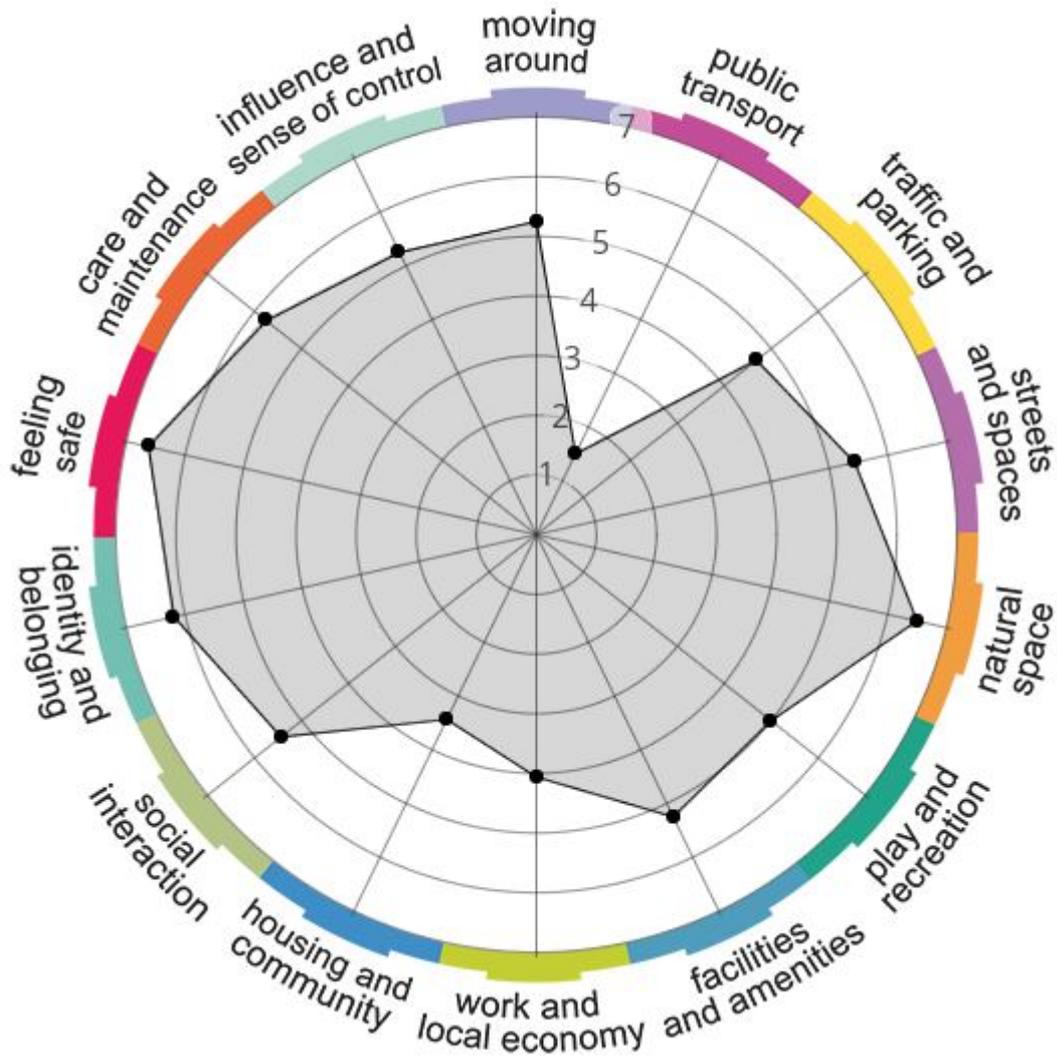
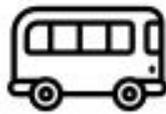


Appin Responses 2019



Priority Areas for Improvement:



Public Transport



Housing and Community



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 , 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](#).

