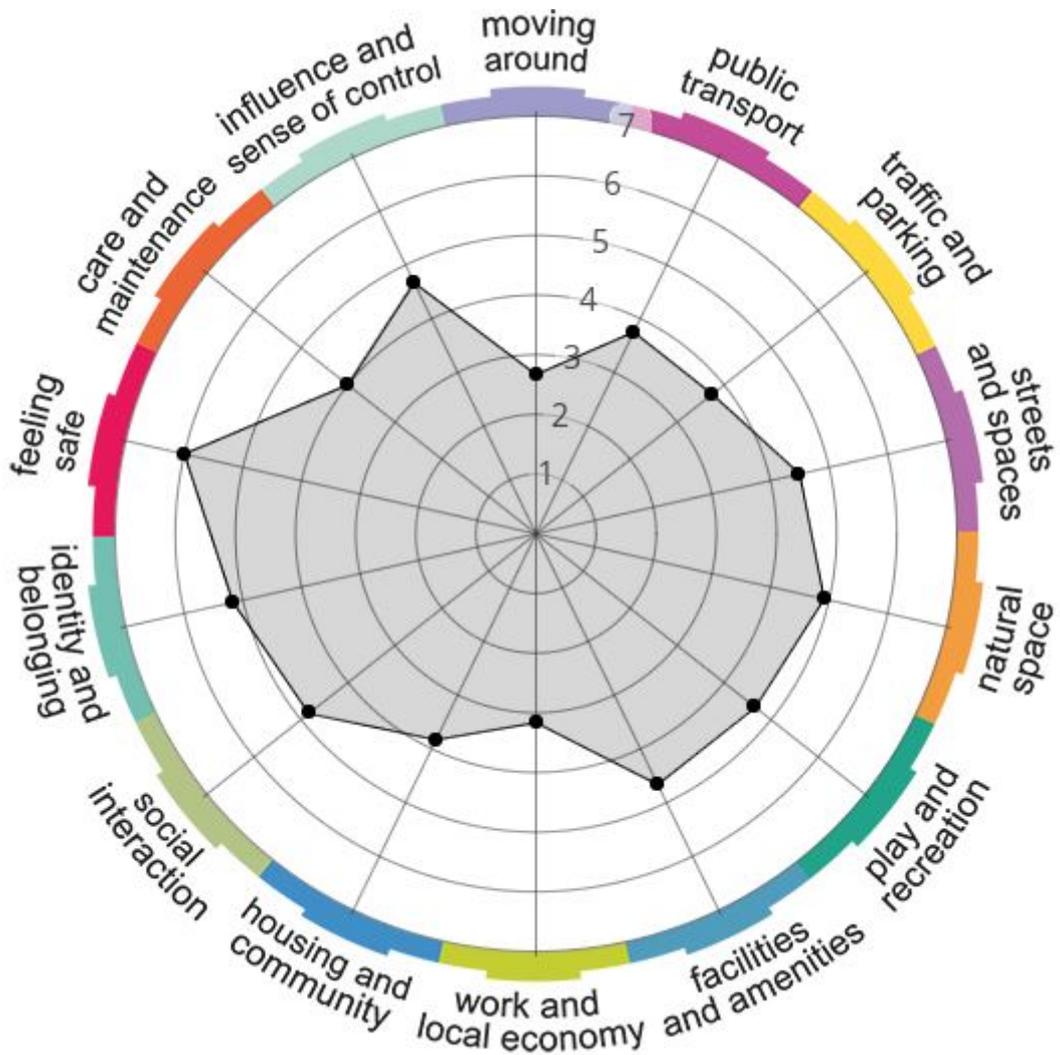


Cove Responses 2019



Priority Areas for Improvement:



Moving Around



Work and Local Economy



Public Transport



Traffic and Parking



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.

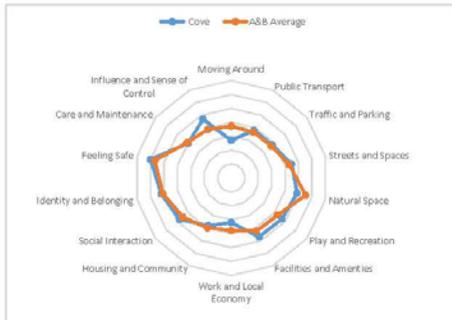
We are currently mapping out what activity is already happening, what is planned within the next 3-4 years and where the gaps are. This information will be considered by both the CPP Management Committee and the Area Community Planning Groups to shape the actions.

