

MAUCHLINE

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN 2014-2019

Carried out by Mauchline Community Action Plan Steering Group



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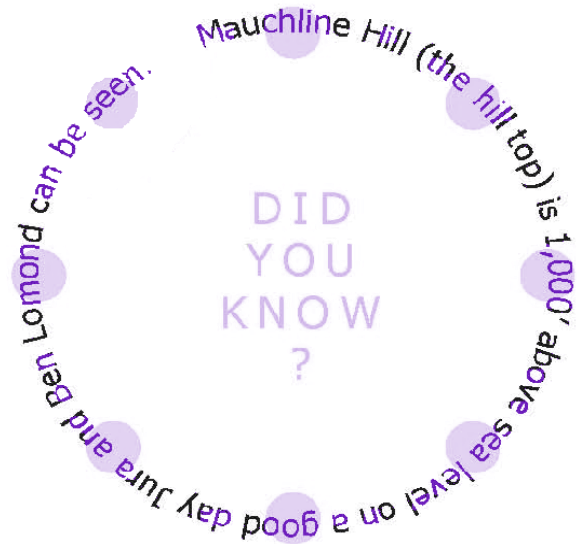
*Are ye walkin'! aye of course 'am walkin'!
Then I'll meet you at the corner stane!
We'll wander up the brae, along the tap,
Then throo wee Mauchline toon an' hame*

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INTRODUCTION

This Community Action Plan summarises community views about:

- Mauchline now
- the vision for the future of Mauchline
- the issues that matter most to the community
- our priorities for projects and action.

The plan is our guide for what we - as a community - will try to make happen over the next 5 years.

MAUCHLINE COMMUNITY STEERING GROUP

The preparation of the Action Plan has been guided by a local steering group which brought together representatives from the Community Council, Community Association, Women's Rural, Guides, Scouts, Burns Bairns, Parent Council, Mauchline Primary School, and interested members of the community.

LOCAL PEOPLE HAVE THEIR SAY

The Action Plan has been informed by extensive community engagement carried out over a five month period from July 2013 to October 2013.

The process involved:

- Stakeholder interviews and focus group meetings - with different groups and individuals representing all aspects and ages of the community;
- A community views survey, which was delivered to all households;
- Young people's survey, conducted through the primary school/secondary;
- Preparing a community profile detailing facts and figures about the community;
- A Community Event.



723 COMMUNITY VIEWS SURVEY FORMS WERE RETURNED FROM OUR 2,076 HOUSES

201 OF THOSE SURVEY FORMS WERE 'FAMILY RETURNS'

168 SURVEY FORMS WERE RETURNED FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL

130 SURVEY FORMS WERE RETURNED FROM YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 12 - 17

28 STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS AND FOCUS GROUPS WERE HELD WITH LOCAL GROUPS, BUSINESSES, AND SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS

403 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE COMMUNITY EVENT

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART – IT'S A GREAT RESPONSE AND GIVES WEIGHT TO THE PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED IN THIS PLAN

OUR COMMUNITY NOW

FACTS & FIGURES

We have summarised below some of the main facts and figures from the Community Profile - a report produced by the Steering Group to give a picture of Mauchline now.

LOCATION

Mauchline is an attractive small village 8 miles south-east of Kilmarnock on the A76 main road to Dumfries and 10 miles east of Ayr. It is situated on a gentle slope about 1 mile from the River Ayr. Mauchline offers an ideal location for commuters as it is central to all major towns and cities. Like many surrounding villages Mauchline was once a mining village bringing many families to the area, some still residing here generations later. The highest point in Mauchline is "The Hill Top" which is located 1,000ft above sea level. Ben Lomond, 52 miles away, can be seen on a clear day.

POPULATION

The population of Mauchline has declined slightly in the last decade or so from 4,091 in 2001 to 3,884 in 2011. The largest population reduction is reported in the number of children, reduced by around 24% and in working age adults. The number of people of pensionable age has increased by just over 13% over the same period.

