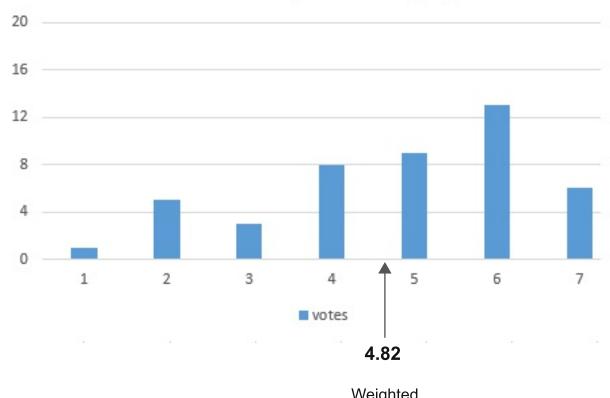
The voting is relatively complicated as can be seen by the shape on the radar chart. The peaks are at the 2 and 3 scores but a significant minority of votes in the 5 to 7 columns increase the weighted average (rank 8).



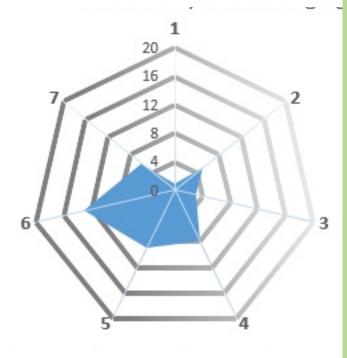
### 11. Does this place have a positive identity and do I feel I belong?

Scoring System:

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- 3 the negative aspects just outweight postive aspects
- 4 the positive aspects just outweight the negative aspects
- 7 very good, no negative aspects

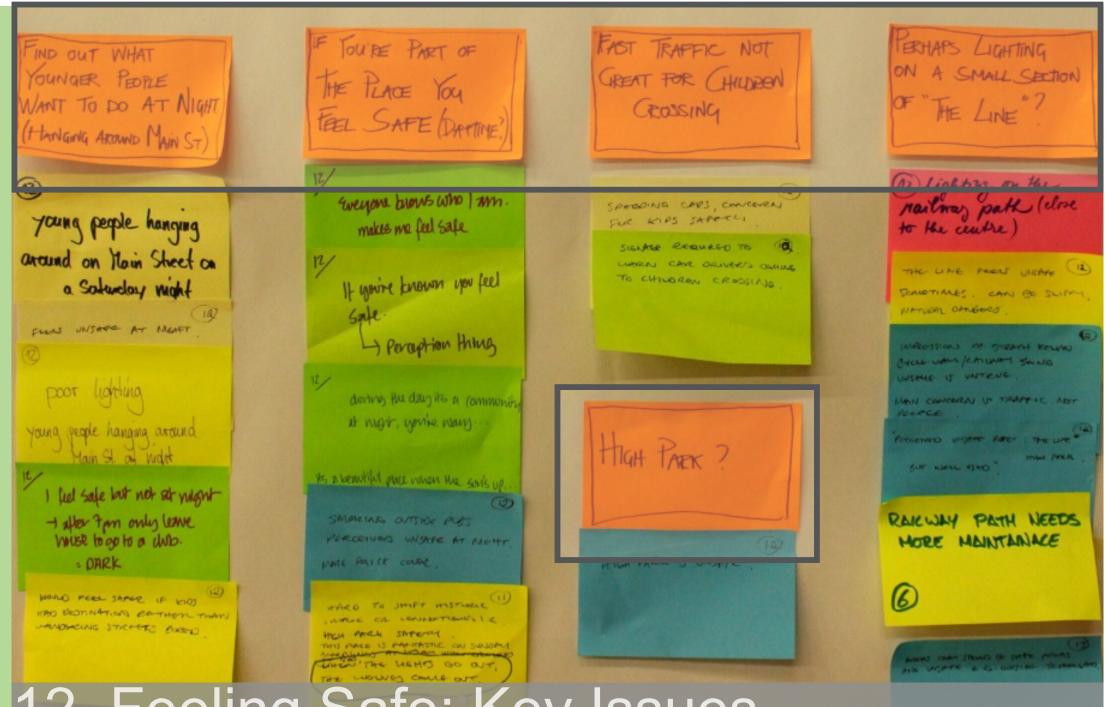


Weighted Average



The majority of comments are in positive territory with a noticeable peak in the 6 column. The votes in the 2 column are noteable and may link with comments from newer residents.

The weighted average generates a rank of 4.

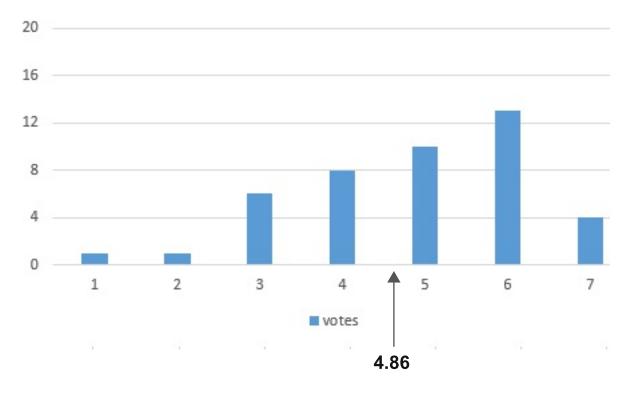


12. Feeling Safe: Key Issues

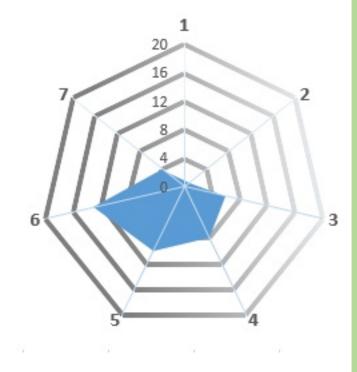
### 12. Do I feel safe?

