



KINROSS

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

2026 - 2031



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INTRODUCTION

KINROSS COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

This Community Action Plan summarises community views about:

- what Kinross is like now
- a vision for the future of Kinross
- issues that matter most to the community
- the priorities for projects and action.

The plan will be a guide for what we - as a community - try to make happen over the next 5 years.

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

WORKING TOGETHER

The preparation of this Community Action Plan has been organised by a Steering Group which brought together representatives from Kinross Community Council, Kinross-shire Partnership, KLEO, Kinross Centre, CHAS, Broke Not Broken, KYTHE, Kinross-shire Civic Trust, Greener Kinross-shire, and interested local residents and volunteers.



LOCAL PEOPLE HAVE THEIR SAY

The Action Plan has been informed by extensive community engagement carried out over a six-month period from April to September 2025.

The process involved:

- a **Community Views Survey** delivered to households across the area, available in public locations, and online
- a series of **Stakeholder Conversations** with community organisations, and local people representing a wide range of interests from across the area
- a **Business Survey** distributed widely and available online
- compiling a **Community Profile** of facts and figures about the area
- organising a **Community Open Day Event** so people could see the results of the survey, stakeholder conversations and profile and then vote for their priorities.

775

COMMUNITY VIEWS
SURVEY FORMS WERE
RETURNED
(REPRESENTING AT
LEAST 860 PEOPLE)

25

STAKEHOLDER
CONVERSATIONS
WERE HELD

21

BUSINESSES
RESPONDED

341

PEOPLE ATTENDED
THE COMMUNITY
OPEN DAY EVENT

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART AND TO ALL
THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE

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KINROSS 2025 SUMMARY PROFILE

The full Community Profile and Stakeholder Views Report is available at

<https://kinross.cc/community/community-action-plan/>

<https://www.kinrosscommunitycouncil.com/cap>

LOCATION

Kinross is a historic county market town on the western side of Loch Leven located around 13 miles south of Perth and 20 miles north-west of Edinburgh. It is a hub for the surrounding villages – in Kinross-shire and Fife – offering a wide range of businesses, services, facilities and amenities.

Kinross is at the heart of transport links between the south and north of Scotland. The M90 – the main motorway between Edinburgh and Perth – passes just to the western edge of the town. The M90 connects to the A9 north and the A90 up the east coast to Dundee and Aberdeen.

The Kinross Community Council area, in addition to Kinross itself, embraces Castle Island, some of Loch Leven, and some hinterland to the west and south – including Balado and Gairneybank.

POPULATION AND HOUSING

The population of Kinross was 5,609 (at the time of the 2022 Census) an increase of 14.7% since 2011, which was much greater than the 2.9% growth for Perth and Kinross. Most notable changes in the composition of the Kinross population between the two censuses were:

- A significant decline in the percentage of those in the working age range - down from 62% to 56%.
- A large rise in the percentage of the population in the over 65's age group - up from 19% to 26%.

The total number of occupied houses in the Kinross settlement rose from 2,120 in the 2011 Census to 2,606 in the 2022 Census. This is a significant growth of 23% since 2011 and much greater than the 8% growth in occupied houses in Perth and Kinross. There has been further increase in housing development since the 2022 Census, with planning consent for at least another 350 homes over the next few years.

EMPLOYMENT AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

The main economic sectors offering employment for residents in Kinross are in Health and Social Work, Wholesale and Retail, Education, Public Administration, Construction and Manufacturing, and Accommodation and Food Services.

Large employers locally include CHAS, the Schools, and the Health Centre. The local manufacturing sector includes Todd and Duncan (cashmere spinning since 1897) which still has a prominent role in the community.

Although still significant, there has been a decrease in the number of people employed in both retail and hospitality when comparing the 2022 figures with those of the previous census in 2011. Together they accounted for 23% of employment in 2011 and dropped to 19% by 2022.

Visitors to Loch Leven have increased over the years with the success of the Heritage Trail as well as visitors to the Castle and the RSPB site – with visitor numbers now around 350,000 a year – so there is a strong link to be nurtured between the local economy and the wellbeing of the loch.

The Kinross-shire Partnership and KLEO (Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation) both play an important role in developing the local economy, supporting the networking of businesses, and organising regular Market Days and events.

There is a good list of local businesses on the Kinross-shire Community Website:

<https://kinross.cc/community/businesses/>

EDUCATION

Kinross Primary School is one of the largest primary schools in Perth and Kinross with 18 'mainstream' classes and a roll of around 450 pupils. The School Nursery is registered for a maximum of 85 children at any one time.

Kinross High School is set within the Loch Leven Community Campus with a current roll of around 900 pupils. Feeder Primary Schools are Kinross, Cleish, Arngask, Portmoak, Fossoway and Milnathort.

Perth College UHI closed the Learning Centre in Kinross (along with others in Crieff and Blairgowrie) in 2019. The nearest FE Colleges are in Perth and Dunfermline.



