

Ardrishaig Responses 2019

Priority Areas for Improvement :

**Streets and
Spaces**

**Play and
Recreation**

**Housing and
Community**

**Social
Contact**

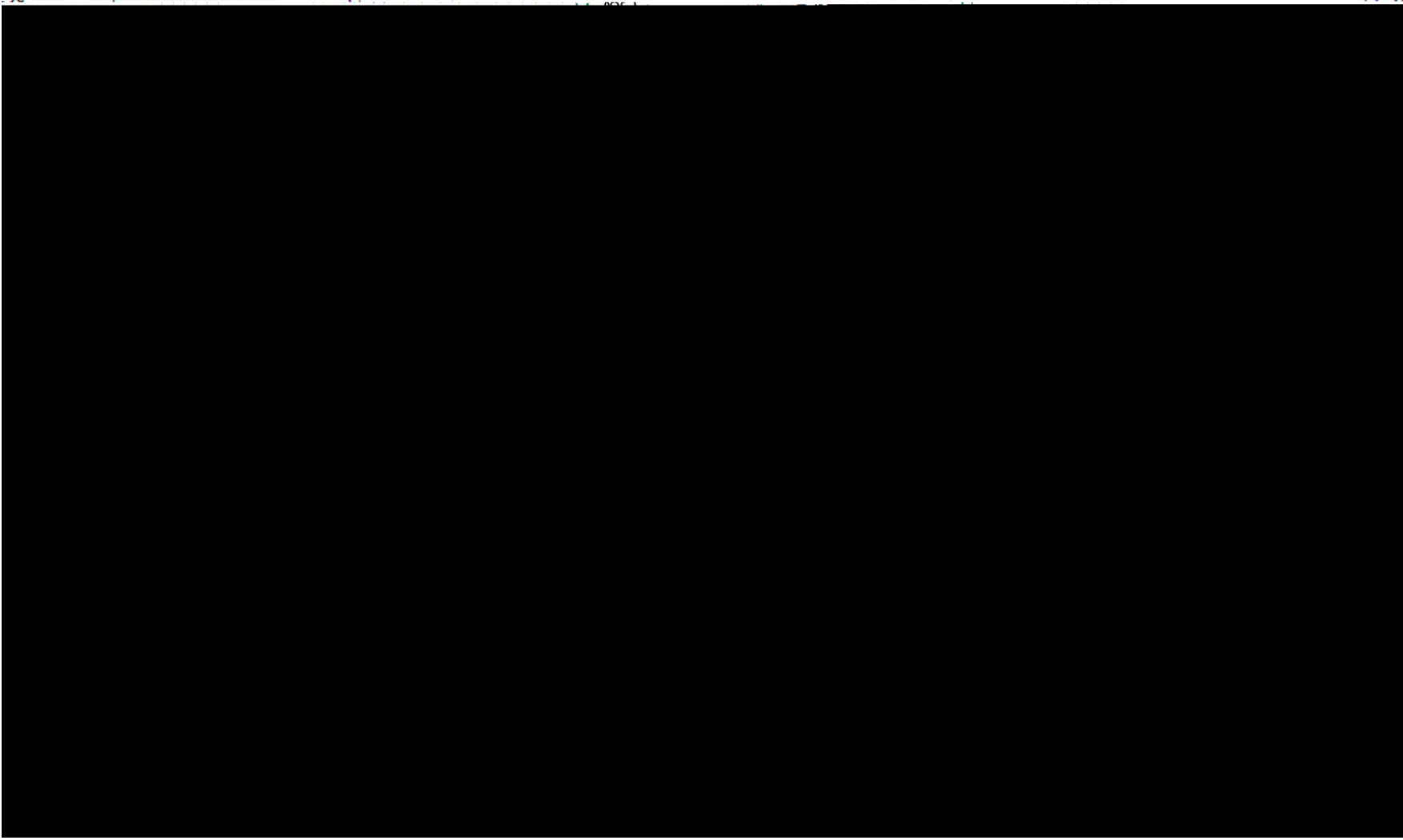
**Care and
Maintenance**

Between May and October 2019, the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) used

Appendix B

City of Portland

Natural Resources
Respondents rated this area 5.9 out of 7



Very good path to my place of work which has lights. The lights make it feel safe for me.

Q2. Public Transport: Does public transport meet my needs?

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Score of 1 Score of 2 Score of 3 Score of 4 Score of 5 Score of 6

Q3. Traffic and Parking: Do traffic and parking arrangements allow people to move around safely?

Score of 1 Score of 2 Score of 3 Score of 4

Q4. Streets and Spaces:

The natural beauty of the area could be enhanced with some attention to maintenance of roadsides/verges by Council and Roads Dept. Especially on the A830, where it was a condition of consent for roadwidening (over twenty years ago?) that the bushes by the pavement were maintained and kept in check. This has not been done for many years and maintenance has been (little?) by residents. Also, between Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig where lochside is covered in Japanese Knotweed unchecked, in breach of statutory requirements. This also applies to many areas on Loch Fyneside!

