



NPF4 CALL FOR IDEAS - FOXBAR

This overview provides a summary of ideas and mapping from the event held at **Foxbar Community Centre, Paisley** on 18 February 2020 where a total of 16 people attended the workshop and drop-in sessions.



MAJOR THEMES IN RELATION TO THE SIX DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What development will we need to address climate change?

- Support and incentivise public transport
- Carbon efficient, eco-friendly homes and communities
- Clean power and low carbon technologies
- Natural, ecological solutions and respect for the environment

How can planning best support our quality of life, health and wellbeing in the future?

- Better community engagement (in a digital age)
- Importance of community facilities
- Preventative health and education measures
- Improved housing for all
- Environmental improvements, more choice and good / active travel connections

What does planning need to do to enable an economy that benefits everyone?

- Improve connectivity – physical and digital
- Address barriers and provide support
- Support creative responses and local resilience

How can planning improve, protect and strengthen our places?

- Support local enterprise and a circular economy
- Make use of existing assets such as vacant and derelict land
- Involve communities
- Value assets; support nature, green corridors and biodiversity

What infrastructure do we need to plan and build to realise our long term aspirations?

- Improve transport connections
- Support community infrastructure
- Digital connectivity

'ONE BIG THING'

- Community support and wellbeing
- Improved public transport
- Value nature and biodiversity
- Be ambitious

The following pages provide a record of the ideas and maps that were produced.

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'CLIMATE CHANGE' - What development will we need to address climate change?			
WOULD LIKE TO SEE...	BECAUSE...	WHO CAN BEST MAKE THIS HAPPEN...	THEME/S
Cheaper more reliable public transport	It needs to be incentivised to get people out of their cars	Scottish Government; Transport providers	Support and incentivise public transport
Connected public transport network	Reduce traffic - road domination! And provide under access to work and play	Scottish Government; Transport/infrastructure	
Better transport in rural areas for to getting to work and play			
Much better, integrated, carbon-neutral travel			
Improved public transport links.			
Reduce car/truck usage			
Free public transport for all	It has failed so far. Get people off the roads. Make an offer they can't refuse!	Scot Gov.	
Improved and affordable public transport - accessible to all	Needs to be a practical and attractive option to private car	Cab Sec Finance	
Increase light rail routes. Remove Beeching closures			
Low-carbon cars			
Increase car bans in towns and cities.	Cars use too much of transport links / no. of people compared to buses/trains/bikes	Scot Gov; Transport Scotland	
Tiny living communities.	Self-sufficient living, low earnings - no mortgage. Address homelessness and creates sense of belonging.	Housing strategy - who is delivering on outcomes?	Carbon efficient, eco-friendly homes and communities
Tiny living small environmentally friendly homes that are sustainable - cost efficient	They utilise less resource. Eco-friendly to heat and service. Can be off grid and have allotments		
Low-carbon homes			
Houses more efficient - solar panels, insulation and air/ground source heating			
All new homes fully insulated - a big effort for older buildings	At present gas price/unit is 4 times cheaper than electricity. Increasing gas prices and lowering electricity in phases now would make sense	Scottish and British Governments	
District heating	District heating schemes save energy		
Solar heating for all - wind, water and wave	Off-grid - heating and water.	Scot Gov - renewable energy	



Better use of both Cart Rivers to produce some form of hydro-electric	Already in place and technology should improve over the years to utilise flowing water better	Scottish Government; Local authority; Locally run "power" company	Clean power and low carbon technologies
Clean power generation sufficient for transport as well as heating etc. and wifi/computer cloud too.	Refuelling, electric or hydrogen - widespread for cars, trucks, trains and ships.	Scottish and British Governments	
Sustainable solar panel policy - make it holistic approach. Passive homes	People have been tied by solar panel companies	Change policy - and regulations	
Increase research into low-carbon technologies and into carbon capture	It would greatly reduce carbon emissions	Gov to fund appropriate research	
International co-operation to promote conservation, restoration and management of wetlands, peatlands, forests and agriculture land, inc banning of windfarms on peatland	Research shows this would increase carbon storage		Natural, ecological solutions and respect for the environment.
Strong, HEALTHY biodiversity, the basic support for all life			
Restoration of peat bogs More woods of native trees	Peat bogs retain carbon and increase biodiversity. Trees do the same + an area for leisure and wellbeing.		
Introduction of beavers onto land with river systems	Seen evidence of how their introduction has improved and enhanced local environment and biodiversity	SEPA; Scottish Government; Local authority	
More farmers moving from dairy to plant-based farming	Decrease in methane		
Reduction in plastics, especially packaging	More environmentally friendly Less landfill	Scot Gov; Manufacturers; Third-sector orgs	



