

GLENORCHY & INNISHAIL

Community Action Plan 2021-2026



Glenorchy & Innishail Community Action Plan Steering Group

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN A PANDEMIC

Engaging as many voices as possible in the depths of a pandemic to develop a community action plan was a challenge to say the least.

- Glenorchy & Innishail smashed it!

The response was amazing, with so many people and organisations taking part.

THANK YOU



169 Community Survey Forms completed
30 Stakeholder meetings & Interviews held &
Pupils from the Primary School shared their views
81 Voted for their Priority Projects
130 Joined the G&ICAP facebook page
41 Volunteered to help make things happen

INTRODUCTION

This Community Action Plan summarises community views . . .

- *about Glenorchy & Innishail now*
- *the vision for the future of Glenorchy & Innishail*
- *issues that matter most to the community*
- *the priorities for projects and action*

The plan will be a guide for what we, as a community, want to make happen over the next five years.

The preparation of the plan has been organised by the Community Action Plan Steering Group - bringing together representatives from Glenorchy & Innishail Community Council, Dalmally Community Company and South Loch Awe-side Community Company.

The Steering Group was assisted by the STAR Development Group along with two local community co-ordinators - Karen Jamieson and Ben MacFarlane-Barrow. Without them and Steve Beesley who inspired us all with his designs, website and social media posts, we would not be where we are.

Funding was provided by Local Energy Scotland via their CARES programme.

This plan will help us to develop our joint priority projects and make representation on behalf of the community on the issues that matter most to our residents, organisations and local businesses.

The Action Plan has been informed by extensive community engagement carried out over a five-month period from November 2020 to March 2021.

The process involved:

- Stakeholder interviews and meetings - with community organisations, service providers, local businesses and public agencies.
- The development of a dedicated website www.7questions.co.uk together with a Facebook page *Glenorchy & Innishail Community Action Plan*.
- A community views survey.
- Compiling a profile of facts and figures about the area.
- A feedback week with voting on key priorities.

GLENORCHY & INNISHAIL NOW

Summary of the Community Profile

The full Community Profile and Stakeholder Views Report is available online at: www.7questions.co.uk.

Below is a summary.

Location

Glenorchy & Innishail is a Community Council area in Argyll and Bute. It is included within the Oban, Lorn and the Isles locality of Argyll & Bute Council and is bounded by Highland Council, Perth and Kinross Council and Stirling Council. The area includes Bridge of Orchy in the North East, Glen Orchy, Dalmally, Lochawe village, and the south side of Loch Awe as far south as Eredine. It is a beautiful area to live in, work in and visit but also relatively remote for a mainland community. It is in the top 10% of 'data zones' in Scotland that are furthest from services (Scottish Indicators of Multiple Deprivation, 2020).

Population

The population of the data zone (SO1007308) that corresponds closely to the Community Council area was 739 in 2019 – a slight drop from 747 in 2015. Changes in the estimated population during that time show a decrease in the percentage of under 16's and an increase in the proportion of those of working age.

Housing

There are 458 houses in the data zone area that corresponds most closely to the Community Council boundaries. Dwellings per hectare are 0.01 compared to 0.07 for Argyll and 0.34 for Scotland – reflecting the scattered and sparsely populated nature of most of the area.

20% of all homes in the area are either vacant or holiday homes – much higher as a percentage than for Argyll and Bute (11%) or Scotland (4%).

Local Economy

Accommodation and food services is the largest sector in the area and employment opportunities have grown significantly within this sector over the last 5 years (pre covid).

Land based enterprises (farming, forestry, fishing) make up the largest number of businesses in the area but are less likely to offer significant local employment opportunities.

There is a small local retail and services sector - shops, pharmacy, post office - but it is vital in such a remote area.

The previous census showed that there was a high proportion of self-employed and people working from home in the area.

The community council area is within North Oban & Lorn Electoral Ward of Argyll and Bute which has a relatively high rate of employment and low level of claimants compared with many other areas in Argyll and Bute Council.



Schools and Education

The nursery at Dalmally Primary School is available 5 days a week with children accessing provision from their third birthday and has 7 children currently on the roll. Parents can enroll their children in Crianlarich Primary School where they offer 'wrap around' nursery provision.

There are currently 32 children attending Dalmally Primary School and the school roll has stayed at around 30-35 pupils over the last 5 years but has been as high as 50 in the past.

Most secondary school pupils from the area attend Oban High School mainly travelling to and from school by train.

