

BURNTISLAND

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

2023 -
2028



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This is our second Community Action Plan which summarises community views about:

- Burntisland now, and how it is changing
 - the issues that matter most to the community
 - the vision for the future of Burntisland
 - our priorities for projects and actions
- The plan will be our guide for what we - as a community - try to make happen over the next 5 years.

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INTRODUCTION

Our First Plan

Our first 5-year Community Action Plan was prepared in 2016 and was extended for two years to 2023 due to the Covid pandemic. The plan was helpful in guiding the work of our community organisations over the last seven years and led directly to the establishment of Burntisland Community Development Trust in 2016.

As well as attracting funding for priority projects, the Community Action Plan has also helped Burntisland Community Council to represent the interests of the community, to get things done and supported us to work in partnership and influence the work of others.

Some of the most notable successes include:

- A thriving High Street, with businesses connected via Totally Locally and made to look beautiful by Floral Action Burntisland
- Playparks improved - updated West Links Playpark and an inclusive and accessible playpark at the East Links
- Regular volunteer beach cleans and a Keep Burntisland Beautiful group
- Sailors Walk has re-opened and the Lammerlaws have been made more accessible
- New cycle paths including a key route connecting Kinghorn and Burntisland
- The popular monthly Big Green Market - reducing waste, providing volunteer opportunities, access to affordable goods and funding for other local groups



Working Together

The preparation of the plan has been organised by the Burntisland Community Action Plan Partnership Group involving representatives from both Burntisland Community Council and Burntisland Community Development Trust (BCDT). The BCDT Development Officers were a crucial resource in carrying out the work of preparing the Plan and ensuring high levels of community engagement. STAR Development Group have provided guidance and support throughout the process.

This plan will help us to develop our community's priority projects and make representation on behalf of the community on the issues that matter most to our residents, organisations and local businesses

Local People Have Their Say

The Action Plan has been informed by extensive community engagement carried out from September 2022 to March 2023. The Plan will be kept under review and revisions may be made, and new priorities introduced, when supported by new evidence of the community's needs and aspirations.

The process involved:

- stakeholder conversations - with community organisations, the school, local businesses, visitors to Burntisland, service providers and public agencies
- a community views survey - a representative sample of 1,000 households received a survey form and it was available on-line
- preparing a community profile detailing facts and figures about the community
- holding a Community Action Plan Event, to provide feedback and further community engagement



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COMMUNITY VIEWS
SURVEY FORMS WERE
RETURNED

23

STAKEHOLDER
CONVERSATIONS,
INVOLVING 125 PEOPLE

AROUND 400

PEOPLE ATTENDED THE
COMMUNITY ACTION
PLAN EVENT

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART!

OUR COMMUNITY NOW

We have summarised below the main facts and figures from the Community Profile and views from the Community Survey. Full copies of these reports are available at www.burntisland-trust.org



BURNTISLAND COMMUNITY PROFILE 2023: SUMMARY

Where are we now? Here is a summary to give you a picture of Burntisland in 2023.

Location and Population

Burntisland is a small and vibrant seaside town on the north side of the Firth of Forth, 6 miles west of the larger town of Kirkcaldy. With stunning views across the Firth to Edinburgh and a backdrop of the volcanic Binn, the town's beautiful setting is appreciated by residents and visitors alike.

About 6,700 people live in Burntisland, which is significantly more than 20 years ago. The latest figures available for 2021 show a population growth of 19% since 2001. This is compared to a growth of 7% for Fife over the same period, and 8% for Scotland.

Housing and Development

The development of the Deveron homes and the conversion of the old primary school has helped to increase the number of households by 430 (15%) in the 10 years since 2011, compared to a 13% increase across Fife as a whole. Further development is currently underway at the Kirkton, Grange and Ged's Mill and potentially on the Greenmount Hotel site which has recently been sold.

There is a higher proportion of owned properties in Burntisland than in the rest of Fife. The number of Council and other social rented properties has dropped over the last 20 years and is roughly the same as the rest of Fife. The percentage of private rented accommodation has grown since 2001 and is slightly lower than other areas.



Local Economy

The High Street in Burntisland seems to be bucking the national trend and attracting local shoppers and people from neighbouring towns. Initiatives like Totally Locally help to bring traders together and promote Burntisland as a local retail destination. In recent years the town has lost its last bank and Post Office.

