

# Architecture & Design Scotland

Ailtearachd is Dealbhadh na h-Alba

## Whole Place Collaboration

*Alva Pathfinder - Toolkit*



## **2 Toolkit**

### **2.1 Tools for Further Consultation**

Following the initial place-based work A&DS and SFT have set up a set of tools to support the council and inform subsequent work. This is intended to provide detailed consultant briefing material for the design and procurement of regeneration of the Glentana Mill site.

#### **Scenarios for Glentana**

A range of potential uses for the Glentana Mill site has been established through the place-based work set out in this report. The scenarios in Section 1 provide a tool to support further work with community and stakeholder groups to establish a detailed brief for the site capable of delivering multiple benefits.

#### **Personas**

The Place Standard outputs were used to generate a set of personas for Alva – seven fictional characters, representing a broad sample of the members of the community and a mix of age groups, genders, health and housing needs, aspirations, and interests. The personas can be used to capture and imagine user needs from a particular perspective – allowing stakeholders to test and prioritise potential uses and different scenarios, ideas and mix of uses to help shape the development brief for the Glentana site. The personas have also been used to help inform and develop a series of concept illustrations for the Glentana site, supported by descriptive narratives in Section 1.



**NAME: ROBERT**

**AGE: 51**

*“My main concern is that my boys have a positive future”*

### WHO AM I?

I live here with my wife Helen, 48 and our two teenage sons.

After living and working in Edinburgh since university, 5 years ago we made the decision to move closer to Helen's elderly parents and to be nearer to the countryside.

The main downside of this is that I am a frequent commuter to and from Edinburgh, on an almost daily basis.

### MY SOCIAL & FAMILY LIFE

We spend a lot of our weekends either ferrying our teenage sons to sports clubs and to meet-ups with their friends, or looking after Helen's parents. Her mum was recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and she needs a lot of help from her dad, who is her full-time carer. So we try and help them out as much as we can.

It doesn't really give us much time for anything else and we usually end up putting our feet up at home when we do get a moment to rest, or squeezing in fleeting trips to Edinburgh for social engagements there.

### MY HOME & LOCAL AREA

We own a large detached house, just along the road from Alva Glen. Since moving here we have been making an effort to get involved in the local community, which whilst it was a bit of a challenge initially, due to us having such limited free time for ourselves has been oddly aided by the pandemic. It feels like everyone has been making more of an effort to get to better know their neighbours and support each other.

The pandemic has also hastened the adoption of remote/flexible working within my organisation which means that I will be able to work from home much more frequently, allowing me to participate more greatly, in the time that used to be swallowed up by commuting.

### MY MEDIA USE & SERVICE PREFERENCES

With two teenage boys in the house and both Helen and I working from home, there is a lot of demand on broadband! We are lucky to have the space for good home office set-ups and so things have not been too bad for us, although I am increasingly missing seeing colleagues and clients in person and tired of Zoom calls! Especially when the bandwidth is being gobbled up by YouTube and gaming devices.

### MY CONCERNS, DREAMS & ASPIRATIONS

Our relocation from Edinburgh has allowed us to buy a home that can adapt to suit our needs as we get older, which takes away that potential worry.

My main concern is that my boys are given the opportunities and support to ensure that they have a positive future.

### THREE THINGS THAT I'D LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN IN ALVA

1. More things for young people to do.
2. To build on the community spirit that has strengthened over the course of the pandemic.
3. A co-working space, or similar, on the main street would be great. It would allow me to get a bit more separation between home and work life, when I'm not commuting and would also help to support the local businesses there, too, many of which seem to have been struggling.



**NAME: ELLEN**

**AGE: 85**

*“I don’t always feel safe of an evening.”*

### WHO AM I?

I have lived just outside of Alva for all of my adult life. Sadly, my husband Norman died a few years ago and as my family live away, I am now on my own.

I have been lucky with my own health though. I still drive and have remained very independent, which is important to me.

### MY SOCIAL & FAMILY LIFE

I often travel into Alva to join in with clubs and meet friends for a cup of coffee both during the day and of an evening.

### MY HOME & LOCAL AREA

My house sits on its own in the surrounding countryside. I have many happy memories here and can’t imagine living anywhere else, even though it’s starting to feel a bit too big for me and I occasionally worry about needing help, when being so isolated. A feeling that has definitely been growing after being confined to home during the pandemic.