EMPLOYMENT AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Many people in Mauchline now commute for work to Kilmarnock, Ayr and into the Central Belt.

However up until fairly recently Mauchline used to be a significant centre for employment - with Optical Works (the plastic factory), Box Works - Mauchline Ware (a box making factory), deep pit mining, Ballochmyle Hospital, Findlays Builders, Mauchline Creamery, and the Curling Stone Factory. With only the Curling Stone Factory still in operation and a reduction in the workforce through agriculture there is a genuine lack of local employment opportunities.

There is thought to be potential to expand the local economy by making the most of the areas location, environment and rich heritage.

HOUSING

The community estimate that there are now 2,076 houses in Mauchline an increase from 1,688 in 2001. There is a greater level of owner occupied housing than in East Ayrshire and Scotland and lower levels of local authority and social rented housing. Further housing - both social housing and private housing - is planned in the future.

EDUCATION

Pre School: Burns Bairns Under 5's and Baby & Toddlers Groups, Mauchline Primary School and Early Education Centre.

Primary Schools: Mauchline Primary School, St Patrick Primary School

Secondary Schools: Auchinleck Academy and St Joseph's Academy (Kilmarnock)

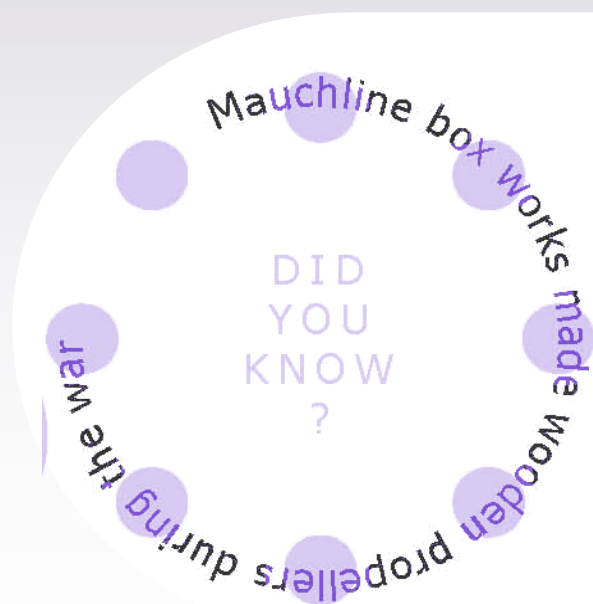
Further Education: Ayrshire Colleges (Ayr, Kilmarnock and Cumnock Annex) University of West of Scotland (Ayr)

COMMUNITY AND RECREATION

Community Facilities: The Games Hall, Community Centre, Church Hall, Scout Hut, Sports Pavilion, Library and the Bowling Green.

Community Groups & Clubs include: Mauchline Community Association, Community Council, Burns Bairns, Parent Council, Burns Club, Women's Rural, Women's Guild, Mauchline & District Homing Society, North Road Pigeon Club, Horticultural Society, Masons, Fishing Club, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, Boys Brigade/Anchor Boys, Mauchline VIP's, Curling Club, Mauchline United FC and Mauchline Boys Club, Bowling Club and others.

Community Events: Mauchline Community Association Pantomime, MCA Big Lunch, Christmas Fair, Horticultural Society Flower Show, Holy Fair, Church Fete, Carols by Candlelight (Church).



OUR COMMUNITY NOW

FACTS & FIGURES

PARKS AND PLAY AREAS

Beechgrove Park has a multi use games area, play area and football pitches and there are other smaller play areas at Beechwood Road and Alexander Terrace.

HEALTH AND CARE SERVICES

- GP Surgery and Primary Care: Ballochmyle Medical Group.
- The two nearest hospitals to Mauchline are Crosshouse and Ayr University hospitals.
- The Cross Dental Practice and Shaw Eyecare.
- Care Facilities: Woodside Nursing Home catering for up to 17 residents.
- Sheltered Housing: Ellisland Court - a local authority run retirement/sheltered complex.
- Care in the Community: Ellisland Court support residents in 6 independent accommodations.

ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES

The area has a history of dairy farming that has helped to shape the current landscape. Today there are only a few (12) dairy farms left in the parish. Three estates - Ballochmyle, Barskimming and Auchinleck - own and manage much of the land. Mauchline has a good local paths network which extends out to the long distance River Ayr Walk and through nearby woods. Special features and sites of scientific interest include Ayr Gorge Woodland Reserve, Wallace Cave and Ballochmyle Viaduct.

HERITAGE

Robert Burns - Scotland's national bard - lived in Mauchline - and many of his poems are believed to have been written here. His connection with the village continues to attract visitors from all over the world. Sites in the village linked to Burns include the Burns House Museum, the National Burns Monument, Jean Armour's Statue, the Kirkyard and Poosie Nancie's pub. The Mauchline Burns Club has been responsible for much of the interpretation, celebration and promotion of Burns connection with Mauchline. The Mauchline Holy Fair and annual tribute to the bard attracts over 10,000 people from all over the world. Nance Tinnock's,

situated opposite the museum, is a visitor centre and boasts an incredible collection of Mauchline ware, and a sample of curling stones.

Mauchline dates back to 681 when it was recorded that a battle was fought on Mauchline Moor between the Picts and the Scots. Mauchline Castle dates back to 1440. It is the ruined remains of an abbey built by the Cistercian monks of Melrose who were granted the land back in 1165.

Mauchline Pit - the first shaft was sunk in 1925, it closed in 1966 and was abandoned in 1969, it had two shafts both 274m deep. At its peak the pit employed around 800 men producing around 250,000 tons of quality coal a year. Mauchline Pit, Lochea Pit and Sorn Mine all worked the same coal seam. The only legacy to the pit today is the remainder of the 'Bing' and the hundreds of new houses built to accommodate the influx of miners required to work the new pit.

Covenanters - Mauchline has a long connection with Covenanters, in 1554 George Wishart came to Mauchline to preach in the church but was turned away, he preached for three hours on Mauchline Moor.

In 1685 five Covenanters (none from Mauchline) were marched from Stirling to Ayr, a mock trial was held and they hanged in Mauchline (twice) and thrown into a grave at the bottom of the gallows on The Loan. A monument to them stands near the school, a plaque is nearby, part of the inscription reads

*"Bloody Dumbarton, Douglas, and Dundee
Moved by the Devil and the Laird of Lee
Dragged these five men to death with gun and sword
Not suffering them to pray nor reading God's word
Owning the word of God was all their crime
The Eighty-Five was a saint-killing time"*

OUR COMMUNITY NOW LIKES

Over 1,000 responses were made by local residents of all ages in our Community Views Survey. The results help to inform this action plan. Here is what people said they like about the community now ... and what they were not so keen on!



Friendly people / community spirits	58%
Location and Transport	32%
Nature of the community	28%
Shops, amenities and local economy	26%
Services	20%
Community facilities, organisations, events	19%
Heritage and History	17%
Countryside / Environment	14%
Everything	1%
Nothing	0.4%

What People Said...

- Good community spirit genuine desire to make the area better
- Friendly community where everyone speaks or acknowledges you
- Central to other Towns 15 minutes - Kilmarnock and 15 minutes - Ayr
- I like the size of the village and the way events are supported by the villagers
- Local businesses are attentive, helpful with time to chat
- The School, Nursery and Burns Bairns are great
- The availability of Doctors, Pharmacy, Local Stores, Post Office
- Library, Community Centre and Games Hall which all my family use
- The Out of School Activities provided in the Scout Hall, Games Hall and Community Centre. Great community buildings.
- The Echo and working Community Council
- Community events (Big Picnic) Scout Dance and Holy Fair
- I am very proud of the Robert Burns connection, it gives us an international connection and identity
- Curling Stones and the Box Works
- Curling stone factory is the only one in the world
- The 'Holy Fair' which brings the Village people together
- The monument and museum
- Its quaintness and historical past Cobbled streets

OUR COMMUNITY NOW DISLIKES



What People Said...

