



Crosshill
Straiton
Kirkmichael
COMMUNITY-LED
ACTION PLAN
2025 - 2030

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Message from the CSK Community Council

Our Community Council comprises of three villages in North Carrick - Crosshill, Straiton and Kirkmichael. The community councillors work together to strive for the best quality of life for people of all ages.

We have worked with South Ayrshire Council, and used feedback from residents in our local area, to produce a Community-led Action Plan. The Plan should be used to support and deliver the short term to long term actions which will benefit and meet the needs of our local communities.

This Plan will help deliver a bright and positive future for Crosshill, Straiton and Kirkmichael.

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Consultation timeline

Purpose

The purpose of revisiting and updating the community action plan taken forward by the NCCBC 2019 – 2024 was primarily aimed at giving local community organisations, plus public and private sector stakeholders, a strong mandate to move forward with tackling current issues, as well as leading on new community projects as identified by the residents.

Consultation method

Consultation was achieved thanks to your responses to an adapted online and paper copy of a survey, based on the Place Standard Tool. The PST is a community engagement tool recommended by the Scottish Government. The length and depth of the survey included 14 themes, which encompass every aspect of living in our communities: the infrastructure and physical space but also the assets and challenges of living in our communities and rural localities. We are aware that the number of questions and topics was considerable, but it is thanks to these responses that made this plan possible. Abiding by the principles of the community engagement, the opinion of the younger members of the communities was also sought. The three local primary schools were involved in the survey set for the P4 to P7 classes, mirroring the themes from the adult survey.

Consultation process

The process adhered to the National Standards for Community Engagement to ensure all of the following elements were considered during the community-led initiative: Impact, Communication, Methods, Working together, Planning, Support and Inclusion. To give adequate and equal representation, a number of meetings were held with the CSK Community Council but other meetings were held with the villages' representatives.

After a number of meetings and correspondence, a survey and a poster were finalised and during the summer, a flyer detailing how to get access to the survey was sent to each household in the three villages. In the village core, these flyers were hand delivered by volunteers and the outlying households were delivered by the Pay Back Community Team. Whilst we preferred the online responses, paper copies were made available at each of the villages' shops and/or cafés. Towards the end of the year, a fresh call for responses was circulated in December and the deadline for responses was set for mid-January. February and March 2025, were then dedicated to data analyses, drafting of the community-led action plan and a final community review session.

The plan covers a period of 5 years, with short-term (actions that can be initiated and completed within the next 12 months), medium-term (actions planned for implementation within the next 1 to 3 years) and long-term (actions envisaged for completion over a period exceeding 3 years). This community-led action plan aligns with the South Ayrshire Council plan and has three distinct priorities: Places and Spaces; Live, Work & Learn and Civic & Community Pride.





Crosshill, Straiton and Kirkmichael

With a stable population in Straiton and a gently growing population in both Kirkmichael and Crosshill, the three North Carrick villages are a great example of thriving rural villages in South Ayrshire.

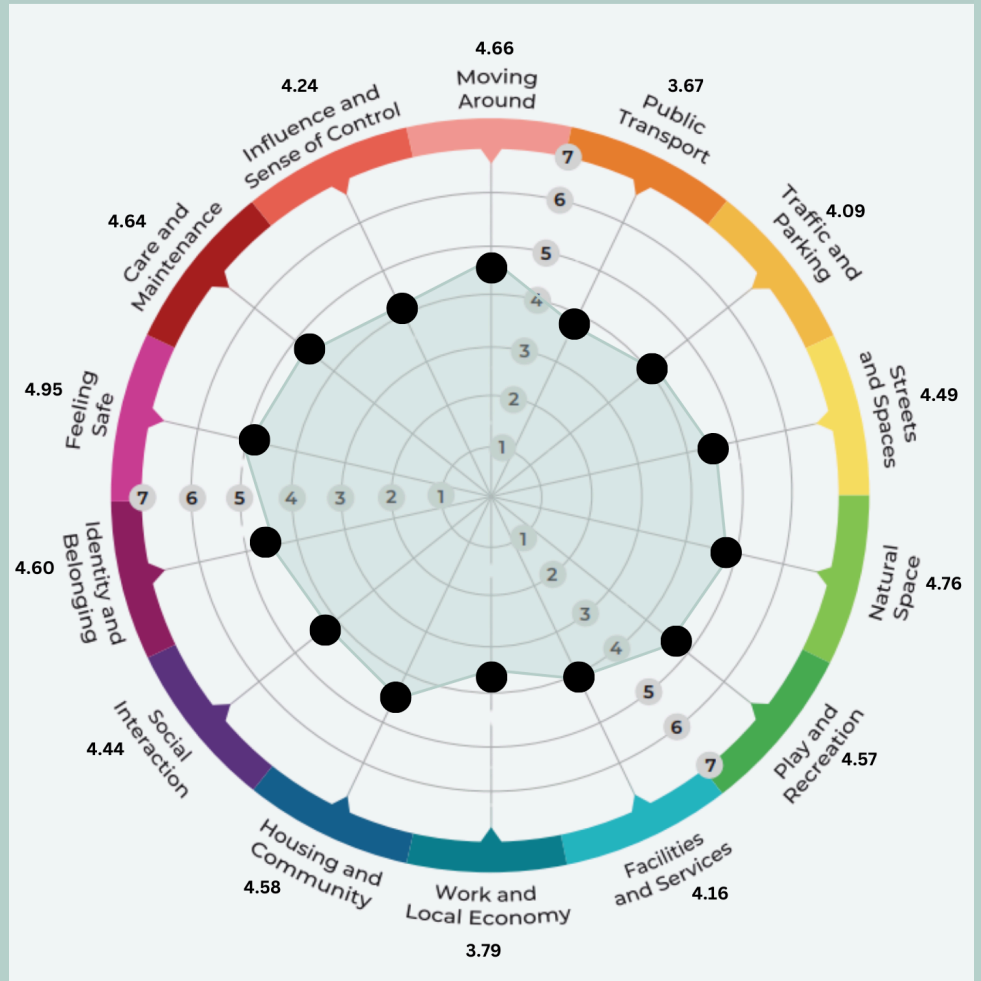
Crosshill, Straiton and Kirkmichael are surrounded with land used for pastoral farming of sheep and cattle, whilst supporting related farming industries, food merchants and forestry works.

