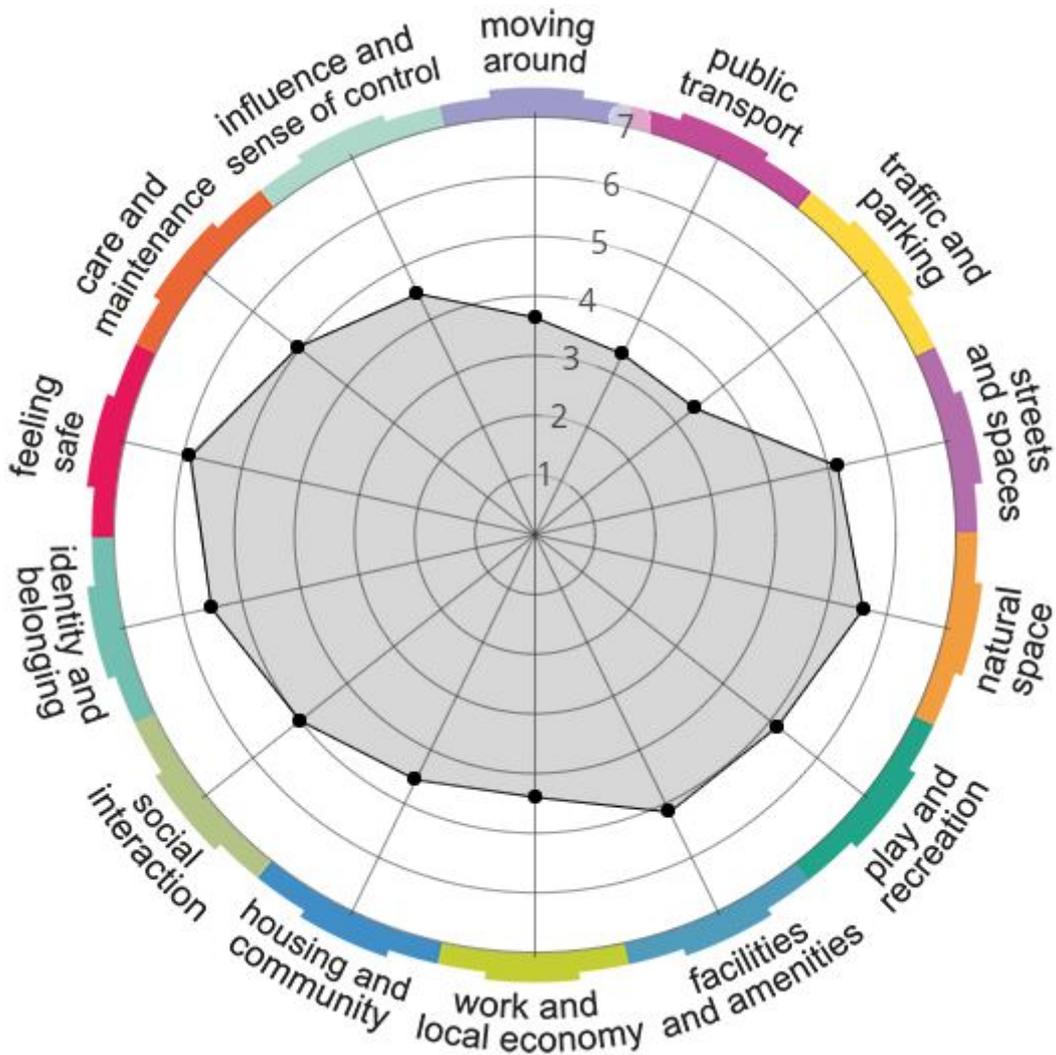
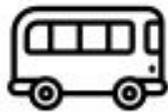


Taynuilt Responses 2019



Priority Areas for Improvement:



Public Transport



Traffic and Parking



Moving Around

How good is your place? Area wide engagement results using the Place Standard Tool

Between May and October 2019, the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) used [the Place Standard tool](#) to engage residents in Argyll and Bute on how they feel about the place(s) that they live and work in Argyll and Bute.

We are very grateful to all the responses that we received. We hope you find the information easy to understand and of interest to you and your community.

We are pleased to see that the thematic areas of Natural Space, Feeling Safe, Identity and Sense of Belonging and Social Contact came out with the highest scores, needing the least improvement, when considering Argyll and Bute as a whole.

The engagement has been undertaken at a place-based level and respondents provided their postcode, groupings of postcodes have created the settlement/community level detail.

The results are available for community groups and partner agencies to use, for example, to assist with service planning or for community-led action plans.

Please note: The information is the views of individuals who responded to the engagement. We trust that the information provided will be viewed within the context of which it is provided. We are grateful to all those who have taken part in the consultation and believe in sharing information for openness and transparency.

We appreciate that the documents can be lengthy due to the amount of information and we hope that the format is user-friendly.

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](#).