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HEALTH, CARE AND EMERGENCY SERVICE

Facilities and services include:

- Loch Leven Health Centre – GPs, District Nurses and a range of clinical support
- Main hospitals in Ninewells, Dundee and Perth Royal Infirmary, Perth
- Pharmacies in Kinross and Milnathort
- Private dentist in Kinross but no NHS service
- Ambulance - Kinross is served by the Tayside and Fife sub-divisions of the Scottish Ambulance Service
- Kinross First Responders – trained local volunteers who can provide assistance before an ambulance arrives
- Public access Defibrillators throughout the town
- Police Station in Kinross High Street – no longer has a public counter service but serves as a base for community officers
- Kinross Fire Station – operates with a retained crew on call 24 hours



Many local charities and organisations provide vital caring and support services across the community including:

- Kinross-shire Centre – day care services for the elderly
- Broke Not Broken – anti poverty charity
- Kinross-shire Volunteer Drivers
- Kinross Men's Shed and She Shed
- Kinross Trishaws and Community Cycling

Elderly care homes and housing include:

- Ashley House Residential Care Home (Milnathort),
- Balhousie Residential Care Home (Rumbling Bridge)
- Sheltered housing and retirement housing at Whyte Court (Hanover Housing), Causeway Court (PKC), The Sycamores (McCarthy Stone), and Sir Alan Smith Gardens retirement living.

COMMUNITY GROUPS, FACILITIES AND EVENTS

Kinross is an extremely active community with a huge range of community groups, facilities, activities and events. A very comprehensive list can be viewed on the Kinross-shire community website:

<https://kinross.cc/community/clubs-groups/>

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

Provision includes:

- Playing Fields - King George V, Myre Park, Davies Park, Loch Leven Campus, Kinross Primary School, Donaldson Park (Milnathort)
- Play areas at Davies Park, Green Park, Kirkgate Park, Myre Park, Lathro Park and Levenfields
- Montgomery and Bruce 18 hole golf courses
- Kinross Tennis Club
- Kinross Bowling Club
- Public Parks and Gardens include: Myre Park, Kirkgate Park, Gace Gardens, Green Park, Hayfield Garden and Davies Park

ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE

Paths and Access

There are 15 designated core paths in and around Kinross. The Loch Leven Heritage trail is a circular path of 21km around the loch, suitable for all abilities access. Kinross is on the route of two main National Cycle Networks – NCN1 and NCN 775. The current NCN route 776 runs through the centre of Kinross.



Loch Leven Nature Reserve

Loch Leven is an internationally important site for water birds, with huge flocks of wintering wildfowl gathering each autumn. In October, around 10% of the world's population of pink-footed geese arrive at the loch. The National Nature Reserve site is managed by NatureScot with staff based at its offices at The Pier.



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Lochleven Castle

The island castle on Loch Leven is renowned for the imprisonment of Mary, Queen of Scots in 1567. It is also where she abdicated the Scottish throne in favour of her infant son James VI (later to become King James I of England). The site is managed by Historic Environment Scotland and includes the provision of a seasonal boat service for visitors.



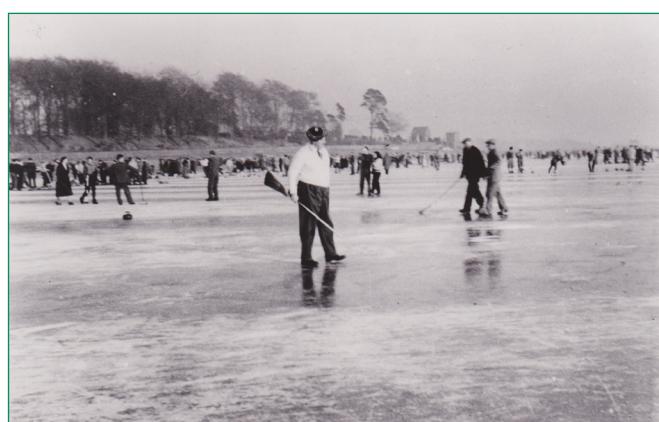
Local environment and heritage groups and initiatives

Kinross-shire Civic Trust has championed the development of Rain Gardens with over 20 projects completed. CATCH (Climate Action Through Community Heating) is a local group that aims to reduce the carbon footprint in Kinross and Milnathort by introducing a district heating network using renewable energy sources. Greener Kinross-shire, Kinross Climate Café and Repair Café are working to tackle the effects of climate change through recycling and reuse initiatives. Kinross (Marshall) Museum is an independent charitable trust dedicated to the history and heritage of Kinross-shire. It is currently located within the Loch Leven Community Campus.