Whilst there are differences in priorities for each villages, all three have rated 'feeling safe' as one of their first two priorities. An element which bodes well to these rural villages. Over the recent years, with the addition of new houses, the villages have been welcoming new families, who contribute to the stable community spirit. In spite of being rural communities, the residents manage to maintain a good work and life balance. Commuting to neighbouring towns of Maybole and Ayr for some facilities, services and employment.

With the growth of home working, some residents choose to reside in rural villages, such as Crosshill, Straiton and Kirkmichael, with the less frequent commute to workplaces such as Glasgow. Responses have shown that residents are in fact concerned about the opportunities of work in the immediate surroundings and local economy. However, the villages are taking on new initiatives, such as investments in holiday accommodation and family businesses. The villages are on the forefront of attracting visitors to the area, and accommodation varies from castles, guest houses, cottages, glamping pods and wedding venues with close by accommodation possible.

How good is our place

Crosshill, Straiton & Kirkmichael



The place standard tool uses a 1 to 7 scoring system (1 being the least and 7 the highest). The above spider chart portrays the average scores, provided by respondents for the 14 themes, in Crosshill, Straiton and Kirkmichael.



Source: pictures and information 'Old South Ayrshire Villages' by Hugh Maxwell, Stenlake Publishing Catrine, Ayrshire www.stenlake.co.uk

CROSSHILL



The village of Crosshill is a comparatively modern place as the owner of the land only issued feus for the building of cottages sometime around the early 1800s. At this time handloom weaving was the main employer and houses were in great demand by many Irishmen who were attracted to Ayrshire by the work and good wages.



Of the 1,000 inhabitants at that time, around 800 were Irish by birth or extraction. The picture shows King Street as passengers board the bus from Maybole for the bumpy ride into nearby Dailly and then to Girvan.

STRAITON



The village's distinctive rows of single storey cottages were built by Thomas, Earl of Cassillis, in the 1760s. The war memorial, at the far end of the street, next to the gates of Traboyack Manse dates from 1795. In the background, on top of the Craigengower Hill, is the distinctive granite obelisk which was erected in 1856 to commemorate the life of Lieutenant-Colonel James Hunter Blair of Blairqurhan.

The McCandlish Hall was opened on 22 November 1912 and became a much-used social centre for Straiton and the surrounding area. Its wooden floor was renowned as the best dance floor for miles around and many people would travel by bus from as far as Maybole, Girvan and Dalmellington. Today, the hall remains largely unchanged.



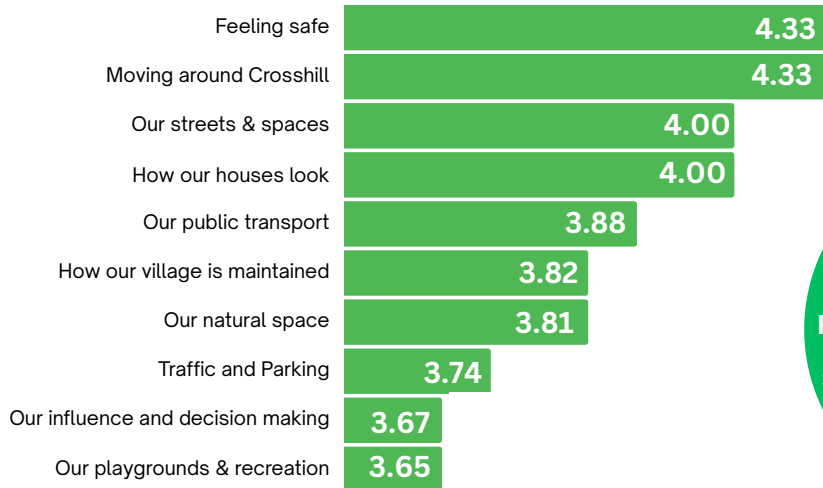
KIRKMICHAEL

Kirkmichael was revived around 1790 as a centre for handloom weaving and by the 1830s the manufacture of cotton was the staple trade of the place. By that time the village had a healthy population of 560 inhabitants. The parish church was rebuilt in 1787 and the churchyard contains a tombstone which dates from 1506 and also a martyr's monumnet, erected to honour the memory of the Covenanter Gilbert McAdam.



In 1923 Kirkmichael House became a convalescent home for miners, although earlier owners had also used it for charitable causes. One such event, was the 'Grand Fete' held at the house on 8th June 1908, whereby Mr and Mrs D McCowan lent the grounds to the Ladies' War Work Committee for the fundraising event.

