

Place at the Table

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What is a Community Action Plan and how can I get involved?

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What is a Community Action Plan (CAP?)





**Struan
Community
Action Plan**

February 2024



**Community Vision
and Action Plan**



Vision

Vision for Struan in 2033 and beyond

Struan in 2033 has become a **thriving**, well-integrated and more **independent** community that has deliberately developed **local skilled employment** opportunities and where everyone feels **comfortable** and **happy** to live.

We have a **common goal** to work together for a better Struan.

All residents have access to the facilities, services and social activities that they need, including a **vibrant community hub** which also **welcomes visitors**.

These include **accessible housing** for **young** and **old** alike, and local **transport** and **communication** services that meet our needs and are **fit for the 21st century**.

Struan continues to **appreciate** and celebrate the **knowledge, skills and heritage** within our community and all those that have contributed to making it what it is today.

Figure 2: Vision for Struan in 2033 and beyond



“Struan in 2033 has become a thriving, well-integrated and more independent community that has deliberately developed local skilled employment opportunities, and where everyone feels comfortable and happy to live. All residents have access to the facilities, services and social activities that they need, including a vibrant community hub which also welcomes visitors. These include accessible housing for young and old alike, and local transport and communication services that meet our needs and are fit for the 21st century. We appreciate and celebrate the knowledge, skills and heritage within our community and all those that have contributed to making it what it is today. The community has a common goal to work together for a better Struan.”

Vision 2033

How do we get there?



Community Hub

Obtain school for a hub

- Start using the school as a hub as soon as possible, run by volunteers. It is a good space as it is currently.
- Develop a plan for the hub. This should be sustainable and be developed in conversation with the community.
- Community asset transfer of primary school.
- Advertise clubs and facilities, have leaflets about the history of the area and broch.
- Secure funding.
- It could be developed further down the line – paid coordinator and named for responsibility.

- Eventually aim to have a stream of income through social enterprise activity – i.e. café aimed at boats and avoid undermining businesses (maybe have menu of full price and Struan members get 50% off) (cover days that the Bog Myrtle is closed Sun/Mon). Host classes such as Art/Gaelic/Yoga/Dance. Host a hairdresser.
- Employment opportunities.
- Create EV charging points at the hub – not free!
- Toilets/showers/campervan black waste dump/freshwater/washing machines/laundrette – charge for all the above apart from waste dump.
- Have space for doctor’s consultations within the hub.



Transport

- We need a bus route - Portree has three but we have none.
- Install EV charging points.
- Community car (EV) for community use.
- Advocate for an air service to the central belt and beyond, helicopter base for emergencies.

Create on-demand bus service

- Use community bus in Dunvegan.
- Volunteer driver pool required for community bus.
- Ensure service is regular.
- Make sure everyone knows option is available.
- Buy own community bus through Trust.

Advocate for Highland Council to improve condition of roads

- Including road signage and road verges.



Delivery Plan

No.	Action/Initiative	Proposed Project Lead	Action Type	Description/Notes	Timeframe(*)	Partners identified (actual and potential)	First or next steps to progress the project/idea	Estimated cost	Total funding already secured
I. Improve Broadband Service									
22	Explore Community Broadband service	Set up Broadband Working Group	Proposed	Possibility that upgrade might be undertaken by government	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starlink BT Invisible Link 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep in touch with potential technologies / experts (e.g. Invisible Link) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £2-5m+ 	
J. Local services									
23	Explore options for a Community Shop.	TBC	Proposed	Consider Community Shop options	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC 	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No cost at present 	
K. Providing accommodation for local businesses									
24	Explore option of provision of work units/workspace	TBC	Proposed		L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore level of demand for work units 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No cost at present £100,000+ in future 	

* Timeframe:
 Short (0 < 12 months)
 Medium (>12 months <3 years)
 Long (>3years)

“We need a well-stocked community shop.”



