



Balquhiddar, Lochearnhead and Strathyre Community Place Plan

DELIVERY PLAN: BALQUHIDDER.

Short-Term: Delivered within 1-5 years			
Balquhiddar Outcomes	What	Who	First Steps
Better road traffic management; reducing traffic volume and speed.	Consult the community on a speed limit and other traffic calming measures.	BLSCC Local residents SC	BLSCC devise and issue consultation to the community. BLSCC work with local councillors to lobby SC to install suitable traffic calming measures along the glen roads. NB: this could be combined with the public transport consultation
Well maintained roads throughout the Glen.	Improve road quality and maintenance across the glen and improvements funded by the Scottish Timber Transport Fund (STTF).	BLSCC SC FLS	BLSCC lobby SC to apply to STTF for monies to upgrade and better maintain the roads throughout the glen. 
Good public transport links.	Consult the community on what kind of transport they envisage. Approach Stirling Council and local transport operators with the results for further discussion.	BLSCC Local Residents SC Local transport providers	BLSCC devise and issue a consultation to the community. BLSCC approach SC and Kingshouse Travel to discuss options. NB: this could be combined with the road and traffic management consultation
Improve access to the lochs, hills, and forests.	Work with the LLTNP and local landowners to ensure access to the countryside within the legislation, including lochs and forests, while reducing the impact on environmentally sensitive areas. Increase availability of maps, information and interpretation on local trails and paths.	BLSCC BLSCT Local residents Local landowners LLTNPA SEPA	Work with LLTNP and SEPA to fully outline and explain the access legislation and environmental designations for local residents and landowners – create a short pamphlet. Explore holding a public meeting to discuss the issues that have been raised and clarify the situation. BLSCT to work with the local community to investigate designing maps and interpretation for the Glen. 
Improve recreational provision for young people and children and explore purchasing community land.	Investigate the feasibility of purchasing Gartnafuaran Woods for recreation and conservation. Consider the feasibility of the purchase of community land for activities/events.	BLSCT Local Residents FLS SLF LLTNPA	Gartnafuaran: establish a working group of local volunteers to take the project forward. BLSCT apply to the SLF for Stage 1 funding for a Feasibility Study and valuation. Community Land: consult the community on what and where. Secure funding to undertake a Feasibility Study if necessary.

Maintain a modern, well used village hall.	Continue to maintain and upgrade the village hall and its facilities for future generations.	BVHC) Local residents	BVHC to undertake works and maintenance as necessary.
Improve business and worker support to move beyond reliance on tourism.	Harness the new community broadband to support local businesses. Encourage new digital businesses with links into online digital support and training.	BCBC BVHC Local residents Local businesses	BVHC and BCBC explore what could be offered through equipment and space in the village hall – a business hub?
Improve access to health and social care services.	Using broadband and Village Hall facilities investigate telehealth opportunities to improve healthcare access.	BLSCC BVHC Local residents Forth Valley NHS SC	BLSCC approach SC and Forth Valley NHS to discuss the opportunities for telehealth that might be available.
Keep and celebrate the great and supportive sense of community.	Endeavour to form a social group to hold more community events and activities celebrating the local natural and cultural heritage of the glen.	BVHC Local Residents	Establish an events group of local volunteers to create and deliver more community events and activities.

Medium-Term: Delivered within 5-10 years

Balquhiddler Outcomes	What	Who	First Steps
Sustainably improve parking to cope with rising visitor numbers.	Investigate options to improve parking, including community consultation. Work to deliver the results of the investigations.	BLSCC BLSCT LLTNPA Stirling Council Local residents	Initial consultation of the community to gauge needs and wants. Work with LLTNPA and SC to investigate options based on the consultation. NB: could be combined with a consultation on improving visitor infrastructure.
Increase off-road paths, trails and cycle paths to reduce the clash between people and vehicles.	Undertake a Feasibility Study into a cycle path from Kingshouse to Inverlochlarig. Deliver on the results of the Study if necessary.	BLSCT BLSCC Local Residents Sustrans LLTNPA	Set up a steering group of local volunteers. Approach Sustrans about support and funding for a Feasibility Study.

<p>Ensure any development is limited and sympathetic to the beauty of the glen and improve rundown areas.</p> <p>On Going</p>	<p>Work with LLTNP Planning Department to make sure that development, including housing, does not detract from the beauty of the glen, and limits new holiday developments.</p> <p>Encourage landowners to improve rundown buildings, walls and fences.</p>	<p>BLSCC SC LLTNPA Local residents Local landowners</p>	<p>BLSCC continue to monitor planning applications and lobby SC and LLTNPA as necessary.</p> <p>BLSCC to make sure that the Local Development Plan takes account of the Community Place Plan.</p> <p>BLSCC to approach local landowners about rundown buildings and land.</p>
<p>Improve local community and visitor facilities.</p>	<p>Explore the need for public toilets in the glen.</p> <p>Consult the community on further community facilities they would like, such as a tearoom/shop.</p>	<p>BLS Community Council BLS Community Trust SC LLTNPA Local residents Local landowners</p>	<p>Investigate installing composting toilets at Inverlochlarig car park.</p> <p>Consult the community on further community facilities they would like in the glen.</p> <p>NB: could be combined with a consultation on improving parking.</p>
<p>Ensure that the CC and CT are supported and are representative of the whole community, and there are good communications with local authorities and agencies.</p> <p>On Going</p>	<p>Ensure that the Community Council and Community Trust engage with, represent and listen to all views across the local community, including younger people.</p> <p>Ensure that community views are properly represented when dealing with LL&TNP, Stirling Council and the Timber Transport Management Group.</p> <p>Make sure that the Place Plan is reflected in the Local Development Plan.</p>	<p>BLSCC BLSCT SC LLTNPA TTMG FLS SEPA Local residents</p>	<p>BLSCT and BLSCC expand communications with residents as much as possible via digital and traditional methods.</p> <p>BLSCT and BLSCC ensure that all public meetings and AGMs are advertised to the fullest extent to encourage new members and Board Members.</p> <p>BLSCC and BLSCT to ensure that they maintain good communications and relationships with key stakeholders in local and national agencies as necessary.</p>