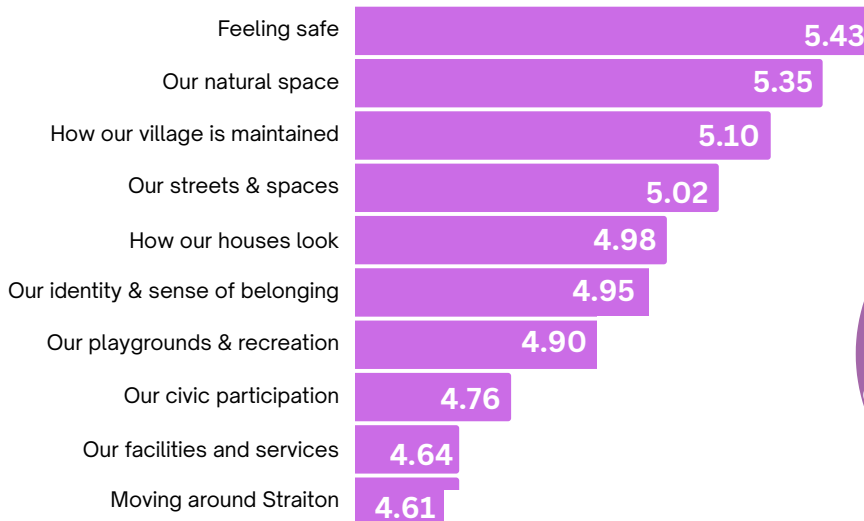
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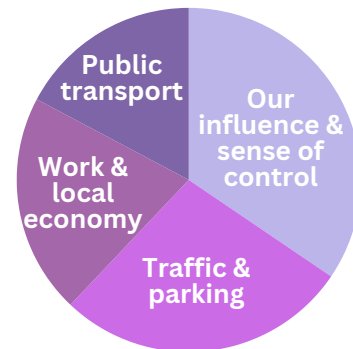
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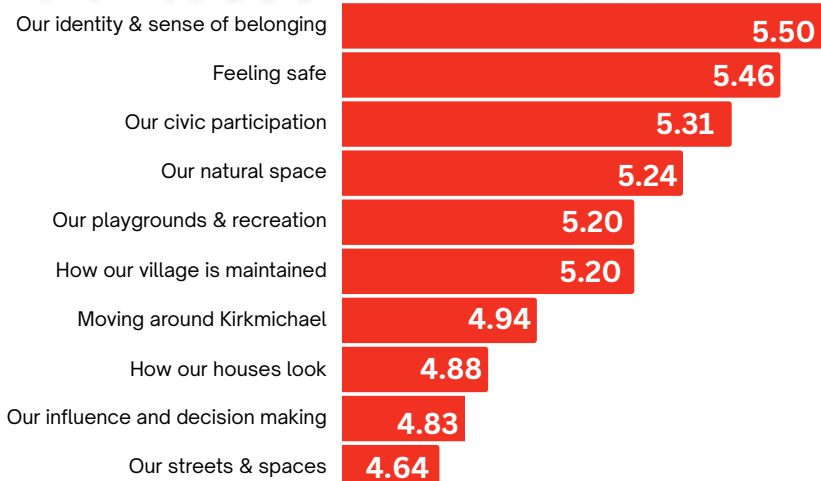
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*Responses from community engagement surveys 2024, CSK Community Council and South Ayrshire Council (Thriving Communities).

01 Priority

Spaces and Places

1. Action needed: Ensure Crosshill maintains a clean and healthy environment.

Short term

1.1 Ensure grass on council ground is regularly mowed, hedgerows maintained to ensure pedestrian safety and paths deweeded. **1.2** Contact SAC Community Safety team regularly for anti-dog fouling campaigns and green wardens to detect, warn and/or fine offenders as currently, there are no deterrents.

Medium term

1.3 Engage with SEPA to maintain culverts in Dailly Road and King Street in good state, to avoid flooding issues.

Long term

1.4 Ask for reassurances from Waste Management (SAC), that the quarterly recycling facilities are retained. These are very much in use and needed by the community.

2. Action needed: Promote inclusivity by improving accessibility and walkability in Crosshill.

Short term

2.1 Set up contacts with third sector groups such as, the South Ayrshire Access Panel and RNIB to evaluate and monitor mobility and/or accessibility in and around Crosshill. **2.2** Audit the pavements to check accessibility (level surfacing; dropped kerbs; pavement width; etc.) and report/request action from ARA (Ayrshire Roads Alliance), other than the ones already mentioned in this plan. **2.3** Link in with ARA to promote their website/services to report faults and/or apply for services.

Medium term

2.4 Request ARA to liaise with SAC to create a path from Dalhowan Street to the Cemetery. **2.5** Resurface i) footpath between Carrick Drive and Kirkbride Crescent ii) footpath at the children's playpark (Bruce Square and Carrick Drive) onto the grass iii) complete the footpath works at Kirkmichael Road, which stopped just short of the Sport and Leisure Club iv) footpaths at the junction between Dalhowan Street and Kilbride Crescent v) footpath from no.16 Dalhowan Street to Smithy Village vi) footpaths at Bruce Square and Milton Street.

3. Action needed: Ensure safe and smooth transportation for all road users.

Short term

3.1 Road resurfacing is a crucial aspect of maintaining infrastructure. Contact ARA to reinforce that: **3.1.1** Kirkmichael Road needs resurfacing; pavement resurfaced and levelled; lines marked; designated bus stop bay marked and trees pruned. **3.1.2** Resurfacing of Bruce Square and Milton Street.

4. Action needed: Maintain and increase parking facilities.

Short term

4.1 Request ARA to convert grassy area opposite dwellings in Carrick Drive to parking bays to ensure sufficient parking for neighbouring houses. Pavement parking enforcement would not be possible as there is no other alternative parking given the number of dwellings and vehicles owned per household. **4.2** Resurface carpark at Bruce Square to Milton Street.

02 Priority Live, Work and Learn

5. Action needed: Increase the right to access surrounding village land and maintenance of such walking paths.

Short term

5.1 Previous consultations have determined that the Coffin Walk is not possible. However, there are other walks which may be feasible: **5.1.1** - Fisherman's walk (starting point at the layby on the road to Dailly at Hamilton Bridge [B741], following the river Girvan. The walk would not be a circular walk). **5.1.2** - The Rigg walk - request feasibility study for a continuation of requested cemetery path to Cloyntie crossroads.

Medium term

5.2 Request feasibility study and consultation as regards to the walking route from Dalduff Farm via the bridge, King's Street, along the river, through third party fields and circular back to the village.

6. Action needed: Keep Crosshill play and recreational facilities adequate and sufficient for residents of all ages.

Short term

6.1 Assess provisions at the Crosshill children's playpark: path in the play park requires resurfacing; fences replacing; improved layout of equipment; additional equipment for children aged 5+ etc.

Medium term

6.2 Request feasibility study and realisation of a pétanque pitch at the Sports and Social Club.

7. Action needed: Support the vision "Slower today for a safer tomorrow" from the Scottish Government road safety strategy.