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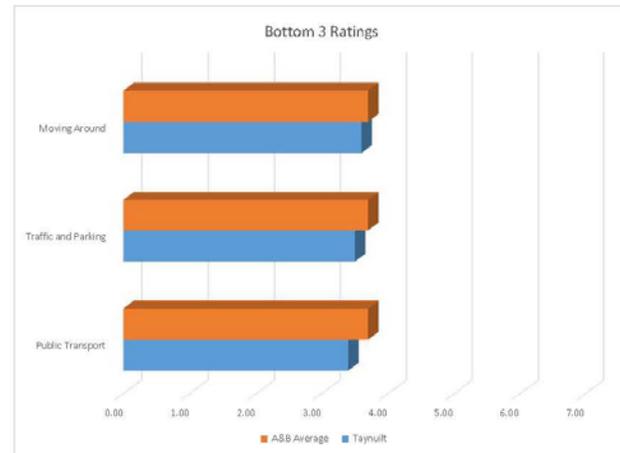
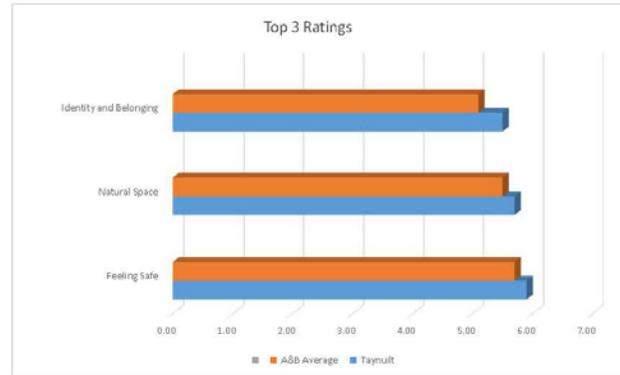
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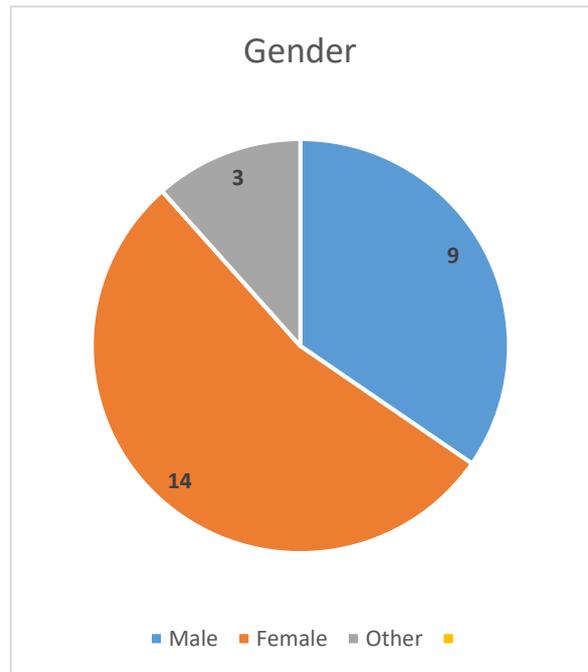
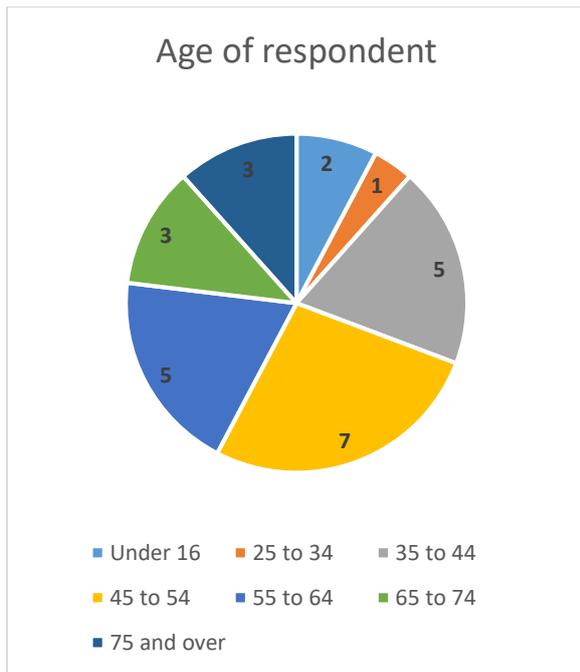
	Feeling Safe	Respondents rated this area 5.9 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.7 out of 7.
	Natural Space	Respondents rated this area 5.7 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.5 out of 7.
	Identity and Belonging	Respondents rated this area 5.5 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.1 out of 7.



Areas of desired improvement are:

	Public Transport	Respondents rated this area 3.4 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.7 out of 7.
	Traffic and Parking	Respondents rated this area 3.5 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.7 out of 7.
	Moving Around	Respondents rated this area 3.6 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.7 out of 7.





Thematic areas by lowest score to highest score

Thematic Area	Average Score
Public Transport	3.4
Traffic and Parking	3.5
Moving Around	3.6
Work and Local Economy	4.4
Housing and Community	4.5
Influence and Sense of Control	4.5
Care and Maintenance	5
Social Contact	5
Facilities and Amenities	5.1
Play and Recreation	5.2
Streets and Spaces	5.2
Identity and Belonging	5.5
Natural Space	5.7
Feeling Safe	5.9

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

26 responses in total – Average Score of 3.6							
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	6 responses	5 responses	4 responses	2 responses	4 responses	2 responses	0 responses

