Pinwherry and Pinmore Place Planning

Priorities for Action

Engagement outcomes June 2022

Introduction

South Ayrshire Council is currently undertaking Place Plans with many of the communities in South Ayrshire. These plans are at the heart of a new approach to placemaking in South Ayrshire, one that is embedded within, and driven by the Community's own concerns and aspirations. The aim is to develop plans collaboratively with the community that are a true reflection of the priorities of those who live and work in the towns and villages of South Ayrshire. The plans will provide a series of actions that the community, the Council and other partners can work together in delivering.

Between October and December 2021, the Council undertook a series of Community Conversations with the communities in Pinwherry and Pinmore, that sought to identify the main concerns facing residents. This report presents the findings from the engagements and provides the basis from which the next round of conversations can take place where actions to address priorities will be developed.

Outcome of Engagement

The Community Conversations in Pinwherry and Pinmore began in October and continued through December 2021. The engagement consisted of a number of focused meetings with community groups as well as an online survey. The Scottish Government designed Place Standard toolkit was used to measure and assess the community's priorities.
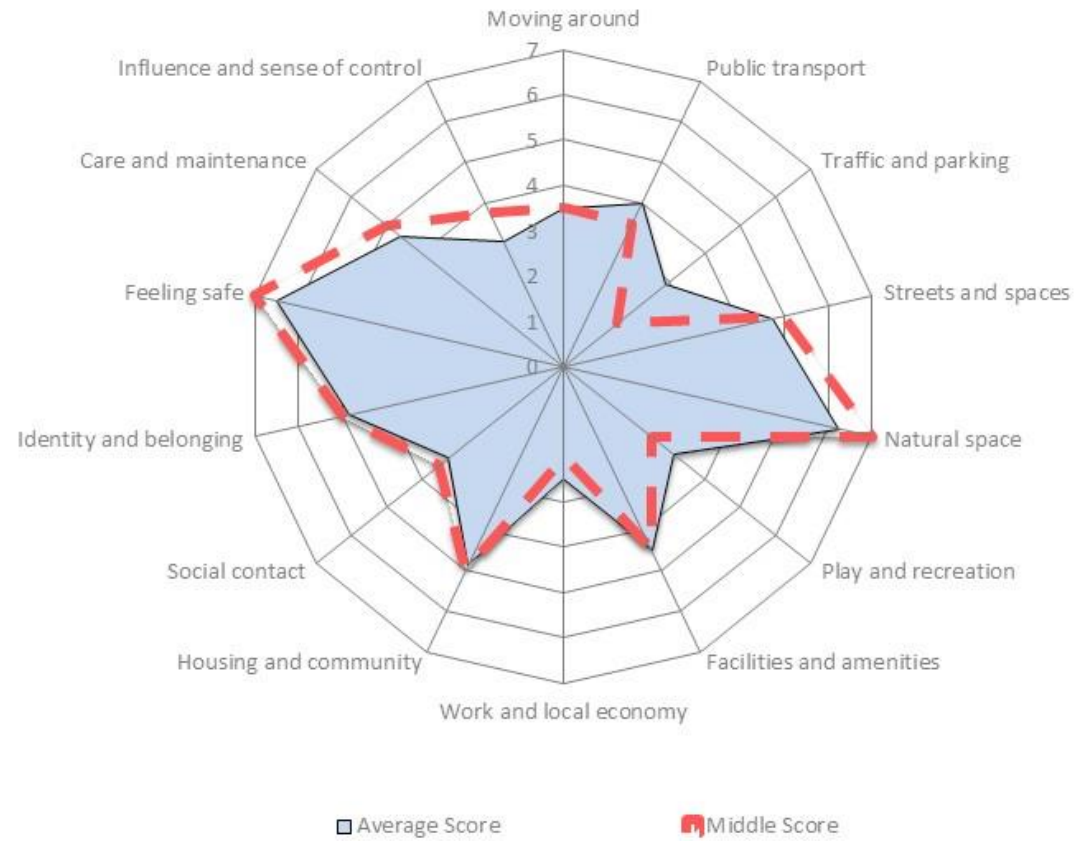
The Place Standard sees a score awarded for each of the identified topics that make up a successful place. This ranges from 1, where most improvement is needed, to 7, where no improvement is needed. The scores given by each member of the community who took part were averaged to give an indication of priorities. A total of 25 people took part in the consultation including through 1 community meeting and 7 online surveys.

The findings of the consultation are laid out in the table below, and in the diagram on the following page. There were five areas that were identified as being of particular concern, with scores below the median of 3.5. These were the topics of Work and Local Economy, Traffic and Parking, Influence and Sense of Control, Play and Recreation and Social Contact.

At the other end of the scale Identity and belonging, Natural Space and Feeling Safe scored highly.

