

Local Community Planning

Your Community, Your Plan



Local Community Plan 2011 – 2013

Arbroath East & Lunan and Arbroath West & Letham Ward Areas

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Local Community Planning

Section 1

Foreword

'Community Planning is a process which helps public agencies to work together with the community to plan and deliver better services which make a real difference to people's lives' *Scottish Government*.

Angus Council has a statutory duty, along with its partners, to strengthen the abilities of communities and community organisations so that they are better able to define and achieve their own objectives, manage community projects and enterprises and engage effectively in community planning.

To deliver Local Community Planning effectively we must ensure that the resources available to the council and its partners are as well co-ordinated and focused as possible in order to:

- support Angus residents, tenants or homeowners to actively participate in their communities
- support council and partner services to engage with communities in ways which positively support the development of their services
- develop a co-ordinated range of neighbourhood and community based services across Angus.

In strengthening the local community planning arrangements it is important to recognise the relationship with strategic community planning. This is a two way process. On one hand it is important that the interface between community planning at a strategic and local level is made with community views informing the work of our thematic partnerships. On the other hand it is important that communities are aware of Angus wide priorities to determine whether they wish to become involved at a local level.

In 2009, four Local Community Planning Teams were established to support this process and during this time they have:

- Produced seven ward based Local Community Plans
- Identified and developed local aspirations to which community groups are committed

- Improved working with partners and local elected members to support community aspirations
- Supported and worked with Local Area Partnerships and Community Councils throughout Angus
- Worked with local organisations to promote local events.

Much of the work of the Local Community Planning Team is undertaken through specific project work with local communities themselves. There are common themes across a number of the burghs in Angus including:

- Regeneration of Town Centres
- Community Asset Management
- Promoting Tourism and the Local Area
- Widening Tenant and Community Participation.

This Local Community Plan sets out what is happening in the Arbroath East & Lunan and Arbroath West & Letham ward areas.

Finally, in order for local community planning to be truly effective, it is essential that all public sector services are engaged fully with community organisations in delivering well co-ordinated local services and local priorities. Angus Council and its Community Planning Partners are fully committed to providing integrated, well run services to its local communities and assisting them in achieving their aspirations for their own areas.

RON ASHTON
DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

Section 2

Introduction

The Angus Community Planning Partnership (ACPP) is delighted to publish the first Local Community Plan for the Arbroath East & Lunan and Arbroath West & Letham Ward Areas.

The plan sets out the work being undertaken and key developments planned by Community Planning Partners along side key activities and community aspirations that community organisations are committed to working towards. As well as providing a focus for Community Planning activity at a local level, the plan provides a focus for key service providers and ACPP Thematic Groups.

The plan is ongoing and evolving, reflecting the changing needs and emerging priorities of our communities.

This first plan takes us through the period 2011-2013. Thereafter a review will be undertaken which will involve checking progress against current priorities as well as setting out new activities and aspirations for the forthcoming period.

The Local Government Scotland Act 2003 established Community Planning and placed a duty on all local authorities to set up community planning structures in their areas. Responsibilities placed on Angus Council included giving local communities a greater say and an opportunity to influence decisions about services in their area. The Act states the strategic local authority must ensure that all public service providers – our strategic partners such as the Police, Health and the Fire & Rescue services – work together to improve local services and make the service providers locally accountable.

Delivering local community planning is not an easy task. It involves numerous agencies and local communities working together on what are often extremely complex matters, and it requires public service providers to change or improve the way they deliver their services.

The Angus Community Planning Partnership is committed to working together with communities to achieve their vision. The vision is that:

'Angus is a place where a first class quality of life can be enjoyed by all'.

The ACPP has also established a set of priority themes for Angus around which the Local Community Plan has been structured. Partners want to work towards making Angus:

- prosperous and fair
- learning and supportive
- safe and strong
- caring and healthy
- sustainable

ACPP has five Thematic Partnerships and four Local Community Planning Teams which support delivery of the outcomes associated with the above themes. These outcomes form the basis of the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) for Angus, a document which demonstrates how the ACPP plan to meet national priorities set out by the Scottish Government. For more information on the SOA please go to www.angus.org.uk/pdfs/SOA09-12.pdf. The structure of the Partnership can be seen in diagram 1.