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- 7 very good, no negative aspects



Weighted Average



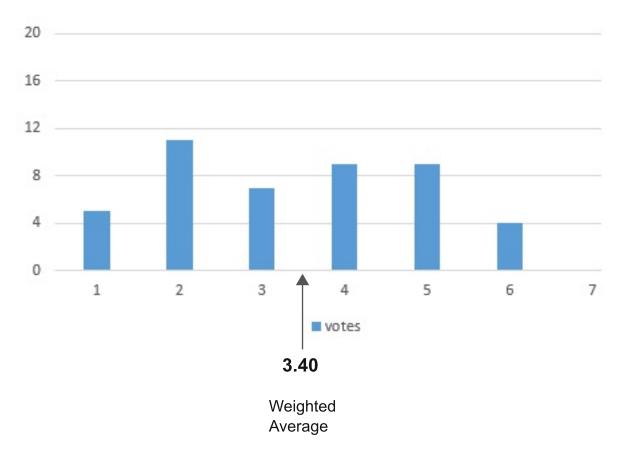
People can be considered to generally feel safe but a significant minority score in the 3 or 4 column, which pulls the weighted score nearer to the negative range, which ranks 3 overall suggesting the theme is not a key priority.

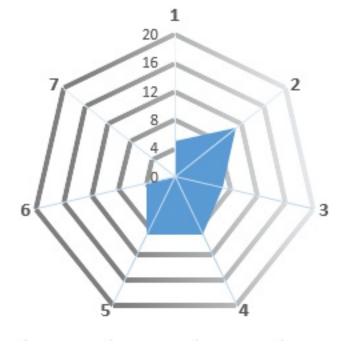


## 13. Are buildings and spaces well cared for?

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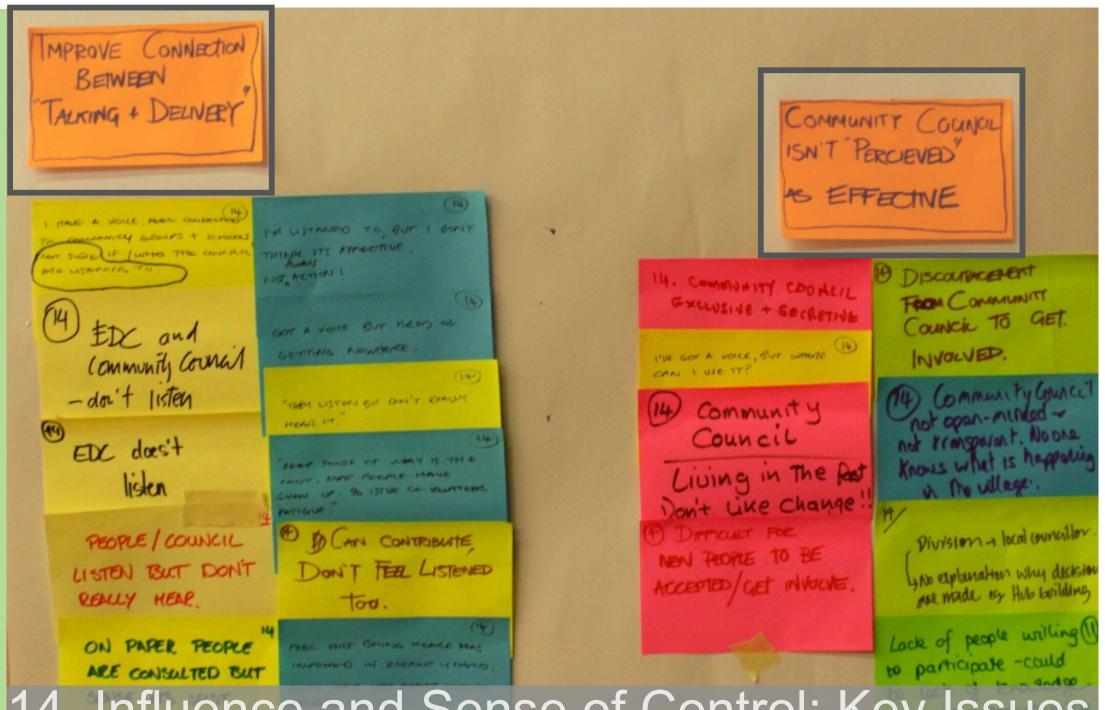
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- 7 very good, no negative aspects





The voting is relatively evenly spread across the scores with a noticeable peak in the 2 column. The rader chart shows more clearly the majority of scores are either side of halfway.

The weighted average confirms a midway score and a second lowest ranking of 13.