- Mauchline Cross worst feature when it should be the best
- Rush hour traffic bottlenecks at The Cross
- Too many HGVs going through village
- The road through the town to Ayr is a danger area due to parked cars
- No train station and no direct buses to Glasgow after 6.00pm
- Poor appearance entering Mauchline from all main roads
- Buildings need painted e.g. Library building, social housing is scruffy
- Lanes to school are a disgrace
- There are too many old properties in the middle of the town in need of refurbishment
- The drabness, the absence of flowers and hanging baskets
- Lack of 'on the beat' police
- Groups of teenagers wandering around at night can be intimidating
- The limited to non existent employment opportunities outwith the local shops
- The Council Office is only open 2 days per week
- Badly maintained Council facilities / properties
- Lack of eating establishments
- Closure of shops
- Possible closure of Community Centre
- Poor sports facilities outwith Games Hall not a lot for teenagers to do
- Lack of Gala Day
- Parks (public) are a filthy mess
- The woods, Nether Walk, behind the car park in Loudoun Street is covered in glass and rubbish

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE MAUCHLINE 2020

This statement has been prepared to summarise the main aspirations for the future as expressed by local people and organisations in their replies to the survey and stakeholder interviews.

A PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY TOWN CENTRE AND CROSS WITH REDUCED TRAFFIC FLOW

- A quieter place with less traffic
- A more traffic free environment—safer for all pedestrians
- Still a nice place to stay and good control of traffic
- As at present with a bypass to ease traffic congestion



GREEN, CLEAN, ATTRACTIVE AND SAFE

- Very clean and green
- Clean, tidy, safe
- Good public transport links and a rail station
- An even prettier village with a committed community involvement to keep it that way
- Still to be an attractive residential area known for having a very low crime level. An environmentally aware population prepared to work for the good of the community



WITH GOOD COMMUNITY FACILITIES, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Retained and developed community facilities which are well used and run
- Friendly community with regular community wide events
- Strong community organisations working well together

RECOGNISED FOR ITS HERITAGE AND WITH A LIVELY CULTURE

- A destination that people want to come and visit because of the promotion of its history and features
- Recognised as an attractive town that helps to show off its heritage



STRONG AND WITH A HEALTHY LOCAL ECONOMY SET IN A TRADITIONAL CHARACTERFUL SMALL TOWN

- being known as a good place to set up and run a business
- with attractive 'characterful' shops and streets, with attractions and amenities that are good for local people and visitors



MAIN STRATEGIES AND PRIORITIES

These are the main strategies and priorities identified by the local community through profiles, surveys and interviews, which were further prioritised at the Community Event.

TRAFFIC AND TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS

The town is attractive – but is blighted by traffic during the day as the A76 runs through the middle of the town where it also intersects at 'The Cross' with the road to Ayr. The community see a real need for measures that will reduce traffic – including the reinstatement of the railway station. There are also parking issues that exacerbate the traffic problem and need resolving. As well as tackling the traffic there are other measures identified to improve the look of Mauchline - through a village enhancement initiative and support for local businesses to improve signage, shop fronts and retain the '*traditional feel of the village*'.

Main priorities

- Reduce traffic and its impact on the community
- Village enhancement - Tidy village initiative
- Improve public realm and shop fronts
- Develop safe routes to school and improve parking

COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

The community makes very good use of the current Community Centre and Games Hall. They want to save the existing facilities and/or redevelop new improved facilities on the existing site.

The consultation also highlighted a desire to see more facilities for young people with an internet café and a skateboard park highest up on the agenda.

