

Our Community ... A Way Forward Action Plan - Newtonmore

Theme	Aim	Issues/Obstacles				
Village Hall	Major Upgrade/Refurbishment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding. • Village Hall Committee too small to be able to handle such a major project – need additional support. • Project Team needed. • Hall Centenary in 2013 project to be completed by that date – date very tight but achievable. • Plans exist but possibly no longer suitable. • Community consultation carried out on future needs/usage 2008. 				
Action	Community Organisation	Agencies involved	Individual Contact	Funding: Sources & est. costs	Timescale	Level of Priority
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Form project team to support Village Hall Committee. 2. Review existing plans for Hall Refurbishment. 3. Review community consultation on future needs and usage. 4. Revised plans to be drawn up based on future needs. 	Village Hall Committee Community Council Community	VABS CDOs THC CNPA		Possible SRDP Lottery Other funding agencies	Short	High

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Parking on main street.	Stop parking on main street, at junctions and across resident's entrances.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrow main street cannot safely accommodate parking on both sides. • Car parks not being used. • Drivers parking close to road junctions making driving onto street from side streets dangerous. • Drivers parking on pavements reducing width of pavement causing problems for people with mobility problems. 				
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5 Community Council to review problem with Police 6 Suggest recommendations for change in parking on main street.	Community Council Newtonmore Business Association	Police THC			Short	High

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Housing	Generate a supply of affordable housing with an allocation priority for local people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to identify property/land/ownership that could be used. • Need to identify builders willing to build or update property • Achieve lower prices for first time buyers. • Need to identify scale of need – need to identify locals in need. • Only 25% new build allocation to affordable housing- should be more. • Set standards for new build homes (not shabby) use National Trust Guidelines. • Planning approval already agreed for 88 houses of which 19 will be affordable. 				
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<p>7 Contact HSCHT to arrange housing surgery to identify local need. Are there not enough statistics from the housing study to assist with this?</p> <p>8 Contact Albyn HS to ensure local housing for local people as part of Section 75 agreement</p>	Community Council	HSCHT THC CNPA			Short	High

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Trains	To have more trains stopping at Newtonmore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few trains stopping at Newtonmore. • No early morning commuter train – previous commuter too early for most. • No early morning bus – first bus to Inverness 9am. • No late transport back from Inverness. • No suitable transport to support Youth Activity. 				
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9 Lobby necessary agencies in partnership with other Badenoch & Strathspey Community Councils to improve transport .10 Suggest an early morning commuter train provided to Inverness.	Community Council. Other Badenoch & Strathspey Community Councils	THC Transport Scotland Local Councillor			HIGH	HIGH

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Young People – Activities and support	Identify a suitable venue for meeting place and develop a good range of activities for youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of suitable premises.. • Prejudice against young people. • Lack of volunteers. • Lack of funding to support activities. 				
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10 Provide temporary facilities at the Tennis Court – floodlights to allow evening activity. 11 Negotiate with Tennis Club use of court. 12 Source necessary equipment to support project. 13 Identify a permanent location for all weather surface to support outdoor activities. 14 Identify suitable land and negotiate with owners for purchase of same. Source funding and raise funding.	Community Council Current youth volunteers (Tony Mullender, Stuart Mackellaig, Max Brown)	VABS CDOs THC Community Transport Company			Short	High

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15 Recruit more volunteers to support youth activities.					
16 Link with transport project to provide transport options to support youth activities with other communities					

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Squirrel Walkways POSSIBLE QUICK WIN FUNDING	Make village a safe environment for Squirrels by forming squirrel walkways at suitable locations in the village.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical issues with height requirements. • Trunk Road. • Identifying suitable trees/building – permission to use. • Road signs. 				
Action	Community Organisation	Agencies involved	Individual Contact	Funding: Sources & est. costs	Timescale	Level of Priority
17 Contact Scottish Wildlife Trust and CNPA for advice. 18 Identify landowners and gain permission for project. 19 Contact Transerve re permission for walkways and signs	Community Council School Interested individuals: Judith Houghton, Jim Hall Landowners	Scottish Wildlife Trust CNPA THC Transerve			Short	High

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Notice Board POSSIBLE QUICK WIN FUNDING	To raise awareness of events, activities and local business.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location - Hall. • Who will maintain. • Should not be locked. • Permission for fixing on building. • Funding 				
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20 Key community groups to agree suitable location and agree maintenance. 21 Identify costs and funding source.	Community Council Village Hall Committee	The Highland Council		Highland Council – Ward Forum budget	Short	High

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Entrances to Village	Improve entrances to make village more attractive to visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding Consensus on design. 				
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<p>22 Creating a definite gateway on Newtonmore to Laggan, Perth and Kingussie roads with signage similar to Loch Imrich</p> <p>23 agree design through consultation with other community groups</p> <p>24 Obtain costings.</p> <p>25 Seek funding.</p>	Community Council Business Association Community	THC Transerve VABS CDOs			Medium	High

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Housing - Planning	Restrict volume of development and improve design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the housing need? • Planning • Access to sites • Provision of services ie GPs/School • Design – better design to fit in with Highland scenery • More sustainable design – less heating better insulation • Affordability – what is affordable? • Transport problems for commuting 				
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<p>26 Maximum community contribute in line with new local development timetable.</p> <p>27 Raising awareness with the community of the correct procedure for consultation</p> <p>28 Encourage community attendance at CC Meetings.</p>	Community Council Community generally	THC CNPA			Medium	High

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HIGH PRIORITIES	MEDIUM PRIORITIES	LOW PRIORITIES
<p>More Community activities in Village Hall Better promotion of Newtonmore to attract more tourists Earlier Bus services from Inverness to Perth and better transport links Stop drinking on streets – more Police presence for control of drinkers after hours</p>	<p>Folk Museum to be open all year Film Club Cut back foliage along pavements Cull of Rooks Tidy up picnic area Improve field by school More police on the beat Improve signs for walkers and cycle paths Community bus service Fitness for seniors Target speeding drivers with traffic calming measures More shops Local newsletter Better use of Bowling and Tennis clubs A bigger Co-Op Slopes on pavements improved to help mobility scooters Better children's playground Return of Pipe Band Keep pedestrian crossings clear of parked cars</p>	<p>Hydro scheme or wind farm Evening Internet cafe Heritage centre No cycling on footpaths Council run care home No HGVs through the village Bingo nights Updated community website Athletics club as a subsidiary of the Shinty Club Bring back library More leisure opportunities Truck stop signs on A9 Public Gardens Enforce dog fouling laws Tidy up dilapidated properties especially empty holiday homes Chemist shop More recycling – especially for hotels Wildcat statue in village Faster Broadband Reinstate bus to Fort William Curling rink Allotments Doctor's surgery Cleaner streets – less litter Mobile library – more often Better signage in village to support hotels Bank Larger swimming pool at KHS Lights on side roads Control 2nd home ownership – encourage more families</p>