

Clydebank Waterfront Locality Plan November 2024

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Clydebank Waterfront Locality Plan

**Introduction**

Community planning in West Dunbartonshire is focused on supporting communities to have more of a say in decisions that affect them. This is informed and influenced by the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (the Act). The Act was passed to support and promote more active community life.

West Dunbartonshire’s Community Planning Partnership (CPP) is committed to working together with communities. All 32 CPPs across Scotland have a legal duty to produce two key documents to address inequality within their area.

1. A Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) – in West Dunbartonshire the current LOIP is called the Plan for Place 2017 -27. It sets out how outcomes will be improved and inequalities will be reduced in the area. It focuses on 5 priority local outcomes:
	* Our local economy is flourishing
	* Our adults and older residents are supported to remain independent
	* Our children and young people are nurtured
	* Our residents are empowered
	* Our communities are safe
2. Locality Plans – these are focused on tackling those inequalities that are concentrated within a specific geographical community. Localities in West Dunbartonshire are defined by ward boundaries and each includes several communities.

**Community Planning Partners**

Community Planning West Dunbartonshire (CPWD) is made up of partners from across the authority area and include:

* West Dunbartonshire Council
* West Dunbartonshire Community and Volunteering Service (CVS)
* West Dunbartonshire HSCP
* West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust
* Police Scotland
* Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
* West College Scotland
* Dunbartonshire Chamber of Commerce
* Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park
* NHS Golden Jubilee
* Department of Works and Pensions

These partners and more work together to address the inequalities that exist across West Dunbartonshire by focussing on the priority outcomes set out in the LOIP. Community planning also allows partners and communities to focus on inequalities that are identified in specific communities through the development of Locality Plans.

**What is a Locality Plan**

Localities in West Dunbartonshire are defined by ward boundaries, Leven, Lomond, Dumbarton, Kilpatrick, Clydebank Central and Waterfront. Every locality in West Dunbartonshire experiences the challenges of multiple deprivation. Therefore, it is difficult to choose one locality over the other in terms of poorer outcomes which result from socio-economic disadvantage.

Within each locality there are several communities, some of which experience greater levels of deprivation than others. These communities will be supported to detail the challenges they face and to develop a Community Action Plan (see template below) that would include:

* local outcomes to be addressed
* detail the proposed improvement
* a timescale for delivery

Each Community Action Plan prepared will be read with the relevant Locality Plan and shared with Community Planning Partners. This will allow all involved in community planning to contribute to delivering improvements and reducing inequalities and to monitor progress through annual reporting.

**The Clydebank Waterfront Locality Plan**

The Clydebank Waterfront Locality Plan (CWLP) was developed to help improve the quality of life for people living in the Waterfront Ward. This could focus on different things such as health and wellbeing, community safety, education, employment, housing, the local environment or access to services. At the centre of it is a desire to see local people more involved in what matters in their local area.

This locality plan sets out statistical data from a range of different sources, this helps us all understand some of the local issues. The second part of the report has been developed based on the wealth of information and feedback from communities over recent years. We have used this to avoid consultation fatigue, we don’t want to ask the same questions again. Instead, we’ve reviewed all the findings and pulled out the priorities that came up most often. It’s now over to you to review our findings and confirm if feels right.

Here are the facts and statistics

The Waterfront ward covers the following neighbourhoods:

* Whitecrook
* Queens Quay
* Dalmuir
* Old Kilpatrick

And the Community Council Areas:

* Clydebank East
* Dalmuir and Mountblow
* Old Kilpatrick



The Waterfront locality, is an urban area of West Dunbartonshire, taking in the boundary to the west with Glasgow City Council through the heavily populated areas of Whitecrook and Dalmuir. Incorporating the regenerated Queens Quay and the village of Old Kilpatrick in the east of the locality. The River Clyde is a significant asset that flows through the locality, with a significant amount of history surrounding it. The Golden Jubilee National Hospital is situated within the locality, along with the Clydebank Town Centre and Clyde Shopping Centre.

Approximately 15,071 people live in the Waterfront locality. This population is projected to grow by 5% over the next 5 years.

**What the statistics tell us about the Clydebank Waterfront Locality**



West Dunbartonshire consists of 121 data zones reported in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD, 2020). Clydebank Waterfront Locality has 21 data zones, 5 of which are in the 10% most deprived in Scotland data set.

