



Community Action Plan

Purpose

This plan will support the burghs and villages of Auchtermuchty, Strathmiglo, Dunshalt, Gateside (and their associated outlying settlements) to be an integrated and inclusive community whilst preserving the individual character of each place. We are stronger together. We are community.

Management and Implementation of the Plan

This plan is owned by the Auchtermuchty and Strathmiglo Community Council (ASCC) on behalf of the community. Auchtermuchty and Strathmiglo Trust (AST) will support the delivery of the plan on behalf of ASCC.

AST will work with the four Community Associations, Fife Council (Councillors and Officers), the NE Fife MP and MSP, and other statutory and voluntary organisations to achieve the actions set out in the plan.

Where an action in the plan states “Local Community” organisations this is assumed in the first instance to be the relevant Community Association(s) but a separate community team may be set up to deliver the action. AST and/or ASCC may also play a role in coordinating the views of the four community associations where appropriate.

Community Engagement and Communication

Many of the ideas were identified in the [Local Place Plan](#) developed in 2023 and 2024 following consultation with the local community.

This current document is a live document. It deliberately has no time horizon. The Local Community will be kept up to date with progress against the CAP and invited to comment on new actions or amendments to existing actions. This will be achieved by ensuring the plan features on the agenda of the four community associations and the Community Councils. AST and ASCC will consider ways to bring the plan to the attention of the broader community, ensuring as broad involvement as possible.

The three local Fife Councillors will be invited to endorse the CAP, and promote and co-ordinate the implementation of Fife Council led actions.

The MSP and MP will also be invited to endorse the plan and promote its implementation. Their help will be particularly valuable relating to any actions led by third-party organisations or where third-party organisations play a significant role in ensuring successful implementation of a particular action.

This plan will be formally reviewed biennially by the Community Council with the next review in the summer of 2027.



The Plan

Each area of the CAP is prefaced by an aspirational statement, stating what the Community is seeking to achieve or retain. Each statement is supported by specific actions, some of these may be projects already underway or potential projects that could be established.

1 Well-Connected Place

1A Improve the traffic management in each of the four main settlements.

This will be achieved by:

Fife Council in partnership with the **Local Community** investigating the potential for parking solutions to declutter/make streets safer and improve traffic flow.

Community Associations working with **Fife Council** to identify potential locations for EV charging points considering potential flooding, parking and power supply requirements. This could include hosting by local businesses. Secure necessary funding, which could include a contribution from local tourism businesses who would benefit from the installation.

1B Establish an Active Travel network that connects the four main settlements to each other and to the broader Active Travel network in Fife and Perth and Kinross.

This will be achieved by:

Fife Council/SUSTRANS with the **Local Community** implementing safer cycle routes by introducing cycle and walking friendly road signage, and reducing speed limits.

Fife Council/SUSTRANS with the **Strath/Muchty Path Group** creating a fully accessible all-weather path between the two villages of Strathmiglo and Auchtermuchty.

Fife Council in partnership with the **Local Community** to agree an aspirational Active Travel network to connect our four villages, the Lomond Hills and broader long distance path network (Fife Coastal path / Pilgrim's way).

1C Improve Local Public Transport, by providing services that people want and use.

This will be achieved by:

Local Community working with **Glenfarg Buses** to establish better connections with Kinross.

Fife Council in partnership with the **Local Community and Service Providers** improving the provision of local bus services

Fife Council in partnership with the **Local Community** improving the flexi bus service to improve accessibility for people unable to drive.

1D Ensure all households have the right access to appropriate and reliable digital infrastructure.

This will be achieved by:

Fife Council asking **Open Reach** to develop and make available to the public a timetable for ensuring appropriate broadband and mobile phone signals are provided to ALL households in the area, including outlying hamlets and farms etc.



2 Place of Wellbeing for All.

2A Improve Local Housing Provision targeting it at mid-market rent and new build housing for young families, single people, key workers and supported solutions for older people who want to downsize. New building developments should: prioritise derelict/ brownfield sites; explore options for small pockets of development rather than large scale housing development; provide affordable housing for local needs; be cognisant of flooding and infrastructure issues, including education and healthcare.

