

## CATRINE CAP STEERING GROUP

Catrine Community Action Plan Steering Group is made up of individuals and representatives of local community groups with a passion to see transformational change within Catrine.

The group formed in summer 2016 to take forward and coordinate the production of the Catrine Community Action Plan, which launched in August 2017.



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Action Plan



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## VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

Vibrant Communities works “with and for” local communities rather than “doing to” them. The aim is to balance the relationship between those who design and deliver services and the people who ultimately use them.

Vibrant Communities is changing culture and unlocking the knowledge, skills and experiences of local people and employees, to harness the enthusiasm, talent and “can do” spirit that exists across East Ayrshire.

The establishment of Vibrant Communities has driven East Ayrshire Council’s transformation agenda and embedded our vision to put people at the heart of everything we do.



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WORKING WITH EAST AYRSHIRE VIBRANT COMMUNITIES



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## What are the plans for the future?

### JOINT COMMUNITY EVENTS



Groups are working together, building on the recent success of joint projects, and planning Christmas, Halloween and Clean Up events over the next year.

A group of interested individuals from Catrine and other communities along the upper end of the River Ayr are meeting together to explore the potential of a World Heritage Site Bid to incorporate the heritage of the water systems associated to the mills.

*“We’re looking forward to the future, with a programme of events already planned for the next year.”*

*Sharon Sym – CAP Group Member*

### COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER



The Games Hall Sub-Committee are planning to take on the facility as a lease in October 2018. The AM Brown Institute Sub-Committee are hoping to purchase the facility in April 2019 and carry out some considerable capital works to make the building sustainable into the future.

# What challenges have there been?

## COMMUNITY INTEREST

The Action Plan process was a long and painful one for the small steering group and often felt like there was no light at the end of the tunnel. The process took longer than anyone had expected, but through perseverance and creative thinking, the group managed to achieve their goal.

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*“A small number of passionate, committed local people can go a long way to reaching their goal.”*

*Sharon Whitehouse-Logan – CAP Group Member*

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## VOLUNTEER WORKLOAD

The main challenge after the launch of the plan was trying to fit it all in! Everyone wanted a little (or big) piece of you and there were ideas flying in left, right and centre. An implementation plan was put into place to try and manage the actions and events over the five year cycle of the plan. Although this plan alleviated some of the work, due to the high level of activity burnout of many volunteers still happened, especially after the success of Make Catrine Sparkle.



# What was it like before?

## COMMUNITY COHESION



Catrine has always seen a high level of community activity and over the years have had many successful projects and events, from environmental to activity and social. Previously, it was felt that groups and events were competing against each other and therefore struggled to remain sustainable or popular over time.

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*“For a number of years groups in Catrine were working against each another instead of with one another”*

*Iain McCulloch, Chair Community Council & CAP Group Member*

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## COMMUNITY FACILITIES



East Ayrshire Council historically managed Catrine Community Centre and Catrine Games Hall, which were becoming financially unsustainable due to lack of use. Catrine Community Trust own and manage the CEVIC Centre, which acts as a Heritage Interpretation Centre.

# What are the achievements so far?

## PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING



Vibrant Communities were successful in obtaining £10,000 from the Big Lottery for the CAP Steering Group to hold a local PB Event in Catrine. Groups were able to bid for money if they were carrying out actions from the recently launched Community Action Plan.

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*“The Action Plan has stirred up a lot of enthusiasm and motivation in people. Everyone wanted to play their part.”*

*Tracy Smith – CAP Group Member*

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## JOINT COMMUNITY EVENTS



Since the launch of the Action Plan there have been various events between Catrine Community Council, Catrine Community Trust and the CAP Group, including popular Christmas and Halloween social events including hundreds of members of the local community.

## COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER



A sub-committee of Catrine Community Trust has been set up to take forward the Asset Transfer of the AM Brown Institute. An extensive Feasibility Study has just been completed with proposals for the future of the building.

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*“This is a great opportunity for the local community to reclaim their local asset and develop a sustainable future that serves the local people of Catrine.”*

*Gillian Davies – Catrine Community Trust*

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