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Strutherhill and Birkenshaw

Neighbourhood Planning Annual Progress Report

January 2019 to March 2020

South Lanarkshire Council

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Community**



What is neighbourhood planning?

Neighbourhood Planning is a long-term commitment on the part of the Community Planning Partnership to work with and alongside communities to improve outcomes and quality of life for all.

Community Planning partners and communities are required to work together to tackle inequalities and improve outcomes over a ten year period. Neighbourhood planning is the way we do this in South Lanarkshire. We are now working in partnership with local people and other stakeholders to see how we can deliver on these priorities.

The Our Place Our Plan neighbourhood plan is based on the priorities identified by local people and the Our Place Our Plan Community Group are at the heart of this work.



1. More leisure, recreation and social opportunities



2. Physical environment improvements



3. Easier to get about/moving around



4. Greater community safety



5. Stronger and better communities



6. Housing improvements



7. Better employment and business opportunities



8. Better financial wellbeing



9. Better education and training opportunities



10. Health improvements

What has happened this year?

Our Place Our Plan launched in March 2019



89

local people attended

Participatory budgeting is a process where local people decide how to allocate part of a public budget. Participatory budgeting is a way for people to get involved in decision making and develop a trusting partnership working together to improve the local area.

2019-20 participatory budget £10,000

Series of pop-up events held in July and August 2019

201 people participated in the events



Top priorities identified for the budget were:



more leisure, recreation and social opportunities



greater community safety



physical environmental improvements



Other key milestones

2019	
March to September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participatory budgeting pop-up events
April to July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Radworx deliver skateboarding project
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community clean-up
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer activities programme provided Communication Plan developed
June onwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harvest café extended to include inputs from various agencies
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dad's group formed Traffic management, car free zone and a walking bus explored
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community group engaged with the Lovell partnership who are building housing locally Community groups engage with Lidl concerning local job opportunities
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenge poverty week event held Launch of weekly health walks
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding proposal received for the community shed
2020	
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smarter Choices Smarter Places funding from Paths for all the shopping bus project
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents take part in SLC rent management consultation

What difference has it made to people?



Keeping local people at the centre by recognising and acting on what matters to them

I have enjoyed being part of the Our Place Our Plan, meeting new people, helping with the clean-ups, getting a walking group set up and getting things done. It great seeing things getting done for the kids like the youth club, helping to keep the kids off the streets and getting them meeting with other kids and enjoying themselves. So much has happened in a short time we have a long way to go but we are definitely on the right track.

Strutherhill resident



Building strong effective partnerships between local people and those delivering services

I joined the Our Place Our Plan Community Group firstly out of curiosity to see what it was all about, expecting it to be full of the stuffy old guard complaining about the youngsters of the area and their lack of respect. Once there I was surprised that the meeting was made up of ordinary members of the public, community police officers, and council officials sitting as one around the table for one aim... the good of the community.

Davy McAinsh

Our Place Our Plan member and Sergeant instructor ACP



Identifying and acting together on local priorities

I enjoy working alongside the others and helping to shape my area, this is where my young kids are growing up and hopefully they and others will get the maximum benefits from our decisions and actions going forward. I would urge anyone who has an issue be it good or bad to come along to the Our Place Our Plan meetings and share you issue, so that it can be addressed with the help of some of the agencies involved.

Our Place Our Plan Member



Local structures and local decision making

The Our Place Our Plan Community Group is made up of local people, groups, organisations, and workers. The group oversees the delivery of the neighbourhood plan and driver forward improvements and developments.

The group meets regularly, and we would like to get more people involved in progressing other locally defined priorities such as employment, education/training, and health. Our priority is to make sure we are building trust, confidence, and resources locally to help you to work with us.

Community capacity building support to help local people get involved has been provided by Community Links and South Lanarkshire Council's Community Engagement team. The approach puts individuals and communities at the centre, recognising the skills, knowledge and experience you have and the physical assets and resources in your neighbourhood. Residents have said that they value the opportunity to come together and discuss solutions, ideas and possibilities rather than problems. Local people and those delivering services are beginning to understand each other better.



We need everyone to be part of this plan, join us and help us make it work.

**Our Place
Our Plan member**



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What next?

We want to keep talking to and working with you. The Our Place Our Plan Community Group are currently considering how best to take forward some of the other priorities themes identified at the pop up events and through ongoing neighbourhood based conversations. In 2020 the group will also assess local interest in new working groups and promote awareness to help more people get involved in making decision and changes, such the development and delivery of an environmental action plan.

As soon as it is safe to do so we will be back in your community again. In the meantime there are other ways to stay in touch and get involved with neighbourhood planning.

To see a copy of the neighbourhood plan go to [**www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org/plans**](http://www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org/plans)

To find out more about participatory budgeting go to [**www.pbscotland.scot**](http://www.pbscotland.scot)

To find out more about Community Planning go to [**www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org**](http://www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org)

To get involved in your neighbourhood contact [**communities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk**](mailto:communities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk) or [**liz@communitylinkssl.co.uk**](mailto:liz@communitylinkssl.co.uk)

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