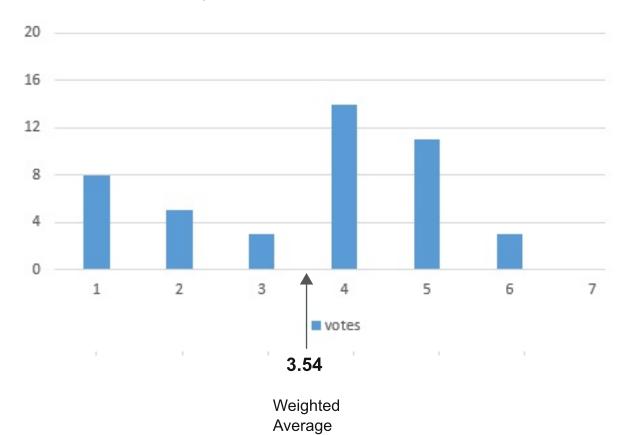


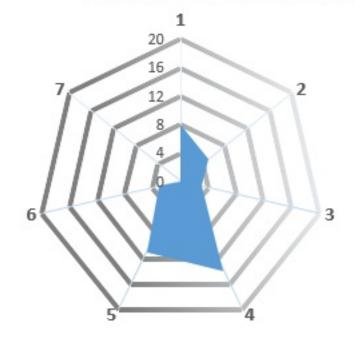
14. Influence and Sense of Control: Key Issues

# 14. Do I feel able to participate in decisions and help change things for the better?

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- 7 very good, no negative aspects

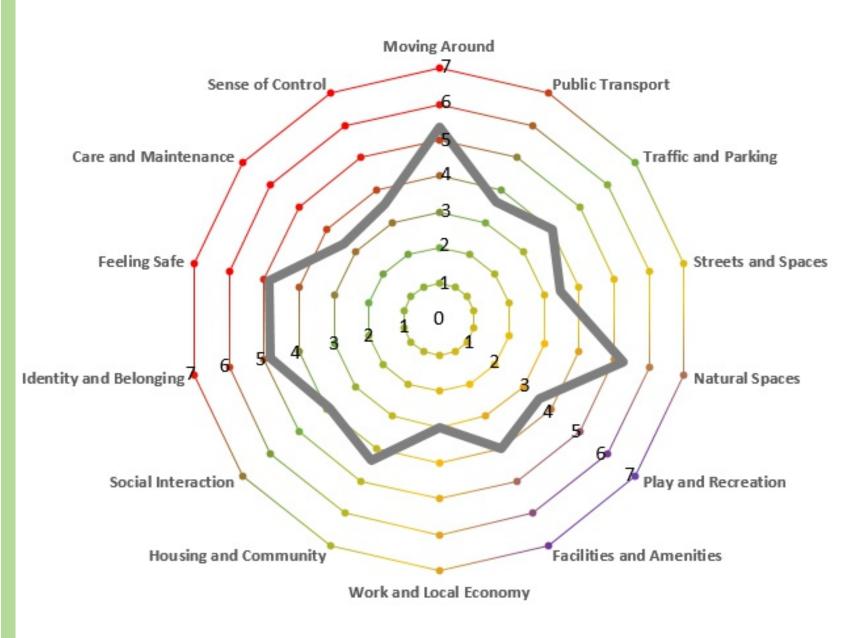




The peaks are noted in the 4 and 5 columns suggesting the view is 'just good enough' but the next highest peaks in the 1 and 2 columns suggest a more negative view.

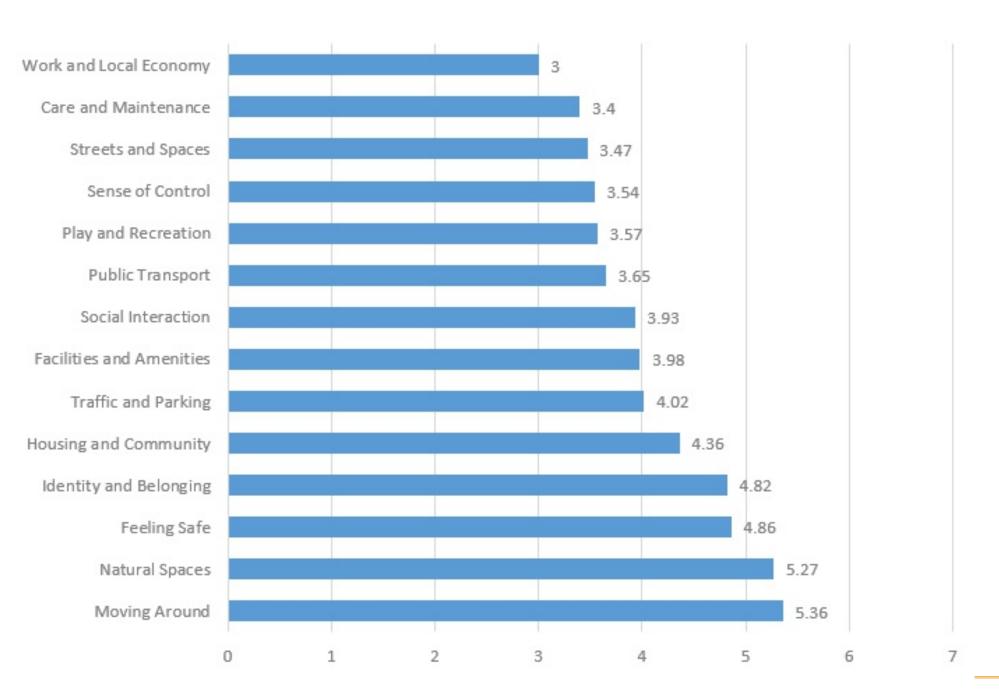
The weighted average ranking of 11 suggests this is a theme that requires attention

### The Lennoxtown Town Centre Place Standard Diagram



This diagram is composed of the weighted averages from each of the 14 themes to create a single Place Standard diagram. Whilst the detail is contained within the preceding sections, this diagram suggests particular themes require more attention than others.