There has been a systemic lack of investment in the mid Argyll area for decades. It's a frankly disgraceful situation of which Argyll and Bute councillors should be deeply ashamed.

Q5. Natural Space: Can I experience good quality green spaces?

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Score of 1 Score of 2 Score of 3 Score of 4 Score of 5 Score of 6

Q6. Play and Recreation: Can I access a range of places for play and recreation?

| Score of 1 | Score of 2 | Score of 3 | Score of 4 | Score of 5 | Score of 6 | Score of 7 | No response |
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| 3 responses | 1 responses | 8 responses | 6 responses | 5 responses | 5 responses | 0 responses | 0 responses |

A lot of open space. grass but could be more things to do
 community council should be given the responsibility for maintaining these too often funds are

Q7. Facilities and Amenities: Does my place have the things I need to live and enjoy life? This could include shops, schools, libraries, health services or places to eat and drink.

| Score of 1 responses | Score of 2 responses | Score of 3 responses | Score of 4 responses | Score of 5 responses | Score of 6 responses | Score of 7 responses | No response |
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| 4G broadband TERRIBLE |
| Doctors' surgeries seem to be understaffed by GPs, shortage of Dentists, requiring lots of travel and Hospital facilities are woeful premises are reasonable and new, but grossly cluttered with machinery to carry out basic/frequently required screening and diagnosis. Any equipment originally provided has not been maintained (as advised by ward staff!) This all results in long distance travel to Oban, Paisley, Glasgow or Greenock (all from personal experience!) at patients' expense many do not seek to recover travelling costs, thereby further subsidising Health Service. This applies to patients from Islay, Campbeltown and Lochgilphead where considerable expenditure has been outlaid to provide what are in effect Waiting rooms, pending Transfer by a totally inadequate Ambulance service had to wait over 5 hours for transfer from Oban to Lochgilphead, as a result of which I missed consultation with GP on ward duty to authorise release and incurred an extra unnecessary overnight occupation of a hospital bed at a cost of...?? |
| For a village of its size Ardrishaig has shops, restaurants and our soon to be opened Heritage centre. Accessibility from the canal bank road to the shops is a bit "life in your hands moment" as the steps at the side of the Argyll hotel are lethal especially in winter. As previously mentioned, I also think we need a crossing as so many larger fully loaded lorries pass along the main road |
| Having recently moved to the area I haven't used all facilities a lot but on the one occasion I did try to get an emergency dentist appointment I was told I should try going back to Glasgow first, this wasn't ideal. Libraries seem good if small. Places to eat or drink with friends below what I'd expect, unsure if moving from Glasgow has biased this. But I would like to see better (which is subjective of course) restaurants/cafes developing |
| I wish that the Lochgilphead library was open one day over the weekend. The GP surgery is although the phone appointment system is not great as I have difficulties finding somewhere to take the calls privately. There are nice tea rooms but not many evening restaurants. |
| In mid Argyll, almost not at all. In the wider Argyll area, barely. |
| Local shops are closing rapidly unless landlords or building owners need to drop rents and rates , |
| Poor access for wheelchair users. Most places have steps. Very difficult to get registered with dentist. |
| Shops helpful. Cafes good. Post office provision has been difficult to find by Lochgilphead Medical Centre. Halls are perhaps over provided. No afterschool |

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Q8. Work and Local Economy: Is there an active local economy with good-quality work opportunities?

Score of 1 Score of 2 Score of 3 Score of 4 Score of 5

satisfying. However, out with public sector, there is a lack of diversity with primary sector employment in decline and whilst there is significant employment in aquaculture sector is vulnerable to economic shocks (e.g. EU no deal exit exports, lice infestation, global markets) as experienced by the UK dairy sector which witnessed the collapse of the price of milk and had a

Q9. Housing and Community: Do the homes in my area support the needs of the community?

| Score of 1 | Score of 2 | Score of 3 | Score of 4 | Score of 5 | Score of 6 | Score of 7 | No response |
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| 2 responses | 3 responses | 6 responses | 8 responses | 5 responses | 3 responses | 1 responses | 0 responses |

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| Better design of housing for low income people and families in general that have green space recreational and community spaces created within the development |
| Dreadful car parking in housing schemes , |
| Good mix |
| Housing is poor for older / disabled people. This is a concern in an area with an aging population |
| I don't know |
| I don't know. Our house is OK! Have heard some stories of difficulties accessing housing. |
| I have not needed a home in a very long time but I believe that there is a shortage of social |
| I haven't had much interaction with the housing system. |
| I think there is a good range of housing available in Ardrishaig, of all sizes and tenure and social housing. |
| More houses needed |
| Overall we appear to have a pretty good balance of housing types in the village. |
| Plenty 1 2 & 3 bedroom properties but serious lack of 4 bedrooms and no 5 bedrooms at all families in need. |
| Private and public sector housing is well catered for, although there will always be a need for more, as populations grow |

