

Local Community Planning

Your Community, Your Plan



Local Community Plan 2011 – 2013
Kirriemuir and Dean Ward Area

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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 Kirriemuir & Dean ward area.

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.

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DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

Section 2

Introduction

The Angus Community Planning Partnership (ACPP) is delighted to publish the first local community plan for the Kirriemuir and Dean Ward Area.

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. It provides a focus for Community Planning activity at a local level.

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 service – 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 priorities 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 caring
- 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 priorities. 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 Kirriemuir & Dean 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 Kirriemuir and Dean Ward area. A key role for the Local Community Planning Team is to lead the development of this Local Community Plan for Kirriemuir and Dean which links directly to the Single Outcome Agreement for Angus.

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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 the document interesting and would very much welcome your views on the contents of the plans.



Angus Community Planning Partnership



Section 3

Methodology

This Kirriemuir and Dean 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 has been identified through negotiation and discussion with key community organisations including community councils 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/kirriemuir

- Kirriemuir and Dean is the largest ward in Angus at 815km² and with a population of around 9000 is also the least populated
- Kirriemuir and Dean contains six community councils and a host of community and single issue organisations
- The centre of Kirriemuir town is dominated by Gairie Works, site of the former jute mill. Kirriemuir is surrounded by an extensive rural area, dominated by lowland and upland agriculture, as well as private estates
- The recent local plan review has highlighted a need for 714 new housing units in the Forfar, Kirriemuir and Angus Glens area, of which 15% will be low-cost affordable housing units.
- Due to its location and relative rurality, Kirriemuir and Dean has a rich and varied biodiversity, including six SSSIs (Sites of Special Scientific Interest). Two sites in particular, Coire Fee National Nature Reserve and Caenlochan National Nature Reserve are of national importance.
- As the most sparsely populated area of Angus, Kirriemuir and Dean has a limited public transport network, with the majority of services connecting Kirriemuir with Forfar and Dundee.
- 45% of residents in Kirriemuir and Dean describe it as being a very good place to live, although this rises to over 80% in rural areas. The main issues are dog fouling and littering, issues which are replicated across Angus.

- The GP Practice in Kirriemuir is located on Tannage Brae, with other health services available in Forfar or further afield
- There are two primary schools in Kirriemuir, with a further five outside the town, including the new schools in Newtyle and Isla Primary School near Bridgend of Lintrathen. Secondary education is provided at Webster's High School in Kirriemuir.
- Kirriemuir town contains the library, ACCESS Office, swimming pool and leisure centre for the area. Kirriemuir also contains the Gateway to the Glens Museum, the Barrie Birthplace and Camera Obscura.

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 | 9,760 | 110,250 | 5,194,000 |
| Prosperous and Fair | | | |
| Percentage of total population who are income deprived: 2005 | 10% | 12% | 14% |
| Percentage of Working age population who are employment deprived: 2008 | 8% | 9% | 12% |
| Total Income Support Claimants: 2009 Q4 | 190 (1.9%) | 2,860 (2.6%) | 188,710 (3.6%) |
| Learning and Supportive | | | |
| Total numbers of pupils in primary schools: 2009 | 725 (7.4%) | 8,424 (7.6%) | 364,819 (7%) |
| Total number of pupils in secondary schools: 2009 | 686 (7%) | 6,969 (6.3%) | 301,511 (5.8%) |
| Average Tariff score of all pupils on S4 roll: 2008 | 200 | 173 | 180 |
| Safe and Strong | | | |
| Percentage of residents who felt that their area is a 'fairly' or 'very' good place to live: 2009 | 96% | 94 % | |
| Percentage of residents unaffected by crime/negative behaviour: 2009 | 48% | 47% | |
| Caring and Healthy | | | |
| Estimated percentage of population prescribed drugs for anxiety, depression or psychosis: 2004 | 7% | 8% | 8% |
| Percentage of children breastfeeding at the 6 to 8 week review: 2008 | 37.04% | 34.99% | 36.13% |
| Percentage of working age population claiming Incapacity Benefit: 2008 | 4.0% | 4.6% | 6.3% |
| Sustainable | | | |
| Percentage of dwellings in Council Tax bands A to C: 2009 | 63.51% | 64.16% | 62.11% |
| Percentage of dwellings in Council Tax bands F to H: 2009 | 7.77% | 8.26% | 12.12% |
| Percentage of people within 0 – 500 metre of any Derelict Site | 4.3% | 16.2% | 26.6% |

