

Community Environmental Improvement Action Plan

Sinclairston Action Plan



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1 Background

The remoteness and small scale of Sinclairston, it has a population of just over 30, can exclude them from access to some services, which most people in Scotland expect to have. The local member is not aware of any major problems or issues.

2 Questionnaire Survey

The most positive aspect of life in Sinclairston was felt to be its rurality and the improvements already completed; parks, garden and shop areas including parking. The least liked aspects were the housing developments which were in progress, the volume of traffic and the litter, vandalism, broken glass in playgrounds/ school area.

The top responses in term of frequency of dissatisfaction are; litter/ fly tipping, condition of footpaths/ pathways, environment around shops, facilities for teenagers, graffiti removal, play areas, street furniture and condition and availability of car parking. In terms of aspects of the local a community which respondents are satisfied with, in rank order they are;

woodlands, facilities for teenagers, artwork, sports/ leisure facilities, condition and availability of car parking, local, heritage/culture, landscaping; trees, shrubs, flowerbeds, monuments and signage; directional and information signs

The most frequently listed improvements people would like to see were traffic calming followed by the existence and conditions of footpaths/ pathways, facilities for children and the litter and glass around Drongan Nursery and school. The footpath network was felt to be *'few and far between'*. As Sinclairston is growing in population *'a better swing park properly maintained and safe becomes important'*.





Sinclairston Primary School

Play area



Sinclairston individual suggestions

Street lighting – strong wind and we are out of power
Litter-fly tipping – bags of rubbish tipped at roadside
Water pump main feature in Sinclairston
Bin liners in buckets at Drongan to allow rubbish to be collected not fall through, not in Sinclairston
Better facilities for teenagers could help stop these youngsters drinking alcohol in the grounds of the school/ shops

When asked directly to prioritise the following list was generated;

1. Traffic calming
2. Facilities for children/teenagers
3. Curb teenage drinking
4. Stop litter especially glass around children's play areas egg Drongan Community Centre
5. More outdoor activity areas
6. Footpaths leading to school

3 Public Meeting

The main issues in Sinclairston are the most straightforward of all the potential plans with no disagreement and only 5 featuring.

Sinclairston main issues list

Issues	Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
1. Traffic calming	24	-	-
2. Stop litter especially glass around areas children frequent	21	-	-
3. Facilities for children/ teenagers	16	-	-
4. Footpaths leading to the school	16	-	-
5. More outdoor activity area	16	-	-
6. Curb teenage drinking	-	-	-

The table below shows the project and priorities as presented at the public meeting. After discussion on the relative importance and consideration of some improvements already made and scheduled as part of other developments, a revised list of priority projects was agreed. It includes two footpath developments not on the original list but considered important.

Sinclairston priority project list

Projects	Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
1. Provide more outdoor activity areas	14	-	-
2. Install traffic calming measures	13	-	-
3. Provide Litter Bins	10	-	-
4. Develop existing facilities for young people/ children	4	-	-
5. Develop footpaths leading to School	-	-	-
6. Develop the water pump as a main feature in Sinclairston	-	-	-

4 Projects

1. Install traffic calming measures
2. Provide litter bins
3. Develop existing facilities for young people/ children
4. Provide footpath and improve right of way over the old bridge
5. Provide pathway walk along the old railway

5 Implementation

It is recommended that the development and implementation of plans and projects, as outlined through the CEIAP, for Drongan, Rankinston and Sinclairston be facilitated by the Community Council in association with other appropriate groups who have been involved with the consultation process. This will ensure full representation from each of the communities.

Comments From Exhibition and Public Meeting

Right of way overgrown – develop the walkways

Facilities for younger children

Sinclairston children attend Drongan school and nursery class – is a major problem around building- it urgently needs addressed

Keep the trees in Sinclairston (2)

Provide public walk along line of old railway

Improve walk along right of way over bridge opposite Arranview (behind 9 St Clairs Court) (2)

Create a walking path from the top of Sinclairston down the right way to the Drongan Sinclairston road

Phone cable in Sinclairston hits street lights in wind – need re-sighting