



Bo'ness Networking Group

BO'NESS & BLACKNESS COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN 2013-2018



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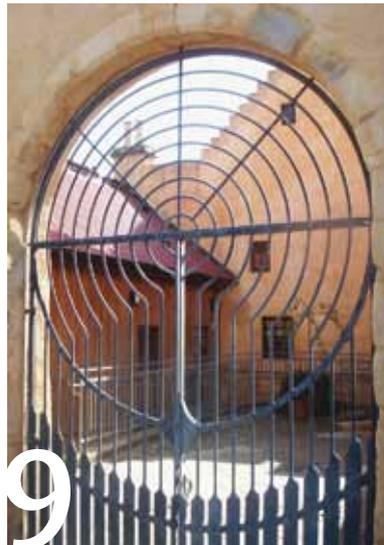
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Making it Happen

450 Community views survey forms were returned from our 1000 house sample survey

30 stakeholder meetings and interviews were held with local groups, businesses and support organisations

480 people attended the Community Futures event

Thanks to everyone who took part – it's a great response and gives weight to the priorities identified in this plan.



INTRODUCTION

This Community Action Plan summarises community views about:

- Bo'ness and Blackness now
- The vision for the future of Bo'ness and Blackness
- The issues that matter most to the community
- Our priorities for projects and action

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

BO'NESS & BLACKNESS COMMUNITY FUTURES STEERING GROUP

The preparation of the Action Plan has been guided by a local steering group which brought together representatives from a wide range of local organisations under the umbrella of the Bo'ness Networking Group (Bo'net).

LOCAL PEOPLE HAVE THEIR SAY

The Action Plan has been informed by extensive community engagement carried out over a four month period from October 2012 to February 2013.

The process involved:

- **stakeholder interviews and meetings** with different groups and individuals representing all aspects of the community
- a **community views survey**, which was delivered to all households
- preparing a **community profile** detailing facts and figures about the community
- a **Community Futures Event**



OUR COMMUNITY NOW

*We have summarised below the main facts and figures from the Community Profile and some of the views from the **Community Views Survey**.*

LOCATION

Bo'ness and Blackness occupy a strategic place on the Forth – where Scotland is at its narrowest (37 miles across) – at the most eastern end of the Roman built Antonine Wall. It is in Falkirk Council area but only 20 miles from Edinburgh within easy reach to most of Central Scotland.

POPULATION

The area has a population of 15,325 (2010). This includes Blackness with a population of around 135. In total this makes up around 10% of the population of Falkirk Council.

HOUSING

There are over 7,000 houses in Bo'ness and it has continued to grow given its close proximity to Grangemouth, Edinburgh and the Central Belt and its coastal location. There are lower percentages of council housing and higher levels of owner occupation in the area than for Falkirk Council as a whole.

EMPLOYMENT & THE LOCAL ECONOMY

There is local employment in Bo'ness and nearby Grangemouth with Manufacturing, Construction and Utility industries having the highest number of employees followed by Public Services, Education and Health. The workforce includes a mix of people of different nationalities. A large percentage of residents now commute out of the area to work in nearby Falkirk, Edinburgh and West Lothian and other parts of the Central Belt.

The town centre has undergone a £6m transformation and restoration which has attracted new independent shops and given a boost to the local economy.

SCHOOLS

Primary Schools

Bo'ness Primary School; Grange Primary School; Kinneil Primary School; Blackness Primary School; Deanburn Primary School; St. Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School

High Schools

Bo'ness Academy; St. Mungos High School (in Falkirk)

COMMUNITY FACILITIES & ACTIVITIES

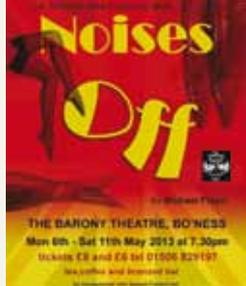
Facilities

Town Hall; Recreation Centre; Cowdenhill Centre; 9 Church Halls; Library meeting rooms; 6 School Halls; Blackness Community Hall; Barony Theatre; 2 Band Halls and Playgroup premises, Newtown Park and the Community Education base.

Groups and Activities

There are a large number of local groups active within the community.





OUR COMMUNITY NOW

HEALTH SERVICES

GP Practices

- Forthview Practice
- Kinglass Medical Practice
- The Richmond Practice

Hospitals

Bo'ness Community Hospital provides a base for specialist inpatient beds, GP practices, Clinics and Community Nursing.