Some other heritage connections

Kinross's past also includes its role as:

- a staging post on the Great Northern Road and then at the crossroads of three railway lines
- a centre for the manufacture of cutlery from the late 17th to the early 20th Century
- a centre for weaving during the 18th and 19th Centuries which includes its role as a world leader in cashmere spinning
- home to the oldest Curling Club in Scotland (and possibly the world) dating back to 1668
- home to the first CHAS hospice in Scotland



Kinross Conservation Area

A conservation area was first designated in Kinross in 1977 and extended in 1989.

It recognises and ensures that the centre of Kinross retains strong architectural and historic character which demonstrates its evolution and creates a unique, high-quality environment. This character is seen as being important for the quality of life and economic health of the town, in the present and the future.

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COMMUNITY VIEWS SURVEY: LIKES

The full Community Survey Report is available at
<https://kinross.cc/community/community-action-plan/>
<https://www.kinrosscommunitycouncil.com/cap>

LIKE	%
Countryside, the loch and access routes	54
Community spirit	41
Location	30
Sense of place	30
Community groups, activities & events	29
Travel and transport	29
Local economy	28
Public services	24
Sports and recreation	19



WHAT PEOPLE SAID (SELECTION OF QUOTES FROM THE SURVEY):

“I enjoy the beautiful walks and living so close to the loch”

“I love the loch and its rich heritage”

“I feel safe when cycling around the fantastic tourist path around Loch Leven”

“How helpful the community are to each other”

“A range of voluntary organisations offering support to the local community”

“I like that there are familiar faces and you can get to know people”

“Best of both worlds – close to the beautiful countryside and good bus links to Edinburgh”

“I like that it is not too big and has a sense of history about it”

“Lovely community to live in – it feels safe”

“It's a family town, everyone is friendly, and it is well kept”

“A community feel with clubs and interests to suit all”

“KLEO do fantastic job of creating events which bring the community together”

“Kinross Community Newsletter is really excellent”

“The Kinross Centre provides an amazing service for older people”

“Park and Ride facility and bus transport to Edinburgh is good”

“Good selection of local shops and takeaways. Fab charity shops”

“The look of the town is nice with planters around the place”

“Its public services including good schools and good GP practice”

“I play golf and curl and facilities for both of these locally are excellent”

“Lots to do outside with children. Davies Park is a favourite”

“I like that there are community facilities like the pool and the campus”

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COMMUNITY VIEWS SURVEY: DISLIKES



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DISLIKE	%
Local economy/retail offer	52
Roads, traffic and parking	38
Housing and development	32
Local services	25
Environmental concerns	22
Transport	16
Community facilities and activities	15
Anti-social behaviour	5

WHAT PEOPLE SAID (SELECTION OF QUOTES FROM THE SURVEY):

“Lack of supermarkets, filling stations and amenities forcing travel”

“Shopping is really poor for a town the size Kinross has become”

“Not too welcoming for tourists”

“Limited job opportunities, many residents have to commute”

“Cycling isn't safe because of so many parked cars”

“Too little parking in the town centre which has a negative impact on the shops”

“Lack of motorway slip roads at Milnathort - increased traffic through Kinross”

“Narrow width of footpaths for prams and wheelchairs”

“Housing development continuing apace with apparently little regard for existing infrastructure capacity”

“New housing is crammed into open space and is of poor appearance”

“Huge amount of new housing which adds pressure to already overstretched infrastructure like schools and health”

“There seems to be an excess of detached homes and not enough starter homes”

“Doctors' surgery is oversubscribed takes far too long to get an appointment”

“There is no NHS dentist in the whole areas”

“All the banks have gone”

“Lack of accessibility for disabled people. Almost nothing in Kinross is accessible”

“The local environment is poorly maintained, increasingly run down and litter strewn”

“Being unable to go into the loch due to algae”

“No direct bus to Glasgow. No railway station with trains to Perth or Edinburgh”

“Public transport to Perth stops early evening/Sunday service is poor”

“No clear community building for groups to use”

“Lack of art, culture, film and music”

“Nothing for teenagers to do if not involved in sport”

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OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

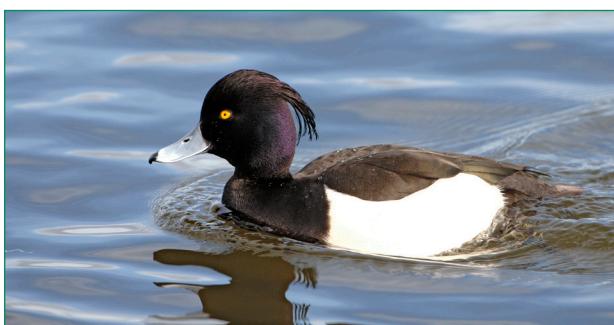
This statement has been prepared using local residents' and organisations' answers to the question – "What is your ideal vision for the future of this community – the best you can imagine it in 10 years' time?"