Q10. Social Contact: Is there a range of spaces and opportunities to meet people?

| Score of 1 | Score of 2 | Score of 3 | Score of 4 | Score of 5 | Score of 6 | Score of 7 | No response |
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| 1 responses | 6 responses | 4 responses | 5 responses | 9 responses | 2 responses | 1 responses | 0 responses |

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| Everythings on a "grapevine" there is not enough advertisement of things going on paper only mention things after the event. Hall costs are high and there are too many halls of a poor quality |
| I think community centre in Lochgilphead is good spaces like these are crucial in my opinion. |
| I'm young enough that this isn't important to me, but I dread being a pensioner in Argyll |
| Limited unless there is particular event on |
| Many voluntary organisations are active in encouraging activities for meeting and doing a w array of activities, to enab7 tonaboi114.1anLoe(i)-l 72.42(g)2.6 (-2(n)2 (.))11Soe(-3 (o43.1 ()10.7fu)2.3 (n |
| No shorageof meetinopaces with community centres, pubs and the availability to hire rooms public sector buildings providing an abundance of space. |
| not really |

Q11. Identity and Belonging: Does this place have a positive identity and do I feel I belong?

| Score of 1 | Score of 2 | Score of 3 | Score of 4 | Score of 5 | Score of 6 | Score of 7 | No response |
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Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

Score of 1 Score of 2 Score of 3 Score of 4 Score of 5 Score of 6 Score of 7

- Improvements to children's play areas Promote existing opportunities/groups where people can influence local decisions Support existing efforts (currently being led by the Council) to secure investment into the fabric and infrastructure of Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig.

* Extensions of existing safe passage (no A or B roads) between Campbeltown to Oban; (longer term vision) Campbeltown to Oban for walkers, runners and cyclists. Without doubt, this would impact positively on the health and wellbeing of the Argyll community for future generations.

* Financial support for communities and householders in the countryside that are having to pay for mobile (EE mobile broadband most likely) broadband where fibre to the premises is not installed. No broadband is definitely a barrier to living, learning and linking up our communities. Thankfully the standard phone line still works.

Better access for wheelchair users

Better broadband and 4G needed, especially on the east side of the island. More houses needed. Only properties for sale are unachievably expensive (~£270,000 for a 3 bedroom house). Some of the older council houses not suitable for disabled/wheelchair access.

Better broadband and phone coverage across the whole area and not just the towns

Better open spaces for children and teenagers to play and hangout.

Better walking and cycling routes which do not include the main road or having to go miles out of your way over hills to link villages together. Encourage local delivery of services and businesses.

Crime, drugs, places for children to play.

Dogpoo! Better play parks , parking in housing schemes

If I thought anyone would care, is take the time to tell you. But nobody does.

Impression of main street.

Let's ensure the Heritage centre actually opens on time and with decent artefacts on display try to keep the kelpies here (I am sure they must have extra copies) Crossing for pedestrians in the village.

Local transport is adequate during the dayo evening serv

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The area does not promote tourists as it is run down and there is not much tourist opportunity. Family is not focussed on within Lochgilphead Ardrishaig, there needs to be more support and activities for families and children to stay in the area, leading to this we also need better opportunities as families (other than those established by the many layers of generations) will leave.

- Cleanup and Regenerate the area with more tourist attractions to increase income. Provide local sports/play/events areas to involve family and the community. Provide job opportunities and housing for new and young families

- * Issues raised at community council meetings
- * Newspaper story with request for further survey information, and online public 'vote'
- * Experienced project managers to lead new projects in the area and determine what local resource is available to achieve new safe passage
- * A long term vision agreed by the council
- * Fibre/broadband for the Government to accept they have not provided their promised support that all of Scotland would have adequate support to receive a minimum of 2M/s internet speed by 2018 and step up immediately.

Cameras to name and shame dog walkers who leave pooh and pooh bags! Fines? Stricter parking rules. Letters going out to tenants?

Community projects which include teenagers and young people from the design stage deliver on promises made by the Scottish Government

For fitness facilities, more investment. I think increasing the population would bring a lot of positive change with regards to stuff happening (like bars setting up) but I know this isn't straight forward to do. But I think once a place gets a reputation or a brand as being really liveable, people will sort of flock and that could change things. For the communities more effective community engagement to understand what's happening / what people need. Budgets are a challenge but if you develop the groups they can organise and find funding themselves. Maybe working with organisations that promote community ownership like community land Scotland or DTAS. If they were brought into the mix to talk to the council that might be useful. I know the problems faced are complex, so it's maybe not simple at all. We are lucky to live in such a beautiful place but just some small changes would really improve things here I think

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