The community want to see the development of more outdoor sports facilities – ideally an all weather pitch that could also be used by the school, tennis courts and an outdoor curling rink.

Main priorities

- Retain and improve community facilities e.g. Games Hall, Community Centre, Library, Sport Pavilion
- More facilities and activities for young people
- New sports facilities indoor/and outdoor e.g. sports field for the school
- More events and social activities e.g. community cinema



MAIN STRATEGIES AND PRIORITIES

HERITAGE AND CULTURE

The Burns Club continues to promote the Burns connection and their work needs ongoing support. There is a need to make more of the Museum and National Monument and make them more accessible. There is also seen to be a huge opportunity to emphasise Mauchline's Curling Stone claim to fame which could see the development of a Curling Museum and an outdoor rink.

Mauchline has a great paths network but it needs improved – better maintained and with links developed – particularly to the River Ayr. Some of the paths take you through local woods and they need cleaned up to make them more attractive. There is also the potential to make more of Beechgrove Park. The Park was seen to need more planting, paths and more features in it for teenagers.

Main priorities:

- Continue to develop Burns related visitor attractions and events
- Develop Curling Stone Museum and related outdoor rink
- Develop, sign and promote local paths network and local woods
- Improve Parks – develop Beechgrove Park
- Develop allotments/community gardens

LOCAL ECONOMY AND TOURISM

There was a strong need identified to support local businesses and to develop tourism opportunities. A key was seen as making the High Street more attractive and workable as already mentioned in the 'Town Centre and Traffic Improvements' Theme above.

Similarly the proposed focus on Heritage and Environment is also closely linked to improving the local economy with the promotion of Burns, Curling Stone Factory as well as other local products past and present (Mauchline Ware - Box Works and Burns Crystal)

Other initiatives identified include the need to establish a local business forum, and business directory, and to establish a monthly local Country Market Day.

Other infrastructure needs were identified including developing more industrial units, having public toilets open all week for visitors, and improved broadband.

Main priorities

- Support existing businesses
- Expand tourism – develop and promote attractions, events, activities
- Improve and develop more industrial space and promote Mauchline as a good place to do business
- Improve broadband

ACCESS TO TRANSPORT AND SERVICES

Re-opening the Railway Station in Mauchline was the second most popular priority in this consultation. This is because it would help address many of Mauchline's needs and opportunities – it would hopefully help to reduce traffic, make it easier to commute, be an asset in attracting new residents, businesses and visitors, and help create a more sustainable community.

There was also seen to be a need to increase police presence (to tackle traffic issues, and to reduce anti social behavior).

Other service developments that people identified were the need to improve access to the existing GP services; develop all day childcare services – building on the newly established After School Care; and to look at ways of catering to the housing needs of the more vulnerable in the community.

Main priorities

- Reopen the Railway Station
- Increase police presence
- Improve access to GP appointments and disabled access
- Develop full childcare services
- Develop more social housing/housing and care for the elderly & disabled



ACTION

A guide to the first steps to be taken over the next 5 years



THEME 1: TRAFFIC, ROADS AND TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS

PRIORITY 1	Reduce traffic and its impact on the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop proposals to remedy the current situation – suggestions include weighting the traffic lights to give longer to traffic on the A76, and to lobby again for a by pass and to reinstate the Train Station Parking on Loudoun Road is also a contributor to this problem as it reduces traffic to one way at times - so parking on yellow lines needs to be more strongly enforced.
Action by	<i>Community Council, East Ayrshire Council, TranServ, Police Scotland</i>
PRIORITY 2	Village Enhancement – tidy village initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop programme of action and volunteering to remove litter, and make open spaces, gateways, and public realm more attractive
Action by	<i>Community Council, East Ayrshire Council, Horticultural Society Mauchline, Mauchline Primary School Early Childhood Centre School Garden Committee and Church</i>
PRIORITY 3	Improve public realm and shop fronts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Another aspect of village enhancement should focus on making the High Street more inviting – working with local businesses to look at how shop fronts and signage can be improved More should be done to enhance the traditional look of the village and this should be reflected in proposals for improvements to the public realm
Action by	<i>Local businesses, Community Council, East Ayrshire Council</i>
PRIORITY 4	Develop safe routes to school and improve parking at the school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the roads so busy it is important to develop safe routes to school and action should be supported. Suggestions include closing off the top of Mansfield Road during school kids walking times; developing a safe route from the bottom of the village (Ayr Road) to the school; improving upkeep of the back lane to school, introduce speed bumps for Station Road and a crossing on Cumnock Road Parking is also an issue at the school and can spill into the surgery which then affects patient access – so again a solution should be developed to address this issue
Action by	<i>Community Council, School, East Ayrshire Council, Parent Council, Junior Road Safety Committee (School)</i>