Kinross will still have a small, market town feel, and will not have grown much more. It will be a welcoming, inclusive community, working together and caring for everyone



Natural and cultural assets are protected and celebrated, attracting visitors to come and enjoy them responsibly, and contribute to our local economy

The town will be busy and vibrant, with a bustling high street. There will be more local businesses and jobs



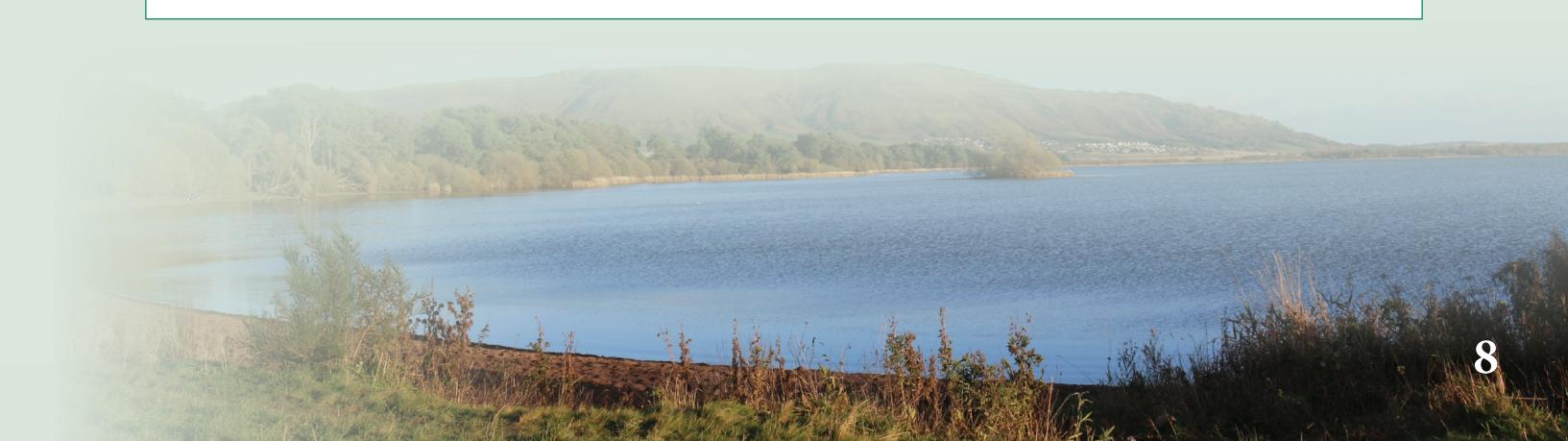
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Everyone who lives here can easily access quality and inclusive housing, health, education and care services



Kinross will be an exemplar of a green and sustainable community, tackling impacts of climate change, developing renewable energy, enhancing open spaces for biodiversity and promoting active travel and local produce



MAIN STRATEGIES AND PRIORITIES

'What we need to do over the next 5 years to make the area better to live in, work in and visit.'

These are the main strategies and priorities that have emerged from the results of the community engagement work – the community views survey, the stakeholder conversations and the community event. They are a guide to what the community and its organisations will focus on and try to make happen over the next 5 years.

THEME 1: FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

Most of the priorities in this CAP reflect a desire to shape the future in light of the fast growth in housing and population over the last 20 years and the need to be proactive in creating a more balanced and sustainable community, economy and environment in the future.

There was a strong desire:

- to encourage a phase of consolidation in Kinross rather than expansion of its population and housing – and for this to be reflected in the new Local Development Plan
- To ensure that there were sites identified for employment and business development and that these sites were not used for further housing (in general and with specific reference to the BCA site)
- to reduce impacts of climate change – in particular reducing flooding risk and continuing to improve water quality in Loch Leven
- To make the most of opportunities for local renewable energy initiatives and energy use reduction
- To see continuing development of active travel and public/community transport

Main Priorities

- The new Local Development Plan – consolidation not expansion
- More sites for new/expanding businesses (including BCA site)
- Reduce impacts of climate change
- Renewable and reduced energy use
- Active and sustainable transport



THEME 2: LOCAL ECONOMY AND TOWN CENTRE

It was thought to be important to prioritise sites for employment and local businesses in Kinross rather than for housing. A current focus for this concern was the old British Car Auction site, with a desire to see it developed – as originally proposed – as a site for businesses, and not for housing. The need to develop more retail provision was emphasised with preference for a new supermarket and petrol station.

It was felt that more could be done to increase the attraction of the town centre – making it more animated and more accessible to locals and visitors. There is an opportunity to build on the work of KLEO and the Kinross-shire Partnership in supporting the local economy and local businesses. Improvements to accessibility include a need for better and safer active travel routes for walking and cycling, and for improvements to parking.

In general it was thought that more could be done to attract visitors to Kinross, and specifically to develop the links with Loch Leven - through improvements to road and path access as well as more provision of visitor information about the town at Loch Leven e.g. through a local visitor centre.