Health and Care

The following health and care services are available :

- GP surgery in Dalmally (part of Taynuilt Medical Practice)
- Hospital & Acute Services in Oban and Glasgow/Paisley/Alexandria
- District nurses based in Taynuilt
- Pharmacy in Dalmally
- Two care workers based in the area provide private home care services on behalf of Carers Direct Ltd. (based in Helensburgh)
- North Argyll Voluntary Car Scheme

There is currently no care home or dedicated amenity housing in the area – with the nearest facilities in Oban and Benderloch.

Emergency Services

- Dalmally Police Station
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - Dalmally
- Defibrillators located in the community
- Ambulance at Lochgilphead, Oban or Stirlingshire

Community and recreational facilities, organisations and events

Community Centre and Halls - Dalmally Community Centre, Lochawe Village Hall, Portsonachan Village Hall, Bridge of Orchy Hall.

Churches and other faith based facilities - Glenorchy Parish Church (Dalmally), St. James Episcopal Church (Ardbrecknish), St Conan's Kirk (Lochawe), Craig Lodge – Family House of Prayer (Dalmally), Bridge of Orchy Church.

Sport & Recreation - Sports pitches being developed at Dalmally Community Centre. Dalmally Shinty Club, Dalmally Golf Club, Portsonachan and Dalmally Bowling Clubs, Glenorchy Curling Club, Dalmally Bridge Club, Community Orchard and Garden.

Community Groups - Glenorchy & Innishail Community Council, Dalmally Community Company, South Loch Awe-side Community Company, Friends of St. Conan's Kirk, Dalmally Historical Association, Loch Awe Improvement Association, Lochawe Community Website Association, Knit and Natter, Lochside Neighbours, Tea and Tots, Village Hall Committees, Glenorchy and Innishail Community Orchard, Coronavirus Support Group.

Community Events - Dalmally Show, Community Orchard Annual BBQ, St Conan's Xmas Tree Event, bi-annual Flower Festival in Glenorchy Kirk.

Community social media – Loch Awe Community Website www.loch-awe.com and All About Dalmally, Loch Awe Connections (both Facebook).

Community Benefit Funds - River Lochy Hydro Electric, Carraig Ghael Windfarm, An Suidhe Windfarm, Beochlich Hydro Electric.

Environment

Designated sites

- Glen Etive and Glen Fyne (Special Protection Areas)
- Allt Broighleachan Native Pinewood (SSSI)
- River Orchy (Geological Conservation Review Sites) - *Geological Conservation Review Sites have geological and geomorphological features of national and international importance*

Paths and Access

There are a number of local walks and cycle paths in the area. Core paths include the Dalmally Old Road, Dalmally Circular, Kilchurn Castle Path, Strone Hill Walks/Glen Lochy, Duncan Bann McIntyre Monument, Braevallich/Loch Awe, Glen Orchy (B8074), Bridge of Orchy-Glen Orchy

Long distance routes that come through or close to the area include:

- The West Highland Way touches the area at Bridge of Orchy
- The Pilgrims Route between St. Andrews and Iona
- The Sustrans Cycle Route between Tyndrum and Oban (being developed)

Craig Lodge is promoting the St. Conan's Pilgrims Way from Dalmally to Iona and offer guided pilgrimages.

Loch Awe

Loch Awe is the longest freshwater loch (25 miles long) in the UK. It is world famous for its trout fishing and is also fished for salmon, char and pike. The Loch Awe Improvement Association was established in 1993 as the Administrators of the loch's Protection Order with the aim of promoting responsible fishing practices and maintaining the loch-side environment.

River Orchy

The River Orchy runs for 11 miles through Glen Orchy before it merges with Loch Awe at Kilchurn Castle. It is known as 'one of the best salmon fishing rivers in Argyll' and is well used for salmon and trout fishing. It is recognised as one of the best rivers in Scotland for experienced kayakers and white-water rafting.

Local Munros

There are six Munros in the area: Ben Lui, Beinn a Chleidh, Ben Cruachan, Stob Diamh, Beinn Eunaich, Beinn a' Chochuill.