Short term

7.1 Request ARA to provide additional and/or change position(s) of current 20/30mph electronic displays/signs: **7.1.1** Add to Kirkmichael Rd entrance to the village. **7.1.2** Reposition traffic sign at Dalhowan Street to start of the bend from the Straiton side. **7.1.3** Add an electronic slow down display on the Dailly Road approach to Crosshill (B7023).

Medium term

7.2 Continue constructive discussions with ARA and head of roads to monitor traffic calming measures and discuss consequences of heavy transport on roads.

8. Action needed: Encourage sustainability through public transport use and supporting greener travels.

Short term

8.1 Engage with SPT about the following issues: **8.1.1** Passenger numbers on route 361 that can be accommodated on smaller buses. **8.1.2** Possibility of revising bus schedule and frequency to combine with Maybole/Ayr transport hubs/routes.

Medium term

8.2 Engage with SPT to request an a bus shelter on Kirkmichael Road at the Community Centre on the route to Dailly/Girvan. **8.3** Add infrastructure to add 4 EV charging points: 2 at the Bruce Square car park and 2 at the Sports and Social Club car park.

03 Priority

Civic & Community Pride

9. Action needed:

Crosshill is a rural village with a lot of untapped potential.

Short term

9.1 Request funds/grants to engage a community development worker to support the community to bring about social change and improve the quality of life in their local area. Some projects taken forward by the community development worker can be (but are not exclusive to): setting up a men's shed project; developing community centre as a village café; establishing youth clubs; Creating a book/games swap facility within the village (such as repurposed phone box and/or shed); etc.

Medium term

9.2 Look at obtaining a feasibility study to improve community centre usage and physical provisions. Example of equipment required: black out blinds; new curtains; new seating; painting and decorating of community centre indoors and outdoors; etc.).

10. Action needed:

Safer communities and safer commutes

Short term

10.1 Crosshill shares its concerns to the national issue of anti-social behaviour by particular groups of passengers on public transport. These groups of people do not appear to be local to Crosshill, but rather, commuters between Ayr and Girvan.

Medium term

10.2 Liaise with Police Scotland to build and improve relationship between CSK CC and Police Scotland. **10.2.1** Ensure a regular police report for the CSK CC's monthly meetings. **10.2.2** Inquire the possibility of re-introducing a community officer and/or having more police presence in the villages. **10.3** Consider creation of Neighbourhood Watch schemes to support police services.

11. Action needed:

Crosshill seeks to maintain and improve current assets.

Short term

11.1 Link with Grounds Maintenance and Neighbourhood Services (SAC) to create a concrete plinth for sunken picnic benches at the playpark. Additional benches should incorporate space and access for wheelchairs, whilst current benches should have adaptations made to ensure accessibility. **11.2** Crosshill fingerpost at the crossroads (King Street/Daily Road) and milestones to be painted and maintained. **11.3** Crosshill currently has 7 planters, cared for by volunteers. **11.3.1** Request SAC for an additional 2 planters at the bridge (end of King Street) and **11.3.2** Access funds/grants for their upkeep and seasonal planting. **11.4** Link in with SAC to ensure the wildflower meadow at Bruce Square is reseeded and maintained.

Medium term

11.5 Link with Grounds Maintenance (SAC), to remove the old electric boxes and sewage pump (currently fenced off) from Milton Street. **11.6** Encourage and support local rural industries such as the two wedding venues at Blairquhan and Dulduff along with Talisker Bay International and the various pet and equine establishments. Similarly encourage the establishment of new rural industries.





01 Priority

Spaces and Places

1. Action needed: Ensure Straiton maintains a clean and healthy environment.

Short term

1.1 Ensure grass on council ground is regularly mowed, hedgerows maintained to ensure pedestrian safety and paths deweeded.

Medium term

1.2 Continue to engage with ARA at looking for solutions to resolve flooding issues at the playpark car park. Water is running off from surrounding hills and farmland, overpowering the drains on the Main Road, making it perilous for pedestrians and vehicles near the bridge.

2. Action needed: Promote inclusivity by improving accessibility and walkability in Straiton.

Short term

2.1 Set up contacts with third sector groups such as the South Ayrshire Access Panel and RNIB to evaluate and monitor mobility and/or accessibility in and around Straiton.

2.2 Audit the pavements to check accessibility (level surfacing; dropped kerbs; pavement width; etc.) and report and request action from ARA (Ayrshire Roads Alliance), other than the ones already mentioned in this plan.

2.3 Link in with ARA to promote their website/services to report faults and/or apply for services.

Medium term

2.4 Liaise with ARA to identify and set up disabled parking bays at the following: play park car park; a location near the village hall or on the Main Street.

02 Priority **Live, Work and Learn**

3. Action needed: Short term

Maintain and/or increase the right to access surrounding village land and maintenance of such walking paths.

3.1 Straiton currently promotes 5 walks: The Monument and Bennan Circuit; Straiton Village Ramble; Lady Hunter Blair's Walk; Hill Walk and the Church Walk, however, paths currently need attention. The Lady Hunter Blair's Walk is closed for tree felling. **3.1.1** The Straiton Village Ramble, Bennan Circuit paths are no longer passable due to flooding, overgrown with vegetation/hedges. **3.1.2** The steps at Stepends (part of Straiton Village Ramble) need fixing.

Medium term

3.2 Liaise with Neighbourhood Services SAC for regular power washing and maintenance of wooden bridges at: Main Street; near the Fowler Croft; near Stepends.

4. Action needed: Short term

Support the vision "Slower today for a safer tomorrow" from the Scottish Government road safety strategy.

4.1 Continue constructive discussions with ARA and head of roads to:

4.1.1 Monitor traffic calming measures - speeding bumps near school are deemed successful.

4.1.2 Look at other speed reduction alternatives, in particular at Dalmellington Road and Kirkmichael Road (B7045).

4.1.3 Improve road surfaces especially where potholes are a repeated problem.

5. Action needed: Short term

Transportation in rural villages can be very challenging. Encourage sustainability through efficient public transport and other greener community commutes.