Main priorities

- Employment/business sites and premises
- A more accessible town centre
- More for visitors
- Connections with Loch Leven
- Business services, support and networking



THEME 3: ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE

It was widely recognised that Loch Leven is the jewel in the Kinross crown – and that its health and management is important to Kinross's future. To this end, the community realise they have a vested interest in working with the NatureScot National Nature Reserve, RSPB, Historic Environment Scotland, Forth Rivers Trust and local land managers. Local groups, including Greener Kinross-shire, Kinross-shire Civic Trust (Rain Gardens), TRACKS and CATCH, all have a major role to play and their work should be supported.

There has been concern about the need to retain and enhance local greenspaces in Kinross in the face of pressure for housing development. It was seen as important to maintain this focus and to support the work of local organisations e.g. KOSAG, Kinross-shire Civic Trust, Kinross Community Council, Kinross in Bloom, Potager Garden, and Greener Kinross-shire.



Continuing to maintain and develop local paths networks that support and provide access to countryside, open spaces and outdoor recreation is highly valued and the work of TRACKS and Kinross Trishaws and Community Cycling should be supported over the next years. This should include improving links to Loch Leven, encouraging use of local paths and developing more all ability trails.

There was a strong feeling that Kinross should make more of its local heritage – including making heritage information/interpretation/activities more accessible closer to Loch Leven and Kinross Town Centre.

Main priorities

- Loch Leven
- Retain and develop greenspaces
- Environment enhancement
- Develop and maintain paths networks
- Making more of local heritage

THEME 4: GETTING AROUND

Increase in housing has led to an increase in traffic within Kinross – and suggestions for ways of improving this – including road safety measures, alternative road and traffic flow systems, and offering alternatives for active travel.

People were keen to see that improvements took account of all abilities e.g. dropped kerbs, paths and pavements wide enough for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

Traffic reduction measures included the desire to see slip roads for Milnathort onto the M90 (Junction 7 M90 off ramp from and on ramp to the south), increased promotion and use of the by-pass, while road safety measures included slowing traffic down and having pedestrian crossings at dangerous crossroads.

Improved paths and cycle routes are needed within Kinross itself but also linking to other villages in Kinross-shire and Fife and beyond. The motorway is a major barrier to the creation of safe active travel routes between Kinross and neighbouring Kinross-shire villages and, in an ideal world, there would be a motorway underpass/overpass provided for walkers/cyclists. A safer route – other than through the town centre - was also proposed for connecting all the way from the bottom of Kinross to Milnathort.



While Kinross has good public transport connections there was still thought to be areas for improvement e.g. better services to the West (Stirling and Glasgow), better timetabling of buses to Perth, and local Kinross-shire/Fife services that helped connect villages to Kinross. Better access to rail services was also mentioned – ideally a new station! – but also better public transport linking to train services e.g. at Inverkeithing.

Main Priorities

- Road safety and traffic reduction
- Paths and cycle routes
- Pavement and paths for all abilities
- Public transport

THEME 5: COMMUNITY AND RECREATION

Kinross does not have a dedicated community or town hall but rather a number of 'shared use' buildings e.g. community campus, church halls, scout hall, rugby club pavilion, and hotels. This can mean that there is a need to 'make do' or overcome limitations which are sometimes cited as barriers to use. It also means that there is a need to enable people and groups to have a good overview of what is available. As a result a number of respondents would like to see more dedicated space for specific groups or for multi-purpose community use, e.g. a youth centre, arts centre, community centre.



In terms of recreational facilities

- Respondents were pleased to see that there are proposals and funding to upgrade the Leisure Centre
- It was noted that restrictions on use of existing outdoor sports pitches at the campus meant that there was a shortage of all-weather football pitches
- There was a desire to see ongoing improvements to local play areas



Main priorities

- Make the most of existing facilities
- Explore the need for new dedicated facilities
- Improve and develop sports facilities
- Improve play facilities
- Community groups working together and in partnership with others

THEME 6: ACCESS TO SERVICES

One of the overwhelming messages coming from the CAP consultation was that the growth in housing and population had not been met by a corresponding growth in services.

There was particular concern about the difficulties now faced in accessing health services and a desire to see this improved.



Over the years the work of local organisations including the Kinross Centre, Broke Not Broken, Kinross-shire Volunteer Drivers, The Men's Shed, She Shed, Kinross Trishaws and Community Cycling has grown along with the need for their services. It was recognised that their role in providing care and wellbeing services was vital and should continue to be supported and developed.



Local businesses and residents highlighted the need for better access to banking and post office services, with a request that at the very least there should be a Kinross Banking Hub and increased Post Office hours.

The CAP work also identified the need for more childcare – with a particular gap in holiday care for Primary School children identified – and with the need to ensure that existing services are supported and expanded.

Main priorities

- Health, Care and Wellbeing Services
- Banking and Post Office
- Childcare

A GUIDE TO ACTION

These tables provide a guide to the actions that will be required to progress the priorities identified in the plan. They also indicate which organisations should be involved and supported to take these actions forward.

