

LARBERT STENHOUSEMUIR & TORWOOD

WHO WE ARE

The community council is an elected body which represents the communities of Larbert, Stenhousemuir and Torwood.



We are unpaid volunteers who live in the area and our role is to identify the local issues, needs and wishes of our local community. We are also responsible for distributing Community Benefits from windfarms.

WHAT WE DID

We asked you, the people of Larbert, Stenhousemuir and Torwood how to spend or invest the windfarm money.

Nearly 100 people attended open meetings and focus groups, 465 people completed the survey and we ran a photo competition to find out what people valued about the area. From this we have developed a Community Action Plan.



WHAT YOU SAID

88% of people said that Larbert, Stenhousemuir and Torwood is a good area to live and the things you value most are friendly people, good schools, green spaces and community facilities.



You said you don't like the empty shops in the high street, a lack of things for young people to do, a lack of information about what is going on, litter, dog mess and no annual event to get the community together.

WHAT THIS LED TO



As a result of this information we have drafted a long term vision for the community of Larbert, Stenhousemuir and Torwood.

We cannot achieve the vision alone. The community has had a good level of involvement so far and that needs to continue. This is an Action Plan for the community.

Turn over to have a look.

FURTHER INFORMATION

We want more local people involved in this vision. For more information on what we are doing:

Find us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/LSTCommunityCouncil

or look on our website
www.lstcommunitycouncil.org.uk

community
**ACTION
PLAN**

Project 1: Create a Community Benefit Fund for local groups

Set up guidelines
Open fund to local community groups
Agree and pay out first grants

Run annual applications
Increase fund value

Project 2: Employ a Community Development Officer to coordinate projects

Consider legal status for group
Start recruitment process
Development Officer starts

Secure more funding for projects
Create Forums to link community groups together

Consider creating another development job

Project 3: Use of Empty Spaces in Town Centre

Define project aims
Engage with schools and colleges
Create work experience opportunities for young people

Re-develop empty spaces into pop-up venues
Establish a workspace incubator unit for social enterprise growth
Create Arts or exhibition space

Create a plan for improved town centre

Project 4: Community Event to bring people together

Define type of event
Recruit volunteers

Run first annual Summer gala event
Promote information about local activity
Introduce a Winter fayre

Consider Fairtrade involvement
Introduce an annual music festival

Project 5: Community Facilities for All Ages

Consider Dobbie Hall consultation results

Link together local groups for best use of community space
Deliver key projects in existing spaces

Consider school holiday projects

Project 6: Green Spaces and The Environment

Introduce litter wardens
Organise first annual litter pick

Kids design "dog mess" posters
Introduce biodiversity and wildlife projects

Include in plan for improved town centre

SHORT TERM

MEDIUM TERM

LONG TERM