5.1 Engage with SPT about passenger numbers on route 361 that can be accommodated on smaller buses, rather than bigger buses which can be detrimental for the village infrastructure and/or resident property.

5.2 Engage with other Community Councils, local groups, third sector and local authority to look at alternatives to address transport challenges such as car clubs, car sharing, etc.

Medium term

5.3 Look at the possibility of developing an area on Dalmellington Road, currently used as the entrance/car park by the Forestry and Land Scotland to be a transport hub with EV points and base for a car club.

Long term

5.4 Add infrastructure to add four EV charging points: two at the Village Hall car park and two at the proposed car hub on Dalmellington Road.

6. Action needed: Short term
Keep Straiton play and recreational facilities adequate and sufficient for residents of all ages.

6.1 Assess provisions at the Straiton children's playpark: improved layout of equipment; additional equipment such as sensory boards.

Medium term
6.2 Request support in the realisation of a pétanque pitch at the far end of the playpark. The project has already been through community consultation and discussions for funding underway.

7. Action needed: Short term
Future planning for the village and surrounding area.

7.1 Liaise with local and national groups such as the Scottish Rural Action to look at impacts relating to sustainability, conservation and/or local economy.

7.2 Contact phone and internet providers in relation to service and broadband issues, to provide super-fast broadband throughout Straiton and environs.

7.3 The community supports the Primary School to remain and not be in danger of mothballing. A rural primary school is vital to the sustainability and well-being of a rural village which is vital to young families living in or moving into the area.

03 Priority

Civic & Community Pride

8. Action needed: Short term
Straiton seeks to maintain and improve current assets.

8.1 Compile a list of local groups and activities held in the village to be able to promote on social media and notice boards. **8.2** Maintain the current services of: monthly visits by the SAC mobile library and the weekly mobile bank operated by RBS to the village. **8.3** The Straiton fingerpost at the junction B7045/B741 and surrounding milestones are to be retained for their rural village aesthetic, but should be painted and maintained.

Long term
8.4 Maintain and support good rapport with the local primary school, businesses and other local groups such as the Straiton Village Co-operative and the village hall committee. **8.5** Ask for reassurances from Waste Management, SAC that: **8.5.1** The quarterly recycling facilities (i.e. skip) are retained. These are very much in use and needed by the community. **8.5.2** The weekly street sweeper service is retained.

9. Action needed: Medium term
Safer communities and safer commutes

9.1 Liaise with Police Scotland to build and improve relationship between CSK CC and Police Scotland. **9.2.1** Ensure a regular detailed police report for the CC's monthly meetings. **9.2.2** Inquire about the possibility of re-introducing a community officer and/or having more police presence in the villages. **9.2.3** Publicise the possibility of using resources such as Crime Stoppers reporting. **9.2.4** Consider creation of Neighbourhood Watch schemes to support police services.



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Priority

Spaces and Places

1. Action needed:

Ensure Kirkmichael maintains a clean and healthy environment.

Short term 1.1 Ensure grass on council ground is regularly mowed, hedgerows maintained to ensure pedestrian safety and paths deweeded. **1.2** Liaise with Waste Management and Neighbourhood Services (SAC), to check bin provisions in Kirkmichael and schedule/frequency when bins are emptied. **1.3** Ensure that playing fields are properly drained and this is maintained. **1.4** Ensure flood prevention measures are implemented in the immediate future at Patna Road/Straiton Road junction adjacent to the pub.

Medium term 1.5 Engage with the community to communicate the importance of reporting any fly tipping incidences either by making use of SAC and/or community council websites.

Long term 1.6 Ask for reassurances from Waste Management SAC that: the quarterly recycling facilities are retained. These are very much in use and needed by the community.

2. Action needed:

Promote inclusivity by improving accessibility and walkability in Kirkmichael.

Short term 2.1 Set up contacts with third sector groups such as the South Ayrshire Access Panel and RNIB to evaluate and monitor mobility and/or accessibility in and around Kirkmichael. **2.2** Audit the pavements to check accessibility (level surfacing; dropped kerbs; pavement width; etc.) and report to and request actions from ARA (Ayrshire Roads Alliance), other than the ones already mentioned in this plan.

Medium term 2.3 Increase walkability between the village and the community garden by adding a gate in the fence on the B7045. **2.4** Link in with ARA to promote their website/services to report faults and/or apply for services. **2.5** Link in with local authority and other third sector groups such as Living Streets Scotland (and/or similar organisations) to promote pedestrian training and the importance of walking as a means of commuting locally.

3. Action needed:

Ensure safe and smooth transportation and commutes for all road users.

Short term 3.1 Road resurfacing is a crucial aspect of maintaining infrastructure. **3.1.1** Contact ARA to reinforce that Bolestyle Road, Patna Road and road to Patna outwith the village need resurfacing. **3.1.2** Request a road resurfacing schedule for roads in Kirkmichael. **3.2** Liaise with ARA to reassess traffic management and parking provisions, specifically at junctions with high traffic volume such as Patna Road/Burnside Row.

Medium term 3.3 Assess the possibility of having a layby near the community garden to service the school for boarding and alighting from school buses and/or taxis to ensure safety and better traffic management. **3.4** Reassess, rationalise and reduce the level of signposting as you enter the village.

02 Priority Live, Work and Learn

4. Action needed:

Maintain and/or increase the right to access surrounding village land and maintenance of such walking paths.

Short term

4.1 Liaise with SAC, to monitor and maintain the condition of paths such as the cemetery path (overgrown vegetation/hedges and uneven surfaces).

Medium term

4.2 Residents currently enjoy walks from the village to the Kirkmichael House private estate. It would be beneficial should a feasibility study is pursued to look at increasing walking routes between the villages. **4.3** Continue to explore options for inter village and river pathways.

5. Action needed:

Support the vision “Slower today for a safer tomorrow” from the Scottish Government road safety strategy.

Short term

5.1 Continue constructive discussions with ARA and head of roads to: Reassess traffic management within the village.

6. Action needed:

Traffic management also includes the surrounding rural roads at national speed limits.