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](#).

Cove Responses

Our Top Rated Areas are:

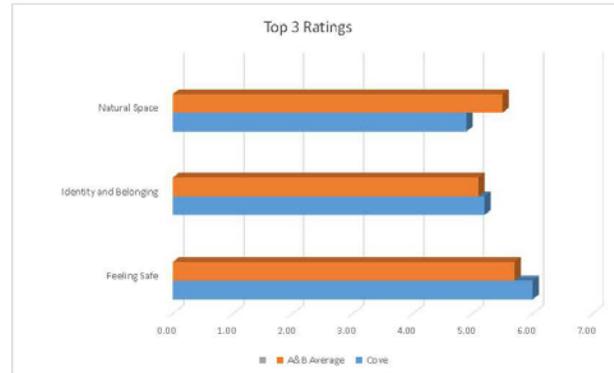
	Feeling Safe	Respondents rated this area 6 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.7 out of 7.
	Identity and Belonging	Respondents rated this area 5.2 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.1 out of 7.
	Natural Space	Respondents rated this area 4.9 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.5 out of 7.



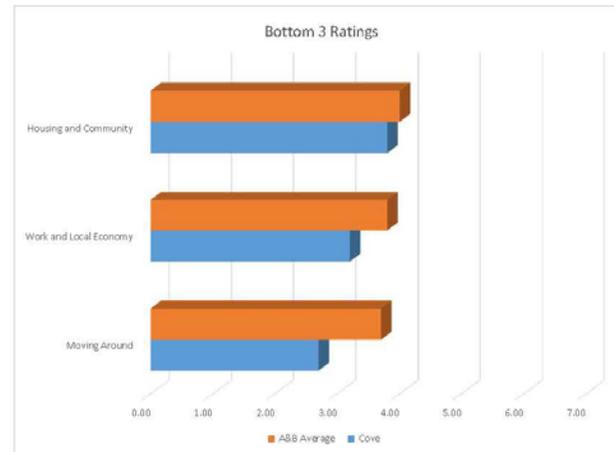
Areas of desired improvement are:

	Moving Around	Respondents rated this area 2.7 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.7 out of 7.
	Work and Local Economy	Respondents rated this area 3.2 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.8 out of 7.
	Housing and Community	Respondents rated this area 3.8 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 4 out of 7.

Top 3 Ratings

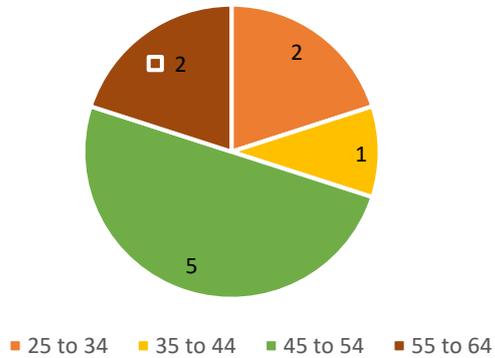


Bottom 3 Ratings

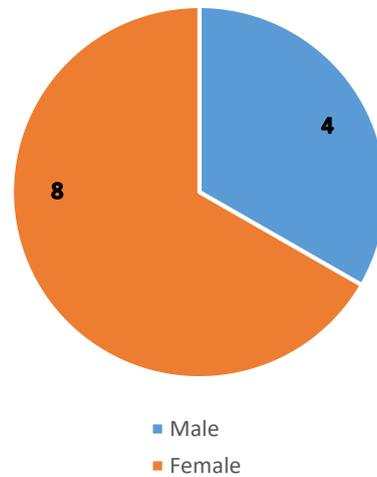


Ages of Respondents

Total number of Respondents: 12



Gender



Thematic areas by lowest score to highest score

Thematic Area	Average Score
Moving Around	2.7
Work and Local Economy	3.2
Public Transport	3.8
Traffic and Parking	3.8
Housing and Community	3.8
Care and Maintenance	4
Streets and Spaces	4.5
Play and Recreation	4.7
Facilities and Amenities	4.7
Influence and Sense of Control	4.7
Social Contact	4.8
Natural Space	4.9
Identity and Belonging	5.2
Feeling Safe	6