THEME 1: FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

PRIORITIES	ACTION SHOULD INCLUDE
The new Local Development Plan – consolidation not expansion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making improvement to existing services and infrastructure before any future housing development • Not progressing with any further significant housing development without community consent • Protecting existing greenspace • Improving active travel routes from existing housing developments • Making sure the results of the CAP process (this report, Survey, Stakeholder and Profile Report, Event Report) are fed into the new Local Development Planning process. This could include the preparation of a Local Place Plan
Action by	<i>Perth and Kinross Council, Kinross Community Council (with the support of all other community organisations involved in the CAP Steering Group)</i>
More sites for new/expanding businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint action by key community organisations working with local businesses, landowners, and planners to progress existing sites for employment/business use, and to identify other suitable sites
Action by	<i>Kinross-shire Partnership, Kinross Community Council, local businesses, landowners</i>
Reduce impacts of climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing flooding risk – flood prevention schemes, Rain Gardens • Monitoring, maintaining and improving water quality in Loch Leven and reducing phosphates
Action by	<i>Greener Kinross-shire, Kinross-shire Civic Trust (Rain Gardens), Forth Rivers Trust, NatureScot, Leven Catchment Collective, SEPA, local developers</i>
Renewable and reduced energy use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the work of the CATCH project in Kinross • Develop and promote other initiatives to reduce energy use
Action by	<i>CATCH, Greener Kinross-shire, NatureScot, Perth and Kinross Council, local businesses, landowners and service providers</i>
Active and sustainable transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to develop active travel routes for cycling and walking to reduce car use
Action by	<i>TRACKS, Kinross Trishaws and Community Cycling, Tactran, Sustrans, Perth and Kinross Council</i>

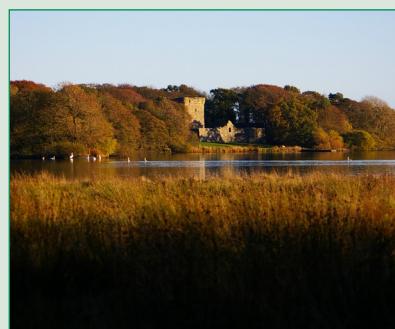


THEME 2: LOCAL ECONOMY

PRIORITIES	ACTION SHOULD INCLUDE
Employment and business sites and premises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the weight of community views gathered through the CAP process to make representation to PKC and developers about the strong community desire to prioritise business sites over housing development – particularly in relation to the BCA site • Prepare a Local Place Plan for submission to PKC to feed into the Local Development Plan, identifying sites and premises for business development
Action by	<i>Kinross Community Council, Community Action Plan Steering Group, local businesses, Perth and Kinross Council</i>
A more accessible town centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the potential to create a one-way traffic system through Kinross • Review parking provision in Kinross town centre to develop recommendations for improvements that would encourage more people to visit and stay longer in the town • Improve layout of town centre and active travel access routes to the town centre • Implement measures to make roads, pavements and active travel routes and parking options suitable for 'all abilities'
Action by	<i>Kinross Community Council, Kinross-shire Partnership, local businesses, Perth and Kinross Council, SUSTRANS, Tactran</i>
More for visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and develop the work of KLEO to provide and increase events and activities for visitors • Develop more information, signage, interpretation for visitors including the potential for a visitor centre close to the loch and Town Centre • More overnight accommodation (camping, hostel, etc) • Support businesses and community groups wanting to create more activities and experiences for visitors • More for people wanting to access hospitality and amenities in the early morning and evening • Continue to be involved in the Perthshire Tourism Partnership, and Perth & Kinross Tourism Strategy group, to ensure that Kinross & Kinross-shire benefits from partnership working and any available investment.
Action by	<i>Kinross-shire Partnership, local tourism businesses, Kinross Local Events Organisation, local businesses and community groups, Perth and Kinross Council</i>
Connections with Loch Leven	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that any proposed developments at BCA site include better road access between Kinross and Loch Leven • Improve visitor information about Kinross at the loch – including the potential for a visitor information centre (e.g. as part of or alongside the Boat House development) • Support the re-opening of the Boat House • Support work of TRACKS in improving pedestrian and cycle access routes between Kinross and the loch
Action by	<i>Kinross Community Council, Kinross-shire Partnership, TRACKS, Kinross House Estate, Kinross Museum, Historic Environment Scotland, Nature Scot, Perth and Kinross Council</i>
Business services, support and networking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to offer and develop networking opportunities for local businesses Look at introducing a "shop local" campaign and incentives. Explore how other communities have done this successfully to increase footfall and local spend in town centres. e.g. Burntisland Totally Locally
Action by	<i>Kinross-shire Partnership, traders</i>