### MY MEDIA USE & SERVICE PREFERENCES

I went on a local course with friends a few years ago which taught me the basics of the internet. I tend to just use my landline for calls but I have become quite adept at using Zoom on my tablet, in order to see my grandchildren, which has really helped with my wellbeing, over the past year.

### MY CONCERNS, DREAMS & ASPIRATIONS

I think that it’s really positive that investment in Alva is happening. It feels like it has been needed in the town for a while now, as it has become a bit tired-looking in recent years.

I am a bit worried about how easy it will be for me to continue to drive in for my social engagements, however. I struggle to walk as far as I used to and am not near any convenient public transport routes and so need to be able to park close to where I am going.

### THREE THINGS THAT I’D LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN IN ALVA

1. Alva has been home for me for a long time and I have loved living here. I’d like for the young people to be able to have a future in the town, too.

2. I never felt unsafe when going to Alva on an evening when younger but I do feel a bit more cautious, now. Better lighting and more general activity on the street would help me feel a bit more safe, I think

3. Lots of my friends now need care and support and they can feel a bit isolated even if they live in town. I’d like to see more facilities to help them get around more easily and to meet people outside of their homes – especially as many have struggled so much at having to be on their own in the past year.



**NAME: MARY**

**AGE: 74**

*“I’d like to see improvements to aid accessibility.”*

### WHO AM I?

I live in Alva with my partner Jenny. After suffering from cancer several years ago, my health has never properly recovered and I now have to live with some long term conditions that limit my mobility and have meant that I have had to shield over the course of the past year.

### MY SOCIAL & FAMILY LIFE

We don’t have any children and our friends are spread over quite a large area. I rely on Jenny for transport, as she can drive (the public transport connections are difficult for me to navigate and would take a long time and many changes to see many of those who we most frequently visit, who have settled in more rural areas, in the north).

We used to have a very full social calendar but even before the pandemic, my health challenges were starting to make me feel a bit more restricted and disconnected.

### MY HOME & LOCAL AREA

We live close to the centre of Alva, which has been a real blessing since my health issues started, as local facilities have been close to hand and I’ve still been able to get in and out of town. I’ve really struggled with not being able to do that over the past year and feel that my mental health has suffered as a consequence, which has been difficult for Jenny, too.

After becoming ill, we managed to move into a bungalow, to provide me with a fully accessible home, of a manageable size, so I am lucky in that respect.

### MY MEDIA USE & SERVICE PREFERENCES

We are both very adept at IT, as have used it extensively in our respective careers. However, I used to be very much a people person and don’t feel that video calls substitute that. As a consequence, I have found that I don’t tend to call people very often, any more.

### MY CONCERNS, DREAMS & ASPIRATIONS

I worry about being an increasing burden for Jenny and, similarly, am concerned about what may happen to me if she was to become unwell.

As we’ve been able to travel so readily in the past, I don’t feel that I’ve really been able to become part of a community in Alva. As shielding eases, I’d really like to make an effort to do this and gain some more social interaction in my immediate locality.

### THREE THINGS THAT I’D LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN IN ALVA

1. I’d like to see the external environment improved to aid accessibility.
2. A greater mix of facilities and activities across all age groups. Despite my conditions, I don’t really identify as being elderly and so would like a more diverse array of things to be able to get involved with.
3. Some local support services to help me to build up my confidence, following the pandemic and to help me get out and about again and to give Jenny a bit of a break, too.



**NAME: MICHAEL**

**AGE: 44**

*“I hope that we can be a part of a vibrant community of retailers.”*

### WHO AM I?

I have lived in Alva my whole life. When my Dad was looking to retire, I took on his butchery business on the main street.

I have never really known anything other than being an independent business owner, as I started working here from a very young age to help out. I love lots of aspects about it – I know so many people in the town and love the conversations that we have in the shop but, in recent years, it's been harder to compete with the supermarkets and with the other local traders struggling with the rise of online shopping, the future of the main street is a bit of concern, especially as I still have a long way to go before I can retire.

### MY SOCIAL & FAMILY LIFE

I have a large amount of friends here, as well as lots of my extended family. Being Alva born and bred means a lot to me – I'm proud of where I am from and love being a recognised figure in the community.

My working days are quite long but, before the pandemic, I enjoyed a rewarding evening drink in the local where I would be sure to see someone I know.