Comments

<p>A lot of paths run out and do not connect, requiring walking on single track roads which are not safe with children/ buggies. Difficult to cross the main road which passes through Taynuilt near Taynuilt Inn when I have been with children and when I have been unwell. I have noticed older residents also struggling. It's not safe. Quantity and speeding traffic frequently a problem. Cycling is quite treacherous in places where the road surface is inadequate with large pot holes and large uneven areas particularly where the road narrows throughout the village leaving little passing room. I cycle frequently with my son in the carrier on the back of my bike as I do not have a car and find it to be very challenging dodging all the pot holes and loose stone chippings which are significant on sidewalks also along the A85. Not suitable in poor weather conditions or at night as little or no street lights in places and surfaces are treacherous. There is no indication that there are children crossing for school. No 20 mph signs for school peak periods through the village or on A85. No bus stop signs, shelters or benches on the A85 by the Taynuilt Inn or opposite where the bus turns into the village, frequently elderly people use the bus to attend hospital appointments and it's pouring with rain. Frequently being stopped by tourists looking for a bus stop. I have been stressed a few times when trying to use the bus not feeling certain I am in the right place, being seen by the bus driver, dropped off a mile from home on the A85 with 2 year old because the Kilchrenan bus did not turn or was not able to turn around to pass back through the village. Missed buses which have not passed back through the village to go to Kilcrenan. The local shops recently put a pleasant seating area in the centre of the village.</p>
<p>Between Dunbeg and Connel, on the A85 the cyclists could be crushed against unnecessary barriers</p>
<p>Cycle lanes should be included in all roads as they do in Holland. Most roads in Taynuilt require resurfacing & most areas are overgrown at roadsides especially at Loch entice & back road at Icrachan</p>
<p>Cycle Route 78 from Taynuilt to Oban is very hilly, single track road which is longer than the main road. Many cars travel too fast so it is not safe. Same goes for the Kilchrenan road. There isn't off road areas for cycling. There are walks around but one popular route necessitates pedestrians to walk along the A85 from the Balindore road end to the Airds Bay road end. There is no pavement there.</p>
<p>Getting around to where you need to get to is easy - Walking is fine, plenty of routes. Road cyclists are challenged by the road network and folk not obeying the 30mph plus having to dodge potholes.</p>
<p>Improvement could be made on access to Airds Bay walk paths</p>
<p>Need a crossing light on the main road as the traffic is very busy and it's difficult to cross. Separates the two sides of the village.</p>

Need better off road cycling routes. Lots of countryside around - as an able bodied person I can access the countryside easily for walks.

Plenty of room for improvement. There should be a safe cycleway along the A85 to Oban, separated from the main road that is as flat as the main road. Both Oban and Taynuilt need proper walking paths to get from the centres up the hills. E.g. from Taynuilt to Inverawe and up Ben Cruachan. From Taynuilt a dry circuit around Airds Bay. From Oban up to Battleship Hill, Kerrera ferry via Pulpit Hill and from Kerrera ferry to the mast (via Gallanach).

Routes are good not always for elderly and or incapacitated

Route to school quite dangerous, especially when parked cars and trying to cross the road. Many people cycle on the pavement at the side on the main road (A85?) at the part of the road between the cemetery and Kilchrean there are lot of stones on the pavement which have come of the road

Single track roads with many potholes and steep inclines and declines are difficult, especially for older pedestrians and cyclists

Some nearby local villages such as Dunbeg, Benderloch, North Connel, Barcaldine, Appin have cycle tracks, Taynuilt however doesn't. The main road is exceptionally busy and puts me off cycling.

There are good trails for mountain biking and walking available locally but you can't cycle or walk safely to neighbouring villages , Oban or the cycle path between Oban and Fort William

There are off road cycling and walking areas but not much safe areas on main roads

There is a reasonable route to the village shops, Sports Pavilion, Church and Hall. For walks further afield there are no marked routes and known walks are often too muddy. Cycling in the village itself is OK although most cars drive too fast, however there is no possibility of recreational cycling for the majority of people due to the A85

Very few places to cycle due to main road. In fact, there are no cycle routes which don't involve using a road. Also limited network of pathways.

Within the village is ok but there are no safe cycle or walking paths between villages, only the busy main road.

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

26 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
4 responses	7 responses	2 responses	5 responses	4 responses	3 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

A good train service. It would be useful to have a later train eg.11.00pm, so people could get back from Oban and therefore benefit from the facilities there.
Again this is a rural area based on myself I can manage walking quite some distance but many people here may not be able or even want to
Bus or rail services not as regular or often enough, and not late enough at night
Don't use it
Good location of train station and bus stops although there is often no room for more people. On my last train journey there were probably more people standing than there were sitting!
Good train service allows me to commute into Oban & leave the car at home.
I work in Inveraray and Dunstaffnage. There are few or no direct buses
More frequency and later in the evenings especially Friday, Saturday, Sunday
My nearest bus stop is nearly 4 miles away; available services very few. Train services better, but still need a car to get to station.
No public transport to get to work in on an for 8am & nothing returning until 1 hour after I finish at 5pm.
Public transport here is almost useless for most people. Trains and buses arrive at the same time which deprives us of a more flexible choice. There are no local buses from Taynuilt to Oban, only the long distance bus to Glasgow which can often be full. In the tourist season the trains, with only 2 carriages, are very full and often locals need to stand. The frequency of both buses and trains makes them not useful for recreational use. The last train leaving Oban that goes through Taynuilt is at 20.30pm. The bus and train station are both close to the Main Street so not close to where the majority of people stay. There is no proper bus stop in either direction so the bus can cause a hold up in traffic and also causes cars to try to overtake which is dangerous. There are no facilities at the train station except for two small shelters
There are more trains than before between Taynuilt and Glasgow or Oban however the last train to Taynuilt is 9pm and the route is often subject to disruption and alternative bus service
There is no bus stop marking the Bus Stops on either side of the road in Taynuilt. Also, there are no shelters with seating anywhere on the main road. Buses tend to be at very similar times with the train. At the train station one platform has adequate shelter and seating, the other has not.
There is not frequent enough transport. It is crazy that the buses run at the same time approx. as the trains and then nothing for two hours. Routinely interruption to train service making it impossible to get home from work to pick up children from school. I have found it very difficult to find accurate information about busses leaving Oban back to Taynuilt, spending a lot of time waiting at bus stops for busses that never come. In poor weather impossible to find out about bus delays/ cancellations on this route. See earlier comments on previous question regarding lack of bus stops and seating and shelters. There are no toilets at Taynuilt train station. The old trains still

in use are poor quality. The old and new trains are not clean I have made several complaints. My infant son has multiple severe allergies and it is very dangerous, life threatening.