Every Scottish local authority has a statutory duty to implement community planning in their area. The Arbroath & Area Local Community Planning Team is one of four Local Community Planning Teams in Angus set up to support the delivery and management of local community planning in the Arbroath Ward areas. A key role for the team is to lead the development of this Local Community Plan for Arbroath which links directly to the Single Outcome Agreement for Angus.

Section 2

Introduction

Your Local Community Planning Team is located at:

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Local Community Planning Division

The Local Community Planning Division, which incorporates the four Local Community Planning Teams, delivers a wide range of functions including:

- Policy development for local community planning and capacity building
- Tenant Participation policy and management
- Community regeneration policy and management
- Grants to community organisations
- Common Good matters
- Supporting Angus Federation of Village Halls, Angus Out of School Care Network and Angus Renewable Energies Group
- Ensuring the flow of information between local and Angus-wide community planning structures.

Locally, the main function of the Local Community Planning Team is to engage with communities and, in particular:

- Support the development, monitoring and, where appropriate, delivery of Local Community Plans
- Support Angus residents through community based organisations to actively participate in the lives of their communities
- Support Council and partner services to engage effectively with communities
- Support the delivery of a co-ordinated range of neighbourhood and community based services
- Support communities identify local aspirations and develop their capacity to deliver services and initiatives

We hope you find this document interesting and would very much welcome your views on the contents of the plan.



Angus Community Planning Partnership



Section 3

Methodology

This Arbroath & Area Local Community Plan was developed by the Local Community Planning Team in partnership with public sector providers, private and voluntary organisations and communities and is built around the five key themes of the ACPP.

Key local priorities and aspirations have been identified through negotiation and discussion with key community organisations, including the Arbroath & Area Partnership, and the staging of community events encouraging individuals and groups to identify realistic and achievable outcomes that they are prepared to commit to.

Other sources were used to inform the actions and aspirations within the plan including:

- Compiling a profile of current, active projects being supported by the Local Community Planning Team
- Reviewing Council Department Service Plans to identify what they are planning to do in the area
- Reviewing Thematic Partnership Delivery Plans to identify what they are planning to do in the area
- Consulting Heads of Angus Council Services and community planning partners to identify key service developments in the area
- Consulting community groups and community councils
- Consulting local Elected Members

Where appropriate, the Local Community Planning Team will facilitate bringing key partners together to progress achievement of the priorities identified in this process and contained within Section 5: Action Plan and Local Community Priorities.

Section 4

Area Profile

Set out below is a brief summary of the area profile which provides a holistic picture of the wards. For a full area profile please visit www.angus.org.uk/arbroath

- Arbroath East and Lunan & Arbroath West and Letham wards have a joint population of just under 30,000. Arbroath is the most populated town in Angus.
- The Arbroath and Area Partnership brings together public, private, business and voluntary sectors to work in partnership to influence and improve the delivery of Public Services, develop sustainable economic growth, and to retain and advance local heritage and culture.
- The largest sector people work in is the wholesale and retail sector. High levels of work in public administration and defence can also be seen here.
- The Clifftown, Strathairlie and Demondale areas of Arbroath have been the subject of a major partnership regeneration initiative.
- The area has a rich and varied biodiversity that is reflected in the broad range of sites designated for their natural heritage value. Protecting and enhancing the environmental assets and built and historic heritage is central to the sustainable development of the Arbroath wards.
- The coastal area of Angus includes Arbroath and is the most densely populated area in Angus which is served by a local bus and train service.
- In Arbroath on average 45% of people reported that the area they lived in was “very good”. This varied across areas from 64% to 35%. This rises to nearly 82% in the rural areas surrounding Arbroath.
- GP practices in Arbroath are at the Abbey Health Centre, the Medical Centre and the Springfield Medical Practice. Other practices in outlying areas are at Friockheim Health Centre. The nearest minor injury unit is at Arbroath Infirmary.

