

Glenfinnan Vision Day

Sunday 14/4/24 10.00 - 12.30 @ The Jetty Hut

Facilitated by Anne Martin.

The Glenfinnan Community Facilities SCIO was set up to improve the conditions of life for the community and to promote community participation. Through conversation, post-it notes, tea, coffee and snacks we asked residents to share what's important to them and find ways to safeguard that for the future. 23 residents attended & 5 more submitted ideas.

WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT GLENFINNAN?

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| • Community - good size for inclusiveness | • Hospitality |
| • Local "colour" & culture | • Our traditions - NY shinty & swim, Ceilidhs etc. |
| • History | • Happy dogs - open spaces |
| • Natural environment & access to that | • Glenfinnan Gathering |
| • Peace & tranquility | • The road & rail connections make for easy commuting |
| • Safety & support for one another. | |
| • Family & friendships & roots | |

PRIORITISED IDEAS

LARGER COMMUNITY ASSETS & LAND

- Community Asset Transfer of land East of Callop Bridge
- Affordable Housing
- Space for Small business to operate (aesthetically pleasing)
- Maintain a welcoming community space
- Buy-out of Prince's House

PATHS & CYCLEWAYS

- Callop Bridge Repair
- Create & link up paths & cycleways

CONNECTIVITY

- More frequent trains & bus service



OTHER IDEAS

- Community Garden
- Backtrack adopted road
- Shop/ Outdoor Fridge
- Year round employment
- Natural Burial Ground
- Maintain car park
- 300th anniversary for 1745 Uprising.
- Easier access to the loch - jetty ownership.
- Promote Glenfinnan for other qualities rather than Harry Potter - arts, crafts, Gaelic culture
- More youth facilities & activities - play park

SKILLS AVAILABLE

- Event/ party skills
- Baking & cooking
- Admin & organising
- Fundraising & finance
- Media Production
- Writing/ journalism
- Business skills
- Tech help
- Engineering
- Outdoor activity
- Mediating & legal knowledge
- Bar Tending
- Painting
- Advocacy for the community
- Painting
- Cleaning & maintenance
- Gardening
- Leading classes & clubs - French, Scrabble, music, fitness etc.
- Manual labour

THINGS BEYOND OUR CONTROL

- Cap on holiday lets
- Tourist numbers
- Land ownership
- House prices
- Weather
- Businesses
- Infrastructure - road, rail, water, power etc
- Steam Train
- Residents' level of engagement in the community
- Centralisation of Public Services
- Deer population
- Climate
- Councillor Representation
- Ticks & Midges

Other thoughts...

Large projects should be led by paid people. Volunteers are part of the mix but should not be taken advantage of.

More days like this to keep the enthusiasm and visions going and growing.

Events like this underline all the great things/ people here. Don't take this for granted. For many communities in Scotland a lot of what we already have is only aspirational. Protect that.



Additional Info:

Village Stats at April 2024

Properties

Public	7
Holiday rentals	21
Holiday home	4
Planning Consent	5
Unoccupied	4
Residential	59
<u>Total</u>	<u>100</u>

<u>People</u>	
U18	20
Adult	78
O66	22
<u>Total</u>	<u>120</u>