Appin Responses

Our Top Rated Areas are:

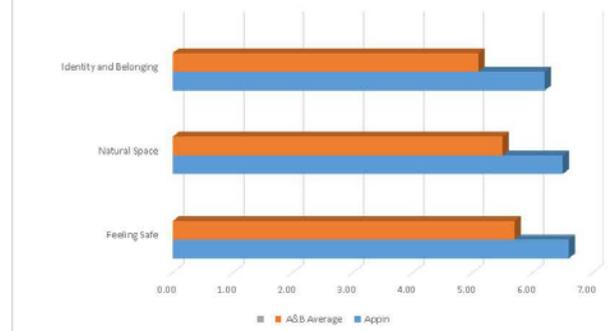
	Feeling Safe	Respondents rated this area 6.6 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.7 out of 7.
	Natural Space	Respondents rated this area 6.5 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.5 out of 7.
	Identity and Belonging	Respondents rated this area 6.2 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.1 out of 7.



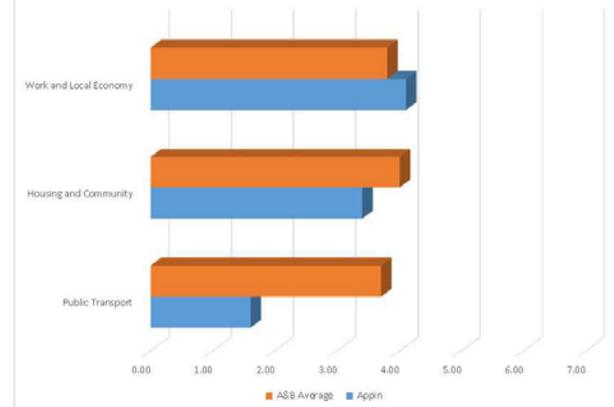
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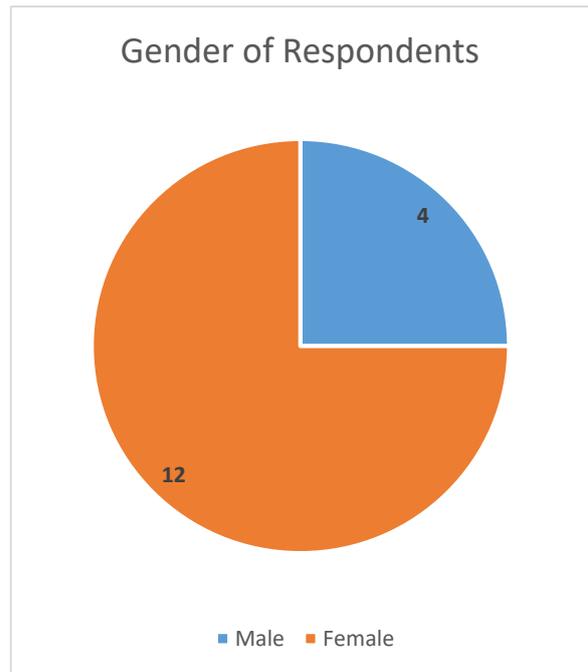
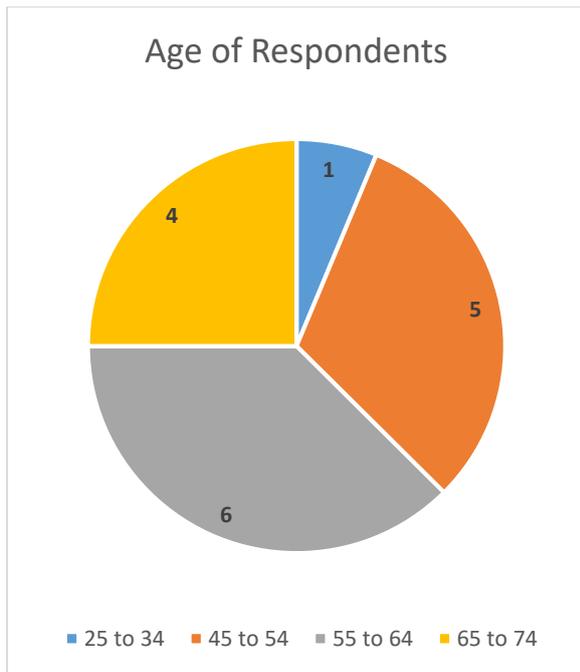
	Public Transport	Respondents rated this area 1.6 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.7 out of 7.
	Housing and Community	Respondents rated this area 3.4 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 4 out of 7.
	Work and Local Economy	Respondents rated this area 4.1 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.8 out of 7.