Burntisland has an industrial heritage with shipbuilding in the harbour area at its core throughout much of the 20th century. In 2020 Burntisland Fabrications Ltd (BiFab) went into administration with the loss of local jobs. Businesses providing significant employment today include Briggs Marine and Scott Pallets, both situated in the docks area which is owned by Forth Ports.

Tourism

Burntisland has been a popular destination for day trippers and visitors since Victorian times.

The Fife Coastal Path, which runs 117 miles from Kincardine to Newburgh, runs through the town and has been a significant draw for visitors to Fife's coastal communities. The increasing popularity of watersports in the bay brings visitors to the area but also raises the potential for conflicts as the beach area comes under more pressure.

The 'Shows' are a long-standing tradition on the Burntisland Links over the summer months. Over 30 families gather from May to August to run the fairground which takes over most of the Links for around 12 weeks.

The annual Highland Games, and associated Market Day takes place on the third Monday in July. Once an annual event attracting dozens of traders and many thousands of visitors on just one day, there has been a marked decrease in both traders and visitors over the last 10 years.

Childcare and Education

Pre-school and primary school age children are well catered for

- Young Islanders Baby and Toddler Group at the Parish Church Hall twice a week
- A number of registered Child Carers work from their own homes in the town
- Playgroup operating from the Toll Community Centre
- Burntisland Primary has 30 places for Under 3's early entrants and 160 places for 3-4 year olds
- First Class nursery provides private pre-school and after-school care
- Burntisland Primary School (built in 2014) is one of the largest in Fife. There are 623 children on the school roll (P1-P7) and 109 on the nursery roll
- Burntisland Out of School Service (BOSS) operates daily after school from the Toll Community Centre and offers a holiday club during school holidays

For secondary education most young people travel by bus to Balwearie High School in Kirkcaldy.

Health and Care

The Masterton Health Centre is home to two medical practices, and a community team including Health Visitors, Community District Nurses, and visiting health professionals.

There is one pharmacy in Burntisland, an application has been made for a second. There is also a prescription collection cabinet in a separate shop.

The nearest hospital & emergency services are in Kirkcaldy at the Victoria Hospital.

Sheltered housing is available at Allan Court and St. Andrews Court on the High Street and Links View Care Home offers residential care.



Community Organisations, Facilities and Activities

Burntisland is not short of community spirit and the large number of groups, activities and engaged volunteers is evidence of this. A comprehensive list of organisations and activities on offer for young people can be found on www.burntisland-trust.org.

During the Covid pandemic the Community Council and Toll Community Centre worked together to harness goodwill in the town and meet the needs of the community during lockdowns.

The Burgh Buzz, Burntisland's locally produced community publication is hand delivered to every household four times a year.

The Big Green Market, established in 2022, is well supported with 500 shoppers coming to the monthly pre-loved market run by an large team of volunteers.

Fife Council manages the Common Good Fund and Assets on behalf of the town. These assets include the Links, Burgh Chambers, Young Community Hall, Unity Hall and sections of the grassy area at Seamill.

There are four Churches in Burntisland with active congregations and a further one currently without a congregation. All have space which they make available for community groups to use.



Environment, Access and Outdoor Recreation

In and around Burntisland the Binn woodland, including Kinghorn Loch, Dunearn Hill Wood and Stenhouse Reservoir are recognised by Fife Council as listed wildlife sites.

The Burntisland to Pettycur area of the Firth of Forth is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

Burntisland beach is one of the Fife beaches to be given the prestigious Blue Flag award.

The Firth of Forth has recently become well-known for whale-watching. The Lammerlaws is a popular site for seeing humpbacks and other whales, dolphins and porpoises.

Heritage and Culture

King James V granted Burntisland its first royal charter in 1541 and gifted the Links to the townspeople. Over the years the Links have served for the drying of fishing nets and clothes, the grazing of livestock, and recreation. They were used for golf from 1668 and were the home of Burntisland Golf Club (the 11th oldest in Scotland) which now plays at the scenic Dodhead course owned by Burntisland Golf House Club.

In 1633 a summer squall, and perhaps poor judgement (not the witches), was responsible for the sinking of King Charles I's baggage ferry just a mile or so out of Burntisland's harbour. The quest to find the 'Blessing of Burntisland' was behind the creation of Burntisland Heritage, who lead walks, give talks and stage annual summer exhibitions in the Kirkgate on the ground floor of the Burgh Chambers.

