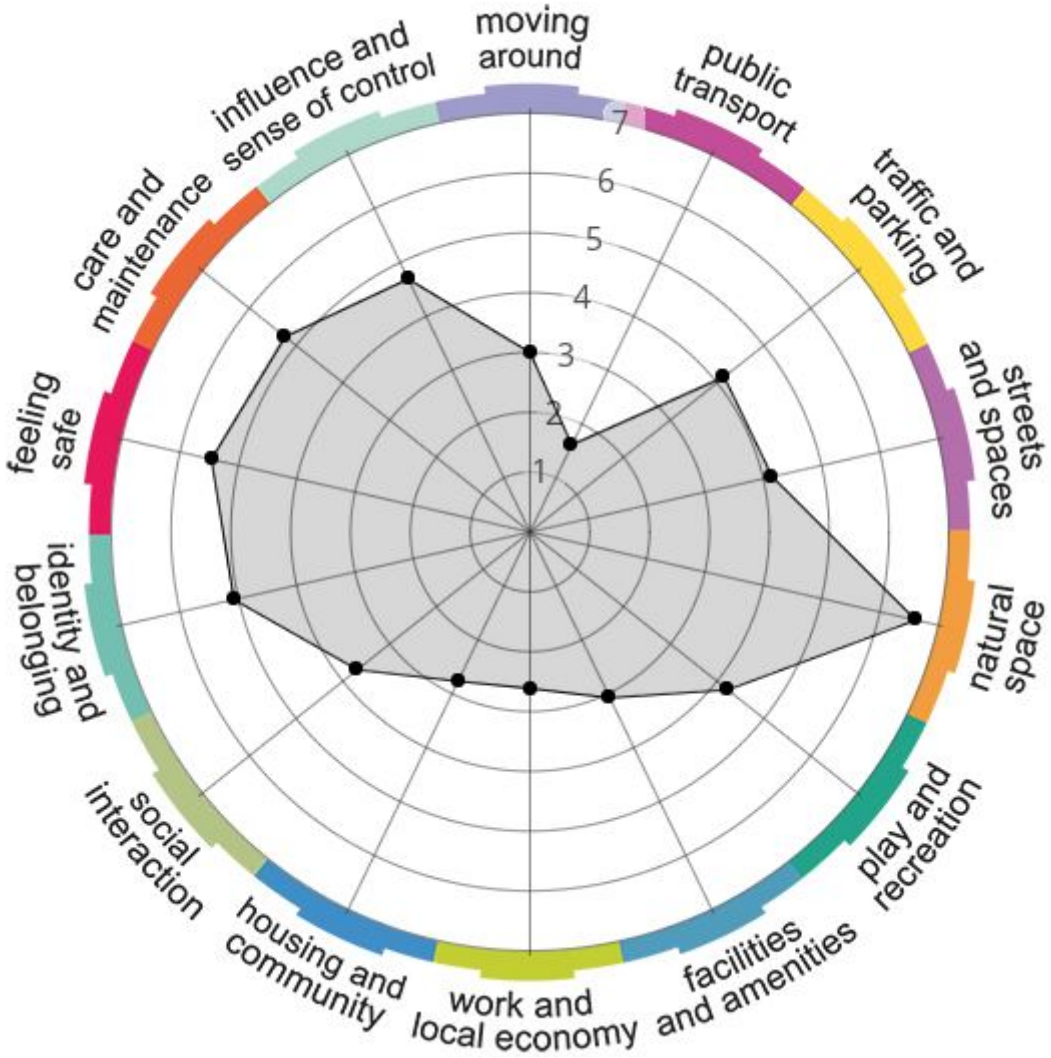
Glendaruel Responses 2019



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.