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

12 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
6 responses	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses	3 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

No. I use sticks and a wheelchair. I can't walk and cycle anywhere well.
Cove area is not busy in terms of road users. The footpath that runs the length of the village is not in good condition and the road can be narrow. Water ponding on both the path and road causes problems when it's raining. However, road users I think are quite aware of each other. It might be nice if there was a regular sum of money to get rid of the worst pot holed footpath on an annual basis to keep things slightly better. Walking routes off the main road are up on to the back road - no pavements and you are walking on the road itself but this is fine and good.
Cyclists in Cove are an issue, can be dangerous.
Nothing for cyclists - dangerous.
Paths along the side of road are good. No real signposted paths apart from those
Pavement camber is difficult for buggies and wheel chairs. It would be good to have a waterside path for walking along the length of the peninsula. Good forest routes around the top of the peninsula that could be improved between Kilcreggan and Rosneath to allow for access there. Ferry Brae taking you from Rosneath to Kilcreggan is not safe for cycling as narrow road with hedges either side. Large vehicles normally in the middle of the road.
Pavements are a mess, overgrown, uneven and dangerous. All walking routes, apart from the main pavements require a car to get to and there is no adequate parking except for the Peaton hill nature reserve and there is limited spaces at the Kilcreggan woods to Rosneath route. The fort road to Rosneath caravan route is met with a closed gate at the farmer's field in Kilcreggan that you have to be able to climb. None of these are disabled or pushchair friendly.
Poor pavements for walking. No cycle lanes. Difficult for limited mobility persons. Route is highly attractive, scenic.
There are no cycling routes, just the roads which are either busy or narrow and ill kept. The pavements are poor, uneven, overgrown, badly kept and missing in many places. It is not until just before the Knockderry in Cove that the speed limit is 30 anywhere from Coulport to that part is not paved, even where there is continuous housing and the roads are not suitable for this speed limit, it puts all people that aren't in vehicles at risk.
When leaving Cove and Kilcreggan, the road is very narrow and winding in places and the speed limit is national. Cyclists and walkers are not safe travelling on these sections of the road as there are no alternative routes. There is not even a pavement. The pavement in Cove and Kilcreggan is quite narrow, so walking can be unpleasant when you keep having to go onto the road to navigate overhanging bushes. It is difficult to maintain a conversation when walking with other people as there's not enough space to walk together.

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

12 responses in total – Average Score of 3.8							
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	3 responses	3 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

<p>Although there is a bus stop almost at the door, there is nowhere to sit, so if I have only used the bus once when someone provided a chair to wait. I pity anyone that has to use one regularly, as there is no shelter at most stops, and the weather can be terrible here.</p>
<p>The regular 316 bus runs through the village and connects back to Helensburgh. This is a great service and runs regularly and predictably.</p>
<p>Bus service reliable. Ferry service essential and now reasonably reliable unless bad weather.</p>
<p>The public bus is a good and reliable service but it is quite expensive, offers no returns and takes exact fares only which is highly inconvenient. This service also ends at 10pm making meals and nights out difficult, a night service at the weekend would be helpful. The ferry is now in good hands and the service is regular, however it is not suitable for disabled passengers, it ends early and really needs an evening run also it would be helpful if the Sunday services were reinstated. The Highland train service which we can access at Garelochhead station is very sparse, although perfectly fine when you can access it. More trains would mean more people taking public transport. The Helensburgh Central service has been plagued with problems, the service is not reliable.</p>
<p>The bus is very expensive. It doesn't even provide return tickets. The timetable does not connect to the ferry - only the trains in Helensburgh. The ferry finishes too early to make it viable to travel to Glasgow if you need to stay there later than 5pm. It doesn't operate on Sundays either.</p>
<p>It would be nice to have hourly buses on Sundays, and for the Kilcreggan ferry to run on Sundays and a little longer in the evenings. Perhaps with direct ferries to Dunoon.</p>
<p>Bus to Helensburgh is a good service and punctual. Ferry to Gourock is good except does not run on a Sunday</p>
<p>First bus on a Sunday is 11am which is prohibitive for my children getting in to Helensburgh. One of my sons did not attend the athletic club on a Sunday due to this. Ferry service reliability has improved with change of contractor but it doesn't run late enough in the evening to make it a properly viable option for people travelling to Glasgow for work, study or play. Also the removal of the Sunday ferry service, coupled with the 11am starting bus which runs only every 2 hours on a Sunday has meant that there are few options for residents, relatives and visitors to travel to the peninsula.</p>
<p>Main sources of public transport are the service bus 316 and the ferry. The 316 is once an hour except on Sundays and public holidays, and runs until 10pm. It does not allow for change to be given, meaning if you don't have it then tough, it also does not allow for a return ticket, the cost of the bus from Cove to Helensburgh and back is greater than a return ticket from Helensburgh Central station to Glasgow return, the latter at least offers change. The ferry of late has been a good service with a fair timetable, the only complaint is that the service finishes early in the evening, with no sailings past 7pm and is not available to those with a walking disability.</p>