Train times into Glasgow are restrictive, particularly at weekends.

Trains and buses seem to run to a very similar timetable rather than being staggered. They are not as often as I would like and service after 6pm is poor.

We are well placed for train services

What do we mean by public transport - Neither Scotrail or West Coast Motors are in public ownership and are therefore motivated by profit, and not always in interests of public service. The service is not too bad linking Oban to Glasgow, but more cross country routes and nationally east to west are either poor/non-existent. The reduction in the inner Hebrides air service is extremely unfortunate.

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

26 responses in total – Average Score of 3.5							
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	5 responses	6 responses	3 responses	7 responses	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Car parking in Oban doesn't meet the needs of the community or visitors. There needs to be more long stay car parking
During school hours use only one way into village and one way exit, this would be safer.
I rated 4 because the A85 through Taynuilt is a 30 mile speed limit. This is so often ignored once traffic heading east passes the Hotel. It can be very scary walking with cars a lorries speeding passed. The Brochroy turn off, just before leaving the 30 mile limit, is not well sign posted. Cars, heading east, come round the corner very fast not realising the road is there. Parking is not an issue in Taynuilt.
Insufficient parking in Taynuilt village, particularly at the start and end of school days and when the train comes in. Parking in Oban is expensive and there is no designated overnight or long-stay parking when you get a ferry to any of the islands.
Oban is nearest town for general shopping and services; parking there is expensive/ not readily available.
Parking in Oban is scarce
Parking is fairly safe but the main road is not ably to support a lot of traffic
People do not take priority over cars on the A85 or within the village with no safe crossings. Access is often restricted in the village due to the number of cars trying to park. Often cars use the pavement to park leaving the road for pedestrians, buggies, kids on bikes etc. From Easter to October tourists are constantly parking in my drive way or turning in my private drive way as they are lost and there is no signage to indicate where they can turn at the bottom of Glen Lonan and there is not clear adequate street parking available opposite my property. Camper vans camp overnight in front of my property. I have seen it is advertised on Google Maps as a camping site!! There are no adequate traffic calming measures on the A85 through the village. There are too many cars and too much traffic in the area specifically between Easter and October when there is heavy tourism. The rate of RTA's significantly increases on the A85 between Taynuilt and Connel. The quality of the signage indicating sharp deviations has improved but still non-existent or inadequate in places.
Plenty parking in and around area
Some parking issues in Oban. But it's not very difficult if you are willing to park further away from town centre and walk a little bit further. I am concerned about road safety and the number of serious RTC's on the roads approaching Oban. Diversionary routes can take several hours. Roads are closed for many hours when serious RTC's occur which is understandable, but there is very poor provision of information about when roads will re-open.
Still not too busy a village

The main street is an absolute nightmare, especially at school drop off and coming out times. There is so much traffic and not always slow traffic either. We are blessed to have a lollypop man as the traffic on the main road is disgraceful. There are often cars parked on both sides of the main street, leaving barely room for others to get past. People often park at the top of the hall brae, and with other cars coming too fast up the hill there is no doubt going to be an accident

There are certain days and times when parking in the village is chronic. Sadly the businesses in the village add to the parking problems by taking up on street spaces. Parking at the station is limited and the other parking at the sports pavilion is too far away from the shops for many people. Any function that is on in the village hall causes severe disruption. As does parking outside the tea room

There is a need to look at this at the start and end of the school day.

Too many people travel by car so more and more parking 'needed'. If events/work is organised according to public transport it would alleviate parking.

Traffic can be congested in the Main Street as there is parking on both sides of the street and often delivery lorries there as well. There is no car park available apart from the main street except at the railway station where is not really allowed being for rail passengers only. Traffic in general goes far too fast on the A85 making walking alongside the road a rather unpleasant experience, especially in the rain. More traffic calming with flashing signs showing speeds etc. is definitely required as most cars do exceed the speed limit, including lorries and especially motorbikes. The slightly offset crossroads between Glen Lonan, A85 and Main St is not well enough signed and can be difficult to negotiate by car and especially difficult to walk across. I feel the speed limit through the village main street and beyond should be reduced to 20 mph. At no point do people have priority over cars which makes walking on narrow roads with no pavements hazardous for most and impossible for those with disabilities.

Traffic is not sufficiently monitored by police - resulting in motorists knowing there is no speed cameras or regular visits by police in Taynuilt - not uncommon daily for motorists, lorries and motor bikes to grossly exceed the 30 mile an hour supposed limit. This is an extreme danger to everyone.

Traffic/parking operates reasonably well within our community and does not adversely impact on health and wellbeing - that is a very urban question/challenge! My experience is that parking is secure and safe. Traffic amount seems reasonable in the area given other options and practicalities of rural living. It would be good to see a cycle route along A85 - failing that the roads need to be maintained well so that we don't buckle our tyres in all the pot holes/poor road edging and edges of drain covers.