Heritage

Designated Sites, Monuments and Buildings

Churches

- St. Conan's Kirk Church of Scotland (A listed)
- Glenorchy Parish Church and Tombstones
- Glenorchy Manse Clachan an deiseart (B listed)
- Innishail Kirk (B listed)
- Ballimeanoch Chapel and Burial Grounds

Buildings and Castles

- Kilchurn Castle. (A listed)
- Ardchnnell Castle and Island of Innish Chunnel
- Fraoch Eilean Castle
- Ben Cruachan Turbine Hall
- Ardbrecknish House (B listed)
- Loch Awe House (C listed)

Railway Heritage

- Dalmally Railway Station & Signal Box. (C listed)
- Bridge of Orchy Station & Signal Box and Railings
- Falls of Cruachan Railway Viaduct

Monuments

- Duncan Ban McIntyre (B listed)

Bridges

- Bridge of Orchy (River Orchy)
- Dalmally Bridge (River Orchy)

Duns, Crannogs and Townships

- Loch Awe Crannogs
- Bar a Chaistealain (Dun and Township)
- Auchternally (Township)
- Castles Farm (Dun)
- Bar Mor (Dun)

Some other historical assets and cultural associations

- Piers and jetties on Loch Awe
- Clan Campbell of Glenorchy
- Clan McGregor (Dalmally Church, Bothan na Dige, Tigh Mor, Archeological Digs)
- McNab's and Paddy's Point
- Robert the Bruce – St. Conan's Kirk
- Early Christian history (incl. St. Conan)
- Battle at the Pass of Brander
- Birthplace of Duncan Ban McIntyre
- Railway Heritage
- Steamer Heritage & old piers on Loch Awe
- Birthplace of John Smith
- Monument to Neil Munro (Para Handy stories author)
- Home of Mary's Meals
- Dalmally Historical Archive

Heritage Organisations

- Dalmally Historical Association
- Friends of St. Conan's Kirk



COMMUNITY VIEWS SURVEY **LIKES &**

The full Community Views Survey Report is available at www.7questions.co.uk

PERCENT OF RESPONSES

- 68%** The people & the community spirit
- 52%** Environment & heritage assets
- 31%** Community facilities, activities & events
- 22%** The nature & identity of the place
- 14%** Local services & access

'Everyone's friendly and easy to get on with and can rely on neighbours to help me in my time of need'

'The people of this Community are kind, compassionate, encouraging, accepting'

'The work of the Community Council that ensures we have a say in local matters'

'Great mountain and water scenery; lots of good walks'

'Amazing landscapes - hills, forests, lochs'

'The walking trails between the old village and Glenview, Kilchurn castle walk, the Historical Association'

'The walk up to the cross and the monument are great too'

'Built heritage - Victorian, late medieval, monuments, St Conan's in particular'

'Kilchurn is beautiful as is the scenery all around'

'Strong agricultural community with active farmers and crofters looking after our fields and glens'

'I like the historical buildings, the community orchard, and the village halls'

'The shared community orchard and social area at the bridge'

'Having a village hall for everyone's use. Brings people together'

'Sense of community, events (when they can happen)'

'The Dalmally Show is also a brilliant part of community life'

'Peaceful, safe place, great place to bring up a family'

'Community size is just right - still has identity'

'Fact we are separate own community, remote'

'Great combination of living in quiet countryside but having good access to central belt'

'A very friendly local shop, local post office and pharmacy, a local medical surgery'

'That we have our Primary school, village hall, shops, post office, pharmacy, medical practice, churches so you can see and meet people'

'Railway stations and the occasional buses to Oban and Glasgow'



DISLIKES

PERCENT OF RESPONSES

- 36%** *Infrastructure/access to services*
- 31%** *Community meeting place/activities*
- 24%** *Environmental damage & visitor management*
- 22%** *Village layout & environment*
- 18%** *Housing, care and population*
- 14%** *Nothing*

'Very limited broadband and mobile service'

'The uncertainty regarding the future continuation of services i.e. shop, pharmacy, post office and medical service'

'Lack of reliable public transport, lack of bins, toilets at beauty spots, the roads!'

'Without a village pub or cafe there isn't a place for people to gather and chat'

'Lack of community social activities (before pandemic times)'

'Lack of provision for local children and young people'

'Crazy drivers in the summertime; roadside litter; lack of tourist facilities; no camping facilities; unmanaged loch-side camping; visitors don't respect the countryside'

'The busy road up Glen Lochy, motorbikes and wild campers in Glen Orchy'

'Large clearfell sites destroy the forest character of the area.'

'I think everyone would agree that the pylons are a real downer'

'Older people have to move away for care'.