The new Forth Valley Royal Hospital at Larbert opened in 2010. The £300m facility is the largest NHS construction project ever built in Scotland and one of the most modern and well-equipped hospitals in Europe.

ENVIRONMENT

The area benefits from several large regional level semi-natural green spaces at Kinneil Estate, the Foreshore, and Carriden. There are two nature reserves – Bomains and Kinneil and two Sites of Special Scientific Interest. There are also several good-quality settlement level public parks, such as Kinningars Park, Victoria Park, Calder Park, Glebe Park and Douglas Park.

CULTURE & HERITAGE

Our living culture includes:

Scotland's oldest purpose built cinema – The Hippodrome; The Barony Theatre; local Bands; Bo'ness United Football Club; and local events (Bo'ness Children's Fair Festival, Bo'ness Hill Climb, The Victorian Street Fair, Big Roman Week, Christmas Lights Switch On, and SRPS Steam Railway events).

Our historic past includes:

- Roman heritage (Antonine Wall – now part of the Frontiers of the Roman Empire World Heritage Site);
- Kinneil House set in Kinneil Estate – the oldest part of the house is a 15th century tower which was transformed into a stately home for the Dukes of Hamilton in the 1660s. The house boasts some of the best renaissance wall paintings in Scotland. The estate also contains the ruins of James Watt's cottage.
- Trade and shipping – by the mid-18th century Bo'ness was Scotland's third most important port and an important whaling station
- Industrial Heritage – coal mining, salt making, potteries, clay mines and iron foundries
- Architecture and built heritage – Roman remains, Kinneil House, Blackness Castle, the old tobacco warehouses, the old piers, the old granary store (now flats), the Tolbooth, the Hippodrome Cinema and other buildings designed by Matthew Steele

The Kinneil Museum in the Estate displays detailed information about the Antonine Wall, and the history of the Estate and the surrounding area in general. The Scottish Railway Preservation Society operates the Bo'ness Steam Railway and the Railway Museum.

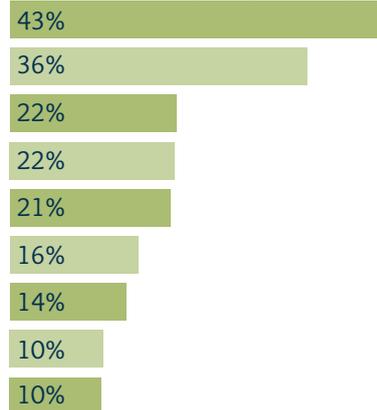


COMMUNITY VIEWS SURVEY: LIKES

LIKE

- Friendly people/community spirit
- Leisure and recreational facilities
- Cultural and community events
- Outdoor facilities and recreation
- Location and views
- History/Heritage/Architecture
- Town Centre and shops
- Services
- Community activities

% OF RESPONSES



WHAT PEOPLE SAID

I feel Bo'ness is a very attractive little town which has a lot of community spirit.

The community spirit, especially around the Fair day.

The Hippodrome is a definite plus as not many small towns have their own cinema.

Steam railway and museum is a great asset to the town.

The Bo'ness Fair day brings the whole town together as a community.

The tradition of the Children's fair is one to be proud of.

The regeneration of the foreshore is particularly pleasing.

Going for a walk around Kinneil Estate on a fresh autumn day is great.

I like the play parks, especially Douglas Park.

Great for walking, cycling and running. I like the Brass bands.

Handy for central Scotland/Edinburgh/Glasgow.

Views over Forth are stunning.

The history of Bo'ness is very important and it's good to live somewhere with heritage such as Kinneil House.

Beautiful historic town, where I grew up.

Lots of history shown in the railway and Kinneil House.

Recent town regeneration has made the town a lovely place to live.

It has been great to see the town centre improve over the last few years and new shops in the town.

Small independent shops in the town centre.

It's great to live somewhere with a high street with local shops and that the supermarkets haven't taken over.

Sufficient free parking in the town.

Good local schools... Library facilities are good... Good medical and dental provision.