- There are fourteen primary schools, two secondary schools and one Further Education College located in the Arbroath area.
- 74% of the people surveyed through the Angus Citizen’s Survey stated that they were very satisfied with their community centre and library and 67% of the people surveyed stated that they were very satisfied with sports and leisure facilities. These are the highest figures for Angus.
- Tourism is an important business sector for the Arbroath area. Arbroath is home to historical attractions such as Arbroath Abbey, the Signal Tower Museum and the Bell Rock Lighthouse, whilst large annual events such as SeaFest, 'Seafront Spectacular' and the Bell Rock Blues festival all help to attract international interest and inward investment.

Area profiles are a statement of fact and not used specifically to inform the planning set out in this Local Community Plan or, as far as we are aware, any key service developments included in the Plans. As the planning process moves forward the Local Community Planning Team will compile statistical tables of the social and economic profile of the area which will be reviewed every 2 years. This will allow us not only to analyse trends in the area but also to compare Angus to other areas and Scotland as a whole.

Section 4

Area Profile from Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics

	Multi-Member Ward	Angus	Scotland
Population	29,725	110,250	5,194,000
Prosperous and Fair			
Percentage of total population who are income deprived: 2005	16%	12%	14%
Percentage of Working age population who are employment deprived: 2008	13%	9%	12%
Total Income Support Claimants: 2009 Q4	1060 (3.6%)	2860 (2.6%)	188710 (3.6%)
Learning and Supportive			
Total numbers of pupils in primary schools: 2009	2393 (8.1%)	8424 (7.6%)	364819 (7%)
Total number of pupils in secondary schools: 2009	1835 (6.2%)	6969 (6.3%)	301511 (5.8%)
Average Tariff score of all pupils on S4 roll: 2008	158	173	180
Safe and Strong			
Percentage of residents who felt that there area is a 'fairly' or 'very' good place to live: 2009	89%	94 %	
Percentage of residents unaffected by crime/negative behaviour: 2009	43%	47%	
Caring and Healthy			
Estimated percentage of population prescribed drugs for anxiety, depression or psychosis: 2004	9%	8%	8%
Percentage of children breastfeeding at the 6 to 8 week review: 2008	29.2%	34.99%	36.13%
Percentage of working age population claiming Incapacity Benefit: 2008	6%	4.6%	6.3%
Sustainable			
Percentage of dwellings in Council Tax bands A to C: 2009	71.2%	64.16%	62.11%
Percentage of dwellings in Council Tax bands F to H: 2009	5.5%	8.26%	12.12%
Percentage of people within 0 – 500 metre of any Derelict Site	16.65%	16.2%	26.6%

Section 5

Action Plan and Local Community Priorities

Communities that are Prosperous and Fair

What we will be doing in Arbroath

Action	Lead Partner	Timescale
Seek Leader Funding to carry out consultation to identify local priorities in the Arbroath area rural communities.	LCP Team	July 2011
Continue to support groups within the Year of the Light Steering Committee.	LCP Team and Arbroath & Area Partnership	December 2011
Implement the Tenant and Community Participation Strategy working with individual tenants and registered tenants organisations in the area including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Association of residents of Clifftown and Hayshead ● Bruce Road Community Flat ● Timmergreens Action Group to support them to be involved and active in decision making and service delivery for their area and Angus as a whole.	LCP Team	March 2013
Run the Housing Conference 2011	LCP Team	October 2011
Investigate opportunities for redevelopment of the West Links area in partnership with local businesses.	Angus Council/Local Businesses	March 2012
Acquire employment land at Elliot, Arbroath and begin site servicing.	Economic Development	March 2011

What we want to develop in Arbroath

Aspiration / Priority	Lead Partner	Timescale
Work in partnership to develop an Arbroath town centre regeneration strategy to boost the local economy and tourism.	LCP Team and Arbroath & Area Partnership	March 2013
Develop a strategy to attract hotel providers to Arbroath.	Economic Development and Arbroath & Area Partnership	March 2013
Further develop community involvement in the cinema and film programme in the Webster Memorial Theatre.	LCP Team and Arbroath & Area Partnership	July 2011

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Communities that are Learning and Supportive

What we will be doing in Arbroath

Action	Lead Partner	Timescale
Consultation on recommended options for the Arbroath Schools Project	Education Department	March 2012
Aspiration / Priority	Lead Partner	Timescale
Develop a Job Club at Bruce Road Community Flat.	LCP Team	May 2011

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Communities that are Safe and Strong

