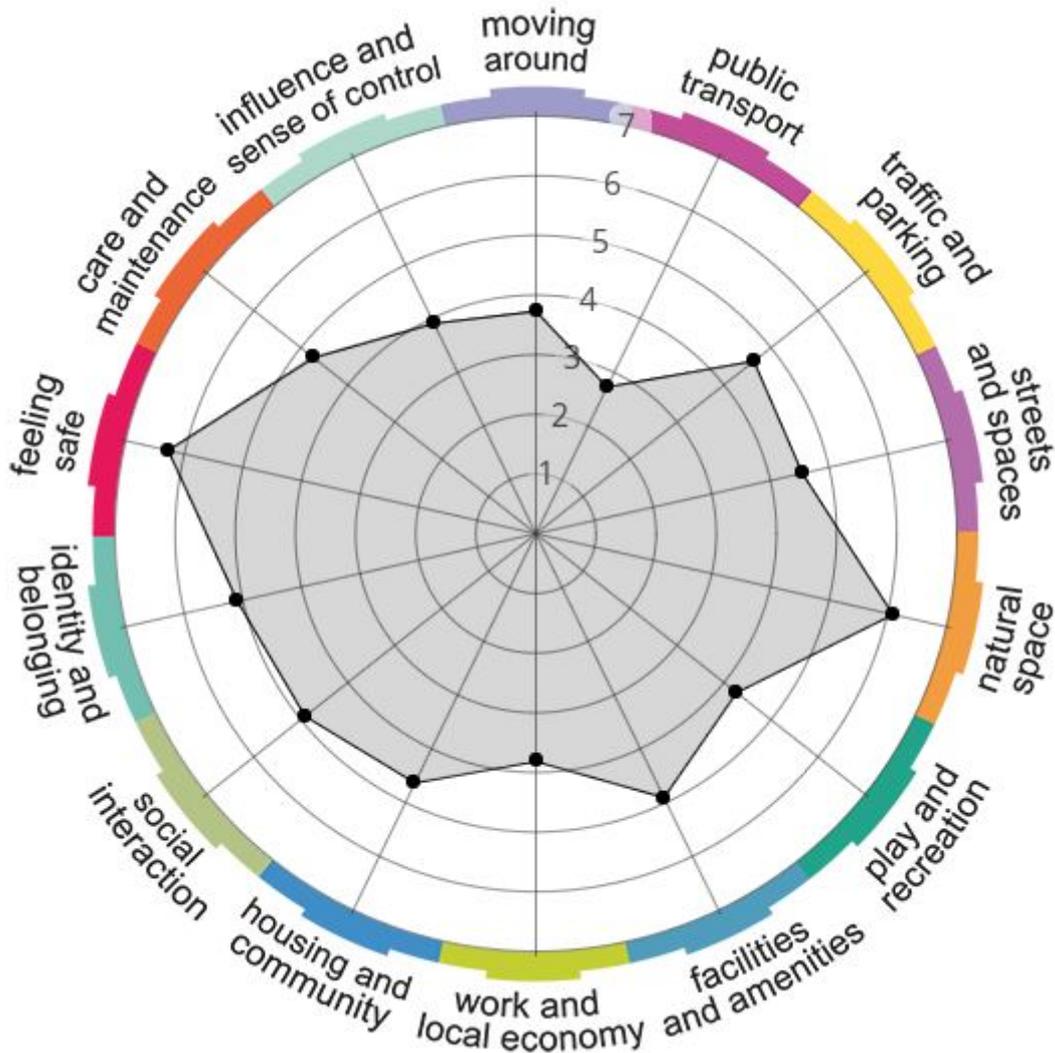


# Tighnabruaich Responses 2019



## Priority Areas for Improvement:



Public Transport



Moving Around



Work and Local Economy

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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](mailto: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.

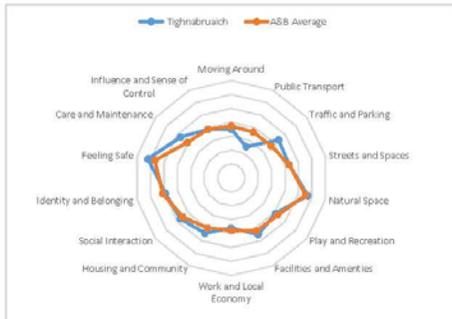
We are currently mapping out what activity is already happening, what is planned within the next 3-4 years and where the gaps are. This information will be considered by both the CPP Management Committee and the Area Community Planning Groups to shape the actions.

