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1. INTRODUCTION

Background

1.1 This report summarises the findings of the ***Stakeholder Conversations*** carried out as part of the participatory process designed to inform the preparation of the Stanley and District Community Action Plan.

1.2 Meetings and interviews were organised and carried out by Caroline Ness, Community Action Plan Project Co-ordinator (Stanley Development Trust) on behalf of the local Community Action Planning Steering Group.

1.3 Conversations were arranged with Historic Environment Scotland, Kinclaven Parish Church, Live Active Leisure, Redgorton and Stanley Parish Church, Rural Focus Group (Stanley Farm, Kinclaven Farm, Newmill Farm, Ballathie House Hotel, C406 Tackle Litter Group and West Stormont Woodland Group), Scottish Women's Institute, St Columba's Episcopal Church, Stanley in Bloom, Stanley Bowling Club, Stanley Development Trust (past and present), Stanley Exercise Group, Stanley Health Walks, Stanley Mills Owners Association, Stanley Rifle Club, Stanley Soup Club, Stanley Store, Stanley Time Bank, Stanley and District Village Hall. Numerous representatives of Perth & Kinross Council across a varied range of services and local residents also participated.

1.4 The Stakeholder Report captures a summary of the findings of these conversations, but it should also be noted that some key services or stakeholders in the area didn't make themselves available to participate. A selection of sample stakeholder quotes are used throughout the report.

Big Place Conversation

Perth & Kinross Council are hosting various 'Big Place Conversations' across the area in Summer 2023, including Highland and Strathtay which covers the Stanley and District area. Information gathered from all community consultations across the new Stanley and District Community Action Plan will complement and feed into the evidence collated for the next Local Development Plan but local residents will still have the opportunity to participate in Big Place Conversation events and surveys.

Acknowledgements

The Stakeholder Conversations were carried out and analysed using guidelines and templates provided by STAR Development Group.

2. HOUSING, ACCESS TO SERVICES AND UTILITIES

The Stanley and District area offers a variety of traditional and new housing with some unique homes at the historical Stanley Mills. Substantial building is taking place/planned for Stanley across 5 sites. Services are currently adequate but communications/connectivity are not.

2.1 Positive features and opportunities included:

- 5 build sites in Stanley have 'in principle' applications, with approx. 500 houses across all sites
- Good access links to the A9 will be an attraction for the new builds
- Local authority services covering Highland & Strathtay work closely together
- As the village is growing, a lot more families are moving in
- New houses may increase Village Hall footfall
- Approx. 30/35% of residents/tenants at Stanley Mills live there permanently
- Deeds for Mid Mill and East Mill (Stanley Mills) state if flats are leased to tenants, this must be for at least 6 months and can't be used for short term lets or Airbnb although recent legislation has reduced this

2.2 Challenges and concerns included:

- Concerns re the 'planning gain' vs the new builds – no new parks built
- Opportunities missed to involve various co-housing projects on different tenures and tied to developer contributions
- Intermittent interest from local Councillors
- New flooding caused by house building
- Families left Stanley due to a lack of affordable housing
- Social housing and integration into the community
- Muir Homes selling houses to the Council
- Historic reputation that's hard to shift
- Local Community Police Officer is based in Pitlochry and covers up to Aviemore
- Lack of a good mobile signal
- New mast near school was vetoed
- Over 60% of residents at Stanley Mills have either lived there permanently but now have a main residence elsewhere or some only use it from time to time
- Calls to 101 to report anti-social behaviour abandoned after 20 minutes when not answered
- Agreement that developer contributions are only linked to the hub project instead of Stanley in general, meaning the village will lose out if the hub isn't built

2.3 Stakeholder proposals and ideas for improvement:

- Plan now for services before people move into new builds

Sample Stakeholder Quotes

"Fibre broadband would be wonderful"
"The situation with the developers' contributions, if rumour is to be believed, is that they are only tied to the Hub, is scandalous"
"Seems to me that local councillors have consistently failed to look at the needs of the community and taken a piece meal approach"
"Mostly family houses, not many bungalows"
"Can't get a signal in the house, have to go outside. Can't take a mobile call in the house. Lots of people in Store Street can't get a signal"
"What's the point in building new houses when there's no jobs, creates pollution with the extra traffic"
"New developments will bring a diverse range of residents"
"Stanley has never been that desirable"

"Stanley has always had a higher proportion of social housing and this has impacted on our image. We have around 46% social housing compared to the average of 23%"
"Think it will take generations to turn around our reputation"
"Church refused a mast in the tower, there have been objections over time to masts"
"Found someone lost near where I live in the countryside and they didn't have a clue – there was no phone signal"
"Concerned about mobile signals getting worse, lower, weaker, less stable, can't have video on, sometimes at both ends. Not the case last year, something has gone array in last 8 months"
"It is quite a significant expansion of the village but there are facilities there that can accommodate it and we've done the background work upfront to make sure that it's not going to result in too significant an impact on the village in terms of the school and there's a requirement on the developers to provide contributions towards the sports facilities, a lot of that is built in already"

HEADLINES

- ➔ New build developments have the potential to provide affordable housing and diversify the community
- ➔ Expectation that services and digital connectivity have been considered and will improve to accommodate the expansion of the village
- ➔ Community benefit as a result of 'planning gain' is not yet evident with fears the village may miss out

3. LOCAL ECONOMY AND AMENITIES

There are a good range of businesses, shops and services offering a wide variety of options to the community, supplying most of their day-to-day needs. Some amenities are lacking for both local people and visitors but in general, the community is well served.

3.1 Positive features were seen as:

- Good local support from the community
- Stable income from bar, private hire and annual celebrations
- Good support from breweries for forthcoming bottle return scheme
- Not competing with other similar businesses, different offerings
- Identified plenty opportunity to take over a business here
- Small retail stores can evolve quickly to retail demands
- Still supporting some community members with home delivery post covid
- The Rifle club successfully fundraised in the past for new premises and this effort spilled over to support for the pensioners trip and fireworks
- Pandemic enabled more family time away from the business and has continued
- Balfour Beattie funded Christmas lunches and entertainment when A9 was upgraded
- A lot of jobs have changed, more hybrid working
- Active Kids will bring employment, it's twice the size after recent work done
- Stanley Mills provides ice cream, cold drinks, and a limited range of snacks for visitors

