

# Our Community ... A Way Forward Action Plan – Atholl Community

THEME	AIM	ISSUES/OBSTACLES	
<b>1. MORE COMMUNITY NURSING CARE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To have more frequent nursing services available in the village.</li> <li>To preserve the purpose built facility for nursing services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NHS finances / resources</li> <li>Prioritisation of services should be based on local context, not centralisation (Needs Analysis)</li> <li>Competing pressures (Health &amp; Social Care Integration)</li> </ul>	
ACTION	COMMUNITY ORGANISATION	AGENCIES INVOLVED	Timescale
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carry out a Needs Analysis on Health / Social Care requirements</li> <li>Maintain dialogue &amp; communication:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend community meetings &amp; events</li> <li>Distribute info more widely (Quair)</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Council</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NHS lead (update through CC)</li> <li>Nursing &amp; GPs (specific invites)</li> </ul>	Needs Analysis - 6 months Communication – Ongoing & quarterly updates

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<b>2. UPGRADE THE BLAIR ATHOLL VILLAGE HALL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To make improvements to the village hall to help sustain it as a useful and popular community venue into the future</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding</li> <li>Volunteer</li> </ul>	
ACTION	COMMUNITY ORGANISATION	AGENCIES INVOLVED	Timescale
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feasibility study in progress for the hall</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blair Atholl Village Hall</li> <li>Atholl Estates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perth &amp; Kinross Council (PKC)</li> </ul>	Medium to longer term

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<b>3. MORE FREQUENT STOPPING TRAINS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To achieve more frequent train stops at Blair Atholl station</li> <li>To improve timetabling of services</li> <li>To improve integration with bus services and through ticketing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perceived lack of demand in Blair Atholl</li> <li>Free buses are more attractive than trains</li> <li>Not commercially viable</li> </ul>	
ACTION	COMMUNITY ORGANISATION	AGENCIES INVOLVED	Timescale
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use existence of National Park as an asset eg hill walkers/green transport/promoting access to convince Scotrail to stop more often</li> <li>Consider provision of community minibus for local transport around the area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Council</li> <li>BAATA</li> <li>Community Rail Partnership (CRP) Malcolm Dix</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CNPA</li> <li>PKC</li> <li>Cairngorms Business Partnership (CBP)</li> <li>Highland Perthshire Community Planning</li> </ul>	Longer term

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<b>4. INCREASE PUBLIC TOILET PROVISION IN BLAIR ATHOLL</b> <b>5. FREE PUBLIC TOILETS AT THE PARK</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To increase the number of public toilets in Blair Atholl and ensure they are in appropriate locations for maximum public use</li> <li>To upgrade the toilet facilities at the Blair Atholl village hall</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding sources</li> <li>Make sure building works are in keeping with surroundings</li> <li>Accessibility</li> </ul>	
ACTION	COMMUNITY ORGANISATION	AGENCIES INVOLVED	Timescale
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade facilities at village hall</li> <li>Petition PKC to reinstate free provision at park</li> <li>Investigate how existing toilets might be added to / different provision</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Council</li> <li>Blair Atholl Village Hall</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PKC</li> </ul>	Short to Medium

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<b>6. IMPROVED BROADBAND</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To improve the quality of broadband and mobile phone coverage for residents, businesses and visitors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scattered community – remoteness from exchange affects coverage</li> <li>Cost</li> <li>Terrain for mobile coverage</li> </ul>	
ACTION	COMMUNITY ORGANISATION	AGENCIES INVOLVED	Timescale
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review area upgrade information available on the Digital Scotland website</li> <li>Work with CNPA and CBS to consider local solutions eg community run broadband initiative</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Council</li> <li>BA &amp; S Initiative</li> <li>BAATA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CNPA</li> <li>Community Broadband Scotland (CBS)</li> </ul>	Short

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<b>7. RESURFACE STATION ROAD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To improve the visual amenity of the village</li> <li>To reduce safety issues for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Privately owned land – need landowner's cooperation (Atholl Arms)</li> <li>Cost</li> </ul>	
ACTION	COMMUNITY ORGANISATION	EXTERNAL BODIES	Timescale
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrange meeting with all parties listed to consider options</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Council</li> <li>Community Rail Partnership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CNPA</li> <li>PKC &amp; Councillors (Kate Howie)</li> </ul>	Short

