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ABBEYVIEW COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN 2018-2023



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Introduction

96 Community Household Surveys were returned representing the views of approximately **300** residents

250 people attended the Community Futures Family Fun Day on 28th October 2017 at Woodmill High School

Coalfields Community Futures

The Coalfields Community Futures Programme is an approach to local community planning and sustainable community development that aims to encourage active citizenship and build local democracy. It enables communities to devise a community action plan which makes a case for the things that the community thinks are important and wishes to make happen.

The process builds on existing processes of community action research to identify local needs and priorities, using residents as co-researchers. We work with local residents and groups to develop a common sense of purpose and assist them to produce a deliverable community action plan.

To support the action planning process the community receive a Participatory Budget which is available to local constituted community or voluntary groups.

This budget enables the community to fund small projects that are identified by the community through the results of the household surveys, stakeholder interviews and the Family Fun Day.

Abbeyview Community Action Plan

The Action Plan summarises community views and information about:

- Our community now
- Our shared Vision for Abbeyview
- Priority Themes and Actions

The Steering Group brought together representatives from Abbeyview and Touch . These communities worked together to each create a community action plan for their community. Represented on the steering group were: Abbeyview Community Council, Tryst Management Committee, Tuesday Family Fun Night, Abbeyview Forum, Lynburn Eco Group, Touch and Garvock Community Council, Touch Tenants & Residents Association, Touch Trust, St. Margaret's Church, Dunfermline Camera Club, Karen Hunter (Fife Council) and Councillor Gary Haldane.

Thank you to everyone who took part in helping Abbeyview plan for a bright future!



Our Community Now

Background

This Profile has been produced to give an insight into the Abbeyview area. It is part of a wider Community Futures process being delivered by the Coalfields Regeneration Trust across Scotland's coalfield communities to assist them to reflect on what is good, what could be improved and how to go forward.

Location and history



Abbeyview is a housing estate in the town of Dunfermline in Fife, Scotland. It is situated in the east of the town, approximately 2 miles from the town centre. Most of the streets in the area are named after Scottish rivers and islands. Its history goes back to Celtic times and is represented by a Standing Stone.

Population

The population of Abbeyview is 9,120 as at the Mid-Year Estimates (ONS) 2016. This figure represents 48.1% male and 51.9% female

Housing



The breakdown of housing tenure is as follows; 58.1% owner occupied, 22.4% Local Authority rented, 10.7% Housing Association rented and

8.8% other rented. There are three Housing Associations with properties in Abbeyview

Source: Census 2011

Health

Abbeyview is supported by a Well Pharmacy, Linburn Road Health Centre, Linburn Dental Practice as well as a Day Centre for the elderly. The number of people with a limiting long term illness is 22.5% which is notably higher than Scotland as a whole at 19.6%

Source: Census 2011

Employment and the Economy



Typical of this type of community, there is a small shopping area around Abbey View, Allan Crescent, and Duncan Crescent, in the centre of the estate. It is home to take-aways and hairdressers. The nearest supermarkets are in the Duloch suburb. This area is home to both Aldi and Tesco supermarkets. The Abbeyview Bowling Club employ a number of local people. There are 2 mini supermarkets, Post Office, Bookmakers, Dog Grooming, Optician, Butcher, restaurant and other small shops within the surrounding area. There is also a local Job Club.

Education

Lynburn Primary School is located on Nith Street near the centre of the estate, its catchment covers most of the area and has a purpose built Nursery. It opened in the 1960s. Pitcorthie Primary School, which opened in 1954, was located on Aberdour Road to the south of the estate, it closed in July 2015. Woodmill High

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School is on Shields Road in the north of the estate. It serves the east of Dunfermline, as well as the coastal villages of Charleston, Limekilns, and North Queensferry. St. Columba's R.C. High School, Dunfermline is just outside the estate on Woodmill Road. It is a Roman Catholic school serving the western half of Fife. The Fife Council Learning Suite within the Tryst offers up to Level 5 awards for Adult Education. In Abbeyview, based on the 2011 Census 33.8% of people had no qualifications which is notably higher than Scotland as a whole at 26.8%

Social and Community



There are a range of activities that take place in the Tryst Centre, St. Ninians Church and the Abbeyview Community Centre. These weekly activities cater for all age groups. The Community Centre is available for hire for meetings, activities and parties.

