

Our Community ... A Way Forward Action Plan - Dalwhinnie

Theme	Aim	Issues/Obstacles				
Speeding	To reduce the speed limit within the village from 40mph to 30mph. To encourage less dangerous overtaking within the village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requests to the appropriate authority, to have the speed limit reduced from 40mph to 30mph, have met with little success. A886 being a trunk road has always been used as the excuse to take no action. Feeling in the village is now running very strong with many villagers experiencing "near miss" accidents. Other communities on trunk roads seem to have been able to have speed limits reduced and road safety measures such as rumble strips etc installed. 				
Action	Community Organisation	Agencies involved	Individual Contact	Funding: Sources & est. costs	Timescale	Level of Priority
1. Investigate effectiveness and viability of various options and invite agencies to a community council meeting	Community Council	Northern Constabulary Transerv Transport Scotland		THC Community Council	Short	High

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Village Water Supply	Improve Water quality and reliability of supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The village recently had a new water treatment plant installed. Previously the village enjoyed a very good and palatable water supply with little or no disruption. • The village was never consulted on the installation of the new plant. Since its installation the village has suffered from the unreliability of the new system and fluctuating water pressure. The quality and taste of the water is now unpleasant. • Emergency water distribution has been erratic with some houses having to fend for themselves. No warnings about disruption to supplies being given. • Reaction to phone calls very slow. Many phone calls not returned. 				
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2 Seek an urgent meeting with Scottish Water and local Councilors	Community Council	Scottish Water B & S Councilors	Gregor Rimell			

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Dog Fouling	Reduce the instances of dog fouling on public pathways and grassed areas within the village boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serious problems being experienced in all areas of the village with dog owners failing to clean up after their animals. Particularly a problem in the vicinity of the School and the footbath opposite the Hotel. 				
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3 Community Council will write to all residents reminding them of their responsibility with regards to dogs fouling in public areas. Support from THC Dog Warden will be sought If Community Council actions fail.	Community Council	HC Dog Warden	Lyn Joynson 01540 664916		Short	High

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School	Creation of a Nature Hut for use by the school and other village residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Considerable interest has been expressed that the school should have a nature hut from which children could observe local natural fauna. 				
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4 QUICK WIN Investigate the possibility of the creation of a nature hut for the school and others in a suitable area close to the school.	School Parent Council Community Council	CNPA SNH THC (P&D Ranger) RSPB Ben Alder Estate Ardverikie Estate	Stephen Corcoran 01479870528 Duncan MacDonald (as previous)		Medium	Medium
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School	Provision of playing field/area within the village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no designated area within the village that can be used as a playing field by local children/residents. Previous attempts to negotiate the use of the large field in the centre of the village owned by Ardverikie Estate have failed. 				
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5 Investigate possibility of the creation of a playing field at suitable location within centre of village. An area adjacent to Southern Electricity workshop has been suggested.	School Parent Council Community Council	Southern Electricity Ardverikie Estate HC (TECS) HC (Planning)	Richard Evans 01463 703101 Andrew McCracken 01540 661700		Medium	Medium

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Recycling	Improve the tidiness of the surrounds of the recycling area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The area surrounding the recycling bins at the car park is littered with debris from the recycling bins. Cause is believed to be careless uplift by the contractor concerned. 				
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6 Liaise with Highland Council and arrange for contractor to clean up area. Area will then be monitored and immediate action requested should the contractor continue to leave debris when uplifting.	Community Council	HC (TECS) Contractor	Alan McKinnie 01463 245783		High	High

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Recycling	Improve recycling volumes within the village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large amounts of plastic and cardboard generated within the village and no local recycling point • Materials have to be taken to Kingussie some 15 miles away. • School is part of the Eco-schools project and is able to take such materials for transportation to the Kingussie recycling point. 				
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7 Investigate the possibility of the village using the school as a drop off point for plastic and cardboard to be recycled. Supporting the School Eco project.	Community Council School	HC (TECS)	Alan McKinnie (as above)		High	High
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Roads	Improve Winter Maintenance of Dalwhinnie Roads to improve road safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the winter maintenance programme has been contracted out (first to Bear) and now Transerve there has been a deterioration in the winter snow clearance and gritting of roads in icy conditions. • Often the main A886 through Dalwhinnie remains uncleared yet the side roads that are the responsibility of Highland Council can be cleared. 				
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8. Monitor the situation and put pressure on Transerv to improve their performance.	Community Council	HC (TECS) Transerv	Iain Dyce 01540 664912		High	High