Top 3 Ratings



Bottom 3 Ratings





Thematic areas by lowest score to highest score

Thematic Area	Average Score
Public Transport	1.6
Housing and Community	3.4
Work and Local Economy	4.1
Traffic and Parking	4.7
Play and Recreation	5
Moving Around	5.3
Facilities and Amenities	5.3
Influence and Sense of Control	5.3
Streets and Spaces	5.4
Social Contact	5.4
Care and Maintenance	5.8
Identity and Belonging	6.2
Natural Space	6.5
Feeling Safe	6.6

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

16 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	3 responses	0 responses	0 responses	4 responses	5 responses	4 responses	0 responses

Comments

There are plenty hill and country walks, people even use the road round Loch Creran to walk and Cycle.
Access to Route 78 could be made safe by an additional path of which there is ample room from the Police Station to Tynribbie Bridge on the A828. it will work also in the direction for hill walkers parking in the community car park (opposite the Church) wishing to access Glen Stockdale.
As a disabled person I can only get around using my mobility scooter. Because of the lack of safe pedestrian or cycle paths in strategic points between accessible areas I am unable to safely access much that should be within my reach, both for myself and my children. Even accessing the local shop is precarious because there is no specifically delineated path for pedestrians or cyclists.
Cycle track links most of the area
I believe the walk and cycle routes in Appin are easily accessible. I think there could be more seating options throughout the route. The route is safe to use throughout the year, no safety concerns whatsoever. My only comment would be the surrounding greenery could do with being trimmed and cleaned up a little as sometimes it is very overgrown and unsightly.
I live adjacent to Route 78 which is very well managed albeit I have to access it along the A828 for 1/4 mile, I note that there is enough space along the roadside verge to accommodate a path which would allow additional access to Stockdale Glen the garden centre and various holiday lets.
Link between Kinlochlaich and the cycle track Route 78 ...dangerous to walk or cycle along the A828. reason there are 8 dwelling houses, and two holiday businesses
Sustrans route on doorstep
There are no pavements on the main road in Port Appin where I live. This means constantly stopping for traffic and causes issues for being seen by traffic, especially in the winter, as the roads are winding and dense with foliage.
We have the sustrans cycle path running through Appin which is great!

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

16 responses in total – Average Score of 1.6							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
11 responses	2 responses	3 responses	0 responses				

Comments

Buses are infrequent and don't run in the evenings
Few direct buses from Appin to Oban or Fort William. I feel the Abelio train service poor, Caledonian Sleeper a disgrace. City Link to Glasgow excellent.
Hardly any buses per day. It would be great if the one that runs nearly every hour from Oban to Barcaldine went even as far as Creagan Bus stop (on the roundabout) the bus often goes to the roundabout at the other side of the bridge to turn back to Oban- why not just cross the bridge and catch this bus stop_ would only add a couple of minutes... I have 2 teenagers and often have to drive to Oban or Benderloch to collect them off the bus, especially if they do After School clubs etc.
If I need to use public transport (which I do) my nearest bus stop is 3 miles from my house in Fasnacloich.
No public transport to Port Appin
No, could never manage to do a full day's work- in the office just in time on the school bus and then would have to leave early in order to get home.
No, school bus would get me into Oban at 8.55am but would have to leave work early to return home. There is a more regular service to Creagan Bridge, where no body lives!
Poor bus service - not able to use if working in Oban during normal office hours or going out in the evening Poor bus links to Fort William No trains No public transport to local shop in Port Appin or Ballachulish. No useable bus service to local shop in Benderloch Poor links to Glasgow and Inverness and very poor links with rest of Scotland in general
Public transport is ridiculous in the Appin area. They are not frequent and hardly exist. What is available is very limited times which is not always accommodating for working shifts. There are no bus stops within the Port Appin area which is not easily accessible for everyone. There are no trains available in the area. This is definitely something that needs improved upon.
Regular bus service from Creagan bridge. Some 3 miles away from Kirkton. School bus at 8.10am at Kirkton returning at 16.30... not suitable for full time employees working in Oban
The bus stop is so far away that even my able bodied adult daughter has more than an hour and a half walk to reach it. The journey is also unsafe because of the lack of pedestrian paths. As a disabled person I have no way to access public transport.
There is an absence of public transport. We have set up our own community transport which is very limited in the service it can provide.
There is no public transport in Port Appin, except the ferry to Lismore, which doesn't help you if you want to go out of the village to go shopping, attend medical appointments at hospital, visit the optician, family or friends, or go out for a meal. None of these things can be achieved without the use of a car.