Other significant celebrations of heritage and culture include:

- The Museum of Communication
- Our award winning Burntisland Pipe Band
- The annual Burntisland Highland Games in July, Scotland's second oldest Games
- Live on the Links, 40 years of showcasing local live music
- Civic Week in June
- Burntisland Youth and Junior Theatres
- A new monthly Acoustic Music Club
- Heritage plaques at the station and High Street
- Alexander III monument at Kingswood

Traffic and Transport

Burntisland has good rail links with Kirkcaldy, Edinburgh, Dundee and beyond.

There is a regular bus service connecting the town with Kirkcaldy and Dunfermline and a town service bus, the B1, during the day.

All car parks in the town and parking provision in the High Street are free but limited.

There are two electric charge points at the Links car park.

Police and Emergency Services

The old Burntisland Police Station is now closed but at one time was staffed by an Inspector, 2 sergeants and 10 police officers with a full-time front desk and cells. There are now 2 Community Police Officers based in Kirkcaldy covering Burntisland, Kinghorn and Auchtertool. They visit the Toll Hub in the High Street for two hours once a month.

Burntisland Fire Station is located on Harbour Place.

Burntisland First Aid Services Trust is a local charity offering first aid, ambulance and training services around Scotland. They are developing the former police station as an education and resource centre, to include separate, dedicated space for Police Scotland and for community use.

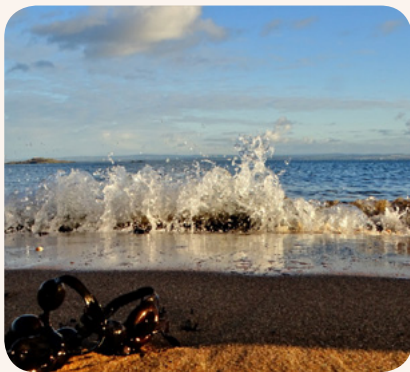


OUR COMMUNITY NOW: LIKES

522 surveys were returned in our Community Views Survey, here is a snapshot of what people like about living in Burntisland...

LIKE	% OF RESPONSES
Natural environment- coast, the beach, the Binn	71%
Thriving local economy & High St.	66%
Sense of community- welcoming, friendly, supportive	59%
Access to outdoor recreation- the Links, Fife Coastal Path, playparks	44%
Character of town- good location, size, safe, clean, historic	41%
Public services and facilities- the Beacon, library & school	25%
Transport and connectivity- good rail & road networks	24%
Range of community groups, activities & events	23%

“The coastal location with fantastic views across to Edinburgh, walking out to the Black Rock when the tide is out, and going up the Binn.”



“The vibrancy of the High Street and range of local shops. Few towns of Burntisland’s size enjoy this in such an accessible compact area”

“I like the community spirit of the place, people are very friendly, there is a real sense of collective ownership and trying to make things better”

“the Splash Park is a firm favourite for my kids, it is a really unique feature accessible to everyone”

“We have local football teams and football park, swimming pool and skate park with an Astro turf park next to it for all ages, it’s just the perfect little seaside town”

“I like being able, within a few minutes walking, to access coastal or country walks with fantastic views”

“It has so much for such a small place, Burntisland punches above its weight”

“A small, clean historic town with beautiful architecture and a thriving High St”



“Having a superb swimming pool which offers local children swimming lessons and has flumes and waves to entertain visitors is a real plus for my family”



“It is a hub for transport to major towns and cities, with a good road and rail network plus the airport is only 35 mins away”

“The Toll Community Centre is a great asset with lots of potential to support more community activities”

“The Big Green Market is a superb fundraiser for the town’s groups and a great way to declutter without resorting to landfill”

“The flower displays just keep getting better, they make me 😊 thanks, FAB”

OUR COMMUNITY NOW: DISLIKES

There are however some things that people aren't so happy about...

