

Craigie Place Planning

Priorities for Action

Engagement outcomes June 2022



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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 2021 and January 2022, the Council undertook a series of Community Conversations with the community in Craigie, 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 Craigie began in October 2021 and continued through January 2022. 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.

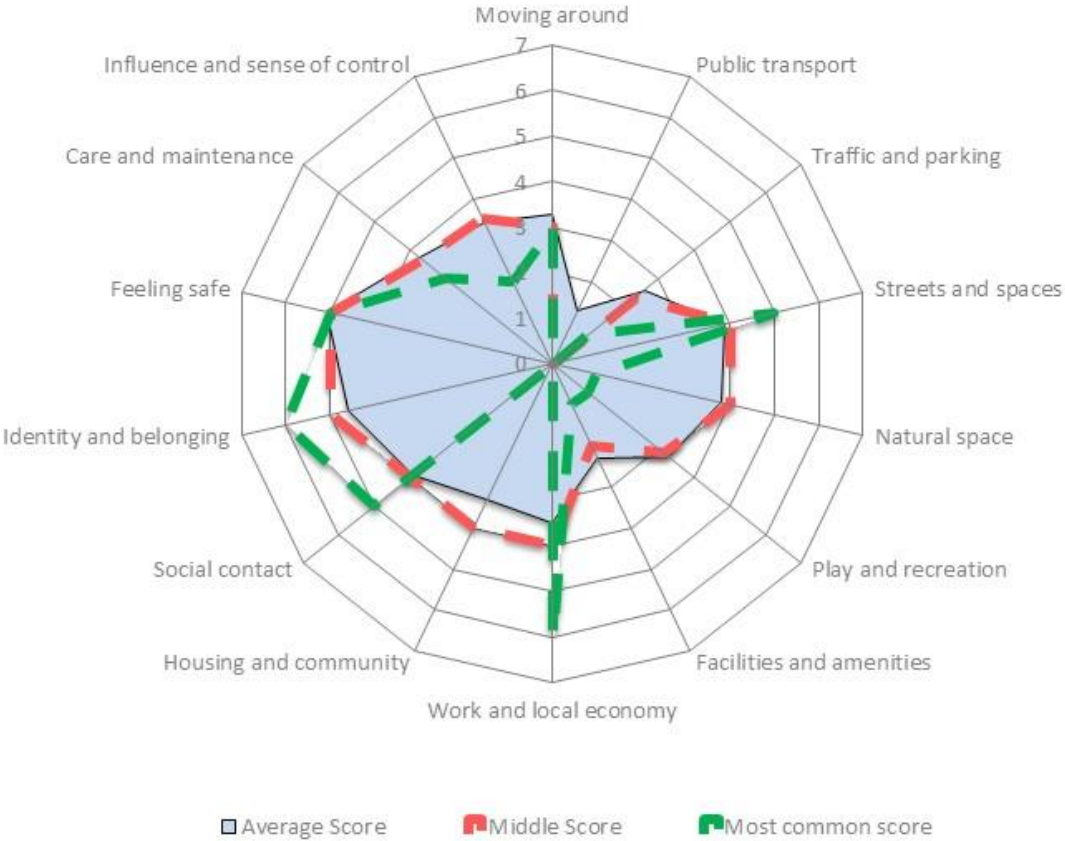
The Place Standard sees a score awarded for each of the identified topics that make up a successful place. This ranges from 1, where most improvement is needed, to 7, where no improvement is needed. The scores given by each member of the community who took part were averaged to give an indication of priorities. A total of 32 people took part in the consultation including through 1 community meeting, 12 paper copy surveys and 8 online surveys.

The findings of the consultation are laid out in the table below, and in the diagram on the following page. There were seven areas that were identified as being of particular concern, with scores below the median of 3.5. These were the topics of Public Transport, Facilities and Amenities, Traffic and Parking, Moving Around, Play and Recreation, Housing and Community and Influence and Sense of Control.

At the other end of the scale Streets and Spaces, Identity and Belonging, Feeling Safe scored highly.

Topic	Average
Public transport	1.3
Facilities and amenities	2.3
Traffic and parking	2.6
Moving Around	3.3
Play and recreation	3.3
Housing and community	3.3
Influence and sense of control	3.4
Work and local economy	3.5
Care and maintenance	3.7
Natural space	3.8
Social contact	3.9
Streets and spaces	3.9
Identity and belonging	4.6
Feeling safe	5.1

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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.

