

# MAUCLINE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



The National  
Burns Memorial  
Tower



## Public Bench Refurbishment

Public benches of varied ages, design, standard of maintenance and hygiene, are located around the town.

**Objectives:** Identify current and historical, existing, or vacant locations.

Identify ownership or custodian.

Create an action plan to bring all up to a standard.

Identify new sites where possible benches can be located.

Obtain funding for project.

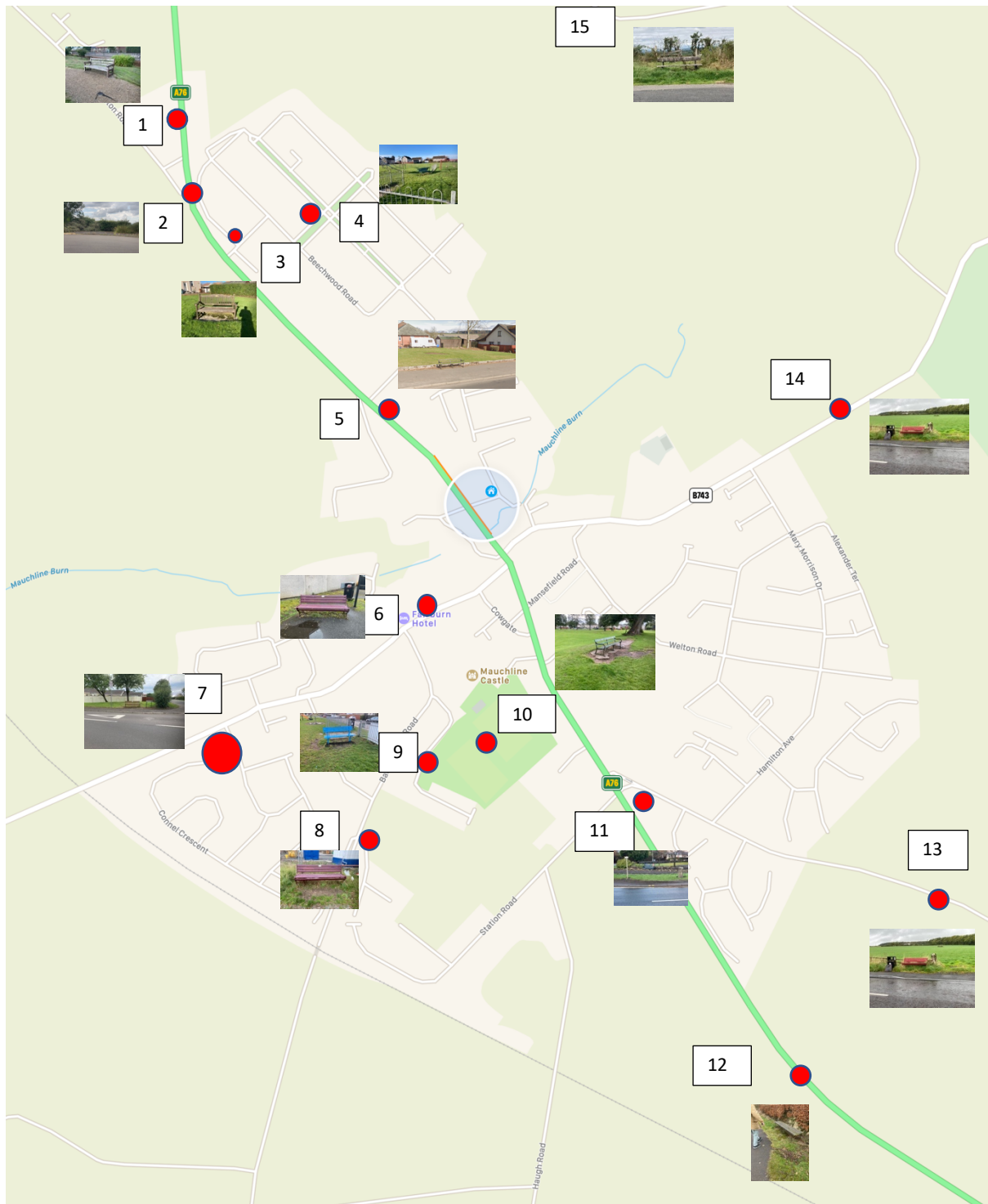
Implement plan.

Review, document and archive.

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# Mauchline Public Bench Locations



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## Known Locations & Actions

**1: Burns Memorial Homes:** Bench located within the private grounds.

**Condition:** Bench is solid and salvageable.  
Weathered and tired, paint has flaked and eroded.

**Actions:** Establish ownership with a view to gain their permission for refurbishment.  
Clean repaint, highlighting inscriptions.