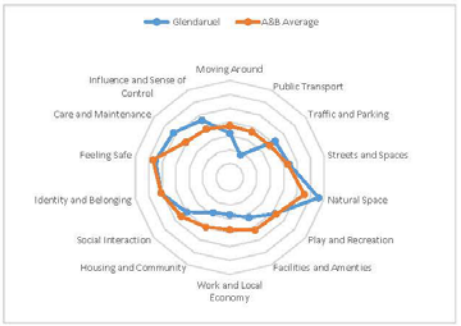
We are currently mapping out what activity is already happening, what is planned within the next 3-4 years and where the gaps are. This information will be considered by both the CPP Management Committee and the Area Community Planning Groups to shape the actions.

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.

Glendaruel Responses

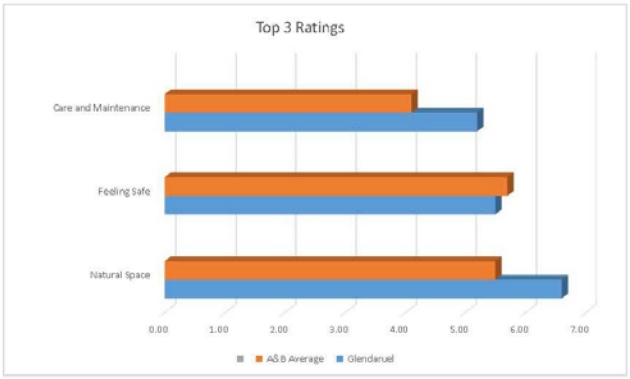
Our Top Rated Areas are:

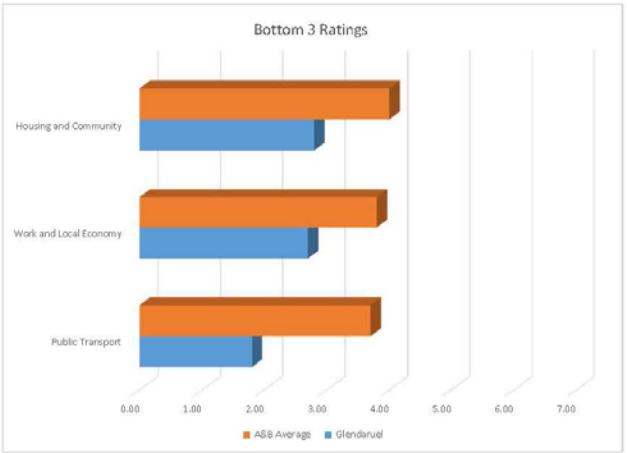
Natural Space	Respondents rated this area 6.6 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.5 out of 7.
Feeling Safe	Respondents rated this area 5.5 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.7 out of 7.
Care and Maintenance	Respondents rated this area 5.2 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 4.1 out of 7.

