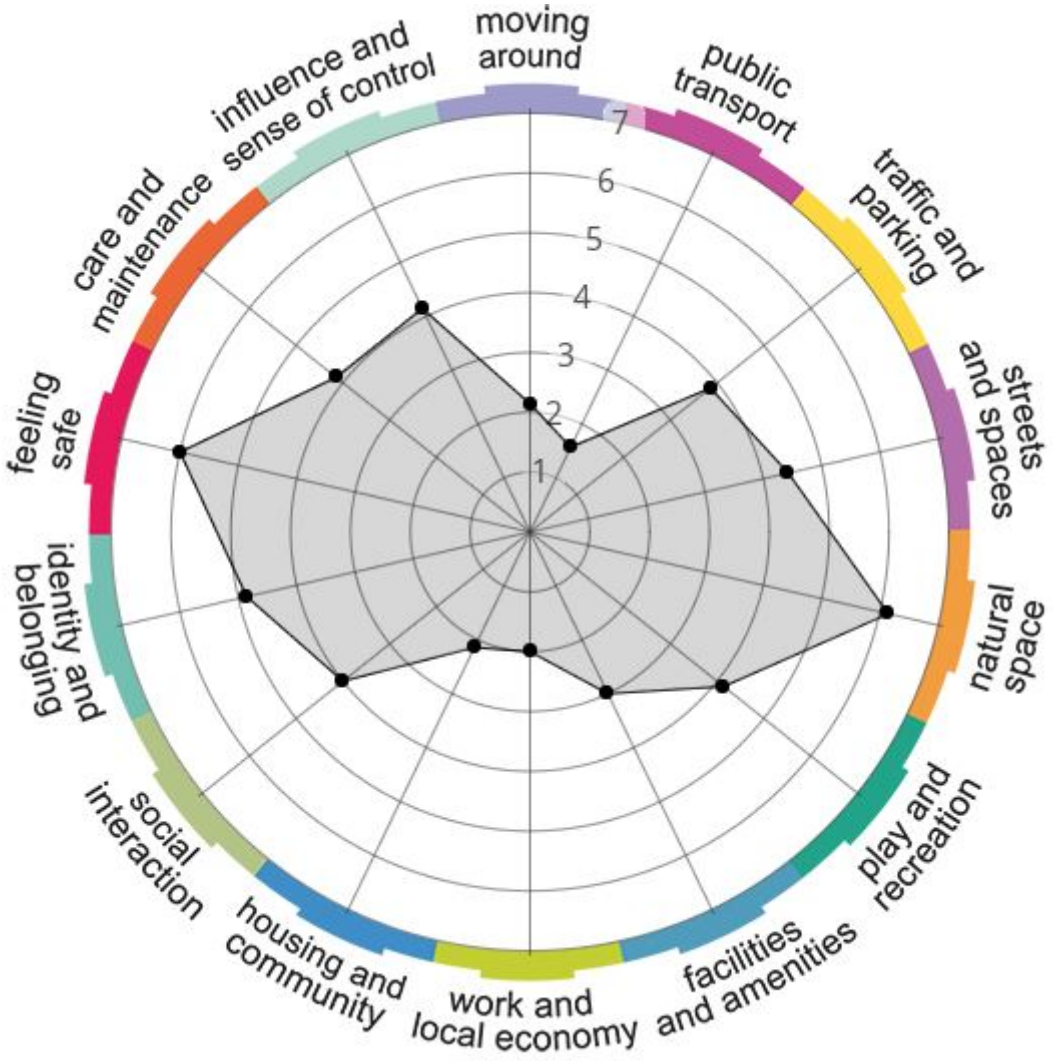
Colintraive Responses 2019



Priority Areas for Improvement:

Public Transport

Work and Local Economy

Housing and Community

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How good is your place? Area wide engagement results using the Place Standard Tool

Between May and October 2019, the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) used the Place Standard tool to engage residents in Argyll and Bute on how they feel about the place(s) that they live and work in Argyll and Bute.

