

Braco and Greenloaning

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN FEEDBACK EVENT

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE VOTING AND COMMENTS

June 2023



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1. INTRODUCTION

This report summarises the findings of the **Community Open Day Event** held in the Village Hall on Saturday 24th June 2023.

The event was held as part of the community engagement process that will inform the preparation of our Community Action Plan 2023 – 2028.

The event was organised and promoted by the CAP steering group with the support of Ardoch Development Trust's Development Worker Bridie Grant.

Over 230 people attended the event – to view the results of the community engagement work so far, and to vote for their priority projects and actions and share their ideas for the future.

Thanks to all the volunteers, local 'theme champions', home bakers, local groups, the school, face painters, children supervisors, Ardoch Strings – and everyone that came and took part.

The report is 'verbatim' feedback of the comments and the votes at each theme table.

THEME 1: LOCAL ECONOMY AND VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT

VOTES	PRIORITIES	What action should be taken
144 <i>includes 9 votes from children</i>	Open the Pub/Hotel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecting people is essential • Somewhere for people to meet, socialise – great for wellbeing • Nice to relax with community – somewhere to go! • Was wonderful many years ago, a meeting place for many – now an eyesore • Could be staffed by volunteers • Hotel + local hub room inside
52 <i>includes 4 votes from children</i>	Village Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garage is very scruffy – an eyesore • On entry to the village the garage is a total eyesore and embarrassment • Messy outside of garage shop and some houses • Garage forecourt could do with a spruce up! • Hotel is an eyesore improvement required. • A real shame that the part refurbished former hotel/pub is left undeveloped – a distraction from the welcoming village! • Remove unsightly satellite dishes replace with single system
48 <i>includes 5 votes from children</i>	Services to Support Work and Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faster fibre broadband – support for local business • Broadband in Braco is awful if you can get online it often fails halfway through a task • Joined up/concerted effort/ADT funding to improve broadband across the community ** • Before and after school childcare in the village • Wrap around childcare to support families to access work and school • Before/afterschool childcare desperately needed • New school/investment threatened by school numbers – demography illustrates lack of families attracted to Ardoch. For some families lack of before/after school club is a blocker (Work with Muthill? Support from ADT?) • Greenloaning School – Community Work Hub? • Co Working Space
39 <i>includes 10 votes from children</i>	More Shops and Central Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raj does a great job! *** • We don't need a better shop or shopkeeper. Raj is excellent and provides a great service to the community this should be recognized, and it would help if he had better premises and support * • Don't need more shops but more people going into local grocery to support Raj and support local coffee shop. • ATM would be useful
26 <i>Includes 5 votes from children</i>	More for Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly marked footpaths would attract visitors • Easy to access and low level mountain bike trails that offer an introduction to mountain biking before going to the likes of Comrie Croft.
311		TOTAL VOTES FOR THIS THEME