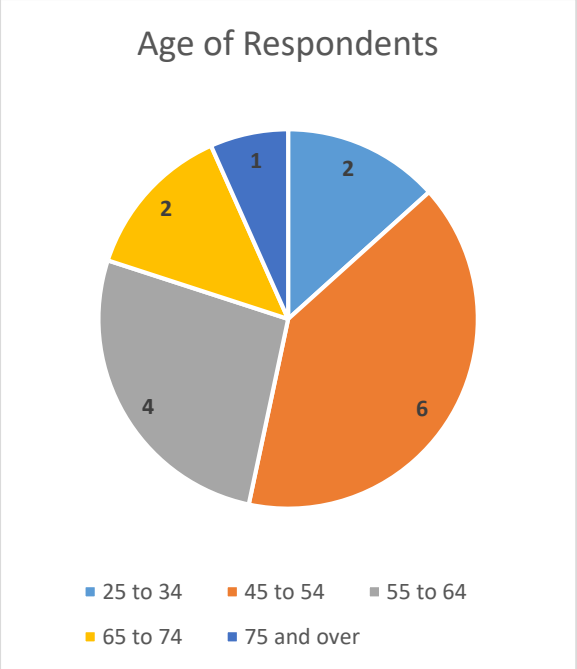


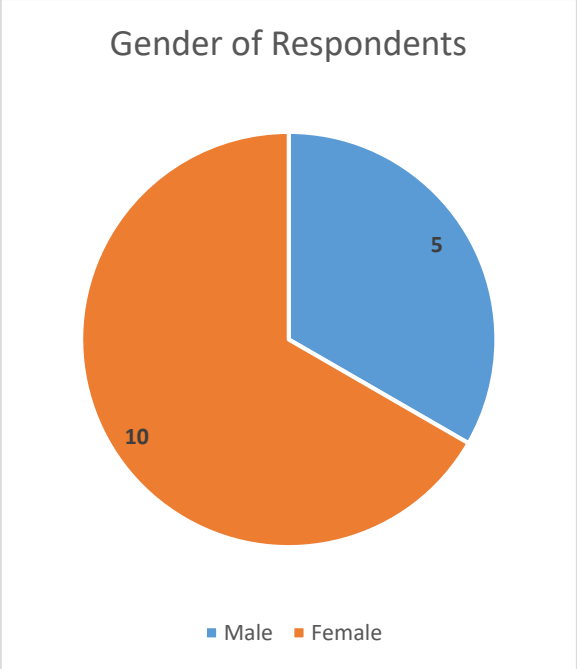
Areas of desired improvement are:

Public Transport	Respondents rated this area 1.8 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.7 out of 7.
Work and Local Economy	Respondents rated this area 2.7 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.8 out of 7.
Housing and Community	Respondents rated this area 2.8 out of 7 compared to Argyll &Bute Average of 4 out of 7.









Thematic areas by lowest score to highest score

Thematic Area	Average Score
Public Transport	1.8
Work and Local Economy	2.7
Housing and Community	2.8
Moving Around	3.2
Facilities and Amenities	3.2
Social Contact	4.0
Traffic and Parking	4.2
Play and Recreation	4.2
Streets and Spaces	4.4
Influence and Sense of Control	4.6
Identity and Belonging	5.1
Care and Maintenance	5.2
Feeling Safe	5.5
Natural Space	6.6

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

15 responses in total – Average Score of 3.2							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
3 responses	4 responses	2 responses	2 responses	4 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Loch Lomond and Cowal way, Forest tracks are all close by. Single track roads can be dangerous with speeding cars.
Lot of pot holes and badly repaired road
Although I live in a very rural area, some of the main or easier routes are not suitable to cycling or walking due to traffic.
A very fast road, runs through our community with no crossings, so walking and riding access is a challenge. Also sections of the old Telford road and old paths have been taken over by private landowners making walking in our area difficult.
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Good forest walks, but no safe pedestrian routes on the main roads. No cycle tracks which lead to delays for traffic on the roads.
Main road in Glendaruel is driven far too fast and single track roads with tight bends and steep hills are unsuitable for bikes. There are sections of old road that could be upgraded and used as cycle tracks
We have access to the Loch Lomond and Cowal Way as well as local path networks in Stronafian Forest, at Dunans Castle and by the Glendaruel Caravan Park. However, the Way requires support for maintenance and upgrades, and while the local Development Trust does a grand job, it requires help from other local communities as well as the council and the National Park to ensure the path remains in good order and brings in the £500K income per annum to the area as per its last report.
As my home is directly off the A886 which has a national speed limit pf 60 mph, I am obliged to drive to a place where it is safe and pleasant to take my daily walk. There are not enough circular routes for walkers and cyclists in this area, too much emphasis is laid upon long distance paths.
There is a main road for vehicles but too dangerous for bikes, a path would be great
There are no pavements. Verges are not well cut and lines of sight are very poor. Roads lack marking - white lines at junctions and on single track sections which makes them very dangerous especially in winter. Lots more cyclist using this area - 3 / 5 ferries route, triangle from Dunoon-Strachur-Glendaruel. There are a lot of log lorries and people driving well above speed limit. Deer crossing roads at dawn and dusk cause accidents. No bus stops.
No off-road walking routes in Colintraive but quiet single track road. Lots of pot holes for cyclists.
There are good areas to walk, but many of them you do have to travel to get to, as to all well connected.