DISLIKE	% OF RESPONSES
Antisocial behaviour - mainly littering & dog fouling	35%
Parking, traffic & state of the roads	33%
Economy - including lack of Post Office & bank	26%
Services and facilities - police, CCTV, public toilets, doctors & pharmacy	24%
Public transport - limited bus connections, railway station access	20%
Feel of the town - not empowered to make decisions, unwelcoming for some	17%
Outdoor environment and recreation- loss of harbour access, greenspace and condition of playparks	16%
Shows/Fair - negative impact on the town	16%

"The litter on the beach and on the Links in the summer is depressing, we really need some extra temporary bin and recycling capacity for visitors"



"The universal issues of litter including dog poo (bagged and unbagged)"

"Closure of banks, post office and council office, which particularly affect those who may not be able easily to access digital services or travel"

"The lack of toilets and now having to pay for the toilets at the high street end of the links makes it more difficult to go out with a young family"

"I hate that there is STILL no access for disabled people on the north side of the train station. As a disabled person myself I am unable to attend gatherings in Edinburgh and elsewhere because I cannot get off the train at Burntisland"

"Lack of bus travel to Burntisland, especially now we have lost out on the X57 we have to either travel to Kirkcaldy or Dalgety Bay to make another connection"

"The lack of parking for summer visitors causes traffic mayhem on sunny days"

"the speed of drivers... Aberdour Rd in particular - school kids walking beside traffic in excess of 30mph - not to be seen anywhere else"

"The uncertainty of the police keeping our town safe"



"Some of the parks around the town could be updated with more suitable items for older children to play on"

"The big thing missing now is access to the harbour and feeding Sammy the seal which was amazing for physical and mental health"

"The Fair is a traditional part of the town and many look forward to its arrival but I feel that it is allowed to monopolise the Links for too long a period"

IDENTIFYING COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

Respondents to the Householder Surveys and Stakeholder Conversations were also asked what would make Burntisland even better and what they thought the priorities for action should be. These results were used to create a focused event where the community was invited to come and vote for what was most important to them to see action taken on and add in their own thoughts.

Around 400 people came along to Burntisland Primary School for what was a fun event, connecting with 25 local community groups and enjoying delicious cakes supplied by the Cornerstone Cafe and the local talent on display by the Burntisland Pipe Band, Highland Dancers, School String Orchestra and the Acoustic Music Club.

“Well organised and wide ranging - it was good to see such a high level of community involvement”

“Enjoyed the opportunity to gather facts and vote on what I care about”

“A fabulous event, great to see so many community groups and feel part of such a positive town”

“I was so impressed to see so many people helping make decisions for the place they live. Community cohesion and interest is hard to build and residents of the town are active and engaged decision makers.”



OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF BURNTISLAND

The vision developed in 2016 is still valid now and will continue to be our aim for the next 5 years. Feedback in 2023 told us that there are some new hopes for the future – a more inclusive, resilient and sustainable community – so we have added these to the vision:

We want Burntisland to be a vibrant and forward looking seaside town with a great community spirit, working together to make the most of our assets and to provide quality and inclusive services for residents and visitors.

As a community we will:

- Celebrate and promote Burntisland's heritage, culture and community groups and make them accessible to all
- Protect and care for the beach, coastline and greenspaces and promote our wonderful access to the natural environment and outdoor recreation
- Do everything we can to increase community and environmental resilience in the face of climate change and economic pressure



“Healthy, creative and active - people making use of the beach and open spaces for outdoor recreation, growing the creative sector through facilities and activities.”

“Visitors should find the High Street shops diverse and welcoming. They would be able to access Burntisland easily by public transport or find ample parking if driving, along with public toilet provision and a clean and well kept urban and beach/ park environment.”

“An inclusive and caring community, with services, facilities and support for everyone’s needs”

“A volunteer community who are well connected, sharing experience and good practice”

“The harbour and surrounding areas in community ownership, offering a diversity of habitats and recreational opportunities”.

“A more environmentally aware community – reducing our impact on the environment and tackling climate change”

“A resilient community – in the face of economic, social and environmental challenges”

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A full report of the event can be found on www.burntisland-trust.org

Outlined in this summary Action Plan are the key strategies and priorities identified by the community through the Surveys, Stakeholder Conversations and the event.

MAIN STRATEGIES AND PRIORITIES

These are the main strategies and priorities that the community and its organisations will focus on – working in partnership with public agencies, local businesses and with other third sector organisations and supporters. There wasn't room here to include all the great ideas gathered but you can read more on the BCDT website.