This is shown more clearly on the following page by ordering the themes according to their weighted average. This suggests a number of priority areas.



All of the following material was generate live at the Charrette Event

# The Main Street Public Realm Project

The environment, safety and image of Main Street was identified as a key issue in the process.

The data gathered from conversations and public realm analysis supported the identification of three target areas, which could have the biggest impact.

Improving each of theses areas would bring multiple benefits and address site specific problems.

Each of the three areas can be designed and implemented separately to take account of the restricted public finances.

However, to achieve the environment that better supports pedestrian activity with an identify that better represents the town, then all three projects should be viewed as single, long term package.

Taken together, all three proposals will

- rebalance Main Street towards pedestrian movement and activity;
- support cycle movement;
- create a better environment for tourists / residents; and
- slow all vehicles.



# Existing

### **Main Street Public Realm:**

# **Crosshill St / Main Street Junction**

The proposal principally seeks to change the western entrance to Main Street into a place where people and cyclists feel equally welcome. The indicative sketch plan proposes the following:

- formal car parking arrangements
- bus layby
- widened pavements
- central median strip (raised)
- flat roundabout marked by changes in materials only







# **Main Street Public Realm:** Existing Co-op Crossing The proposal principally seeks to The indicative sketch plan proposes the change one of the busiest places in the following: Town Centre to better support pedestrian movement and activity. - widened pavements - central median strip (raised) **Proposed** 66













### Main Street Public Realm:

### **Slowing the Approaches**

The western approach to the town was discussed within two contexts:

- 1) the need to slow vehicles down generally and on approach to Main Street; and
- 2) the need to support easier pedestrian movement across roads and around the wider path network.

Two locations were identified that would address both issues

### **Crosshill Street**

The wide carriageway and lack of onstreet parking encourage higher vehicle speeds making crossing difficult.

The proposed crossing point is located to connect the northeast corner of Whitefield Pond with the adjacent greenspace to encourage longer walking routes. Shortening the crossing width by widening the pavements suggests this location is more important for people than cars. Vehicles are more likely to arrive at the Main Street junction at a lower speed

### Service Road

The straight, wide carriageway located, passing Whitefield Lodge, is devoid of features that support pedestrian crossing points.

The introduction of a median strip at this point would support the crossing of residents from Whitefield Lodge to Whitefield Pond. This proposal would also slow cars prior to the proposed Crosshill Street / Main Street junction and indicate to drivers they have approached an area where they have to consider other movements than vehicular.

A further consideration is the introduction of another entrance to Whitefield Pond directly oppostite Whitefield Lodge to encourage use of the crossing point and make access easier, as the gated access is reported to be diffculy.



Crosshill Street Service Road





# Main Street Public Realm:

### **The Green Spaces**

The team identified a number of green areas along the Main Street (and adjacent streets) that should be considered in parallel with the street-related public realm projects.

These areas can be considered as 'spaces' that were originally design for some function or as 'left-over' that have no function other than generally increasing amenity.

The community was sucessful in obtaining funding for improving one 'space' through the Stalled Spaces fund and a further project is being considered.

The proposal for the town's green spaces is this theme is continued to ensure the town's spirit, function and identity is played out on the Main Street and visible to everyone. Each space has the opportunity to be designed or co-designed with the community

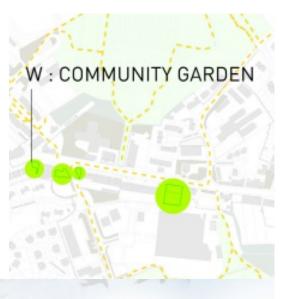




To illustrate the potential, the team considered the future use of two green spaces that the community raised in conversation.

### 1) Memorial Hall Community Garden

The orientation of the space and association with a key community building could facilitate a well used space, also adjacent to a potentially improvement street environment on Main Street







### 2) 'The Green'

To stimulate debate on the spaces future function, the proposal considers the night time use of the space through better lighting and as a location for Christmas activities.



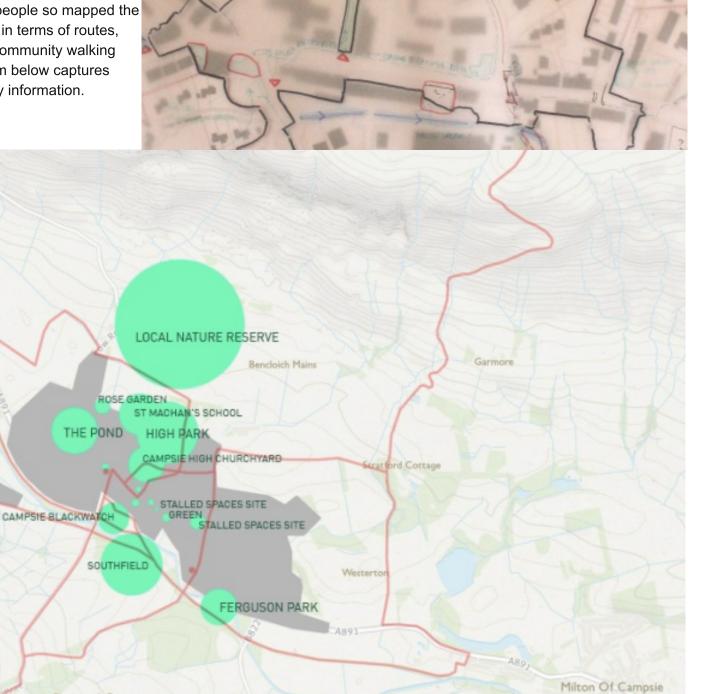


# The Making Connections Project

Clacha Campsie

The team understood that making more of the surrounding environment was going to matter to people so mapped the wider town context in terms of routes, open spaces and community walking routes. The diagram below captures some of the the key information.