What was the old health centre is now used as the Linburn Scout Hall and the Abbeyview Bowling Club offers indoor bowling, darts, bingo and pool. There is also a travelling library.



Roads and Transport



The estate is served by Stagecoach in Fife bus services. The bus service has gone from a well serviced route to a limited service. The No 5 is a circular service from the city centre via Touch and back to the city centre via Brucefield, while the 5A operates in the opposite direction, each operating every 20 minutes. The No3 runs Between Duloch - Abbeyview - Town Centre - Townhill, every 30 mins.

The nearest railway station is Dunfermline Town to the east of the city centre which can easily be reached by the buses running to the city centre. The second station is Dunfermline Queen Margaret station situated near Queen Margaret Hospital up from Touch. There is no direct route to Queen Margaret Hospital.

Environment

Abbeyview has two swing parks, blazed football pitches and facilities for basket ball.

There are allotments for community growing and green space within the housing areas. There are recycling facilities available locally as well as dog and litter bins.

The community survey suggest that there is a need for better use of these facilities by the dog walking community with dog fouling being highlighted as a major issue.

Community Action Plan Considerations

Some of the key considerations that have emerged include issues around parking, especially on pavements, blocking access and also at the schools. The fact that that Woodmill High School is full to capacity and pupils have to travel to other schools is an issue that Fife Council needs to consider and work to find solutions for. Community safety came top on the category list of what people dislike about living in Abbeyview.

The lack of Community and Junior Wardens was highlighted as well as concerns over the bad reputation that the area struggles to overcome. Many respondents showed concern over incivilities such as graffiti, vandalism, broken glass and dog fouling. Social issues around addiction and bullying were also mentioned. There is a desire from many respondents of the survey for improving the environment with floral enhancements and encourage local involvement in improving the area through community action. A Random Acts of Kindness campaign was suggested as one way that the community could work together in order to create a more attractive environment to live in as well as create a more positive reputation, led by the community.



Abbeyview

A shared vision for our community

- A community that respects where it lives, one that is safe and supportive, with opportunities for all.
- A community that works well together in the regeneration of Abbeyview, with a positive attitude.
- We encourage volunteering, people giving their time and experience and using their talents for the benefit of the whole community.
- We work together to understand each other's needs and work to fulfil them, especially towards the more vulnerable members of the community.
- A community which encourages every age group to get involved and that really listens to each other respecting their views.
- A community that provides a good foundation for the younger generation and for their future development.



The results from the community survey show us what the people of **Abbeyview likes**



59%

Amenities

“You have everything you need in a small area.”

“close to local amenities.”

“Close community spirit and the locals help each other.”



52%

Community Spirit

“It still manages to keep its identity as a small community with shops and facilities.”



28%

Facilities & Activities

“A good range of shops; butchers, chemist, convenience shops, post office, dog grooming, barbers, takeaways, etc.”



13%

Public Transport

“ Handy to have a recycling bank. Parks are sufficient if kept well maintained.”

“The Abbeyview festival they have on for the kids is good.”

The results from the community survey show us what the people of **Abbeyview dislikes**



40%
Community
Safety

“Cars parking on pavements, speeding.”

“Anti social issues in and around my street.”

“Disability access can be a nightmare in some parts”



37%
Environment

“The undeserved bad name.”

“The amount of dog mess is unacceptable.”



20%
Social
Issues

“Not enough for teenagers and young adults to do...no place to gather and be productive...”

“Update outer facade of older properties.”



15%
Amenities

“Some of the shops are unsightly, boarded up.”

“There’s only really that wee park for kids. My son is 4 and gets bored quick when we go along to it.”