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](#).

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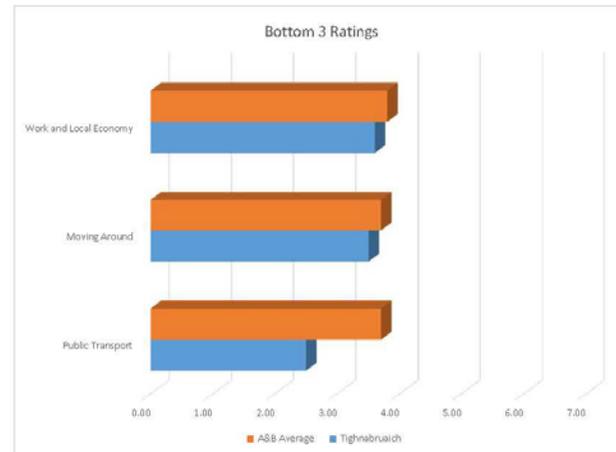
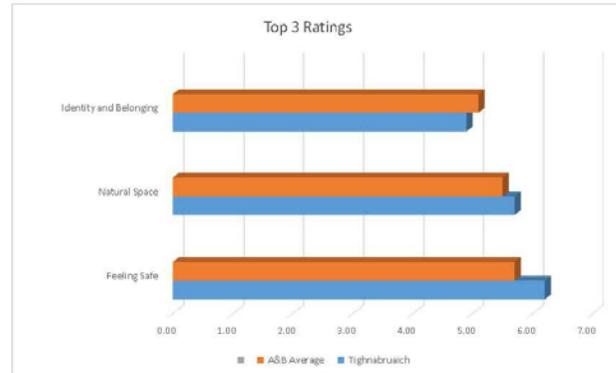
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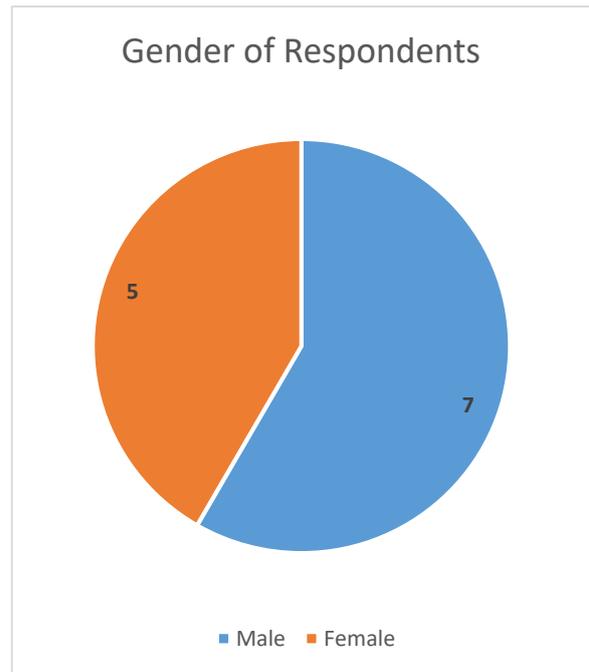
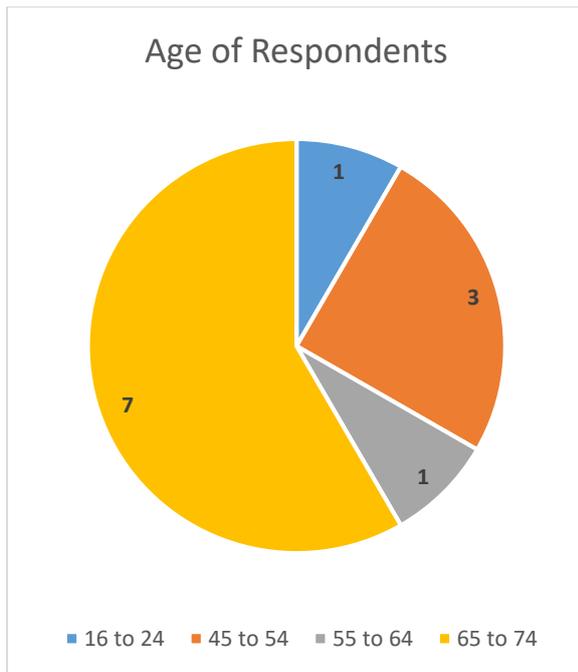
	<b>Feeling Safe</b>	Respondents rated this area 6.2 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.7 out of 7.
	<b>Natural Space</b>	Respondents rated this area 5.7 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.5 out of 7.
	<b>Identity and Belonging</b>	Respondents rated this area 4.9 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.1 out of 7.