3.2 Challenges and concerns included:

- Only around a third of residents at Stanley Mills live there/have tenants permanently
- Recruitment of staff can be difficult due to lack of childcare options
- Seasonal challenges but these are not unexpected
- Under 16's are not allowed to work in a commercial kitchen
- Increasing energy costs
- Change in post office structures to bring in more convenience was intended to attract more spend/higher footfall but this wasn't the reality
- An ongoing/slowly declining retail sector
- Impact of the cost-of-living crisis on spending habits
- People have returned to their pre-covid shopping habits e.g. online
- Profits have to fund the Living Wage increase
- To remove alcohol from display in a small shop will cost around £20,000
- No public toilet, no comfort scheme
- Lots of artists in Stanley with nowhere to showcase their products
- Ballathie House Hotel used to provide babysitting services but the law changed, insurance restrictions etc so this stopped
- Impact of new houses on amenities
- Not enough footfall to sustain the outdoor kiosk at Stanley Mills
- People attending Active Kids get everything they need there and it's unlikely visitors will come into Stanley

3.3 Stakeholder proposals and ideas for improvement:

- Currently no interaction with other businesses but it could be beneficial
- Negotiate a financial contribution for the community from the sand quarry
- Rural B&B planning to hire bikes out, just looking for a path to Stanley
- More development in the area to offer visitor attractions/amenities for hotel residents
- Shop in new and biggest housing development
- Active Kids to offer a discounted season pass for local residents
- Local people to use the facilities and amenities more so they don't fold

Sample Stakeholder Quotes

"Way back, we had an excellent restaurant and residents used to do a dinner and take the whole restaurant and these were great fun and kept a bit of a link between residents, but with the demise of the restaurant, that's fallen by the wayside"
"A really strong core of local people support the hotel"
"Very well appreciated during the pandemic then taken for granted to a degree"
"Bottle deposit return scheme is a quandry, holding off"
"People would rather sit on the sofa and pay Deliveroo rather than walk to the local shop and pay"
"Church had a warm place, no one took it up, maybe embarrassed"
"A lot of football parents ask about toilets. Hub could potentially solve that problem"
"Lucky with all the shops"
"Would go to Stan before I go to the Spar. Would go without before I go to the Spar"
"Used to be lots of wee shops, a shop at the end of Russell Street, haberdashery, Miss Pirie's, sweet shop, butcher, household stuff, painters and decorators. Nice tea rooms and a café opposite the toilets"
"Want to send guests off the farm during the day, keeping money in the local area"
"Part of Historic Environment Scotland's problem is that there's no café, even if they had a drinks fridge and ice cream"
"In so far as you need things close by, they're there"
"Splendid Sunday high tea at the Tayside Hotel"

HEADLINES

- ➔ Small businesses are slowly recovering from the pandemic but there is no room for complacency with consumers reverting back to previous shopping habits, new legislation and the impact of the current financial crisis
- ➔ Good financial support by local groups and large organisations to support community activities
- ➔ Lack of a post office is inconvenient for local people and no public toilets is difficult for visitors

4. EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE

Stanley Primary School serves the village of Stanley and surrounding area. The River Tay serves as a boundary south and east, the A9 to the west and as far as Laguna on the Murthly Road. The school has a pupil roll of 112 (as at September 2022) from P1-P7 and Perth Grammar School is the associated secondary school. The school also has an Early Learning and Childcare Centre and offers Strong Start 2's provision.

4.1 Positive features highlighted:

- Stanley Mills stays in regular contact with the primary school and they came to the site during Science Week
- External partnership project between Stanley Mills and the primary school during covid
- School should cope well with any influx of children from the new builds due to current capacity levels
- School offer football and do some good work including linking with clubs
- The school football team has been excellent and has social events

4.2 Challenges and concerns included:

- Capacity at the school in the future with the ongoing new house builds
- Some pupils lost support mechanisms during pandemic when unable to attend school
- No PE specialists in Perth & Kinross
- At primary school, there is a non-competitive approach to sport but this suddenly changes at secondary
- No childminders or wrap around care, difficult for parents to work
- Nearby nursery in Luncarty is full until middle of 2024
- School intake has fluctuated over the years
- Lots of people moved to housing at Bertha Park for the secondary school
- Behaviour and 'positive' rewards at school for challenging children
- Potential school closure in the future

4.3 Stakeholder proposals and ideas for further positive development:

- Wellbeing economy, investing in childcare
- Partnership approach to reach/engage local secondary age children and co-produce opportunities/programmes that would appeal to them including at Stanley Mills

Sample Stakeholder Quotes

"Stanley Primary School doesn't do wrap around but the nursery is great"
"Used to be a lot of childminders in the village but the rules changed 18 months or so ago"
"Can't get full days at nursery, so either can't work or have to go to Perth"
"Very few primaries get PE specialists. Massive inconsistencies across schools"
"School had a very bad problem with young people"
"No childminding. People rely on family"
"Stanley Primary School was on the list to be done away with at one stage, still is. The more children coming in will help. If the school shut down, they were going to split the kids between Luncarty and Murthly"

HEADLINES

- ➔ Good examples of partnership working with local organisations to benefit primary school children
- ➔ Lack of sufficient childcare options impacts on ability to work
- ➔ Concerns about capacity of school to meet demand over time with the planned and substantial housing development

5. HEALTH AND WELLBEING, CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Stanley is served by Stanley Medical Centre and offers a range of clinics and services including chronic disease management, child health & immunisations, dietary advice, maternity services, some cases of minor injuries and vaccinations/immunisations. There are no care or nursing homes in Stanley. Various support networks, services and groups including the Care and Wellbeing Project, Stanley Men's Shed and the Stronger Communities network provide support to local people and groups to reduce isolation, make connections etc, with the older population particularly well catered for.

5.1 Positive features highlighted:

- People can self-refer to social prescribing services or can be referred from the Access Team or Wellbeing Nurses and can range from no referrals to 5/6 at any given time
- Positive outcomes for most clients referred to Men's Shed, Lunch Club etc
- The Highland Stronger Communities network is open to anyone, meets every 6-8 weeks, cascades information
- The wider Health & Social Care Partnership offers a collective voice for communities
- Good and regular attendance at soup and lunch clubs
- Stanley Development Trust worker has a good relationship with services and vice versa, services have supported them with various funds and warm packs
- Time Bank volunteers visited residents regularly during covid
- Tayside Hotel offer a lot to support the community
- Good neighbour support
- Many older people still enjoy the privilege of independence
- Free health walks with 17/18 people participating regularly – dementia friendly and MacMillan trained
- Live Active Leisure started a weekly exercise group which is now organised by a local committee and delivered to 14-22 people including people with alzheimer's, vision impairment and cancer
- Lunch Club is successful with taxis available to support those who need it
- Stanley Men's Shed (formerly Stanley and District Men's Shed) were already meeting but didn't have their own premises and no space to do anything but around 5 years ago with the support of Historic Environment Scotland they now have a licence to occupy the ancillary buildings at the East Range, Stanley Mills
- The Men's Shed has been able to increase its membership and income as a result of the new space/being able to make things to sell and also has an IT facility. Have created a people presence at Stanley Mills
- Second transaction with the men's shed to take control of an area of rough ground who turned it into a community orchard with help from Appletreeman who had the knowledge on heritage fruit trees. Community sponsored trees
- Medical centre very helpful
- Men's shed provides a resource to help with small maintenance jobs
- Stanley Community Directory useful for services to refer to