'There is a lack of a centre in Dalmally, no main street and is split by the main road and a river'

'Road issues - heavy traffic, width of road issues, speed of traffic coming through the villages and consequent issues for pedestrians and children'

'Lack of community pathways or walkers/cyclists/pedestrians e.g. parallel to A85'

'There aren't many places to sit and have picnics'

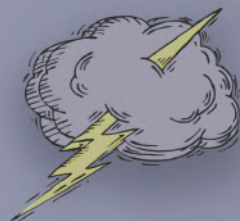
'The lack of residential care facilities in the locality'

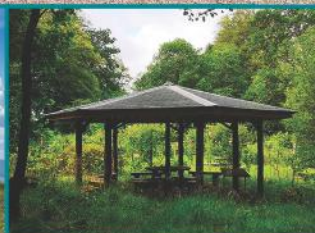
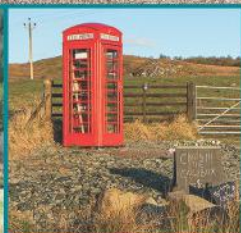
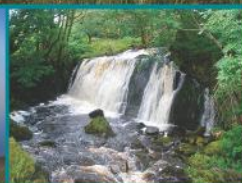
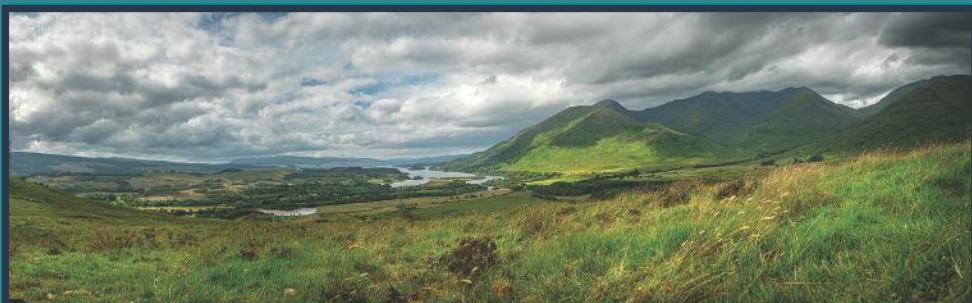
'Too many second homes lying empty most of the time'

'Cost of housing is too high for local families to stay'

'The lack of employment for the younger generation to build the community of the future'

'With my hand on heart, I can't think of anything that I don't like'





GLENORCHY & INNISHAIL

Our Vision for the Future

A SUSTAINABLE POPULATION, ECONOMY, HOUSING & SERVICES

A balanced and health mix of population, services, housing, employment
Somewhere for all ages to live, work and play – from cradle to grave.
Well-connected virtually and physically!

"For Glenorchy & Innishail to comprise all age groups happy and healthy, living in safe communities with great facilities, enjoying good education and job opportunities"

A RECOGNISED VISITOR DESTINATION IN A BEAUTIFUL SCENIC AREA

Lochs, rivers and mountains - castles, kirks, and crannogs.
Known for the wide range of outdoor recreation activities, its rich heritage and culture.
Providing good hospitality and visitor experiences.
Good at managing visitor pressure.

"The area needs to be a destination in its own right with its own brand"

A RESILIENT CARING COMMUNITY

Able to manage pressures on the environment.
Able to support each other and care for the more vulnerable and support access for all to facilities and services.
Inclusive, supportive and welcoming.

"One where people feel they are supported and encouraged to interact with each other, where no one feels isolated or excluded"

AN ORGANISED AND ENTERPRISING COMMUNITY

Providing community facilities, activities and events.
Able to take the lead in protecting, developing and making the most of our assets.
Helping sustain and develop the local economy and creating local jobs and business opportunities.
Managing visitors and developing visitor facilities.

"Community coming together to take lead in improvement of key assets"

Poor broadband and mobile phone networks mean that online access is difficult – whether for shopping, studying, running businesses, working from home or accessing health services.

Access to health care was also a problem especially for those without their own transport and with poor broadband/mobile signal. Hospitals, ambulance service and even GP surgeries were at a distance from many households in the area. GP services in Dalmally are only part time and the Pharmacy is currently for sale with its future uncertain. In general access to services is very dependent on having at least one car per household and if you don't then you have to rely on public transport. It was suggested that the community should explore the option of its own community transport.

It was also recognised that to sustain viable services there was a need to maintain the local population – and that required available housing for those wanting to live and work in the area and raise their families.