There is no Public Transport up Glen Creran, nearest Bus stop is Creagan Bridge, even at that I don't think there are many Buses from Appin to Oban or Fort William on a daily basis. Could be there is not enough demand though.

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

16 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	2 responses	3 responses	3 responses	2 responses	2 responses	4 responses	0 responses

Comments

Most people have their own parking in the Glen Creran area and it is accepted that there are no footpaths, usually vehicles let the people go onto the verge or go round them.
Bad parking around Garage- accident waiting to happen with cars often on pavement. Not enough school parking either- here is a bit of waste ground next to the Fire station- why not use this to make a public carpark?
Car park opposite the church, hall with access to Route 78
I don't have a car but from what I can see there appears to generally be reasonable access to parking and moderate traffic flow. As a mobility scooter "pedestrian" with children who walk and cycle, there is not much actual safe passage for us between the available cycle paths or community points which do have good access. We are dependent on traffic conditions and the careful (or not) driving habits of motorists, all of which are changeable.
Logging lorries drive too fast along the Glen Creran Road where I live.
Parking in Port Appin and Appin is absolutely fine. The nature of the roads means that people can't drive too fast unless they are driving recklessly. The 30 mph sign in the village seems to be generally adhered to.
Parking in Port Appin is under capacity especially in the tourist times.
Poor parking in Port Appin at shops Transient traffic not always observing speed limits
Some issues at Port Appin, especially for those visiting Lismore.
There is really only one car parking space within Appin which is directly across from the church grounds, this was a major improvement to having zero parking arrangements however I still believe this could do with further improvement throughout Appin and the Port Appin area. Due to there being a trunk road directly through Appin, we can have a high degree of traffic coming through.
Too much traffic in summer plus lunatic driving. Parking OK in Oban but needs to be more free available to encourage business
Yes, community car park opposite Appin Village Hall and also incorporates access to Route 78

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

16 responses in total – Average Score of 5.4							
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	5 responses	3 responses	4 responses	4 responses	0 responses

Comments

Glen Creran Area is a beautiful place to live with the single track road having passing places. I love the sounds of the countryside day and night no matter what the weather.
All in good order, however access route to recycling area at Station Cottages is not up to standard- it is also the route to the Council Depot
All of the high points I give our area are generally for attractiveness and the efforts of the residents to make things as accessible as possible on site. The deductions are for ease of getting around and for some of the maintenance of bridges and pedestrian ways. It's beautiful and I hope to live many years here but I would like to be more able to get about and enjoy it.
It's a rural area, Port Appin have a Community Park and are making provision for a new children's play area and community garden.
Oban and Appin are pleasant places to live and visit
Overall, the landscaping in Appin is very much lovely greenery however around where Castle Stalker is situated could be tidied up to look presentable with the exception of the view point at the Cafe.
Port Appin has a park, which is looked after by the community, there is some planters around the village. People tend to be very proud of their gardens.
Scattered rural community
This is a beautiful area. The deforestation on the hillside caused by harvested timber as you drive from Appin to Port Appin is significant and ugly. It spoils an otherwise stunning view. Jubilee Bridge has excellent viewpoints, as do the adjoining cycle path. At night, you can't see much as there aren't many streetlights to mar the landscape. There is quite a bit of noise from the boats, particularly noticeable at night - mainly low-pitched droning sounds which can last for hours.