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

15 responses in total – Average Score of 1.8							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
7 responses	6 responses	0 responses	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Very few buses. No link to Strachur
Limited access to a bus once a day non suitable times
Inevitably an infrequent service as it's a small population
Public transport is very poor, very few buses and some of the timings are of no use for someone working
The transport system is virtually non-existent. We are connected by a school bus to Dunoon in term time, but can't access our more local services at Strachur by bus. As a local employer I have lost staff due to the paucity of localised transport.
Infrequent busses
What public transport.
The bus service to the head of the glen is twice daily during the school term, and none at all during the school holidays. A car is required to live in glendaruel.
There are 2 buses per day through Glendaruel one in the morning and one in the afternoon so all residents must drive.
There is only school bus and only time table according to school hours during term time
To live in this area you must have access to a car. There is no bus from Inveraray - Strachur - Colintraive - Bute. Several vulnerable people attend Hub in Strachur and transport has to be provided.
Ferry excellent although very expensive for a 3 minute journey. Bus is very infrequent.
Very disappointing bus service. Very restricting for both locals and visitors to the area. Without a car in this area, we are stuck. Ferry service from Colintraive to Bute a great service, albeit expensive for such a short crossing - if there was a connecting bus service throughout the day to use the ferry, this would be a fantastic asset.

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

15 responses in total – Average Score of 4.2							
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	3 responses	2 responses	5 responses	2 responses	1 responses	xx responses

Comments

Lack of traffic calming in Colintraive.
Not usually much traffic. Loch Striven and Tighnabruaich roads should be 2 way.
Traffic and parking is not really an issue unless you are walking or cycling. Logging lorries cause an issue at times as they go at speed on roads totally unsuitable for the speed. They frequently travel two at a time.
Not relevant to our community
Nearest towns are not bad for parking
Vehicular traffic is generally well-served. However, this is at the expense of pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. While there are good paths, these are comprehensively bisected by the A886 creating a corridor of speed through the glen which means using other slower modes of transport is dangerous. Parking is not problematic. We are generally safe and secure.
This question is not applicable to rural areas
Parking space has been created near church but do visitors actually know about it?
Lack of traffic calming measures in Colintraive make it dangerous around ferry terminal with people turning right. Parking outside community halls is often insufficient and people park cars along verge - which damages verges. No electric car charging points which make it difficult for tourists with electric vehicles to travel in this area.
Parking both sides of the road beyond the ferry going in to Colintraive. Hard to see what's coming off the ferry sometimes.
Parking - good areas, but also many spaces which are used for parking which are restricting, on private land, or invasive as outside homes. Traffic - speeding a huge problem in the area. Lack of electric car charges in the area also meaning electric / hybrid cars are not always an option for locals buying new cars, and visitors to the area very much restricted as cannot reach us, never mind travel around.

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

15 responses in total – Average Score of 4.4							
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	2 responses	2 responses	3 responses	1 responses	3 responses	3 responses	xx responses

Comments

Very rural attractive setting.
Road verges are over grown limiting sight lines
We live in a stunning rural location.
We have very few public spaces, virtually no amenities especially as our pub is closed and there is no transport
Dunoon is improving but still needs to attract better shopping facilities.
Glendaruel is attractive. The buildings in general are picturesque, however, derelict buildings across the community, as well as poorly maintained farm buildings create a negative impact. The historic buildings we do have are reasonably sign-posted and accessible, with two visitor attractions being reasonably popular, Dunans Castle and the Sculpture park. Again the speed corridor of the A886 doesn't allow for much inducement to slow and explore.
This question is not applicable to rural areas
Road signs are often hard to see due to being covered in foliage and very dirty. Lack of markings on roads makes night driving in winter dangerous. Very rural area which is beautiful to live and drive through.
Natural landscape, second to none.