Topic	Average
Work and local economy	2.5
Traffic and parking	2.9
Influence and sense of control	3.1
Play and recreation	3.1
Social contact	3.3
Moving Around	3.5
Public transport	4.0
Facilities and amenities	4.5
Care and maintenance	4.6
Streets and spaces	4.8
Housing and community	4.9
Identity and belonging	4.9
Natural space	6.3
Feeling safe	6.5

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Moving around

Public transport

Traffic and parking

Streets and spaces

Natural space

Play and recreation

Facilities and amenities

Work and local economy

Housing and community

Social contact

Identity and belonging

Feeling safe

Care and maintenance

Influence and sense of control

□ Average Score   █ Middle Score

As part of the conversations, participants were invited to provide comments relating to the topic areas. These provide an insight into the reason for the scores, as well as some of the possible solutions. A sample of some of the comments received are set out in the boxes below.

Work and Local Economy = 2.5	
Positive	***Negative***
Opportunities in agriculture / tourism	No good quality work in area
Seasonal work available	Not enough people to fill local job vacancies
Holiday let industry	No active local economy
Potential for self employed start ups in trade	
Suggestion	
• Could vacancies be advertised on community facebook to reach everyone	

Traffic and Parking = 2.9	
Positive	***Negative***
Trunk road gives good access	Parking difficult for residents and minimal for visitors
	On main road – heavy traffic
	On road parking difficult for pedestrians as they need to walk on the road
Suggestions	
• Waste ground next to auld cemetery could be used for parking	

Play and Recreation = 3.1	
Positive	***Negative***
Field can be used for outdoor recreation	No play equipment for young people
	No sports facilities – need to travel outwith
	Lack of disabled access
Suggestion	
• Create footpath to access field	

Influence and Sense of Control = 3.1	
Positive	***Negative***
Positive community being asked to contribute	Don't know how to be listened to
Local development council	Community organisations not visible to residents
Better level of representation from Trust – and work well with community association	Community Council has too much control - no influence or trust in them

Social Contact = 3.3	
Positive	***Negative***
Community Hall	Lack of facilities in village – better in neighbouring villages
	Lack of day to day contact – no school, church, shop
	Most clubs stopped now

Suggestion
- Could do more to improve social contact
- More organised clubs and events

Moving Around = 3.5	
Positive	***Negative***
Some vehicles and locals slow down	No paths making it unsafe to travel around
	No designated cycle lanes
	Volume of traffic – HGVs ; tractors ; lorries
	Poor signange – road signs missing

Suggestions
- Need pavements in some areas
- Traffic calming measures – eg. Speed cameras, speed bumps, flashing signs

Public Transport = 4.0	
Positive	***Negative***
Bus service is good	Frequency of buses – every 2 hours, no Sunday service
Train service from Barrhill to Girvan is good	Taxis don't cover area or are too expensive – rural discrimination
Public transport meeds my needs	Difficult for those who commute or need to get somewhere

Suggestions
- Improve transport options (rail) and discourage car use

Facilities and Amenities = 4.5	
Positive	***Negative***
Land which could be potential facility	Need to travel outwith to access facilities and
Village hall	amenities
Clubs and activities pre-covid	Existing hall not fit for purpose – no disabled
Various amenities – fishmonger, library, ice-cream van	access
Suggestion	
• Hall needs a meeting space and upgraded	

Care and Maintenance = 4.6	
Positive	***Negative***
Open spaces appear well cared for	Litter is an issue
Some areas well maintained – bridge, trees, laybys	Drains not cleared causing issue with flooding
	Two years to fix bridge
Grass cut in response to emails (but should be done regularly)	Weeds/leaves on pavements
	Hall not cared for
Suggestion	
• Clean drains more regularly	

Streets and Spaces = 4.8	
Positive	*Negative*
Natural landscape is beautiful	Derelict site in Pinwherry is an eyesore
Most buildings well maintained	Some properties need work
Pinmore Green maintained for events	No streets – all are roads, no pavements
Suggestion	
• Pavements would improve access and availability	

Identity and Belonging = 4.9	
Positive	***Negative***
Strong community spirit	Community council is inactive
People are happy	Community association is struggling with lack of
No problem with positive identity	volunteers

Housing and Community = 4.9	
Positive	*Negative*
Good mixture of housing – different sizes and types Private housing standard ok Housing is adequate for area	Not affordable for young people Little social housing, rentals No housing for elderly
Suggestion Need to be more for the elderly	

Natural Space = 6.3	
Positive	*Negative*
Natural space on doorstep and is beautiful Rural area with abundance of wildlife Good accessible greenspace	Too many turbines Litter and flytipping an issue

Feeling Safe = 6.5	
Positive	*Negative*
Small village and feels very safe Safe in house and village	Not safe because of the road
Suggestion Better traffic lights	

Next Steps

The community conversations undertaken to date have established the strengths and weaknesses and priority issues facing Pinwherry and Pinmore. This information will be used as the baseline for developing actions that will form the final Place Plan in due course. A number of workshops will now be held with community groups to further investigate the issues and possible actions that could be undertaken to address these. Following these workshops a draft Place Plan will be prepared and published online for comment and further input from the wider community.