Areas of desired improvement are:

	<b>Public Transport</b>	Respondents rated this area 2.5 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.7 out of 7.
	<b>Moving Around</b>	Respondents rated this area 3.5 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.7 out of 7.
	<b>Work and Local Economy</b>	Respondents rated this area 3.6 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.8 out of 7.





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

Thematic Area	Average Score
<a href="#">Public Transport</a>	2.5
<a href="#">Moving Around</a>	3.5
<a href="#">Work and Local Economy</a>	3.6
<a href="#">Influence and Sense of Control</a>	3.9
<a href="#">Play and Recreation</a>	4.1
<a href="#">Streets and Spaces</a>	4.3
<a href="#">Traffic and Parking</a>	4.4
<a href="#">Housing and Community</a>	4.4
<a href="#">Facilities and Amenities</a>	4.5
<a href="#">Social Contact</a>	4.7
<a href="#">Care and Maintenance</a>	4.7
<a href="#">Identity and Belonging</a>	4.9
<a href="#">Natural Space</a>	5.7
<a href="#">Feeling Safe</a>	6.2

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

<b>12 responses in total – Average Score of 3.58</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	5 responses	3 responses	1 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

### Comments

<p>Cycling is a lottery with the log lorries. Also most forestry tracks in the area are trashed thanks to same. We live in a beautiful area but the needs of the few override the people living here and the council clearly favour the few. The residents have no voice against the absentee land owners. People are being injured and vehicles damaged because of poor maintenance of the roads and lack of control by the council. Commercial logging in no way benefits the populous, tourists are scared to venture to Otter Ferry because they are not used to single track roads with forty ton lorries coming at them. We love Argyll but not at any cost.</p>
<p>It is dangerous for cyclists on single track roads. For walkers there are often no safe places to walk apart from the road.</p>
<p>Many sections of the local roads have no pedestrian paths. Other sections of the local roads have very narrow pedestrian paths. The paths that _do_ exist are often obstructed by parked cars or, more often, by bins put out for collection. (And left out for some time. There are many blind bends with no footpath. Motorists generally ignore speed restrictions, and wood-lorries have to use the road edges in order to negotiate the bends.</p>
<p>more passing places B8000</p>
<p>Plenty of walking but the roads are not suitable for cycling. Poor road surface and single track roads.</p>
<p>Poor condition of single track roads</p>
<p>Relatively remote so good quality of life</p>
<p>The A8003 main road into and out of Tighnabruaich has fast traffic and further on the A886 Strachur - Colintrave road is very dangerous. To continue to the A83 itself is suicidal on a bike</p>
<p>There's quite a lot of roads with no pavements and where there is pavements they can be very narrow so not ideal for kids. Some of the roads with no pavements are full of potholes which isn't very safe</p>

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

<b>12 responses in total – Average Score of 2.5</b>							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
4 responses	2 responses	2 responses	3 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

### Comments

Do not use
I do not use it. Sunday service is very much needed. Staff working at Portavadie and kids needing to get home from Dunoon on a Sunday.
Local provision is not suitable for any kind of commuting to work.
No public transport B8000
No Sunday buses.
Public transport is very limited. In fact so limited that I cannot use it due to inconvenient timing of buses
There isn't any
There's probably just enough buses during the week but for example no buses on a Sunday isn't great
This is a remote, sparsely-populated area. The bus services that exist are infrequent, but so is the usage. What is a train? Can we have one?

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

<b>12 responses in total – Average Score of 4.41</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	3 responses	5 responses	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

Dunoon need more free parking spaces
I don't think parking is an issue here.
Local area still waiting for 30mph zone which is scheduled but no resources to implement it. There is a lot more traffic in the last 5 years.
Meets community needs
No parking issues but the single track roads have issues mainly during summer with tourists not understanding the rules
Poor condition of single track roads
We are very rural so not sure this is relevant. Plenty of places to park. Except in summer at Kilbride Bay, Ardlamont. The road is always blocked by visitors parking along verges.
We need our cars, because of the lack of public transport. We use too many cars. They are convenient, and Public Transport isn't.