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

15 responses in total – Average Score of 6.6							
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	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	6 responses	9 responses	xx responses

Comments

Accessibility for elderly and disabled very poor
I live in an area of natural scenic beauty, no problems accessing natural spaces.
Our natural landscape is stunning
Beautiful rural setting with community forest paths. Paths could be more accessible.
Glendaruel and Colintraive are very well endowed with access to nature, open spaces and vistas possible throughout the community. Access is available to only the able-bodied or those with access to cars.
This question is not relevant to people living in rural areas
Very open aspects and lots of places where people can walk. Scenery fantastic. Very little accessible space for those with disabilities to get to.
Could do with more off road footpaths.

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

15 responses in total – Average Score of 4.2							
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	1 responses	0 responses	3 responses	7 responses	1 responses	1 responses	xx responses

Comments

Lack of facilities for teenagers and young people Play facilities -Parents have to take children to them. Colintraive village hall is well used for a variety of activities.
No all-weather pitches nearby
The children have limited opportunities due to transport issues, there is a playpark locally but we need organised after school activities. I feel that, due to the nature of the area that children and young people miss out on after school social activities.
Walking without travelling by car or crossing the road is a challenge. There is little recreational activity and none that can be accessed without a car. There are village hall clubs.
If you want to experience clay shooting or shinty, then for the ages between 8-20 we are well served. After the age of 14 girls struggle to find sports locally and have to travel to Dunoon (30 minutes away). There is a summer camp for children in the Glen (called ARC) and this provides 4 weeks of activities - this is run by volunteers and funded through grants and a small per diem per child. There is a lot of hiking available for all age-groups, and bowls, badminton and whist amuse the older, less mobile residents. However, parents or adults with cars is essential for participation for most
There are no recreational facilities for young people except for a small play park catering for very young children
Due to the very scattered nature of the community parents require to take their children to the play park. There is nothing for teenagers - not even transport to take them into Dunoon for an evening. Access to space can be affected by time of year because of lack of lighting and unless the community halls are available there is nowhere indoors of children to play.

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.

15 responses in total – Average Score of 3.2							
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	0 responses	4 responses	1 responses	3 responses	0 responses	xx responses

Comments

Need to travel about 15 miles for Dr, shops, etc. Secondary school in Dunoon
No local shops or services
35 min drive to GP is not ideal.
There is no place locally to meet for a regular coffee with friends, no local shop, which would be very welcome, GP practice is quite a trip. The mobile library has stopped. It would be very easy to become socially isolated within the area but luckily the local people are very resilient and help and check on each other. We need a group of trained first responders in the area.
There are no local amenities that can be accessed without a car.
No. Unfortunately, recreation facilities locally are not adequate. For gym and swimming pool I have to visit Dunoon and therefore incur an excessive cost of travel. Broadband is non-existent and therefore we have to depend on extremely expensive satellite broadband for entertainment and internet shopping. While we are cognisant that it was our choice to live here, not having adequate services like broadband is debilitating to say the least.
There are no facilities apart from a village hall where little of interest happens
There is a school and a church and that is all. Used to be a hotel many years ago
Community halls are reasonable well used and have a variety of clubs throughout the year. Dr and dentist require travelling at least 14 miles. No library or mobile library servicing areas.
Local primary school - fantastic and much loved asset. Limited numbers on school role because the general area facilities and amenities are not attractive to families with young children. Shops - nil without 15-20 minute drive minimum for 'essentials'.