COMMUNITY VIEWS SURVEY: DISLIKES

DISLIKE

% OF RESPONSES

Town Centre and shops	23%
Run down environment	20%
Lack of community facilities and organisations	17%
Community safety and anti-social behaviour	16%
Lack of public transport	12%
Perceptions about community	8%
Lack of/failure of regeneration schemes	7%

WHAT PEOPLE SAID

Although things seem to be improving in the town centre I still feel it looks rather run down with empty shops.

Antiquated early closing in some shops.

Shabby looking buildings spoil the looks of the town.

Shore area looks like a bit of a dumping ground.

The eyesore site of the former shirt factory.

The path from Bo'ness to Blackness is in poor repair.

Lack of decent sports facilities.

It could have more community facilities and places to go.

Not enough free facilities for kids/teenagers in the evening.

Use of Town Hall and schools can be expensive.

The amount of anti-social behaviour is unreal.

Drug addiction and underage drinking which is quite noticeable.

The lack of police patrolling the streets.

Public transport to and from is an issue both for commuters and leisure travellers.

Bus services, especially transport to FURH. No local service via Harbour road like a town service.

Access to Bo'ness is very limited, especially for people trying to get to work and returning from the city after 6pm!

Poor bus services, difficult for many to reach Edinburgh.

The image of the town is very negative in the wider world.... sadly some residents feel the same way (in spite of the reality that there is more to see and do here than in most towns in central Scotland).

Forgotten and unknown, low profile.

We don't exploit our heritage or amenities enough. No one is pulling all these together to attract visitors to the town.

The potential of the coast/foreshore has not been developed.

Not enough investment in Kinneil Estate and the Wood.

It does not use the River Forth to the maximum.



BO'NESS & BLACKNESS: OUR VISION FOR OUR FUTURE

This statement has been prepared to summarise the main aspirations for the future as expressed by local people and organisations.

A lively, attractive and historic coastal town widely known as a great place to live, visit and explore... and enjoy

- Where you can wander through a lovely Victorian Town Centre
- Where you can find independent shops and fairtrading
- Where you can enjoy hospitality in a range of cafes and bistros

A place that has made the most of its special heritage and celebrates its living culture

- Where you can learn about and explore Roman Heritage and the Antonine Wall
- Where you can travel (by Steam Train!) through industrial heritage which included saw mills, salt pans, foundries, whaling, mining, potteries, merchant shipping and ship breaking
- Where you can visit Kinneil House and Museum and the best railway museum in Scotland
- Where you can enjoy bands, theatre, opera and film, and take part in traditional events and fairs

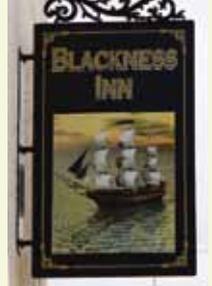
A place to enjoy the outdoors and nature along the coast and amidst the beauties of one the great Scottish Houses and Estates

- Where you can walk, cycle and sail along the coast enjoying its rich natural and built heritage and wildlife from Blackness Castle to Kinneil Estate

A place with modern community facilities, services and good transport and communication networks

- Where you can go to an attractive community centre
- Where you can find groups and activities for your interests and lifelong learning
- Where you can find support and a caring environment for your needs –whatever age, gender, race or religion
- Where you can find ways of connecting with the wider world by transport or by the internet





MAIN STRATEGIES & PRIORITIES

These are the main strategies and priorities the community will work towards achieving in partnership with public agencies and other supporters.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES & ACTIVITIES

Bo'ness is unusual in that it does not have a community centre that provides a hub for community activities. It has a number of different places that try to fill the gap – church halls, group huts, library, schools, recreation centre and the Town Hall. As a result the number one priority from the consultation was to try to develop a Community Hub that could be a central meeting and activity point in the community.

One option for this could be in Newtown Park and the community are now proceeding to acquire the Park as a community owned asset. Its ownership and development was a top priority in the community consultation.

As options for a new centre are explored it will also be important to support and improve access to existing buildings and in particular to create a community base in the Town Hall.

There is also the need to support the worthwhile work of local groups in providing activities for all ages, and in particular a need to continue and expand work with young people.

Main priorities

- New Community Hub
- Accessing existing facilities
- Support for the work of existing groups
- Continued and expanded support for young people
- Upgrade the Recreation Centre

ENVIRONMENT & OUTDOOR RECREATION

The area has some outstanding open spaces of regional and even national significance. Kinneil Estate is a beautiful 'country park' in waiting. It has woods, small ponds, heritage buildings, heritage museum, walks, Roman sites and James Watt's Cottage. It has the potential to be enhanced, developed and promoted as a significant visitor attraction.

