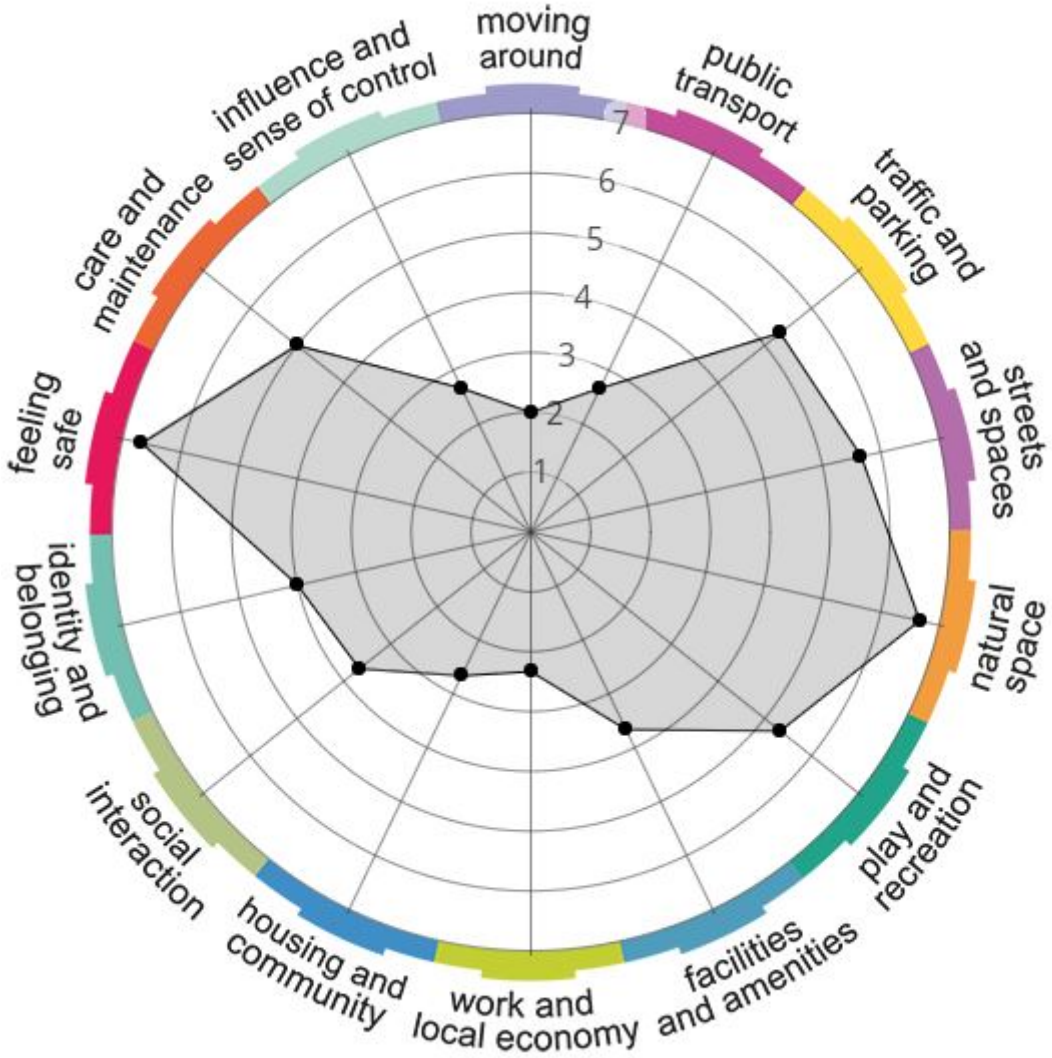
Dalavich Responses 2019



Priority Areas for Improvement:

Moving Around

Work and Local Economy

Public Transport

Housing and Community

Influence and Sense of Control

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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.

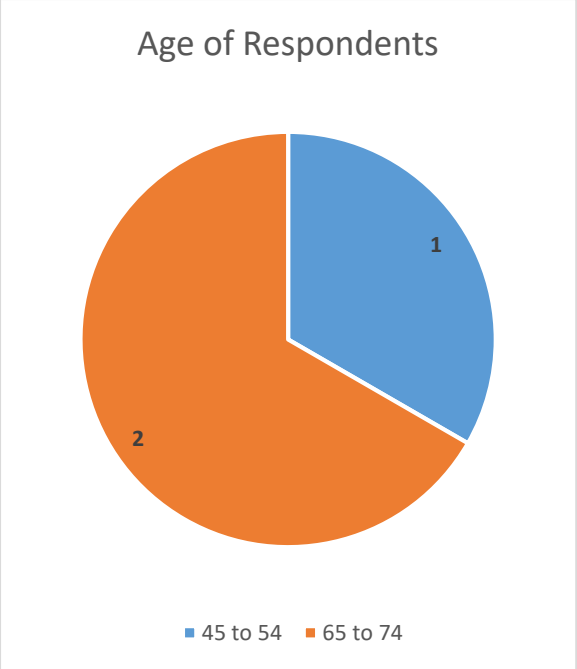
If you have any questions, please see our Frequently Asked Questions Guide or contact Community Planning by e-mail: cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk , phone: 01546 604 464.