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

<b>12 responses in total – Average Score of 4.3</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	3 responses	1 responses	1 responses	3 responses	4 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

Like everything, Tighnabruaich would benefit from investment in the jetty for example to bring more tourists in
No especially at night. There is not enough street lighting
No public spaces
Really
Tighnabruaich is a beautiful place
To attract tourism you need more attractions
Vacant shops are a disappointment, and they bring down the attractiveness of any area.

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

<b>12 responses in total – Average Score of 5.75</b>							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	1 responses	1 responses	1 responses	1 responses	1 responses	7 responses	0 responses

### Comments

Although the beach can be pretty smelly at times.
Could be better in Dunoon
Lochside private road
On my doorstep
We are fortunate to be surrounded by a world class natural environment
We have a lot of attractive woodland. It is spoiled by equipment and materials left around by the people who are responsible for its upkeep. Parts of the local Community Forest look more like a distant Migrant Encampment than a well-funded community resource.
Yes. But all is forestry land.

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

<b>12 responses in total – Average Score of 4.16</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	0 responses	4 responses	2 responses	2 responses	2 responses	1 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

Can access the outdoors easily. There are limited opportunities for young people to access amenities.
Few organised activities for children and young people
Locals are trying to set up a dog park in Tighnabruaich. With high fencing so reactive dogs can be walked safely. Farm animals will also be safer. Other communities in Scotland have them but Tighnabruaich as usual is about 10 years behind due to its remote nature
Reasonable
There is nothing to attract Teens and young adults to remain in the area. Children go away to school, so there is little in the way of facilities for them. When they are out of school, there is still nothing.
Yes. However we need a dog walking park here. Too many farms and sheep. There have been quite a few incidents regarding visiting dogs off lead in farm land. A dog park ...which locals are trying to find land with which to set one up and funding. Big lottery are not able to give grants for this. Our community forest don't seem interested in renting land for this purpose either. But it would be beneficial to dog walkers, who will be able to let their dogs off lead in a controlled area. There is also a lot of wildlife which is disturbed by dogs off lead. It is a necessity for visitors and locals alike, yet there are difficulties finding anyone to help move forward with this.

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>12 responses in total – Average Score of 4.58</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	0 responses	0 responses	3 responses	6 responses	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

Adequate shops for day to day needs but everyone has a 50 round trip for the weekly shop. Great school and excellent health centre. It's regrettable you stopped the mobile library service
It is expensive living in a rural area. Travel is essential for work, local shops are good but expensive. Dunoon library is very good but the loss of the mobile library has had a detrimental impact locally.
Kames & Tighnabraich
Need more for visitors to enjoy. Not enough activities.
Ok for size
There are few activities available in daytime. Community Halls and Church Halls are under-used during the hours of daylight.
Yes apart from a dog park. A BMX and skate track would be brilliant for visitors. A mountain bike trail also.

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

<b>12 responses in total – Average Score of 3.6</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	4 responses	2 responses	4 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

Businesses find survival hard
Local economy struggles
There could do with some of the empty premises reopening to create more jobs
There is little employment, and no incentive for young people to set up businesses. Service businesses, like plumbing, building, electricians, are very difficult to find. No School-leaver seems to want to try it.
There is very little local work and to get a professional job it is almost essential to leave the area.
Very few secure, well paid jobs locally
Yes we have Portavadie. However there are many overseas workers employed there. I don't think the pay is brilliant.

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

<b>12 responses in total – Average Score of 4.41</b>							
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**Comments**

Many second-homes. They bring in some money, but they are soul-less as they sit in darkness for much of the year. We appear to have an embarrassment of social housing. What are the residents (if we find any) going to do by way of work?
More homes are required to allow people to stay long term in the village. Apparently the new housing being built is affordable but from what I've heard it still won't be affordable for most.
New homes being built just now.
New homes currently under construction will improve the housing situation.
No not enough 1 or 2 bed properties
No. We always need more social housing. Everybody seems to have their name down locally for one of the new development in Tighnabruaich. However I think more people than houses! Cheap affordable rented accommodation is very scarce here. If we want to encourage young people to stay and new people to move here we need more of this.
Plenty of housing
Rural estate

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

<b>12 responses in total – Average Score of 4.75</b>							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	0 responses	2 responses	4 responses	3 responses	1 responses	2 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

A local meeting place, particularly for older people would be an advantage.
Don't want to meet people
Limited opportunities for older people who have mobility issues.
No
People who want to mix have to get out and make the effort. There are many Clubs, Societies, and functions for those who wish to use them. Without the efforts of just a few stalwarts, most of these would fold.
Places to meet friends is either at a pub or cafe. Maybe some more options needed
Thanks to the local community efforts.
There are many community lead activities here. However they are not always well supported. Very difficult in small communities.