Walking, cycling and sailing in the area should also be developed and promoted – with particular opportunities for improved paths that connect Bo'ness and Blackness and the exciting development of the John Muir Trail through the area.

There is also a need to develop facilities for play, tennis, football and skateboarding – and to support the local groups that are working to make these improvements.

Ongoing work needs to be done and supported to make Bo'ness and Blackness attractive through planting, seating, picnic areas and litter prevention schemes.

Main priorities

- Develop Kinneil Estate and support the work of The Friends of Kinneil
- Develop a network of paths and cycle tracks
- Improve play, sports and skateboarding facilities
- Town and Village Enhancement in Bo'ness and Blackness
- Maintain the Green Belt

CULTURE & HERITAGE

Kinneil House and Estate are seen as important national assets – and made more so by the recent inclusion of the Antonine Wall as part of the Frontiers of the Roman Empire World Heritage Site. The development of Kinneil House and consideration of the Estate's role as a location to interpret the Antonine Wall is seen as an important priority.

The area's rich industrial heritage – from whaling to mining, from shipping to iron foundries and potteries – also make it a fascinating place to visit and learn about. The steam railway and museum already bring 60,000 visitors a year. But much more could be done to tell and celebrate the area's illustrious past.

One of the legacies and part of the area's living culture are its bands, theatre, opera, film and traditional events. These should continue to be supported and promoted as much as possible.

Main priorities

- Develop Kinneil House and Estate and its role in interpreting the Antonine Wall
- Interpretation and promotion of the Industrial Heritage
- Continued support for the area's living culture, groups and events



MAIN STRATEGIES & PRIORITIES

ACCESS TO TRANSPORT & SERVICES

There is a need to maintain and improve good transport links to Edinburgh and Linlithgow. Lack of transport options in the evenings is a specific problem – with no bus service from Linlithgow after 6.00pm. There was also a desire expressed in the consultation to reconnect Bo’ness to the main railway line although it is recognised that this may be very difficult to achieve.

Main priorities

- Improve public transport
- Develop and sustain existing support services for the vulnerable in the community

LOCAL ECONOMY & TOURISM

Bo’ness has improved beyond all recognition as a town and has so many assets, activities, and events to promote. There is a huge gap between what is on offer and people’s ‘outdated’ perceptions of the place. There is a task to develop a strong brand for Bo’ness and to promote and market this locally and nationally. The aim is to put the area ‘on the map’ and make it a place that people know about and come to spend time in.

There is also a need to continue improving the built environment in and around the town e.g. empty buildings, harbour area, connection between the railway and the town – in a way that supports the local economy.

There is also a need to support the development of facilities in Blackness – with the main aim being to have a village café.

Note: It is anticipated that much of the work identified under the Culture and Heritage and Environment Themes above will have a significant effect on the local economy and tourism.

Main priorities

- Branding and promotion
- Continued town and harbour regeneration
- Support existing businesses
- Development of more facilities and amenities in Blackness



ACTION

A guide to the steps that need to be taken to progress our priority projects and which organisations should be involved.

THEME 1: COMMUNITY FACILITIES & ACTIVITIES

PRIORITY 1	<p><i>New Community Hub</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress options for a site for a new Community Hub in Bo'ness • Secure Newton Park as a community asset • Progress the work of developing indoor and outdoor facilities in the Park including pitches, and pursue the feasibility of a 'Community Hub' for the whole town
Action by	<i>Newtown Park Association , Falkirk Council, Bo'ness Community Council</i>
PRIORITY 2	<p><i>Support access to existing premises</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and fund community use of the Town Hall • Improve access to the Library (support cost of requirements for insurance and public liability) • Support physical improvements which enable wider access to other existing premises
Action by	<i>Bo'net, Falkirk Community Trust, Falkirk Council</i>
PRIORITY 3	<p><i>Support for existing groups and activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the programmes offered through local playgroups, schools, churches and other groups providing activities and services in the community
Action by	<i>Local groups, Bo'net, Falkirk Council</i>
PRIORITY 4	<p><i>Continued and expanded support for young people</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand existing youth work services e.g. Fusion from 1 night to 2 nights
Action by	<i>Falkirk Council, Bo'ness Community Council</i>
PRIORITY 5	<p><i>Upgrade Recreation Centre</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess need for upgrading and work towards a programme of improvements
Action by	<i>Falkirk Council</i>