- Improve broadband and mobile phone networks
- Improve care for older people
- Improve access to health services
- Better public and community transport
- Affordable housing for people wanting to live and work in the area



Improve broadband and mobile phone networks

- Lobby BT to upgrade infrastructure
- Explore all broadband options (fibre, satellite, 4G mobile, rural broadband operators)
- Lobby for better mobile phone network coverage
- Lobby to be included in the Shared Rural Network Scheme and the S4G Infill Initiative

Glenorchy & Innishail Community Council
Local Working Group
Highlands & Islands Enterprise
Scottish Government
Mobile Network Operators
Broadband Companies

Improve care for older people

- Research extent of need and how other communities have developed community home care initiatives
- Work with existing Home Care Providers to grow services in the area
- Support the role of local social groups and churches in providing social and 'befriending' activities for older people
- Explore options for more amenity/sheltered housing
- Research the feasibility of a local Care Home

Local Working Group in association with
Argyll & Bute Health & Social Care
Partnership
Home Care Providers
Local social groups & churches
Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA)

Improve access to health services

- Improve broadband/mobile phone access for health services
- Work with the GPs and Health Visitors to support 'early intervention' system for flagging up health concerns
- Either expand primary healthcare services/hours in Dalmally or provide transport support to access the surgeries in Taynuilt or Connel
- Consider prescription delivery service and transport to GPs
- Improve transport links to hospitals
- Retain the pharmacy in the community

Local Working Group
Taynuilt Medical
Local social/community groups

Better public and community transport

- Research how other communities operate their own community transport and how a local service could be developed and operated
- Encourage more local drivers for the Voluntary Car Scheme
- Lobby for improved evening and weekend bus services to Oban and Inveraray

Glenorchy & Innishail Community Council
Local Working Group

Affordable housing for people wanting to live and work in the area

- Identify all existing building sites in the area and their current status
- Research community housing developments
- Carry out local housing need and demand survey

Local Working Group
Argyll Community Housing Association
Argyll and Bute Council Housing Services
Rural Housing Scotland

THEME 2

LOCAL ECONOMY AND TOURISM

This consultation was being carried out just as the Post Office is closing, the Pharmacy is for sale and the Dalmally Shop is at risk because of new regulations (Deposit Return Scheme) being brought in next year. This emphasises the need for the community to be actively involved in supporting these businesses and services and looking at ways of ensuring they have suitable premises from which they can operate viable businesses.

Many respondents felt that more could be done to improve the visitor experience of our beautiful and interesting area - better signage, facilities, information and promotion - making it more of a destination and not just a base for exploring other places!

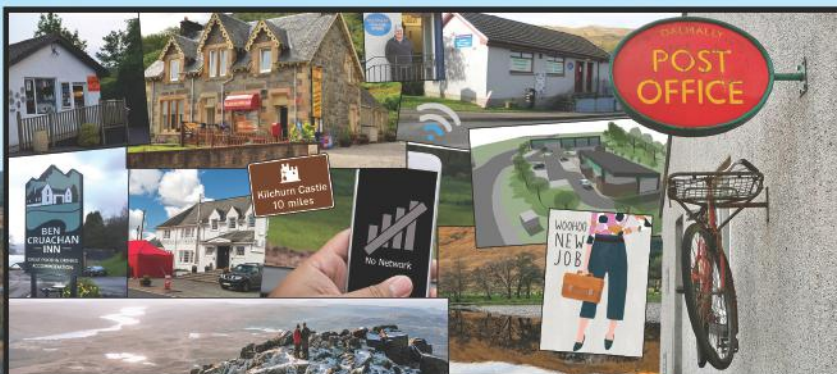
In general people felt that more should be done to try to create jobs and business opportunities from local resources and assets - from lochs and rivers, forestry, renewable energy and heritage.

We are mentioning broadband and mobile phone networks again here - as connectivity is such an important part of being able to run local businesses and attract new businesses as well as a requirement for visitors.

There was also mention of the need to provide business units for people that want to set up in the area - especially now the area is included within the 'Tobermory to Tyndrum Growth Corridor.'

MAIN PRIORITIES

- Retain and support existing shops and services
- Improve visitor experience (promotion/signage/facilities/hospitality/access)
- Create more jobs and business opportunities from local resources - lochs, rivers, forestry, renewables.
- Improve connectivity (broadband/mobile networks)
- Develop business units and provide more business support.



