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BRACO AND GREENLOANING COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

Braco and Greenloaning Community Action Plan Steering Group



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BE PART OF MAKING IT HAPPEN

During the Community Action Plan (CAP) process, people have come forward to say they are interested in specific projects that have been identified. Let us know if you would like to get involved to help make any of them happen. For example, join existing groups, take part in action groups, or tell us more about what projects you want to help with. Get in touch at secretary@ardochtrust.org.uk for more information.

INTRODUCTION

BRACO AND GREENLOANING COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

This Community Action Plan summarises community views about:

- Braco and Greenloaning now
- The vision for the future of Braco and Greenloaning
- The issues that matter most to the community
- Our priorities for projects and action.

The plan will be our guide for what we - as a community - try to make happen over the next 5 years.

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

WORKING TOGETHER

The preparation of the plan has been organised by the Community Action Plan Steering Group which brought together representatives from Ardoch Development Trust, Braco Church, Braco and Greenloaning Community Council, Ardoch in Bloom, Braco Primary Parent Council and other interested local people. The Steering Group was supported by Bridie Grant, the Ardoch Development Trust Development Officer and guided in their work by the STAR Development Group. They were assisted by over 30 volunteers who helped with the distribution and collection of the household survey and in organising the community event.

LOCAL PEOPLE HAVE THEIR SAY

The Action Plan has been informed by extensive community engagement carried out over a six-month period from January to June 2023.

The process involved:

- A community views household survey
- A series of stakeholder conversations with community organisations, local businesses, landowners, and local people with different interests in the community
- A children's views survey with pupils from Braco Primary School
- Compiling a community profile of facts and figures about the area
- Organising a community open day event to feedback results and vote for priorities.



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COMMUNITY VIEWS
SURVEY FORMS WERE
RETURNED FROM OUR
450 HOUSES

20

STAKEHOLDER
MEETINGS AND
INTERVIEWS WERE
HELD

50

PUPILS FROM THE
PRIMARY SCHOOL
COMPLETED THE
CHILDREN'S VIEWS
SURVEY

230

PEOPLE ATTENDED THE
COMMUNITY OPEN DAY
EVENT

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART AND TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE

OUR COMMUNITY NOW

The full Community Profile is available at both:
www.ardochtrust.org.uk and www.community-council.org.uk/BracoandGreenloaning/

Braco and Greenloaning 2023 Summary Profile

LOCATION

The villages of Braco and Greenloaning are conveniently located close to the A9 on the A822 road just 6 miles from Dunblane and 8 miles from Crieff. They are set within attractive countryside - a mix of farmland, woodland, rivers and burns. The Braco and Greenloaning Community Council area extends beyond the villages along the Langside Road to Comrie and up towards Muthill and out towards Auchterarder. It is within the Strathallan Ward of Perth & Kinross Council and close to the boundary with Stirling Council.

POPULATION AND HOUSING

The population of the area is estimated at around 1,200. The age profile has a higher percentage (compared to Perth & Kinross and Scotland) of over 65's and a lower percentage of 16 and under age groups. However, it has a slightly higher percentage of working age population (16-65) than for Perth & Kinross. (National Records of Scotland Estimated Population SIMD 2020)

The local estimate is that there are around 450 houses in the Community Council area.

The housing market is characterised by:

- A high percentage of owner-occupied housing compared to Perth & Kinross and Scotland, with lower levels of social and private rented housing.
- A relatively high proportion of housing in Council Tax bands F-G than in lower priced housing.

Over the last 20 years population growth has been slower than for the rest of Perth & Kinross. Population growth in the past has been 'in waves' linked to the development of housing estates in Braco and then Greenloaning.

LOCAL ECONOMY

Economic activity in Braco and Greenloaning is broadly similar to that of Perth & Kinross – but with a significantly higher percentage of self-employed people and a lower percentage of full-time employees.