EARLY ACTION

Coalfields Regeneration Trust – Seedcorn Fund has helped to fund: Legal costs of the transfer of Newtown Park to Newtown Park Association; Windmill Playgroup; Bo'ness Playaway Club; repair to Apostolic Church roof



ACTION

THEME 2: ENVIRONMENT & OUTDOOR RECREATION

PRIORITY 1	<p>Develop Kinneil Estate and Woods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop programme of improvements for paths, signage, promotion • Include the development of proposals for major improvements to support access e.g. café, adventure play area, improvements to bridges etc. • Develop mountain bike tracks through Kinneil Woods • Explore requirements for staff 'ranger' services to promote the Estate and its use
Action by	<i>The Friends of Kinneil, Bo'ness Community Council, Falkirk Community Trust</i>
PRIORITY 2	<p>Develop a network of paths and cycle tracks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve path from Bo'ness to Blackness • Support the expansion of the John Muir Trail through the area • Develop cycle connections between Bo'ness and Blackness • Improve paths in Kinneil Estate and along the foreshore • Sign, interpret and promote paths
Action by	<i>Blackness Community Council, Bo'net, Falkirk Council, John Muir Trust, Sustrans, Inner Forth Landscape Partnership, The Friends of Kinneil, Bo'ness Community Council</i>
PRIORITY 3	<p>Improve play, sports and skateboarding facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support work of Newtown Park Association to develop football pitches • Support work of Tennis Club to develop tennis courts • Support work of Skateboard Group to develop skateboarding area in Bo'ness
Action by	<i>Existing local groups championing these projects, Bo'net</i>
PRIORITY 4	<p>Town and Village Enhancement in Bo'ness and Blackness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue enhancement work in Bo'ness Town Centre and the foreshore • Develop programme of work in Blackness to improve environment in and around the Castle (picnic benches, information etc.)
Action by	<i>Traders Association, Blackness Community Council, Bonnie Bo'ness, The Friends of Kinneil, Bo'net, SRPS, Town Centre Management</i>
PRIORITY 5	<p>Maintain the Green Belt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect green belt from further housing development
Action by	<i>Falkirk Council, Bo'ness Community Council</i>

EARLY ACTION

Coalfields Regeneration Trust – Seedcorn Fund has helped to fund:
 Blackness Area Community Council – Information Display Panels



ACTION

THEME 3: HERITAGE & CULTURE

PRIORITY 1	<p><i>Kinneil House and Museum</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility study for the renovation of Kinneil House • Promotion of Kinneil Estate as a key place to interpret the Antonine Wall and the area's Roman Heritage • Development of other heritage assets on the Estate – James Watt Cottage • Development of associated facilities e.g. café and other activities, educational opportunities and resources
Action by	<i>Falkirk Community Trust, The Friends of Kinneil, Historic Scotland, Bo'ness Community Council</i>
PRIORITY 2	<p><i>Interpretation and promotion of the Industrial Heritage</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and support for projects that help to interpret and promote local industrial heritage e.g. websites, leaflets, films, oral history projects, sculptures, trails etc.
Action by	<i>Local groups, The Friends of Kinneil, Bo'net, Falkirk Community Trust, Falkirk Council, Bo'ness Community Council</i>
PRIORITY 3	<p><i>Continued support for the area's living culture, groups and events</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for local bands • Support for Cinema and Theatre • Support for local events
Action by	<i>Falkirk Community Trust, Barony Theatre, Hippodrome, local bands, local events committees, Falkirk Council, Bo'net</i>

EARLY ACTION

Coalfields Regeneration Trust – Seedcorn Fund has helped to fund: Heritage Web Site and Short Film Production by Sanctus Media; Barony Theatre; Unison Kinneil Band & Youth Band and Forth Bridges Accordion Band