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

12responses in total – Average Score of 3.8							
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	2 responses	2 responses	1 responses	2 responses	2 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Speeding is an ongoing issue. As are bullish bus drivers and delivery vans. More safe places for tourists and visitors to stop and take photos?
Issues with lack of parking spaces at the ferry due to Faslane workers leaving cars there. There has been recent publicity around this.
Parking facilities in Kilcreggan extremely limited and unhelpful re transport passengers, visitors, commerce, locals.
Sometimes short of spaces to park at Kilcreggan
Speeding is a problem.
The main parking areas in Cove and Kilcreggan are at the shopping areas of both. Cove shops has fairly adequate parking in relation to the size of population it serves however it is very steep and a difficulty for elderly and disabled people. Kilcreggan parking is a far greater problem with the car park often full of people who leave their cars there from out of town who use them as pull cars to access either Faslane or Coulport bases. Spaces are also taken up outside of the shops directly for the same reason. Also the car parking is used by locals who use the ferry for access to their work or for leisure. Spaces are also taken up by those who live in the village centre although this is less of a problem during the daytime hours. Disable parking is wholly unsuitable with two of the three bays having curbs next to the spaces.
The Parking in Kilcreggan is very poor, two of the three disabled bays are right next to a curb, there are no family parking spaces, the residents are often unable to park because of dumped pull cars used by Faslane and Coulport workers, the lines in the car park closest to the ferry are faded which means parking is further compromised. Traffic is also increasing in Barbour road with a lot of new buildings in the last decade and the road is completely unsuitable, there are often accidents on this road.
There is not a lot of traffic but, if there were more, there would definitely be issues. If the ferry were to operate a better service that ran later into the evening, there would be issues with parking in Kilcreggan as there are only just enough spaces now.
Through Cove, cars generally keep to the speed limit by virtue of the road alignment. Probably the highest risk are is in Kilcreggan around the shops. In this area, there is limited parking so cars can end up parking on the road or in random places, sighting for driving is not so good, and people are crossing the road / congregating in the area. The only obvious improvement would be some element of slowing cars down through the shops area.

