



Dunblane Charrette

Background and outcome summary

Why have a community action plan?

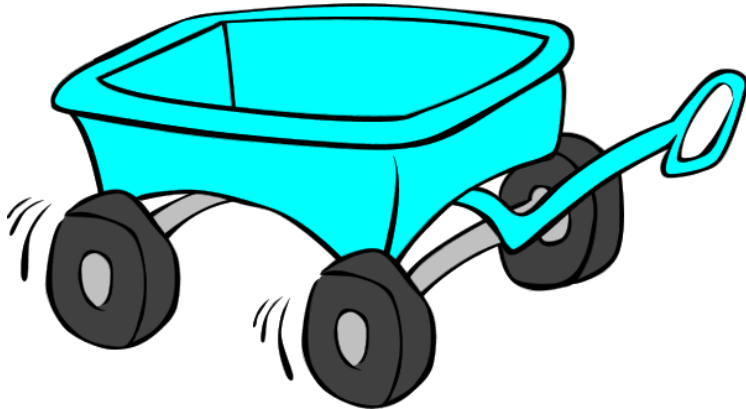
Community based plans consisting of clear actions that reflect community aspirations can influence Stirling Council's Local Development Plan (LDP) and other planning processes

Our previous Action Plan expired at the end of 2014 after much had been achieved

However some issues in relation to increasing town centre vibrancy still remain to be addressed particularly in relation to developing a Spatial Strategy for the town

The "Charrette" approach can facilitate effective community planning and help develop spatial strategy

What is a Charrette?



French for cart/carriage!

In the 19th century, student architects in Paris would work furiously up to a deadline, when a cart was used to pick up their design models etc for review. As they desperately applied finishing touches in the moving cart, they were at this point working *en charrette* (in the cart).

In the world of planning, the word Charrette has come to mean an intense period of public design activity carried out over several consecutive days

Dunblane Town Centre Charrette



The project was managed by *Planning Aid Scotland [PAS]* under the direction of a local Steering Group representing:

- *Dunblane Community Council*
- *Dunblane Development Trust*
- *Discover Dunblane*
- *Stirling Council*

Why focus on the Town Centre?

- Over the past 40 years Dunblane's community size and needs have outgrown its centre
- To satisfy the Stirling *Local Development Plan's* stated intention to create a Spatial Strategy for Dunblane town centre and "environs".
- To help define, design and develop our town centre to appropriately support the whole community through business, service and leisure amenities over the next 20 years
- To have an action plan that guides the best use of available resources over the next 3 years

What happened in 2015?

1. Preparatory exercises in March included a survey, “issue raising” community workshops and activities involving school children.
2. Local people attended a 4 day event (the Charrette) in April to generate ideas for designing the future of their town centre by addressing several questions including:
 - How could it function as a focal point for community interaction?
 - What should its boundaries be?
 - How could the spaces within those boundaries develop to satisfy future community need?
3. A report was published in September and since then the Steering Group has been considering the report and arranging the next phase

What is in the Charrette Report?

- Some artist impressions of how some public spaces might be better used for community activity; making pedestrian activity easier and reducing traffic flow/speed.
- Options for defining the town centre boundaries and an associated outline spatial strategy
- A community “Vision” for the future and 5 “principles” to guide action over the next 3 years.
- An 18 point action plan for further community consideration

Some “concept” ideas for Dunblane High St



The High St meets The Cross:

“Before and after” concept for pedestrian priority public realm improvement



A question for consideration



Is the Perth Rd dual carriageway “car park” a good use of town centre space or does it represent a barrier to current town centre function & future development?

Town Centre Spatial Planning

Designing places and spaces to match and sustain the future needs of the people who use them.

This map indicates spaces within the town centre area where current design/use might be reviewed to better reflect future community needs/aspirations. This is further expanded upon in the charrette report



The Dunblane community wants the Town Centre area to be a vibrant, healthy and inclusive place for people to live, work and visit.

Ideas generated at the Charrette workshops have helped formulate FIVE principles for the future development of our town centre:

1. vibrancy & sustainability
2. accessibility
3. capitalising on our natural and built heritage.
4. supporting community cohesion.
5. meeting the future needs of the community.

These principles have been used to:

- create an outline Spatial Strategy and
- develop an 18 point community action plan for further community consideration and outlined in the next 3 slides.

1. A Vibrant and Sustainable Town Centre for People and Community Activity.
- concerned with the promotion of the town centre and its facilities.

Devise a promotional and marketing strategy

Maintain and promote commercial activity in the town centre

Explore how adequate provision of public toilets can be achieved

2. An Accessible Town Centre.

- concerned with walking and cycling, parking and public transport.

Devise a signage and mapping strategy to promote walking and cycling routes

Develop street design where pedestrians and vehicles share the roadway

Create a revised Parking Strategy (to include cycle parking)

Develop car sharing/pooling with online support

3. A Town Centre that Capitalises on its Natural and Built Heritage.

- concerns the assets in the town centre [green spaces, buildings, the river] and how they can be preserved, improved and promoted.

Devise a programme for enhancing the riverside; including the Millrow area

Improve parklands and preserve green spaces

Establish and promote walking tours

Enhance the fabric of town centre buildings and street frontages

4. An Inclusive Town Centre that supports Community Cohesion.

- concerns supporting greater involvement of local people in activities that reflect the needs of all sections of the community

Clarify options for community management of existing Council property

Explore how the community could be better organised to deliver agreed actions

Develop stronger links between different interest groups in Dunblane

Explore volunteering strategy to encourage more people to actively engage in community life

Foster stronger links between local schools and community to explore needs of younger people

5. A Town Centre that meets the Future Needs of the Community.

- concerns looking at how future town centre development is managed.

Explore options for further integration of the dual carriageway area with town centre activity

Undertake a longer term study for the future development of town centre

What we would like you to do next:

Join in the activity	on
Community Action Plan Survey	8th Jan – 8th Feb
Community Open Day <i>@ Burgh Chambers</i>	Saturday 6th February 11 am – 3 pm
Public Action Planning Workshops <i>Two opportunities to help prioritise the proposed town centre actions @ the Braeport Community Centre</i>	Thursday 18th Feb 7 – 9 pm <u>OR</u> Saturday 20th Feb 2 – 4 pm

Further details on all the above at: www.dunblane.info/charrette