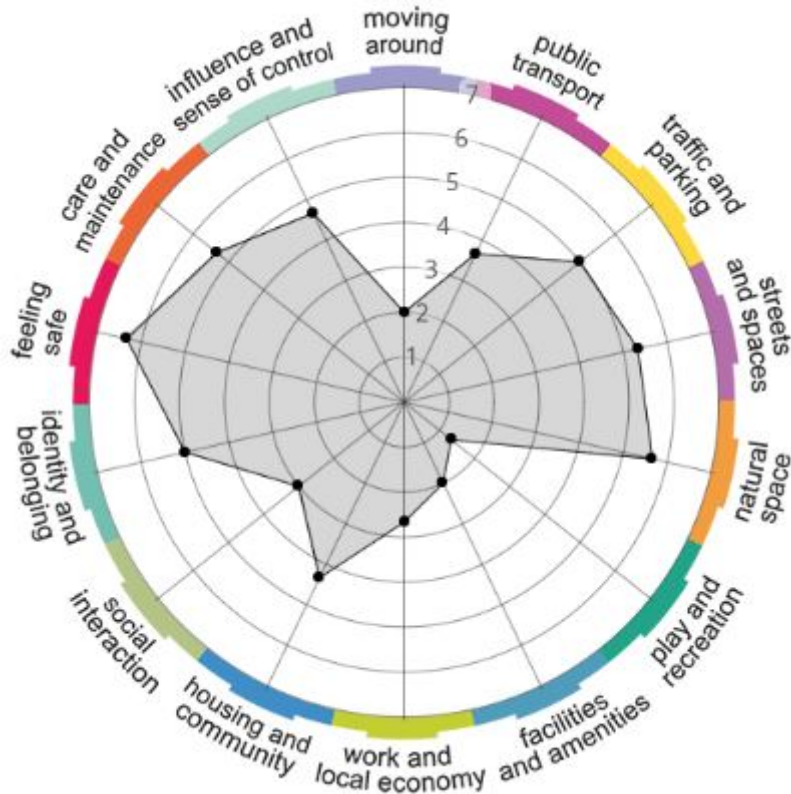
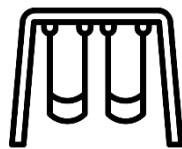


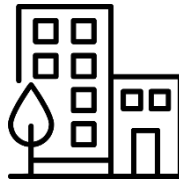
# Minard Responses 2019



## Priority Areas for Improvement:



Play and Recreation



Facilities and Amenities



Moving Around

## **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.

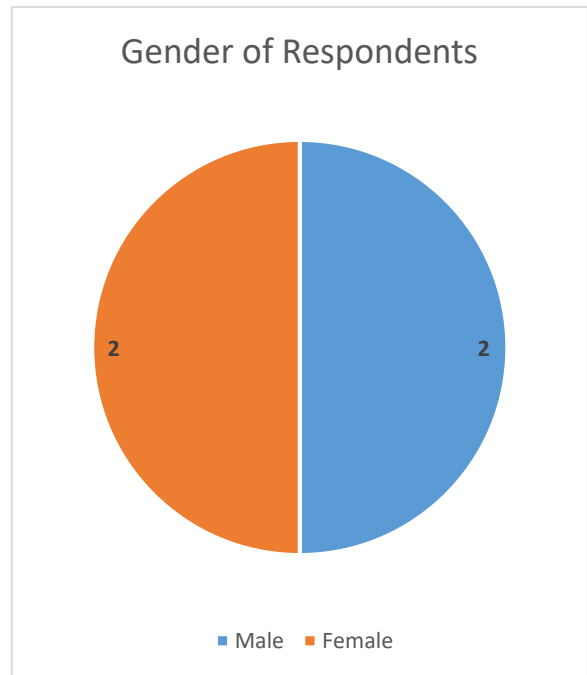
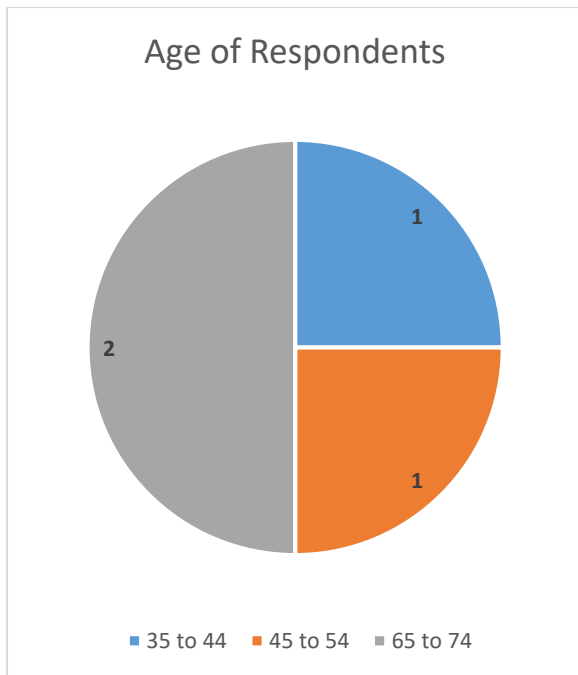
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### **Next steps**