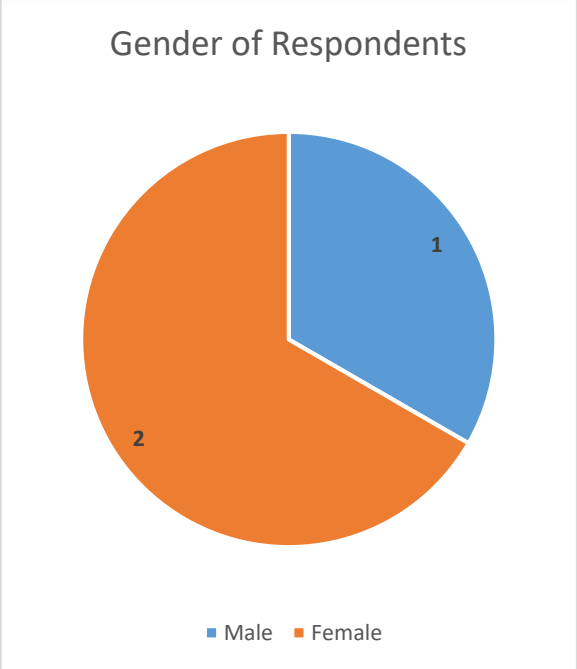
Next steps

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.





Thematic areas by lowest score to highest score

Thematic Area	Average Score
Q1. Moving Around	2.0
Q8. Work and Local Economy	2.3
Q2. Public Transport	2.7
Q9. Housing and Community	2.7
Q14. Influence and Sense of Control	2.7
Q7. Facilities and Amenities	3.7
Q10. Social Contact	3.7
Q11. Identity and Belonging	4.0
Q13. Care and Maintenance	5.0
Q3. Traffic and Parking	5.3
Q6. Play and Recreation	5.3
Q4. Streets and Spaces	5.7
Q5. Natural Space	6.7
Q12. Feeling Safe	6.7

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

3 responses in total – Average Score of 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	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

There are not very good roads and cycle tracks are not really all that good. Walking is ok but could be better. There are not enough buses 7.30 returning 10.15 five days a week 7.30 returning 1.15 Saturdays you can do some shopping the bus also does a return journey dalavich to oban 12.55 returning 3.45 once again not really very useful and if your car breaks down and you have to use a taxi service it costs an arm and a leg. In the winter the roads are hazardous at times, mostly to the pot holes full of water as well as very large gravel and wood lorries.in all not a great place to be at certain times of the day.
None
The roads are not well maintained. Dangerous for cyclists and the elderly to walk on. No room for cycle paths, or even a pavement.

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

3 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
0 responses	2 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

not enough buses as I have already stated
No public transport to suit working hours
It's great that we even have a bus service twice a day, however it doesn't leave enough time to go shopping in Oban before its time to come back again, and also doesn't link up with the train service from Taynuilt.

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

3 responses in total – Average Score of 5.3							
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	1 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

not all that good neither all that good
Rural area

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

3 responses in total – Average Score of 5.7							
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	2 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

There is very little I can say about this as it is very rural and being so it is what it is.
The community group have bought many of our public spaces so they are well looked after.

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

3 responses in total – Average Score of 6.7							
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	1 responses	2 responses	0 responses

Comments

Space is abundant. It's ok on that one.

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

3 responses in total – Average Score of 5.3							
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	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	2 responses	0 responses

Comments

Great for children but the road is not good for unattended toddlers dogs etc.

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.

3 responses in total – Average Score of 3.7							
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	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

the doctors surgery is 12 miles away not really all that good quite far away, one bus specially runs on a Thursday 10.10 ret about 1.15 there is a church once a fortnight, a local shop and post office cafe 7 days a week in the village
None
Our local shop, with its cafe, is a very important part of the village. We are lucky that we have cabin site next to the village which brings in tourists to support the shop, which probably wouldn't be viable otherwise.

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

3 responses in total – Average Score of 2.3							
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Comments

work can be had at times in the forestry but most jobs are self-created cleaning holiday cabins grass cutting and any ideas one can think up to make money.
Plenty of bitty jobs, but no 'good quality' ones. There is an active local economy thanks to the cabin site, however the jobs are mostly menial and not well paid.

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

3 responses in total – Average Score of 2.7							
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Comments

There are some homes that can be rented at times but most are holiday rents. Resulting in there being no homes for local born people that would like to remain, unless they can afford to buy one of the houses that comes up at times for sale. Dalavich is not a good place to live if you get old and cannot drive a car.
We could do with a few affordable rented houses to enable young people to stay in the village, and to attract new people that can't afford to buy.

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

3 responses in total – Average Score of 3.7							
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Comments

Dalavich I find is a place at the moment, where people seem to fight for who is going to run it and say what is going to happen and very clicky this is not really very good, if a place is going to grow in time.
Again, thanks to the shop/cafe, and the community owned and run centre with its community run bar there are ample opportunities for socialising.

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

3 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
1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

this all depends, no further comment can be made on this subject
Yes, despite the occasional local dramas, it's mostly a friendly place to live.

Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

3 responses in total – Average Score of 6.7							
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	1 responses	2 responses	0 responses

Comments

On the whole I would say it is a safe place to live at the moment, but things are changing i fear as most places are doing now.

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

3 responses in total – Average Score of 5.0							
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

I cannot comment here as most does not affect Dalavich.

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

3 responses in total – Average Score of 2.7							
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Comments

I think that people here, listen to what they want to hear and listen to their own opinion only over most things.
In theory I can help change things for the better, however the local power politics make it challenging sometimes.

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

All of them are important if this place should grow which and if so would need a vast improvement to the water and sewage plant in the future.
No community options. Only for chosen few.
Better road surfaces Bus service that links up with trains to Oban and Glasgow.

What actions could be taken to deal with these?

I think this would need a lot of thought before one could come up with this answer.
Community organisations need to be all inclusive. Despite lots of funding from power companies etc. there is nothing for elderly people. There is no equality.
Have a locally employed 'road man' like we had when I was a child, who could fill potholes as soon as they appear, and notify the roads department when re-surfacing needs to happen. Dial a bus service.

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Please contact cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk for further information.

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