THEME 1:

Environment, Access and Recreation

Our environmental assets were the most highly valued aspect of life in Burntisland in over 70% of survey responses. Another 40% of responses appreciated the easy access to outdoor recreation so it is no surprise that the fencing erected by Forth Ports, restricting customary rights of access to the harbour and dock area, has been met with opposition and dismay. A new membership-driven Burntisland Harbour Access Trust (BHAT) has recently established a community right to buy over the harbour area and adjoining land, should it ever come up for sale, and continues to campaign for access to be re-established.

The growing evidence around climate change is increasing the desire to protect biodiversity and take action to reduce Burntisland's carbon footprint. A new monthly Climate Cafe and online Burntisland Biodiversity Group have been recently established to promote greater understanding of global issues and encourage local action and this was strongly supported in both the survey and at the community event.

Since the Covid pandemic, dog ownership has increased throughout the country and action on dog fouling and dogs not under control, particularly around children and playparks is required. Action on litter, especially in the busy summer months, is also a priority.

Limited travel opportunities during Covid led to an increase in people using the sheltered bay in Burntisland for sea swimming, kayaking, paddleboarding and windsurfing. An increase in use by jet skiers has created some conflict and responsible use of motorised craft is required to keep the bay and beach safe for all users.

Play provision is also a high priority, with a desire for some improvement to parks and the refurbishment of the much-loved Splash Park.

Main priorities

- Re-open access to the harbour area
- Take more action on climate change, biodiversity and habitat protection
- Reduce problems with litter, dog fouling and seagulls
- Develop opportunities for non-motorised water sports
- Improve playparks and the Splash Park on the Links

THEME 2:

Public Services

The poor provision of public toilets in Burntisland has been an ongoing issue for several years but the recent withdrawal of staff from the main toilets and big reduction in opening times of the facilities at the east end of the Links has made the issue worse. In summer there are often long queues and unacceptable polluting around the beach area.

The Beacon is a very valued local leisure facility, and the community are in favour of making even more use of the Centre. Not so popular is the current pharmacy provision or a perceived increase in anti-social behaviour and lack of police presence.

Main priorities

- Improve public toilets
- Improve facilities on offer at The Beacon
- Improve pharmacy services
- Reduce anti-social behaviour



THEME 3: Local Economy and Tourism

The loss of the last bank and the post office from our High Street has caused much inconvenience to residents, local businesses, community groups and visitors. This is not an easy issue for the community to lead on but there is a groundswell of support to encourage a reinstatement of these services, particularly the Post Office.

The High Street and its offering of independent shops and cafes was one of the aspects of living in Burntisland that people really like. In the survey, the High Street was noted as the most improved aspect over the last 7 years. Initiatives like Totally Locally really help to remind us of the importance of supporting local businesses. The attraction of Burntisland as a shopping and recreational destination puts pressure on parking provision, especially in the summer months.

The Shows are undoubtedly an attraction to many visitors from May through to August, but the influx of tourists, pressure on services and loss of use of a significant amount of greenspace concerns many people. Whilst the Shows are an important part of the town's heritage, the community has indicated that it is time to reassess the impact they have on the town.

Main priorities

- Re-open Post Office/ banking facility
- Review the duration and impact of the Shows
- Continue to support and encourage local businesses
- Improve town centre parking and signage
- Create facilities for motorhomes



THEME 4: Connectivity, Roads, Traffic and Active Travel

Burntisland is fortunate to have good rail links to Edinburgh, Dundee and parts of Fife. This fortune does not however extend to anyone using a wheelchair, walking aid, pushing a buggy or arriving by bicycle. The stairs from the east bound platform makes access to the town difficult or impossible for residents and visitors. This was identified as a top priority in the last Community Action Plan and was again voted as one of the top three priorities the community most wanted action on during the consultation for this plan.

There is a general feeling that transport links and services could be better and while the shared active travel path to Kinghorn is generally popular, a continuation of this corridor to link Burntisland with Kirkcaldy is called for.

Flooding continues to be an issue in areas like the Haugh Road.

Many children and parents reported that the voluntary agreement to restrict the movement of HGV lorries in the town as children are on their way to and from school was not working, concern was also expressed about speeding, particularly on the main roads into town.

Main priorities

- Make railway station fully accessible
- Improve transport services and links
- Increase active travel options to connect with Kirkcaldy
- Prevent flooding in and around the town
- Make roads safer for all users



THEME 5: Social and Community

“The sense of community in the town is amazing” according to one survey respondent. This sentiment was echoed over and over again with people really appreciating the efforts of many active volunteers. A desire for even more activities was identified to meet the needs and aspirations of the younger members of our community.