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

16 responses in total – Average Score of 6.5							
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	0 responses	0 responses	2 responses	0 responses	2 responses	12 responses	0 responses

Comments

Some of the uphill tracks would not be suitable for anyone with a Zimmer or wheelchair.
Excellent natural spaces in the wider countryside along Route 78, play park and pitch at Port Appin.
I feel like my views on the walk and cycle areas cover this question.
No complaints!
Scattered rural community
Spoilt for choice, hills, marine and woodlands.
The ability to see nature from my home is wonderful. My ability to spend time out in it is limited. Once I ventured to use the nearest cycle/pedestrian path to have a lovely "walk" which I hoped to be able to repeat with my children. The road between my house and the cycle path was dangerous for pedestrians and full of blind corners. It became apparent that it was unwise for me to take my children or myself this way. Their school is close enough that I could use my scooter to access it except that a large part of the journey has no safe pathway for pedestrians, disabled or otherwise.
There are some lovely local walks. Traditional rights of way are not always clear, and knowing about and having access to these would make it easier to enjoy the natural space. Access to the beach area is restricted to very small areas due to land ownership and land use.
Yes, we have an abundance of biodiversity on our doorstep.

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

16 responses in total – Average Score of 5							
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	1 responses	3 responses	3 responses	5 responses	0 responses

Comments

The countryside around us is our playground and gives freedom of the imagination to all to enjoy.
All weather pitch at Strath of Appin Primary School which was funded and built by a local community group also play equipment at the school; Community Green space and play area at Port Appin. Access to Route 78. Linnhe marine for boats etc. Appin Community Skiff Club based at the Boat House which is currently subject to a community asset transfer.
All weather pitch at Strath of Appin School, Route 78, Linnhe Marine, various glens with path access.
The only opportunity to take part in play and recreation is engaging with nature outdoors. There is a lack of areas for children & teenagers to play.
There is a field but it is not well fenced in enough to be safe for young children. There is no wheelchair path around the field so I am unable to competently supervise my youngest child (who has ASD as well as being a pre-schooler). The community playground is currently derelict, although the local residents are trying to raise funds to restore it.
There is not a lot of play areas available in Appin for children and young people. The playground area within the primary school is not very well maintained and does not look very attractive/enticing for children to want to play there. I feel like there could be more playgrounds made available.
two halls of different sizes all weather pitch Cycle track
Two village halls, Appin Village Hall is larger and suitable for a range of sports. The smaller hall at Port Appin is used by a variety of social clubs. The Boat house at Port Appin has been subject to a community asset transfer, Appin Community Skiff is using it to build their first Skiff. There is also an all-weather pitch at Strath of Appin School which was built by the Appin Community Sports and Leisure Association. There is also Linnie Marina.
We are in the process of finalising funding to build a community playpark.
We are v lucky to have a community Sports Pitch. and the Cycle path
We have a village hall, which is used for a lot of groups, none of which are relevant to me. There are no yoga or Pilates classes, or fitness/dance classes, no archery martial arts or self-defence classes. There are lots of committee groups held in the Hall, which is an excellent venue. There are also some regular social events for pensioners and for people with young children. There is a field where people can play/have barbecues, children play etc. Nothing for my age-group, unfortunately. It is a very safe area to walk in, on your own.

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.

16 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
1 responses	1 responses	2 responses	0 responses	1 responses	7 responses	4 responses	0 responses

Comments

There are no facilities and amenities in Glen Creran areas and very little in the Appin area. We have the great outdoors to enjoy and if we want to join a group most people are happy to go out with the area.
be good to have a wee shop in Appin
Facilities and amenities are acceptable for the needs of those who live in Appin/Port Appin.
I can walk my dog and I can enjoy the views. I can walk to the local hotel for lunch/dinner with my fiancé. There are no other facilities for either of us.
The GP is accessible. The shop and Port Appin Hall are accessible but the road between my home and these amenities does not have adequate pedestrian facilities. There is no accessible place for me to meet peers or get a cheap cup of tea, lunch or a breather. There is a phone box library run on an honesty basis by local residents. There are long stretches of time, often months where I am unable to access socialisation of any kind.
Within a 10 mile radius GP surgery Two halls Church primary school local shops (craft and food) garage post office café 2 pub/restaurants 2 higher end hotels Police station
Yes two Village halls, two hotels and two pub/restaurants.
Yes, there are a lot of activities in Appin which meet the needs from Senior Citizens to Baby age groups.
Yes.