THEME 3: ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE

PRIORITIES	ACTION SHOULD INCLUDE
Loch Leven	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and continue to improve water quality in the loch • Promote and support initiatives – including the Rain Gardens and the proposed District Heating System (CATCH project) • Reduce flooding and surface water risk and phosphate pollution • Continue to develop community, visitor and land manager awareness and action to support the wellbeing of the loch and associated rivers
Action by	<i>NatureScot, Forth Rivers Trust, Kinross-shire Civic Trust, Scottish Water, SEPA, CATCH, Housing developers, land managers and businesses around the loch, Perth and Kinross Council</i>
Retain and develop greenspaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect existing greenspaces from future development • Appropriate development of greenspaces for biodiversity, outdoor recreation, as public amenities for enjoyment for all ages, for local produce – based on community consultation and involvement
Action by	<i>KOSAG, Kinross-shire Civic Trust, Perth and Kinross Council</i>
Environment enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to improve the 'look' of the community with planting and greening of public spaces and key features • Identify and lobby for improvements to the built environment • Establish a local Environmental Team that could work with the Council and Kinross in Bloom to monitor and maintain sites, help organise litter picking, support development of greenspaces
Action by	<i>Kinross in Bloom, Kinross-shire Civic Trust, Perth and Kinross Council,</i>
Develop and maintain paths networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to develop and improve active travel routes (see Theme 2) • Continue to develop path networks for outdoor recreation including path links between Loch Leven and Kinross • Improving and upgrading (for all abilities) paths around Loch Leven • Develop paths through 'Lathro Country Park' between Kinross and Milnathort
Action by	<i>TRACKS, Kinross Trishaws and Community Cycling, NatureScot, Perth and Country-side Trust, Perth and Kinross Scotland, SUSTRANS</i>
Local Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to highlight local heritage through information, interpretation and activities – including providing more in the town centre and at Loch Leven • Investigate the potential for a 'visitor/heritage centre' in a central location e.g. Town Centre/Loch Leven/as part of the old BCA site • Develop and promote a Kinross Heritage Trail
Action by	<i>Kinross Museum, Historic Environment Scotland, Perth and Kinross Council</i>



THEME 4: GETTING AROUND

PRIORITIES	ACTION SHOULD INCLUDE
Road Safety and traffic reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobby for road layout improvements – including consideration given to one way system for the town, slip roads to the A90 for Milnathort, and better promotion and use of the existing by-pass • Lobby for improved road crossings at dangerous crossroads and where access is needed to services and amenities • Continue to identify and lobby for improvement to road safety – including clearing of overgrown pavements and hedges that obstruct views • Review and update the Living Streets – Community Street Audit from 2018
Action by	<i>Kinross Community Council (with neighbouring Community Councils), Perth and Kinross Councillors</i>
Active travel - paths and cycle routes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobby for improvements - including re-routing of the NCR335 and the development of a safe pedestrian and cycle route from Kinross through to Milnathort • Work with other Kinross-shire Community Councils and Development Trusts to create and then implement a Kinross-shire Active Travel Plan that links villages with Kinross and joins with other active travel routes in Fife and Clackmannanshire.
Action by	<i>Kinross Community Council, TRACKS, Kinross Trishaws and Community Cycling, Sustrans, Tactran, Perth and Kinross Council</i>
Pavement and paths for all abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of town centre layout to make it more accessible for all abilities • Continue with creating all ability paths around and to Loch Leven • Review of other parts of town and neighbourhoods and access issues to services and amenities
Action by	<i>TRACKS, Kinross-shire Trishaws and Community Cycling, Kinross-shire Partnership, Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust, CHAS, Kinross Centre, Nature Scot</i>
Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobby for additional transport services – including improved bus services for Perth, Kinross-shire and Fife Villages and to the West (Glasgow and Stirling) and to connect to nearest rail stations
Action by	<i>Kinross Community Council (with other Kinross-shire Community Councils), Tactran</i>



