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Our Neighbourhood Plan for

Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank

Annual
Progress
Report

2021-
2022



South Lanarkshire Council

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Introduction

Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank (HUB) have been involved in neighbourhood planning, led by local people, since 2017.

Neighbourhood planning is a solution focused, asset based approach to involving local people, increasing community involvement and creating lasting improvements through community led decision making.

Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank encompasses Hillhouse Central, Hillhouse East, Hillhouse South, Hillhouse South East, Udston Central, Udston North, Udston South West, Wellhall North and has datazones in the top 5% most deprived in Scotland (Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020).

Neighbourhood planning activity is being delivered using a solution focused, asset based approach to build community confidence, increase community involvement, and to bring about improvements through community led decision making.

The area has a population of 7,236
51% of the population are female and 49% are male.

The total number of households is 3,527

- ▶ **985** Lone adult households
- ▶ **515** Households with dependent children
- ▶ **482** Lone adults with dependent children
- ▶ **628** Children aged under 16 in lone parent households

Community assets include:

- ▶ **1** Community facilities with integrated libraries
- ▶ **4** Primary schools and 1 High School
- ▶ **1** Day - care centre for older people
- ▶ **1** Centre for adults with disabilities
- ▶ **1** Family centre
- ▶ **2** Nurseries
- ▶ **1** Medical centre
- ▶ **1** Recreational sports facility
- ▶ **1** Sheltered housing complex
- ▶ **1** Urban woodland
- ▶ **2** Community led gardens
- ▶ Outdoor sports pitches
- ▶ **3** Play areas
- ▶ **4** MUGA's
- ▶ **4** Churches, **3** with lettable space
- ▶ **3** Community led HUB's cafés
- ▶ **2** SELECT Digital Hubs and CAB outreach
- ▶ **1** Community council
- ▶ **1** Community Action/Stakeholder Group

And an ever growing vibrant community/voluntary sector provides a range of opportunities including but not exclusively youth projects, an emergency food project, dementia support, a tenants and residents association, sports HUB, child and family focused activity, an ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) group and a number of uniformed organisations.



History

- ▶ In November 2017 an awareness raising event was held involving residents involved in community life and those working in the neighbourhood.
- ▶ The community engagement process was co designed with residents. The 4 Big Questions were devised.
- ▶ The survey opened in November 2017 and closed in February 2018, 550 households participate.
- ▶ March 2018 the Community Action Group is established. 10 priorities themes identified through the survey form the basis of the HUB neighbourhood plan. Thematic working groups are formed. Early actions are agreed in May 2018 – ongoing deliberative priority setting has been a key feature of neighbourhood planning activity since.
- ▶ March 2018 £60,000 Community Choices Fund is secured from the Lottery, with match contributions secured from the NHS, Community Planning Partnership and South Lanarkshire Council. Funding is aligned to support the delivery of early actions.
- ▶ A participatory budgeting approach was used to allocate funds. 268 residents cast their votes 14 new projects were designed and delivered.
- ▶ A further 2 rounds of PB activity have subsequently taken place (In 2019 - 368 votes cast and 2020 - 868 votes were cast).
- ▶ January 2019 the Neighbourhood plan is agreed.
- ▶ The Community Action Group and working groups continued to meet regularly with the community and stakeholder working collaboratively to bring the neighbourhood plan to life. Post the first lockdown the Community Action resumed with online information sessions and meetings, this has continued to date.

Information

In 2021/2022, £7000 was allocated to the HUB area to facilitate a participatory budgeting process.

The Community Action Group helped devise every aspect of the PB process - including the engagement process, criteria, paperwork, and promotion. The groups decided to put an upper limit on how much one application could request and that residents would have one vote each.

A small grants model was used to generate ideas and proposals and a combination of online voting, telephone contact and Pop-Up events took place to maximise participation. The Pop Ups were particularly successful in engaging children and young people in school and youth settings.

Voting opened on the 2nd of February 2022 and closed on the 1st of March 2022.

- ▶ **10** proposals were received
- ▶ **1228** votes were cast
- ▶ **5** proposals received funding

Udston Primary School – Play for All

Terminal 1 – Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank Youth Groups

Hillhouse Link Tenants and Residents Association – Hillstop Café

Gilmour and Whitehill Parish Church – Burnbank Community HUB

17th Hamilton Brownies – Brownie Camp

All projects have set outcomes and will be monitored once activities are fully delivered.



Priority

Progress that has been achieved

1

More leisure, recreational and social opportunities



- 5 projects are funded and delivered using Place Based Participatory Budgeting Fund.
- An extensive programme of youth activity is delivered by Terminal 1.
- Go Football sessions were offered by SLLC in collaboration with a range of stakeholders.

2

Greater community safety



- Ongoing youth diversionary activity undertaken by Terminal 1 is successfully engaging young people.
- Members report that public space CCTV in Burnbank and housing security systems are having a positive impact.

3

Health improvements



- The Community HUBs/cafés operate 3 days per week offering a safe welcoming environment helping to build connectedness and reduce social isolation.

