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AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Approval of minute of last AGM
3. Activity report, with Q&A (by topic and at end of report)
4. Treasurers Report, approval of accounts and auditor
5. Membership fees review
6. Election / re-election of directors
7. Report from Drymen Heritage
8. AOCB



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ACTIVITY REPORT



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DCDT PRIORITIES



2022/3 Priorities

- Complete Square Renewal
- Campaign for Public Toilets
- Prepare a Community Place Plan



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Community Engagement

Comprehensive consultation has gone into compiling this Place Plan. Many different activities have contributed to generate feedback and ideas. The aim was to interact with as many people as possible in various ways and settings. Activities took place over 18 months and are listed below.

STEP 1

Active Travel Survey (2021) – 116 people completed surveys for Loch Lomond & The Trossachs Countryside Trust, with the findings produced into a plan (download at drymen.org)



STEP 4

Living Well Locally – Drymen Primary School, separate engagement produces with children facilitated by 'A Place in Childhood'.



STEP 2

Living Well Locally (2022) – Informal conversations at pop-up events (Village Hall, Drymen Square, Drymen Youth Cafe, Walking and Cycling events, meetings at local cafes etc)



STEP 5

DCDT consultation with pupils of high school age and local businesses, to ensure all groups represented.

STEP 3

Living Well Locally – Survey with 120 respondents, across all ages completing forms online and in person.



STEP 6

DCDT consultation open day event and survey (2022) to determine priorities in paper form and online via website with 112 completed forms.



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

What is public transport like in my place?

SCORE 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

What needs to happen to make Public Transport better for everyone?

Are bus stops and railway stations easy to get to? Do they have buses, parking, shelter etc? Is it easy to use? Is there any on-board accessibility? Do timetables zig-zag?

Safe and easy to access by everyone?

Is it clean, well maintained and comfortable? Storage?

Is it a good value for what it provides?

TRAFFIC & PARKING

How do traffic and parking affect how I move around my place?

SCORE 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

What are the effects on cyclists and pedestrians? Pedestrian safety? Space for people? Impact on residents?

What what takes priority roads or cars?

What needs to happen to make traffic and parking better for everyone?

Particulate Matter, Air Quality, Noise, etc.

STREETS & SPACES

What are the issues? What are the issues? What are the issues?

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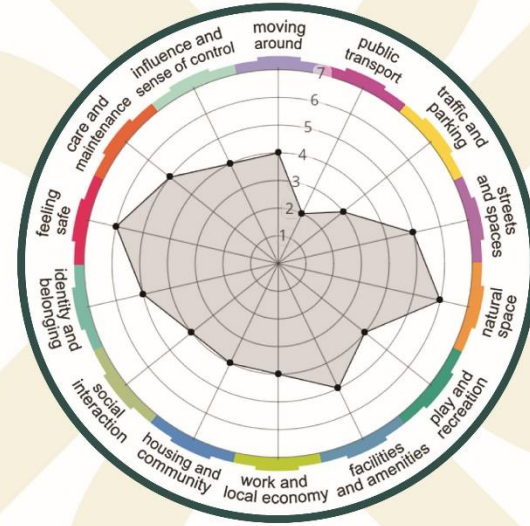
Consultation at Village Hall

Place Standard Result

For the 'Living Well Locally' study there was an exercise where residents rated different statements to understand areas of high and low room for improvement. Here are the results.

In summary:

Low room for improvement	High room for improvement
Identity	Public Transport
Feeling Safe	Traffic
Natural Space	Moving Around
	Housing, Work, Social, Recreation



Our Vision (what we want to achieve): For Drymen to continue to improve, benefitting its residents, businesses, visitors, and the natural environment.

Our Mission (how we will achieve this): Work together as a community to deliver our shared priorities. Continue to engage with Slirling Council and National Park Authority to enhance the village, its services, and the surrounding area. Attract funding grants and support to deliver specific projects.

Summary: Consultations have demonstrated a consensus for actions required to improve the village. Applying for funding and working closely with public sector bodies will allow village organisations to deliver these improvements in ways that will also help tackle the climate emergency.

“What PEOPLE Said,”

As important as the grading of actions to help determine priorities, receiving hundreds of comments, suggestions, and ideas was beneficial. Here are some representative examples of feedback received from different groups.