Section 5

Action Plan and Local Community Priorities

Communities that are Prosperous and Fair

What we will be doing in Kirriemuir and Dean

| Action | Lead Partner | Timescale |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Kirriemuir & Dean events listings for 2011 to commence from April | LCP Team | December 2011 |
| Kirriemuir and the Glens Community Planning Group continues to meet and make progress | LCP Team | March 2012 |
| Host a Kirriemuir & Dean Housing Conference | LCP Team | October 2011 |
| Continue to work with and support The Outdoor Angus initiative | Economic Development | March 2012 |
| Improve broadband facilities in rural areas | Angus Broadband Cooperative | March 2012 |
| The Angus Village Halls Network continues to be supported | LCP Team | March 2012 |
| Continue to develop the Angus Glens Walking Festival | Leisure Services | March 2012 |
| Relocate of the ACCESS office and develop the Tayside Police Museum as a shared facility in the Kirriemuir Police Station Reform Street | Neighbourhood Services | March 2012 |

What we want to develop in Kirriemuir and Dean

| Aspiration / Priority | Lead Partner | Timescale |
|--|--|-------------|
| Loyalty Card proposal for Kirriemuir & Dean is investigated | Economic Development | August 2011 |
| A welcome pack for new residents in Kirriemuir and Dean is established | LCP Team | March 2012 |
| New methods of packaging and marketing the Kirriemuir area as a tourist destination are investigated | Kirriemuir & Dean Community Planning Group | March 2012 |
| Support community activity to improve play provision in Davidson Park | LCP Team | March 2012 |
| Support development of Angus Mountain Biking Trail | AMBTA | March 2012 |
| Produce a business listing for the Kirriemuir & Dean Ward | LCP Team | March 2012 |

Section 5

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Communities that are Learning and Supportive

What we will be doing in Kirriemuir and Dean

| Action | Lead Partner | Timescale |
|---|------------------------|-------------|
| Tenant Participation Rent Setting Review Group continue to meet with Neighbourhood Services to identify the issues around housing finance and rents. | Housing / LCP Division | March 2012 |
| Tenant & Community Participation Strategy Group continue to meet with Housing to review and update the action plan. Implement through support of Park Terrace Community Voice | LCP Team | March 2012 |
| Support work of BMX group to improve BMX Track at Kirriemuir Hill | LCP Team | March 2012 |
| Youth Drop-in Centre on Glengate is furnished and opened | CLD Service | August 2011 |
| Kirriemuir Community Voice continues in supporting work within their community | LCP Team | March 2012 |
| Continue to support the work of the Kirriemuir Heritage Trust | LCP Team | March 2012 |
| Support the six community councils in the Kirriemuir & Dean area | LCP Team | March 2012 |
| Support the Newtyle Youth Action Group in improving provision of youth facilities in the local area | CLD Service | March 2012 |
| Newtyle Legion Hall Committee continue to be supported | LCP Team | March 2012 |
| A new recording and rehearsal facility is established in Kirriemuir | DD8 Music | March 2012 |
| Youth Power group continue to be supported | CLD Service | March 2012 |
| Kirriemuir Angus Gold Forum continues to be supported | CLD Service | March 2012 |

What we want to develop in Kirriemuir and Dean

| Aspiration / Priority | Lead Partner | Timescale |
|---|---|------------|
| A project to capture experiences of Kirriemuir as an industrial town in print and electronically is established | Kirriemuir and the Glens Community Planning Group | March 2012 |
| Investigate potential for relocation and refurbishment of Kirriemuir Library | Cultural Services | March 2012 |
| Procure a gazebo for community activity, consultation and awareness raising campaigns in Kirriemuir Town Square | LCP Team / Kirriemuir Community Council | March 2012 |
| Create and share a database of existing community groups and activity across Kirriemuir & Dean | LCP Team | March 2012 |