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

12 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	2 responses	1 responses	3 responses	2 responses	3 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Sewage pipes on the beaches belong to the century they were built in, especially when they are broken and leak effluent everywhere, adding to the impression that Scotland is very behind the times re. Infrastructure. It's a very scenic area, but this is not acceptable in 2019.
All very good
Cove is an incredibly beautiful area, with views of hills, loch long, the river Clyde and mixed woodland and pastoral farming. It is also a village whose length means that to travel through it a vehicle is often required, unless you live close to the area you intend to go. The pavements are not in good repair making it a more dangerous journey for many, therefore the service bus or a car are the best ways to travel the length of it. There are other things of beauty in Cove, noted architecture designs, the old pier area, the centre of Cove which has the shop and the sailing club, the Lynn gardens nursery and an area which you can picnic just along from that, the cemetery and the smaller hamlet of Ardpeaton.
In Cove and Kilcreggan there is little in the way of public spaces as it's just the road. Positive features are the many houses along the road, and views, so no need to compete with those! I would say it is a pleasant experience through the area.
Nice but could be improved.
Significant number of buildings with architectural/heritage significance. Natural environment of the Peninsula spectacular. Getting around is an issue.
The buildings are very beautiful, thanks to the community owners who maintain them. Street names are not clear or well maintained. The lighting is also deficient in a few areas if Cove.
There are a lot of open spaces in our area, however many are poorly kept, the biggest problem we face is the waste dumped into the loch, we do not have a green waste collection and we badly need it. There are a few vacant buildings throughout Cove and Kilcreggan that are derelict, there are also some MOD buildings that have been abandoned that would make good family homes. The area is filled with unique buildings, designed by architects of fame, we have a good play park that was built from locally raised funds, we have some good shops and have easy access to the CO-OP and other shops in Rosneath when required. Much more could and should be done to encourage tourism in the area, the community council is trying its best but has limited funds to work with.
There are an impressive amount of architecturally significant buildings, a botanic garden and international artists centre however there is no orientation signage to any of this or to the paths or other features. The derelict building next to the Cove Burgh Hall needs to be rescued. It was a church hall, is beautifully designed but is abandoned and neglected. This looks bad for the area, particularly because it has a prominent location next to the Cove Burgh Hall which is community owned and run. There is a tourist sign at cove bay.

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

12 responses in total – Average Score of 4.9							
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	0 responses	6 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

access to the beaches is good - could do with some litter sweeps after storms in Spring
It is possibly one of the most spectacular places to live in Europe
Lovely area, generally. But needs bins!
Natural spaces are abound in Cove, Weather and pavement depending on how/if you can access them.
Overall, the natural space is outstanding. The only issue is with people dumping their garden waste on the shore and scrapyards, like the one at the top of South Ailey Road going unchecked.
The shore front area could do with upgrading re grass cutting, seating, picnic benches etc. Accessibility limited for those with mobility issues.
There is a trust that owns the land by the sea shore and this has preserved the beach for all to use. There is however a severe knotweed issue that the community have been tackling for years. Local play park was upgraded through fundraising and is well equipped for all abilities. Good forestry paths along the top of the peninsula.
We have access to some beautiful areas, woodland, sea lochs and hill trails, these are not accessible to anyone who is not able bodied though. Many of the routes are rough, unsuitable for walking aids, wheel chairs and casual bikers. There are some routes that cut through fields that have locked gates, despite being a public right of way, particularly the Fort-road to Rosneath Caravan park path. Again lack of pavements are a problem for people to walk safely along our villages.

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

12 responses in total – Average Score of 4.7							
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	1 responses	1 responses	2 responses	6 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Generally beaches (stone not sand) and some grassy areas
More use could be made of the seaside location to encourage locals and tourists to use it for water based sports. Improve access for disabled.
Not sure - I don't have younger children so am not aware of any areas for play and recreation
Thanks to community initiatives, like the Youth Cafe, Craigownie Park and Cove Sailing Club, there are a range of opportunities. The council should do more to help them.
There is a fantastic play park in Cove, near the church at Craigownie however this is only accessible to kids who live near it, otherwise it is up to parents/carers to drive them there. The villages of cove and Kilcreggan are miles long and that is the only playground in either village. There is a reservoir with a local angling club, however this is in bad repair and inaccessible to most people who are not able bodied, there are several fields to climb through and no safe places to park near it. There is a bowling club which has a good standing and is well used by locals, the road up to it however is almost totally inaccessible because of the steepness and disrepair. Children are free and safe to cycle and play about the villages but a better pavement would make them much safer, the local guiding and brownie units have closed which is a disappointment although there is a good scouting presence. There is also a sailing club which operates within season and is welcoming to all ages, however it is not particularly dabled friendly by its very nature. There is a youth cafe that operates for teens a few times a week, aside from that there is very little for them to be involved with, there is access to swimming and a few hours playing inflatables at the Helensburgh swimming pool but it is a journey by bus or car that not everyone can afford. There is another youth club in Garelochhead, however that is running at capacity and no new members can join just now.
There is only one play park in Cove and Kilcreggan, it is well served but unless you live close a vehicle is required to access it. There is the shore and plenty of woodland and hilly areas for children to play in. The area hosts a sailing club, programmes in the Cove Burgh hall suitable for younger children and their parents as well as a Scouts organisation in Kilcreggan. All of these require transport to access. There is very little for older teenagers to do, a youth cafe exists in Cove which is suitable for younger teens and children. There are several groups for older members of the community, as long as they have transport, usually in the Cove Burgh hall but there are also church groups too. There is a welcoming pub in Kilcreggan which serves good food and an unwelcoming hotel in Cove which does not.