Primary School Pupils

“We enjoy the outdoors but wish there were more trails”

“It’s good to have the swimming pool in Buchanan Arms, but there isn’t much else for play”

“We like the football field but wish the goals had nets”

“It’s good to have places to buy food like Sroosh but would also like a sweet shop and takeaway”

“I would like a cheap bike hire place”

“Don’t like fast drivers and those who park on double yellow lines”

Secondary School Pupils to Young Adults

“There is no way to get to Balfron which is ridiculous especially for school kids who might miss that first bus in the morning and parents are already off to work”

“Need better recycling at Spar Car park”

“Public transport is a very pressing issues we need to fix, as Drymen village is completely isolated”

“A good park is needed. Travel and litter picking are initiatives that need to be introduced”

“Shuttle busses from Drymen to Balfron and other villages, running permanently, I often want to see my friends in Kippen but my mum doesn’t want to drive me so I think it would be good to have a bus”

Businesses

“Need better public transport links to Bearsden/Mingavie Train Stations”

“Need better cycle routes linked to other villages”

“Visitors to the village always ask for public toilets and of course there aren’t any. Other villages in the National Park have them, why not Drymen, especially as it is a popular village for walkers and cyclists”

“We should all work together to promote Drymen to boost revenue for all businesses in the village”

Adults 25-64

“Quality cycle routes could also draw in more tourists”

“Having one shop is hopeless. We need a Co-op and a post office. Even more so with more housing be built. The Spar is not enough”

“Paths to villages would save a lot of car journeys and improve health. Paths would need to be off road for me to use them”

“We live at the Dumbarton end of Drymen and the speed of the traffic is excessive. The pavements are very thin at parts and there have been a few incidents where our safety was compromised”

“Providing public transport that will benefit people living here is very important, that will then also help visitors to the area”

“Footpath/link from Croftamie to Drymen would be excellent. Croftamie cut off to pedestrians to walk safely between villages (or to cycle). Improvements and maintenance of Balmaha footpaths also important”

“The hedges in the village are overgrown, therefore pavement space has shrunk. In some places its very dangerous. Hedges need cut back, especially at the school on the woods side”

“Lots of bins in the village, just need more regular emptying in line with Drymen being a visitor location, not just a residential village”

“Balmaha Road behind the Winnock until you leave the village heading towards Balmaha is so dangerous. Vehicles speed and there are lots of blind spots for house drives with children coming out of these”

“Safe crossing points are needed in multiple locations. Village centre square to spar as priority”

“The island at the Buchanan arms is unnecessary and dangerous if you’re trying to exit the hotel carpark as it’s difficult to see up and down the road when exiting”

“Wheelchair & buggy access is very restricted especially on bin days. I don’t think the wheellie bins should be allowed to sit on the pavements. Improved priority for pedestrians especially on the bend/at the square, you need eyes everywhere when trying to cross”

“The village is currently a thoroughfare where vehicles take priority over pedestrians”

“Parking in the centre of village essential for access to amenities”

65 Years & Older

“But really need a decent grocery shop and somewhere to buy good affordable local veg on a daily basis”

“Notice boards in a place that people pass”

“20 mph Speed Limits should be implemented immediately. Speed bumps should be considered for the Stirling Road”

“It is impossible to travel to the so called ‘local’ hospital at Larbert by public transport, adding to private vehicle emissions. The impact of building a new hospital away from the main concentration of population is contributing to climate change”

“Empty litter bins more often”

“Need disabled parking for blue badge holders”

“More parking required”

“Reduce dependence on cars. More walking and cycling around the village”

“Surface round square, cut back hedges restricting footpaths”

“Consider 20 mph in village and possible one-way system”

Determining Priorities

● Average Score out of 3 ● Not necessary ● Good to have ● Important ● Highest priority

- Campaign for more frequent public transport that better connects Drymen with other villages and cities to increase leisure and work journeys without the necessity for vehicle use.

2.8	4%	17%	79%
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- Improve road safety in the village by reducing vehicle speed and introducing new crossings for pedestrians.

2.5	5%	6%	28%	62%
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- Introduce new public toilet facilities for Drymen.

2.3	2%	15%	32%	51%
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- Develop/improve foot/cycle paths to neighbouring villages such as Croftamie, Balmaha and Balfron.

2.1	4%	22%	29%	45%
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- Increase and better maintain litter and dog waste bins.

2.0	4%	26%	35%	36%
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- Improve footpaths throughout the village for pedestrian safety, plus better wheelchair/pushchair access. Increase priority for pedestrians.

2.0	8%	21%	35%	37%
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- Improve the existing play/recreation/sporting facilities for people of all ages and introduce new options where possible.

2.0	4%	28%	37%	32%
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- Protect and improve green spaces in the village, encouraging more positive community use such as food growing.