Wider issues include the need for more affordable and appropriate housing, favouring the development of brownfield sites rather than losing greenspace.

The restriction of access to the harbour has perhaps led to increased frustration that Burntisland is fed up with things being “done to the town” with little or no effective consultation with the community. Included in this is a need for more information and community involvement in decision making processes about the Common Good Fund and assets.

Main Priorities

- More community activities for children and young people
- Ensure Common Good Fund is transparent and accountable to local residents
- Encourage more affordable housing
- Improve community consultation for major decisions



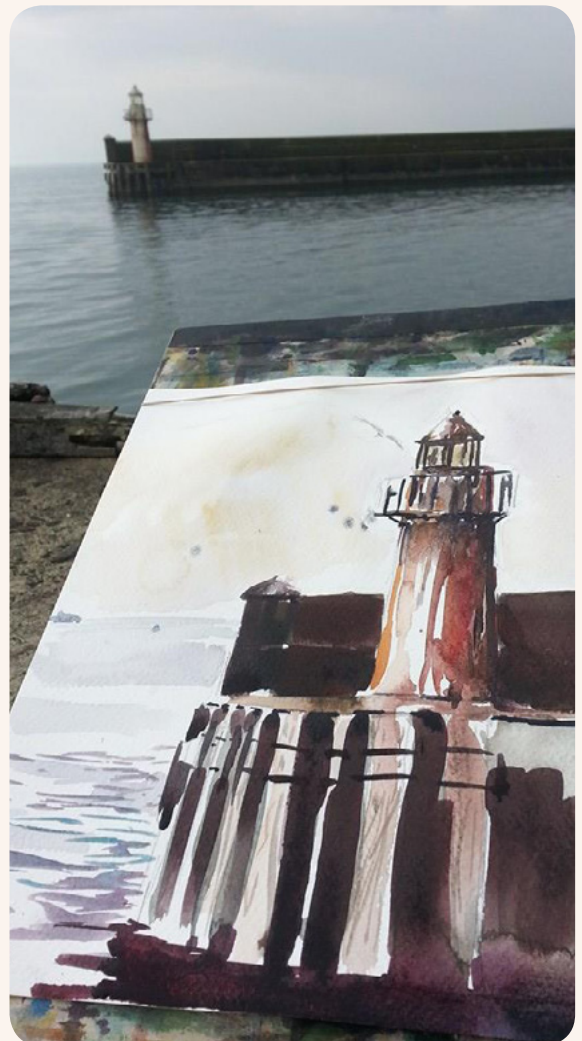
THEME 6: Heritage, Arts and Culture

Burntisland ‘punches above its weight’ is a sentiment echoed by so many people who have come to know the town. This is certainly the case when it comes to the very active Heritage Centre, Museum of Communications, the famous Highland Games, Live on the Links, Civic Week and many other heritage, arts and music initiatives in the town.

Making the most of this talent, and the continued interest in the many fascinating historical connections and assets, will be a priority for the cultural future of the town.

Main Priorities

- Develop an Arts and Crafts Hub
- Investigate community ownership and potential use of gap sites
- Realise the potential of Burntisland’s heritage assets for community benefit
- Support local festivals, events and exhibitions



ACTION

Some priorities are ongoing or can be actioned quite readily, others are more complex and will need further time and investigation. This is a guide to the first steps to be taken, and who will be involved in making it happen. Main stakeholders are identified in **bold**.

THEME 1: Environment, Access and Recreation

PRIORITIES	WHAT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN
Re-open access to the harbour area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Burntisland Harbour Access Trust (BHAT) to campaign for reinstating public access to the harbour area and breakwater
Key Stakeholders	BHAT , Burntisland Community Development Trust (BCDT), Burntisland Community Council (BCC)
Take more action on climate change, biodiversity and habitat protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring together interested individuals and groups • Develop projects to increase biodiversity • Campaign to protect wildlife habitats and greenspace under threat
Key Stakeholders	BCDT, BCC , Net Zero Burntisland, local wildlife groups
Reduce problems with litter, dog fouling and seagulls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have more seagull-proof bins • Investigate potential to create dog parks • Control dogs in and around playparks • Promote and support groups taking action on litter
Key Stakeholders	BCC , BCDT, Fife Council, Central Burntisland Tenants & Residents Association (CBTRA), Keep Burntisland Beautiful, Floral Action Burntisland
Develop opportunities for non-motorised water sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign for the management of motorised water sports • Install welcome/ safety advice at slipway • Promote the facilities at the Beacon • Investigate the potential for a tidal pool
Key Stakeholders	BCDT, BCC , Baywatch Burntisland, Fife Sports & Leisure Trust, RNLI Lifeguards, Fife Coast & Countryside Trust
Improve playparks and the Splash Park on the Links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign to improve and fundraise for key playparks • Campaign for the refurbishment and repair of the Splash Park • Add signage to fenced playparks to discourage them being used as dog parks
Key Stakeholders	BCC , Fife Council, Residents Associations, BCDT