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.

12 responses in total – Average Score of 4.7							
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	1 responses	1 responses	4 responses	2 responses	3 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Access to school, nursery, GP, pharmacy, butcher, etc is great. However, access to other shops and a bank is very limited, especially if relying on public transport. There is nowhere to go for a meal in the evening or get a takeaway.
generally OK but could do with a second pub / food place as there is only one
GP is nice.
Limited amenities on the Peninsula. Helensburgh accessible but not for all age/ability groups.
Mainly use Helensburgh
Most facilities require transport to access, the Cove Burgh Hall is well kept, as is the sailing club also in Cove. The Burgh hall is only disabled friendly in the lower halls, the library is totally inaccessible for those who cannot climb stairs. Parking in Kilcreggan is difficult, in Cove this is less of a problem however there are less amenities at the Cove shops. The school lies atop a steep hill in Kilcreggan so any disabled children do require transport, those who live further away from the school are picked up in Cove by taxi cab. The GPs surgery is accessible via bus service and private transport and is disabled accessible too.
The Post Office closed and so have local hotels and bars. These have been turned into flats. There are no learning or sports facilities for young people. The Cove Burgh Hall is used by a number of voluntary groups and businesses to provide a limited range of support, activities and classes.
We have a good GP practice, our library is on the top floor or a building without lift access and therefor in need of great improvement. We have an excellent Butchers shop, cafe, pub and two village grocery shops, one in each village (Cove and Kilcreggan). The biggest problems to accessing these shops are parking which is very poor at times. There is a good primary school in Kilcreggan which also has a nursery attached, buses pick children up who need it which is important since our villages are lengthy. There are several social groups ran at the Cove Burgh Hall, which has disabled access only in the lower floor. We have one remaining hotel, although they are not too welcoming to locals. There is also a Church of Scotland with a Catholic chapel in nearby Rosneath, there are no other places of worship in the area. More sports facilities, things for entertainment and accessible to all amenities are needed.

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

12 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
2 responses	3 responses	2 responses	3 responses	1 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Businesses are really struggling to survive, let alone employ people. This is mainly due to extortionate rents and other rates. I would say the area is dying with so many businesses closing, especially over the last few years. Most residents travel quite far for work.
High level of retiree population. Young families are attracted. More support and services for start-up would be good.
I don't know about this - I don't work in the immediate area so am unaware of what opportunities there are on Rosneath. I would think the opportunities are low, unless you work on one of the Naval bases
in Cove and Kilcreggan work is limited but with Ferry to Gourock and bus to Helensburgh it is easier
Need to pay for travel for work
Sadly our villages are mainly commuter villages, although some find work locally in the villages or at the MOD Base's many commute to Helensburgh, Dumbarton and Glasgow. It is far from an active local economy, although more could be done with the right vision, certainly the villagers would welcome it. The Jobcentre in Helensburgh is most likely to suggest retail or service type jobs, hardly suitable for all. Childcare is expensive and not accessible to all, cost of transport is one of the biggest factors. We have several small business in the area that work from home because there is no space accessible for them to move into and not enough foot fall to maintain the costs.
There are not many opportunities for employment however Business Gateway does run classes in the area. There is a lack of spaces however there may be opportunities in development...
There are very limited working options within the villages of Cove or Kilcreggan, some will work within the naval bases but most must commute to the larger towns or the City of Glasgow.