### MY HOME & LOCAL AREA

My Dad managed to establish a successful business and from that I have my own house, which is just around the corner from where my parents live.

I am single at the moment but would like to be able to settled down with someone at some point and maybe have children, too. I thought that I would have reached that point by now but time seems to go very fast!

My sister also lives nearby, with her husband and my niece and nephew, who I love spending time with.

### MY MEDIA USE & SERVICE PREFERENCES

I have a smartphone and use services such as Sky for the sport, at home but I've never really been one for technology and so don't always keep up with everything that's happening.

I've been lucky to have been able to keep the shop open throughout much of the pandemic as an essential retailer, so haven't really had much cause to speak to people on Zoom and the like.

### MY CONCERNS, DREAMS & ASPIRATIONS

The number of businesses that have closed in town has been a bit of a worry. Our business has done well in the pandemic, as it feels that people are placing more value in local retailers, in helping to support small businesses and to avoid travel and crowded places.

However, I know that others have had a much more difficult time of it. I really hope that the main street can bounce back and that we are part of a vibrant community of retailers – we are very reliant on people wanting to come into town.

### THREE THINGS THAT I'D LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN IN ALVA

1. Improvements to the main street and a programme to refurbish the vacant shop units and buildings around us.
2. Better facilities for visitors to the town. We have such great countryside on our doorstep and they could really help support local businesses.
3. More groups for people of my age to get involved with.



**NAME: REBECCA**

**AGE: 25**

*“I would love to start my own business that gives me flexibility with childcare.”*

### WHO AM I?

I moved to Alva, which is my former partner's home town, after I became pregnant with my little boy, Benny.

He's 4, now but his Dad and I separated a couple of years ago. I had considered moving back to be closer to my parents but since moving here I have made friends with other mums and Benny has a group of friends and enjoys the groups that we go to. I'm not sure how I would have managed without their support, during the pandemic.

### MY SOCIAL & FAMILY LIFE

During the pandemic, me and the other mums have met outside in the park, when we have been able but usually we have a cup of tea somewhere, after one of the groups that I go to.

It has been very difficult being a single parent since Benny's Dad and I broke up. Benny's behaviour became a bit challenging, too and I have been trying very hard to help give him a caring environment in which he can feel settled. Even though I try and meet the other Mums when I am able, a lot of my time is spent just with Benny and that can be quite difficult for me, too.

### MY HOME & LOCAL AREA

My current circumstances make it quite hard for me to work, although I would really like to get a part time job, when Benny starts school. I don't like having to rely on the welfare system as I like to think of myself as a very independent and driven person.

We live in social housing, in a small flat. We are lucky, because it's a nice street and the property is well maintained but I would like Benny and I to have something of our own, which is a bit bigger and with its own garden.

### MY MEDIA USE & SERVICE PREFERENCES

With money being so tight, we have to be very careful with the services that we use. I have an old smartphone on which I can call my family, which has been a help, although I worry that so many kids are already quite tech savvy when they start school and I haven't been able to provide Benny with that.

### MY CONCERNS, DREAMS & ASPIRATIONS

I would love to have my own business, which would give me the flexibility to work around looking after Benny.

It would be great to have affordable premises locally that I could grow into.

The groups for the little ones have been great although I'm not sure that older children have as good a provision. I want to give Benny the best start in life that I am able and so really hope that such support grows, in order to support his education and social skills and to help me to work to support us both, too.

### THREE THINGS THAT I'D LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN IN ALVA

1. A greater range of facilities for children in town, from the youngest, through to the teenagers.
2. A small business centre where I would be able to get help and support in developing my ideas.
3. More good quality housing that can help act as a stepping stone to move to a better property with Benny.