THEME 2: Public Services

PRIORITIES	WHAT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN
Improve public toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring together Fife Council and Fife Coast & Countryside Trust to explore management options of public toilets • Campaign for a full refurbishment of the block at the east end of the Links • Consider installing a 'Changing Space' facility
Key Stakeholders	BCC, BCDT, Fife Council, FCCT
Improving the facilities and services on offer at the Beacon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot extended opening hours during summer school holidays • Promote wider community use of the Beacon
Key Stakeholders	Fife Sports and Leisure Trust, BCDT
Improve pharmacy services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign for better pharmacy provision • Support an application for a second pharmacy
Key Stakeholders	BCC, Fife Council, BCDT
Reduce anti-social behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote Police surgeries at the High Street Hub • Support groups to provide more activities for young people
Key Stakeholders	Toll Community Centre, Police Scotland's Community Police, BCC, BCDT, Youth groups and clubs



THEME 3: Local Economy and Tourism

PRIORITIES	WHAT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN
Re-open Post Office/banking facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lend support to any group or business interested in providing a full or pop-up Post Office facility • Provide promotion and 'use it or lose it' messaging to the community if a Post Office facility is reintroduced
Key Stakeholders	BCDT, Local businesses, Totally Locally, BCC
Review the duration of the Shows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring together stakeholders to investigate the potential of changing the length of the Shows and the way they are managed • Campaign for an expansion of recycling and litter collection contracts while the Shows are in town
Key Stakeholders	BCC, BCDT, Fife Council, Showmen's Guild, Keep Burntisland Beautiful
Continue to support and encourage local businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Totally Locally initiatives to encourage local spend • Promote local businesses within the community
Key Stakeholders	Totally Locally, BCDT, Burgh Buzz, Fife Tourism Partnership
Improve town centre parking and signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Fife Council and landowners to identify potential area for additional/ temporary summer parking • Campaign for clear signage to authorised parking areas and way from parking to the town centre and beach
Key Stakeholders	BCC, Fife Council, BCDT
Create facilities for motorhomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaise with Fife Council and Fife Tourism Partnership to investigate the possibility of motorhome/ campervan facilities
Key Stakeholders	BCC, BCDT, Fife Coast & Countryside Trust, Fife Council, Fife Tourism Partnership

THEME 4: Connectivity, Roads, Traffic and Active Travel

PRIORITIES	WHAT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN
Make railway station fully accessible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support group campaigning for full access to Burntisland station • Continue to make community representation to Network Rail
Key Stakeholders	BCC
Improve transport services and links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobby transport providers about specific transport issues e.g. trains missing stops and the need for a more direct bus service to connect with Ferrytoll
Key Stakeholders	BCC, BCDT
Increase active travel options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Fife Council for advice on the potential to extend active travel route to Kirkcaldy • Promote use of existing shared path between Burntisland and Kinghorn • Support community initiatives that encourage cycling and walking
Key Stakeholders	BCC, BCDT, Fife Council, Toll Community Centre, Walking groups
Prevent flooding in and around the town	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to campaign to resolve flooding issues in the usual places and liaise with Scottish Water to work to secure long term solutions
Key Stakeholders	BCC, Fife Council, Castle Tenants & Residents Association, Climate action groups
Make roads safer for all users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign to reduce the movement of HGVs in the town when children are en-route to and from the primary school • Support initiatives and push for legislation to reduce speeds on approach roads
Key Stakeholders	BCC, BCDT, Burntisland Primary School