Retain and support existing shops and services

- Support and use local shops and services
- Work with local shops and services to make sure they can operate viable businesses
- Consider developing a 'community retail' hub facility
- Consider the potential for community ownership

ACTION BY

Glenorchy & Innishail Community Council
Dalmally Community Company
Local shop & services owners

Improve visitor experience (promotion, signage, facilities, hospitality, access)

- Improve promotion of the area
- Develop and promote local paths networks
- Develop better local signage and interpretation
- Develop visitor facilities and services to support outdoor recreation
- Keep enhancing and developing heritage assets
- Plan and take action to promote the area as a destination in its own right

Local hospitality businesses
Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative
St. Conan's Kirk
Dalmally Historical Association
Dalmally Community Company
Loch Awe Website Group
Outdoor recreation companies using the area
Local Working Group

Create more jobs and business opportunities from local resources

- Work with Renewable Energy Companies to identify local training and job opportunities
- Work with FLS and other land managers to identify local training and job opportunities
- Take a proactive role in visitor management that creates job and training opportunities
- Take a proactive role in providing visitor facilities and services that create training, jobs and business opportunities

Local Working Group
Forest Land Scotland
Renewable Energy Companies
Loch Awe Improvement Association
Tourism sector
Land managers.

Improve connectivity (broadband/mobile networks)

- Lobby for the area's inclusion within Shared Rural Network plans to upgrade 4G in rural areas.
- Explore more options for community led broadband

Glenorchy & Innishail Community Council
Dalmally Community Company
South Loch Awe-side Community Company
Local Working Group

Develop business units and provide more business support

- Identify potential sites for business use
- Identify needs of those working in the area for business facilities and support.

Dalmally Community Company
South Loch Awe-side Community Company

THEME 3 ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE

We live in a beautiful scenic area – it is a shame to see it negatively impacted by visitors that leave lots of traces rather than none! South Loch Awe-side and Glen Orchy in particular have been badly affected and there is a need to have more resources and facilities to deal with wild camping and campervans. Joint working between Loch Awe Improvement Association, Argyll and Bute Council, Forest & Land Scotland, Police Scotland and others is essential. There are also potential community-based jobs, income generation, and enterprise opportunities linked to providing needed facilities for visitor management (e.g. ranger services, campsites, changing/shower facilities, campervan waste disposal etc).

There is seen to be a real opportunity to improve, expand and develop local paths and to connect them to long distance paths like the West Highland Way and proposed Oban -Tyndrum cycle path.

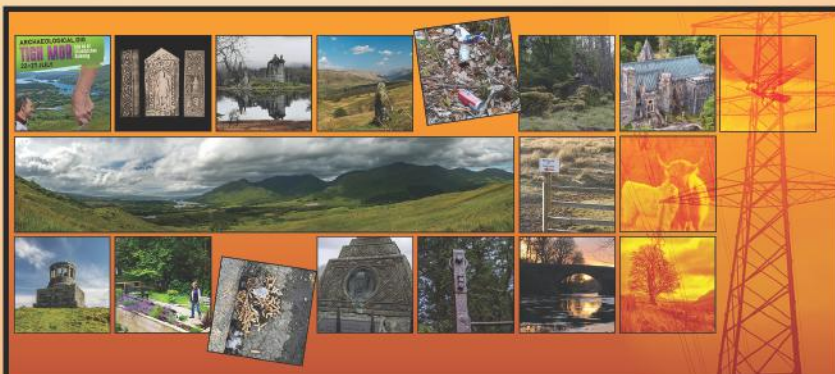
Many of the paths, and military and drove roads are there but need to be developed and promoted as a local paths network for walking, cycling and horse-riding adding to the visitor experience and contributing to the local economy.

We have a very rich heritage which includes iconic places like Kilchurn Castle and St. Conan's Kirk and many felt that there was a real opportunity to not only protect and enhance this heritage, but also to provide more information, signage and promotion - and to bring it alive through events, art and education. This would build on the work of local organisations like the Friends of St. Conan's Kirk and the Dalmally Historical Association.

Threats to the environment also include flooding and an invasion of intruding pylons, and while the community works to improve flood management or campaign against pylons there were some that felt the area would merit from special designation that would recognise and help protect its special nature.

MAIN PRIORITIES

- Protect and enhance this scenic area (reduce negative impact of pylons, forestry extraction, renewables, designation)
- Develop visitor management resources and facilities
- Improve and develop paths networks and link to wider networks
- Make more of the local heritage
- Flood management



Develop visitor management resources & facilities

- Joint management planning for increased visitor numbers
- Increase ranger/warden/police capacity on the ground
- Develop provision of visitor management facilities – car parking, toilets, bins, waste disposal for camper vans, campsite

ACTION BY

Coordinated joint planning and action involving Loch Awe Improvement Assoc. Forestry & Land Scotland, Police Scotland, Argyll & Bute Council, Land managers, Glenorchy & Innishail Community Council, accommodation providers.