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

16 responses in total – Average Score of 4.1							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
1 responses	2 responses	3 responses	3 responses	4 responses	2 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

There are only Estate related and Tourism related work in this Glen, most people are retired. However, the area around Appin, Port Appin have Hotel, waitressing, bar, shop, cleaning and care opportunities.
Being able to travel is vital. However, there are Two pubs, two hotels, 1 cafe and various holiday let's that keep the service industry going.
I am retired and cannot comment on the job market, but do not understand why more people do not want jobs as GPs, Police Officers, Nurses, and Teachers in rural areas where the quality of life is high. A study need to be done to see what prevents young people seeking work away from big cities to help repopulate the Highlands.
Mostly service based- tourism accommodation, fin fish farming, water sports, construction and agriculture
There are a few businesses in the area who offer job opportunities. The largest drawback appears to be that many of them offer quite low wages in relation to work load and few benefits. This is speaking from the experiences of my 21 year old daughter who has been working part time with her studies and full time in holidays since she was 16.
There are a number of local businesses who are mainly involved in the building trade, landscaping, and garden centre. There is room for improvement by providing small business units.
There is not a good availability within Appin for different kinds of Jobs, in Appin it tends to be hospitality based jobs. There is many local businesses within Appin but again I believe this is due to limited options.
Variety of jobs locally but commuting common
Work opportunities are mainly part-time and poorly paid, particularly female-dominated industries like admin. I will shortly be moving away after striving and failing to get any full-time work for over 3 years in this area. My partner has had the same problem. Like many people, we've been working multiple part-time jobs concurrently, some of which are self-employed.

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

16 responses in total – Average Score of 3.4							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
5 responses	1 responses	0 responses	5 responses	3 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

I would say the housing is good quality, but half must be holiday homes, most houses in this Glen are expensive to buy, therefore not enabling the younger generation to get a foothold. I would say the Care in this area is of better value out here than you would get in a town. There is only 1 property in the Glen owned by Argyll & Bute Council, and there are a 2 houses on long term lets.
A lot of the housing appears to reflect a focus on an aging community and does not reflect the needs of the growing number of young families in the area. Especially in the area of community and affordable housing.
House prices are too high for young people. Introduce a land tax, compulsory purchase of estate land for new affordable housing development, control sale of crofting or farming land for building speculation
Mixture of housing available - renting could be expensive - provision for disability could be better
There is a desperate need for 3 bedroom family housing in Appin. Young families who want to live here are obliged to move away which adversely impacts community resilience.
there is a desperate shortage of housing for young families
There is no affordable housing for locals to purchase .Rents are high. Hard for local folk to find accommodation
There is very limited availability in terms of housing. The only housing available is in the Port Appin area which has zero public transport and is quite out of the way from the main hub. As a young person who will struggle to get on the housing market due to the house prices in the area, affordable council housing is few and far between. I believe the term affordable is not based on the financial situation of many young people looking to rent to buy or shared equity etc. as the cost is still quite high. There is not many private rented properties available in the area or at the very least affordable costs. There is zero housing options available for people as they grow older and people can become very isolated. This is something that needs to be greatly improved in the area.
We have been extremely lucky to get a Housing Association house. It is impossible to buy here. The house prices are horrific. Even if even one or both of us had managed to get a full-time permanent post at a decent rate of pay (at least £20k p.a.), it wouldn't be enough to allow us to buy a basic, two-bedroom house. It is rare for there to be any properties for sale under £200000.
yes to a certain extent, more starter homes for young people
Yes, for young people who wish to return to the area to work.
Young working people need affordable housing and it must be based near public transport.