Short term

6.1 Look at alternative rural roads traffic engineering to slow down incoming traffic from Patna Road and Straiton Road. **6.2** Contact ARA/SAC for the completion of works at the junction B742/B7045, to reduce the severity and frequency of RTIs. Works should include repositioning of signs and monitoring of hedge height. **6.3** Continue to liaise with ARA over exceptionally high level of ‘leaving the road’ accidents between Kirkmichael and Hoggs corner particularly around Grimmet.

7. Action needed:

Transportation in rural villages can be very challenging. Encourage sustainability through efficient public transport and other greener community commutes.

Short term

7.1 Engage with SPT about passenger numbers on route 361 that can be accommodated on smaller buses, rather than bigger buses which can be detrimental for village infrastructure and/or resident property. **7.2** Engage with other community councils, local groups, third sector and local authority to look at other solutions which would make public transport/commuting more practical and efficient to use.

Medium term

7.3 Engage with SPT to: **7.3.1** include more electronic displays at bus stops as not all residents have digital access to apps and **7.3.2** to think of bus shelter design which is less hostile to passengers, with more accessible seating and shelter.

Long term

7.4 Add infrastructure to add 6 EV charging points: 2 at the Village Hall gable end; 2 by the school (not exclusively for school staff); and another 2 as best identified for the village.

8. Action needed: Keep Kirkmichael play and recreational facilities adequate and sufficient for residents of all ages.

Short term

- 8.1** Assess provisions at the Kirkmichael children's playpark by:
- 8.1.1** modifying playpark to ensure accessibility for mobility-aid users by adding footpaths, one from the Straiton Road entrance and another from the school side entrance.
 - 8.1.2** improving the layout of equipment to include additional equipment such as sensory boards and equipment which is disability inclusive.
 - 8.1.3** adding decking and shelter with benches;
 - 8.1.4** including a bridge from Burnside Row leading to the playing field.

Medium term

- 8.2** Liaise with SAC to check provisions and suggestions from the Play Sufficiency Assessment.
- 8.3** Engage with Thriving Communities, SAC, local groups and volunteers to revive the youth club by assessing the demand and readiness of young people (10 – 16-year olds) to attend activities organised by the youth club.

9. Action needed: Future planning for the village and surrounding area.

Short term

- 9.1** Contact Neighbourhood Services and/or SAC Ranger Services to reassess location of wildflower meadows, since their current location is not ideal due to the setting up of the Kirkmichael Gala and similar events.
- 9.2** Contact phone and internet providers in relation to service and broadband issues and maintenance, especially in view of the increase of work/life accommodations in the village.
- 9.3** Actively pursue the asset transfer of the McCosh hall to the community: support and encourage the development of the building to enhance the Community Shop, Café and Bowling green/club.
- 9.4** Actively support the 'Three Village Creative Arts Centre' proposals to the old unused Jocks restaurant in Patna Road.
- 9.5** Encourage Ayrshire Housing to develop their social housing site on Bolestyle Road.

Medium term

- 9.6** Kirkmichael still has pockets of land that can be development opportunities. Encourage local authorities, private landowners to look at existing planning approvals to be pursued and add potential to the village (end of Portcheek Terrace and the area behind Burnside and Patna roads and the Dyrock burn). Suggestions might include: natural play areas, tennis/padle courts, skateboard parks, basketball court, and/or any other fixed recreational equipment. Areas might also be considered for affordable/sustainable housing.
- 9.7** The Kirkmichael Church is planned for closure. Liaise with the Church of Scotland, to inquire about the future use of the building and adjacent graveyard.

Long term

9.8 Contact partners to look at flood prevention measures which are more likely to happen due to climate changes and weather being more erratic. **9.9** Engage and support discussions with partners about sources of energy. More households / homeowners should be supported with grants to be able to adapt their homes to alternative sources. **9.10** Explore and support initiatives which target specialised and/or derelict buildings aimed to be developed as specialised trades and/or small local industry developments. **9.11** Encourage and support local rural industries such as the two existing wedding venues at Blairquhan and Dulduff along with Talisker Bay International and the various pet and equine establishments. Similarly encourage the establishment of new rural industries.

03 Priority

Civic & Community Pride

10. Action needed:

Kirkmichael seeks to maintain and improve current assets.

Short term

10.1 Maintain the current service of a monthly visit by the mobile library to the village. **10.2** The Kirkmichael fingerpost near the pub (Patna Road/Straiton Road) and surrounding milestones are to be retained for their rural village aesthetic but should be painted and maintained.

Medium term

10.3 Look for opportunities to evaluate the use and running of website and social media pages used by the village group(s). Possibly apply for funding to support the revamping of the website(s)/social media page(s) by Ayrshire College students or similar.

Long term

10.4 Maintain and support the good rapport with the local primary school, businesses, local groups and other stakeholders such as community development workers. These relations highlight the positive assets of the community and encourage more positive work within the village.

11. Action needed:

Safer communities and safer commutes.

