

Our Community ... A Way Forward

Dulnain Bridge Action Plan Review 2016

HIGH PRIORITIES (in order of community's agreed priorities)	MEDIUM PRIORITIES	LOW PRIORITIES
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safe cycle / footpaths to Grantown, Muckrach, Carrbridge, Broomhill 2. Enforce speed limits and extend by 200m to east and west. Install traffic calming measures 3. A 'Friends of Dulnain' pool of volunteers to put on village events 4. Look into feasibility of café, visitor centre, shop, toilets 5. Improved and integrated bus service for work and leisure 6. Manage village parking through controls including 'No Parking' marked areas 7. Affordable community-owned housing 8. Remove old cars from road and woods at Skye of Curr (highway=police, land=estate) 9. Improved mobile signal 10. Grass cutting to improve visibility at Ballintomb & Skye of Curr junctions (Cllr Douglas to take up with HC) 11. More facilities for young people eg track for bikes, paintball, playpark upgrade, events in hall 12. Make more of Roche Moutonnees – landscape behind / remove litter / revisit pond project 13. Upgrade village website for improved communication for visitors and residents 14. Increase / enhance use of hall and church as venues 15. Repairs to riverside walk 16. 'See and Do' noticeboard for visitors 17. More dog waste bins (SoC Rd and woods) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tidy up the village - Hall car park (garage looking into this), Rifle range ground, back of tin church • Picnic seats along river to appreciate the bridge • Public toilets • Upgrade of toilets at village hall • Promotion of local walks especially in the woods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red squirrel rope bridge • Part time Ranger for local and night walks (CNPA initiative to promote 'volunteer' rangers) • Wildlife interpretation on walks (build on path leaflets?) • Reduce street lighting • Inverness signposted at road end to bring tourists through the village? <p>(Lee Haxton, CNPA to check with Local Energy Scotland re possibility of a hydro scheme on the Dulnain)</p>

Priority 1 – Safe walking and cycling routes (23 votes)

- Key partners will be The Highland Council, CNPA and Sustrans
- A substantial improvement may come as part of the RAILS 2 Grantown project
- Was also a top priority in 2008, so disappointing to see little improvement
- Perhaps a path to Muckrach would be a straightforward quick-win?
- Capital funding can be found (such as Community Links) and potential for Tom na Clach funds to be used for maintenance

Priority 2 – Speeding in the Village (12 votes)

- The Highland Council and Police Scotland likely to be key partners (Jaci Douglas happy to lead)
- Links to visibility splays, which, along with car parking, were identified as a significant safety concern

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Priority 3 – Friends of Dalnain (12 votes)

- A pool of volunteers to organise social and community events for the village
- The Tea-in-the-Park example in Glenlivet could be an interesting model

Priority 4 – A café or shop (7 votes)

- This could become a visitor attraction and employment opportunity in the village
- Potential to use the old shop and post office?

Priority 5 – Improved and integrated bus service (7 votes)

- This is an ongoing issue, with points to bear in mind such as:
 - The Highland Council are currently redoing their contracts (Jaci Douglas happy to lead)
 - Despite demands for change, the changes do not often result in significant increases in use
 - A number of buses are diverted at commuting times to do school pick up and drop off

Priority 6 – Car parking in the village (6 votes)

- The Highland Council, Police Scotland and Reidhaven Estate are the key partners
- Concerns over safety crossing the A938, especially for school children
- Car parking around the back of the garage and village hall can also be difficult
- Car parking in Fraser Road is dangerous, with residents parking on pavements, instead of round the back of their properties
- Still concerns over abandoned cars on Skye of Curr road

Priority 7 – Community-owned housing (5 votes)

- Acknowledged as a much bigger issue, but lower votes due to those in attendance mainly being home owners already
- Opportunity to do something positive over next 2-3 years with Rural Housing Fund
- Windfarm money could be used for investment in properties
- 2 areas of the village already identified in LDP for housing
- Ron MacWilliam is willing to lead on this