5.2 Challenges or concerns included:

- No care complex for older people or any other options, some have to go to Blairgowrie or Perth
- Closest care home is in Luncarty so people have to leave the area they know
- People just outside the boundary can't access Care & Wellbeing Project services
- Mixed views on medical centre services – challenges getting appointments, getting an answer on telephone, attitude
- Medical centre refusing to take leaflets to promote health initiatives
- Being referred to PRI for services the medical centre used to offer

- Only one person goes to the Day Centre, Bankfoot and has to pay expensive taxi travel each time
- Lack of awareness that the Trust are behind the Care and Wellbeing project
- People don't want to be seen using certain services in the village
- Some people haven't returned to Lunch Club since covid and some can't afford it
- Games afternoon hasn't taken off yet
- Shortfall on all care
- Number of doctors available
- Demand for a Strathtay Stronger Communities network was very low

5.3 Stakeholder proposals and ideas for improvement:

- Care home provision so residents can remain in their own locality
- Increased provision at the medical centre
- External services being allowed to use the medical centre to raise awareness of key services that support physical and mental health and wellbeing and to take the pressure off the centre
- More awareness of transport available for lunch club
- Medical centre to be supported to expand and accommodate a larger population
- Local people and groups from the Stanley and District area are welcome to attend the Highland Stronger Communities network and when the need arises to start one in Strathtay, that can happen

Sample Stakeholder Quotes

"Would like care options without the worry of getting someone to come in"
"Lack of coordinated plan to provide multi tenure stepped care site for Stanley residents"
"When it comes to care and wellbeing and community spirit – if you're over 50 in Stanley, you've got it made"
"Can't get a doctor's appointment now, never mind when there's extra people"
"Very good village shop, Stan delivered shopping, he is excellent"
"During covid the strength in Stanley was the care and wellbeing project and the timebank"
"Fantastic lunch club volunteers"
"If care was better in the community, it would help the NHS"
"Doctors are atrocious – can't get an appointment. Depends on what receptionist you get"
"Only ever one doctor on a Friday who covers Stanley, Luncarty, Bankfoot and Murthly"
"Managed to make the case on the basis of benefits to the men in terms of their health, their physical and mental wellbeing and how they talked a lot about how it's important for men having a place to get together and do things together and isn't only about going to the pub and having a drink, it's about much more than that"
"Went once to the medical centre with a poster, you would've thought I had two heads when I walked in, just the attitude, it was appalling and we're all supposed to be working together"
"Women meet face to face and men work shoulder to shoulder. They want to have something that doesn't force a conversation, they just want to have the conversation as the secondary thing"
"In terms of HES and Stanley, it's helped the men to have their own place and expand their activity and ambition and a place they can call home"
"Luncarty is only just outside Stanley but because they're not in the Stanley postcode, they can't access services in Stanley, that's infuriating because it's only a matter of a mile or so. Believe that's what's written up in the Trust constitution though"
"If you're trying to sell a service that people don't really know what it is, you won't get the uptake"

HEADLINES

➔ Evidence of great partnership working across local authority services that benefit the community, further enhanced by invaluable third sector initiatives

- ➔ No available care home options in the immediate community and travel to access older adult services can be prohibitive
- ➔ Potential for the Medical Centre to be more proactive with local health campaigns

6. COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT

The Stanley and District area is highly regarded as a place of choice to live and work but with some evidence of disconnect. Anti-social behaviour occurs regularly disturbing what is generally a peaceful and supportive community.

6.1 Positive features included:

- Small village
- Inclusive, nice people
- Informative noticeboard at Stanley Store
- Children can go out safely
- Joint working to share resources
- Businesses very involved with the community
- Becoming a younger community
- Good sharing of information, leaflets etc including at Stanley Mills
- Stanley in Bloom and SWI came together for a joint celebration of the Jubilee

6.2 Challenges and concerns included:

- Set to grow, treble in size
- Concerns around safety and feeling more vulnerable
- Lots of young people drinking in the park
- Youths from Perth using free bus passes to hang about Stanley
- Ongoing anti-social behaviour at Stanley Mills
- People moving into new houses tend to be commuters
- Smell of drugs being used
- Anti-social behaviour and vandalism at the bowling club, St Columba's Church
- Stanley, Luncarty and Bankfoot are commuter villages
- People queuing in Stanley Stores and don't know each other
- Lack of social interaction
- Too much focus on older people to the detriment of younger people
- Stanley Mills residents don't engage with the community
- Youths playing music and drinking can be intimidating

6.3 Proposals and ideas to improve included:

- Family involvement/education to improve anti-social behaviour
- More police presence
- Re-establish a Community Council
- Youth outreach work at the weekends/work with social work/YMCA
- More participation from the community to spread out the load
- Social inclusion, not leaving vulnerable people abandoned
- More visibility and engagement between Stanley Mills/Historic Environment Scotland and the community
- Better provision to monitor when anti-social behaviour is escalating and before things get out of hand
- St Columba's could have an outreach role with young people in partnership with others, not necessarily to join the church but to give them somewhere to hang out/activities

Sample Stakeholder Quotes

"Nice wee village"
"Not like what it used to be"
"Not many from Stanley attend the Church anymore"
"Stanley Stores is really community focused, if that folded, it would be a loss"
"Will be a busy place with new houses"

"Community Council function would be to refer problems about anti-social behaviour but the area doesn't have one at the moment"
"Loyalty to the local community and impact on quality of life are important"
"I feel for these young people because I would really like them to be known and liked and to know that they're known and liked and belong"
"There's a gulf between people living in Stanley Mills and the village"
"Less connection to families – no granny to pick up children, it's a changing society and pension age is increasing"
"The whole aspect of the way we live has broken, need to rebuild. People get into their house and stay there at night. They don't live here, but stay here"
"One of the concerns is that there's always the feeling that because we are away from the centre of the village, at times perhaps people perceive us as being set apart"
"A woman who lived at Stanley Mills for 2 years didn't know anyone because a lot are holiday lets"
"Community spirit is very good, people do look after each other"
"Lunch Club - before covid, people didn't have to ring people because they saw each other. It was a constant. One or two members key to that died"
"The Hub might not tackle current anti-social behaviour but P7's now will grow up with respect for it, be invested in it and feel its theirs"
"It's just a delightful place to be"
"Way back, we had an excellent restaurant and residents used to do a dinner and take the whole restaurant and these were great fun and kept a bit of a link between all residents, but with the demise of the restaurant, that's fallen by the wayside"

HEADLINES

- ➔ A safe and inclusive place to live with an evolving and increasing population
- ➔ A minority of people cause fear and alarm as a result of anti-social behaviour
- ➔ Willingness to deliver community outreach work to support positive outcomes for young people

7. COMMUNITY FACILITIES, GROUPS, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Community facilities across the area are viewed as valuable assets but there are some concerns about their future (churches in particular) due to an ongoing decline in use or membership. Local people enjoy the many groups and activities available to them but these are mostly targeted at over 50's. Events are not so common-place but there is a desire for more.