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

15 responses in total – Average Score of 2.7							
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	4 responses	6 responses	2 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	xx responses

Comments

Lack of affordable housing and broadband reduces job prospects
Limited local opportunities and poor public transport links
very few employment opportunities for youngsters
There is very limited work opportunities in the area and what there is tends to be low paid, unskilled work.
There are a few local employers however no local transport and childcare means that those that wish to work are often restricted. Our community is hampered by a high density of retirees, who have no empathy with the working part of the community. Therefore the focus is not on economic growth and development or sustainability it is led by a desire to keep things pretty and Rural.
We need to attract small business into area
Employment opportunities are limited and most folks depend on either family farms or commuting. Some run businesses and these are generally owner-operated. I employ c 6 individuals on freelance part-time basis, and this working practice (freelance contracting) seems to be the modus operandi of most. Work is spread very thin and I see most folk travelling prodigious distances to make their 'portfolio careers' work. Education and training are non-existent beyond the basics provided in Dunoon, but there is any amount of volunteering available for those who have a thick skin and the will.
Very little if any
Due to poor broadband there are limited opportunities for people in many jobs. To access training people need travel out with the area which is an added cost. If council would support community more opportunities for local businesses could be developed - community is keen to encourage people to move to area.
Very difficult for young people to find work. Very poor internet, poor public transport
Personally I am very lucky to have a fantastic job within the industry I have always worked in, and wanted to work in - but the options are very limited. Not an attractive area for prospective new residents, especially a younger generation to bring new families into the area. Affordable childcare essentially non-existent, especially for under 5's. My partner and I both work, but are unable to both work full time as we would have childcare challenges until our children are of nursery/school age.

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

15 responses in total – Average Score of 2.8							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
4 responses	1 responses	4 responses	5 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	xx responses

Comments

Lack of affordable housing.
Need more social/shred ownership housing.
House prices are high and there is limited social housing although I understand it is a low demand area for social housing due to lack of work opportunities.
Large percentage of our housing stock or second homes, or holiday homes. A large percentage of our housing stock, Which is expensive is bought by retirees, many of whom wish to maintain the exact status quo of what they perceived they were buying into within the community. Renewables and sustainable housing are limited, we are losing many working families as living in our community is increasingly becoming more of a luxury.
Not sure
Need to provide affordable housing to bring in young families along with small business.
No. This community needs more housing. Not because there is evidenced demand, but because by having, say, ten affordable rentals we will have new folks come into the community. At the moment, anything of any value with a view is purchased by retirees of folks wanting to have a holiday home. They contribute, but only in passing, and don't really contribute to the drawdown of services into the community. With more families using the school, the playgroups, the church the more those services will be supported and maintained. With dwindling housing supply the community will continue to dwindle, or at least age into an average of 65 - if it is not there yet.
Most homes are owner occupied, there are not enough Housing Association homes to attract new families. There is no accommodation for older people.
There aren’t affordable houses in the area, very few ACHA houses
There are a lot of holiday homes in area. Prices are often beyond first time buyers. There are some house run by ACHA. Adapting housing for an ageing community is difficult. Houses can be on market for a long while because people now have higher requirements - broadband for instance.
Need more low cost homes and social housing
There are no affordable houses in this community for families on average income. Houses that are suitable on the market go for ridiculously more than asking price and end up as holiday homes. It's very disheartening, and does encourage people to look and move elsewhere. Personally, my family and I were incredibly lucky to secure a Community Housing property which is absolutely perfect for us - we would love to own our own home in this area, but there are no options whatsoever. Either an increase in community housing, or the building of affordable housing, would bring such life into the area, and lower the average age!