The location of the community makes it a good place for commuting. Over 20% of the working population work in health, social work and education - the retail sector is the second largest source of employment. Locally within the area the largest number of businesses are involved in land-based activities. Construction, professional, scientific, and technical activities, retail and repairs, transport and storage, and information and communication sectors make up the bulk of the rest of the businesses in the area.

The local shop and café are important assets and there are high hopes that the pub/hotel will open again soon.

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

Braco Primary School currently (2023) has 53 pupils in the school and 8 in the Nursery. A new Braco Primary School is planned and is expected to be delivered within the lifetime of this Community Action Plan. Some children in the area also go to Dunblane and primary schools elsewhere. Greenloaning Primary School was permanently closed in 2019.

Secondary school pupils, mainly go to either Crieff, Auchterarder or Dunblane High Schools.

HEALTH AND CARE

Nearest GP surgeries are in Crieff, Dunblane and Auchterarder. Hospital and Acute Services are in Perth, Dundee and Larbert. There is a Cottage Hospital and minor injuries unit in Crieff.

The nearest care homes and sheltered homes are in Muthill, Crieff and Dunblane.

The local church has an invaluable outreach service offering a range of pastoral care including visits for the housebound.



COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND ORGANISATIONS

Community Facilities:

- Braco Village Hall
- Ardoch Parish Church and Church Hall Recreation Facilities
- Playpark on Feddal Road, Braco
- Playpark on Millhill Drive, Greenloaning
- Multi-use games area (MUGA) behind village hall for tennis, 5 a side football, basketball and netball
- The Lodge Park is home to the annual Braco Show
- Braco Bowling Club

Community Groups:

- Braco and Greenloaning Community Council
- Ardoch Development Trust
- Braco Village Hall Committee
- Ardoch MUGA committee
- Ardoch in Bloom
- Friends of the Cemeteries Group
- Ardoch Agricultural Society (Braco Show)
- Church Community Outreach Team, Youth Team, IT Team
- Parent and Toddler Group (currently not running since Covid)

Recreation, Arts and Culture Groups:

- Church Hub – Warm Space Hub
- Young People - Hot Chocolate Club, Forest Mission, Holiday Club, Ardoch Strings, Ardoch Juniors
- Drama and Music - Ardoch Amateur Dramatic Society, Scottish Country Dancing, Church Choir, Singing Group, Greenloaning Burns Club
- Crafts Groups - Pins and Needles, Ardoch Quilters, Braco Art Class
- IT Classes in Church
- Women's Institute, Ardoch Guild
- Messy Church

Events:

- Braco Show
- Beer Festival
- Daffodil Teas
- Community Lunches (Nov-March)
- Church Potluck Suppers, Whist Drive, Afternoon Teas, Bake Off
- Annual Duck Race
- Santa Dash and Christmas Fair

ENVIRONMENT

The surrounding countryside is managed by working farms and estates. Farming is mainly sheep and cattle and grassland. Forestry land use includes amenity woodland as well as more commercial planting (including Christmas trees). The estates also use land for field sports.

The local network of paths includes: Mill Path, Path to Gleneagles Road, 'The Snuff', Castle Tracks, Windmills, Cromlet, Doune Windmills (Cycle Route), Grinnan Hill, Keirallan - Feddal Road Path, River Allan Path, and the River Knaik Path.

Braco Castle Gardens has several woodland walks, as well as amenity ponds and a designed landscaped garden which is open to the public from May - October.

The area is also enhanced by its rivers and burns – Allan Water, River Knaik, Keir Burn, Mill Burn and Feddal Burn.

Ardoch in Bloom maintain and develop many of the green spaces in the community from the crocuses in Braco to the daffodils between Greenloaning and Braco, the tree planting at the New Cemetery, the Keir Burn Picnic area, the restoration of the boundary walls, the planters in Braco and Greenloaning and their continued programme of environmental improvements.