*Denotes number of times this was mentioned

THEME 2: ROADS & TRAFFIC; SAFE ROUTES, PATHS AND PAVEMENTS; TRANSPORT AND ACCESS

VOTES	PRIORITIES	What action should be taken
<p>85</p> <p><i>Includes 7 votes from children</i></p>	<p>Roads and Traffic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need bumps traffic calming at the Bridge * • Put speed cameras up and fine them (daily if necessary) • 20mph in village before somebody dies!! • Reduced speed limit in Greenloaning have had too many scares! • 30mph in Greenloaning not 40mph • 20mph throughout Greenloaning • Zebra crossing on Front Street • Pedestrian crossing necessary from Front Street to Gentle Croft – often Library and PO vans are parked in Gentle Croft • Traffic calming in Feddal Road/cycle friendly • So noisy on Front Street – lorries worst.
<p>83</p> <p><i>Includes 17 votes from children</i></p>	<p>Safe Routes, Paths and Pavements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Path to flow through the whole village (e..g out top Feddal Road to Keir Bridge area) • Wheelchair/buggy friendly path between villages • Bench between Braco and Greenloaning beside the river for people to take a break? • Could become a circuit.
<p>76</p> <p><i>Includes 15 votes from children</i></p>	<p>Transport and Access</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better transport – buses – and trains reinstated at Greenloaning • Improve bus links to Perth and beyond especially for jobs and access to health services (e.g. Ninewells) • Make it an hourly bus service • Teach them to be on time. • Why do the 20 and 15a buses leave from Stirling at the SAME TIME! • Bus along Feddal Road • Bring back the rail station at Greenloaning • Reopen Greenloaning Station – community buy out of building – plenty of parking/space for bus to stop for people working further afield – Bridge of Allan reopened their station in 1980s • Being able to catch train at Greenloaning would be excellent – for going north to Perth and Dundee – or south to Stirling, Glasgow, Edinburgh
<p>33</p> <p><i>Includes 2 votes from children</i></p>	<p>Improve Parking</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could the lawn area at Gentle Croft have parking bays installed? • Same in Church Street needed. • Permit holder parking on Front Street from 6pm-9am?
<p>277</p>		<p>TOTAL VOTES FOR THIS THEME</p>

THEME 3: ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE

VOTES	PRIORITIES	What action should be taken
<p>96</p> <p><i>Includes 10 votes from children</i></p>	<p>Paths and Cycle Routes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Braco – Greenloaning active travel route • Safer path between Greenloaning to Braco for families, buggies, wheelchairs etc. • Safe links between Braco and Greenloaning/Roman Fort • Paths for walking please and clear blocked paths i.e., Allan Water Path from Greenloaning (heading west from Old Allanbank pub) • Linking to well used cycle routes e.g., road to Gleneages * • Cycle connection between Braco and Greenloaning • Cycle friendly Feddal Road *** • The kids/adults in the village love cycling but we have to drive to get to any cycle paths – it would be great to have some/an improved cycle route that we can use from the village • More clearly marked footpaths...and maybe a leaflet showing the routes * • Mountain bike trails
<p>52</p> <p><i>Includes 2 votes from children</i></p>	<p>Support work of Ardoch in Bloom</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More pots the better • Current pots/flowers are wonderful • Worth expanding • How about gardener's donating cuttings?
<p>51</p> <p><i>Includes 8 votes from children</i></p>	<p>Community Allotments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plot of land south of Gentle Croft which has remained unused would be ideal for allotment – owned by Blackford Farms • Plot of land would be beneficial to all who wanted to flex green fingers! • Could be a great community hub to grow and sell produce • Peas, carrots, (yellow) raspberries, blackberries – allotment with community 'shop' to share produce • Polytunnels in new school for Ardoch in Bloom also allotments • Excess produce could be sold in the Braco Shop • Promotes good living – mind and body
<p>35</p> <p><i>Includes 2 votes from children</i></p>	<p>Make more of the local heritage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roman Fort/Camp needs more promotion and on site signage • Roman Camp should be community asset maintained properly not as it is now • Ideal site for community run visitor centre • Rebuild all of broken wall • Signage of things to do • More village trees would be good
<p>19</p> <p><i>Includes 5 votes from children</i></p>	<p>Work together with landmanagers</p>	
<p>253</p>		<p>TOTAL VOTES FOR THIS THEME</p>

THEME 4: COMMUNITY FACILITIES, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

VOTES	PRIORITIES	What action should be taken
<p>59</p> <p><i>Includes 1 vote from children</i></p>	<p>Future of the Village Hall, Church, Old Schools</p> <p>Plan, agree and develop</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid any unused facilities e.g., old primary school becoming derelict • Community asset transfer of hall – these buildings need to be utilised • Better coordination of all the resources • Braco Hall still required for community activities – more music etc. • Hall should be sorted out and painted inside • Upkeep of Village Hall • Church provides a lot for the community – space for clubs to meeting, the Hub, Outreach as well as a place of worship and children's work • Use Greenloaning School as a community centre • Greenloaning School for community activities/hub
<p>55</p> <p><i>Includes 8 votes from children</i></p>	<p>Develop New School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 + years of the council 'playing' with the solution – lack of experienced staff • School needs to be built ASAP. • Consultation with community (including children) over design of new school • Increase parking for parking • Investment threatened by school numbers – see Community Futures sheet. • New families have moved to Greenloaning – the school is in a beautiful location. Consider re-opening. • Reopening Greenloaning School cheaper than building a new school.
<p>54</p> <p><i>Includes 24 votes from children</i></p>	<p>Parks, Play Areas and Outdoor Recreation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More facilities for older children P1 – Secondary age - bigger swings/equipment for older kids • More equipment for teenagers • Skate Park and evening locations for young people • Skate Park. Much better equipment for older children. New goals • New zipwire • Skate Park and Zipline • MUGA being used • Update and repair Greenloaning park – currently quite unsafe for little ones • Park in Greenloaning needs complete revamp • Local rock climbing opportunities at Bennybeg