What we will be doing in Arbroath

Action	Lead Partner	Timescale
Undertake a review of traffic management arrangements in Arbroath Town centre.	Roads Department	March 2012
Develop the use of town and community halls in Arbroath.	LCP Team	March 2013
Move forward with alignment improvements on the A92 at Hawkhill/Courthill bends.	Roads Department	March 2012
Build 11 new family houses Harry Farmer Close	Housing Division	December 2011
Convert 8 flats to 6 cottages in Noran Avenue	Housing Division	December 2011
Install new insulation to flats at Stoneycroft Lane and Millgate Loan	Housing Division	December 2011
Deliver Home Insulation Scheme to 13,000 homes offering advice and subsidised insulation to residents	Housing Division	December 2011
Aim to reduce drug dealing and drug abuse by working with communities on prevention and detection. Look to achieve a reduction in the fear of crime for communities, particularly surrounding alcohol related disorder.	Joint Services Team	March 2012
Work with communities to reduce the impact of binge drinking and promote an alternative to the drinking culture.	Joint Services Team	March 2012
Support agencies in providing youth activities in areas as an alternative to the drinking culture. They will promote participation in sport, leisure, arts, cultural and youth work activities to the benefit of the whole community.	Joint Services Team	March 2012
We will increase awareness for communities regarding the problem of domestic abuse.	Joint Services Team	March 2012
Provide a problem solving approach to issues of environmental antisocial behaviour, including enforcement measures where necessary. These issues will include dog fouling, littering and fly-tipping – through Community Warden Service	Joint Services Team	March 2012
Work with the local Community Planning Teams to promote Community Safety work in the communities of Angus, including listening to and addressing local intelligence and issues from residents.	Joint Services Team	March 2012
Work with communities on specific road safety issues in their area to address and resolve them, with a view to reducing road casualties on Angus roads.	Joint Services Team	March 2012

What we want to develop in Arbroath

Aspiration / Priority	Lead Partner	Timescale
Develop the use of the Arbroath cliff top safety signs by rolling out the project further up the coastline.	Arbroath & Area Partnership	March 2012

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Communities that are Caring and Healthy

What we will be doing in Arbroath

Action	Lead Partner	Timescale
Develop the Angus Happy Healthy Communities Project in Arbroath.	NHS Tayside	November 2011

What we want to develop in Arbroath

Aspiration / Priority	Lead Partner	Timescale
Investigate opportunities for the development of a Skate Park in Arbroath.	LCP Team	July 2011
Redevelopment of Friockheim Park.	Friockheim and District Community Council	December 2012

Communities that are Sustainable

What we will be doing in Arbroath

Action	Lead Partner	Timescale
Produce a draft 'Arbroath Flood Prevention Scheme' in partnership with key stakeholders.	Infrastructure Services	Oct 2011
Continue maintenance work on the sea wall (parapets) at Victoria Park and West Links Arbroath.	Infrastructure services	ongoing

What we want to develop in Arbroath

Aspiration / Priority	Lead Partner	Timescale
Increase the usage of St Vigeans Den through promotion of the Den and further develop community use of the area with particular emphasis on encouraging local educational establishments to use the facility.	LCP Team	June 2011

Section 6

Equal Opportunities



The ACPP and the Local Community Planning Teams will encourage equal opportunities and respond to people's different needs.

The Local Community Plan works alongside Angus Council's Equal Opportunities Policy. This policy includes a statement of intent and codes of practice on equal opportunities.

The Local Community Planning Teams also support the National Standards for Community Engagement and recommended practices therein.

Equal opportunity is about treating everyone fairly. We want to encourage everyone who wants to give us their views or participate in local community planning to do so without fear of discrimination.

The content of this publication, or sections of it, can be made available in alternative formats or translated into other community languages. Please contact the Council's ACCESSLine on 08452 777 778 for further information.

How can I get involved in local community planning?

If you are interested in getting involved in local community planning then please contact a member of your Local Community Planning Team:

Email: arbroathlcpt@angus.gov.uk

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When will Local Community Plans be reviewed?

Local Community Plans will be reviewed every 2 years.

How will I be consulted?