Delivery Plan

Key Milestones

Theme	Already Underway	Over the next couple of years	Towards 2031
Economy & Employment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Develop workshop/retail units at Knock Park 11. Create a Morvern business forum and develop a Morvern business directory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Explore development of a boatyard at East Hat station. Also potential for a boat storage facility.
Transport and Digital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19. Broadband - Drimmin upgrade and Achabeag extension 22. Restart Drimmin water taxi after safety work completed and new booking system established 26. Create Lochaline Sand Mine Trail along former railway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 29. Develop walking routes on wider peninsula 30. Upgrade and install bicycle and mountain bike routes 38. Develop and implement long-term EV charging strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 33. Car parking at Knock Park 34. Improve link from Fishish to Craignure 40. Upgrade pier facility onto Sound of Mull at West Pier and install steps
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 41. Affordable housing, Phase 2 - MCDC 42. Conduct Local Housing Needs survey 48. Dail Mhor redevelopment of care home (Acharade) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 44. Explore options for housing development in townships - promote 21st century crafting 45. Restore derelict/unused housing stock 51. Form co-op of local existing owners to reduce cost of retrofitting homes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 43. Plan for delivery of additional affordable housing beyond MCDC Phase 2 45. Explore private-sector-led housing development led by individuals (co-op model)
Energy, Facilities and Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 66. Repair and restoration of Drimmin Village Hall 67. Improved video conference facilities in the community 74. Lochaline Primary School wildlife garden 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 54. Set up co-op to bulk buy green energy at reduced rates 57. Develop emergency resilience strategy for response during significant climate event 58. Community-based information service for sustainable retrofitting of houses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 69. Clubhouse facility at Knock Park 70. Develop golf course at Knock Park
Heritage, Land and Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 85. Develop plans following successful community buy-out of Knock Park 99. Protecting Morvern's Atlantic Rainforest - RSPB project 101. Expansion of Lochaline native oyster project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 104. Baseline studies of the state of nature and biodiversity in Morvern 111. Create marine management plan for Loch Aline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 106. Advocacy - reducing deer density 109. Species reintroduction across peninsula 110. Seagrass restoration in Loch Aline and coastal waters
Community Life and Local Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 120. Easter event - MCW 126. Promote community recycling and reuse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 128. Create a volunteer bank 132. Develop social space for young people 133. Develop pavilion for swimming in Loch Aline 	
Organising Ourselves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Community group forum 10. Develop community-wide mailing list 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Develop Morvern-wide information website 22. Develop a funded support post shared by all local groups to support collaboration and delivery 26. Develop mentoring scheme for young people to join and lead community groups 	

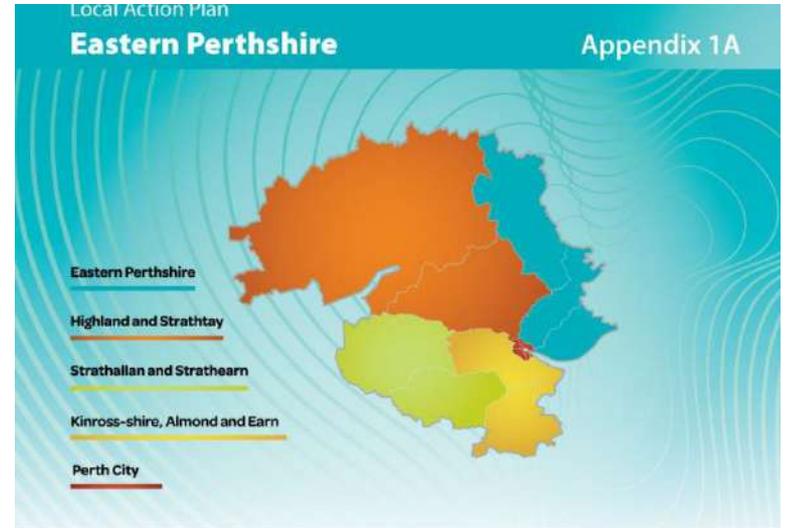


Benefits

- Celebration and consolidation
- Representation and ownership
- Coordinating local effort
- Maximising the benefit community capacity and skills
- Drawing on the wisdom of the group and enabling people to listen to alternative perspectives
- Sourcing fresh ideas from the margins
- Supporting funding applications
- Resolving future conflict



In the context of Regional Plans



Local Outcome Improvement Plan
(LOIP)

Local Action Plan (LAP)

CAP Boundary



Community Action Plan Journey Map



Steering Group Errol Community Council & wider



- Maria Walker
- Gillian Gillies
- Gary Kinniburgh
- ???