<p>34</p> <p><i>Includes 8 votes from children</i></p>	<p>More activities and events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis please for adults • Paddle Tennis/Courts/Table Tennis • More sports activities at the MUGA • Exercise classes/running/walking • More adult classes – Zumba, yoga, art • Reach out to the community for expertise in sports activities • Art club for younger children • Music evenings and lessons (guitar/drums) • Evening activities – looking at other nearby communities – monthly quiz or movie night. • There is nothing to do or open in the evening or pub/restaurant would be a great addition in the village • A fun competition that the whole community can participate in e.g. scarecrow competition
<p>27</p> <p><i>Includes 2 votes from children</i></p>	<p>Continue and develop church outreach work and Warm Hub</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a few years either Blackford or Ardoch will close!. This church in Braco is important to many and its continuation as a place of workshop etc. needs the support of the local community for its continuance. The church has a lovely hall with all modern kitchen facilities ideal for community events. • Members of the church are involved and committed to the community. In a time of social change we need such people.
<p>12</p>	<p>Community Information and communication</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not everyone on Facebook. Perhaps the school could create and distribute a local paper? Lots of skills for the children to learn doing this. • Update Website • More information on how to use MUGA and how to access equipment.
<p>239</p>		<p>TOTAL VOTES FOR THIS THEME</p>

THEME 5: GREEN AND RESILIENT

VOTES	PRIORITIES	What action should be taken
50 <i>Includes 5 votes from children</i>	Local produce/market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scot's pancakes! • Would Tomna'ha be interested? • Community Garden • Craft and local produce markets would be good – not sure who would organise this though! • Wild Hearth Bakery (Comrie) Co-operative for delivery
43 <i>Includes 11 votes from children</i>	Recycling, Repair, Reuse, Composting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why pay to take away our green waste – lets compost it ** • Community Composting – the Garden Club?
40 <i>Includes 7 votes from children</i>	Community Renewable Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community energy production • Knaik or Keir Burn small hydro schemes • Cross community to help with advice/ cost effective investment e.g. solar panels/batteries.
22 <i>Includes 2 votes from children</i>	Energy Efficiency and reducing carbon footprint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of gas in village • Home insulation – help with knowing what to do – and cost • EV chargers
8 <i>Includes 1 vote from children</i>	Community Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hopefully getting generator for Hall (powercuts etc)
163		TOTAL VOTES FOR THIS THEME

TOP TEN PRIORITIES

Number	Votes	Priority
1	144	Open the Pub/Hotel
2	96	Paths and Cycle Routes
3	85	Roads and Traffic Calming
4	83	Safe Routes, Paths and Pavements
5	76	Transport and Access to Services and Amenities
6	59	Future of village hall, church and 'old' schools
7	55	Develop new school
8	54	Improve Play Areas, Parks, Outdoor Recreation
9	52	Support work of Ardoch in Bloom
9 equal!	52	Village enhancement
10	51	Community allotments/garden

Children's Top 5 Voting

Number	Votes	Priority
1	24	Parks and Play Areas
2	17	Safe routes, paths and pavements
3	15	Transport and access to services and amenities
4	11	Recycling, repair, reuse, composting
5	10	Paths and Cycle Routes
5th equal!	10	More local shops and Services