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

16 responses in total – Average Score of 5.4							
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	2 responses	0 responses	3 responses	6 responses	4 responses	0 responses

Comments

2=Village Halls, the local primary school, also there is a Feis held on a Saturday once a month during term time. There is a Thursday club for the over 60's, Appin Art Club, The WI, Appin Community Skiff Club. Scottish Country Dancing. Highland Dancing..
Appin Village Hall, Port Appin Hall, two hotels, two pub/restaurants.
Generally people in this Glen don't mix and keep themselves to themselves. However, sometimes opportunities arise from time to time to bring people together and I would say a good proportion of people will attend. Most people know each other and talk on passing.
Generally, the Hall is the only usable space, and it is used for pensioners to meet. People with your children are able to meet at the Hall or playing field. For my fiancé and I, there is nothing. We have gotten to know some people in the Community through our work, which has been customer-focused, community-based work, but there are no real opportunities to socialise with like-minded people, or to get to know anyone on a social basis.
I think I have already addressed this in my previous comments. Better pedestrian access to the Strath of Appin Primary school would help. The local community are very proactive in trying to create opportunities to come together. If the area were more accessible for carless & disabled people like myself it would improve my ability to participate.
The spaces for meeting people are the local pubs, restaurants however there is local entertainment held in the Appin Hall which allows for meet ups. This is an area which is not lacking.
Variety of ways to meet people depending on your interests
We have good strong community groups- the New Appin development Trust are hoping to support more activities for our youth- at present there is a lot for the retired. But not much for anyone younger
Yes, village halls, church and school. Various clubs from historical society, art club, senior citizens club, mother and toddler, skiff club and shinty/football.

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

16 responses in total – Average Score of 6.2							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	1 responses	7 responses	7 responses	0 responses

Comments

Generally is a very good place to live. Loads of History in the area and local groups come up here to walk or climb etc.
As someone who moved to this area 9 years ago, I have made to feel very welcome by the local community and can honestly say that they cherish their history and heritage.
I belong to Appin!
Long standing activity going on with own drama festival, agricultural show, historical society, church and social clubs and interest groups
Port Appin & Appin in general have a strong sense of history and pride in our community which reflects in the care and personal investment of the local residents. Even though I've only lived here a few years, my children and I share the feeling of belonging and enjoy being a part of this community.
This place does have a positive identity, and a good sense of community. However, I don't feel as if I belong. Despite trying to integrate as much as I can, I have not really been accepted by the Community. Neither has my partner. We are very much viewed as outsiders. There are no local networks that we have been able to access, other than via our work and going along to any local events and trying to join in.
Yes, considered a desirable place to live.
Yes.
Yes. Great place to live.

Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

16 responses in total – Average Score of 6.6							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	6 responses	10 responses	0 responses

Comments

As a woman walking alone, I feel very safe everywhere here, at home or outside. That is extremely rare. I have not experienced religious bigotry either.
Generally feel safe
I have never felt more safe anywhere else that what I do in Appin, the availability of local police station, the community looking out for each other is what makes the place feel safe.
In general Port Appin feels very safe and friendly. Most of the issues that come up centre around getting about safely. The rare issue in the community appears to be handled reasonably and quickly.
Local police live in the area. No crime of note.
yes
Yes, the police house is at the end of our road :-)

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

16 responses in total – Average Score of 5.8							
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	0 responses	0 responses	2 responses	4 responses	6 responses	4 responses	0 responses

Comments

An overall yes.
Generally tidy
I am aware that dog mess is an issue on the cycle path near the school in Appin. I am unaware of any local residents' associations.
In general there is a good standard of maintenance in homes here. The biggest set back to health and safety is the reduction in rubbish collection days. There simply are not enough collections and any delays that transpire make the situation worse. The Port Appin and Appin halls are well maintained as is the school. There are some maintenance needs in the community (for instance the playground). The residents work hard to keep the communal spaces well maintained, things like grass in the field cut regularly, the school grounds maintained, etc. There has been an issue with dog mess left along the walking path that runs by the school, which the students at Strath Of Appin Primary have been trying to help dog walkers be more aware of as the children use the path too. The wooden bridge on the dog walking/cycling path also is in need of maintenance.
It varies. Generally, most of the properties are bought, and they are well looked after. The general area is fine.
Public areas could be better maintained in terms of the landscapes. I am unsure if there is a local residents association. There is recycling available and it is organised.
Too many dogs making too much mess, too little control of waste of all sorts
yes
Yes. People have a sense of pride of place.