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Communities that are Safe and Strong

What we will be doing in Kirriemuir and Dean

| Action | Lead Partner | Timescale |
|---|---------------------|----------------|
| LCP Team considers use of social networking sites to communicate with young people | LCP Team | September 2011 |
| The Glen Watch Scheme continues to be used and additional residents are made aware of the scheme | Tayside Police | March 2012 |
| Work with community to reduce the impact of binge drinking and promote an alternative to the drinking culture. Focus on intelligence led tested purchasing and compliance testing | Joint Services Team | March 2012 |
| Work with community to reduce drug dealing and drug abuse. Focus on a multi-agency response to discarded drug paraphernalia | Joint Services Team | March 2012 |
| Increase awareness of problem of domestic abuse in the community. Focus on providing information and support to areas with high domestic abuse rates | Joint Services Team | March 2012 |
| Tackle environmental anti-social behaviour. Focus on supporting community groups in staging and promoting local clean up initiatives | Joint Services Team | March 2012 |
| Work with communities to address issues arising from local intelligence and directly from residents. Focus on attending local community groups and partnerships to explain work and initiatives and receive issues. | Joint Services Team | March 2012 |
| Seek to reduce road casualties by working with communities and young people to address and resolve road safety issues. Focus on attending community events to promote road safety campaigns, Driving Ambition. | Joint Services Team | March 2012 |

What we want to develop in Kirriemuir and Dean

| Aspiration / Priority | Lead Partner | Timescale |
|--|--------------|------------|
| Community appraisals are carried out in identified areas | LCP Team | March 2012 |

Section 5

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| Communities that are Caring and Healthy | | |
|---|---------------------------|------------------|
| What we will be doing in Kirriemuir and Dean | | |
| Action | Lead Partner | Timescale |
| Community Garden project(s) are established at identified sites in Kirriemuir | Rotary Club of Kirriemuir | March 2012 |
| Additional play facilities are developed at Kirriemuir Hill | Neighbourhood Services | March 2012 |
| Kirriemuir Friday Night Project continues to be supported and delivered | Volunteer Centre Angus | March 2012 |
| Improve access arrangements for Kirriemuir Library and Camera Obscura | Cultural Services | March 2011 |

| Communities that are Sustainable | | |
|---|------------------------------|------------------|
| What we will be doing in Kirriemuir and Dean | | |
| Action | Lead Partner | Timescale |
| Increase use of Kirriemuir Town Hall | Leisure Services | March 2012 |
| Rural Service Provision is improved through mobile service delivery | Cultural Services | March 2012 |
| Newtyle Path Network Group continues to be supported | CLD Service | March 2012 |
| Construction of four new affordable flats in Lindsay Street, Kirriemuir | Housing Division | March 2012 |
| Empty flats in Marywell Gardens, Kirriemuir appraised for future development | Housing Division | March 2012 |
| Replacement of windows in 78 houses and flats in Clova Road and Prosen Road, Kirriemuir | Housing Division | March 2012 |
| Charleston Hall Committee are supported in their desire to upgrade and maintain the existing village hall | LCP Team | March 2012 |
| What we want to develop in Kirriemuir and Dean | | |
| Aspiration / Priority | Lead Partner | Timescale |
| Support ongoing work to improve public transport provision within rural areas | Kirriemuir Community Council | March 2012 |
| Encourage later opening hours among local businesses during community events | Kirriemuir Community Council | March 2012 |

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:

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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?