We are very grateful to all the responses that we received. We hope you find the information easy to understand and of interest to you and your community.

We are pleased to see that the thematic areas of Natural Space, Feeling Safe, Identity and Sense of Belonging and Social Contact came out with the highest scores, needing the least improvement, when considering Argyll and Bute as a whole.

The engagement has been undertaken at a place-based level and respondents provided their postcode, groupings of postcodes have created the settlement/community level detail.

The results are available for community groups and partner agencies to use, for example, to assist with service planning or for community-led action plans.

Please note: The information is the views of individuals who responded to the engagement. We trust that the information provided will be viewed within the context of which it is provided. We are grateful to all those who have taken part in the consultation and believe in sharing information for openness and transparency.

We appreciate that the documents can be lengthy due to the amount of information and we hope that the format is user-friendly.

If you have any questions, please see our Frequently Asked Questions Guide or contact Community Planning by e-mail: cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk , phone: 01546 604 464.

Next steps

This information is helping to shape plans for the area. Other information such as information from partners' data and statistics is also used to consider priorities for improvement. The CPP will analyse the information to identify priority themes for improvement within each of the four administrative areas and shape actions to address these where this is possible with resources.

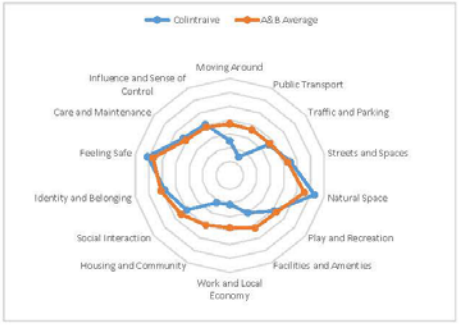
We are currently mapping out what activity is already happening, what is planned within the next 3-4 years and where the gaps are. This information will be considered by both the CPP Management Committee and the Area Community Planning Groups to shape the actions.

The final agreed actions will become part of our four Area Community Planning Action Plans, due to be refreshed in 2021. To get involved, contact your local Area Community Planning Group.

Colintraive Responses

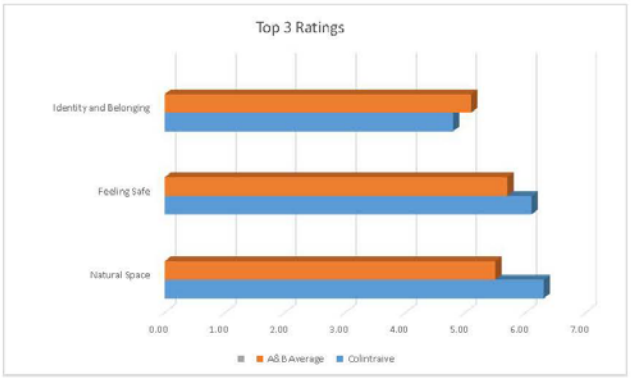
Our Top Rated Areas are:

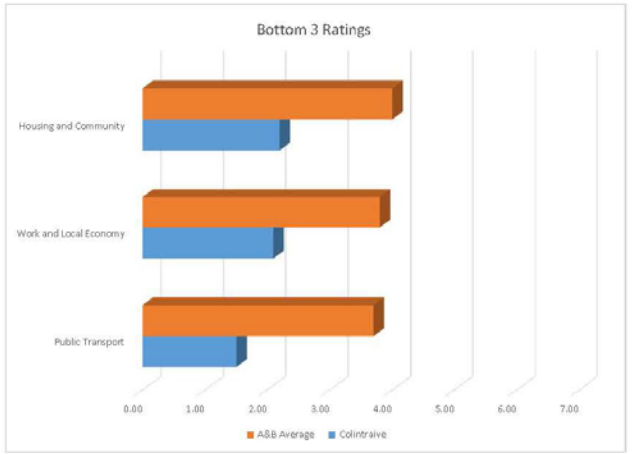
Natural Space	Respondents rated this area 6.3 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.5 out of 7.
Feeling Safe	Respondents rated this area 6.1 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.7 out of 7.
Identity and Belonging	Respondents rated this area 4.8 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.1 out of 7.