## ALVA DESIGN STATEMENT

### 1 Recommendation and actions to improve connectivity / movement for people

Recommendations & Actions	Additional Supporting Information and Views of Success
<p>When considering development, the following objectives should be taken into account</p> <p><b>M1 Active Travel Routes</b></p> <p>Build on and extend the general walking and cycling accessibility of services in Alva for residents including: improved walking routes through the parks and towards the Glen, direct links for the Glentana Mill site into the cycle path network, safer walking and cycle access routes for children and to/from schools and possible cycle lane along the high street.</p>	<p><b>Walking and cycling</b></p> <p>The different ways walking, and cycling can help protect the environment includes helping reduce air pollution, it creates a need for more green spaces for people, its boosts local biodiversity, it can help reduce noise pollution and it can inspire behavior changes as more people look to become more active every day to access services.</p> <p>The analysis showed that many people see Alva as a walkable place with great access to the countryside and its amenities, however, more could be done to encourage more local everyday cycling. The following ideas are recommended as part of delivering the objectives on movement and cycling.</p> <p>Project ideas:</p>
<p><b>M2 Mobility Access</b></p> <p>Improve mobility access with wider network of accessible routes, road crossings, improved surfaces and dropped kerbs.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Creating a map of all the existing cycle routes in Alva and connecting towns.</li> <li>2. Identify how cyclists connect to the wider area and any key landmarks.</li> <li>3. Undertake an audit of existing cycle routes to understand their individual maintenance requirements and quality status and grade routes to enable the council to understand more about the needs of the routes in terms of maintenance purposes.</li> </ol>
<p><b>M3 Pedestrian Experience</b></p> <p>Improve pedestrian accessibility and attractiveness of town centre with priority junctions, more crossings, improved lighting, better surface maintenance and reduced flooding - to</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Develop strategy for improvements to improve cycling including projects that are short term and long term to test ideas and routes and infrastructure.</li> <li>5. Look to try and connect routes to key advantages points / viewpoints and stopping points for people to stop and rest and take in views Market the countryside as one of the key highlights of Alva in terms of outdoor activities and active tourism. Look to find ways to incorporate local health consideration into the marketing to promote such things as biophilia, connecting people with nature and its many benefits.</li> </ol>

<p>make active travel a more attractive option for accessing shops, bus stops and local services.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Look at opportunities to develop smart and innovative lighting on cycle lanes to encourage more people to feel safe and to help with navigation.</li> <li>7. Explore all traffic calming measures that are needed to encourage more everyday bike users to use the cycle routes and feel safe, especially children and their parents.</li> <li>8. Include the young people in the decision-making process for the development of a cycle strategy for Alva.</li> <li>9. Look to create local cycle trail to encourage more users in terms of active tourism and provide landscape information in specific locations to highlight key features and views and historical information or areas of environmental interest.</li> <li>10. Explore how to provide distance information for walkers and cyclist so people know how far things will take to walk to say the train station from the high street.</li> <li>11. Look at ways to encourage legibility and wayfinding into the cycle strategy to ensure it is easy to navigate and be age friendly.</li> <li>12. Ensure links to the core path network are provided.</li> <li>13. Explore how to create attractive visual gateways to and from Alva that show people they are now entering the town. This should involve the local community in what this should entail.</li> </ol> <p>Supporting information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <a href="#">Living Streets   Home Page   Living Streets</a></li> <li>→ <a href="#">Home - Sustrans.org.uk</a></li> <li>→ <a href="#">Historic Environment Scotland   Àrainneachd Eachdraidheil Alba</a></li> <li>→ <a href="#">NatureScot</a></li> <li>→ <a href="#">Scotland's National Cycling Organisation - Cycling Scotland</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>M4 Active Travel Hub</b></p> <p>Consider active travel hub at Glentana Mill site at nexus of walking and cycle routes, a town centre gateway for visitors, incorporating, e.g. cycle parking, visitor information, access to electric bike hire.</p>	



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### **M5 Parking Management**

Reduce parking congestion on the high street and at school through high street transformation and including improved high street parking, safe high street crossings, enabling parking on south side and temporary events parking.

### **Parking**

Car parking is one of the most talked about issues in many town centres and frequently cited by businesses as a cause of poor performance. The analysis showed that parking is a major problem especially on the high street. Improvements need to focus on taking a more holistic approach to how people get about with cars and the alternatives that are available to them especially for short journeys. The following ideas are recommended as part of delivering the objectives on movement and cycling.

Project ideas:

1. Develop with the local community and stakeholders a local parking strategy.

2. Explore if parking areas should be located in specific zones or times. This could be a phased delivery approach phased approach to trial and test decisions.
3. Look at different ways to enforce speed and parking limits.
4. Explore the different ways service deliveries can be provided.
5. Explore the delivery of a series of a few parklets to showcase what the alternative spaces could be like if not used as a car park. These parklets should be used for the community.
6. Explore in the strategy the idea of Permits and opportunities for free parking for local residents.
7. Explore fees for non-resident parking. Could the – local economy gets the benefit of the parking cost? Could this be seen as part of the strategy for Alva regeneration?
8. Look for creative opportunities to develop integrated surface water management techniques into areas being created for car parking to ensure local biodiversity is protected and surface water is reduced where possible.
9. Explore areas where electric bikes could park and charged.
10. Look at ways to develop priority for people at all crossing points to encourage walking and feelings of safety.