Improve and develop paths networks and link to wider networks

- Identify the main paths to develop and promote
- Improve, sign and promote these paths
- Look at the potential to create links to longer distance paths
- Look at the potential to create longer routes within the area e.g. Loch Awe Cycle Route
- Progress improvements of one or two key priorities soon e.g. Bridge of Orchy – Glen Orchy Core Path

Local Working Group – to lead on the development of the local paths network and its links to wider networks with support from:
Argyll and Bute Council Access Officer
Sustrans
Paths for All

Make more of the local heritage

- Support work of existing groups e.g. St. Conan's Kirk, Dalmally Historical Association, Heritage Trail, Tin Tabernacle, archaeological studies, making heritage come alive through education, drama, arts, music
- Improve Kilchurn Castle as a visitor experience
- Continue to research and promote local history

Friends of St. Conan's Kirk
Dalmally Historical Association

Flood management

- Explore options to reduce flooding risk and damage in the area – and support local land managers

Land managers
Glenorchy & Innishail Community Council
Scottish and Southern Electricity
Dalmally Golf Club

Protect and enhance this scenic area

- Continue to lobby to reduce the negative impact of proposals for further Energy Transmission Networks
- Contribute to new forest management plan and maintain and develop dialogue with FLS
- Reduce negative impact of forest extraction, fish farming and renewable energy infrastructure
- Explore the potential for area designation

Glenorchy & Innishail Community Council
Land managers
Residents
Forestry & Land Scotland
Renewable Energy Companies
Scottish and Southern Energy Network
Nature Scotland
Historic Scotland
Dalmally Historical Association

THEME 4 COMMUNITY FACILITIES, ORGANISATIONS, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Community facilities and activities are greatly valued, with nearly one third of respondents in the survey identifying this as one of the things they like most about living here.

However, 43% of survey responses noted that facilities and activities could be improved.

The current lack of hospitality is sorely felt and there are great hopes for local pubs opening again but a recognition that there were other opportunities for cafés and other places where people can meet informally. There was also a strong desire to see more events to bring the community together.

Improving sports facilities was identified as a priority for the community and also that more could be done to promote these to visitors.

Completing the sports pitch at Dalmally was a priority and preventing flooding on the Golf Course would help to make more of this great asset.

There was a hope that play facilities could be improved for children and that could include a shelter for the occasional wet weather day!

In such a dispersed area, the importance of bringing the community together and having a coherent approach to information and publicity was emphasised both in the survey and by stakeholders.

MAIN PRIORITIES

- Places and opportunities to meet together
- Develop sports and recreation facilities and activities
- Improve facilities and develop more activities for young people
- More information on community activities and events



COMMUNITY FACILITIES, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Places and opportunities to meet together

- Proactive role in the development and operation of Dalmally Community Centre – organizing activities, events, social gatherings
- Support upkeep of local halls/churches for social use, activities and events
- Support continuing development of St. Conan's Kirk for community meetings and events
- Re-opening/opening of pub and cafés for social gatherings for all ages
- Development of Red Tabernacle



Dalmally Community Company
Village Halls
St. Conan's Kirk
Dalmally Historical Association
Churches
Local businesses

Develop sports, recreation and play facilities

- Complete the development of Sports Pitches in Dalmally
- Prevent flooding on the Golf Course and promote the Course more as a visitor attraction
- Consider potential for indoor or outdoor gym facility
- Continue to support and develop the Community Orchard

Dalmally Community Company
Shinty Club
Dalmally Golf Club
Community Orchard.

Develop activities and facilities for young people

- Improve play area in Glenview including shelter for older children
- Continue to support community groups involvement in the school and the school's involvement with community projects
- Explore options for more out of school activities

Local Working Group
Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA)
Dalmally Primary School
Dalmally Community Company
South Loch Awe-side Community Company
Community Orchard.

More information on community activities and events

- Local community newsletter
- Calendar of events
- Further development of the Loch Awe Website

Local Working Group
Loch Awe Community Website Association



THEME 5

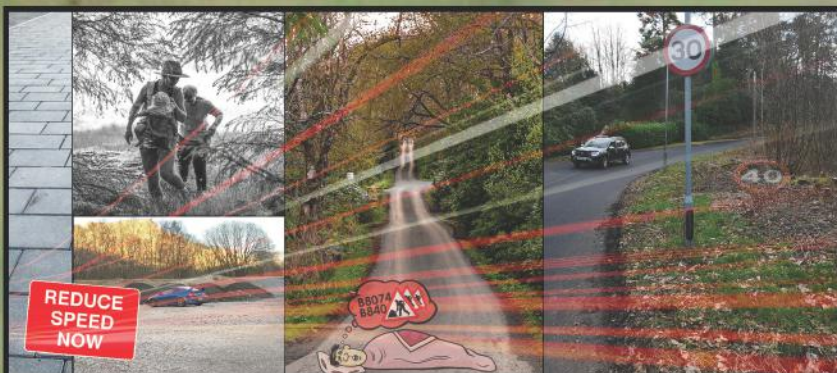
ROADS, TRAFFIC, PATHS, PAVEMENTS & PARKING