1.9	6%	26%	46%	23%
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- Introduce electric vehicle charging points in the village.

1.6	11%	35%	35%	20%
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- Better manage parking, especially directly around the village square, reducing parking spaces if necessary and encouraging the council to enforce parking restrictions.

1.6	19%	25%	31%	24%
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- Campaign for a park-and-ride scheme, bringing visitors to Drymen and East Loch Lomond by shuttle bus.

1.5	15%	41%	24%	21%
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The summary report of the 'Living Well Locally' study recommended priorities raised during face-to-face meetings and from feedback forms.

As a final task of consultations that had been ongoing over the preceding 12 months, a survey with 11 possible actions and outcomes was published to determine priorities. Residents chose whether these activities were not necessary, good to have, essential or of the highest priority. As well as the qualitative results (shown below), many suggestions and views were received, with examples on the 'What People Said' pages.

Above you will see ranked by average score the potential actions, providing a list of priorities to be worked on during the life of this plan. In addition, for each item, you can see the distribution of scores between levels of importance.

Drymen Map

The map below pinpoints places, issues and opportunities for improvement referenced within the plan.





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Questions about the Drymen Place Plan



Village Square Renewal



Recent Progress

- Information panels: Heritage/Nature
- Areas paved
- Extended/resurfaced pavement
- Bus Shelter with Mural & Lighting
- Cycling facilities
- Accessible pavements



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Issues & Latest

- General road area in poor condition (although some temporary repairs)
- Vandalism to bus shelter
- Garage site still unused
- Parking issues
- Some pavement accessibility issues
- Risk Assessment





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Questions about Village Square Renewal



Public Toilets

- Milarrochy Bay
- Aberfoyle
- Trossachs Pier
- Callander
- Stronachlachar
- Balmaha
- Rowardennan
- Cashel Forest
- Killearn
- Balfron
- Bridge of Allan
- Bannockburn
- Dunblane
- Lochearnhead
- Killin (X2)
- Plean
- Thornhill
- King's Park
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Public Toilets - Process

1. Understand the issues/challenges
2. Determine village support for toilets
3. Find a location for public toilets
4. Decide on size of building etc.
5. Identify a capital funding source
6. Find a way to pay for cleaning and maintenance



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Public Toilets



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Questions about Public Toilets in Drymen



2023/4 Priorities

- Road Safety Trial / Square Area
- Campaign for Public Toilets
- Improve connectivity with connecting villages



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Road Safety Trial

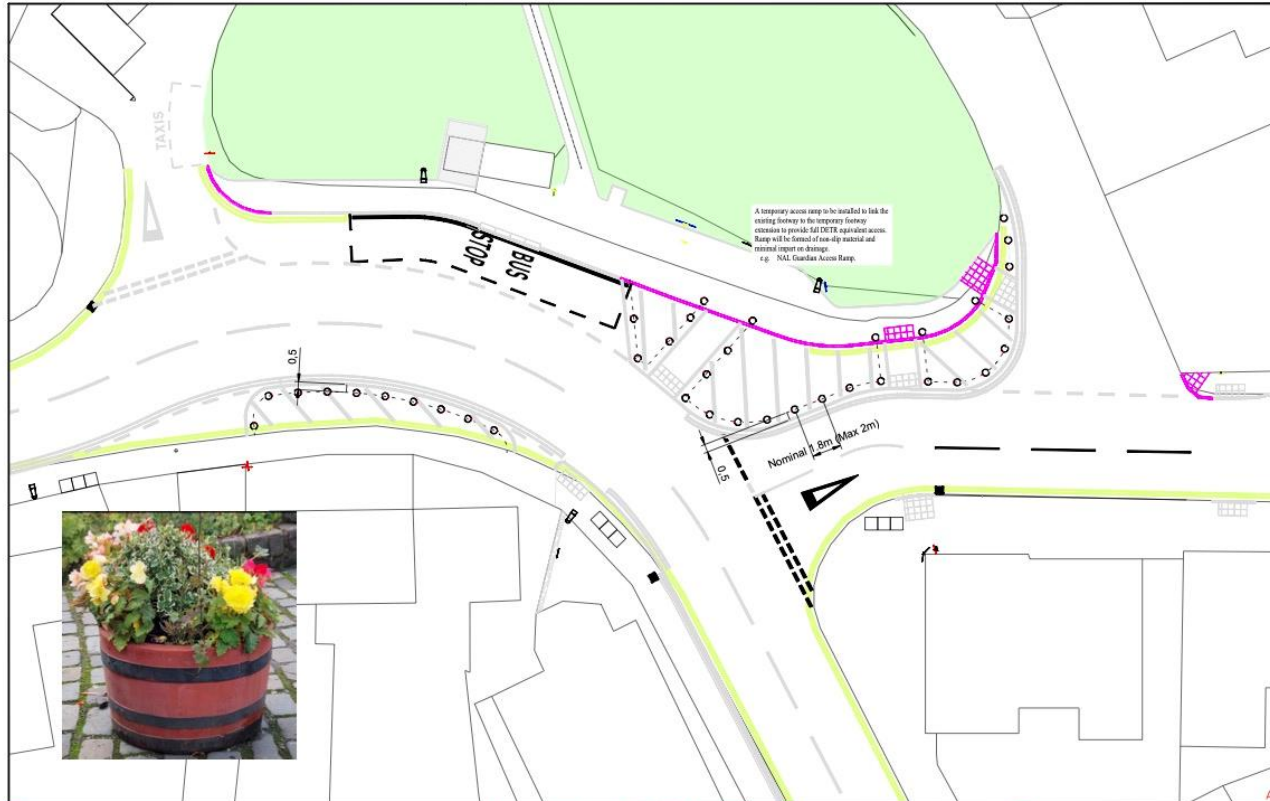
- Overwhelming local support for reduced traffic speed and crossings
- Campaign has already delivered 20mph limit
- Road Safety Trial – how it will work
- Road Safety Trial – what follows?
- The opportunity for the village
- Please support