There are several existing windfarms and others in development and some land near the electric sub stations is now being used for battery storage.

HERITAGE

The village of Braco was established in 1815. The Braco Estate came into existence in 1442. It was known then as Brecache from the Gaelic 'spotted field' i.e., 'a field partly cleared of bracken'.

The Ardoch Roman Fort is one of the most important surviving monuments of the Roman Period in Britain and is designated as a Scheduled Monument and of national significance. It was built 2000 years ago and was connected to a line of watchtowers and fortlets across the southern edge of Perthshire. Grinnan Hill in Braco is the site of one of the signaling stations.

Other notable heritage features include: Ardoch Parish Church, Ardoch Free Church Tower, Braco Castle and Gardens, the sites of Fedoch Castle and Ardoch House. Tullibardine Chapel, Ardoch Old Bridge (Knaik Bridge), The Roundel burial mound and other listed buildings in the area.

Other historical claims to fame include:

- The Braco Show which is now over 200 years old and one of the oldest in the country
- The Greenloaning Burns Club founded in 1889
- Greenloaning Railway Station as an example of early railway history
- Being the birthplace of William McGregor the founder of the English Football League.

'Ardoch is one of the most important surviving monuments of the Roman period in Britain and has become an identifiable monument in the national consciousness, and as such has significant value as a field monument. The loss of this example would significantly affect our understanding of the Roman military presence in Scotland. It would also have far-reaching implications for our understanding of the use of forts and temporary camps within the Roman Empire'. (Historic Environment Scotland)

OUR COMMUNITY NOW: LIKES

What we like – and some comments from the survey

COMMUNITY VIEWS SURVEY LIKES	% OF RESPONSES
Community spirit	53%
Environment – forest, walks, rivers/streams/wildlife, countryside	47%
Sense of place – peaceful, quiet, safe, good for families, mix of ages & housing	39%
Location – rural/semi-rural, close to cities/rest of Scotland, near A9	37%
Community facilities, group, activities and events	26%
Local services and amenities	24%
Heritage and history – Roman fort	3%



It's a caring and friendly community

A nice community that is supportive, welcoming and friendly

The community spirit is very strong

I like the community spirit and I feel there is a younger generation of active people who are keen to support the development of the community

A beautiful village with stunning scenery and landscapes

Trails that are perfect for biking and running

Green space – access to the countryside, good walks and cycling

The rural setting and the many walks on our doorstep

Ardoch in Bloom has maintained the area to a high standard

The peace and quiet of village life

It's a small village so you can walk to friends' houses, and you know most people

A safe community spanning all age groups

Plenty families and young people moving into the village

The rural location with good access to the rest of the world (via the A9)

Semi-rural location but still centrally located

The location - proximity to Perth, Stirling, good motorway access

Close enough but far away enough!

Welcoming school, MUGA, community activities

The community council, school and church make it a vibrant place to live

Village Hall, Bingo nights, Santa Dash and other events

The play park and Lodge Park are great for the kids to play

Braco Shop and Café both have a community purpose and spirit

Having a fish van deliver fresh fish on Thursdays is a real treat

The Ember Bus has greatly improved transport links in the area

Braco garage provides a great, easy to access service

Local history such as the Ardoch Fort

Fascinating Roman History

OUR COMMUNITY NOW: DISLIKES

What we don't like - and some of the comments

COMMUNITY VIEWS SURVEY DISLIKES	% OF RESPONSES
Traffic, roads and parking	52%
Local Amenities	32%
Transport and access to services	28%
Village appearance	27%
Community Facilities and Activities	26%
Environment, Countryside and Heritage	25%
Nothing	8%

Traffic speed through Greenloaning on the main A822

Children can't safely walk/cycle to school

No zebra crossing from Front Street to Gentle Croft and the speeding through the village scares me

Lack of parking outside church and village hall

No main parking area in the village

Lack of care from PKC on road maintenance and snow clearing

Lack of facilities namely a local hotel where people can meet

Difficult to get to know other villagers without a pub/restaurant

Lack of amenities shops, pub, restaurant, takeaways

Not enough amenities – loss of post office, pub

Poor bus service to Dunblane, Stirling for Post Office, Doctor, Dentist.