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lude Estate</li> <li>• Atholl Arms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scotrail / Network Rail</li> <li>• Historic Scotland (part funders historically with PKC of previous works)</li> </ul>	
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<b>8. STOP SPEEDING THROUGH BLAIR ATHOLL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To assess speeding issues in various locations within the village with a view to reducing motorists' speeds through a variety of measures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practical enforcement: most of the village is already 30mph – signs are ignored</li> <li>• Limited options available due to legislation</li> </ul>	
ACTION	COMMUNITY ORGANISATION	AGENCIES INVOLVED	Timescale
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invite Police Scotland officers to a CC meeting to agree problem areas and identify possible solutions:</li> <li>• Different colour on road to show entrance to village</li> <li>• Move signs further back</li> <li>• Identify location and funding source for another type of speed sign</li> <li>• Speed bumps/ Rumble strips</li> <li>• More police checks</li> <li>• Actual speed indicator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Council</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PKC</li> <li>• Police Scotland</li> </ul>	Short

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<b>9. RESTORE BRIDGE ACROSS GARRY TO OLD STRUAN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To reinstate pedestrian access across the Garry at West lodge for locals and visitors to enjoy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Usage vs cost</li> </ul>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To look at the feasibility of restoring the bridge through:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· exploring potential future level of usage through consultation with locals and visitors</li> <li>· investigating costings of a replacement bridge</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Council</li> <li>• BA&amp;S Initiative</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PKC</li> <li>• CNPA</li> </ul>	Short - Medium

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<b>10. UPGRADE THE PLAYPARK</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To improve the park both in terms of safety and provision of equipment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost</li> <li>Space</li> <li>Follow on from recent upgrade</li> <li>Ownership and maintenance</li> </ul>	
ACTION	COMMUNITY ORGANISATION	AGENCIES INVOLVED	Timescale
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish who owns / maintains current equipment</li> <li>Repair fences in the park and fence off playpark (make it bigger?)</li> <li>Improve the quality of equipment (ref Aberfeldy)</li> <li>Reinstate free toilets in park (see 5)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BA&amp;S Initiative</li> <li>Community Council</li> <li>Parent groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PKC</li> </ul>	Short

HIGH PRIORITIES (in order of priority)	MEDIUM PRIORITIES	LOW PRIORITIES
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More community medical/nursing care</li> <li>Upgrade the Village Hall</li> <li>More frequent stopping trains</li> <li>Increase public toilet provision in Blair Atholl</li> <li>Free public toilets at the park</li> <li>Improved broadband</li> <li>Resurface Station Road</li> <li>Reduce speeding through Blair Atholl</li> <li>Restore bridge across the Garry to Old Struan</li> <li>Riverside pathway by the Garry</li> <li>Upgrade the playpark</li> <li>Control number of signs eg Bridge of Tilt</li> <li>Cycle network with more cycle paths</li> <li>Recruitment drive for more volunteers</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tidy ground at railway station by gift shop</li> <li>Bike jump park by river</li> <li>Renew hall noticeboard</li> <li>Improve old railway yards by the station</li> <li>Reduce main road/verge parking (opposite Garage)</li> <li>Skate park</li> <li>Improve footpaths in village by river</li> <li>Limit size of quarry</li> <li>Full time opening of visitor centre in summer</li> <li>More litter bins</li> <li>Attend to yew trees at post office</li> <li>Improve entrances to village</li> <li>Community website for Atholl community</li> <li>Community Garden</li> <li>Extra river crossing for foot passengers by railway bridge</li> <li>Improve entrance to new graveyard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Affordable housing</li> <li>Repaint the railway bridge</li> <li>More floral displays</li> <li>Allotments</li> <li>Tidy old trees in the village</li> <li>Plastic recycling at recycling park</li> <li>Improve caravan site at Struan</li> <li>Zebra crossing across the road (near caravan site)</li> <li>Dog bins at riverside walks</li> <li>Start a youth club</li> <li>Improve car parking facilities</li> <li>Parking behind hall alongside rifle range</li> <li>Community café in village hall (winter months)</li> <li>Tidy derelict petrol station at Calvine</li> <li>Improve Glen Fender turn off at Tilt Bridge</li> <li>Repair wall from hall to Tilt Bridge</li> </ul>