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

15 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
3 responses	2 responses	0 responses	3 responses	2 responses	4 responses	1 responses	xx responses

Comments

There are two village halls, they try to offer activities during the winter months but they are dependent on a small group of people running things on a voluntary basis. There isn't a coffee shop within miles.
When I moved to the community, there was a church school shop a hotel, now there is a school and the church is open part time, there are local clubs, there is no pub in the immediate village, since the closure of a pub our particular community has become isolated and fractured, people do not see each other from week to week, and again lack of transport and lack of childcare make it impossible for parents or those who are caring for families Of all ages to travel and get out and about. In the winter this becomes a particular problem as roads are not good and weather conditions can be prohibitive. As it is a community of extreme isolation
Very active, friendly community
With the loss of the glendaruel hotel a few years ago this community lost its only informal meeting space. Subsequent efforts to use the village halls etc. have been only partially successful, and there is much difficulty in accessing sociability and counteracting isolation and mental health problems. Without the hotel, we are left with organised events usually between 7pm and 9pm which cater to a particular interest - bowls, whist, singing, book club etc.
There is only the village hall, the shinty pitch and a communal polytunnel
Village hall is in fact a good mile away from the clachan so it doesn't help if you are an elderly or can't drive
Hotel and 2 community halls where people can meet. Bowling green in Colintraive. They can be accessed throughout the year and people of all ages mix well together
We have an active community with lots of weekly activities and groups including Pilates, badminton, bowls (indoors and out), community choir, and a number of local events such as quizzes, food nights, and annual parties/gatherings.

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

15 responses in total – Average Score of 5.1							
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	0 responses	3 responses	0 responses	2 responses	6 responses	3 responses	xx responses

Comments

Very much a local friendly community who help each other out.
Our Glen historically has a very strong identity, It conjures up reminiscence and romance in many people, however due to the issues previously detailed, I feel there is a significant and endemic culture of bullying, born out of the isolation, born out of the fear of the different it conjures up reminiscence and romance in many people, however due to the issues previously detailed, there is a significant and endemic culture of bullying, born out of the isolation, born out of the fear of the different, Rumour and gossip are rife. It is a culture of unkindness.
The community is often considered quite welcoming, and I find within a certain strata there's a good sense of community. We may argue over things, but there is a trust there. However, there is also an element of the community which regards as normal to form cliques, to create fiefdoms, to undermine the efforts of others to benefit the community. This division and alienation could be worked out with access to a cafe or a pub or both, just simply through daily non-confrontational contact, but given the lack of informal social space this is difficult to effect.
Everyone who lives here knows everyone else who lives here; some people love it; people are accepted for what they are. Groups and networks have little impact
Absolutely, community is the best, strong, supportive and friendly
It is a very positive, inclusive community
It's a fantastic place and I'm so happy to live here. There is a lot of discontent in the community at present due to recent events, but on the whole it is a very positive place where people really do get on.

Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

15 responses in total – Average Score of 5.5							
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	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	8 responses	4 responses	xx responses

Comments

This is a very safe place to live.
Due to the bullying nature of the community, and in my experience, it is not a safe place .
Mostly, but only because we are isolated and therefore, usually, trouble doesn't find us. We could leave houses and cars unlocked with no ill-effect, but I know for some they can find themselves intimidated by neighbours or community members and feel very unsafe for reasons of that isolation.
There is little or no crime.
The area is generally safe with a very low crime rate. Biggest dangers are around mobility especially in winter - road gritting

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

15 responses in total – Average Score of 5.2							
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	4 responses	2 responses	7 responses	1 responses	xx responses

Comments

People do take a pride in the area
Community buildings are very well cared for, there is a community of interest in the village halls and individuals in the community put a lot of work into improving spaces and building on amenity. A community forest was purchased and this is significant community asset. However can only be accessed by car by the wider community.
Some rundown buildings
Road verges need much more frequent maintenance as do roads.
With little use comes little need for more than cursory maintenance. Our small roads are badly maintained, but in general the infrastructure is reasonably useable. Recycling is not particularly accessible to anyone without a car, but it is available. Community Council and Development Trust for the most part do a good job with limited resources.
There are too few people here for these issues to arise. There is no residents association.
Property is well cared for and there is very little litter or vandalism. Council could increase what it recycles.
Clean and tidy areas, public areas very well looked after. Refuse collection can be an issue for public areas, but local members of community and community council keep a close eye on this and report to the necessary people when/if gets out of hand.