'PEOPLE' - How can planning best support our quality of life, health and wellbeing in the future?			
WOULD LIKE TO SEE...	BECAUSE...	WHO CAN BEST MAKE THIS HAPPEN...	THEME/S
A better way of consulting on planning. The structure of 'community councils' as statutory consultees is inadequate	We need better approaches to engagement in line with the national standards + fit for the digital age	Scot Gov; Local gov	Better community engagement (in a digital age)
Cost of data reduced. Digital confidence for all.	To address digital debt. Digital skills for all	Scot Gov; Local authorities; Local enterprises; 1 in 5 Scots still digitally excluded?	
Investment to retain community assets (e.g. community centres and libraries) where people can come together	Tackling loneliness and social isolation are crucial as the population ages with multiple complex health conditions	Local government	Importance of community facilities
Post offices expanded - we need to drive a few miles to nearest (can't get there by bus)	No new housing developments unless services are available.		
Health centre - needs too long to get to one of our health services; have no train and this service very poor			
People meeting to take part in physical sport activities as well as creative and cultural experiences	It is good for health and wellbeing for people to participate in activities outside of the home	National support for local venues and activities; COSLA; Local authorities	
Provide adequate & interesting facilities for teenage children and ensure their lives outside school more fulfilling lives including community service	Happy fulfilled teenagers are less likely to become involved in trouble (?)		
Health and wellbeing opportunities for all - gentle movement programme	Preventative measures for emotional and physical health	Local authorities + Macmillan. - increase reach of preventative health measures	Preventative health and education measures
Community based adult learning to continue	Sense of belonging to community. Building skills and confidence to enable aspirations	Local authorities + Macmillan. -increase reach of preventative health measures	
Support under 5 year old children esp. deprived areas - nursery, community support for children	Support for children under 5 years shows long-term benefits in social cohesion, educational attainment and even health	Nursery education; NHS - health visitors	
Improvement in primary and secondary education to achieve high levels of Scottish Education of past decades. Advice should be taken from teachers and others with special expertise	Good education and training leads to happier individuals		



Housing suitable for all ages groups set in attractive layouts (not so many rows of houses). More individual styles of housing			Improved housing for all
New housing developments should have varied properties - not just high cost houses			
Clean air. Good quality insulated homes. Better transport to rural places			
All future houses to be economic and green.	Reduce energy bills and usage	Scot Gov.; Manufacturers of building materials	
Alternative building materials (no more timberframe etc.) Better use of alternative energy sources			
Tiny living - cheap affordable living space. Bespoke to personal need	Flexible cheap living. Community sharing spaces to augment small accommodation space		
Sufficient decent warm housing, carbon neutral in both use and constructions. Not on flood plains - road equivalent fares	Self evident	Government and builders	
Need more varying houses in new developments with free areas/paths through them.			
More managed funding to bring previously developed land into some kind of productive use - not always to build on. Appreciate inherent value in open space	SIMDs suffer disproportionately from vacant unattractive land. Need delivery model to manage this to ensure it benefits more areas, not just "easy" or more commercial options	Cab Sec Finance	Environmental improvements, more choice and good / active travel connections
People may wish to live in different places - city centre / rural etc.	People need woodland and field for leisure - community woodlands. Also designated areas of special interest etc. should never be developed on - e.g. no golf courses		
Increase cycle path links off-road - improve ability to commute	Reduce car travel	Transport Scotland; Councils; Scot Gov.	
For rural need better buses/trains			



'WORK' - What does planning need to do to enable an economy that benefits everyone?			
WOULD LIKE TO SEE...	BECAUSE...	WHO CAN BEST MAKE THIS HAPPEN...	THEME/S
Digital connectivity with superfast broadband to improve WLB and improve inclusive growth in our deprived communities	Correct disconnect in communities with large areas of multiple deprivation	Scot Gov.	Connectivity – physical and digital
Think about where building workplaces i.e. factories. Good road connections			
Affordable and clean good integrated public transport - Trains need to be priced against 4 in a car			
Address barriers	Support people, not persecute them for low or no employment	Employment partners, change to policy	Address barriers and provide support
Sustainable employment for everyone. No universal credit	Support people, not persecute them for low or no employment	Employment partners, change to policy	
Social care - deal with the drug problem at source. Not only too late!			
Really good child care			
Opportunities for creative industries hubs such as "The Whiskey Bond"	Creative people can support their own jobs; especially if they work together. Young people 'have to see it to be it!'	Scottish Enterprise; Local authorities	Support creative responses and local resilience
Have more people involved in caring for woodland and other natural places			
Repair workshops for all items			
Some places to bridge the gap between shops closing and restaurants/theatres etc. opening			
More investment to support metropolitan city region in West of Scotland	If that is a healthy economy - all of Scotland benefits	Finance Minister	
Support for local businesses to thrive in town centres and villages	We need to retain a sense of community and have services available within easy distance by active travel	Local government; Business improvement districts	
Develop our natural resources into employment opportunities (wind and sea - energy)		Scot Gov; Uni's etc.; Third-sector orgs	
Keep industry local			
Develop own skilled population			