Unsure

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

26 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	3 responses	13 responses	8 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

<p>A couple of years ago I would have answered yes to this question. However, the issue is the rising scourge of campervans - parking and creating human sewers. It should be mandatory for campervans and similar vehicles to use registered caravan parks. Secondly, it's great that we have facilities such as bottle banks but they are not emptied frequently enough. Spending money on features and routes is NOT a priority that would get my vote when critical investment is needed in health, education and the transport network. We live in a rural and farming community which has existed for centuries, let's not 'manage it/sanitise it - harder to enjoy the place in bad weather, that is a ridiculous question...what on earth are you trying to create!?</p>
<p>Attractive well maintained pavements & buildings, adequately signed.</p>
<p>Bottle recycling bins at the sports hub need emptying more often. Sometimes there is a sea of empty bottles.</p>
<p>Driving through Oban centre is seldom easy as there is almost always a line of slow moving traffic on the main thoroughfare. Also, there is absolutely no provision for regulated alternative routes in the event of a serious Road Traffic Accident. For example two weeks ago there was a serious accident at Bridge of Orchy, which is approximately 45 miles away. Due to the diversion over the Connel bridge long delays affected all local traffic, this is not an isolated incident. There have been a number of similar incidents over the summer season.</p>
<p>Only improvement I would like is limiting mobile home, caravans and campervans using the Bonawe piers as a campsite.</p>
<p>Pleasant rural views, loch, greenery, generally nice housing</p>
<p>Taynuilt is attractive to look at, and recent improvements to empty land next to Post Office very welcome.</p>
<p>The main area of the village has improved recently with new shops opening and the hotel re-opening. There was also a private initiative to create a seating area and picnic bench for locals and visitors which has further improved the main area. The loch side area is less attractive. One jetty (Kelly's Pier) is not too bad although not really maintained. The other jetty is blocked off and close by is an old mussel farm shed and ropes etc. that have not been used for years and are not attractive. The parking area at this pier is now used extensively by touring camper vans and also fishermen who come and stay for several weeks leaving lots of rubbish and waste. Generally this area is now being avoided by locals despite being a place to walk to and enjoy the loch views. There are few marked routes so visitors often have a hard time finding their way around.</p>
<p>The village is constantly being improved which is a positive sign.</p>
<p>There is sometimes an issue with litter and faeces from campers at the shore.</p>
<p>Village of Taynuilt is in good condition. Some vacant shop premises in Oban. Street improvements have helped Oban.</p>
<p>Yes</p>

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

26 responses in total – Average Score of 5.7							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	5 responses	3 responses	10 responses	7 responses	0 responses

Comments

Forestry, loch side and hill walks in our area are spectacular. Sadly, these areas are frequently defaced by visitors who camp and leave litter, human excrement and broken glass behind. Perhaps the provision of litter bins or increased recycle points would minimise this. It is frustrating when you constantly have to pick up other people's litter.
Glen Nant trails are brilliant. The two piers in Taynuilt are handy and attractive. All of these accessible to greater or lesser extent.
Lots of natural space around, even in Oban
Natural spaces in the Taynuilt area are difficult to access for those with children, without a car, older/ frail people and those who are unwell as most of the natural areas require good health/ fitness to access up a hill, long walk distances etc. which cannot be accessed by public transport and would require a car or a lift to access.
Near to rural walks, lochs, local Munro, beautiful views
Problem with travellers and anti-social behaviour from campers at the 2 piers in Taynuilt.
Taynuilt is a very attractive village
The flower arrangements in Oban flower beds are good.
There are a couple of walks in and around the village and if you have a car there are several forest walks within a 5 min drive.
There are many natural places around, however as previously noted public transport is not great, walking limited and cycling difficult due to the A85. A car is therefore required to get around to these places. The loch side would be a natural place for people to go but mostly people drive there. There is no seating area and in summer especially now the numbers of camper vans make it less attractive for locals to use. I wouldn't think most of our natural areas are accessible by people with no car or with disabilities
There is plenty natural spaces in Taynuilt.
This is an absurd set of questions - typical central belt mentality. We live in a RURAL area
We have excellent walking areas past golf course and down to pier but could do with proper pathways & as mentioned before clearing scrub back to improve visibility

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

26 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
1 responses	1 responses	2 responses	3 responses	5 responses	9 responses	5 responses	0 responses

Comments

A covered sports pitch would be beneficial.
A very silly question to ask in a quiet rural area.
Excellent playpark shinty pitch & golf course
Good outdoor space available. Excellent community facility in Oban (Atlantis Leisure). Good sports clubs for kids to join.
Local sports hub, playing field, children's play area and golf club, village hall with plenty classes from yoga to Zumba.
Lots more play spaces needed in Taynuilt. But more 'natural' ones rather than more playparks
Lots of opportunities for sport shinty golf and tennis
More recreation for older children the small park is really only suitable for primary children
Not a lot of choice for old people. And access to everything depends too much on private transport and limited availability.
Taynuilt has a great playing field, golf course and play park for little ones.
Taynuilt has an excellent community sports hub.
There is a good children's playground suitable for young children. There are good sports facilities and a large playing field for team sports as well as tuition for the children in football, rugby and shinty. There is also a 9 hole golf course. The new sports pavilion also provides a place for yoga classes and Tai chi as well as senior citizens exercise and musical memories and the Gaelic choir. The village hall is also used by various groups like indoor bowls, yoga, Zumba, badminton, brownies etc. Teenagers are not well provided for, some occupy themselves by speeding around on mountain bikes, terrifying motorists! Children are not often seen just playing outdoors.
Very good outdoor facilities but limited indoor which considering the weather we experience is not ideal

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.