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](#).



#### Thematic areas by lowest score to highest score

Thematic Area	Average Score
<a href="#">Play and Recreation</a>	1.25
<a href="#">Facilities and Amenities</a>	1.75
<a href="#">Moving Around</a>	2.0
<a href="#">Work and Local Economy</a>	2.25
<a href="#">Social Contact</a>	2.75
<a href="#">Public Transport</a>	3.25
<a href="#">Housing and Community</a>	4.25
<a href="#">Traffic and Parking</a>	4.5
<a href="#">Influence and Sense of Control</a>	4.5
<a href="#">Streets and Spaces</a>	5.0
<a href="#">Identity and Belonging</a>	5.0
<a href="#">Care and Maintenance</a>	5.5
<a href="#">Natural Space</a>	6.0
<a href="#">Feeling Safe</a>	6.25

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

<b>4 responses in total – Average Score of 2.0</b>							
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	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

no cycling routes
There are short stretches of pavement alongside some roads within Minard, but from the village boundary onwards there are no footpaths/cycle paths that allow one to walk or cycle to nearby locations such as Crarae Gardens, Quarry View, or Furnace. The only option is to walk along the busy main road or wet grassy banks. If you have a car, you can drive to forestry tracks in the area to take exercise, but this is not possible on foot.
We live in the village of Minard. Pavements and footpaths do not extend beyond the bounds of the village. There is no provision for cyclists. It would be helpful to have safe footpaths linking the village with Crarae Gardens, Quarry View, Furnace, and Minard Castle. It is unsafe to cycle on the busy main road, and unsafe to walk along the verge.

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

<b>4 responses in total – Average Score of 3.25</b>							
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	0 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

### Comments

As a pensioner, I rely heavily on public transport. The local and intercity buses are good quality, but very infrequent. The last bus from Glasgow to Minard leaves Glasgow at 6 pm, which rules out attending evening functions in Glasgow. In Minard, there is a bus shelter on the lochside of the main road, but there is no shelter on the opposite side, northbound. One can quickly become soaked waiting for the 926 bus. It is impossible to travel from Minard to Dunoon before mid-morning, which creates problems when called for jury service.

Public transport is very limited in this region. The coach service provided by Citylink is comfortable but infrequent. Returning from Glasgow to Minard, the last bus is at 6pm and this rules out attending functions in Glasgow in the evening. I was unable to accept a call for Jury Service because the earliest bus from Minard to Dunoon arrived at 11am, two hours after the court started. If you have to rely on public transport you become used to standing at the side of a busy road for long periods of time, often without shelter in inclement weather.

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

<b>4 responses in total – Average Score of 4.5</b>							
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	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

<p>Generally, the local roads are not too busy, and traffic is not a major problem. Parking is not generally a problem. Closure of the Rest and Be Thankful road as a consequence of landslips is a big issue, requiring a very long diversion, and the ongoing costly repairs do not seem to be changing the situation. Another major issue is potholes, and the patchwork way of dealing with them. Many stretches of the A83 are inherently dangerous, and accidents are frequent. We could learn a lot from the Scandinavian approach to accident reduction by providing overtaking opportunities that do not result in head-on collisions. The popularity of the region with motorcycle clubs can lead to dangerous interactions on the two-way road.</p>
<p>no real traffic or parking issues</p>

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

<b>4 responses in total – Average Score of 5.0</b>							
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	2 responses	0 responses	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

This is a delightful area in which to live. I would appreciate more public art, however, and encourage the planners to uphold high aesthetic standards when allowing new buildings of every sort.

