



# **FOSSOWAY AND DISTRICT**

## **COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN COMMUNITY FUTURES EVENT**

### **SUMMARY REPORT OF THE VOTING AND COMMENTS**

**November 2024**



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report summarises the findings of the Community Open Day Event held in the Crook of Devon Village Hall on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The event was held as part of the community engagement process that will inform the preparation of our Community Action Plan 2025– 2030. The event was organised and promoted by the Fossoway and District CAP steering group led by Fossoway Community Development Trust.

1.2 Over 120 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.

1.3 Thanks to all the volunteers, local 'theme champions', Women's Institute bakers and providers of teas and coffee – and everyone that came and took part. A special thanks to the Fossoway Primary School Choir and the Dillon - Bray Country Dancers who provided the entertainment and sang and danced so wonderfully. And not least to the Crook of Devon Village Hall for the use of their lovely hall, kitchens, tables, chairs, and stage!

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

Note 1: A designed display showing the summary of the Survey, Profile and Stakeholder Views was prepared for the event and is now left with the community and is in the hands of the Development Trust. It is another useful community resource.

Note 2: The event was also an opportunity for people to see and add to comments they had made about their villages and area that could be 'mapped'. These 'community assets, needs and issues maps' will be used in future discussions by the Community Council as they prepare to submit a Local Place Plan to Perth and Kinross Council. The Local Place Plan is a way of the community making an input into the Local Development Plan process.

**THEME 1: LOCAL ECONOMY AND SERVICES**

<b>VOTES</b>	<b>PRIORITIES</b>	<b>What action should be taken</b>
<b>76</b>	<b>Retain and develop local shops, cafés, pub</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pub in community ownership or at least open *****</li> <li>• Community focused/friendly pub would be great</li> <li>• Agree need for local shop and possibly café **</li> <li>• Both pub and café may more use made of Stable part</li> <li>• Both café and pub even a weekly pop up would do</li> <li>• Café would be good *****</li> <li>• Local farm shop in Crook of Devon**</li> </ul>
<b>30</b>	<b>Develop local services – childcare, health, care, social, Post Office, Internet</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More after school care would be great</li> <li>• Childcare – local children sometime end up going to other schools due to lack of childcare **</li> <li>• Important to keep Post Office in Crook of Devon ***</li> <li>• Better broadband</li> <li>• Mobile library at Blairingone</li> <li>• Especially for young people</li> </ul>
<b>29</b>	<b>More for visitors – package of paths, cafes, accommodation, attractions, parking, information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signed Paths</li> <li>• Not enough to invite them has to be services and utilities in the villages as well as NB toilets</li> <li>• Toilets for walkers</li> <li>• A public toilet for visitors, walkers, cyclists - composting</li> <li>• New bridge to replace one that went **</li> <li>• Circuit path Drum/Witches Maize/Tullibole Church/Hoods Hall etc.</li> <li>• Make the paths more inclusive e.g. pram/chair friendly</li> <li>• Paths maintained overgrown in summer.</li> </ul>
<b>14</b>	<b>More support for business development, diversification, new businesses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zoned spaces for small businesses</li> <li>• High Speed Fibre Internet – Open Reach – Fossoway is currently 'not a priority' exchange.</li> </ul>
<b>149</b>		<b>TOTAL VOTES FOR THIS THEME</b>