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

<b>12 responses in total – Average Score of 4.91</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	2 responses	4 responses	3 responses	1 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

4th generation so strong sense of community / belonging
History and heritage are being addressed by volunteers.
I feel I belong and the community has a positive identity. This is stronger with in-comers who are working to create the kind of community in which they want to live
Somewhat
Yes

## Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

<b>12 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	2 responses	5 responses	5 responses	0 responses

### Comments

Isolated rural estate
Very safe
Yes
Yes I do but if there is no police officer on duty in the village it takes an hour for a police officer to get here from Dunoon. Ambulance also takes an hour.

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

<b>12 responses in total – Average Score of 4.75</b>							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	0 responses	2 responses	3 responses	3 responses	4 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

I think some resources should be directed to cleaning the signage. Done signs difficult to read with road grime. Also too little attention to roadside litter which detracts from the natural beauty of the local environment
Litter is allowed to build up. Glass recycling is poorly supported.
Most of them I would say yes
No grass cutting has been cut back and it looks unkempt for long periods of time. The current bin collections and lack of bins for visitors causes overflowing bins and visitors to use household bins.
Residents try hard
Thanks to the locals....the council have little or no input.
There has been a very noticeable reduction in the amount of maintenance locally. Toilets, railings, grass, cemeteries are all neglected looking. The council has cut back maintenance without consultation that may have let local people fill in the gaps.
Yes but these are mainly private homes not Argyll Bute. Shinty pitch and play park are community led. The school has just had an extension. So I guess so yes

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

<b>12 responses in total – Average Score of 3.9</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	1 responses	6 responses	2 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

Community council meetings are held in the afternoon when many are at work.
Could be better, contact with local people.
Council is collaborative
Don't want to
I don't feel my opinion counts for anything outside of my immediate community. I'm not confident that completing this survey will do any good whatsoever
Information about meeting is not very well advertised.
Politicians ask our opinions, and then do what they want to, regardless.
Yes to feedback but not sure if my feedback is used or even read as I get no response.
Yes,

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

Quality jobs needed. An alternative plan needs to be in place to make up the shortfall created by council cutbacks.
Pot hole maintenance More passing places B8000 Better information concerning local meeting about the area.
Sewage system should be extended the whole way along the seafront, particularly given importance of tourism
Condition of single track roads made narrower by collapsed edges and poor condition of passing places other than timber routes
I'm no particular order Safe cycling, litter picking, activities for young people, dealing with social isolation older people and folk with mental health issues, cleaning signage
New ideas needed, and there are plenty if people all look the same way instead of talking down good ideas that would bring in revenue.
Pedestrian Facilities Youth Employment Traffic calming
Dog park needed. More affordable housing More for young people to do...especially visitors to the area and our local kids.
More facilities and activities to encourage tourism. More bins for camper van tourists and more signage detailing how cyclists should use single track road passing places!
Roads...roads...roads! Stop rogue log carriers. Make them obey the TTMG.
Roads, pavements, public transport
Safer roads and pavements.

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

Local working group to organise maintenance activities. Possibly criminal justice could provide workforce.
Local information website, not Facebook. To be able to sign up with your own email address concerning local development. On the whole I am quite satisfied, but it could be better. I am aware money is tight not just for the council, everyone else as well these days.
Completion of sewage system
High quality repairs
Council support to local activists that goes beyond words. A little cash towards these things would go a long, long way
Invite business people in the area and ask them.
Widen the footpaths -- or even create some Enforce the clearance of walkways Make the occupations that support the community (trades, care, etc.) attractive to young adults
I would like to find someone who can help me take my dog project forward. Don't know where else to look for advice.
Signs erected for cyclists. Cycle lanes if possible, encourage new business tourism opportunities. Instead of hindering. Roads dept. especially!
Regular inspections of roads....control of timber lorries and more consideration for people living here.
Investments
Money spent on roads in the countryside

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