7.1 Positive features included:

- West Stormont Woodland Group has gained momentum since forming in 2018 with events, monthly newsletters, a free membership scheme and currently has 345 full members, 136 of whom live in the Stanley and District area
- Good inside spaces and parking at Kinclaven Parish Church
- The local group of the Scottish Bonsai Association meet in the Stanley Rifle Club clubrooms, and people travel from outwith the local area
- The Community Hub concept was a result of the 2010-2015 plan and is now at planning application stage
- Stanley Bowling Club progressing through PACES registration (club accreditation)
- Live Active Leisure Modern Apprentice attends the primary school weekly
- Good social mix of members in clubs/groups
- A lot to do for over 50's
- Stanley Bowling Club installing accessible toilets
- The School has an 11-a-side pitch and are reinstating a basketball court
- Lots of young people attended a horse-racing fundraiser
- Local Scottish Women's Institute has been operating for 94/95 years, mill workers used to make up a lot of the membership. Recently attracted more members and making more income from raffles etc
- Stanley benevolent fund is very generous with senior citizen's outings
- Stanley Rifle Club has been in existence since 1914 with just a small gap during WWII
- Time Bank has over 100 people on the books exchanging time and is the oldest in Scotland at over 10 years old. Exchange of time has exceeded 10,000 hours
- Trust wanted the Time Bank to be intergenerational and to see older people as an asset in the community rather than being people who have things done for them
- Tennis Club is signing over their land for the Community Hub build
- Height of village hall gives greater flexibility for sports like badminton
- Village Hall is an emergency site for the council, a warm space
- Lots of different groups doing lots of good things
- Redgorton and Stanley Parish Church offer many activities eg. a café church, drama group, flower arranging, with some being in Luncarty
- Stanley Community Directory well used
- New Community Hub will help to remove stigma of using certain services
- Care and Wellbeing project and Health Walks came out of the last community action plan
- Trust activities enable people to come together, support one another and build friendships
- Stanley Mills has a community room with a fully fitted catering kitchen
- St Columba's Episcopal Church being upgraded to install an accessible toilet and a small kitchen area to offer hospitality
- Always a warm welcome from St Columba's
- Stanley Mills are in a great position to support the community in terms of access to facilities, spaces for groups/events etc.

7.2 Challenges and concerns included:

- Management of the new Community Hub and parking
- Church revenue will be a problem in the future

- Perception of local people that St Columba's hasn't been included in discussions regarding the new hub
- Hub plans not widely shared/discussed with the community
- Clubs/groups need new members, committee members and volunteers to ensure sustainability
- Can only take a few new members at a time due to processes
- It's an effort to attract young people and families
- Recruiting and retaining youngsters is an issue
- People want to attend activities but don't want the responsibility of volunteering
- Considerable costs to maintain facilities
- Well attended Scouts group had to stop after a key person left
- Challenges with parents at primary school age football events
- Afternoon activities don't suit workers
- Need to fundraise to pay hall hire costs
- Retired minister fills in to support Kinclaven Parish Church
- First season for some years that the rifle club has not had juniors and hardly have any members from Stanley.
- Misconceptions about the rifle club and what it does, it is a longstanding Olympic sport and it has trained many youngsters who have gone on to participate in university, college and military forces teams. Also, keen to support the village whenever possible.
- Energy costs are rising steeply, may be a problem in the future
- Used to be 3 Time Brokers, now only 1
- Lack of groups and activities for every age group
- Young families don't turn out very well for community events
- The Village Hall needs further work to make it more comfortable but not enough useage to upgrade it, difficult to attract new bookings
- Governance requirements puts people off getting involved more with groups
- No outdoor facilities for teens
- Average age of Village Hall user is 60+ years
- Stanley Parish Church was built by Stanley Mills for mill workers but a lack of money in recent times to undertake significant work saw it being sold
- If Redgorton and Stanley Church can't be sustained, alternative options need transport and this will impact on membership
- If funding stopped for paid Trust role, services would have to be different
- People don't get baptised anymore and families have conflicts of interests on a Sunday morning
- No central place/venue to focus awareness
- No induction for new Trust board members
- Funding was awarded from Youth Scotland through the Cashback for Communities Fund to run a youth club but had to stop
- Cost to hire rooms at Stanley Mills too expensive compared to elsewhere and groups have been asked to vacate at short notice
- Church members not being replaced which is a worry
- Anonymous letter through doors to encourage objection to the proposed Community Hub
- Concern the population is not large enough to build and maintain a project the size of the Community Hub
- Not enough consultation with affected parties/potential partners prior to submission of the planning application for the Community Hub
- Capital cost of moving the memorial will be massive
- How to grow and invest in St Columba's as Stanley grows and develops
- Stanley desperately needs a church for funerals

7.3 Proposals and ideas to improve included:

- More activities for children and young people including youth clubs/groups
- Large area of land at the rear of proposed Community Hub site could have better community use
- Use sport to actively engage the youth and turnaround behaviour e.g. similar to the Terry McLernan approach in Drumchapel
- Opportunities for clubs/groups to access the proposed Community Hub and work together
- Build a sustainable link between Active Schools and Stanley Bowling Club
- More community events e.g. gala day to showcase all groups
- New people taking over committee roles, especially younger people
- If proposed Hub doesn't go ahead, the Village Hall will look at how it could be developed, drawings are already done
- A space for new mums without having to travel
- Kayaking on the River Tay has huge potential to increase tourism in the area
- Digital community noticeboard
- Junior Time Bank
- Matching skills and the skills gap of the Trust when recruiting new board members
- Recruit someone with the right skills to work with young people
- Hub activity should be organised but also organic
- Support to reinstate the Community Council
- Murthly, Bankfoot and Dunkeld also looking at how to support youth, potential for joint working
- St Columba's Episcopal Church hopes to open up for worship and community use e.g. meetings, drop in for a cup of tea, hire etc
- Closer relationships between churches in the village to share spaces
- Organisations working together to support e.g. weddings – get married in the church and wedding reception next door in the hub
- Promote the message that the new hub and St Columba's are not in competition with each other, they are complementary but are also both distinctive
- Interdenominational church for funerals