13%
Lack of activities

“The overflowing recycling bins.”

THEME 1: Community Involvement, Facilities & Recreation



These are the main strategies and priorities the community will work towards achieving in partnership with public agencies and other supporters.

Building social capital is a key aspect of creating strong, resilient communities. Good quality community facilities that are fit for purpose with regular opportunities for communities to meet and share in activities and conversation, this is the glue that binds communities together. It is essential that the community can work with other stakeholders, support agencies and other organisations to realise these priorities that the community has identified.

Activities for all ages

- Build on the existing activities in the community.
- Identify what activities people would like to get involved in through local community engagement.
- Work with Fife Council Community Learning and Development Team to create activities to suit the needs of the community.
- Look at ways to create activities that are accessible, both in physical and financial terms.

Support and help develop new and existing groups and activities

- Continue to support the existing community groups and activities.
- Promote and develop the existing community groups and activities
- Monitor and evaluate activities.

Healthy lifestyle activities

- Continue to encourage working with Active Schools
- With a focus on Healthy Lifestyles, work with partners and appropriate agencies to develop health initiatives through local community engagement.
- Encourage use of new facilities ie Green Gym
- Identify funding to deliver agreed projects.
- Build on existing Health&Family, Food and Food Hygiene

Sport in the community

- Carry out community engagement on the theme of sports facilities to help identify level of need and type of facilities required.
- Work with Fife Council to consider options.
- Work with partners and appropriate agencies to develop the necessary funding package to secure the required facilities.

Annual events

- Work together with the community of Touch to arrange joint events
- Promote annual events
- Source funding for these events
- Encourage volunteers to assist with events.

Improve communication

Eg. Notice Boards / newsletter

- Carry out mapping exercise to identify best locations for siting noticeboards.
- Identify funding for purchase and erection of noticeboards
- Investigate funding for newsletter

Potential Partners

Abbeyview Community Council, Abbeyview Forum, Fife Council, Abbeyview Kids Club, Tuesday Family Fun Night, Tryst Management Committee, Fife Housing Association, Kingdom Housing Association, Dunfermline Camera Club, Abbeyview Day Centre, Lynburn Primary School, Woodmill High School, St Columbus High School, St. Ninian's Church, Tenants & Residents Association.

THEME 2: Environment



These are the main strategies and priorities the community will work towards achieving in partnership with public agencies and other supporters.

A community that is attractive and cared for, with local people taking responsibility for their actions on a day to day basis; this is an essential part of helping maintain a clean and tidy environment for everyone to enjoy. It also relies on such key priorities as having attractive green space and access to safe play areas, and quality growing spaces. Partnership working is the way forward in making the most of the local environment.

Dog fouling

- Work with Fife Council and other agencies to address the issue of dog fouling.
- Learn from other communities who have tackled this problem with creative projects.
- Work with local Primary School on a Dog Fouling Campaign.

Brighten the place up with flower enhancement

- Work with Fife Council and appropriate agencies to develop plans and identify funding for projects that help improve the look of the area by using art and floral enhancements.
- Work with local Primary School to get the children involved.
- Support Community Council in this project

Remove the graffiti

- Work with Fife Council to create a clean up plan for graffiti removal.
- Promote the Graffiti Hotline and encourage community to use it.

Create a community garden

- Develop the community garden and seek funding.
- Work with local Primary School to get children involved.

Organise volunteer days, eg Litter Pics

- Work with Participation Officers in council and housing associations to plan a litter pick campaign using local volunteers.

Potential Partners

Abbeyview Community Council, Abbeyview Forum, Fife Council, Abbeyview Kids Club, Tuesday Fun Night, Tryst Management Committee, Fife Council. Local Volunteers, Community Payback, St Ninian's, Abbeyview Day Centre, Scouts, Brownies

THEME 3: Local Services



These are the main strategies and priorities the community will work towards achieving in partnership with public agencies and other supporters.