**If there was one thing you
could change to make
Errol and surrounds a
better place for everyone,
what would it be?**

Pair and Share





Differences from the Local Place Plan



April 2025



Errol Local Place Plan

A Local Place Plan is ...

an expression of community's aspirations which can
influence local spatial planning policy...

By setting out priorities to regulate **future**
physical development in an area



In the context of Regional Plans

LPP



CAP



Local Development Plan (LDP)

Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP)

CAP vs LPP | Proposals vs Projects

Plan	Local Place Plan (LPP)	Community Action Plan (CAP)
Focus	Community DEVELOPMENT	COMMUNITY Development
Scope	Proposals relating to the use and development of land and buildings which are controlled by the planning system	Projects and initiatives of ALL types
Outputs	'Spatial vision' (maps!). Arguments for proposals to be accepted into the Local Development Plan to control future development. No delivery plan required.	Delivery plan (lead org, timeframes, partners, first steps, indicative costs). No reasons required.
Leadership	Community-led	Community-led
Outcomes	Community organising & Influencing spatial planning system	Community organising, securing funding, planning for community-led delivery.
Traction	Decision by Planning Authority	Community agency, advocacy



Example: Develop a Community Garden

LPP Proposal

- Alignment with NPF4 policies:
- Policy 9 (Brownfield) and
- Policy 25 (Community Wealth Building)
- Secure allocation (PP in principle) for change of use from former pub to community garden

CAP Project

- Lead organisation: Carse of Gowrie Group
- Deliver within 2 years
- Partners: Perth and Kinross Council, residents
- First Steps: 1. Secure funding, 2. Buy land

D	Develop a community garden(s) and allotment(s)
Maps relevant to this proposal can be found under proposals B and C above.	
Proposal	Support development of a community garden or allotment on areas of existing or proposed open space
Vision for proposal	Develop community garden areas and allotments for the benefit of all Errol CC residents
Status	Concept

"We need a community-based shop with allotments linked to fresh vegetables/grocer."



CHAPTER 4. COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN - INDICATIVE INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS

In this chapter we provide an indicative outline of 20 potential initiatives and projects laid out under the four priorities of this plan. Funding permitting, we would like to expand these in more detail in a future more detailed Community Action Plan, including a delivery plan.





How to get involved



Big Map O' Errol



Online Survey

♥ Tell us about something you like about Errol?

(e.g. local service, place, building, park, club, shop, bus, nature)

Your answer

🟡 Is there something that could be improved?

Your answer

🔴 Is there something you don't like about Errol?

Your answer



Community Action Plan Survey - Errol, Errol Station and Grange.

Errol Community Council have formed a steering group to develop a Community Action Plan. We invite you to share your views and ideas.

This is a chance to shape the future of Errol for ourselves, our friends and family, and our grandchildren and beyond. We have inherited a place that local people have helped shape and made better for us. We can't pay that back, but we can pay it forward with our time and passion.

Please help by taking a few minutes to share your thoughts on things you like, dislike, areas for improvement and/or new ideas.

Please complete this short survey by midnight, Sunday 19th October 2025.

This information is being gathered to help to shape a Community Action Plan for the Errol, Grange and Errol Station. More information on on what this is all about is available at: www.carseofgowrie.group/cap and for regular updates signing up to the newsletter via this [link](#).

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📧 Not shared

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Your answer

One pager

What is a Community Action Plan?

A Community Action Plan (CAP) is a document that sets out the aims of a community for 5 years. It has a vision to aim for and covers the changes that your community needs and wants, to become a thriving place for everyone to live.