Supporting information:

→ [Example | Global Designing Cities Initiative](#)



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## **M6 Transport Infrastructure**

Improve bus service attractiveness and sustainable transport modes, including improved coverage such as more direct/affordable travel to Alloa, Tullibody health centre and evening and weekend options to Stirling University.

## **Bus Stops**

Providing well maintained bus stops with up-to-date travel information encourages people to use public transport. The physical condition of the bus stop often indicates its usage and popularity with the local community. The analysis did highlight the needs for bus stops to be better maintained. Bus stops are also now becoming features of the high street that provide advertising or local information as well as being a structure that can help address

climate change with green roofs and solar lighting. The following ideas are recommended as part of delivering the objectives on movement and cycling.

#### Project Ideas:

1. Improve the visual appearance of the bus stops to encourage more people to take sustainable travel options.
2. Explore opportunities for bus stops to provide up to date information potentially with a live feed potential.
3. Explore opportunities to undertake community clean ups with the support of community safety services such as community pay back where applicable.
4. Explore the opportunity to install relevant CCTV cameras to assist in reducing speeding on main roads.
5. Explore opportunities to develop interactive screens at bus stop to link to phone app to provide local information and links to events or services.
6. Explore opportunities to help mitigate against climate change by introducing where possible plant-topped living roof bus shelter which help support local biodiversity and help with absorbing rainwater.

#### Supporting information:

- [Carbon reducing green bus shelters to be installed in Milton Keynes - Milton Keynes Council \(milton-keynes.gov.uk\)](https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk)
- [Clean Up Scotland | Keep Scotland Beautiful](#)



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## 2 Recommendation and actions to improve public space for people

<b>Recommendations &amp; Actions</b>  When considering development, the following objectives should be taken into account	<b>Additional Supporting Information and Views of Success</b>
<b>S1 Access to Nature</b>  Build on access to nature to improve Cochrane Park, Johnstone Park and Alva Glen and strengthen community and visitor accessibility.	<b>Open Space</b>  Green Space Scotland states that “Greenspaces really matter because they aren’t just the spaces where kids kick a ball around or where your neighbour walks the dog. Quality greenspaces create environments where we can lead safe, happy, healthy and active lives. They make attractive and vibrant places where people want to live, and businesses invest.”  The analysis from the Place Standard highlighted how much the local community viewed the natural landscape setting that Alva offers as a key feature of living there. Access to places that encourage people to get out and about in the fresh air to be more active in their daily lives. Quality open spaces that are well maintained and used by a diverse range of people are keys to their success. The following ideas are recommended as part of delivering the objectives on improving open space.  Project ideas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Explore opportunities to find ways to consult with young people in Alva on what they would like the green spaces to be used for and what the current physical and social barriers are for the spaces.</li> <li>2. Explore with local groups and using other examples where creative solutions have been found for outdoor recreational space. Test ideas as pilots.</li> <li>3. Explore opportunities to look at ways to increase outdoor recreational activities such as bike parks and creative play spaces. Explore more facilities for younger people, encourage active travel opportunities.</li> <li>4. Explore disabled friendly play equipment.</li> <li>5. Explore locations for toilet facilities.</li> <li>6. Explore spaces for the local library to be on main street again.</li> <li>7. Explore day and night-time facilities as sports facilities, outdoor play facilities.</li> <li>8. Look to improve the lighting in any new improved spaces to address safety concerns and increase the usage during the winter months.</li> </ol> Supporting information:
<b>S2 Teenage Activities</b>  Provide new recreational activities for teenagers in parks and open spaces such as: pump track, zip line, bike park, nature trail, football for boys and girls, astro pitches, skate park, tennis and basketball.	
<b>S3 Play for All</b>  Extend and improve outdoor play facilities in parks: activities for younger and disabled children, shelters/seats for parents and carers. Consider re-introducing popular play equipment such as slide, see- saw, putting green; both formal and informal or incidental facilities.	

