

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

January 2021 Update

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

January 2021: Nothing achieved after considerable discussion with NHS Tayside and Atholl Medical Centre. Survey for the plan was carried out shortly after an excellent locally-based District Nurse retired. She had provided many services that would normally be provided by a nurse in the medical centre, eg injections, blood tests, and the community felt the loss of that facility. NHS wished to base all local District Nurses in Pitlochry, and Atholl Medical Centre was not willing to provide nursing clinics in Blair Atholl.

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

January 2021: At the time of the survey, the Village Hall was trying to obtain funding of over for a major upgrade. That was unsuccessful, and it was decided to concentrate on smaller improvements, which are being carried out as funding allows. Blair Atholl Baby and Toddler Group is assisting with these improvements.

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

January 2021: ScotRail produced a proposed timetable for implementation in December 2018 which would have given roughly a two-hourly service in both directions. We are still waiting.....

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

January 2021: Minimal progress. There have been issues with the toilets beside Food in the Park since they opened. Management is reported to have passed from PKC to Food in the Park. No progress on toilets in the park.

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

January 2021: Fast broadband is now available in Blair Atholl / Bridge of Tilt. Coverage in rural areas varies. BAATA (Blair Atholl Area Tourism Association) is working in partnership to develop a system to improve communication within the whole community.

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

January 2021: No progress. Atholl Arms unwilling to carry out the work and Network Rail appear unwilling to take it over in current condition.

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

January 2021: Speed indicator signs at each end of Blair Atholl. Pop-up police available in Blair Atholl, Calvine and Trinafour

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9. RESTORE BRIDGE ACROSS GARRY TO OLDSTRUAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reinstate pedestrian access across the Garry at Westlodge for locals and visitors to enjoy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usage vs cost 	
ACTION	COMMUNITY ORGANISATION	AGENCIES INVOLVED	Timescale
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To look at the feasibility of restoring the bridge through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> exploring potential future level of usage through consultation with locals and visitors investigating costings of a replacement bridge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Council BA&S Initiative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PKC CNPA 	Short - Medium

January 2021: Impractical due to changes in course of River Garry

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

January 2021: Playpark equipment owned and maintained by PKC. No finance available for improving equipment except to replace when necessary. No progress on toilets

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HIGH PRIORITIES (in order of priority)	MEDIUM PRIORITIES	LOW PRIORITIES
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More community medical/nursing care 2. Upgrade the Village Hall 3. More frequent stopping trains 4. Increase public toilet provision in Blair Atholl 5. Free public toilets at the park 6. Improved broadband 7. Resurface Station Road 8. Reduce speeding through Blair Atholl 9. Restore bridge across the Garry to Old Struan 10. Riverside pathway by the Garry 11. Upgrade the playpark 12. Control number of signs eg Bridge of Tilt 13. Cycle network with more cycle paths 14. Recruitment drive for more volunteers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tidy ground at railway station by gift shop • Bike jump park by river • Renew hall noticeboard • Improve old railway yards by the station • Reduce main road/verge parking (opposite Garage) • Skate park • Improve footpaths in village by river • Limit size of quarry • Full time opening of visitor centre in summer • More litter bins • Attend to yew trees at post office • Improve entrances to village • Community website for Atholl community • Community Garden • Extra river crossing for foot passengers by railway bridge • Improve entrance to new graveyard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable housing • Repaint the railway bridge • More floral displays • Allotments • Tidy old trees in the village • Plastic recycling at recycling park • Improve caravan site at Struan • Zebra crossing across the road (near caravan site) • Dog bins at riverside walks • Start a youth club • Improve car parking facilities • Parking behind hall alongside rifle range • Community café in village hall (winter months) • Tidy derelict petrol station at Calvine • Improve Glen Fender turn off at Tilt Bridge • Repair wall from hall to Tilt Bridge

January 2021:

10. Some work done on path on south side of River Garry. Further work linked to A9 dualling
12. Following consultation with businesses, a policy was issued by the CC and the level of signs was reduced. Number has increased more recently, and businesses need to be reminded / informed of the policy.
13. Discussion has taken place, partly around A9 dualling, but little has changed
14. No coordinate effort. Organisations have carried out their own recruitment.

Progress has been made on some other projects