This will be achieved by:

Fife Council undertaking a specific Housing Needs and Demand Analysis and a site options appraisal in consultation with the **Local Community** to include an analysis of empty and derelict buildings for future housing use.

Fife Council ensuring that developments support local liveability requirements and improve community health and wellbeing, ensuring people can easily access services, greenspace, learning, work and leisure locally.

2B Preserve and expand essential local banking and Post Office services

This will be achieved by:

Local Community working with existing **Post Office** outlets to understand their plans and priorities for continued service delivery, and if necessary, working with **Fife Council**, looking at additional solutions such as mobile banking.

2C Promote positive Community Relations bringing together people from different socio-economic backgrounds, cultures and generations.

This will be achieved by:

Fife Council in partnership with the **Local Community** promoting and prioritising support for community relations. This could include events which bring together different groups e.g. inter-generational or where there is perceived anti-social behaviour, and promoting access to community mediation to address issues such as a clash of lifestyles.

2D Provide high quality and accessible healthcare services addressing the needs of the local community.

This will be achieved by:

NHS Fife (and **NHS Tayside**) establishing / making known ways by which the patient / community voice can be heard in decisions affecting service provision to our community.

Auchtermuchty Health Centre to establishing / making known ways by which the patient / community voice can be heard in decisions affecting service provision to our community.

3 Entrepreneurial Place with Work and Opportunity.

3A Enable local businesses to grow and create additional local employment opportunities.

This will be achieved by:

Local Community organisations coordinating a feasibility study to develop a “Training Centre” for the skills needed for local jobs,



Fife Council and **local businesses** identifying a potential enterprise hub where local businesses can come together under a shared roof(s).

3B Develop tourism in the Auchtermuchty and Strathmiglo Community Council area. Increasing the numbers of visitors while considering the impact of activities on local infrastructure and ecosystems before promotion of activities and monitor and take necessary corrective action on any implemented.

This will be achieved by:

All partners (including crucially **landowners**) working together to provide appropriate infrastructure to develop area as an outdoor activity & eco-tourism destination, for mountain biking, cycling, walking, angling, eco-tourism, and outdoor education. Link to adventure tourism media and organisations for promotion and support.

Local Community organisations developing a historical and cultural hub, potentially with community café, workspace, and visitor information.

4 Climate and Environmentally Friendly Place.

4A Protect and preserve our natural environment.

This will be achieved by:

Local Community identifying sites for increased tree planting and community gardens or allotments in consultation with Fife Council.

Fife Council preserving publicly accessible garden/green areas ensuring conservation and activity plan to maintain and upgrade open spaces and parks across the Place Plan area, in line with Green and Blue Network proposals.

Local Community protecting from development areas of important landscape character and green spaces indicated in the Local Place Plan in order to preserve the character of the villages and to provide habitat and biodiversity. Areas identified for protection that are outside the existing development plan settlement boundaries should remain outside the settlement boundary and should be protected from built development.

4B Become more flood resilient

This will be achieved by:

Local Resilience Group providing advice to the local community about how to prepare for floods, what to do when properties are about to be flooded and what to do after a flood.

4C Increase Community Ownership where it is achievable and sustainable and in the best interest of the Local Community in the longer term

This will be achieved by:

Local Community investigating opportunities for community benefit in land ownership to support local projects e.g. community woodlands and the development of brownfield sites.

Strathmiglo Community Woodland Group taking the Community Woodland into community ownership.



5 A Culturally Vibrant Place Rich in Leisure and Play Opportunities

5A Create a range of local entertainment, sports and play activities opportunities for all generations

This will be achieved by:

Local Community taking the lead on development of a sports and recreation hub at Low Road Park to include additional sports pitches and fit for purpose changing facilities.

Local Community organisations working together to create a new vision for community buildings to offer arts, music and entertainment events. This will involve the various existing venues coming together and offering a programme of events.

Fife Council working with the **Local Community** to preserve and maintain attractive playparks in each village to meet the requirements of local children.

Fife Council in partnership with the **Local Community** developing activities and facilities for young people, particularly in the 12-18 age bracket. This could include activities covering sports, leisure, arts, music and technology.