THEME 4: ACCESS TO TRANSPORT & SERVICES

PRIORITY 1	<p><i>Retain, expand and integrate train and bus services</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make representation to retain and improve transport services to Edinburgh and Linlithgow • Monitor public transport use and make representation on requirements for retained and improved services
Action by	<i>Falkirk Council, Bo'ness Community Council, First Bus, ScotRail</i>
PRIORITY 2	<p><i>Develop and sustain existing support services for the vulnerable in the community</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Bo'ness First Responders • Support St. Andrew's Church Programmes • Support services for migrant workforce • Support services for lifelong learners • Support services for those with housing and benefits need
Action by	<i>Local groups and third sector and public sector partners</i>

EARLY ACTION

Coalfields Regeneration Trust – Seedcorn Fund has helped to fund: Equipment for Bo'ness First Responders



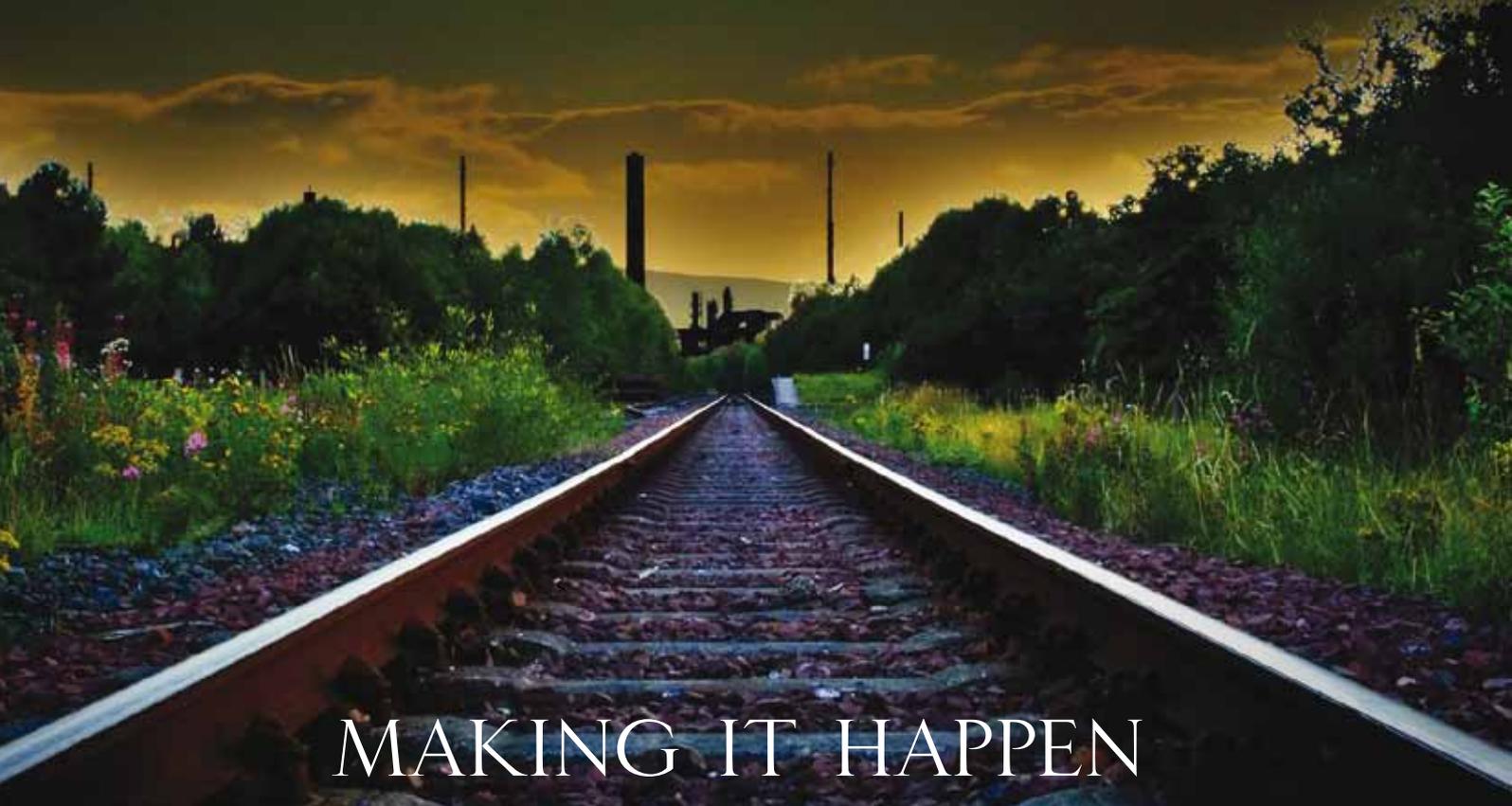
ACTION

THEME 5: LOCAL ECONOMY & TOURISM

PRIORITY 1	<p>Branding and Promotion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission branding, identity and promotion strategy • Carry out recommendations and develop marketing initiatives
Action by	Bo'net, Falkirk Town Management Team, SRPS
PRIORITY 2	<p>Continued town and harbour regeneration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support links between Railway and Town (signing, development of sculpture park, guided walks, marketing, working together) • Develop proposals for further improvement of town and harbour area • Commission feasibility study for the improvement of the West Pier • New bus shelters at bus station
Action by	SRPS, Retailers, Bo'net, Falkirk Council, Blackness and Bo'ness Upper Forth Boat Clubs, Bo'ness Community Council
PRIORITY 3	<p>Support existing businesses and initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support development of Railway Museum • Support existing businesses to work together and organise promotional activities and events
Action by	SRPS, Retailers, Falkirk Town Management Team, Bo'net
PRIORITY 4	<p>Development of more facilities and amenities in Blackness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support development of village interpretation signs • Commission feasibility study on Village Café
Action by	Blackness Community Council, Bo'net, Falkirk Council

EARLY ACTION:

Coalfields Regeneration Trust – Seedcorn Fund has helped to fund: 'Visit Bo'ness' – the development of Bo'ness branding and promotion: Heritage website and short film production



MAKING IT HAPPEN

WORKING TOGETHER FOR BO'NESS & BLACKNESS

The Action Plan and its priorities will become the focus of Bo'net – the umbrella group that brings together the different organisations and interests in Bo'ness and Blackness to work to a collective good for the area.

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