*No bus service on B8033
No bus service for Feddal Road*

Very poor Broadband speed less than 2MB

Lack of fast internet inhibits remote working and business

Not enough emptying of recycling depot

Forgotten about as last place/first place in PKC

First impression is bad - the garage yard and the hotel derelict

The unsightly image of the old hotel on Front Street left empty

Front Street could be smarter and tidier it doesn't look very inviting

The ongoing saga with primary school location

Greenloaning School going to waste could be a fantastic community resource.

Park only has swings for little kids no bigger swings

Playpark falling apart in Greenloaning

Not much choice of activities or venues for teenagers

Communities seem disjointed they are not well tied

No childcare before or after school

The rubbish and dog waste on the nice walks

Locked gates for access to walking

The river path between Braco and Greenloaning being so overgrown in summer

Not enough focus on investment in the amazing historical sites



BRACO & GREENLOANING VISION FOR OUR FUTURE

This statement has been prepared using residents and organisations answers to the question –
“How would you like to imagine Braco and Greenloaning in 10 years time?”

THRIVING VILLAGE HUB(S)

new school * new/refurbished hall * church *
pub/hotel * shops/café * park & recreation areas
* community use of old schools * activities and
events and classes for all



WELL-CONNECTED

safe roads * good paths and cycle routes * good
public transport * villages well connected
* safe and easy to move around in * good access
into the countryside * good broadband * good for
working as well as living



ATTRACTIVE AND ENJOYABLE

buildings * green spaces * public realm * heritage *
walls * planting * flowers * trees * paths and cycle
routes * rivers * gardens * benches * picnic areas

GREEN AND RESILIENT

community allotments * local produce
* community renewable energy * energy efficiency
* moved on from oil * electric vehicles * good
public transport * recycling/repair/reuse * mindful
of impacts of climate change * biodiverse
* sustainable and sensitive growth and
development



A GOOD PLACE TO VISIT

roman heritage * arts and crafts * walks * cycling
* gardens * events * café * pub * information and
guides * well laid out and attractive



STILL RURAL, FRIENDLY, WELCOMING, AND INCLUSIVE

retained its small peaceful rural nature * not grown
too much * providing for the young * caring for
the elderly * good for young people and families to
come to live * working together

MAIN STRATEGIES & PRIORITIES

These are the main strategies and priorities the community will work towards achieving in partnership with public agencies and other supporters.

THEME 1:

LOCAL ECONOMY AND VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT

The main priority identified is for the local pub/hotel to re-open. It is needed to provide an invaluable social meeting place for residents as well as an attraction for visitors to the area - and to contribute to the local economy. The pub/hotel would add to the existing café and shop which are viewed as essential and requiring ongoing support to flourish.

Village enhancement is seen as required to help bolster the retail and hospitality sector by making Braco more attractive to visitors and locals. People would like to see this include improvements to the appearance and design of Front Street, creation of focal points in Braco and Greenloaning and the provision of more visitor infrastructure (e.g. signage, information, interpretation, parking and Electric Vehicle charging facilities).

There was seen to be an opportunity to boost the economy by making more of the area's environmental, heritage and cultural assets. In particular it was thought that more could be done to develop and promote the local path and cycle network, and that much more could be done to celebrate and promote the Roman heritage.

There was a need identified to develop more business services to support employment, working from home and for existing and new businesses. Childcare, improved broadband, and local workspaces were all thought to be needed to support economic activity.