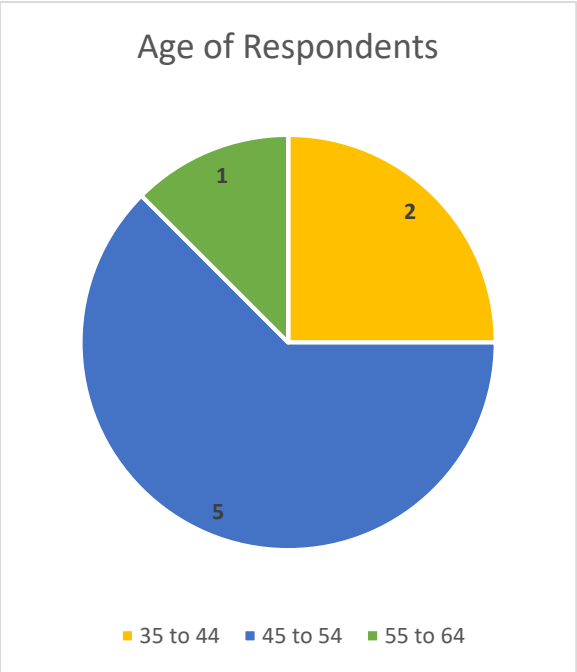


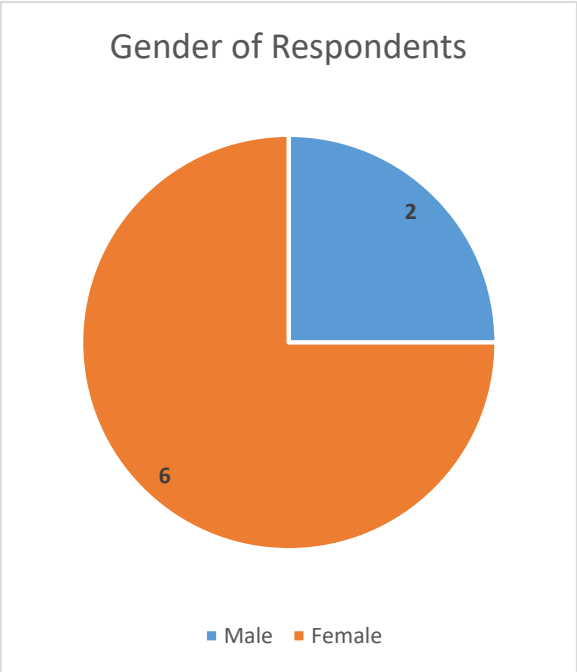
Areas of desired improvement are:

Public Transport	Respondents rated this area 1.5 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.7 out of 7.
Work and Local Economy	Respondents rated this area 2.1 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.8 out of 7.
Housing and Community	Respondents rated this area 2.2 out of 7 compared to Argyll &Bute Average of 4 out of 7.









Thematic areas by lowest score to highest scores

Thematic Area	Average Score
Public Transport	1.5
Work and Local Economy	2.1
Housing and Community	2.2
Moving Around	2.5
Facilities and Amenities	3.0
Traffic and Parking	3.6
Streets and Spaces	4.0
Play and Recreation	4.1
Influence and Sense of Control	4.1
Care and Maintenance	4.3
Streets and Spaces	4.5
Identity and Belonging	4.8
Feeling Safe	6.1
Natural Space	6.3

Q1. Moving Around: Can I easily walk and cycle around using good-quality routes?

8 responses in total – Average Score of 2.5							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
2 responses	3 responses	1 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	xx responses

Comments

Cycling routes are on very fast stretches of road so not suitable for all. Very poor walking as no paths on main routes, verges are poorly maintained and only cut once a year.
No dedicated routes. Cycling on busy roads only
No pavements, cycle paths or core paths. Have to use carriageway.
The Cowal Way is excellent but I would prefer better cycle routes away from traffic.
The roads are in very bad disrepair around here
There are a good amount of minor b roads that tend to have less traffic however some areas have very overgrown verges making more blind spots. Also bad road surface particularly along edges making it unsafe on bikes if being overtaken etc
We have a very fast road running through the community. You can get off this onto the old road but it only gives you access to spcsrtain sections and is not 'joined up' nor are there any circular options.

