

# **NEW CUMNOCK**

## **COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN**

### **2014—2019**



## **COMMUNITY UPDATE**

### **SUMMER 2019**

New Cumnock Community Action Plan have worked alongside: New Cumnock Development Trust, New Cumnock Community Council, Afton Water Leisure, Glenafton Athletic, Improving New Cumnock (INC), New Cumnock Environmental Regeneration Volunteers (NERV), Dumfries House Trust, New Cumnock Community Association, New Cumnock Disabled Club, New Cumnock Parish Church, New Cumnock Primary School, Events Group, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, Police Scotland, East Ayrshire Council and local residents.

## **NEW CUMNOCK COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN: THE STORY SO FAR**

The Community Action Plan set out the priorities for New Cumnock determined by the community through an extensive consultation process in 2013.

The plan was, and remains, for the whole community and is jointly owned by all organisations and local residents. The groups and individuals previously mentioned, alongside local residents have been busy carrying out the actions and priorities stated in the plan. This brochure details some of the successful projects, events and activities that have taken place over the last five years.

The Steering Group would like to thank all the volunteers, stakeholders and local residents who have taken part over the life of the community action plan and would encourage you to get involved again as we go forward.



# **THEME 1: MAIN STREET AND TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION**

## **MASTERPLAN**



One of the first actions in the Community Action Plan was to establish a regeneration masterplan for the Town Centre.

New Cumnock Development Trust launched the New Cumnock Masterplan earlier this year and have already started implementing the actions within the plan.

## **VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT**

Multiple litter pick events have taken place over the last five years and remain an ongoing concern.

In June 2018, New Cumnock Primary School and Strathclyde Fire and Rescue supported a Litter Pick week that covered the whole village and included a river clean up.



## **EXTERNAL CLADDING**



East Ayrshire Council have demolished housing stock in New Cumnock where there was no demand and have started a programme of improvements in remaining housing stock.

A major rendering project covering local authority housing took place in early 2018.

## **THEME 2:**

### **COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

#### **SAVE TOWN HALL**

Dumfries House Trust have significantly Invested in both the Swimming Pool and Town Hall and due to this financial contribution both facilities remain open and busy, with custom from both local people and visitors from out with the local area.



#### **RENOVATE SWIMMING POOL**

Afton Water Leisure, who managed the Pool for a number of years were involved, alongside the Community Action Plan Group, as the pool transferred into Dumfries House Trust ownership and shared local and technical knowledge for the development and management of the facility going forward.

#### **COMMUNITY SPORT**

Glenafton Athletic continue to flourish both on and off the pitch and have plans for a state of the art community sport and youth facility.

Work is currently taking place to pull investment together to make these dreams a reality.



## **THEME 3: LOCAL ECONOMY, TOURISM AND JOBS**



### **STOP IN NEW CUMNOCK**

Work has been undertaken to make New Cumnock a place where people want to stop and visit.

Improving New Cumnock have published leaflets on local heritage and walking trails and many of these are signposted across the local area.

### **JOB TRAINING**

There is now a weekly job club running from New Cumnock Town Hall helping those out of work to look and apply for local job opportunities.

Children from New Cumnock Primary School and Nursery have the opportunity to hone their gardening skills at the newly established community garden plots.



### **LOCAL ARTS AND CRAFTS**

Over the last five years various arts and crafts events have taken place at various venues.

In December 2018, New Cumnock Events Group hosted a Christmas Festival showcasing local traders and artists.

## **THEME 4:**

### **ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE AND OUTDOOR RECREATION**

#### **IMPROVE SIGNAGE**

Signage has been constructed for the local heritage trail, Castle William and improvements have been made in the lagoon and rural path networks.

New Cumnock Development Trust currently have plans to refurbish the signage at the main entry points to the village.



#### **CLEAN UP RIVERS**

Along with litter picking activities, supported by Community Pay-Back, volunteers have been involved in cleaning up the River Nith and River Afton.

At the litter pick week in June 2018, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue assisted with the clearing of the rivers with their specialist equipment.

#### **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**

Due to the floods that occurred in New Cumnock a small group of volunteers came together to build a community resilience group to assist the emergency services if an emergency was to occur again.

The group received grant money to buy resources and equipment and New Cumnock Working Men's Club was designated as the local resilience centre.





## THEME 5: ACCESS TO SERVICES AND TRANSPORT

### RAIL SERVICES



Due to the work of the volunteers associated with the Community Action Plan and Community Council train services have increased over the last five years.

There are now 2 more trains stopping in New Cumnock on a Sunday than in 2013.

### OLDER PEOPLE ACTIVITIES

The Community Action Plan group run an afternoon tea event each month in New Cumnock Town Hall.

This sees over 40 people in attendance each month, socialising over tea, cake and sandwiches and includes entertainment such as singing, comedy and dance.



### ADDED INVESTMENT

Groups in New Cumnock have had the opportunity to secure money from local participatory budgeting events.

Over the last five years there have been 3 PB events, securing £26,682 and split between 19 local community groups.



## NEW CUMNOCK COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN THE NEXT STEPS

Although many of the priorities and actions identified in the community action plan have been met, some are still under progress and a few have not been achieved. We, currently are aware of plans for some of the following projects:

- ♦ Further research into Town Square Development supported by Dumfries House Trust and New Cumnock Development Trust;
- ♦ Exploration into community sports facilities with Glenafton Athletic;
- ♦ Working towards actions within the Regeneration Masterplan, led by New Cumnock Development Trust.

The 2014-2019 Community Action Plan has come to the end of its lifetime.

Going forward we need your help to ensure the views and priorities of the local community are continued to be heard.

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