ACTION



THEME 2: COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

PRIORITY 1	Retain and improve community facilities e.g. Games Hall, Community Centre, Library, Sport Pavilion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign to retain these important facilities • Develop plans for improvements to Games Hall and Community Centre
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Mauchline Community Association, local community groups and users, Community Council, East Ayrshire Council, East Ayrshire Leisure Trust</i>
PRIORITY 2	More facilities and activities for young people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop proposals for a skate park • Develop proposals for a youth club/internet cafe
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Local young people, Mauchline Community Association, Community Council, East Ayrshire Council, Skate Group</i>
PRIORITY 3	New sports facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop plans for an all weather pitch/surface at football field that could be used for a variety of activities including football and tennis
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Community Council, sports clubs, East Ayrshire Council, East Ayrshire Leisure Trust, Mauchline Curling Club, Mauchline United FC, Mauchline Boys Club</i>
PRIORITY 4	More events and social activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and develop existing events e.g. Big Lunch, Christmas Fair, Pantomime, Science Fair • Develop new events and social activities e.g. Community Cinema, Allan Watson Memorial Event
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Local events groups, local community and arts groups, Burns Club, Community Association.</i>

ACTION



THEME 3: HERITAGE AND ENVIRONMENT

PRIORITY 1	Continue to develop Burns related visitor attractions and events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve upkeep, access and promotion of the National Burns Monument (including having a key to the monument in Mauchline!) • Continue and expand Holy Fair • To make sure that the East Ayrshire Trust and the Burns Club work closely together and with other local business interests to maximise the contribution to the local economy
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Burns Club, East Ayrshire Leisure Trust, East Ayrshire Council, local businesses, Church</i>
PRIORITY 2	Develop Curling Stone Museum and outdoor rink <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with owners of the Curling Stone Factory to develop plans for a Museum/ Visitor Centre • Look at the potential to promote other high quality local products (past and present) within any Museum/Visitor Centre e.g. Mauchline Ware, Burns Crystal
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Curling Stone Factory, other local businesses, Community Council, East Ayrshire Council and Burns Crystal</i>
PRIORITY 3	Develop, sign and promote local paths network and local woods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review path network – identify priorities for improvements, filling in gaps and missing links, cleaning up woodlands, adding seats and picnic benches etc • Work to improve network and then to sign, interpret and promote it – highlighting its connection to the River Ayr
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Community Council, East Ayrshire Council</i>
PRIORITY 4	Improve Parks – develop Beechgrove Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop plans for improvements including improving paths, further planting, and improvements to play area, and designing more facilities and activities for teenagers
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Community Council, East Ayrshire Council</i>
PRIORITY 5	Develop allotments/community gardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify site, develop plans and work to create allotments for benefit of school, youth groups, families, senior citizens
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Community Council, East Ayrshire Council</i>