Sample Stakeholder Quotes

"More entertainment for young people"
"Had to chain up the gate and put security in the club due to certain people"
"Years ago, there used to be 2 bus loads for the outings, 70+ bracket, but people don't like being tarred with being a senior citizen"
"The Time Bank came into its own during covid, was already set up with a squad of volunteers. Co-ordinated with the chemist and Stanley Stores for prescriptions and shopping"
"The new Community Hub will support young people"
"Will be nice when the Hub is built to have a base"
"Stanley Mills held all the ground for the rifle club, wouldn't have a club if it wasn't for John Culbert of Mill Brae who was an accountant. For 1 shilling, were given the title deeds"
"People who actually turn up doesn't always reflect those that say they will. E.g. quiz night leaflet went to every house along with the directory and although it had to be rearranged because of the Queen's death, only 40 people turned up and 32 of those were people we knew"
"Redgorton and Stanley Parish Church meet alternate Sundays with Luncarty but people have gotten out of the habit of coming since covid. People are disheartened because there is no minister in Stanley"
"Survival is the biggest achievement"
"Issue trying to get new blood on board, too much responsibility – there is the issue of sustainability, continuity and succession planning"
"All the Trust board are in employment and don't have the time. Hard to recruit in certain areas"

"Asked to contribute the village hall as an asset financially to assist with the funding of the hub and have agreed to do so under the condition that the hub takes over the full remit we have"
"Lots of people in the village will have to put their hands up to help with things"
"Middle generations are well disconnected, how do we break down that barrier, attractiveness for something to get them in"
"Cynics about the Trust initially said…'lassie, you'll never get folk to come to that, Stanley folk don't come out'"
"Don't think the church will exist in 10 years, can't see a future. It's a national problem. Gave every house in Stanley a Christmas card inviting them and didn't get anyone new"
"The Trust are great to work for"
"Jo, Tayside Hotel is amazing, she's given up every single Wednesday to do Winter Warmer"
"People who join the board tend to stay a long time, but there's not anyone knocking at the door"
"The Trust spend money and do good causes for the community"
"Village hall is very restrictive and aged, past its sell by date"
"The Hub has been in the pipeline since the last CAP, 8 years. Feels like a bit of positive direction now thanks to several Trustees"
"Unfortunately, the Community Council no longer exists but at least 2/3 Community Councillors came along and there was good communication"
"Community events are always good at bringing people together"
"When youth work moved to targeted work and moved away from universal, all the little youth groups run by the council stopped"
"The things I've seen about the Community Hub, I really really like the look of it and I really like the idea that Stanley, which does seem to have been missing a heart, could do with something just like the hub"
"The days of having big statement buildings are gone, I think its more about having meaningful space that people can get into that is theirs and can meet"
"I'm sure the majority of us would not fancy going to a concert one night in the village hall and your best friend's funeral there the next day"

HEADLINES

- ➔ A range of indoor and outdoor spaces are available for community use with many upgrading or plans to improve in the near future. A proposed Community Hub offers significant opportunity to provide a base and a range of services
- ➔ Long-standing and new groups/organisations offer a tremendous range of services and activities but certain age groups/people of working age are not so well catered for
- ➔ Challenges recruiting new volunteers/members with heavy concerns re future sustainability

8. TOWN APPEARANCE, ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE

Local residents and groups take pride in the village and surrounding areas with regular activities to support the appearance and environment. Stanley Mills is considered a great historical attribute for local people and visitors alike, with ample open spaces and the River Tay to enjoy.

8.1 Positive features included:

- Dog warden visits
- Planters/tubs around the village
- Stanley Mills is a valuable resource
- The Scottish Diaspora hosted by Stanley Mills
- Stanley Men's Shed planting the community orchard
- Stanley in Bloom achieved 'It's your Neighbourhood Award 2022', Level 4-Thriving and has been awarded lottery funding several times
- Stanley Development Trust do litter picks with the school children
- Purchase of more sustainable bedding plants
- Time Bank support litter picks once a month
- Schools from all over Scotland have attended Stanley Mills and local schools including Stanley, Luncarty, Ruthvenfield, Auchtergaven and Murthly input to the school programme. Schools can attend for free and use the various resources.
- Perth High School use Stanley Mills for team building and have approx. 120 young people attend
- Stanley owes its existence to Stanley Mills
- Historic Environment Scotland gave funding to Stanley in Bloom for memorial area
- The clock inside Stanley Parish Church is one of only 2 clocks in Europe and is very unique
- During covid, Visit Scotland asked for lots of leaflets on local walks
- Stanley Mills has great facilities for a historic site
- A varied range of walks are available and open spaces is a strength
- Received funding for Shielhill Path and funding to maintain it
- Visitor numbers at Stanley Mills increased from 6,835 in 2016/17 to 9,266 in 2019/20
- The planting of the community orchard, approx. 130 trees

8.2 Challenges and concerns included:

- Dog fouling
- Look of the borders at the school
- Moving the memorial to accommodate Community Hub build
- Swing park is out of use/needs repaired
- No reduced rate membership by Historic Environment Scotland for local residents
- A lot of fruit removed from the community orchard without permission
- Watering of Stanley in Bloom plants is an issue, have paid someone to do this
- Decisions regarding the Mills are often made at HES organisational level which have a local impact and it can be difficult to respond to / get involved at local level
- Stanley in Bloom relies on sponsorship from local businesses
- Clay crumbling away at houses near water's edge
- Some tension amongst residents at Stanley Mills and Historic Environment Scotland due to restrictions with the buildings
- 2.5 bags of rubbish collected over a 30m distance on C406
- Fly-tipping at Taymount Wood
- No education programme at Stanley Mills since the pandemic. Pre-covid, even although Historic Environment Scotland provided a significant subsidy for travel, schools still struggled with costs to fund transport
- 10 years of volunteer input into not yet producing 2km of path

- Loss of history/heritage by selling Stanley Parish Church
- Membership for Stanley Mills was aimed at 1 adult + up to 6 children but visitors were mostly older people and their friends so it didn't work
- Stanley Mills carpark promoted as an overnight stop on a German website for NC500
- Historic Environment Scotland has previously supported local authority Reminiscence projects at sheltered housing but the worker's job remit has changed