'PLACE' - How can planning improve, protect and strengthen the special character of our places?			
WOULD LIKE TO SEE...	BECAUSE...	WHO CAN BEST MAKE THIS HAPPEN...	THEME/S
Protection for venues: used for a specific purpose	Venues are important as a hall is not always appropriate. Libraries should not double as noisy spaces	National support for local venues; COSLA	Support local enterprise and a circular economy
Digital connection	Currently facing digital debt, slow download speeds, connect with outside world	Local enterprises run by local communities	
Every citizen is in walking distance of meeting space for hubs; libraries; community centres; cultural eco-system; creative industries	It's important to have local community hubs of people become isolated. Circular economy	Local authorities; Scottish Enterprise	
Use brownfield in preference to green belt			Make use of existing assets e.g. VDL
Use existing brownfield sites for housing. Or look to unlock by law land-banked by property developers	We cannot continue to build on greenbelt land	House builders; Scottish Government; Local authority	
Vacant and derelict land used for housing and other developments retail, leisure, etc.	Use this land instead of eating away at greenbelt especially for housing developers	Scot Gov; Local authority; Third-sector orgs	
Regional-based fund to manage "development" of vacant and derelict land	This would deliver significant benefits to most deprived communities	Finance Cab Sec	
Involve communities, especially children, in working/looking after their local environment			Involve communities
Involving teenagers + adults in helping to run social clubs for younger children, helps giving teenagers responsibility and sense of purpose			
Identify the unique characteristics of place			Value assets; support nature, green corridors and biodiversity
Take into consideration historical facts about villages not to overdevelop			
Wild land protected. Pesticides controlled strictly "Offsetting" must not be overlooked. It can be a "con"	Biodiversity is failing badly. Keep local post offices. Limited overexpansion of big towns		
Protection for woodland and natural playscapes	The right to play is enshrined in the UNCRC and is essential for mental and physical health for children + adults	Scottish Government; local government	



Need to ensure wild areas remain so for biodiversity - need to encourage wild flowers. I plant by roadsides.	Productive land needs insects. They need to have corridors.	
Need to increase greenspace in cities - remove some of the concrete, e.g. pedestrian areas need wildlife corridors	Need corridors for animals, e.g. hedgehogs Need wildlife corridors through housing developments	
Remove/limit shooting estates - reforestation	Improve biodiversity - improve access to countryside	Scot Gov

'DELIVERY' - What infrastructure do we need to plan and build to realise our long term aspirations?			
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Glasgow to Edinburgh train in a straight line W-E - not via Falkirk. 35-40 min time?	Improve work/life balance for commuters and allow job growth in 2 cities	Scotrail; Transport Scotland	Improve transport connections
Better connected cycle routes	We have many good routes but they don't necessarily connect together to get people where they need to go	Scottish Gov; Local gov; Sustrans	
More dedicated bus routes	Sitting on a bus in same traffic queue as private cars is not an attractive proposition. Need to change behaviour using carrot and stick - remove car lanes / mix traffic	First Minister - needs bold policy change from the top down	
Fast, accessible, affordable public transport			
Create community hubs - concentrate on existing built areas - re-use vacant and derelict land - create communities with shared ownership	Lack of neighbourliness with lack of support from community	Local authorities to deliver connected communities	Support community infrastructure
Support for new industry as old is phased out Internally support for population in Africa, etc. who need jobs and developments And also Poland (to phase out burning coal)	If home areas are thriving there is less need for immigration. Solar panels in sun baked areas can revolutionise		
Digital transformation to allow video conferencing	To reduce the need to travel + cut carbon emissions	Scot Gov; Local gov.	Digital connectivity
Digital connectivity available for all, especially rural areas - poor reception areas	Reduce isolation and poor connectivity		