**2: Burns Memorial Tower:** On the pavement of the B744 (locally called Tarbolton Road).

**Condition:** Two benches located on this site, (2a on the left as you view with 2b on the right). Both, reasonable state of repair, some slats requiring clean and fresh coat of wood stain coat, frame in good condition well secured to the paved base, requires repaint. Over-grown foliage almost hiding the benches with layers of moss and weather preventing them from use.

**Actions:** Establish ownership with a view to gain their permission for refurbishment.  
We are of the opinion there is no requirement for two benches on this site, it would make sense for one Bench 2a to be relocated to site No 12 A76 Bend South.

2a, Clean repaint frame, sand, and re-stain wood. Relocate this bench to area No 12 A76 Bend.

2b Clean repaint frame, sand, and re-stain wood, protect and repaint manufacture's plaque on back rest.

Relocate to a more central location on site facing the tower.

Cut and clear foliage, ensuring this is put on the annual maintenance actions by EAC



### 3: Carrick View:

Located on the grass verge of the corner of Carrick View and Beechwood Road. This is a privately donated bench from the now defunct 'Poosie Nansie's Charity Bingo', in memory of Angela Bliss.

#### Condition:

Bench is solid and salvageable.

Weathered and tired, paint has flaked and eroded.

#### Actions:

Establish ownership with a view to gain their permission for refurbishment.

Clean repaint, highlighting inscriptions.

Maintain and highlight plaque



### 4: Beechwood Play Park:

Located within the compound of the play area 3 plastic coated metal framed benches of modern design.

#### Condition:

Good

#### Actions:

No further action required.



### 5: Junction of Kilmarnock Rd & Jean Armour Dr

Located on the pavement of this junction in front of the proposed location for the Coal Mining Hutch feature

#### Condition:

Bench is solid and salvageable.

Weathered and tired, paint has flaked and eroded.

#### Actions:

Establish ownership with a view to gain their permission for refurbishment.

Clean, repaint frame.

Remove slats, sand, re-stain, replacing in an order to reverse the location of minor vandalism carved into wood.



### 6: Entrance to Mauchline Car-park

#### Condition:

Modern bench, metal plastic coated frame, recently located as a gift from the local Co-op, with dedicated memorial plaque.

#### Actions:

No action required to bench, perhaps a tidy of the area around it to make it more of an attraction.



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## 7: Arran Drive

**Condition:** Modern bench, metal plastic coated frame, recently located with dedicated memorial plaque, dedicated to Douglas Hall of Mauchline Community Council

**Actions:** No action required.

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## 8: Junction of Barskimming Road & Station Road

**Condition:** Modern bench, metal plastic coated frame, recently located with dedicated memorial plaque, donated by Mactaggart & Mickel Family Builders.

**Actions:** No action required.

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## 9: Beechgrove Children's Play Area

Located within the compound of the play area, plastic coated metal framed bench of modern design.

**Condition:** Good

**Actions:** No further action required.

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## 10: Beechgrove Football Parks

I think this would have originally been a dual site, however only one now remaining.

The bench frame and slats are solid, salvageable with some refurbishment.

I recommend in the long-term this bench is relocated to a more appropriate site, (location TBC), then replaced with two modern 'Metal Coated Plastic Framed' types, perhaps funded by a local benefactor with appropriate plaque in place.

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## 11: War Memorial

Modern bench of metal plastic coated frame. 'Lest we Forget' design, recently located with dedicated memorial plaque.

**Condition:** Good

**Actions:** No further action required.

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## 12: Bend Southbound A76 (adjacent to white cottages).

- Popular walking route and resting point.
- Condition:** The back of this bench as broken off, the remaining parts are in a poor and dangerous state of repair, therefore not salvageable.
- Actions:** It is recommended Bench 2a from location, **2 Burns Memorial Tower**, is relocated to this site. Maintaining the tradition of a good solid country bench for use by local walkers and visitors alike.
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## 13: Catrine Road.

- Condition:** Modern bench, metal plastic coated frame, recently located
- Actions:** No action required.
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## 14: Sorn Road (pre-construction of Hilltop Footpath).

- Condition:** Historically this was once the location of a bench, however, no longer exists and site has been developed with the construction of the Hilltop Footpath.
- Actions:** No action required.
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## 15: Hillhead Road

- Popular walking route and resting point of the Hilltop Walkway.
- Condition:** Frame is solid, slats are beyond repair
- Actions:** Refurbish frame, replace slats with either wood or ~UPVC~ Wood effect
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