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

<b>4 responses in total – Average Score of 6.0</b>							
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	1 responses	0 responses	1 responses	2 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

No recorded comment
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Q6. Play and Recreation: Can I access a range of places for play and recreation?

<b>4 responses in total – Average Score of 1.25</b>							
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	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

There is no provision for play and recreation in Minard.
children's play area would be good
There are no facilities in Minard for play and recreation. There are no shops, no active churches, and the school is mothballed. Access to the loch for water-based activities could be greatly improved.

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.

<b>4 responses in total – Average Score of 1.75</b>							
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	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

There are no amenities in Minard after closure of the shop.
no real facilities or amenities available
There are no facilities in Minard - we must travel to Lochgilphead or Inveraray for basic facilities, and Oban or Glasgow for anything else.

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

<b>4 responses in total – Average Score of 2.25</b>							
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	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

There are no opportunities for work in Minard other than gardening, decorating, or care provision.
There is no local economy in Minard, and no job opportunities after closure of the school.

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

<b>4 responses in total – Average Score of 4.25</b>							
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	1 responses	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

No recorded comments
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Q10. Social Contact: Is there a range of spaces and opportunities to meet people?

<b>4 responses in total – Average Score of 2.75</b>							
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0 responses	2 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

There is a coffee morning at the community hall on the first Thursday of each month, except during the summer.
We have occasional coffee mornings at the community hall. Since the shop closed, there is nowhere to meet informally on a day-to-day basis.

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

<b>4 responses in total – Average Score of 5.0</b>							
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0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	2 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

Despite the lack of facilities, there is a good feeling of community.
We have excellent neighbours.

Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

<b>4 responses in total – Average Score of 6.25</b>							
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	3 responses	1 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

No recorded comments
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Q13. Care and Maintenance: Are buildings and spaces well cared for?

<b>4 responses in total – Average Score of 5.5</b>							
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	1 responses	0 responses	3 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

No recorded comments
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Q14. Influence and Sense of Control: Do I feel able to take part in decisions and help change things for the better?

<b>4 responses in total – Average Score of 4.5</b>							
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	2 responses	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

We are sometimes asked for our opinions and ideas, as for example when the windfarm was built behind Minard and windfall funding was offered. However, then everything goes quiet again and we are not kept informed of any outcomes. The general trend here seems to be one of loss of facilities rather than improvement. I have filled in several surveys like this one but never receive any feedback as a result of the survey.

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

- improve walking/cycling paths linking Minard with nearby facilities - provide imaginative opportunities for employment locally - encourage and find funding for more public art in villages and towns in this area.

Minard is a small village in a beautiful setting alongside Loch Fyne. It has a sense of community, but since closure of the shop and school there is the realisation that there are no longer any amenities here and very little informal contact between residents. Apart from a reliable bin-emptying service and road-gritting during the winter, we have no provisions from the Council. For every need now we have to go to Lochgilphead or Inveraray. Public transport is very infrequent. play area for children another proper bus stop cycle route

## What actions could be taken to deal with these?

- council members to travel only by public transport, bicycle, or on foot - ban car use so that council members can understand where improvement is needed and act accordingly - ensure that all public and business facilities are tested by council members when sitting in wheelchairs to ensure that disability needs are met - ensure that feedback is always given when surveys are carried out so that dialogue is maintained.

Small communities are fragile and easily lost as more people drift towards the bigger towns and cities. This migration is understandable. In Minard we pay very high Council Tax but receive little in return - bin emptying and road gritting during the winter. For shopping we have to travel 12 miles in either direction. For healthcare or a library, we have to travel to Lochgilphead. For dental care, we have to travel to Tarbert. We have not seen a member of the police here since a break-in some 5 years ago. Small communities have to be self-motivated and well-organised if they are to survive, but if all the usual amenities have closed then there is no longer that informal network of interaction that keeps the community alive. I am concerned that Minard has dropped below the survival threshold.

potential play area potential cycle route install another bus shelter if feasible

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