\*Denotes number of times this was mentioned

**THEME 2: COMMUNITY FACILITIES, ACTIVITIES, EVENTS**

<b>VOTES</b>	<b>PRIORITIES</b>	<b>What action should be taken</b>
<b>63</b>	<b>Support and develop village and church halls</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each community needs its own hall – Funders, PKC, FCDT, ore volunteers</li> <li>• Own hall – Blaringone, Rumbling Bridge</li> <li>• Regenerate and support local halls</li> <li>• Help the CC and Trust to look after these and use them for the community</li> <li>• EV charging hub somewhere on the A977 to provide sustainable income</li> <li>• Including usage of local halls for all of the community</li> <li>• Develop Powill Moubray Hall and form new working committee to make a thriving community hub – hopefully</li> </ul>
<b>52</b>	<b>Develop parks, green spaces, play areas, for outdoor recreation and socialising</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power point and water on Waulkmill Park</li> <li>• Make Crook park more baby and toddler friendly</li> <li>• Public toilet @ Waulkmill Pak would be fab for those who don't live directly in the village</li> <li>• Yes please – little ones need Loos! ***</li> <li>• Public toilet @ Waulkmill Park (to save the bushes from becoming the public toilet for kids)</li> <li>• Improve access to play area in Blairingone</li> <li>• Put Blairingone Park in the old Blairingone School Grounds</li> <li>• Tie in green areas with PKC, Bloom Group, Penneys' Wood and School</li> </ul>
<b>23</b>	<b>More activities, events, groups and informal meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More activities to bring the community together and coordinate activities</li> <li>• PKC and Perth Concert Hall outreach activities</li> <li>• We live in a cultural desert – we need more arts</li> <li>• Need more help for the Gathering – set up/take down/programme ****</li> <li>• More events fpr adults without children (or older people)</li> </ul>
<b>10</b>	<b>More coordination and information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to communicate groups together?</li> <li>• Lots of great things going on but need to work together and let isolated people know about it.</li> <li>• Are all events/classes in Halls listed posted somewhere?</li> <li>• Improve noticeboards – many people don't use social media ****</li> <li>• Noticeboards are falling to bits</li> </ul>
<b>147</b>		<b>TOTAL VOTES FOR THIS THEME</b>

**THEME 3: TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT AND ACTIVE TRAVEL (walking and cycling)**

VOTES	PRIORITIES	What action should be taken
52	<b>Reduce speed and volume of traffic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More speed traps coming from Powmill to Kinross</li> <li>• Organise the speed limitation infrastructure so it's safe unlike in Blairingone where it is dangerous.</li> <li>• Traffic light at Drum totally ineffective **</li> <li>• Push HGV traffic to the A9 not A977</li> <li>• PKC should survey lorry use on A977 to reduce volume – encourage use of the A9 from the Central Belt</li> <li>• HGVs are too high need diverted.</li> <li>• Desperate need to reduce speeds. If some areas are subject to the new 20mph they need to be enforced!</li> <li>• Speed limits pointless if not enforced, should have average speed cameras</li> <li>• Speed limits/warning messages for cyclists on Aldie Road – many cycle with lack of care and attention to pedestrians.</li> </ul>
40	<b>Improve and develop active travel routes – walking and cycling to other villages – to Dollar and Kinross and ??</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage for local paths **</li> <li>• Safe route needed from Blairingone to Kinross</li> <li>• Pavements from village to village</li> <li>• Paths/cycle paths between the Crook and Kinross</li> <li>• Path to Cleish</li> <li>• Continue footpath in Drum alongside the A977 towards Kinross</li> <li>• Links safely between all villages to access local businesses, events, school, work, pleasure, leisure</li> <li>• A977 terrifying for cyclists – need useable alternatives</li> <li>• Cycling path from Crook of Devon all the way to Kinross and Dollar **</li> <li>• Safe cycle path to the school to Kinross</li> <li>• Pavement on Naemoor Road</li> </ul>
31	<b>Continue to improve public and community transport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bus is great – please also on Sundays***</li> <li>• Bus is amazing – thank you</li> <li>• Enhance Glenfarg Community Bus Service Routes</li> <li>• Community Outings Bus good idea – supports people and village hall events.</li> <li>• Community Bus</li> </ul>
6	<b>Improve access to services, amenities, work (locally and elsewhere)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connections from Kinross/Crook of Devon – Glasgow please – I'm a commuter</li> <li>• Just any way to get across the water ie. Falkirk &amp; Dunfermline</li> </ul>
129		<b>TOTAL VOTES FOR THIS THEME</b>

