

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

Skills for success in Badenoch & Strathspey



TEAM BOAT

Big Conversation - 10th June 2014

HIGH PRIORITY (number of votes)

- Local Bar/Pub/Social Facility (17)
- Affordable / Rented / Shared Equity / Community owned housing (12)
- Reduce speeding (11)
- Public toilets with disabled access (10)
- Connect cycle paths from Boat to Grantown (7)
- Extend LED lighting in the village (5)
- Support cycling from train and around Park (5)
- Seats by woodland paths / Milton Loch (3)
- Share website maintenance (3)
- Better signage for attractions/services eg Osprey Centre, cafes & shops / leaflets to encourage visitors to get off train & explore Boat (3)
- Improve levels of volunteering (2)
- All abilities paths through Deshar Woods (2)
- Better mobile phone signal (2)
- Provide 3-4 small business units (1)
- Stop parking on pavements (1)
- Provide a small childcare facility (1)

MEDIUM PRIORITY

- Campsite for tents & touring caravans (medium/high)
- More interpretive panels on path network/Milton Loch
- Improve facilities at curling pond
- Review management plan for Milton Loch
- Reduce dog mess (bins and other intervention)
- Improve/Move information boards and use for events
- Link Loch Vaa path and cycle track
- Complete pavement/off-road track to Abernethy woods
- Late bus back from Aviemore on Saturday night
- Village directory of tradespeople (printed?)
- More ceilidhs and festivals

LOW PRIORITY

- Improve parking at Post Office end of village
- More disabled parking space at Hall
- Show names of plants in community garden
- Stop adults cycling on pavements
- Speed bumps on Craigie Avenue
- Community car share scheme (via website)

See overleaf for additional notes

ADDITIONAL NOTES

1. Improved Broadband: Boat of Garten is due to be connected up for superfast broadband of up to 24Mg during the period July-December 2015. This will be available for every property located within a 3 km radius of the 'cabinet' (not the same as the exchange). More information and work programme updates can be found on the **Community Broadband Scotland** and **Digital Scotland** websites.
2. Culling of crows: A licence is required for this and has been tried in the medium and recent past with little long term effect.
3. The community through comments on the boards, raised the issue of Festive Winter lights. Some people at the Boat Big Conversation event felt some additional installations would be good whereas others suggested that there were too many already. A vote during the evening registered 7 people were against any more additional lighting. The remainder thought that the current level of lighting could be slightly supplemented through filling in the obvious 'gaps' on lampposts down the main thoroughfare.

SUMMARY

The Boat of Garten 'Big Conversation' was attended by 46 members of the community who, following extensive 'whole group' discussion and open voting, prioritised the issues into High, Medium and Low categories (see table above).

The intention now is for the community organisations to come together to look at the high priorities to agree on how they can take them forward in partnership.