26 responses in total – Average Score of 5.1							
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	0 responses	1 responses	5 responses	8 responses	8 responses	3 responses	0 responses

Comments

Comparing this place with England, where I lived until 3 years ago, facilities, amenities and everything else I want except scenery and clean air, are all substandard and disappointing. Availability is poor, access is poor and information is poor.
Facilities are generally good for a rural area.
GP surgery, primary school, post office, village store, local pub.
I think the facilities for a Village are pretty good
Our closest fully manned A&E department is approximately 98 miles away.
Public toilet in village needs modernised badly
Recycling facilities could be improved.
Taynuilt has all it can offer health centre, 2 churches a primary school
Taynuilt has sufficient shops, tea room, hairdressers, GP surgery, Village Hall , primary school, Hotel with bar and restaurant.
Taynuilt is not bad. But always room for improvement.
The surgery is often closed or does not have a doctor on duty. The school could do with lots of work. It is rather embarrassing when I tell my child that many of the features of the school have not changed since I was there. Simple things like a lick of paint, repairing damage and what not.
We have a good range of shops including an excellent general store and we have a Medical practice in the village centre. There is a small cafe open 4 days a week and now the hotel has reopened it provides eating and drinking 7 days a week. Facilities are all in the main street so easy to access for some but not others. It seems people who join either the church or the golf club have an easier way to meet friends but others, especially those who move to the village as older adults don't have an easy way to meet people and make friends.
We need more opportunities for fitness sessions indoors.

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

26 responses in total – Average Score of 4.4							
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	1 responses	1 responses	11 responses	4 responses	6 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

All ok with easy commute into Oban
Although there are local opportunities for work a great number of people still have to travel for employment
Good employment opportunities are very limited. It is of great concern that a large number of new homes are being constructed on the outskirts of Dunbeg village, where will the future occupants gain employment?
I don't feel qualified to answer this as I moved here on retirement. There are some local jobs but it seems Oban and the wider area provide more employment and business opportunities
In my experience, there is an affliction I have named "Argyll Syndrome" which is characterised by indolence, incompetence, dishonesty (as regards both timing and quality of work) that has prompted me to seek wherever and whenever possible to source services outside Argyll.
Limited local economy and I don't think the nearest town Oban is that great.
Most of the jobs are in Oban along with further education and such, but it is not too far to go. Argyll college is a fantastic asset to Argyll and Bute.
Not a lot of jobs in the village.
Not much opportunity in Taynuilt itself.
Taynuilt is too small an active local economy.
there are a few areas of learning here
We are always looking for people to work for us as cleaners who are reliable

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

26 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	1 responses	5 responses	7 responses	6 responses	6 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Always need social housing as difficult to rent around here
Currently living in expensive private let.
Far too much social housing has been developed and it has causing an in-balance in how the different housing types that make up village work together. There is not enough market housing for economic need in terms of range/choice. There needs to be a far better balance if we are to attract and retain working age population with families who want more than social rent. Legislation is needed to make it easier for self-build/mortgage availability.
Generally yes
I can't comment usefully because I moved here in retirement, and the only benefit of this to the community is my payment of council tax...which any other occupier of my house would have done. I live in a very rural area, but it does seem to me that there's a good mix of age groups, family types and income levels. Anecdotal only - no direct experience.
I think the housing balance is quite good. I am concerned about new potential developments on the Glen Lonan Road just outside Taynuilt. The increase on traffic on a single track road is of a considerable concern to me.
Lots of young families waiting for bigger houses and I have heard/seen some very bad quality work on the newer affordable houses
More rentals are definitely needed
Some families need affordable housing with 3 bedrooms.
There are a variety of different housing options- owner occupier, social housing, (but not enough for demand), some sheltered housing , some holiday lets and B & B's
There are few affordable homes to rent and very little provision for older people who may wish to downsize or be in sheltered accommodation.
There are too many people on the housing waiting list. More new homes need to be funded
There is a wide range of housing in the village.
this area could do with more council housing
We particularly could do with purpose built accommodation for elderly (though doesn't need to be sheltered housing) in the centre of Taynuilt where access to shops and tearoom is easy. Oban could have done with accommodation for elderly at the Rockfield centre. The art centre feels a waste of space.

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

26 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	1 responses	1 responses	6 responses	4 responses	11 responses	2 responses	0 responses

Comments

Again for a village I would say there is a better than average opportunity to meet people, golf, football, shinty, rugby, gaelic choir, highland games, church and hotel.
Anybody who's willing to make the effort can meet other people and participate in community events - except where disability (including, for instance, old people driving in the dark) precludes this.
As previously noted, there are spaces-village hall, church, sports pavilion, golf club where people can get together but mostly, though not exclusively for members. Generally I find people don't mix so much outside of these clubs or other interest groups. There is no general place to meet apart from the cafe.
Plenty of places in Taynuilt for social gatherings & birthday parties functions etc.
The only village pub has just re-opened (today) after being closed for a long period. It is actually an important space for the community to get together, and I heard of several instances of older members of the community becoming more isolated (never going out) when the pub was shut.
There is a good community feeling in Taynuilt. Plenty of things going on for all ages.
This is a friendly community where people look out for each other
Village Hall and Sports Pavilion excellent and the committees are to be commended in the hard work they do to make these assets a vibrant part of community life. Hotel has been through a rough patch which is a crying shame - having it back will be a bonus.
Village hall and Taynuilt Inn offer opportunities to socialise as well as regular village ceilidhs & shinty matches.
Village hall, school

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

26 responses in total – Average Score of 5.5							
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	1 responses	0 responses	4 responses	6 responses	9 responses	6 responses	0 responses