Finniescroft Farm



Mounthuillie



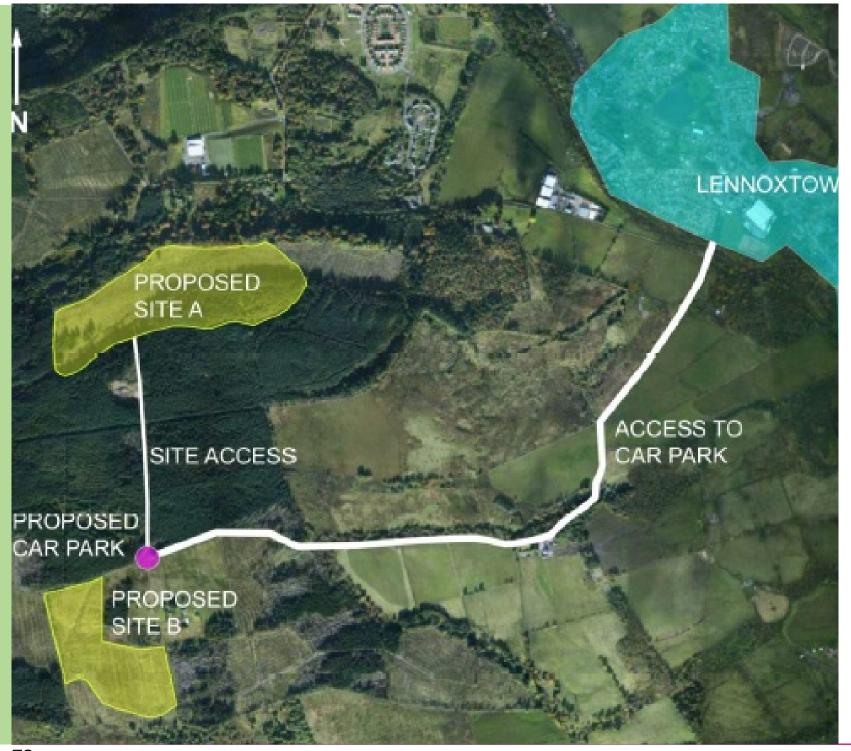
### **Strava Running Data**

The data collected by Strava from those that run and cycle is now freely available and provides an interesting source of real-time information on routes.

The thick blue line indictates the route of 'The Line' is used the most by runners with links to Main Street very rarely used.

### **Strava Cycling Data**

The same data source also shows the routes cyclists used and this shows the roads are used most (light blue) with 'The Line' showing a lesser amount of use.



# **Proposed Mountain Bike Park**

The proposals for a Mountain Bike Park were discussed at the Charrette Event and it is understood a funding application is likely to be submitted in 2017.

A few years subsequent to this date, the idea could be a reality. This could place a different emphasis on the use of Station Road as an access route and its junction with 'the Line', which doesn't currently connect.



# Pedestrian Links / Signage

The lack of a footpath connection between 'The Line' and Station Road results in no connection with all the regular uses (as shown by Strava) and the Town Centre. Formalising a route would allow signage to be placed at this junction to encourage people to use 'The Line' and also divert from it to the Town

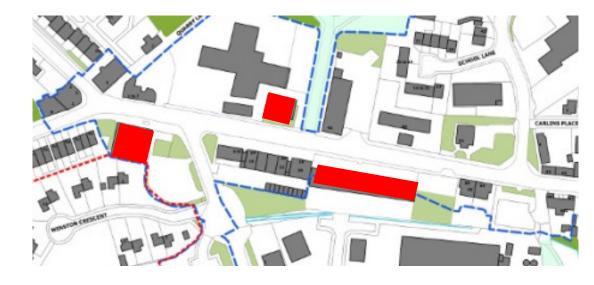
Centre. If the mountain bike park is successful, this junction could be a vital link between the park and 'The Line'.

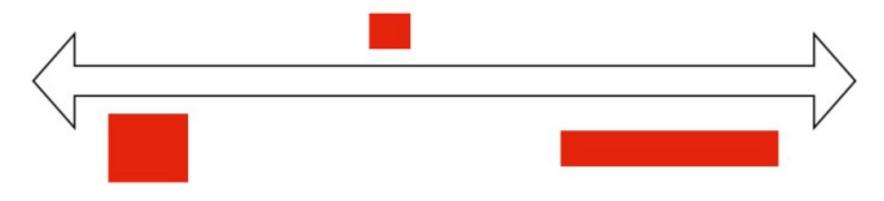
The informal entrance to the High Church from the east could also be formalised through the creation of a dedicated route. The red circles illustrate potential signage locations that move people from and across the Main Street to the wider path network. These locations also match the proposed public realm ideas.

# The Making More of Land & Buildings Project

Within the context of the brief that asks the project to focus on making more of what the Town has, three buildings came to the fore that each represent communit activity / interest in different ways.