8.3 Stakeholder proposals and ideas for improvement:

- Educational signs regarding dog fouling, can use normal bins etc
- More electric vehicle charging points
- More Scotland wide exhibitions/events at Stanley Mills and more variety
- Buying out of 5 Mile Wood should be better publicised
- Mapping of where the majority of litter is
- Decent core paths, paths to Luncarty and Bankfoot
- Volunteering opportunities at Stanley Mills, especially for young people
- More focus on safe active travel suitable for prams, cycling, dog walking
- Conversations with Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust to improve paths network
- Ecological restoration at landscape scale
- West Stormont Woodland Group working with local people to bring Taymount Wood and Five Mile Wood into community ownership
- Biodiversity village/area
- Projects to attract more wildlife
- Stanley Mills to be a place that the local community want to get involved with
- Swap the war memorial in the village with the monument/cairn at Stanley Mills – it is smaller and would be a nice feature for the new Hub
- Make more of the beach area for local people and to attract visitors
- Scope for a core path connection from Airntully to walk to Murthly school

Sample Stakeholder Quotes

"Memorial might get vandalised by young people hanging about if it's moved to the Square"
"The church has a very incredible history"
"It's a pleasure to see crocuses"
"Can see the point of arguing about the memorial if it was above a grave. More youths sitting round about it. Think the Square is more central"
"Wonderful to see some of the young ones come on a Saturday for the litter pick, they feel important"
"Far less wildlife in Kinclaven Woods now"
"C406 residents are dispersed but litter pick got us together, we collected 44 bags over a 4 mile stretch, 60 bags last year"
"Stanley Mills is cracking but extremely underused. That's down to Historic Scotland. Used to get a lot of lunches from visitors who would come for lunch then go back down, when it was at its peak"
"Since the flyover has gone in, litter has changed drastically but before, it was shocking"
"Some bad spots of litter were picked by the council but stopped because it was too dangerous"
"We are a McDonald's away from Perth"
"The sale of Stanley Parish Church has really affected a lot of people, by how shabby it looks, tumbling down. Some people had funerals planned there and might have hoped for a care home. That part of village life is gone"
"Lovely to see kids running about as Victorians"
"Would like the community to see Stanley Mills as a resource, as a community asset"
"Can walk to Luncarty if you climb a few fences"
"We're very keen to help where required and we realise and recognise that local place plans and community action plans are absolutely led by communities and its not for us to lead but to support and HES are very happy to do that"

"The buzz is actually good in the summer, Historic Scotland is open from April through to ideally October"
"It might be quite nice if Historic Scotland did us a reduced rate to try and encourage more of the owners and tenants so that they did actually interface with what is a terrific resource"
"They had the diaspora tapestry in the mill one time and that was fascinating because I discovered that my great uncle, my great aunt's husband, has one of the tapestries devoted to him, Arnaud Massy"

HEADLINES

- ➔ Volunteers ensure the area is kept clean and tidy with many colourful displays to enjoy
- ➔ Stanley Mills is an invaluable resource in terms of its historical significance and the educational experiences it can offer schools
- ➔ Active and passionate volunteers working towards bringing local woodlands into community ownership

9. TRAFFIC, ROADS, PARKING AND TRANSPORT

Stanley and the surrounding area, including the A9, are connected by busy roads that are subject to high volumes of traffic and associated challenges. Road conditions are a danger in some places and parking options could be better. There is a reasonable bus service for local people.

9.1 Positive features included:

- Hoped that traffic (volume, speed) will improve when Cross Tay Link Road is built
- Access via Duchess Street to the A9 to commute is good
- School has tarred/lined the car park
- Not too far from railway links

9.2 Challenges and concerns included:

- Speeding in Duchess Street
- Excessive speeding and volume of traffic through the main street, down Mill Brae and rural roads
- Restricting parking to marked bays has removed the use of effective parking space along road side during busy periods: insufficient roadside parking in close proximity to Rifle Club (Bonsai Club), Bowling Club and football matches.
- Road repairs not lasting as not cut out/sealed
- Volume of traffic causes concern for the safety of people and livestock
- Carboard policeman chained and padlocked on C406 stolen after 2 months
- Asked for a VARS display on C406, still waiting on police attending to observe
- Unable to fix fences at side of C406 unless there is a parked vehicle, too dangerous
- Lack of bus links means Ballathie House Hotel staff can only get public transport to Stanley then have to taxi share to hotel
- Buses don't turn up and in general, options have eroded over time
- Stagecoach stopped public use of the school bus because of covid, but it isn't full
- Used to be a metre between fences and the road, now worn away to 6-8", roads get pushed out and out
- No council street sweepers

9.3 Proposals and ideas for improvement included:

- Cable counters to assess true volume of traffic
- Bus service to Bankfoot
- One way system down past Stanley Stores
- Move speed signs further out of Village
- Cardboard policeman
- Local communities including Stanley could potentially be working with Murthly Transport Group to alleviate transport crisis in both areas on a Community Transport Initiative
- Local employment opportunity to recruit a street sweeper, like Dunkeld has done
- Signage down Mill Brae to warn about concealed entrances and speed restrictions
- More electric vehicle charging points

Sample Stakeholder Quotes

"Fast traffic can be frightening"

"Control box for electric charging points were installed in the rifle club grounds and restricted our access. Issue resolved during initial installation period: Like the resurfacing of the car park there was no prior contact/discussion"

"Huge issues with fences being damaged by vehicles during the night, car gets removed and livestock are out on the road"

"Drivers forget that people live on the road, and treat C406 like a race track. 4/5 fatalities over the last 10 years with lots of near misses"

"Cross Tay Link Road will quieten things down, will be less like a rat run. It's a rat run for lorries from Inveralmond to Forfar"
"Hotel gets a phenomenal amount of cyclists in the summer, tour groups tend to have safety vehicles behind them"
"Covid was very convenient for Stagecoach"
"School transport for children on farm should wait at the entrance but it's too dangerous and the driver comes down the track"
"In Duchess Street, the condition of the road is terrible as the main road to the A9, is caused by big lorries"
"Vehicles driving through at 80mph at 11pm, this is ridiculous, aggressive"
"There is a big debate whether Stanley will still be a town that people will come through once the bridge is built"
"Where tractors and trailors are pulling out in the road, 40-50ft in length, by the time they come out and pull out to the right side of the road, traffic is coming round the corner at speed, just coming on you. Use 18 entrances in and out on a daily basis and it's dangerous"
"There's always a tremendous amount of cars at school"
"Parking around the school can be dire"

