

CATRINE

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

2017-2022



COMMUNITY UPDATE

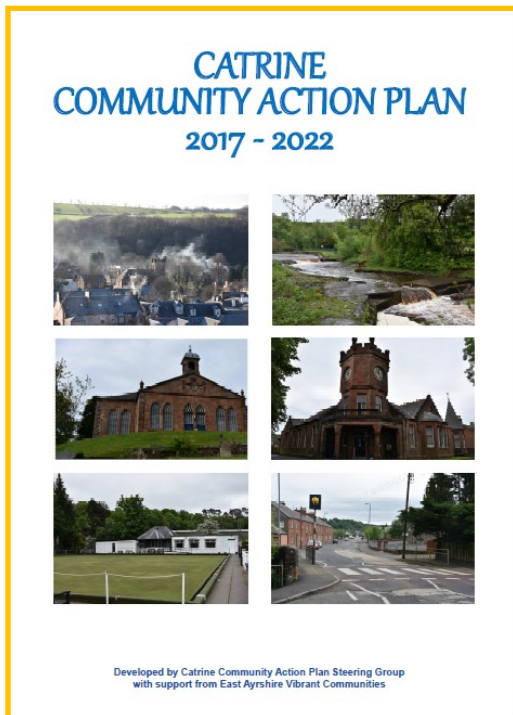
AUTUMN 2020

The Community Action Plan set out the priorities for the development of Catrine over the 5 year period 2017-2022 as determined by the community, through an extensive process of community engagement organised and led by local community organisations and local residents, and carried out over a seven month period starting in 2016.

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

The Community Action Plan set out the priorities for Catrine determined by the community through an extensive consultation period in 2016.

The plan was, and remains, for the whole community and is jointly owned by all organisations and local residents. We find ourselves 3 years into the plan, over the half way stage and reflecting on the achievements so far.



KEY CONTACTS

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.



Catrine Action Plan



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Catrine Community Action Plan is supported and resourced by East Ayrshire Council's Vibrant Communities Service.



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ACHIEVEMENTS COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

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

Tracy Smith, Catrine Community Council

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.



ACHIEVEMENTS COVID-19 PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

During the Coronavirus Epidemic in Spring 2020, local volunteers pulled together to assist local community members with shopping, prescription deliveries, befriending and food parcels.

Supported by East Ayrshire Council's Vibrant Communities Service X volunteers helped X local community members during this time.

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

Sharon Sym, Catrine Community Action Plan

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.



ACHIEVEMENTS COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER

Catrine Community Trust currently hold the management arrangement for AM Brown Institute Building.



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

Iain McCulloch, Catrine Community Council

A sub-committee of Catrine Community Trust has been set up to take forward the Asset Transfer of the Games Hall. The Group have recently employed a Centre Manager to assist the volunteers in the day-to-day running of the facility.



CHALLENGES

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.

“This is a great opportunity for the local community to reclaim their local assets”

Kieran Wardrop, Vibrant Communities

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.

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