Main priorities

- Open the local pub/hotel
- Village improvements (appearance, buildings, design)
- Activities, facilities, services and information for visitors – making the most of the areas environment, heritage and culture
- Support existing businesses and encourage new business
- Business infrastructure and services - workspaces, broadband, childcare

THEME 2:

COMMUNITY FACILITIES, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

There was a strong desire to see the development and opening of the long promised new primary school – within the lifetime of this Community Action Plan.

It was recognised that this would create a 'knock on' need and opportunity to develop new uses for the village hall and the existing primary school and for the old primary school in Greenloaning.

The Church also plays a strong role in community life in Braco and Greenloaning through the use of its Church Hall, its activities and outreach services. It is seen as important to retain and build on these over the coming years.

It would make sense to look at all these facilities and the activities and services they provide 'in the round' and look at ways of providing good and sustainable facilities that are complementary and work well together.

Many – children and young people in particular – were keen to see better play and outdoor recreation facilities. More play equipment for older children in the Braco Park, better lighting for the MUGA, new goal posts in both the Braco Park and Lodge Park and the potential for a skatepark were all highlighted.

Main priorities:

- Work with Perth & Kinross Council to develop new school
- Future use of existing facilities and services (hall, church, old schools)
- Improve play and outdoor sports activities
- More activities and events
- Support and develop the Church Outreach Programme



THEME 3:

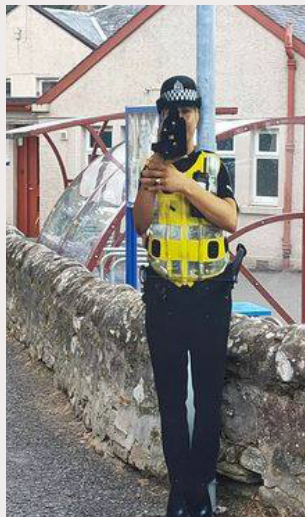
ROADS, TRAFFIC, PAVEMENTS, PATHS AND ACTIVE TRAVEL

The Community Council liaise with Perth & Kinross Council to develop traffic calming measures - including reduced speed limits - to make the community a safer place and to make it easier for residents of all ages and abilities to access local services and amenities. Residents are keen to see this good work continued.

In addition to traffic calming and road improvements they have prioritised the need for additional off-road pavements/paths and safe cycle routes – and in particular a safe multi use off road (but near the road) path linking Greenloaning and Braco. They would also like to see the pavement extended out along Feddal Road from Braco to the Keir Picnic Area and for Feddal Road to be made into a walking and cycling friendly road.

Main priorities

- Traffic calming and speed restrictions
- Road improvements
- Off road safe all abilities path linking Braco and Greenloaning and pavement extension in Braco along Feddal Road to the Keir Picnic Area



THEME 4:

ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE

People appreciated the existing paths and cycle routes in the area but would also like to see these maintained, developed and promoted more. They saw a local paths and routes network as being important for local people walking and cycling around their community, accessing the surrounding countryside and also extending links out towards neighbouring communities. They thought there was an opportunity to promote this network to attract more visitors to the area.

There was a desire to establish a community garden/allotments/orchard to encourage and support local growing and which could also serve as a base for Ardoch in Bloom.

Supporting the ongoing work of Ardoch in Bloom was highlighted as a priority. Their work to improve and enhance the area is much appreciated. The importance of local wildlife and biodiversity was also noted, and people were keen to emphasise this in the future.

There was a strong feeling that more should be done to protect, enhance and promote the areas' Roman sites and heritage. More interpretation and opportunities to learn, enjoy and interact with it were wanted.

Main priorities

- Maintaining, developing and promoting the local paths and cycle routes
- Support and develop community allotments/gardens
- Environmental improvements and greenspace – and supporting Ardoch in Bloom
- Making the most of local heritage



THEME 5: TRANSPORT AND SERVICES

Braco and Greenloaning residents rely heavily on car use – due to their location, lack of local amenities and services and lack of suitable public transport. It makes living in Braco and Greenloaning difficult for people without cars or for those unable to drive. They found it harder to access health and education services, employment opportunities, amenities, and recreational and leisure facilities.