Q2. Public Transport: Does public transport meet my needs?

8 responses in total – Average Score of 1.5							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
5 responses	2 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	xx responses

Comments

V poor bus services
There are no buses on a Sunday, there are 3 buses on other days but the service from Dunoon stops at 5.30. I have three teenagers who have been unable to socialise with friends, go to evening activities or get a part time job in town because the public transport provision is so poor. I also think that local businesses, holidaymakers and locals would benefit hugely if the bus service was extended later in the evenings and on Sundays. People would be able to go for a meal, meet in the pub, and leave the car behind, walk sections of the Cowal way and get the bus back etc. As it is, the bus isn't meeting our needs so either we take the car for unnecessary journeys, or stay at home.
The buses are few and far between and in the school holiday's doesn't even allow for taking bus into town, spending the day there and coming back. It is an abysmal service. The children going to school even have to share with members of the public, possible paedophiles....we know there are a number of them housed in Rothesay where our bus comes from.
There are only a couple of buses a day which means I can't rely on public transport to get me around. It would be very difficult to manage in this community without a car.
1 bus a day to Dunoon is totally useless.
Very limited bus service and they do not connect with Dunoon ferry service. Service to Rothesay better but still not frequent enough
Nearest bus stop 5 miles. Frequency of buses, 2 a day.
Don't feel I can answer sufficiently as don't use public transport generally, this could be partly because it doesn't meet needs or has been difficult in past so not adopted it.

Q3. Traffic and Parking: Do traffic and parking arrangements allow people to move around safely?

8 responses in total – Average Score of 3.6							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	2 responses	3 responses	0 responses	2 responses	1 responses	0 responses	xx responses

Comments

The single track road from Dunoon to Tighnabruaich is wholly inadequate to cope with the levels of traffic, never mind the large number of cyclists combined with logging lorries. Accidents happen all the time and I have had a few near misses. The nature of the stop start journeys on single track, busy roads is not good for fuel or time efficiency.
The traffic and parking arrangements are adequate but the speed of the traffic along the main road is frightening. Speed controls along some routes would improve resident safety, improve quality of life and use less fuel.
More parking would be advantageous
No public parking is available apart from one small area. More is needed for locals and tourists.
Passing places and verges are used for parking. No designated parking areas.
No problems
Generally traffic and parking not issue, can be limiting at village hall in Glendaruel and Colintraive when events are on
Reducing speed limits (and monitoring it) particularly around the Colintraive ferry area would improve safety. Signage particularly for visitors than slow speeds would be appreciated as there are children, cyclists, walkers, sheep on roads

Q4. Streets and Spaces: Do the streets and public spaces create an attractive place that is easy to navigate?

8 responses in total – Average Score of 4.5							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	0 responses	2 responses	1 responses	4 responses	1 responses	0 responses	xx responses

Comments

Many of the roads around the Colintraive/Glendaruel have spectacular views but you can't stop to admire them as few lay-bys and the verges/trees are too high.
Some infrastructure is weak.
There are only a few buildings that fall into this category

Q5. Natural Space: Can I experience good quality green spaces?

8 responses in total – Average Score of 6.25							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	3 responses	5 responses	0 responses	xx responses

Comments

It is very rural here as it is
Not easy for everyone to access the spaces around Glendaruel/Colintraive. Paths need to be better established and maintained.
The Cowal peninsula is one of the most attractive places to live in the UK
Too many invasive non-natives. E.g. ponticum and bracken. These are quickly taking over everywhere.
Wonderful outdoor spaces, many of them run and maintained by the community

Q6. Play and Recreation: Can I access a range of places for play and recreation?