Short term

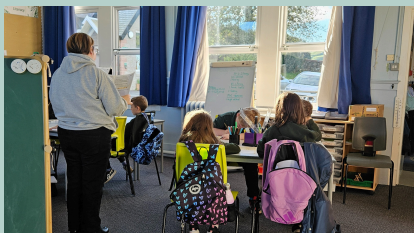
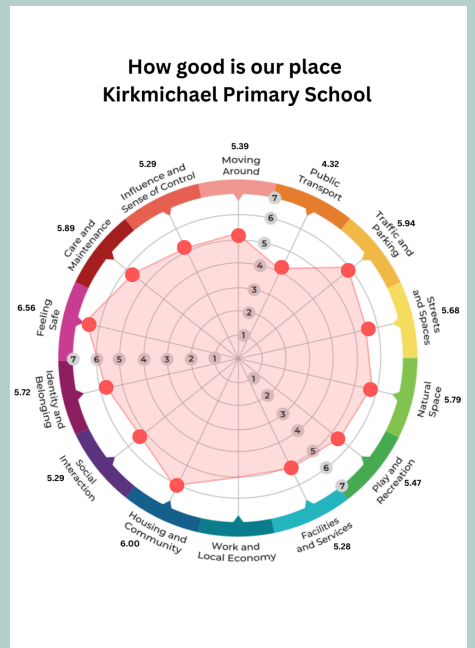
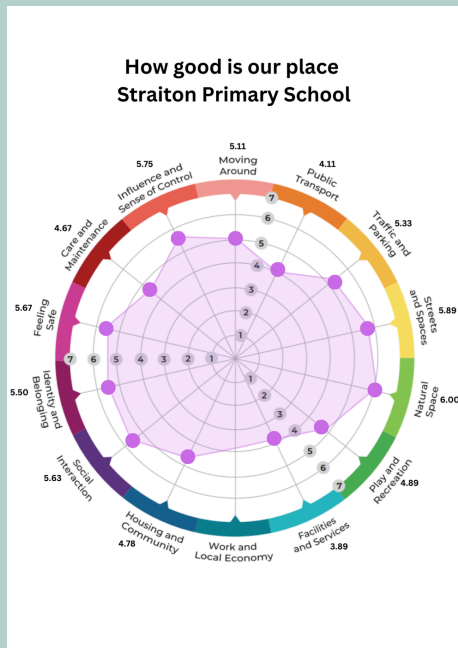
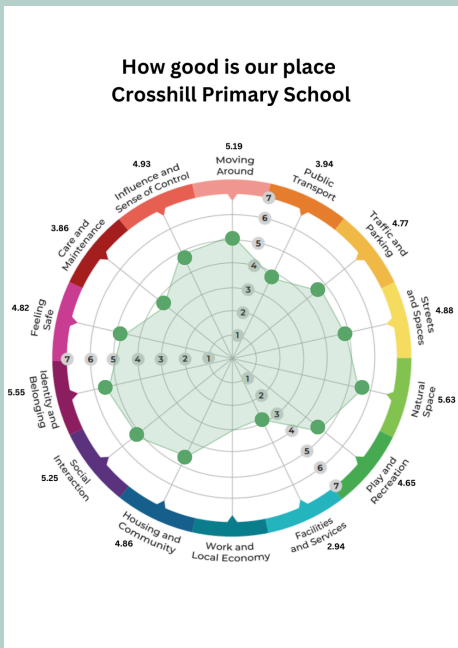
11.1 Request SAC for an audit of grit bins in the village and engage with community about the use of grit bins by residents. Encourage community spirit in being neighbourly and looking out for each other during adverse weather conditions.

Medium term

11.2 Liaise with Police Scotland to build and improve relationship between CSK CC and Police Scotland. **11.3** Ensure a regular police report for the CC's monthly meetings, with more detail (description of crime) given than at present.

Long term

11.4 Inquire the possibility of re-introducing a community officer and/or having more police presence in the villages. **11.5** Consider creation of Neighbourhood Watch schemes to support police services.



The above spider charts show the children's opinions about different themes in their respective villages. Questions mirrored the adult version of the survey, in child-friendly language.

True to the Place Standard Toolkit methodology, the children were accompanied on a short walk around their village, and were encouraged to note and think of what makes their village great and what perhaps could be better. Special thanks to the teaching staff, administration and management for supporting the process.

Local groups, business and more...

1st Crosshill Guides and Rangers

Crosshill Community Centre www.girlguidingayrshiresouth.org.uk
1stcrosshillrangers@girlguidingayrshiresouth.org.uk

Bridge Club, Crosshill Community Centre, every Wednesday 2pm to 4pm, Brian Scobie, **07766 929768**.

Crosshill Connect, search Crosshill Connect on Facebook.

Crosshill Crafters, Crosshill Community Centre, Wednesdays 1pm - 3pm.

Crosshill Gardeners, online only local group for swapping seeds, plants and all things gardening.

Crosshill Store and Sub Post Office, Ian and Aileen Hutton, **01655 740246**.

Crosshill Sports and Social Club, 56 Kirkmichael Road, Crosshill KA19 7RN
CSSC1939@gmail.com

GAB Audio Engineers, www.gab-audio.co.uk, **01655 740 330**.

North Carrick Parish Church, Crosshill Church, alternate Mondays 2pm to 4pm (March to October).

Soups Savouries and Sweet Treats, Aileen Hutton, **07471 150999**.

Scottish Women's Institute Crosshill, Crosshill Community Centre, 2nd Tuesday of the month (September to April) at 2pm.

McCandlish Hall, Main Street (Hall available for hire classes and events. Clubs meeting at the hall including badminton, carpet bowls, etc.).

Sara Rowden Real Rib Tickler, local seamstress and upholsterer offering stitching, upholstery and sewing workshops, realribtickler@hotmail.co.uk **07799 376426**.

St Cuthbert's Straiton Parish Church of Scotland, Main Street, **01655 750286**.

Straiton Stores, 42 Main Street, **01655 770293**.

Straiton Past and Present, please search Straiton Past and Present Facebook page.

Straiton Primary School, 27 Newton Stewart Road, **01655 885808**.

Straiton Trails, a network of five walking routes, starting from the village park.

The Black Bull, 21 Main Street, **01655 770240**.

The Buck Café, 32 Main Street.

Barsheen Fishing Club, Bob Sutherland, boblyn.rs@gmail.com

Carpet Bowls, McCosh Hall, Tuesday morning 10:00 - 12pm and Wed evening 7pm to 9pm, Rab White, rabandjacqui@gmail.com **7917451482**.

Community raised bed garden, Kirkmichael Bowling Green.

Growing Together Kirkmicheal, Brenda Byrne, brendabyrne53@yahoo.com, **07393377558**.

History Group, meetings vary (noticeboard) or info@kirkmichaelayrshiretrust.org

Kirkmichael Arms, (Michelin guide pub), **01655 750200**.