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Road Safety Trial



NO	DESCRIPTION	DATE	BY	CHECKED	APPROVED	STATUS
1	Prepared drawing for client approval	12/01/2023	RD	RD	RD	Prepared for Client Approval
2	Client approval received	13/01/2023	RD	RD	RD	Client Approval
3	Final drawing for printing	13/01/2023	RD	RD	RD	Final Drawing
4	Printed drawing	13/01/2023	RD	RD	RD	Printed Drawing
5	Original Drawing					

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barrel location as shown are indicative only and represents the minimum configuration required. • All planters must be filled with a red reflector facing the oncoming traffic, and a white reflector facing the opposite side. • Overhanging plants must be maintained such not to obscure road marking or reflectors. • Barrels to be located: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •• Min of 0.5m from centre of barrel to running edge of road marking and must provide at least 0.25m set back from live traffic. •• Nominal spacing from centre to centre of barrel to be 1.8m with a maximum spacing of 2m centre to centre. •• Maximum height of fully grown plant must not exceed 0.8m from carriageway surface to tip of highest point of foliage. 		<p>Drymen - Drymen Square</p> <p>790 Proposed Interim Road Markings Layout of Drymen Square Location of Barrel 'barrels'</p> <p>1:100</p> <p>790_TPE_V1_XX_DR_C_1203 D</p>
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Questions about The Road Safety Trial



Active Travel



Drymen-Balfron Path

- Balfron is our hub village
- Difficult to reach without a car.
- Feasibility study for a multi-use path connecting Drymen to Balfron
- Potential route identified
- Work with partners to attract funding (likely Sustrans).



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Drymen e-bike Club

- 2 Electric Bikes available for free day loans to E-bike club members (organised by DCDT)
- Ideal for active travel
- Stored in lockers next to the Village Hall.
- Learn more, join and book via drymen.org
- Initial pilot study



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Questions about Active Travel





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OTHER ACTIVITY



Village Website



- 12,537 visits (up 54%)
- 9,984 unique visitors (up 54%)
- 22,663 page views (up 34%)

Top Pages

1. Drymen Local Walks
2. Drymen Village Hall
3. Drymen Village Shops & Cafes
4. Drymen Accommodation
5. Drymen Events Diary
6. Drymen Village Map
7. Drymen Heritage Trail
8. Drymen Paths Leaflet
9. DCDT
10. Cycling in Drymen



Data 7/6/22-7/6/23 and YoY

2022/23



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Please Help Us

- Volunteer in any capacity
- Join/renew DCDT membership
- Have your say, make suggestions
- Support our projects & activity



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Any other questions





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TREASURERS REPORT



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TREASURERS REPORT

- Update
- Approve accounts
- Approve auditor



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MEMBERSHIP FEES



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NO CHANGES

- Individual membership - £10
- Couple membership - £15
- Life membership option - £250



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ELECTION / RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS



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DIRECTORS

- Richard Boddington
- Katy Gibb
- Rae Gibb
- Ewan MacKay
- Hilary Soanes
- David Mackie
- Struan Robb
- Samantha Baird
- Simon Reid



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