

Moodiesburn Community Action Plan 2019

Moodiesburn Matters!



Celebrating Success in Moodiesburn

During the term of the Moodiesburn Community Action Plan 2012–2017 a lot has been achieved. Much of this progress can be attributed to local community and voluntary groups who have worked hard and raised funding to deliver better facilities and services for its residents. Of particular note are the following:

Community led investment

Since the launch of the first community action plan in 2012 the Moodiesburn Community Development Trust has raised in excess of £180,000 in additional funding for the benefit of the people of Moodiesburn.

Community safety

Local police officers based in Cumbernauld Station are now walking the beat through Moodiesburn and communities. Police officers also attend MCDT meetings on a regular basis.

CCTV has been installed in two locations, Glenmanor Avenue, Bridgeburn Drive.

Most recent has been the establishment of the Burnbrae Tenants and Residents Association (BTRA).

Regarding more activities for young people, North Lanarkshire Council Team CLD Youth Work are delivering youth engagement services to the young people of Moodiesburn.

Annual events

The Gala Day continues to thrive supported by MCDT. A successful annual Christmas Tree Event is now running and supported by local fundraising events.

The once derelict children's playpark has now been fully refurbished with new equipment chosen by children from both schools. The play park has been renamed by the children as the Bothlyn burn Playpark. It is now a much loved space and well used by local families.

Environment

With plans to establish a local Village in Bloom initiative, we visited other communities. We recognised the benefits of partnership working with North Lanarkshire Council. Our environment has been improved with native trees and plants being grown by the Northern Corridor Community Volunteers. These are being planted out at Bedlay Castle.

Communication

The action plan helped get a community newsletter started which was popular and produced by local volunteers. Due to changing circumstances this eventually folded. However, there is a new website and social media now being set up by MCDT.

Get involved

We want to build on what has been achieved and this new action plan outlines the the key priorities for action. We would like to invite you to come and help make our community the best it can be.

Moodiesburn matters to all of us so please check out our new website and find out how you can get involved. www.moodiesburncommunitydevelopmenttrust.org.uk or contact MCDT through the Pivot centre.



Theme 1: Community Facilities & Activities

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

Sports facilities both indoor and outdoor

- Carry out further community engagement to identify the needs of the community.
- Work towards a swimming pool.
- 4G football parks for the two schools.
- Work with stakeholders and support agencies to develop plans and funding strategies.
- Work in partnership eg. Housing developers, Local Authority.

Improve shopping provision

- Encourage an increase in the number of local shops eg Flower shop, Games shop, Music shop.

Explore community ownership

- Explore plans for asset transfer of Pivot Centre to community ownership (could host community café, Post Office and Banking services).
 - Carry out a feasibility study / business plan and identify funding for this.
 - Work with appropriate support agencies to take this plan forward.
- Other ideas include:*
- Land ownership for community project space.
 - Community information hub.
 - Renewable energy for community benefit.

Annual Events for all ages

- Continue to support and develop annual events eg Annual Gala & Christmas Tree Event
- Explore other ideas eg, Summer picnic, Autumn BBQ + Halloween Lantern Parade
- Build volunteer base to help expand activities in the future.

Make more use of the Pivot Centre

- Work with North Lanarkshire Council to look at ways of improving the booking service to make using the Pivot Centre easier, more accessible and more affordable for the whole community.

Create a community growing space / orchard

- Carry out a feasibility study to identify need, location and costs of creating a community growing space.
- Identify suitable funding streams for feasibility study and the building of the growing space.
- Provide training opportunities for people who are new to growing plants and vegetables.
- Work in partnership with local groups, volunteers and Local Authority.

Improve communication to help people get information on current local issues

- Create a communications strategy that will help connect local people to local issues and opportunities.
- Identify funding streams to implement the strategy.
- Erect a village notice board.

Potential Partners

North Lanarkshire Council, NHS, NCCF, Police Scotland, local schools, TRA's, Churches, NCCV and local residents.



Theme 2: Village Environment and Access to the Countryside

Improve the Glen and local paths network

- Build on work already underway to improve The Glen and local paths.
- Use results of community engagement to help prioritise use of available funding to carry out improvements.

Make the most of available green space

- Continue to support plans and work with appropriate agencies for making the most of all available green space.
- Encourage the use of green prescriptions to improve the health and well-being of community members.

Keep the place clean and tidy

- Work with local community and local schools to initiate a Moodiesburn clean-up campaign.
- Work in partnership with local authority to access resources and equipment as well as any uplifts required to remove litter bags.
- Support the creation of a Neighbourhood Watch group.

Create a nature / learning centre

- Carry out a feasibility study to explore this idea, including community engagement, a business plan and potential funding streams.

Create interpretation panels to promote natural environment and local heritage

- Identify suitable funding to design and install interpretation panels.
- Seek out appropriate planning permission from Local Authority.

Potential Partners

North Lanarkshire Council, NHS, NCCF, Police Scotland, TRA's, NCCV and local residents.



Theme 3: Access to services

Improve local amenities for all ages and abilities

- Explore opportunities for improving local amenities with North Lanarkshire Council.
- Identify funding streams that may support partnership working between the community, the Local Authority and other stakeholder agencies.

Improve public transport services and links

- Lobby local transport providers to see what improvements can be made to increase the public transport links.

Improve access to health services

- Explore opportunities for improving health services by engaging the NHS and other stakeholder agencies.
- Explore the creation of a local community led health improvement plan that can help deliver improved health services to the community.
- Explore Befriending Service to help alleviate loneliness, isolation and prevent community disengagement.
- Explore need for a community run Foodbank.

Community Safety

- Work with partners to agree on what improvements can be made and when.
- Investigate alternative ways to alleviate parking congestion.

Community information

- Engage with appropriate agencies to look at ways of creating a community information hub.
- Identify potential locations and explore how it would be funded.
- Explore partnership models of management between community and agencies eg Local Authority to make access to services and resources easier.

Potential Partners

North Lanarkshire Council, NHS, HSCP, Police Scotland, Public Transport providers, TRA's, Churches and local residents.



Coalfields Community Futures

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust's overarching priority is to develop community capacity; everything that we do is about supporting coalfield communities. Community-led regeneration is at the heart of regeneration. It is about people taking responsibility by:

- Identifying issues and opportunities in their local area.
- Deciding what to do about them.
- Making positive changes in their communities.

In 2011, with support from Coalfields Regeneration Trust, members of Moodiesburn community came together and formed a steering group which worked together to create a 5 year Action Plan. This was done through an extensive process of community engagement carried out by the community for the community.

Five years on, a lot has been achieved from the original plan, some priorities are still being worked on and some new priorities have been identified. This latest community action plan has been produced, with support from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust, and in partnership with the Moodiesburn Community Development Trust (MCDT).

The Process:

A focus group made up of members of the Moodiesburn community carried out a review of the 2012-2017 community action plan and identified:

- which priorities had been completed.
- which priorities were still in progress.
- which priorities were not yet started.
- what was new.

This was followed up by a public event where the wider community were invited to carry out a voting exercise, highlighting what was most important to them and sharing their ideas for the future. This new community action plan is the result of this process.

We would like to thank everyone who took part in the organising of the events and the participants who took time to get involved and share their views. Many thanks go to everyone who supplied the photographs in this action plan.

Moodiesburn matters to all of us so please make sure our community is the best it can be by helping us. Find out more at:

www.moodiesburncommunitydevelopmenttrust.org.uk



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