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

15 responses in total – Average Score of 4.6							
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	0 responses	1 responses	3 responses	6 responses	4 responses	0 responses	xx responses

Comments

Not really. I'm not aware who my councillor is for instance.
I feel able to make my voice heard.
In the past I have been active in taking part and making changes and being involved in projects in our community, however a repeated pattern occurs, those people that are visible, those people that get involved, get targeted repeatedly and are bullied.
Community is consulted on important issues. There is opportunity for anyone to join community councils
At the very local level, individuals can help make decisions re: Community Council and Development Trust (although there will be some who dislike both institutions). Argyll and Bute Council however could do much better. The local councillors are by turns absent, unavailable, ineffective. The council itself is often completely out of touch with the modern world and doesn't see how its policies are contributing to depopulation and the decimation of its tax base. Investing in economic hotspots like Oban is all very well, but the rest of the county also deserves a chance, and particularly the rural areas with higher carrying capacity.
Not at all
There is a community council but very few members of the public attend.

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

public transport public water supply broadband
Social housing, elderly care and roads.
Transport, work opportunities, social interaction opportunity.
Decent broadband said businesses can survive. Public transport links from Colintraive to Strachur through Glendaruel. Childcare, a pub, joined up services, social housing.
Road and verge maintenance. Affordable Housing.
1. Housing 2. Transport 3. Health (Mental Health in particular) - we've had too many suicides and cases of self-harm to be comfortable with things as they are.
Too small population.
Luck of transport and affordable housing
1. Lack of affordable housing. 2. Poor broadband 3. Poor public transport
Better public transport links. Road maintenance Develop and maintain footpaths
Public Transport - this would abolish the feeling of being so isolated from other people/places, and for an injection of tourism and visitors to the area, to boost the local economy as well as local morale!! Housing - affordable housing - the difference this would make would be incredible - encouraging people to come and join our community, to start families, to bring children up here, to start businesses and create job opportunities - to put us on the map!

What actions could be taken to deal with these?

better bus service access to Scottish Water supply provision of fibre optic or satellite broadband
Investment
Speak to people locally, assess their need for decent transport links, encourage companies to relocate locally but to do that we need better connectivity i.e. fast speed broadband. A coordinator to bring together activities in the area for both young and old.
We have been part of a broadband initiative that has been running for a number of years and keeps being knocked back because of public-sector involvement are not understanding community, these type of projects are basic and not hard to understand, the community feels that promises keeping made and broken. Four service providers like BT and electricity companies guarantees that we will communities like ours will not be penalised because of our location, point in case a neighbour, over 70, without a phone for 12 weeks because BT and open reach were not communicating . Joined up thinking in transport. each household to be allowed to put renewables on a small scale in their homes, mini win turbine solar panels, with local government support, rather than hindrance. Ditto recycling, Argyll & Bute council appear to not understand this at all. Support for local development trust to become solvent and to earn money so that that money can go back into communities making them more sustainable, to build social housing, to help support medical services, and to keep our older folk at home as long as they want to be. All in all to improve our quality of life
There is an almost complete lack of childcare options, especially for under threes. This means that young parents, especially young mothers are not able to work to their full capacity.
Maintain roads and verges more frequently and build affordable housing
1. Invest in local organisations like Development Trust, Community Council and Village Halls 2. Help important local assets like the Cowal Way bring in more people 3. Build more local housing to enable folks to rent here affordably.
We need to attract more young families by providing work, communications and housing.
Create new jobs and build affordable housing for new families to move in in to the area
1. Council support house building in area - there are lots of different ways in which they could support people in obtaining land, building etc. 2. Get broadband into area as a priority. 3. When creating public transport systems consult with the people who are likely to be using it to try and develop timetables that are fir for purpose. Smaller vehicles - minibuses and more frequent services. Set up community transport systems by supporting community to have their own minibuses

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