8 responses in total – Average Score of 4.1							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
1 responses	1 responses	0 responses	3 responses	1 responses	1 responses	1 responses	xx responses

Comments

Nearest limited amenities 6 miles. Range of amenities is 27 miles away.
The only playpark nearby is in Glendaruel which the council has nothing to do with and was fundraised for by the community. The children who live rurally here are completely ignored by the council.
There is a play park in Glendaruel and outdoor bowling green in Colintraive and lots of outside space, the shinty pitch in Glendaruel is a key amenity to the community that could do with investment and development
There is nowhere for kids to play.
There is whole of the natural world to play in.
While there is access to outdoor pursuits, there is little to do on rainy days.

Q7. Facilities and Amenities: Does my place have the things I need to live and enjoy life? This could include shops, schools, libraries, health services or places to eat and drink.

8 responses in total – Average Score of 3.0							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
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Comments

Have small shop in Colintraive open limited hours, most amenities are 30 mins drive,
Local GP 20 miles away. Other amenities are 27 miles in a different direction.
Many stores, especially food ones, don't deliver here although we do have a couple of wonderful dedicated weekly vans e.g. Fynest Fish. We seem to incur a delivery supplement on many goods- why? We have no access to fuel for our cars
The local village pub has shut and we don't have a shop.
There is nothing here.
Without a car or decent public transport shopping for basic provisions is very limited. I hour round trip by car to get food. None of the major supermarkets will deliver. One small shop in Colintraive village with limited opening hours/fresh produce. a weekly fish van and a shop in the caravan park - hardly celebrating all the local produce or promoting eating produce grown/farmed locally

Q8. Work and Local Economy: Is there an active local economy with good-quality work opportunities?

8 responses in total – Average Score of 2.12							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
1 responses	5 responses	3 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	xx responses

Comments

Decent, well paid jobs are scarce. My husband has had to take up a short term position in another country because he couldn't find engineering work in this area.
Minimal local work. I could work in colintraive but need to travel to Glasgow as internet access too poor to use reliably
No jobs in village unless you work at the ferry
No local employment. Young people are forced to move away.
There are few options for local employment.
There are very few job opportunities in the area as there are very few businesses. Infrastructure poor to support business - connectivity/transport/affordable accommodation all lacking
There is a distinct lack of childcare in this area which means a lot of mothers cannot work however willing they might be. There aren’t many jobs going around here either.

Q9. Housing and Community: Do the homes in my area support the needs of the community?

8 responses in total – Average Score of 2.25							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
2 responses	3 responses	2 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	xx responses

Comments

No affordable housing in the area. No sheltered housing for the aged when they need to move from their own homes for care.
There are a lot of elderly people in big houses, no affordable housing for families and no sheltered housing for when these elderly people become unable to look after themselves.
We desperately need to attract more young families.
Area has a lot of second home owners. Limited access to affordable housing to encourage someone into the area (assuming there was a job) or to retain the young adults to stay in the area.
Lots of holiday homes/second homes and large 3 plus bedroom houses, limited, expensive rent options, most are holiday houses. Most property too expensive for first time buy
Not really. There are privately owned detached properties but few that young families could afford, even if they could get a local job to support a mortgage. My teenagers will move out of the area for jobs and housing.
With 50% high value second homes working families are pushed out and non-permanent residents do not contribute so much to the community.

Q10. Social Contact: Is there a range of spaces and opportunities to meet people?

8 responses in total – Average Score of 4.0							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	6 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	xx responses

Comments

For retirees there seems plenty to do and for younger children, but little for teenagers.
It is quite an active community with yoga badminton bowls etc. but mostly older generation
Local hotel and various clubs exist within village halls. Events held which aim to be inclusive but very reliant on volunteers. No real sports facilities exist other than those run at halls, certainly nothing which would attract visitors to the area or which would encourage families to come to the area.
This is a vibrant area, socially, with many opportunities to join others in various clubs and activities. Maybe there is less for people who find it difficult to take the first step to socialising.
Village hall
Without the hard work of local volunteer groups running events in halls etc. my score would be 1.