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

16 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	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses	8 responses	2 responses	4 responses	0 responses

Comments

Community Council
Difficult to do this as perceived as an employee of the council first and not as a member of the community if I turn up to e.g. a community council meeting.
Lately there has been an advocate fighting for the lack of housing which has allowed for the community to put their opinions forward. There is still room for improvement but it is heading in the right direction.
Locally, no problems at all-especially as a recognised Community Leader; We all feels nobody listens to us out with Appin despite endless surveys such as this (sorry)
Not really. There is a network of opinion leaders who seem to exert a considerable influence over how things are done. The same people are in a variety of committees and groups, and it is not easy either to enter into these committees/groups or, sometimes, even discover that they exist. When I have tried to contribute ideas, experiences or suggestions, I don't feel listened to.
Not until we have a majority SNP and Scotland is Independent. Tory polices and having one hand tied behind our back by Westminster hold us all back
The local community are very proactive in communication about local affairs and trying to hear from as many people as possible.
There are one or two that like to consider themselves as the oracles of all knowledge, when challenged I feel they can be quite dismissive... lol
Yes as and when required but mindful of association with work.

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

* Access to connect the Police Station to Tynribbe Bridge along the A828 in order to access Route 78, the school, church and village hall. * Housing for young people * Small business unit allocation in the area.
1. Housing for young families. 2. Transport to enable people to continue to live in their own homes when they cannot drive themselves. 3. Fragile social care services due to remoteness.
Better bus service
Better public transport and encourage greater economic development
Better safe access for pedestrians and access to public transport would be the things that would have the most positive impact on my household. A mobile library would also be a great benefit.
housing for young families
Housing for young people, crofting opportunities too. Outreach for teenagers, sport, cultural, skills development. The Appin Village Hall are getting Wi-Fi so it would be worth linking to the UHI and or the Open University to upskilling. Small business units would provide opportunities for business development.
Housing, public transport. These are desperately needing improvements.
Lack of affordable housing. Lack of full-time long-term or permanent jobs at a decent pay-rate for ordinary people e.g. graduates with lots of work experience, not tradesmen or high-level professionals. Lack of public transport. Lack of leisure and social facilities and opportunities.
Land tax, control of dog mess and litter, strict policing of driving, new tougher regulations on caravan wild parking
No comment
No issues or priorities
Public Transport, Public Transport, Public Transport Housing Traffic Calming Parking
Small business units would provide an opportunity to grow the business sector. Transport links could be improved. Port Appin Road- single track as it is the shortest link to Lismore Island, more parking at Port Appin.

What actions could be taken to deal with these?

A good variety of housing being built in the Appin area, for example, flats, houses, bungalows etc. An increase to bus times and transport around Appin would allow for more people to want to stay in the area.
already suggested- get the bus company to extend their route by 3 minutes
Build 6 3 bedroom properties which could be purchased for £180k to £200k or for rent. Provide additional funding for our volunteer-based community transport scheme.
Housing for local people sited near public transport. Small business units, Crofting opportunities for young people. Community based learning.
Housing: Building of social housing stock, not just for people with children but also for single people and childless couples. Jobs: This is a complicated one, but people need real full-time permanent jobs with living wages for ordinary people to be able to have a settled existence, to be able to plan, and to ensure that they are not living in poverty. Social/Leisure facilities: A variety of classes for people other than pensioners or parents of you children could be held but would need to be subsidized to make it viable for the tutor and affordable for the attendees.
Improved funding for community transport. Build family housing on the soon to be available Argyll and Bute Council depot land. Develop a proper robust plan for the provision of social care, taking account of the real needs (rather than trying to make-do with the status quo.)
Liaise with local landowners to make this happen in relation to small business unit provision, parking at Port Appin and the Bus Service. Improved the Port Appin Road.
Listen
Pedestrian walk ways would have to be put in along the roads in and around Appin. Some kind of connection to the bus route is needed. I don't know if the bus is wheelchair/mobility scooter accessible.
Policing of caravans overnight to explain where they can park, greater number of police controls on main roads, spot fines for dog messing, DNA checks on dog mess to identify owners,
Re. Access- liaise with Sustrans and Transport Scotland Re. Housing, Local Housing Association and on a bus route. Re. Small Business units at the Council Yard.
Small bus timetables to go to Port Appin

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