Comments

As an incomer (resident for 5 years) I have been welcomed by the local community.
Could all do some more for the community
I have been in the village for over 27 years and do feel part of it. Many people however only seem to live in the village and commute to work in Oban.
I've chosen a mid-score because I don't know. My village has a village feel about it, and plenty of internecine village animosities, but I came here for peace and solitude, not for joining, so the subjective relevance of the enquiry is limited.
Taynuilt has a fairly positive identity and is known as a place where quite a lot goes on. I am not aware of the history and heritage being well known and celebrated. I don't think it particularly easy as a newcomer to meet like-minded people and integrate, even with neighbours.
Taynuilt is a very welcoming & friendly place to live with a community always willing to help each other.
Taynuilt is well known, good long local history, attractive surroundings encouraging people to come here, friendly people and good local community links
This community is a friendly and caring one

Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

26 responses in total – Average Score of 5.9							
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	1 responses	0 responses	1 responses	2 responses	11 responses	10 responses	0 responses

Comments

Crime is a problem with break ins and theft in my street and surrounding streets.
I always feel very safe here
I feel safe here except when walking on the pavement alongside the main road where speeding traffic makes me feel very unsafe. The increasing numbers of people staying in vans and camping doesn't make the loch side feel such a good place anymore.
I personally feel totally safe however I think it was a mistake when the police closed the village police station
I'm never out by myself at night, and in daylight I'm never unnerved.
No concerns about safety
The area feels fairly safe. The community is alert to any issues of crime.
There is very little crime in the area. Always lock doors though.
Yes we are blessed I've worked in inner cities trust me on that one

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

26 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
2 responses	0 responses	1 responses	2 responses	11 responses	8 responses	2 responses	0 responses

Comments

All excellent
As a community we carry out annual litter picks in the village which helps to keep it in good condition. Recycling facilities are worse than in other local authority areas i.e. having to go to a collection point with glass bottles. Glass recycling bins need more frequent emptying.
Dog fouling and camper van human's fouling are increasing problems. Recycling and refuse storage and collection needs to be improved.
Dog mess is a problem, locals have attempted putting up signs which have only lasted temporarily. Litter is a huge problem along the A85 all the way between Taynuilt and Connel which has been cleaned by a private individual each year at risk to their own safety. The recycling area next to the Sports Pavillion is not adequate as every week hundreds of glass bottles are sitting on the car park. Broken glass is frequently found in the play park/ Sports Pavillion areas of Taynuilt. The local Taynuilt Community Council keep the areas well maintained. There is effective local residents association which is improving each year.
Emptying the bottle bank on a more regular basis would be better
Glass recycling is often over flowing. Dog mess can be an issue, maybe more bin would help
In general buildings, streets, green areas well kept
Roads need to be continually maintained. Litter at shore from campers.
Taynuilt looks good. Oban town centre has grubby and vacant aspects. I don't know anywhere else except Kilchrenan which now the pub has reopened looks fine. The church and churchyard are kept pretty and add to the impression of a perfect old-fashioned hamlet.
The children's play park and the sports field are well maintained as are the majority of the buildings. There is a litter problem at the pier due to visitors and also due to the lack of toilets at that site(apart from a single toilet in the main street which the council struggle to keep open) The community council do try to take action but seem to be powerless on the issues of the pier. There are litter problems in other areas such as the verges on the A85 when motorists throw stuff out of cars and also the area between the village hall and the Nant bridge where lots of rubbish (cans, crisp packets, bottles etc.) is thrown into what is a rather unloved space.
The local Cemetery is a disgrace.
The provision of public toilets has been badly depleted. Some remote villages maintain theirs. But the towns have very few public toilets. Supermarkets have toilets but with very few facilities, which are often out of order. This is hardly the best way to encourage visitors
Village is blooming again on Main Street great idea to put sit down area and benches inspired thinking whoever it was

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

26 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
1 responses	2 responses	4 responses	3 responses	9 responses	6 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

For the most part this is a good community. The only worrying area currently is the health services. However, I do not believe that the views of the community will win over budget constraints and the focus on health service bureaucracy over practice: The reputation of Taynuilt Medical Practice used to be enviable but the calibre of GPs, their risk averse approach to treatment has been badly affected by the losses of a number of excellent doctors in quick succession. The physiotherapy department at the hospital which can do so much in preventative health is being dumbed down in my opinion - the system is nuts - we need more physiotherapists doing what they are trained to do - provide treatment and not give people exercise cards.
I am aware of how to get more involved in community decision making if I feel the need to.
I am cynical by nature and do not believe that my views count; also, I am old and lazy and I do not make much effort to influence decisions. This is not to say that opportunities are not available.
I don't feel there is a great deal of local control over what happens- there is a Community Council and Housing Associations encourage participation and seek views of tenants but otherwise not much.
I've filled out surveys like this before and nothing seems to happen. There is the local community council which is there for local issues.
Not involved enough in local community right now to comment but will be in future
I feel that the community council in Taynuilt is dominated by middle aged men so I never feel able to contribute. It's their ideas only. I have offered my skills in a niche area to assist with community buildings but I feel I have been repeatedly ignored.
The community council is open to anyone to attend and make their views known. Few people take the opportunity and not so many people feel they could change things for the better. I don't think other opportunities are well enough known or understood
Think the public doesn't always get listened to
When you're working full time there often isn't time to devote to influencing community decisions... I am partaking in this survey at 22:47 pm!
Yes, there is a community council and also various community Facebook groups.