- Campsie Hall
- Old Library
- The Hub





# Campsie Hall

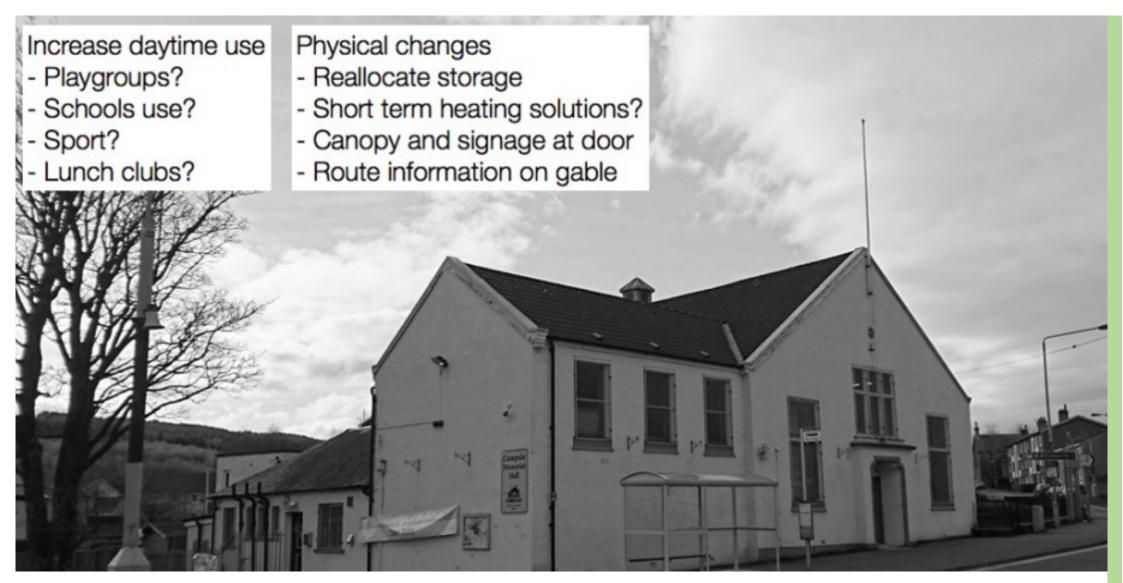
Wider user base
Tourist focus
Increase sense of
welcome
Improve fabric

# Old Library

Testbed for new children's/ youth services

# Hub

Widen adult learning and employment skills Administrative base for community organisations



Campsie Hall - Short Term

Increasing daytime use is considered a key focus on light of the main hall's under-utilisation on most week days. To justify potential additional uses in the future (that may require a reshaped building) the Campsie Hall must first be used more.

Supporting the main hall to function as

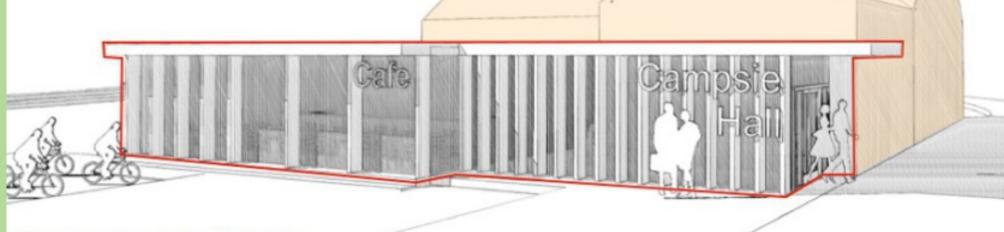
a multi-purpose sports location is noted to require investment in the internal surfacing but Big Lottery could fund this work. Indoor activities are highlighted in all conversations so the need could be serviced by a community asset. The idea to have more signage, perhaps relating to cycle routes, is to increase awareness of the building i the short term, to get more people used to the location and support pedestrian activity and perhaps as a location for tourist information in the future.

### New Entrance & Cafe

- Catching the sun
- Accessed from Street
- Great cafe at heart of building
- Enabling public use of new toilets
- Encouraging new users

### Upgrade Existing Halls

- Insulate walls
- Improve heating
- Refresh lighting

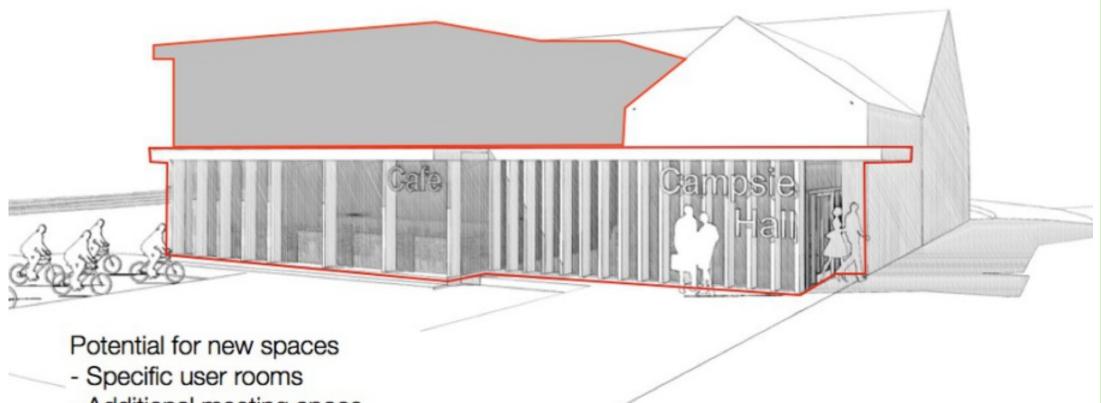


Connect to the outdoors

- Seating
- Landscape new square
- Route maps for walkers / cyclists
- Good lighting around hall

Campsie Hall -

**Longer Term Phase 1** 



- Additional meeting space
- Larger adult education provision (expand from Hub)

Campsie Hall -

**Longer Term Phase 2** 



### **Old Library**

In a similar way to the Campsie Hall being utilised for indoor sports needs, the Old Library offers an opportunity to test demand for after school clubs or other forms of childcare.