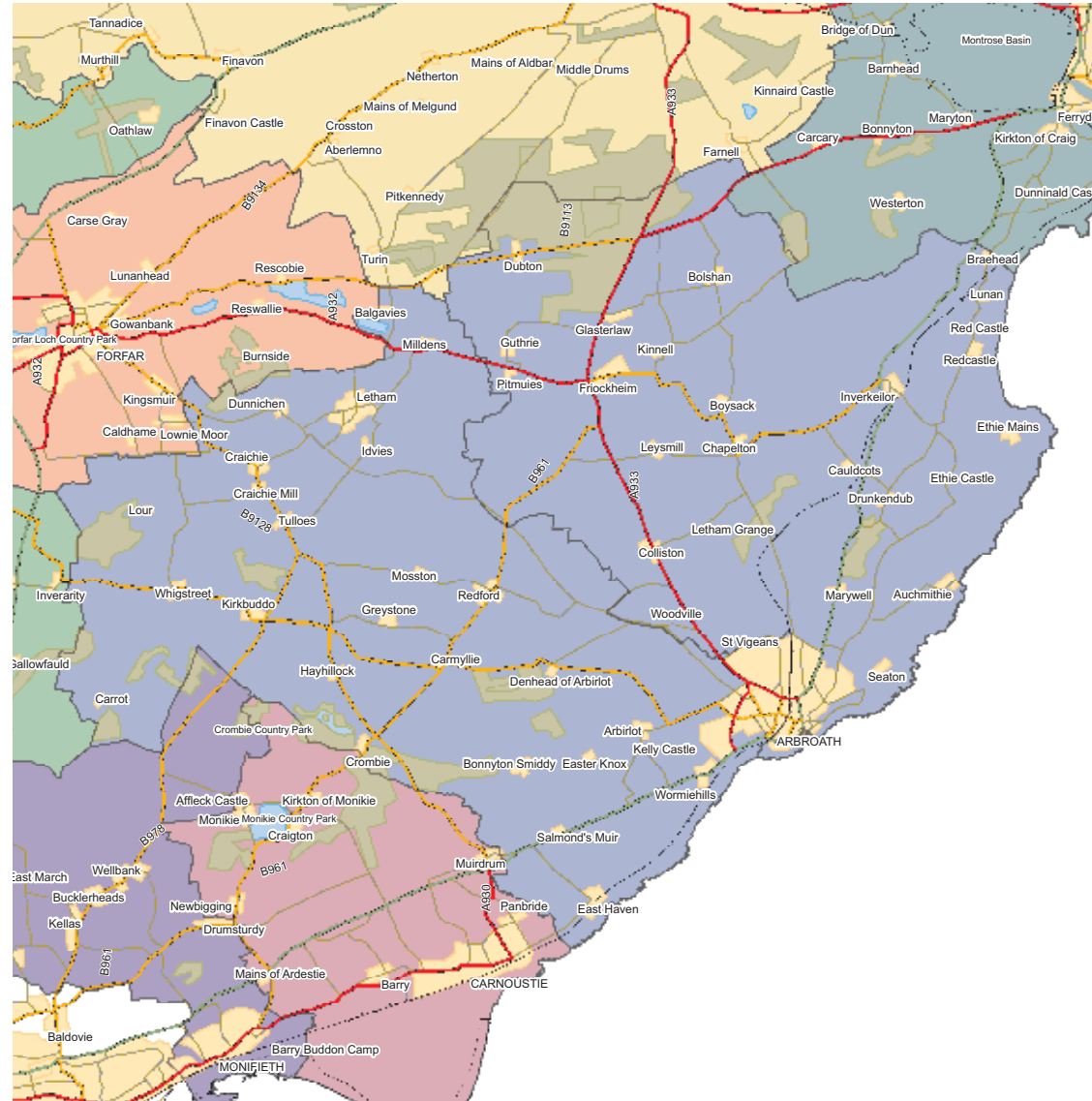
If you have any comments or thoughts on this Plan please contact your Local Community Planning Team or submit your comments to "Have Your Say" on the Angus Council website <http://www.angus.gov.uk/publicconsultation.htm>

How can I stay informed with what is happening in local community planning?

Regular updates will be posted on the Angus Community Planning Website www.angus.org.uk or contact a member of staff in your Local Community Planning Team.

Map

Arbroath and Area





www.angus.org.uk