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

<p>1. Communications (electronic; travel; work ethic) are deeply substandard. 2. Health services are diabolical - so poor physical and mental health defeat enterprise, enthusiasm and effectiveness. 3. Backwardness of region (attractive to old people such as I who long for "good old days") is a deterrent to young people from elsewhere, resulting in perpetuation of "Argyll Syndrome" in too many critical spheres of society.</p>
<p>A need for safe cycle routes around the village and to Oban. A need for a network of pathways to improve active lifestyles. A need for indoor fitness sessions</p>
<p>All that are below 6 on the scale</p>
<p>Better cycle & footpaths to allow safe travel between villages. Improved public transport. Restrictions on campervan & camping access at the piers.</p>
<p>Better enforcement of the 30 mile speed limit. A cycle path/walking path to Oban. Not the Glen Lonan road, a new route would be great. A pavement to join Balindore road to Airds Bay.</p>
<p>Better infrastructure network for cyclists</p>
<p>Bus stops/ shelters. Road crossing on A85. Poor condition of roads for bikes. Litter on A85.</p>
<p>Improved cycle routes and better public transport</p>
<p>Improved timetables for bus/train to encourage less car use and to support people who do not/cannot drive like the young and old (and poor!). Very hard to get into Oban for employment if you rely on public transport from Taynuilt to Oban especially if you work shifts or at weekends. Sunday is a problem - why not promote consistent 7 day a week rail/bus timetables? Extended safe cycling routes along the main road to Oban for commuters or more bike provision on trains. Regulation of Airbnb properties to encourage them back to long term private rent. It seems to encourage 1-2 day visits creating more car journeys and little benefit to the community apart from to the Airbnb operators. Not fair to hotels or traditional holiday lets as the same regulations don't seem to be enforced.</p>
<p>More social housing, better public transport</p>
<p>My main concern is the over population of the village. I feel it is at its maximum and will lose its identity as a village if it continues to grow as it has been over the past 10 years.</p>
<p>Place is overgrown and neglected we need to do more especially at the pier. Hall Brae has rotten fence at bottom also which is an eye sore . We also need to do something about wild camping</p>
<p>Quality footpaths creating circular walks.</p>
<p>Road improvement and improved traffic flow. Address littering.</p>
<p>Safety in the village too much traffic and poor parking. Circular reflective mirrors close to Catholicism church</p>
<p>Speeding vehicles on the A85 through the village, reduces safety, quality of life and restricts other forms of transport such as walking and cycling. The lack of good amenities to help people enjoy the loch side area and also the increasing problem of camper vans and fishermen causing litter, waste and a feeling of unease and disturbance A lack of common purpose to change to make the village more sustainable and more connected</p>
<p>The quality and capability of our health service is being strangled by bureaucracy. A lack of proper investment in fixing and improving main road network (not just filling in pot holes with cheap, sub-standard materials and crisis repairs) Campervan/overnight parking is becoming a major environmental problem for rural areas. We are a rural area - stop trying to urbanise us.</p>
<p>Traffic control</p>
<p>Very little of concern mainly lack of social housing and the inability of council not always listening</p>
<p>We need a crossing over the main road.</p>

What actions could be taken to deal with these?

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Invest in roads, broadband provision and public transport. 2. Improve Oban High School's performance - get every subject up to the quality of the Pipe Band. 3. Design incentive packages to attract incomers who are free from Argyll Syndrome. 4. Address and respond positively to residents' concerns about ferry failures; recycling disasters; rubbish collections; health service shortcomings.
<p>20 flashing sign during school and nursery drop off and pick up times. Pedestrian crossing/ lights on A85 Council litter collect on A85 and litter penalty signs. More recycling collection from the Pavillion. Review and improvement of the road surfaces throughout Taynuilt and clearing of stone chips from paths along A85.</p>
<p>Better signage on the A85 through Taynuilt.</p>
<p>Change to signage on the A85 regarding speed and the crossroad, and lower the village speed limit to 20mph Provide a camper van park and campsite somewhere nearby, make it difficult for wild camping and provide amenities like toilets, seating etc. so locals could enjoy it more An initiative to bring the village together across the various interests groups to work towards something positive</p>
<p>Construction of the aforementioned pathways. Additional bus services from west coast motors. Involvement of a community police officer & regular patrols. Bollards etc. to restrict motor access to the piers.</p>
<p>Discuss cycle routes with Sustrans. Perhaps Atlantis Leisure could run outreach sessions.</p>
<p>Get the Oban to Tyndrum footpath/cycle route completed</p>
<p>Get together as a community & find out whatever grants we can get & do something</p>
<p>Improve and extend footpath network</p>
<p>Invest in health care not management of health care - treat us, don't triage us, Repair the roads in a sustainable manner to make safe for all road users (less holes = less accidents = less strain on health care). Put in place workable measures/powers NOW to make campervans use designated sites only - which will also mean that they make a contribution to local economy. The countryside is a natural environment - not a design experiment or a theme park in need of interpretation. Respect and enjoy the rural way of life - cow pats, rain, whatever.</p>
<p>Lobby local council for both , interact with Social Housing Agencies</p>
<p>Parking traffic drivers/pedestrians safety</p>
<p>Planner to limit developments</p>
<p>Prioritising where public money is spent</p>
<p>Proper toilets everywhere</p>
<p>S government releasing capital for housing and council prepared to listen to and act upon grievences</p>
<p>Support local transport networks, expand timetables, work 7 days a week (the rest of us need to work 7 days and shifts but can't get to work, especially on Sundays!). Create/extend safe cycle network out to Taynuilt for people to commute to Oban (currently some people are using the main road but this is not safe). Tax/regulate Airbnb to free up housing stock and create level playing field for hotels.</p>
<p>With regards traffic a combined effort from all involved parties i.e. police, Bear Scotland, Traffic Scotland and other such websites. Council resources should be directed towards litter reduction.</p>

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