Conversations have highlighted the lack of childcare for those in work, in particular, so an inexpensive solution to test demand is to locate a use in a 'fitfor-purpose' building.

In time, if a facility proves to be wellused then a business case for generating a new-build facility, perhaps adjoining the hub or as part of the Campsie Hall, is easier.



### The Hub

The team examined the internal layout of The Hub and determined the rooms to be unsuitabe to be labelled as 'general community use' due to their size, location in the building and opening hours. The purpose for this exercise was to determine how to make the whole building more connected to community activity.

The limited opening hours of the library function with no opening at the weekend should be reconsidered, as should a greater connection with the lending library within Lennoxtown Primary School.

Opportunities are considered to relate to the longer term use of the Campsie Hall, in terms of providing office space for a Community Develomnt Trust.

Conversations discussion the location of Adult Learning Services within the building.

The Hub should hold an 'open day' to showcase its facilities and begin to connect more with the community.







### **Building Image**

Alongside the projects for streets and green spaces, targeting improvements to the appearance and / or condition of buildings along Main Street in particular is worthy of consideration.

There are a wide varierty of funding sources available with the ability to tie improvement works into energy efficiency improvement programmes, if such a programme is envisaged.

At the simplest level, agreeing a suitable painting programme could be cheap, easy to administer, involved local people in its delivery and have an imediate impact.



### **Town Centre Living**

The future development of buildings adjacent to Main Street is likely to small scale and opportunistic.

The general housing market is focused on simple to develop and larger sites so there may be opportunities for self-build plots or other delivery routes.

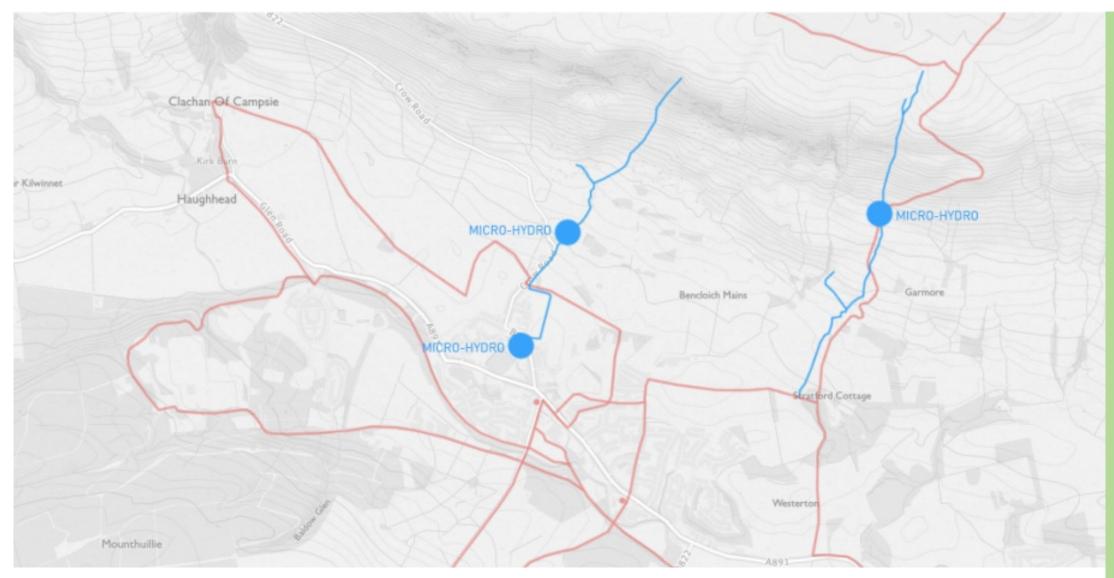
Short term opportunities are considered to be:

- Winston Crescent:
- Carlins Place

Long term opportunities are considered to be:

- Bet Fred Office;
- Former NHS clinic;
- Veitch Place (North);
- Former Totesport (Slatefield);





Micro-hydro power generation

As is shown on the previous page, watercourses are a key part of Lennoxtown's environment but do they have potential to be a greater asset?

The purpose of considering micro-hydro is twofold:

- 1) to generate community-based income; and
- to create a stable platform for a potential Community Developmet Trust as a sustainble communitybased delivery organisation

Exploring the opportunity for microhydro is considered worthwhile in the context of the ambition to support the community to generate its own income and play a greater part in its own development.

# **Projects:**

# Ready Reckoner

The table below summarises some of the specific ideas and projects discussed and proposed during the Charrette process.

If an idea / project doesn't feature this doesn't mean it shouldn't happen or should not be discussed.

The conversation should continue so if new ideas emerge based on some of the proposals within this report, they should be given serious consideration.