* Dalmuir and Mountblow has 2 data zones amongst the 5% most deprived in Scotland (approximately 1500 citizens).
* Clydebank East has 3 data zones amongst the 10% most deprived in Scotland where approximately 2100 people live.
* Clydebank Waterfront has the highest number of people living in the 40% most deprived category in West Dunbartonshire.

**Local Priorities and Engagement**

Local engagement in prioritising plans for the area is an ongoing process undertaken by community groups and community planning partners working together. Work has been underway in the Waterfront locality for several years, generating a range of findings.

The aim is to better work with residents to coordinate local service delivery in a joined-up way to meet the needs of local communities. It is also an opportunity to empower local people where they want to do more for their own local community.

A number of different pieces of research where local people had the opportunity to have their voices heard have been concluded recently. These include:

* Connecting Clydebank Charrette 20115
* Clydebank CAN 2018
* Shaping Places for Wellbeing 2023-24
* West Dunbartonshire LDP2 2017-18

All conversations and meetings held prior to this were also noted and used as a starting point when creating questionnaires and discussion topics. Consultation was massively important as it gave a voice to those in the community. We wanted to speak to local people to ensure the types of activities and services they wanted to engage in were on offer and investigate ways to make these more accessible across the area.

The multiple deprivations and inequalities experienced by people in Clydebank Waterfront Locality were explored in 2023-24 by the Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme.

This programme provided insights into the need for increased or improved:

* Public and Community Transport
* Active Travel Solutions
* Increased Community Influence and Control

**Further confirmation of community priorities in 2024**

In early 2024 the headline findings from these previous community consultation and surveys were presented in a further short survey to the citizens of Waterfront Locality. The intention of this survey was to reaffirm community priorities were the same or similar to those identified in past consultations and to identify any new community priorities not previously established.

The community were asked about the following:

* Economy & Environment
* Moving Around
* Feeling Safe
* Community Facilities
* Housing and Greenspace
* Opportunities for young people and community influence

Most respondents agreed that these priorities are still valid in 2024, with between 75 and 80% confirming these are the areas requiring focus and improvement.



Specific need for the following was highlighted:

* Improved public transport
* More employment opportunities for local people
* Repair and create a new cycle path network
* Stop parking on pavements
* Improved street lighting in and around public walkways and footpaths
* Promote initiatives to address youth disorder
* Community spaces to be open and affordable
* Affordable housing fit for purpose.
* More visible police presence in communities

**Next Steps**

This locality plan represents community influence within Community Planning. This report will be shared with the Community Planning Partnership to ensure the priorities that have emerged are understood by all partners.

The next step is for the communities within the Waterfront Locality area to develop their own, unique community action plan for local delivery (see template below). This could be a Local Place Plan or a community Action Plan and will include community engagement to help identify where partners may contribute or help to remove barriers to increased community participation and / or action.

Local Place Plans were introduced by the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019, giving communities the new power to produce their own plans to inform the preparation of the Local Development Plan.

Local Place Plans offer the opportunity for a community-led, collaborative approach to achieve community aspirations and create great places.

Read more about Local Place Plans here:

[Local Place Plans | West Dunbartonshire Council (west-dunbarton.gov.uk)](https://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/council/key-council-documents/local-development-planning/local-place-plans/)

The Economic Development and Regeneration Team will be able to support the development of community action plans.

**Community Action Plan Template**

This template Community Action Plan has been prepared for consideration by the neighbourhoods that make up the Leven Locality. This can be used for each individual community or developed for the full locality. To focus on key deliverable projects, it is recommended to limit the number of actions.

This action plan will detail:

* local outcomes to be addressed
* detail the proposed improvement
* a timescale for delivery

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| Local Priority | CPWD Strategic Priority | Proposed Improvement | Timescale  | Lead Organisation  |
| Economy & Environment | Flourishing West Dunbartonshire:Our economy is diverse and dynamic creating opportunities for everyone  | Community to identify actions to be progressed locally. | To be agreed | To be agreed |
| Moving Around  | Empowered West Dunbartonshire:We live in engaged and cohesive communities |  |  |  |
| Feeling Safe | Safe West Dunbartonshire: Residents live in a safe and positive community. |  |  |  |
| Community Facilities  | Flourishing West Dunbartonshire: Our local communities are sustainable and attractive |  |  |  |
| Housing and Greenspace  | Flourishing West Dunbartonshire: Our local communities are sustainable and attractive |  |  |  |
| Opportunities for young people and community influence | Empowered West Dunbartonshire:We live in engaged and cohesive communities |  |  |  |