A combination of heavy lorries and campervans - and an increase in visitor traffic in general - has taken its toll on B roads through Glen Orchy and along South Loch Awe-side. As a result, there is a need for ongoing maintenance as well as trying to remedy some of the problems.

Improving parking at key visitor sites is one part of the solution and better parking would also provide better access to these sites. Residents in Lochawe and Dalmally pointed out that there was a real need to improve pavements to connect housing in the area to local services and facilities and also to sites like St. Conan's and Kilchurn Castle. There were also concerns about speeding on the A85 and through Glenview.

MAIN PRIORITIES

- Maintain and improve B roads
- Improve parking at visitor sites
- Improve pavements/paths to connect communities, services and key sites
- Traffic calming- e.g. reduce speeding on A85, and in Glenview



ROADS, TRAFFIC, PATHS, PAVEMENTS & PARKING

Maintain and improve B roads

- Take action to reduce damage on road and verges from heavy goods vehicles, campervans, 'informal parking', wild camping
- Better maintenance regime

Glenorchy & Innishail Community Council
Argyll & Bute Council
Forestry and Land Scotland
Renewable Energy Companies

Improve parking at visitor sites

- Improve parking area and access for Kilchurn Castle
- Improve carparking in Glen Orchy
- Develop car park at Kilchurn Castle Viewpoint
- Improve parking for Ben Cruachan near Lochawe

Argyll and Bute Council
Forestry and Land Scotland
Historic Scotland
Visit Scotland
Friends of St. Conan's

Improve pavements and paths

- Develop 'community and visitor hub' approach to Dalmally/Glenview/Stronmilchan/Lochawe - with improved pavements between housing and services, between villages, and from villages to Kilchurn Castle and St. Conan's
- Commission 'villages design' study or masterplan to develop proposals for what is required

Glenorchy & Innishail Community Council
Argyll and Bute Council

Traffic calming

- Agree what measures are needed and take action to reduce speeding on A85 and through Glenview to the main road
- Lobby for these changes e.g. reduced speed limit, extended speed limit area, pedestrian crossing in Lochawe Village?

Glenorchy & Innishail Community Council
Argyll and Bute Council
Police Scotland
BEAR
Traffic Scotland

MAKING IT HAPPEN

The priorities in this action plan will be taken forward by local community groups working with a range of public, private and voluntary sector partners. We will also need to grow our capacity, volunteering and resources as a community to help deliver some of the important projects in this Action Plan.

During the community engagement over 40 people said they were interested in being involved in helping develop the priorities in one or other of the themes. We are keen to build on this interest and energy.

To start with we will set up five groups to look at each of the themes in more detail.

Access to Services & Housing 

Local Economy & Tourism 

Environment & Heritage 

Community Facilities, Activities & Events 

Roads, traffic, pavements & parking 

Let us know if you would like to be involved 



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Glenorchy and Innishail Community Action Plan

WORKING TOGETHER III



The Community Action Plan Steering Group of local organisations that came together to prepare this Plan will continue to meet to share information on how priorities are being progressed and to maintain a shared ownership of the Plan.

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Keeping the Action Plan up to date III

There will be Community Action Plan Review Meeting once a year to assess and report back on how the plan is progressing. Full details will be posted on the website www.7questions.co.uk and on our facebook page.

GLENORCHY & INNISHAIL

Community Action Plan 2021-2026

This Community Action Plan sets out the priorities for the development of Glenorchy and Innishail over the next 5 years as determined by an extensive process of community engagement carried out over a five-month period from November 2020 – April 2021.

THE PLAN CONTAINS

- ▶ A summary of our Community Profile
- ▶ Our main likes and dislikes as identified in our Community Views Survey
- ▶ Our Vision Statement for the future of Glenorchy and Innishail
- ▶ The main themes and priorities for action
- ▶ Information on how you can stay in touch and get involved

The Plan is for the whole community and is jointly owned by all the organisations and individuals that took part in its preparation.

We will work together to ensure its implementation over the next 5 years.

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