THEME 5: Social and Community

PRIORITIES	WHAT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN
Increase community activities for children and young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and promote community groups providing existing and new activities for children and young people
Key Stakeholders	Toll Community Centre , BCDT, Burgh Buzz, Youth groups and clubs
Ensure Common Good Fund is transparent and accountable to local residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek information from Fife Council regarding how the Common Good Fund and assets are managed • Share information with the wider community and establish better communications and a shared decision-making process
Key Stakeholders	BCC, BCDT , Fife Council
Encourage more affordable housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support planning applications from developers and Housing Associations to create affordable housing on brownfield sites
Key Stakeholders	BCC , Fife Council
Improve community consultation for major decisions on land use and changes to service provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and submit a Local Place Plan, informed in part by this Plan, for validation by Fife Council • Use this Action Plan to give the community an evidence-based and effective voice when consultations are undertaken • Campaign for more community engagement in decisions which affect Burntisland
Key Stakeholders	BCC, BCDT, BHAT , Fife Council



THEME 6: Heritage, Arts and Culture

PRIORITIES	WHAT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN
Develop an Arts and Crafts Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring together individuals interested in an arts and craft hub to form a stakeholder group • Support a stakeholder group to investigate the potential for a new hub
Key Stakeholders	BCDT , Arts & Crafts stakeholders
Investigate community ownership of gap sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaise with Fife Council to identify and establish ownership of gap sites • Promote potential of gap sites to groups interested in developing them for community benefit • Support community groups proceeding with community right to buy, community asset transfers and commercial purchases of land or buildings
Key Stakeholders	BCDT , BCC, BHAT
Realise the potential of Burntisland's heritage assets for community benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to fundraise to refurbish the Burgh Chambers including the clock tower • Support access improvements to the Burgh Chambers • Continue to champion and promote Burntisland's rich heritage
Key Stakeholders	Burntisland Heritage , BCC, Fife Council
Support local festivals, events and exhibitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support existing community led events • Encourage new community events particularly inclusive events and those aimed at young people • Promote collaboration between groups and active volunteers
Key Stakeholders	Civic Week Committee, Highland Games Committee, Live on the Links, Big Green Market, BCDT, BCC, Burgh Buzz



MAKING IT HAPPEN

The priorities in this action plan will be taken forward by our local voluntary community groups working together with our public, private and third sector partners.

The Burntisland Community Development Trust is a community and member led organisation currently comprising of ten volunteer Directors with a range of skills and expertise. They are supported by two part-time Development Officers (until 2024) and aim to support many of the priority actions as identified by the Burntisland community in this plan.

The Burntisland Community Council will continue to liaise with Fife Councillors, Fife Council, service providers and others on a range of issues, hold civic functions and hold public meetings on a monthly basis and support community endeavours to deliver this plan wherever possible.

BCDT and BCC will provide support to any groups or individuals who wish to work towards achieving the Vision and Priorities in this Plan.

Getting Involved

This Plan has been created by and is now owned by the community. We need enthusiastic volunteers to make all of this happen- please be a part of your community's future! As a starting point please contact: burntislandcc@outlook.com or developmentofficers@burntisland-trust.org

Local Place Plan

Local Place Plans are a relatively new type of plan introduced by the Planning Scotland Act in 2019 to give communities the right to influence the development and use of land and buildings considered significant in their local area. Local Place Plans have to fulfil certain criteria to be considered valid by Fife Council.

This Community Action Plan aims to inform the creation of a Local Place Plan by providing information and evidence relevant to place based community aspirations and needs. The Plan also provides an evidence-based community voice to feed into Fife Council's Local Development Plans and other strategic priorities.



Keeping the Community Action Plan up to date:

BCDT and BCC will convene a six monthly Community Forum, bringing together community groups and interested individuals, to discuss and monitor progress of this plan, and report back to the wider community, sharing what has been achieved and identifying what more needs to be done.



BURNTISLAND 2023 -2028 COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

This Community Action Plan sets out the priorities for the development of Burntisland over the next 5 years as determined by the community through an extensive process of community engagement carried out from September 2022 to March 2023

The Plan contains

- A summary of our Community Profile
- Our main likes and dislikes as identified in our Community Views Survey
- Our Vision Statement for the future of Burntisland
- The main themes and priorities for action
- Information on how you can stay in touch and get involved.

The Plan is for the whole community and is jointly owned by all the organisations and individuals that took part in its preparation. We will be working together to ensure its implementation over the next 5 years.

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