HEADLINES

- ➔ Improved traffic management and upgrades to roads required to increase safety for pedestrians and other road users
- ➔ Parking in the area of the school can be problematic at busy times
- ➔ Transport options are limited, particularly for people who work and options have eroded further in recent times

10. SUMMARY OF STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
Housing, Access to Services and Utilities • More housing options with 5 build sites • Positive impact of new builds on village demographics • Good transport links for commuters • Increased footfall for facilities and activities **Local Economy and Amenities** • Good local support for businesses • Regular income streams for businesses and local groups • Small businesses can adapt quickly to customer demands • Home delivery service for vulnerable customers • Support for local activities from fundraising/organisational financial contributions **Education and Childcare** • School provision for age 2+ • Partnership work between school and Stanley Mills • Capacity for additional pupils • Good school football team and associated social opportunities **Health and Wellbeing, Care & Support Services** • Medical Centre offers a range of clinics and services • Excellent support networks / opportunities delivered by organisations and community groups • Self-referral processes available • Positive outcomes for clients • Good and regular attendance at support groups, lunches etc • Strong relationships created between local authority and Stanley Development Trust • Stanley Timebank praised for services during pandemic • Local hotel and businesses offer great community support **Community Environment** • Small village environment	**Housing, Access to Services and Utilities** • Stanley Mills housing not permanently occupied • Missed opportunity to explore co-housing options • No dedicated police officer • More pollution and pressure on services **Local Economy and Amenities** • U16's can't be employed to work in commercial kitchens • Seasonal challenges • New post office structures are unviable for local shops to deliver • Less people buying local post pandemic • No public toilets or comfort scheme • No discounts for local families to use Active Kids • Lack of awareness of snacks, drinks etc available at Stanley Mills **Education and Childcare** • The projected number of new houses on school capacity • School roll fluctuates • Families moved house to send children to Bertha Park • Families rely on family members for childcare **Health and Wellbeing, Care & Support Services** • No care home/complex • Difficult to access some activities in the area even if only a short distance outside the boundary • Medical Centre not willing to promote external health initiatives • Some medical services now only available at PRI • No demand for Strathtay Stronger Communities network **Community Environment** • Anti-social behaviour can be intimidating • Becoming a commuter village • Residents not integrating into the community

• Inclusive and friendly, good community spirit • Lots of information available and good sharing • Businesses actively involved in the community • Demographics changing over time **Community Facilities, Groups, Activities & Events** • A varied range of facilities across the area with several planning upgrades • Sustainable projects emerged from the previous Action Plan • Proposed Community Hub at planning application stage • Numerous groups and organisations offer a wide variety of activities to bring people together • Timebank has 100+ volunteers and has exceeded 10,000 hours exchange of time **Town Appearance, Environment and Heritage** • Well maintained planters and tubs • Stanley Mills as a resource for the community, visitors and schools • Community Orchard • Regular litter picks including with the school • Many options for walking locally • The River Tay **Traffic, Roads, Parking and Transport** • Cross Tay Link Road due to open soon • Link to A9 via Duchess Street is good for commuters • Newly tarred/lined parking outside school • Easy to access good transport links	• Less community engagement/visibility by Stanley Mills **Community Facilities, Groups, Activities & Events** • Concerns around some aspects of proposed Community Hub e.g.parking, management, transparency, population to support • Some groups struggle to get members from the local area • Lack of local ministers • Cost to hire facilities • Nowhere for mums to meet **Town Appearance, Environment and Heritage** • Swing park out of action • Difficult for Stanley Mills to be more involved locally • No schools programme at Stanley Mills since the pandemic • Lack of progress to develop Stanley-Luncarty path **Traffic, Roads, Parking and Transport** • Parking bays at school too small • Overlap of activities can cause parking problems near the school • Road repairs not carried out well enough to last • Unreliable bus services • No street sweeper
OPPORTUNITIES	**THREATS**
Housing, Access to Services and Utilities • New residents bring an opportunity to break down historical and negative reputation • Identify suitable location for a phone mast **Local Economy and Amenities** • Expanding businesses and local employment opportunities • Space for creatives to showcase their crafts	**Housing, Access to Services and Utilities** • Service and utility improvements not aligning to village growth • Developer contributions connected to the proposed Community Hub being lost • Unaffordable housing • Flooding caused by building works • Poor mobile/internet implications on safety and business • Poor police response times

- Work with Active Kids to generate interest in visiting the wider Stanley area
- Businesses to connect locally to share ideas, identify partnership opportunities etc
- Financial contributions from large local businesses to benefit the community
- Café at Stanley Mills

Education and Childcare

- Invest in childcare – a wellbeing economy
- Partnership approach to engaging and co-producing activities for secondary age pupils living locally

Health and Wellbeing, Care & Support Services

- Promote the benefits of the games afternoon to encourage participation
- Care home options explored so that older residents can stay in their own locality
- Understand future capacity demands on Medical Centre and expansion needs
- Highlight the availability of taxis for lunch club
- Frame the Stronger Communities Network to local groups in simpler terms to encourage increased participation

Community Environment

- Activities to bring residents together including those living at Stanley Mills
- Work with people to resolve anti-social behaviour issues and include them in decision making
- A new Community Council
- Outreach work/monitoring with various community and local authority partners to de-escalate anti-social behaviour
- Proposed Community Hub to foster respect from younger people as they grow up

Community Facilities, Groups, Activities & Events

- Activities for children and young people, including closer links between clubs and Live Active Leisure
- Sport for development to overcome anti-social behaviour

Local Economy and Amenities

- Impact the lack of childcare has on available pool of applicants for jobs
- Slow decline in the retail sector
- Current financial crisis impacting on daily spends
- Profits are offset with increase to Living Wage
- High costs/implications to comply with new legal requirements

Education and Childcare

- Impact of pandemic/support mechanisms for some pupils
- Children don't receive PE specialist input
- Severe lack of childcare options not helped by a change in child minding rules
- Unable to get full day provision at nursery
- School at risk of closure in the future

Health and Wellbeing, Care & Support Services

- Difficulties getting through to the Medical Centre/getting an appointment
- Stigma attached to using some services
- Some community members have not returned to activities post pandemic or can't afford them

Community Environment

- Significant growth with new house builds
- Too much focus on the older population
- Insufficient police presence
- Changing family dynamics, less connection

Community Facilities, Groups, Activities & Events

- Revenue, membership and volunteers
- Difficult to attract families/younger participants
- Costs to upkeep facilities, energy etc
- Risk of losing local churches

Town Appearance, Environment and Heritage

- Moving the memorial to accommodate Community Hub
- Clay crumbling near water's edge and houses at risk
- Litter picking on busy roads is dangerous
- Loss of historical importance after sale of Stanley Parish Church

