

CLYDEBANK CAN

Town Centre | Canal | Community Design Workshops

Community Design Workshop 1

At this workshop we discussed the current positives and negatives of Clydebank, considered how the place might change in the future, and ended with a discussion of what the principles should be for future change in the town centre. A brief summary is on p2 of this newsletter.

Community Design Workshop 2

**4 May, Centre 81
2 Braes Ave, Clydebank**

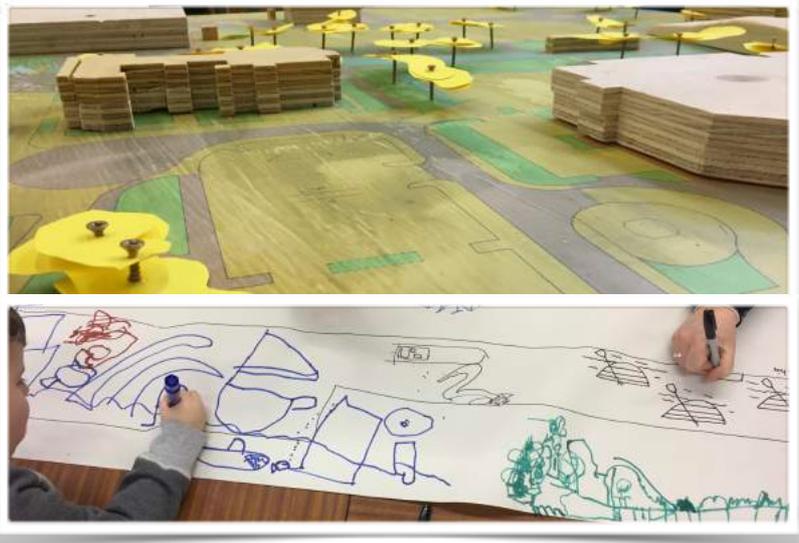
This second workshop will use the principles and ideas from DW1 to begin drawing up some options for Clydebank. We'll be doing this in three themed groups.

Living - what opportunities are there for more homes in Clydebank? What facilities do local residents need? What makes a place feel like home?

Activity - what kinds of activities would make you excited about going to the town centre? What about arts? Sports? What can the canal be used for?

Movement and networks - how do we access the town centre? What about in the future? How do we join up facilities and town centre assets? How can these improve our health and quality of life?

Join a group you are interested in, or visit all three! Workshops will be in three cycles, see the outline programme (right).



Clydebank Can: Town Centre and Canal

'Clydebank Can' is an exciting new project aimed at involving local people, businesses and other organisations in shaping the future of Clydebank town centre and the canal area. This project, part of the Making Places Initiative, is a partnership between West Dunbartonshire Council and Scottish Canals and is funded by Scottish Government.

This newsletter will give you an update on what was discussed at the first Community Design Workshop, and let you know what we will be discussing at the second workshop on 4 May. You'd be most welcome!

We've had some amazing ideas so far and the next two workshops are about pulling all of this together into plans and guidance for the future. Your input is essential for making these plans relevant, and creating a future for your place. For further information please contact or visit:

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<https://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/planning-building-standards/clydebank-can/>

Design Workshop 2 Outline Programme, Centre 81

Dunbartonshire Chamber of Commerce Business Breakfast **8-10am**

Principles Discussion **10-10.30am**

Theme discussions x3: **10.30am-12pm; 1-3pm; 3.30-5.30pm**

Evening workshop: **6:30-8pm**

Save the date: Design Workshop 3, 23 May, Clydebank Town Hall

Principles

Coming out of the discussion at the end of the day, groups came up with a set of Principles. These are a work in progress, and we will be testing and discussing these at the next workshop.

1. **An active canal** – fronts of buildings by the canal add to the activity, more water activity, more towpath activity, more use of the canal for education.
2. **Make more of what exists in the town centre** – re-use empty buildings and spaces, share details of the community groups and organisations working in Clydebank.
3. **Work to change the vehicle/pedestrian balance in the town centre** – create more space for people, make it easier to walk around the whole town centre and not just through the malls
4. **A more diverse town centre** – more than just retail, there needs to be community activity, arts, culture and an evening economy. This town centre attracts people to stop and spend time.
5. **Jobs, employment and training** – space for this in the town centre
6. **Biodiversity** – help the areas that already have good biodiversity to flourish and introduce more biodiversity in areas that can accommodate it.
7. Create spaces and routes that **promote local peoples' happiness, health and enjoyment** of the town centre and canal area.
8. **Town centre living** – housing in the town centre that has a good mix of types and tenures that grows the population in the town centre. Include thinking about living on water.

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Community Design Workshop 1: In brief

At this workshop, we discussed the positives and negatives of Clydebank town centre and the canal: a positive examples was the good footfall through the town centre, a negative example was that there isn't the diversity of shops in the town that there could be.

From this we did a scenario planning exercise. This is where a future for the town is imagined, driven by one thing. We did four scenarios: town centre living, canal and community use, a diverse economy and access and activity.

Living - this group came up with a town centre that had housing on all the sites along the south of the canal, sometimes mixed in with shops.

Canal and community use - this scenario explored re-using empty buildings for community activities, and had a really active canal for travel and watersports.

Access and activity - this group's scenario had a town centre that you don't need a car to access, which gave space for more shops, which were smaller and more interesting.

Diverse economy - this group imagined three extreme examples of change on the Playdrome site, ranging from a marina to a site for leisure and healthy activity.

These scenarios, while not necessarily what any party would look to deliver exactly as imagined, helped us to think about the principles for change in Clydebank (left).

In addition three themes were highlighted through this: town centre living, town centre and canal activities, and networks and spaces. This will form the three areas for discussion on 4 May.



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