There were a range of suggestions to improve this including improvements to bus services, having a community minibus or local taxi service, and lobbying once more for the rail station to be opened.

As noted in the local economy theme there was thought to be a need to develop better local childcare options to support working parents and to improve broadband to support remote access.

Main priorities

- Better public and community transport
- Develop local childcare
- Improved Broadband



THEME 6: LOW CARBON - SUSTAINABILITY AND HOUSING

Previous community initiative to insulate houses, coupled with the fact that houses don't have access to mains gas makes the community ripe for a community initiative to support the use of renewable sources of energy to heat homes as well as community and public buildings.

In general, there was an opportunity for Braco and Greenloaning to cut its carbon usage through a range of initiatives included in this community action plan (use of renewable energy, public transport, electric community minibus, bikes, community allotments, composting, recycling, reuse, services to support working from home, developing active travel routes and paths etc). It would be worth taking stock of all of these – and viewing them 'in the round' - through an initiative to monitor the carbon cutting impact of these measures in the community action plan and for Braco and Greenloaning to be viewed as a 'Carbon Cutting Community.'

There was also a need to look at whether more affordable housing was required to sustain and support local services and amenities. It was highlighted for example that teachers in the local school found it difficult to find affordable housing to purchase locally. In keeping with the thrust of the CAP any affordable housing should also aim to be built with as low a carbon footprint as possible.

Main priorities

- Community initiative to support use of renewable energy in housing and community and public buildings
- Braco and Greenloaning 'Carbon Cutting Community' - encouraging and monitoring carbon cutting initiatives
- Green and affordable housing development that sustains the local economy and services



ACTION

A guide to the first steps to be taken and which organisations, services and businesses could assist the community to progress them.

THEME 1: LOCAL ECONOMY AND VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

PRIORITIES	ACTION
DEVELOP AND OPEN PUB/HOTEL	• Explore future plans with owner • Work to support and progress plans to open • If no current private sector plans to open – formation of a working group to investigate alternative opportunities and options with a view to a community led solution
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Current owner, Ardoch Development Trust</i>
VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT (APPEARANCE AND DESIGN)	• Front Street improvement plan for Braco – gateways, empty buildings, unsightly buildings/sites, parking, signage, interpretation, focal points etc. • Creating central focal points in Braco and Greenloaning
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Community Council, Ardoch Development Trust, Perth & Kinross Council</i>
MORE FACILITIES, ACTIVITIES AND INTEREST FOR VISITORS	Develop strategy for making Braco and Greenloaning more attractive and welcoming for visitors e.g. • information, interpretation and signposting • making more of environmental and heritage assets (walks, gardens, Roman Fort) • providing a small visitor centre (as part of community hub?)
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Ardoch Development Trust, Community Council, local businesses</i>
SUPPORT EXISTING BUSINESSES AND ENCOURAGE NEW BUSINESS	• Support to improve existing shop building • Foster other local businesses e.g. local produce, arts, crafts • Develop partnership working with land managers • Explore the desire to establish business /maker workspaces and how this has been done in other communities
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Ardoch Development Trust, Community Council, local shops, local producers, arts and crafts workers.</i>
DEVELOP SERVICES THAT SUPPORT EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESSES	Childcare - supporting local parents and other interested parties to research options and develop and implement proposals Broadband – review existing provision, identify need and lobby for improvements and/or take direct action
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Community Council, Ardoch Development Trust, Church, Braco Primary School, local parents</i>

THEME 2: COMMUNITY FACILITIES, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