Public Transport = 1.3	
<p><u>Positive</u></p> <p>Happy with no bus Chose a community with no bus Train service nearby is good when I have needed to use it</p>	<p><u>Negative</u></p> <p>Not accessible for commuting as no bus service</p>
<p><u>PLEASE NOTE</u></p> <p>This question received lower scores as there is no public transport in the village and many participants scored it as 0</p> <p><u>Comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't expect transport links within such a small rural village – not sustainable 	

Facilities and Amenities = 2.3	
<p><u>Positive</u></p> <p>Local garden centre nearby Mobile library visits once a month Village hall</p>	<p><u>Negative</u></p> <p>No school and church gone No pub or shop – nearest Kilmarnock/Symington No facilities of any kind</p>
<p><u>Suggestion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A local shop – would save having to drive miles More GPs and surgeries – appointments hard to get 	

Traffic and Parking = 2.6	
<p><u>Positive</u></p> <p>Day to day parking is ok Most of the parking is in driveways</p>	<p><u>Negative</u></p> <p>Parking on pavements Lots of tractors and delivery trucks Parking at hall an issue if an event on No lighting Speed signs are faded</p>
<p><u>Suggestions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car park for the village hall would help keep road clear and be safer for pedestrians Traffic calming at both ends of the village Widen road 	

Play and Recreation = 3.3

Positive

Village hall – used for various activities
Village hall – accessed by range of groups of all ages

Negative

No facilities for young children
No school, no shop, no pub
No outdoor/sporting opportunities

Suggestion

- A swingpark for kids would be beneficial where kids could play and get to know each other

Housing and Community = 3.3

Positive

The homes meet the needs of the village
Nice area to live in – good homes and community

Negative

Only affluent – all private
No social housing
Shortage of affordable housing

Comment

- Desirable area with private housing
- Cheap properties to buy if you can secure and afford a mortgage

Moving Around = 3.3

Positive

Lots of cyclists / walkers
Lots of routes to walk
Access to quiet country roads
Scenery is good to see

Negative

Roads aren't wide enough to put in paths
Roads are in poor condition
No cycle routes
Dangerous crossroads

Suggestions

- Signs need replaced
- No seating on routes
- Cycle lanes on country roads

Influence and Sense of Control = 3.4

Positive

Place planning was a positive – asking community to participate
Community council works hard to inform the community
Thriving Places initiative is a great idea

Negative

Same issues at every community council meeting
Local authority could do more for the village – don't listen to issues / action problems
Frustration with planning

Suggestion

- Link officers needed back – signposting is important

Work and Local Economy = 3.5	
<p><u>Positive</u></p> <p>No unemployed in the village</p> <p>Farming</p> <p>Few local small businesses</p>	<p><u>Negative</u></p> <p>No local people employed in local businesses</p> <p>Business opportunities thwarted by council – planning rules very prohibitive</p> <p>Lack of employment opportunities</p>
<p><u>Comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More a commuter village • Farming the main industry 	

Care and Maintenance = 3.7	
<p><u>Positive</u></p> <p>People look after their property well</p> <p>Always clean and tidy – amazing litter picking neighbours</p> <p>Planters are nice</p>	<p><u>Negative</u></p> <p>Litter/flytipping in lay-bys</p> <p>Dog fouling an issue at times</p>
<p><u>Suggestion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More bins should be available on the Main Street • Hall is maintained by income from users 	

Natural Space = 3.8	
<p><u>Positive</u></p> <p>Rural – lots of natural space and farmland</p> <p>Lovely views</p> <p>Access to lovely countryside</p>	<p><u>Negative</u></p> <p>No communal natural space</p> <p>Rubbish lying around</p> <p>Quarry used as a day out for people</p> <p>Access to openspace – farm owned</p>
<p><u>Suggestion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nice to have walking/cycling/bridle path around the village • Village green to be used for community events • Flat area for children to play – not a playpark 	

Streets and Spaces = 3.9	
<p><u>Positive</u></p> <p>Village is beautiful</p>	<p><u>Negative</u></p> <p>Speeding vehicles</p> <p>Access to historic buildings and sites</p> <p>Limited lighting in winter</p>
<p><u>Suggestion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barnwheel monument should be repaired and access allowed inside • Noticeboard featuring history of the area 	

Social Contact = 3.9	
<p><u>Positive</u></p> <p>Hall well used – heart of the community</p> <p>Active community council</p> <p>Good range of initiatives in the area</p>	<p><u>Negative</u></p> <p>Losing the church affected community spirit</p> <p>More unsocial due to covid and media</p> <p>Restricted number of people involve themselves in community events</p>
<p><u>Suggestion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More investment from public funding is needed • Only have the village hall 	

Identity and Belonging = 4.6	
<p><u>Positive</u></p> <p>Lots of groups to join</p> <p>Lots of history</p> <p>Strong farming identity</p> <p>Positive friendly community</p>	<p><u>Negative</u></p> <p>Commuter village</p> <p>Loss of pub and church were detrimental</p> <p>Difficult to immerse in community</p> <p>People are more transient</p>
<p><u>Comment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feel connected to rural community but less connected to those in village • No meeting place apart from village hall 	

Feeling Safe = 5.1	
<p><u>Positive</u></p> <p>Within village feel safe</p> <p>Feel safe during the day</p> <p>I feel very safe</p>	<p><u>Negative</u></p> <p>Only at night – unsafe with drugs</p> <p>Do not feel safe on the roads</p> <p>Flytipping / Antisocial behaviour – people from outwith the area (quarry/lay-by)</p> <p>Wildlife crime, farm thefts,</p>

Next Steps

The community conversations undertaken to date have established the strengths and weaknesses and priority issues facing Craigie. 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.