### The Main Street Public Realm Project

Action	Purpose	Points addressed from Place Standard Sheets	Timescale
Main Street Public Realm: Co-op Crossing	Change one of the busiest places in the Town Centre to better support pedestrian movement and activity	Slows cars on Main Street.     Make Main Street more attractive and representative of the place.     More crossing places on Main Street     Crossing point near Co-op needed	Short
Main Street Public Realm: North Berbiston Road to junction to Slatefield junction	Release public sector resource from addressing complaints. Prioritise pedestrians at a key school crossing location. Encourage use of public car park during 'school run ' periods. Reduce car parking pressure on North Berbiston Road Create formal parking bays	Slows cars on Main Street.     Make Main Street more attractive and representative of the place.     Public car parks aren't fully used     Parking on pavement on North Berbiston Road     More crossing places on Main Street     Fast Traffic not great for children crossing	Short / Medium
Main Street Public Realm: Crosshill Street / Main Street junction	Change the western entrance to Main Street into a place where people and cyclists feel equally welcome.	Slows cars on Main Street.     Make Main Street more attractive and representative of the place.     More crossing places on Main Street	Medium
Main Street Public Realm: Crosshill Street crossing	To connect the pedestrian routes from Whitefield Pond to the north-eastern green space and wider countryside; To slow traffic on Crosshill Street	Traffic needs to be slower on Crosshill Street.	Short / Medium
Main Street Public Realm: Service Road crossing	To connect Whitefield Lodge with the green space of Whitefield Pond; To slow traffic on Service Road	Slows cars on Main Street.	Short / Medium
Community Green Space	<ul> <li>To support the enhancement of green spaces through community activity and ownership.</li> </ul>	Make Main Street more attractive and representative of the place.     Focus on the overall identity at all levels	Short

# The Making Connections Project

Action	Purpose	Points addressed from Place Standard Sheets	Timescale
Active Travel Link: Station Road / 'The Line'	To create a safe link between a key junction of the 'The Line' and the Town Centre, via Station Road		Short
Active Travel Link: High Church	To create an east-west link through the High Church grounds to support more walking choices		Short
Public Transport: Review direct bus linkages	Make it an easy choice to use the bus than the car	Direct bus link to Torrance / Kilsyth / Bishopriggs / Stobhill Hospital     Reconsider bus timetabling, in particular evenings and mornings	Medium
Pedestrian Signage	Making it easier for people to access the path network and understand what's available.     Encourage cyclists starting rides in the town to park in the public cars parks     Place a noticeboard (or similar) so people know what's happening, perhaps outside The Hub	Cycle clubs parking at the north-western corner of Whitefield Pond     No pedestrian signage for visitors / residents     Easy access to 'what's going on' information     Communicate things like the maintenance strategy	Short / Mediun
Dog bin Provision	High number of dog walkers reported to be using paths but an apparent lack of dog bins	More dog bins needed on the routes near High Park and 'The Line'	Short

## The Making More of Land & Buildings Project

Action	Purpose	Points addressed from Place Standard Sheets	Timescale
Campsie Hall	Short term actions could include Big Lottery grants to upgrade the internal fabric of the Main Hall to accommodate sports facilities.     Consider making the toilets public access and charging for use as the beginnings of a 'tourist hub'.	Parking congestion at northwest corner of Whitefield Pond linked to cycle events.     Access to sports / indoor activities     Access to public toilets     A space to meet that isn't a church or a pub	Short / Medium
Library	Pilot an after school club and / or associated childcare activities to determine the level of demand	Reuse vacant buildings     Focus on creating childcare to meet demand	Short
The Hub	Review library opening hours, particularly on a weekend.     Consider The Hub as a base for adult education	Reconsider library opening times     Adults education     Change The Hub to connect with community activities	Short
Building images	Consider the best approach to temporary or long term solutions to the building appearance along Main Street	Public sector sets a standard     Focus on the overall identity at all levels	Short
Town Centre Living	<ul> <li>Consider the promotion and development of available sites for housing and the long term use of currently occupied sites.</li> </ul>	Make Main Street more attractive and representative of the place.     Focus on the overall identity at all levels	Short / Medium
Micro – hydro Community Project	Generate income for a potential Development Trust		Short / Medium
High Park evening use	Consider the High Park area for a floodlit 3G pitch to encourage more evening use and discourage misuse of the play area.	High Park spaces doesn't work in the evenings.     Broken glass in High Park play areas	Medium

# **Funding**

Funding opportunities are increasingly short-lived opportunities and rely upon a knowledge of the public sector, so Officer support in helping to identify sources is critical, particularly in terms of timing.

Funding will change from year to year but there are 4 key avenues open at present that can support or develop ideas further.

# Town Centre Communities Capital Fund 2016 / 17

This is a broad fund with clear criteria that could be targeted for building and public realm projects. The application window is likely to open in summer 2016. See the Scottish Government webpage for detailed information and previous project winners.

# Sustrans Scotland Community Links 2016 / 17

This funding opportunity will be available shortly and the criteria document is available on the Sustrans Scotland webpage. The central aim of the programme is get more people active through new cycle / walking routes and improvements to public space. The proposed changes to the public realm are worth exploring further.

# Big Lottery Scotland: Awards for All

This is for community groups or organisations that are aiming to help improve the lives of those around them. This may support the work of some developing ideas and methodologies.

### **East Dunbartonshire Council**

Despite the financial difficulties faced by all local authorities, captial and revenue funding will still be available for undertaking works to streets and public realm. Lennoxtown should make its case for a share of the opportunities.

Additionally, funding for feasibility studies may be available through the East Dunbartonshire Council Community Grant Fund.