PRIORITIES	ACTION
DEVELOP NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL	• Continue to progress plans for the new school
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Perth & Kinross Council, local landowner, Braco Primary School, Braco Parent Council, Community Council</i>
FUTURE PLANS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF THE HALL, CHURCH HALL, AND SCHOOLS	• Joint working to plan for future development and uses of the Village Hall, Church Hall and Schools • Consider community asset transfers for properties • Lobby for the retention of the Church in Braco
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Hall Committee, Church, Braco Primary School, Ardoch Development Trust</i>
IMPROVE AND DEVELOP PLAY AND RECREATION AREAS	• Consultation with parents and children to develop play areas to have equipment for older children • Consultation on how to improve the MUGA – lighting • Research and develop proposals for additional provision e.g. skateboard park etc.
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Ardoch Development Trust, Primary School Children, Young People, Parent Council, Ardoch Juniors, Community Council, Perth & Kinross Council, MUGA Committee)</i>
SUPPORT AND DEVELOP ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS FOR ALL AGES	• Continue to support existing activities and events • Follow on from the CAP to identify demand for additional activities and events – to enlist support for these (both volunteers and participants) – and to identify needed resources and facilities
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Hall Committee, Ardoch Development Trust, Church, Braco Primary School, Parent Council</i>
CONTINUE AND DEVELOP THE PASTORAL WORK OF THE CHURCH	• Continue to support and develop the Church Outreach Programme
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Ardoch Church and related projects</i>



THEME 3: ROADS, TRAFFIC, ACTIVE TRAVEL

PRIORITIES	ACTION
TRAFFIC CALMING	• Reduce speed limits in Greenloaning to 30mph and in Braco to 20mph • Further traffic calming measures: speed cushions, gateways, road surfaces at Knaik Bridge • Take measures to develop Feddal Road as a safe road for walking and cycling (40mph and signs)
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Community Council, Perth & Kinross Council</i>
ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	• Continued programme of improvements to road surfaces e.g. Front Street, Carse View
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Community Council, Perth & Kinross Council</i>
PAVEMENTS, PATHS AND SAFE ROUTES	• Development of new off-road path for all between Braco and Greenloaning • Extend pavement along Feddal Road out to Keir Picnic Area • Zebra Crossing on Front Street
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Community Council, Ardoch Development Trust, local landowners, Perth & Kinross Council</i>



THEME 4: ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE

PRIORITIES	ACTION
IMPROVING AND DEVELOPING THE LOCAL PATHS AND ROUTES NETWORK	• Improving existing paths • Looking at ways of extending paths/networks • Look at ways of promoting paths and routes - e.g. signage, leaflets, online, interpretation
<i>Action by</i>	<i>New Paths Group, Perth & Kinross Council, Land managers</i>
COMMUNITY GROWING	• Develop proposals for a local community garden/allotments • Identify suitable locations working with local land managers
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Ardoch Development Trust, Ardoch in Bloom, local land managers</i>
VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT	• Continue to support and develop the work of Ardoch in Bloom • Provide polytunnels, storage sheds to enable their work • Continue to support litter picks, Forest School, Forest Mission and ways of involving people becoming engaged in learning about and improving the local environment
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Ardoch in Bloom, Ardoch Development Trust, School, Church, Perth and Kinross Council (Greenspaces Team)</i>
PROTECT, ENHANCE AND PROMOTE LOCAL HERITAGE	• Develop Heritage Strategy for Braco and Greenloaning to identify best ways of providing information and resources and create opportunities for learning and interaction – with a particular focus on Roman heritage and assets
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Ardoch in Bloom, Community Council, Ardoch Development Trust, Braco Primary School, Church, Historic Environment Scotland, landowners, local businesses</i>

THEME 5: TRANSPORT AND ACCESS TO SERVICES

PRIORITIES	ACTION
TRANSPORT AND IMPROVING ACCESS	• Document 'hard to reach' examples of difficulties in accessing services, facilities, amenities etc. • Identify required improvements and lobby for the development and integration of local bus services (including a service that includes Feddal Road) • Test the feasibility of a community minibus – research how other communities fund and operate them • Open up the discussion again about the Greeloaning Railway Station
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Community Council, new local residents transport group(?), Perth & Kinross Council</i>
DEVELOP CHILDCARE	• Feasibility study on how best to develop local childcare services • Additional support to encourage more local childminders
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Braco Primary School/Parents, Ardoch Development Trust</i>
IMPROVE BROADBAND	• Review current broadband service across the community • Based on findings – lobby for improvements
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Community Council, Scottish Government, Telecom and Broadband service providers</i>