Kirkmichael Angling Club, Andrew Millar, amillar.andrew.millar@gmail.com

Kirkmichael Ayrshire Development Trust, Ian Torrance, chair@kirkmichaelayrshiretrust.org

Kirkmichael Badminton, McCosh Hall, Wed 10:30am - 12pm and Sun 7pm to 8:30pm, info@kirkmichaelayrshiretrust.org

Kirkmichael Book Club, Kirkmichael Café, Fri evenings, every 6 to 8 weeks, 7:30pm, info@kirkmichaelayrshiretrust.org

Kirkmichael Bowling Club, Bowling Green, Mon 7pm for non-members and Wed members only (Apr - Sep), Margaret Kenny, mkenny5217@gmail.com, **7880862268**.

Kirkmichael Church Guild, McCosh Hall, last Mon/month 2:30-4:30pm, (Sep to Apr), The Rev. W. Gerald Jones, The Manse, Kirkmichael, KA19 7PJ, **01655 750286**.

Kirkmichael Shop and Café, Karen Kidd, kkiddshop3@gmail.com **01655 750 443**.

Kirkmichael Community Hall, bookings Eleanor Scobie, eleanorscobie@yahoo.co.uk **01655 750 443**.

Kirkmichael Evening Craft Group, Kirkmichael Café, every 3rd and 4th Tues of the month, 7:30pm to 9pm.

Kirkmichael Garden Club, MCCosh Hall, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm to 9pm, Brenda Byrne, brendabyrne53@yahoo.com, **07393377558**.

Kirkmichael Stage & Screen, Cinema Club, Sept to May monthly on Sat, Brenda Byrne, kirkmichaelstageandscreen@outlook.com, **7393377558**.

Kirkmichael Tots, McCosh Hall, ages 0 to 3years, Fridays 10am to 12pm (Facebook).

Kirkmichael Village Renaissance, kkiddshop3@gmail.com 01655 750 443.

Knit and Natter, McCosh Hall, Thursday 10:30am, contact Lyn and Lindsay.

Kugatsu Karate-Do Ayrshire (Kirkmichael) Karate Club, McCosh Hall, Friday nights 5pm - 6pm, Justine Lennon **07564608585**.

Pickleball, McCosh Hall, Mondays 3:30pm - 5pm.

S'Coffee Morning, Kirkmichael Café, Fridays from 11am.

Winter Play Days, McCosh Hall, every Thursday (October to April), 3:15pm to 4:30pm., Emma White, contact on Facebook or **07920282657**.

Womens Group, McCosh Hall, 1st Tue/month, Noreen Lyon, noreeneel@icloud.com 7:30pm to 9pm.



Useful contact numbers

Ayrshire Roads Alliance
www.ayrshireroadsalliance.org
01563 503 160
enquiries@ayrshireroadsalliance.org

Ayrshire Housing 01292 880 120

Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111

Floodline (24h information service operated by SEPA) **0345 988 1188**

Home Energy Scotland
0808 808 2282

Local Issues inc. livestock on roads **101**

NHS 24 for all non emergency medical queries **111**

Police Scotland
Emergencies **999**
Non-emergencies **101** or **0300 426 0101**
Text Relay **18001101**

Samaritans (24/7) freephone **116 123**

Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline
0800 027 1234

Scottish Power

- Power cuts emergency number **105**
- Central & Southern Scotland freephone **0800 092 9290**
- Priority services for customers with special needs during power loss who rely on electricity for medical equipment or other special needs **0330 1010 444**

South Ayrshire Connect 0800 432 0510
enquiries@connectsa.scot

South Ayrshire Council
www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk
All queries **0300 123 0900**

- **Adult Support and Protection** (Out of hours response service): **0800 328 7758**
- **Council emergency services** for emergency response team, housing repairs, social work standby service, road and lighting faults, noise helpline (out of office hours) **0300 123 0900**
- **Emergency Homeless** (out of hours) **0808 100 3151**
- **Information and Advice Hub** **01292 123 0900**
- **South Ayrshire Child Protection Committee Social Work** **01292 267 675** (out of hours) **0800 328 7758**

In any emergency



DEFIBRILLATORS

Crosshill - War Memorial
Straiton - McCandlish Hall
Kirkmichael - Café & Shop
Kirkmichael Primary School

Strategies and published papers considered in developing the Crosshill, Straiton and Kirkmichael community-led action plan:



- South Ayrshire Council Plan 2023 - 2028.
- Local Development Plan 2 adopted August 2022.
- Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2025/26 – 29/30.
- Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy 2024 - 2029.
- South Ayrshire Council Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2019-2024.



- South Ayrshire Active Travel Strategy 2022 - 2032, SWECO obo South Ayrshire Council, Ayrshire Roads Alliance, Transport Scotland, Sustrans.



- Crosshill, Straiton Kirkmichael Community Action Plan NCCBC.



Vision Statement

Working together for the best quality of life for everyone within our Community Council Area. To promote a safe and sustainable environment. Working together by listening, involving and responding to the people in our communities and working in partnership with local organisations to deliver more efficient and improved services which meet local needs.

Our Principles



Inclusion. We will ensure that our actions improve our community's ability to access services and will take account of all factors that create a barrier to this. We will encourage equal opportunities and will observe any national requirements on these.



Accountability. We will make ourselves answerable to the communities and the residents of Crosshill, Straiton and Kirkmichael and keep them informed of, and seek their views on, what we are doing.



Partnership. We will work together with our partners and the residents of our Community Council area to achieve our vision and will encourage communities to recognise their important role in sharing in community planning work.



Evidence-based. We will ensure that our actions are based on clear evidence and information and are derived from what the community wants.



Sustainability. We will work to ensure that our actions are sustainable and meet the needs of the current generations of Crosshill, Straiton and Kirkmichael without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.



Efficiency. We will aim to be as efficient as possible with resources and use them to provide as effective services as possible.

We meet every last Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm, alternating between the villages. For more info, please get in touch at cskcommunityc@gmail.com or on our Facebook page @CSK Community Council.

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