THEME 5: COMMUNITY AND RECREATION

PRIORITIES	ACTION SHOULD INCLUDE
Make the most of existing facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a 'Guide to Kinross's Community Facilities' – which would include a list and description of spaces available, contact details for booking, and links to facilities' own websites • Look at how facilities could be promoted jointly • Review how other communities have done this successfully e.g. www.Dunblane.info
Action by	<i>Joint action by all Community Facilities (e.g. Campus, King George V Pavilion, Myre Park Pavilion, Millbridge Hall, Church Halls etc.)</i>
Explore the need for new facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarise needs and aspirations for new premises/spaces in Kinross and assess whether these can be met by existing facilities/by improving access to existing facilities/or require new premises • This could be part of a feasibility study which includes 'Making the most of existing facilities' and 'Exploring the need for new dedicated facilities'
Action by	<i>Community groups (especially KYTHE, KLEO, Broke Not Broken, and others interested in new/dedicated/community facilities)</i>
Improve and develop sports facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support PKC with plans to improve the Leisure Centre • Continue to liaise with Loch Leven Campus to ensure appropriate community use of sports facilities • Support the Kinross Community Sports Hub, Perth and Kinross Council and Kinross Colts (Myre Park) and King George V Playing Fields Management Committee in developing quality pitches and facilities for sport activities and teams in Kinross • Consider how to make best use of the Myre Park for all – including preserving greenspace, improving sports use and recreational access as well as providing a new all weather pitch. This may require further community consultation and developing a "masterplan" for Myre Park
Action by	<i>Sports groups and clubs, Kinross Community Sports Hub, Perth & Kinross Council, Loch Leven Campus, King George V Playing Fields Management Committee</i>
Improve play facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Perth & Kinross Council to continue to audit current play facilities, identifying gaps in provision (e.g. all abilities access and equipment) and improvements to be made • Carry out proposed improvements at Kirkgate Play Area • Improve the skatepark at the Leisure Centre, and develop a Pump Track/Cycle Area in a suitable location
Action by	<i>Kinross Outdoor Spaces Action Group, KYTHE, local nurseries and schools (Parent Councils), Kinross Trishaws and Community Cycling, Perth & Kinross Council</i>
Community groups working together and partnership	<p>Foster good partnership working between community groups e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with the Community Action Plan Steering Group – as a 'Town Team' or 'Town Partnership' or 'Uniting Kinross' – meeting 3 or 4 times a year – and jointly hosting an annual CAP update and review event. • Establish Action Groups for each of the Themes in this Action Plan – (see Greener Kinross-shire as a good example)- to jointly share progress or take joint action on the priorities within each theme • Adopt a joint approach to lobbying for improvements to public plans, proposals and service delivery – to strengthen the hand of the Community Council • Continue to organise the biennial Better Place to Live Fair – showcasing all the groups and activities in the community • Review the role and purpose of all charitable organisations in Kinross – there are a lot! Is there a way they can be combined/share resources to reduce the need for so many volunteers and administration? • Consider a role for a local umbrella organisation - Kinross Community Development Trust?
Action by	<i>Community Action Plan Steering Group members, all community groups.</i>

THEME 6: ACCESS TO SERVICES

PRIORITIES	ACTION SHOULD INCLUDE
Health, Care and Wellbeing Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring together a joint working group of public and voluntary sector providers, to continue to offer and develop health, care and wellbeing services • Objectives for the joint working group could include monitoring existing provision and need, researching best practice, and developing services and facilities to meet need where identified
Action by	<i>Local health providers, Broke Not Broken, Kinross Centre, CHAS, Kinross-shire Volunteer Drivers and others</i>
Banking and Post Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make the case for a Banking Hub – and research how other similar communities (e.g. Auchterarder and Crieff) have achieved this • Liaise with the Post Office service to increase hours and improve reliability
Action by	<i>Kinross-shire Partnership, local businesses</i>
Childcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain and develop childcare provision – particularly look at the needs for holiday care for primary school children
Action by	<i>Kinross-shire Partnership, Schools, Parents</i>



MAKING IT HAPPEN

WORKING TOGETHER

The priorities in this action plan serve as a focus for our own local community groups and their work with a range of public, private and voluntary sector partners.

Existing Groups and New Action Groups
The action plan identifies which groups will be involved in each of the themes and priorities. We are keen to develop partnership working between groups that are working on the same themes – and may set up Action Working Groups for each of the main themes – as a way of fostering these connections.

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

The development of this Community Action Plan has been organised by a local Steering Group that brought together representatives from many of the local groups. This has been a successful partnership and benefited from a range of interests, knowledge and skills. We will seek to work together in the future, support each other and share joint oversight of how the Plan and its priorities are progressed.

LOCAL PLACE PLAN AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Kinross Community Council has an opportunity to use the relevant findings from this Community Action Plan to prepare maps of desired future land and building use (e.g. for green space, active travel, paths, employment, housing, flood mitigation, renewable energy etc.). This can be submitted as a Local Place Plan to provide community views to the Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan.

KEEPING THE ACTION PLAN UP TO DATE

We will organise a Community Action Plan Annual Review event once a year to report back to the Community on how the plan is progressing and to see what progress is being made.

BE PART OF MAKING IT HAPPEN

Let us know if you would like to get involved, join existing groups, take part in new action groups or tell us more about what projects you want to help with?
Contact: cap@kinross.cc



KINROSS

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

2026 - 2031



This Community Action Plan sets out the priorities for the development of Kinross over the next 5 years as determined by the community through an extensive process of community engagement carried out over a six month period from April – September 2025

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 Kinross
- The main themes and priorities for action
- Information on how you can stay in touch and get involved.

All the results of the community engagement process are available to view at
<https://kinross.cc/community/community-action-plan/>
<https://www.kinrosscommunitycouncil.com/cap>

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 work together to ensure its implementation over the next 5 years.

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