Q11. Identity and Belonging: Does this place have a positive identity and do I feel I belong?

8 responses in total – Average Score of 4.75							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	1 responses	4 responses	2 responses	0 responses	xx responses

Comments

Thanks to local organisations working to maintain and improve things the community is “punching above its weight” to celebrate community spirit.
Because of the amount of houses being used as holiday homes as families can’t afford to buy any that come up for sale, this area and its community is literally dying a death.
Good community
History and heritage are well recognised in the area and there are lots of groups in the community to feel involved.
I think there is a schism sometimes between "Locals" and "Incomers" which can raise its head in any dispute.
This is a uniquely inclusive and welcoming community but like all communities it has its issues

Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

8 responses in total – Average Score of 6.12							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	5 responses	2 responses	xx responses

Comments

I feel safe here
I've never felt at risk of crime or antisocial behaviour.
Low crime. People look out for each other.
Whilst the area feels safe, if something happened within the area concern about how quickly emergency services can come to our aid. Lots of work has started to improve the resilience in the community but this needs to continue
Yes but traffic still goes too fast along single track road

Q13. Care and Maintenance: Are buildings and spaces well cared for?

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Comments

I would like to see serious improvement in the fabric of our local school, Kilmodan. It does not present a good impression, visually, to prospective families who are perhaps thinking of moving to the area. The parents and local community raise money for specific projects. It would benefit from a gardener / handyman to be employed full time - what a difference that would make!
Most are owner occupied, so yes.
No. Weeds on pavement. Trees overhang every road. No one can see along roads or views for overgrown shrub trees. Graveyard is an absolute disgrace. Slippy path, all grass overgrown which is rarely cut..Disgraceful way to treat a place of remembrance.!!!
Question not so relevant in our community
Recent improvements to private properties has improved things however infrastructure (roads and bridges) are poor.
We don't have all recycling services available to the rest of the region - for example food waste and garden waste not available. Collection services particularly around holiday times needs review. Road verges need to be trimmed and maintained more regularly as they are a hazard not only for motorists needing better visibility but for walkers and cyclists too. I've used forms to notify council of dead animals on roads (deer) and these have never been actioned.

Q14. Influence and Sense of Control: Do I feel able to take part in decisions and help change things for the better?

8 responses in total – Average Score of 4.12							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	5 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses	xx responses

Comments

Active community council and because I get involved. Others need better information systems as a lot of people complain they are not consulted.
Although there are many community projects, I do feel that sometimes endless meetings and the responsibility of improving the area can lead to unnecessary tensions.
I feel very new to the community (3years) and so am still happy to mainly watch.
I'm aware the option to go to community meetings is there and we do have the opportunity to be heard
There is a community council but any issues I have raised have not improved at all.

What are the main issues and priorities for change that you have identified?

Poorly maintained infrastructure (roads). Need to address climate change and prepare / mitigate for coastal erosion. Lack of amenities and public transport. Lack of affordable homes and employment.
Public transport. There is a real need for better services, later in the evenings and on Sundays, not just for people who don't drive, but for those like me who want to reduce their carbon footprint.
Looking at speed issues around the main road Improving the local school
More affordable housing options, increase local population
Affordable housing Improvement of road surfaces Play areas for children
This village is dying. No youth move in all old people who then die and houses are sold as holiday homes. Sad and depressing
1. Lack of health & sporting facilities 2. Poor transport services - ferries & buses 3. Lack of village facilities to keep people in the area

What actions could be taken to deal with these?

More investment and maintenance on transport and infrastructure. Cap on second homes. Faster broadband to allow professional people to live and work here. More support for third sector to deliver social and health interventions.
Extend the bus timetable to bring it in line with other communities.
Speed limits, a handyman (full time)
The council needs to see that areas outside of Dunoon are just as worthy of investment. We are made to feel we just don't matter living here.
Affordable housing would be a good start.
Improve the paths, introduce cycle paths and improve the roads to make them safer for everyone. Introduce a sports facility Encourage businesses to invest in the area and bring services to encourage tourism, jobs and keep people in the area

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