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Saving community and cultural spaces and venues	For social health and wellbeing and the economy - sustainable economy, circular economy	Scottish Government (local authorities have no money)	Community support and wellbeing
To be part of process - this is initial consultation - progressive events. Sustainable employment for all. Tiny living communities - affordable living. Renewable energy to replace gas and electricity	Reduce living costs Increase sense of purpose and belonging for all communities Improved wellbeing for all	Scottish Government; Local authorities	
Enhanced services for children under 5 years of age - support to mothers and children			
Increase light rail to every town >5000 population - run by Scottish Government/not for profit	Allow people to travel for work and leisure at low cost	Scot Gov; Transport Scotland	
Integrated affordable public transport	To get people out of their cars	Scot Gov; Transport providers	
Nationalised energy and public transport	Elimination of fuel poverty, and transport communication links		
Bold ambitious policy changes re: transport - prioritise public and active travel	I believe this would have a significant impact on achieving climate emergency targets	1st Minister	
An excellent, healthy biodiversity to keep us all alive	It is our life support, physically, emotionally, and spiritually		Value nature and biodiversity
Maintenance of great wild space, especially those with scientific distinction and peatlands with wildlife corridors through built-up areas	Need biodiversity to be preserved		
Be more ambitious - we are a small country with amazing opportunities for growth with strong leadership and vision		NPF Team	Be ambitious
Move to affordable clean power speeded up greatly	It is needed	Government	

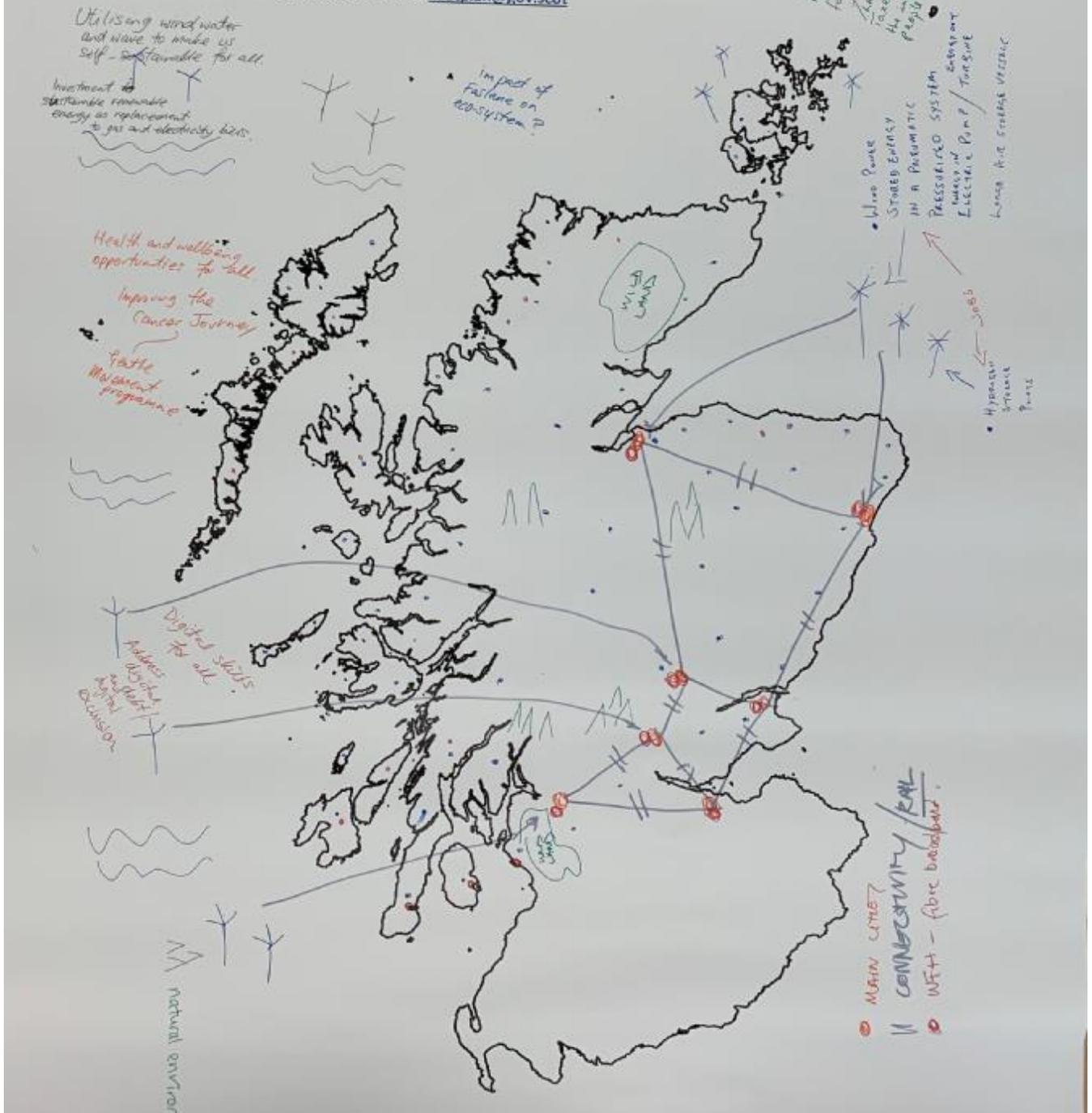


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