Traffic, Roads, Parking and Transport

• Opportunities to collaborate at new Community Hub • Village Hall ready to move forwards with developments if new hub doesn't go ahead • Exploit potential of River Tay • Churches sharing spaces **Town Appearance, Environment and Heritage** • Discount for local residents at Stanley Mills • Educational signs for dog fouling and littering • Vehicle charging points • Core paths in good condition and that also connect communities • Mapping of main litter hotspots • Community ownership of Taymount and Five Mile Woods • Active Travel Strategy for the area • Maximise potential of the beach area **Traffic, Roads, Parking and Transport** • Negotiate reinstatement of public access to school bus • Robust traffic management measures to assess true scale of volume/speed and to address the problems • Work with nearby communities on Transport initiatives • Signage in Mill Brae	• Speeding through Stanley and rural roads is a threat to people and livestock • Volume of traffic • Poor transport links impacts on staff ability to reach rural businesses

11. VISION FOR THE FUTURE

A Well Connected and Environmentally Aware Community

- ➔ Prioritise paths for development that best support active travel, leisure activities and local business ideas to develop tourism
- ➔ Improved signage to educate people about dog fouling and littering
- ➔ Community ownership of local assets Taymount Wood and Five Mile Wood for the community and visitors to enjoy and be educated
- ➔ Stanley and District is a Biodiversity Village/area

A Sustainable and Flourishing Community

- ➔ Future growth considered in all projects with realistic plans and commitment for services to accommodate new house builds
- ➔ Explore the potential to secure financial contributions from large organisations operating in the area for community benefit
- ➔ Stanley Mills actively involved in community projects and preserving links for future generations
- ➔ Churches using shared spaces to protect the opportunity for local people to worship

A Healthy and Active Community

- ➔ Actively seek partnerships to engage with secondary school pupils and co-produce opportunities that stimulate participation
- ➔ A Medical Centre with capacity to expand and providing a consistent service to patients
- ➔ Health & Wellbeing partners raising awareness of relevant initiatives together
- ➔ Activities and events available for all age groups ranging from mums with babies to older adults with a timetable to suit people who work, are retired or at school
- ➔ Succession planning in place to ensure longevity of groups and organisations

A Safe, Friendly and Enabling Community

- ➔ Infrastructures that support older adults to live safely in their own homes with a longer-term strategy to explore the feasibility of local care home solutions or similar
- ➔ A range of childcare options that enable families to work and live in the area
- ➔ Groups and organisations confident about participating in local networking opportunities
- ➔ Outreach work to support vulnerable and at-risk individuals in the area
- ➔ Community Council reconvened to facilitate conversations with police and other services
- ➔ Young people feel like they belong and are welcome in their own community with activities that meet their needs

A Vibrant Local Economy

- ➔ A range of interactions between local businesses to enable collaboration and development
- ➔ Identify the key attributes of the Stanley and District area and make more of their potential to promote as a visitor destination
- ➔ Local discounts applied for residents to access Stanley Mills and Active Kids
- ➔ Campaign to encourage residents to continue to ‘shop local’
- ➔ Maximise the potential of the River Tay and beach area to attract tourists

12. SUMMARY OF THEMES AND PRIORITIES

Theme 1: Housing, Access to Services and Utilities

Priorities

- ➔ Regular updates/interaction with local people on community benefit/planning gain
- ➔ A range of different housing options to meet the needs of people at different life stages
- ➔ Monitoring and recording of the impact new builds have on existing services
- ➔ Positive messages to promote Stanley and District as a place to live
- ➔ Campaign to erect a phone mast to improve digital connectivity
- ➔ Reconvene a Community Council to liaise with services

Theme 2: Local Economy and Amenities

Priorities

- ➔ Explore options to access regular mobile post office services
- ➔ Build a destination brand for the Stanley and District area
- ➔ Develop a Buy Local Action Plan to outline key ideas to actively support local businesses, shops and services
- ➔ Community consultation with local creatives on how to support their visibility as a visitor attraction
- ➔ Conversations with Stanley Mills and Active Kids to agree available options for local discounts

Theme 3: Education and Childcare

Priorities

- ➔ Local discussions with school/parents on preferred childcare options and identify support/funding to progress
- ➔ Multi-organisational approach to reach and engage local secondary age children to co-produce activities that meet their needs
- ➔ Better engagement by Stanley Primary School with the community on topical issues and concerns

Theme 4: Health and Wellbeing, Care and Support Services

Priorities

- ➔ Short-term and long-term solutions/development plans for older/vulnerable adults who require support
- ➔ Open up discussions with funders on community boundaries and the possibilities for enabling those living close-by to benefit from services
- ➔ Agreement with the Medical Centre on manageable processes that enable external health and wellbeing professionals to promote health initiatives that may be of interest to local residents
- ➔ Actively raise awareness of all the local agency/voluntary support networks available

Theme 5: Community Environment

Priorities

- ➔ Local Councillors to support community concerns on anti-social behaviour and facilitate solutions
- ➔ Develop new/a range of methods to engage with all residents, and in particular new builds, to update them with community news, events, and opportunities to socialise
- ➔ Involve young people in decision making at all levels of community life including new facilities, activities, committees
- ➔ Discussions with Historic Environment Scotland as to how best reinstate regular community engagement with Stanley Mills
- ➔ Outreach work with young people developed by a range of local organisations and services

Theme 6: Community Facilities, Groups, Activities and Events

Priorities

- ➔ Transparency with the community as the planning application for the proposed Community Hub progresses
- ➔ Local strategy for funding applications to support a range of projects that demonstrates collaboration and community need
- ➔ Succession planning by local groups and organisations to ensure future sustainability
- ➔ New indoor and outdoor activities to support all life stages and commitments
- ➔ Local groups of similar interests sharing resources
- ➔ Sport for Development approach to engaging young people

Theme 7: Town Appearance, Environment and Heritage

Priorities

- ➔ Education/signage to improve dog fouling/littering
- ➔ Local Councillors to negotiate a timeline for the park to return to full use
- ➔ Education & Children's Services to enable schools to engage once again with the education programme at Stanley Mills
- ➔ Regular updates shared regarding development of the Stanley-Luncarty path
- ➔ Different displays/exhibitions at Stanley Mills to encourage local people to visit regularly
- ➔ Identify support mechanisms to further the WSWG vision of community ownership of local woods

Theme 8: Traffic, Roads, Parking and Transport

Priorities

- ➔ Traffic management measures to mitigate volume and speed of traffic in key locations
- ➔ Formal notification of dangerous road conditions in Duchess Street that require repair
- ➔ Local solutions/transport initiatives to improve transport options/timetables