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Road Safety	Improve serviceability of Street Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replacement of street lights when they are damaged or need replacement light elements is often very slow leading to dangerous dark areas around the village. 				
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9 Review Village system for reporting such faults. Liaise with Highland Council/Transerv to identify a solution to the problem.	Community Council	THC (TECS) Transerv (main road through village)	John Beaton, THC 01463 703165 states reporting defects: THC 01463 703165 or Transerv 0800 028 1414		High	High
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Community Communications QUICK WIN	Improve communications in the village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many of the issues raised during the Community Consultation were already in hand or had been previously unsuccessfully addressed with reasons given by appropriate agencies. Information was not readily available or known by individuals in the community. Community newsletter had been discontinued some three years earlier due to lack of input from the village. 				
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10 Improve distribution of Minutes of Meetings. Consider the reinstatement of "Maltwhinnie" New Notice Board	Community Council				High	High

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Transport	Improve transport to and from the village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very few trains stop at Dalwhinnie • Nearest Bus Stop is a 2 mile walk for some villagers. 				
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11 The community council has raised these issues at Ministerial level and formal responses have been received. Copies of those responses will be displayed. Ongoing work by Councillors and The Highland Council may lead to a solution to these problems	Community Council	THC (TECS) THC (ECS) CNPA HI TRANS	Ivor Souter 01463702602 Simon Jeffery 01397707360		High	High
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Community Policing	Improve liaison between Police and community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community members felt that the police did not respond in a speedy and effective manner when called to incidents. • The community saw little action to complaints raised by residents 				
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12 Police would be invited to the next CC meeting to discuss these issues	Community Council	Northern Constabulary			High	High

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Village Hall	Increase usage and utilisation of Village Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents were concerned that there was little activity in the Village Hall. 				
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13 Arrange meeting of the community to discuss and seek volunteers to take issue forward.	Community Council				High	High
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Shop	Seek improved shop facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents concerned that there was no village shop that stocked a reasonable amount of produce. 				
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14 Arrange meeting of the community to discuss. Garage and small shop were shortly to be refurbished and CC will liaise with the owner to see if there is the possibility to improve the range of produce being sold.	Community Council Community				High	High

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Village Bar/Restaurant	Encourage opening of new facility that has been standing empty for three years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village has no bar since the change of ownership of the Loch Ericht Hotel. • Residents feel that the new facility that has been standing empty for three years could become the focal point and heart of the community if it were to open. • The owners of the facility had expressed their support to the village taking over the premises as a possible social enterprise. 				
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I5 Community Council to seek volunteer support for the establishment of a Community Company to take this project forward.	Community Council Community				High	High
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Village Hall	Improve Car park and access/ exit safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The village hall car park was in need of resurfacing. • The exit from the car park had become dangerous due to plant growth blocking drivers view north. 				
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I6 Work on the new surface was completed on Sunday 14 Sep 09. Plant growth reduced on Sat 13 Sep 09.	Community Council				Completed	

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HIGH PRIORITIES	MEDIUM PRIORITIES	LOW PRIORITIES
<p>Dog Fouling Screen water & electric installations Better playground facilities All weather surface for school/community Clean recycling area Village Hall - more activities/use Shop More residents/families Pub/cafe Open new bar Nature Hide Village communication More trains stopping Policing Speeding Gritting & Ploughing Street Lighting Water supply & Quality Plastic recycling Village hall exit Village hall Car Park Demolish old cafe</p>	<p>Broadband connection School bus stop Potholes Fewer holiday homes Visitor information Litter patrols from A9 Landscaping? 24 hr toilets Better access to adult learning More trees Garage refurbishment Circular pathway More community events Better pathways</p>	<p>Salt Bin More affordable houses Flower tubs Visitor Centre Accommodation More buses cash machine Picnic area with rubbish bins More B&B's Art exhibition space Mobile Dentist</p>