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

12 responses in total – Average Score of 3.8							
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	2 responses	3 responses	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

An increase in properties bought for e.g. Airbnb/holiday homes. Limited downsizing/sheltered accommodation for elderly who wish to stay on the Peninsula.
Don't want more houses, want to keep as a rural village
Generally OK but still more older rather than younger families
Housing stock is limited in Cove, although there are options to rent most of the rentals are in fairly poor condition, housing prices are high and council or housing association homes are limited and insufficient in their numbers, there are also several empty MOD houses which could be used for locals to live in but the opportunity or sense is not there to do so. Kilcreggan is very much in the same boat. At present retirees, naval incomers and wealthy commuters make up the main stay as there is little work or housing for local teens and younger adults to encourage their remaining in the villages they grew up in.
Much of the housing in the area is not within the budget of most people, the villages of Cove and Kilcreggan are very much at risk of becoming a retirement settlement. Affordable, attractive and spacious housing is needed but it must be reasonably priced. Most people who grow up in the village leave to find employment and housing in towns or Glasgow because there is such a lack of choice for young professionals to rent or buy, also for working class people on a working class budget housing is limited and this needs to be remedied.
Not able to comment however there are issues with costs of heating and repair for older properties.
Rents and house prices have increased substantially quite recently. You have to be earning well to live here now. There is barely any suitable accommodation for families on lower incomes.
Rural village, don't want many more houses.
Very little housing, hence our having to leave the area

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

12 responses in total – Average Score of 4.8							
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	3 responses	2 responses	4 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

A lot of community run events (film club, sales, beer festival, etc) and sailing club
Cove Burgh Hall is a great place for this
Cove Burgh Hall represents an essential space that allows social contact. Other than it is Church, Sailing Club, and Cove Park. CBH gets a good spread of use across the days, weeks and year. Some groups are not attracted in any significant numbers e.g. economically disadvantaged, youth.
In Cove there is the Burgh hall and its groups, the Church and the sailing club for people to meet in. Kilcreggan also accesses these spaces with the additional advantage of one public house.
No idea. I hate people.
The play park and the pub are the only informal spaces. The café isn't open in the evening.
There are quite a few clubs but many people feel too intimidated to join. You need to be good at motivating yourself to join in. More support and encouragement is needed.
There are some spaces and clubs, such as the bowling and sailing clubs and there are social clubs ran for a few hours a day at the Cove Burgh Hall. There are various teas and charity events too but this doesn't suit everyone, those who work through the week can't attend most of these events in the Burgh Hall, those who don't have their own transport and don't keep well have trouble accessing these events. Those who have children in the local primary school will meet peers at the school gates, there is a church which runs quite a few things. I do feel more could be done though for children and adults if there were more sporting and entertainment activities accessible.
Tremendous in Cove and Kilcreggan, Cove Burgh Hall

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

12 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	1 responses	0 responses	2 responses	3 responses	5 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Due to becoming involved in quite a few community groups, I feel I belong. However, this is because I pushed myself. Others may need more encouragement and support to feel this way.
I think most people feel that they belong although it can be difficult for adults who move into the area to feel like they belong as there are limited ways to meet folk.
Mixed views regarding transport and amenities. People like the environment and historical aspect but not the lack of transport and amenities. Community comes together through voluntary groups organising events and by having children at the local primary school.
People are all very friendly, happy to stop and speak to you.
The local primary school, Church, activities at the Burgh hall and the addition of the Sea festival encourage a sense of belonging. The people are friendly but if you live in one of the many parts of Cove with long spaces between houses it is quite possible to feel isolated, the limited disabled accesses and poor walking conditions also play their part, as does the constant need for younger people to leave the area to find education, employment and housing. The fact that the area is largely a commuter one and has naval incomers staying for the duration of their work only to then move back down South also has a role in a fractured identity.
There are quite a few things going, should I choose to join in..
There is a strong community spirit. This involves high level of volunteering. The sense of place is strong with pride in the natural and heritage environment.
There's a lot going on, and plenty who are interested in many different things. Also lots of clubs.
Welcoming and friendly

Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

12 responses in total – Average Score of 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	1 responses	0 responses	2 responses	4 responses	5 responses	0 responses