**THEME 4: COMMUNITY FACILITIES, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

VOTES	PRIORITIES	What action should be taken
49	<b>Develop and promote the local paths network for outdoor recreation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speed up new Bridge across Devon out from Naemoor Rd</li> <li>• School would like good path network that we could use with children</li> <li>• Path to Cauldron Linn!</li> <li>• Path from Main St. in Blaringone to Forest Commission site</li> <li>• Circular Path from Powmill to Solsgirth</li> <li>• Path maintenance</li> <li>• Ability to cycle</li> <li>• We need to promote our area to the public at large but need more infrastructure in the village</li> <li>• Paths leaflet</li> <li>• Need volunteers for Trust Paths Group</li> </ul>
19	<b>Community orchards, woodland, allotments, local produce</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using apples in Penney's Wood for Cider and Apple Juice</li> <li>• Please remove some grass around trees in the Community Orchard – need less competition and look sad at the moment.</li> <li>• - On the list for the winter!!</li> <li>• Community vegetable patch especially for kids</li> <li>• Is there demand for allotments/areas for food growing?</li> </ul>
15	<b>Villages appearance, In Bloom Groups, Biodiversity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More dog waste bins on Millennium Path **</li> <li>• Dog waste bin in Penney's Wood</li> <li>• Bloom Groups Penney's Wood, School, PKC work together.</li> </ul>
12	<b>Make more of local heritage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signposting/information boards</li> <li>• Rumbling Bridge Gorge – replace sign of construction, history of building of bridges</li> <li>• Make use of car park (Rumbling Bridge) with better signate – parking on road can be dangerous **</li> <li>• Get PKC to move on delayed masterplan for the Gorge and include Gorge and River Devon outflow from Glendevon in Ochill Hills Local Landscape Area.</li> <li>• Somewhere to show the local historical artefacts from each village.</li> <li>• Heritage Group to combine our knowledge</li> </ul>
11	<b>Flooding and resilience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flooding/water running off fields at back of West Crook Way encroaches into gardens backing onto fields/tracks</li> <li>• Flooding of lade leading to County Fabrics and beyond</li> <li>• Flooding of River Devon (lack of natural flood defenses) especially when Reservoir lets out large volumes/or periods of heavy rainfall</li> <li>• New houses being built at Scout Camp – where will the water run-off be going?</li> </ul>
106		<b>TOTAL VOTES FOR THIS THEME</b>

**THEME 5: FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

<b>VOTES</b>	<b>PRIORITIES</b>	<b>What action should be taken</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>Protect and enhance green spaces</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tie in with Bloom Group + PKC + other landowners + Penney's Wood **</li> <li>• Safe play areas for teenagers</li> </ul>
<b>38</b>	<b>Renewable and reduced energy use – for houses, businesses, community halls, vehicles etc.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More sense in locating wind turbines and solar farms***</li> <li>• Solar farms are rarely the best use of land which could be better used for food production or left to nature, panels on rooftops, farm buildings etc.</li> <li>• More wind – always more wind – we have plenty</li> <li>• Community wind turbines</li> <li>• Additional hydro scheme to provide sustainable income to the community</li> <li>• Retro fitting of energy efficiency to housing stock to help reduce EPC.</li> <li>• Old housing stock needs improving</li> <li>• Smart meter signal issues – Big problem in Scotland</li> <li>• Provision of EV charging points (A977 hub?) to provide sustainable income to community</li> </ul>
<b>12</b>	<b>Housing – future mix, type, growth?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less £500K houses that are not needed and more affordable housing to allow the youngsters to stay and live here ***</li> <li>• More housing for downsizing **</li> <li>• Affordable housing should be attractive</li> <li>• More social/affordable housing needed.</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<b>Business spaces, units, development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More local employment/businesses</li> <li>• More space for local businesses to develop ***</li> <li>• Local business accommodation that benefits/adds to the community</li> <li>• Need for zoning for small businesses within communities</li> <li>• We have starter business units in development on the farm – just need PKC to support the development!!</li> </ul>
<b>101</b>		<b>TOTAL VOTES FOR THIS THEME</b>



**TOP SEVEN PRIORITIES (all with over 40 votes)**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Priority</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>76</b>	Retain and develop local shops, cafés, pub
<b>2</b>	<b>63</b>	Support and develop local village and church halls
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