THEME 6: CUTTING CARBON - SUSTAINABILITY - HOUSING

PRIORITIES	ACTION
COMMUNITY RENEWABLES	• Look at potential for community based renewable schemes working in partnership with local land managers
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Ardoch Development Trust, local landowners, renewable energy companies, Windfarm Community Benefit Funds</i>
COMMUNITY ENERGY EFFICIENCY	• Explore ways of helping local residents reduce their energy bills and shift to using renewable energy • Support community/public facilities to reduce their carbon footprint and look at shared use of renewable energy systems
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Community Council, Ardoch Development Trust, Windfarm Community Benefit Funds, local residents</i>
ENCOURAGE USE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES	• EV Charging Points • Community E Bus • Electric bikes for hire
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Community Council, Ardoch Development Trust, Windfarm Community Benefit Funds</i>
AFFORDABLE NEW ECO HOMES	• Carry out further research on the need for affordable housing locally • Research potential for small development of small, energy efficient affordable housing in keeping with the vision for the future of Braco and Greenloaning
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Ardoch Development Trust, Perth & Kinross Council, Community Council</i>
CUTTING CARBON INITIATIVE	• Document, measure and monitor changes over the next 5 years brought about by implementing community action plan priorities • Encourage and support other local suggestions/projects to cut carbon
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Ardoch Development Trust, Community Council, a new 'Braco and Greenloaning Cutting Carbon Initiative'</i>

MAKING IT HAPPEN

WORKING TOGETHER AND GETTING INVOLVED

Next steps: It is now up to the community as a whole to help progress the priorities identified in this action plan with support from our local community groups working together with a range of public, private, and voluntary sector partners.

EXISTING GROUPS AND WORKING TOGETHER

We will keep working together to share 'ownership' of this Community Action Plan and to make sure its priorities are progressed. The action plan identifies which groups may be involved in each of the themes and priorities, however this is not limited and cannot be achieved by these groups alone...

BE PART OF MAKING IT HAPPEN

During the CAP process, people have come forward to say they are interested in specific projects that have been identified. Let us know if you would like to get involved to help make any of them happen. For example, join existing groups, take part in action groups, or tell us more about what projects you want to help with.

NEW ACTION GROUPS

Some of the themes and priorities identified in this Community Action Plan could benefit from a coordinated and focused approach involving more people so it is proposed that these might include setting up:

- A Local Paths Group help maintain develop and promote the local path network.
- A local Transport and Access to Services group to identify the difficulties that people face and research and lobby for improvements.
- A Cutting Carbon Group to encourage and support projects that help lower carbon in the community – including projects identified in this action plan and others that local people of all ages suggest.

KEEPING THE ACTION PLAN UP TO DATE

As part of this work, the steering group will aim to organise a Community Action Plan Annual Review event once a year to report back to the Community on how the plan is progressing and to identify steps for further action.



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2024 - 2029

BRACO AND GREENLOANING COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

This Community Action Plan sets out the priorities for the development of Braco and Greenloaning over the next 5 years as determined by the community through an extensive process of community engagement carried out over a five- month period from February 2023 – June 2023

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 Braco and Greenloaning
- The main themes and priorities for action
- Information on how you can stay in touch and get involved.

All the results of the community engagement process are available to view at both www.ardochtrust.org.uk and www.community-council.org.uk/BracoandGreenloaning/

The Community Action Plan is for the whole community and is jointly owned by all the organisations and individuals that took part in its preparation. We will be working together to ensure its implementation over the next 5 years.

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