Comments

Everyone knows each other and looks out for each other. There is a noticeable police presence too.
Quite safe
Roads need to be navigated with care. Generally feel safe in home environment.
The area is extremely safe, criminal incidents are rare, particularly in Cove and often involve outside conmen which is a most significant risk for elderly or vulnerable. The police presences is poor now we have no longer got our own police station however there is often MOD police which may be somewhat of a deterrent to out-of-towners.
This area is incredible safe, there are very few problems, the biggest ones are traffic related, with poor roads and speeding, also the national speed limit which runs through a residential area from Peaton to the Knockderry.
very safe
Yes, it may be remote, but it never feels unsafe

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

12 responses in total – Average Score of 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	0 responses	3 responses	3 responses	4 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

All seem in good order
Cove Burgh Hall well maintained.
Given that many of the properties are heritage, maintenance and improvement is an ongoing challenge.
No recycling facilities.
Residents seem to do most of the work looking after the area, especially litter picking on beaches. Private landlords don't seem to care much for their properties here. Which is the reason we, and friends are leaving.
Some are well cared for thanks to private and/or community efforts. Others are sadly becoming derelict and there is no council support to save them. It is sad as some are architecturally unique.
The local council is particularly poor in looking after the area, pavements are overgrown the road can become flooded and pot-holed, the green areas often grow wild and are only hacked down when it becomes necessary for the safety of school busses. The public does what it can, as does the local community council, housing associations can also be slow to move. Dumping of both litter and green waste is a particular problem in Cove.
There is a good recycling area in Kilcreggan by the pier, accessible if you have a car or very little to take on a bus. Vandalism is not a problem however dog litter and littering in general are problems. Facilities are maybe cared for a few times a season and not by people trained to look after green spaces, they don't know a weed from a plant. Roads are not well looked after, ours have yet to be white-lined in several places after they were patched up a few years ago. Car parks are not maintained, the community council and the elected councillors are generally receptive but often ignored by the council due to poor money management and poor time management.

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

12 responses in total – Average Score of 4.7							
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	1 responses	1 responses	2 responses	6 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Active community councils and online groups are really good. We will miss them.
Community views are not listened to. For example, the community appealed to the council to review the new sailing clubhouse plans and the council did nothing, despite the majority objecting. They were just told off, like children, for not sorting it out amongst themselves. If this is the case, why did the council waste money on a public meeting?
I am sure they do exist but I don't participate
Local councillors are easily reached and the community council is open to receiving all people, individuals and groups.
The community council welcomes resident's voices and most groups are the same. The other authorities such as the council or HA's are not overly interested in locals opinions. With the exception of the local counsellors who also try their best.

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

Clean the beaches and remove sewage pipes. It's a disgusting impression to give visitors to the area. Push for stable access to internet and electricity.
The only thing I think coming out of this is some ongoing work on the footpath through Cove - just keeping on top of it and not letting it deteriorate further
Accessibility re: fore shore, disabled/limited mobility, walking paths and cycle lanes, parking facilities. Partnership: greater collaboration among key community groups towards partnership that creates a synergy to improve Peninsula life and amenities.
Pavements Affordable housing Jobs
Public transport links, employment opportunities, pavements, community involvement.
Slightly better public transport in the evenings and on Sundays
possible to extend the mains sewerage further along the peninsular to remove need of septic tanks / natural waterways / sea disposal
Access - ferry times, connecting paths to Rosneath amenities - informal inside public spaces business - spaces and shared working, creating opportunities.
Safe pavements Better parking Access to walks Access to housing and employment. Better maintenance of the roads and greenery by the council.

What actions could be taken to deal with these?

A better ferry service between here and Inverclyde and Dunoon
Create housing and employment Create more/better parking facilities Look after the roads/pavement and green spaces.
Extend the main sewerage
Fix the pavements Build decent housing that isn't crammed into a scheme Work with locals and business to increase employment opportunities.
Funding from Holyrood.
Investment in transport/access/amenities infrastructure. Stimulate partnership working focused on a compelling project that connects dispirit groups in the community
Provide better and cheaper transport links, lower rents and rates, widen and clear pavements, listen to communities.

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