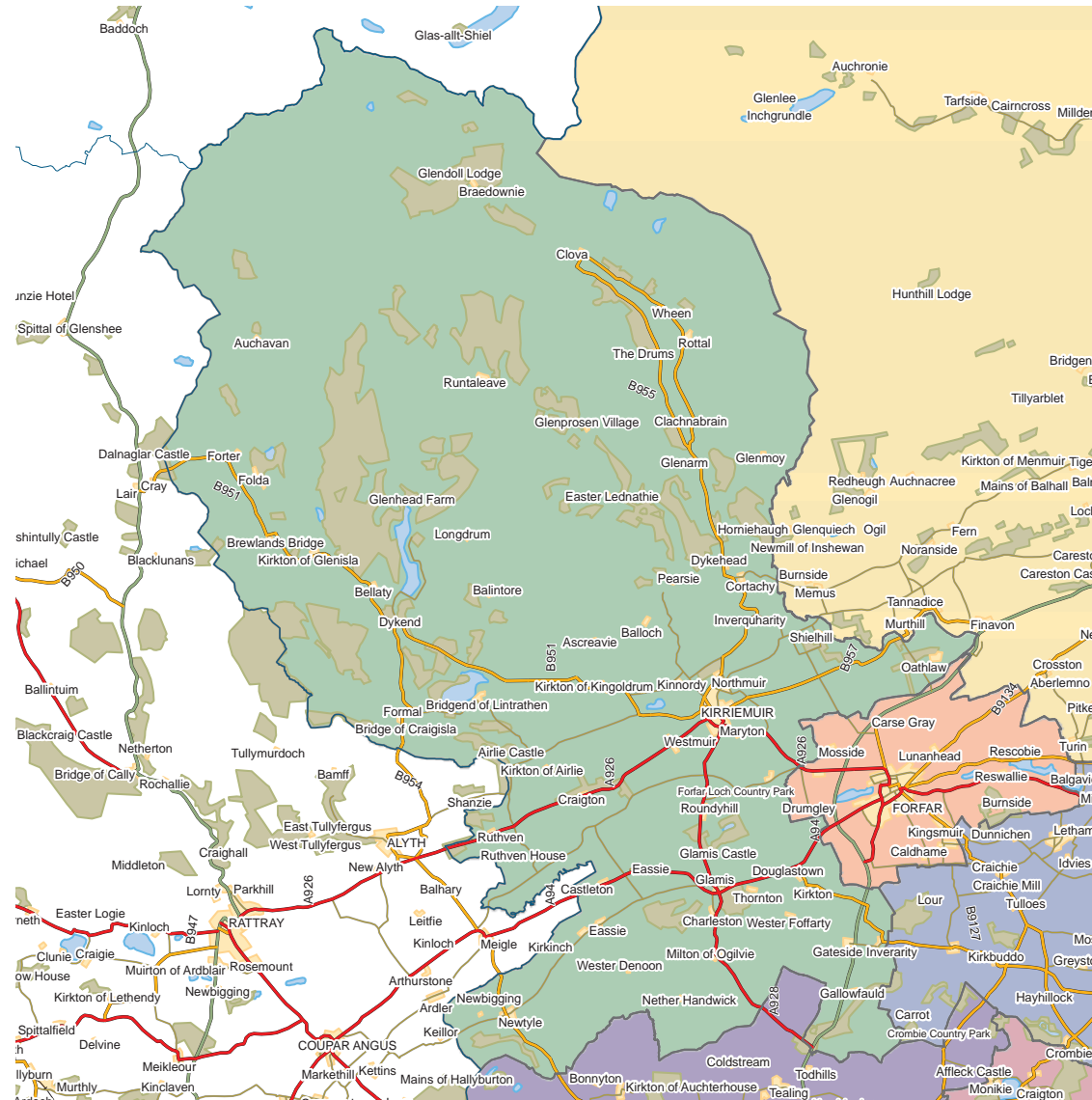
If you have any comments or thoughts on this Plan please contact your Local Community Planning Team or submit your comments to "Have Your Say" on the Angus Council website <http://www.angus.gov.uk/publicconsultation.htm>

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/localarea.cfm or contact a member of staff in your Local Community Planning Team.

Map

Kirriemuir and Dean





www.angus.org.uk