The projects listed here will need to be progressed with the support of a wide range of partners including Falkirk Council, Falkirk Community Trust, Inner Forth Landscape Partnership, Scottish Natural Heritage, Historic Scotland and the Scottish Government.

To assist this partnership working we show below how the themes in this action plan relate to the main themes identified by Falkirk Community Planning Partnership.

FALKIRK STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLANNING THEMES	BO'NESS & BLACKNESS COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN THEMES
<i>Sustainable Falkirk</i>	Community Facilities and Activities, Access to Transport and Services, Environment and Outdoor Recreation
<i>Fairer Falkirk</i>	Access to Transport and Services
<i>Growing Business and Prosperous People</i>	Local economy and tourism, Heritage and Culture, Environment and Outdoor Recreation
<i>Young People who are confident and successful</i>	Community Facilities and Activities, Environment and Outdoor Recreation
<i>Safer Communities</i>	
<i>Healthier People</i>	Environment and Outdoor Recreation, Community Facilities and Activities

HOW TO GET INVOLVED & 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 email **Bo'ness Networking Group (Bo'net)** at info@bonet.org.uk or visit www.bonet.org.uk

To contact the community councils directly:

Bo'ness Community Council: email us at info@bonesscc.org.uk

Blackness Community Council: email us at blacknesscc@gmail.com

BO'NESS & BLACKNESS COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN 2013 - 2018

This Community Action Plan sets out the priorities for the development of Bo'ness and Blackness over the next 5 years as determined by the community through an extensive process of community engagement carried out over a four month period in late 2012 – early 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 Bo'ness and Blackness
- The main themes and priorities for action
- Information on how you can stay in touch and get involved



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The preparation of the Plan has been led by the Bo'ness Networking Group (Bo'net). Bo'net is an umbrella group for local community organisations in Bo'ness and Blackness and provides a way for groups to work together in the best interests of the community.



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Coalfields Community Futures Programme

Bo'net has been able to prepare this Community Action Plan thanks to funding provided through the Coalfields Regeneration Trust's Community Futures Programme. The programme provided specialist community action planning advice and support from the Small Town and Rural Development Group, a Seedcorn Fund of £50K for 'early action' projects and guidance on participatory budgeting and project development from CRT staff.



For more information on the Coalfields Community Futures Programme contact: Coalfields Regeneration Trust www.coalfields-regen.org.uk or Small Town and Rural Development Group www.stardevelopmentgroup.org.



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