These changes can include everything from setting up youth groups, working to make local streets safer, or planning to convert an empty local building into a community centre. These are just some of the many things that can be included. It also has a list of actions and projects alongside a delivery plan for how to make things happen. It's used to create a shared mandate for change, help guide how groups work together, for funding applications, and make it easier to monitor progress.

How can I get involved?

- ➔ Go to our webpage for the CAP at www.carseofgowrie.group/cap. This is your 'one-stop shop' for information about the process.
- ➔ **Sign up to our regular e-newsletter** to access dates for opportunities to see us face-to-face. You can also follow a link from our webpage (info below)
- ➔ Come to our launch at the Village Hall on Sunday 5th October from 3:30-5:30pm, with a presentation and Q&A at 4pm and a chance to meet the steering group and begin to share your ideas.
- ➔ Follow updates on the [Errol, Grange and Errol Station Community Action Plan](#) page of Carse of Gowrie Group website (with thanks to the hosts). (www.carseofgowrie.group/cap) and our [Facebook page](#).
- ➔ Fill out the forthcoming **online survey**. **This will launch on Sunday 5th October, closing midnight Sunday 19th October. You will be able to access it from www.carseofgowrie.group/cap.**
- ➔ Download this one-pager from our [webpage](#) and share with your friends and neighbours.

If you'd like to chat with us directly you can [get in touch](mailto:pauleplaceatthetable.co.uk) by email and we can arrange a phone call. Email pauleplaceatthetable.co.uk

Who is writing the Plan?

Errol Community Council have formed a steering group to develop the plan. They will invite everyone in the community to give their views and ideas. The steering group will have support from local volunteers, as well as [Place at the Table](#) and [Imagine If](#) who, between them have created many similar plans across Scotland and have been employed by ECC, who are supported by Rural Perth & Kinross Community-Led Local Development (RPK CLLD) Local Action Group (LAG) with funding from the Scottish Government's Rural Community-Led Local Development Fund 2025/26, part of the Scottish Rural Development Programme.

What will be in the Community Action Plan?

Anything that you think will improve Errol as a place to live, work and visit. Over the next few months, we'll be asking local folk for their ideas about how to make our community an even better place. And we'll be working with you to develop it into a plan to make it happen.

The final plan might include:

- How you want Errol to look in 5 years' time.
- Keeping existing initiatives going, ideas for starting new ones or developing local services and facilities.
- What kinds, quality and number of new homes we need in Errol.
- Suggested projects to help Errol become more sustainable and deal with the impacts of climate change.
- Big ideas to help make Errol a liveable place for all its residents.

Why should I get involved?

This is a chance to shape the future of Errol for ourselves, our friends and family, and our grandchildren and beyond. We have inherited a place that local people have helped shape and made better for us. We can't pay that back, but we can pay it forward with our time and passion.

Will my idea be in the Plan?

That's the aim! There will be many different ideas because Errol is a home to many different people. We will work to identify ideas that will be beneficial and have the most significant impact.

We'd like to get input from as many people as possible. We'll encourage discussion by being available at public events and going direct to local groups to the best of our ability and capacity over the next few months.

When will the Plan be complete?

We are aiming to have the plan completed by March 2026.

How can I get in touch with the Steering Group?

If you'd like to get in touch with the Steering Group, please email us at eccnofficeboard@gmail.com



**In person
community
conversations
here at the
Village Hall
and drop-in
events in
November**



Sign up for
our regular
eNewsletter



Updates, times for
face-to-face community
conversations



**COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN
E-NEWSLETTER**
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eNewsletter Sign-up - Errol, Grange and Errol Station Community Action Plan

Sign up to our mailing list to stay in the loop about the Errol, Grange and Errol Station Community Action Plan (CAP) and receive updates about events and activities relating to the Community Action Plan process.

For more information on the CAP, please go to our [dedicated webpage](#).

** Indicates required question*

First Name *

Your answer

**Encourage your
neighbours and
households to get
involved!**

**Share on social media,
chat over the fence and
at the school gates**



Thanks!

Any Questions?