Public services rank high on the priority list for the people of Abbeyview. Issues including maintenance of roads and paths, parking and traffic management as well community buildings all require addressing. Training & employability opportunities are key priorities that can benefit from partnership working with the third sector and private enterprise.

Maintenance of roads and paths

- Continue to work with Fife Council to carry out a mapping exercise to prioritise repair requirements.
- Host a paths workshop to identify paths and what need to be done.
- Promote Pot Hole Buster Hotline to help improve roads.

Parking issues

- Work with Fife Council to carry out a mapping exercise to identify potential additional parking areas.
- Better signage at existing parking areas and venues.

Training & Employability opportunities

- Work with Fife Council and other appropriate agencies to look at possible training and employability initiatives.

Improvements to shopping area

- Work with Fife Council and other appropriate agencies to explore options for realising shopping area potential.
- Work with local business.
- Explore funding opportunities for potential shutter art project.

Traffic management - safer roads

- Work with Fife Council to explore options to reduce car speeds.
- Explore wheelchair access on pavements.
- Work with local Primary School to launch a road safety campaign.
- Promote 20's Plenty Scheme.
- Explore the need for safe road crossings eg Zebra crossing at Allan Crescent
- Address local issues with street lighting.

Local plans for community buildings

- Work with Fife Council and other appropriate agencies to explore options for future plans of local community buildings.
- Review existing plans.

Potential Partners

Abbeyview Community Council, Abbeyview Forum, Fife Council, Abbeyview Kids Club, Tuesday Fun Night, Tryst Management Committee, Fife Voluntary Action, Local Volunteers, Police Scotland, Abbeyview Day Centre, St. Ninian's.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead

Early actions funded through Participatory Budget

Tryst Management Committee	Feel Good Friday
Abbeyview Community Council	Re-string Christmas Lights Jolly 60s
Abbeyview Kid's Club	IT Project
Abbeyview Toddler Group	New Equipment
Tuesday Family Fun Night	Encourage creativity, imagination and physical activity
Abbeyview Forum	Development of Artist Project
Boy & Girls Club (Church Group)	New Equipment
Abbeyview Community Council	Abbeyview Community Garden
Abbeyview Community Council	Feasibility Study

Making the Links to the Fife Community Plan

The Fife Community Plan sets out a number of high level outcomes with each Community Planning Partner agreeing to work together to achieve these. We see our community action plan as an opportunity to link in with and help make action and to achieve major improvements in the quality of life for the people of Abbeyview.

Fife Community Plan High Level Outcomes	Abbeyview Community Action Plan Themes & Priorities
Reducing Inequalities Increasing Employment Tackling Climate Change	Community Involvement, Facilities & Recreation Environment Local Services



Making it Happen

This Community Action Plan sets out the priorities for the development of Abbeyview over the next 5 years as identified by the community through an extensive process of community engagement carried out from August to October 2017.

The Plan contains

- A summary of the Abbeyview Community Profile
- Our main Likes and Dislikes expressed in the community survey
- Our Vision Statement for Abbeyview
- The main themes and priorities for taking action
- The Participatory Budget projects that are helping kick start the action plan.
- Making the links between the Community Action Plan priorities for and the Fife outcomes of the Community Planning Partnership.

Information on how to get involved or just be kept informed.

The Abbeyview Community Action Plan is not just for the few but for everyone, we hope you will read it, consider its content and help toward making it work by taking action where you are, in whatever way you can. If everyone did something positive for their community every day, then what a difference that would make!

Many thanks go to all those who took their time to share their views, to the volunteers and participants who made the Family Fun Day such a great success. Many thanks to all the members of the community who submitted photographs for use in this action plan, with a special thanks to the Dunfermline Camera Club for all their hard work and support.

The Participatory Budget from Coalfields Regeneration Trust is £25,000. This is funding which has been used to help take forward local projects which support the key themes which can be found in this action plan.

To find out more information about the Abbeyview Community Action Plan or to volunteer with any projects please contact;

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