ACTION

THEME 4: LOCAL ECONOMY

PRIORITY 1	Support existing businesses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help local businesses to establish local business forum • Produce local business directory • Establish 'Country Market' with local businesses being prominent
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Community Council, local businesses, East Ayrshire Council</i>
PRIORITY 2	Expand tourism – develop and promote attractions, events, activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-ordinated approach to preserving, developing and promoting Mauchline's assets – Burns heritage, Curling Stone uniqueness, Mauchline boxes, Burns Crystal, local paths, links to the River Ayr, local woodlands and park • Reopen Burns Monument and develop car park and tea room • Continuing to support, develop and promote events e.g. Holy Fair and raise awareness of its local economic impact
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Burns Club, Curling Factory, other local businesses, Community Council, East Ayrshire Council, East Ayrshire Trust, Visit Scotland, National Trust</i>
PRIORITY 3	Improve and develop more industrial space and promote Mauchline as a good place to do business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make Mauchline an attractive place for inward investment – developing and improving small industrial units e.g. in old factory space and actively promoting it as a good place for businesses to set up
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Community Council, East Ayrshire Council</i>
PRIORITY 4	Improve broadband <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure Mauchline is included in any roll out of superfast broadband in rural Scotland and Ayrshire
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Community Council, local businesses, Scottish Government</i>

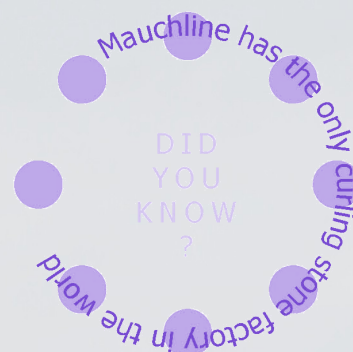
THEME 5: ACCESS TO TRANSPORT AND SERVICES

PRIORITY 1	Reopen the Railway Station <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign for the reopening and redevelopment of the Station
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Community Council, East Ayrshire Council, Scottish Government</i>
PRIORITY 2	Increase police presence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with police to strengthen ongoing policing of car parking at Loudoun Road, and to reduce anti social behaviour in Town Centre, and local play areas
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Community Council, Police Scotland, East Ayrshire Council</i>
PRIORITY 3	Improve access to local GP's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss with the Health Centre ways of improving access for appointments e.g. replace 0844 number with a local • Improve physical access for disabled
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Community Council, Ballochmyle Health Centre</i>
PRIORITY 4	Develop full childcare services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support existing childcare providers to develop and expand to meet the needs of the community
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Local Childcare providers, East Ayrshire Council</i>
PRIORITY 5	Develop more housing and care for elderly & disabled
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Community Council, East Ayrshire Council Housing Department, Housing Associations.</i>

MAKING IT HAPPEN

WORKING TOGETHER FOR MAUCHLINE

Local groups will continue to work together to take forward the priorities within the Action Plan



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

The projects listed here will need to be progressed by the local community and its community organisations with the support of a wide range of partners including East Ayrshire Council, Network Rail, Transerv, Police Scotland, NHS, Scottish Government, Ayrshire LEADER

HOW TO GET INVOLVED AND CONTACT INFORMATION

As a practical way of taking things forward we will be setting up a number of small Action Groups to lead on each aspect of this Plan. If you are interested and want to be involved please contact

ACTION PLAN THEME	CONTACT
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MAUCHLINE

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

2014-2019

This Community Action Plan sets out the priorities for the development of Mauchline over the next 5 years 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 five months period in 2013.

The Plan contains

- a summary of our Community Profile
- our main likes and dislikes as identified in our Community Views Household Survey
- Our Vision Statement for the Future of Mauchline
- The main themes and priorities for action
- Information on how you can stay in touch and get involved.

The Plan is for the whole community and is jointly owned by all the organisations and individuals that took part in its preparation. We will be working together to ensure its implementation over the next 5 years.

Thanks to all those who took their time to share their views and take part, and to all who gave their time voluntarily to participate in the Steering Group and the co-ordination of the Survey, and to the Vibrant Communities team of East Ayrshire Council who worked closely with the community and supported the Steering Group in carrying out all aspects of the work involved in preparing this Plan.

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