4

Stronger and better communities



- The 3 community led HUBs /cafés continue to provide a range of bespoke services aimed at meeting the needs of residents.
- A single point of contact for community information is in development to make it easy for people to find out about opportunities.

5

Physical environment improvements



- Hillhouse Link Residents and Tenants Association secure £10K from Lottery Awards for All to continue to develop the **Hillhouse Recreational Gardens**.
- Ground services and the unpaid work team are working in partnership with the group to deliver community led ambitions for the site.
- Asset transfer of land from SLC to community ownership is being considered.

Priority

Progress that has been achieved

6

Better financial wellbeing



- SELECT continues to engage residents who are seeking training or work via online digital hubs, IT devices are made available to students via Council donations.
- Money Matter Advice input is secured for all 3 Community HUB's /Cafés.
- The emergency food supply initiative continues at the Burnbank Community HUB and a food larder is operating in Hillhouse. Back to school activities take place targeting all primary schools in the area.
- Free Sanitary products can be collected from Hillhouse and Burnbank Libraries.
- Free sanitary products have been delivered to 281 residents in Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank using the online ordering service.

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Housing improvements



- Housing investment works are continuing in the Udston area, new roofs and render.
- Improvement works are being planned to verandas in the Kelvin Gardens area, also environmental improvements within the Burnbank area.

8

Better education and training opportunities



- SELECT provides digital skills training to promote digital inclusion enabling OPOP members and the wider community to participate in online activities/ opportunities.

9

Easier to get about/moving around



- The group will develop actions around this priority at a later date.

10

Better employment and business opportunities



- The group will develop actions around this priority at a later date.



Development plans

- ▶ The Community Action Group are currently identifying and setting achievable goals for the year ahead, based on the re-ranking of priority themes. Health improvement is an emerging theme.
- ▶ 3 Community HUB's will be supported and wrap around services will be extended based on local need.
- ▶ A PB process will be designed and delivered.
- ▶ Opportunities for collaborations and partnerships will be maximised.
- ▶ A single point of contact for community information/ opportunities will be developed. To highlight existing community activity and how this can be built upon to best meet the community's need and maximise community assets and resources.
- ▶ A recruitment drive will take place to widen community participation.
- ▶ Back to school activities will be delivered to mitigate the cost of the school day.

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Working in the Burnbank HUB was great, I built relationships and worked as part of a team with partners who offer solutions to issues people are facing food poverty, unemployment and more.

The HUB is making a real difference, bringing the community together in such a positive way, you always leave feeling better than you went in. The skills I gained have also helped to enhance my CV, I am very grateful for that.

Connor Moran
Community Member
and Volunteer

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Hillhouse Link Residents and Tenants Association have worked with the neighbourhood plan since 2018, meetings have brought everyone together to establish connections and plan a supportive strategy for our community.

Our group has been going for 5 years, membership is growing, and we are using experiences gained to take forward our activities. Working in partnership has been extremely worthwhile allowing us to reach a wider audience and to be more responsive to local needs.

Sandra Panton
Treasurer Hillhouse Link Tenants
and Residents Association

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Case study

Physical environmental improvement is a key priority theme within the Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank neighbourhood plan, the scale and scope of a community led initiative in Hillhouse is contributing positively towards this shared goal.

Hillhouse Link Tenants and Residents Association have been operating in the Hillhouse area for 5 years, but the group's role extends far beyond ensuring the representation and welfare of tenants and residents.

The group have huge ambitions for their neighbourhood, this is best highlighted by their combined efforts to develop Hillhouse Recreational Gardens, turning a vacant piece of land synonymous with fly tipping into a purposeful place for social contact, community events, community growing and play.

"We are developing the land into a valuable, usable community asset - a safe, secure welcoming place for outdoor social and recreational activities, to be enjoyed by the whole community"

Sandra Panton - Treasurer

Extensive community consultation has ensured that a five phase development plan for the site is in place and truly reflects the community's ideas and vision. The group's unstinting commitment to the project is very evident and an important aspect of the project and its success is the level of partnership working that takes place. The group's ability to harness the support and involvement of other partners is nothing short of phenomenal.

Partners have included Link Housing, Hillhouse Community Council, SOC, Our Place Our Plan Community Action Group, Cycle Scotland, SLC Ground Services the Unpaid Work Team, local schools/ nursery and local businesses to name just a few. The group are working tirelessly to secure funding to bring their ideas to life, they recently successfully secured £10k from the Lottery for the installation of a fence and the purchase of play equipment and other funding opportunities are under consideration.



If you would like to find out more or get involved please contact:

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Our Place Our Plan has ensured that community members and organisations have the opportunity to voice what really matters to them. The children and young people who live in the HUB area feel a sense of community and see their ideas becoming a reality. PB has been brilliant.

It gives everyone a chance to identify local priorities and to work together as a community to ensure that they are being met.

Joanne Tierney
Project Co Ordinator
Terminal 1

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