- [Out to Play - creating outdoor play experiences for children: practical guidance - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)
- [Intelligent street lighting – Aberdeen is leading the way in Scotland \(aberdeencity.gov.uk\)](http://aberdeencity.gov.uk)
- [Dementia friendly open space - https://www.ads.org.uk/caring\\_place\\_garden\\_of\\_thesenses/](https://www.ads.org.uk/caring_place_garden_of_thesenses/)



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## S4 Gardens and Greening

Provide more street greening and gardens incorporating elements such as street trees, hedges and bedding plants, community gardens and allotments.

## Green Networks

Improving the quality of our urban and rural environments is vital if we are to deliver on our ambition to make Scotland a greener, wealthier and fairer, smarter, healthier and stronger, country. When green infrastructure components are linked together to form a series of green networks it further combined benefits can be achieved at a strategic level. Green infrastructure can also play a role in making streets more walkable and people friendly. The following ideas are recommended as part of delivering the objectives on improving open space.

Project ideas:

1. Community gardens
2. Street trees and planters
3. Sustainable drainage systems

Supporting information:

- [Green Infrastructure : Design and Placemaking \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)
- [5f75b8e59a1ac\\_VDL Community Impact Tool.pdf \(landcommission.gov.scot\)](https://landcommission.gov.scot/5f75b8e59a1ac)



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*Illustration of intergenerational and accessible green spaces from A&DS publication 'Town Centre Living: A Caring Place' – illustration by Richard Carman*

### **S5 Rest Stops**

Provide seats alongside key nodes and play areas. A cafe/kiosk.

Project ideas:



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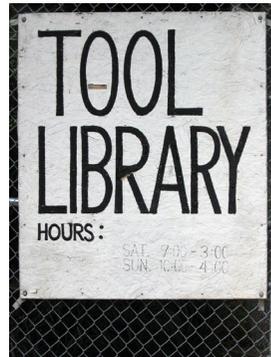
### 3 Recommendations and actions for improving local resources for people

<b>Recommendations &amp; Actions</b>  When considering development, the following objectives should be taken into account	<b>Additional Supporting Information and Views of Success</b>
<b>R1 Community Hub</b>  Provide new social space or community centre to bring groups in the town together - the idea of a hub with information, cafe and space for clubs, groups, health and fitness classes, a gym that is intergenerational, inclusive (e.g. of new and old residents, race, sexual identity, gender) was suggested.	<b>Local facilities</b>  Providing local communities with facilities that are located in easily accessible places are key features of sustainable neighbourhoods. Having “things to do” in a neighbourhood allows people to develop social connections and therefore social capital and a sense of community. Given the diversity of local communities, ensuring that there is a range of different facilities will enhance the attractiveness and overall liveability of a place as a neighbourhood.  The analysis discovered that there are many “things to do” in Alva however people felt that there was a bit of an imbalance and further information of what was available to whom would be advantageous. The following ideas are recommended as part of delivering the objectives on improving local resources.  Project ideas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Look at ways to raise public and local awareness of what people can do in Alva and what local community groups are available. Explore locations where there could be more play areas for children of different ages that is a safe, well-lit and accessible.</li> <li>2. Explore opportunities to install disabled friendly public toilets.</li> <li>3. Explore the opportunity to develop a community tool library.</li> <li>4. Explore the development of new meeting spaces for community groups and what their needs are for space.</li> </ol> The analysis also has highlighted opportunities to explore further the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Art Craftwork Spaces.</li> <li>6. Lifelong learning spaces.</li> <li>7. Flexible spaces for community.</li> </ol>

8. Space for support groups.
9. Facilities for young people/parents/soft play.
10. Local events and links to Cochrane Hall.
11. Opportunities to develop a community funded grocer and areas that could provide community gardens and products.
12. Opportunities to have more family/dog friendly restaurants in the town.
13. Opportunities to encourage local food shops in easily accessible places that people can walk to.

Project ideas for young people:

1. Explore how best to highlight the assets available to the young people in Alva through the school.
2. Speak with organisations to introduce new youth activities to the local area.
3. Explore places to have a community notice boards to advertise what is going on for young people.



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## R2 Enterprise Hub

Make a step change in provision, activities and opportunities for teenagers and young people. For example a hub with drop-in, vocational skills, business start-up, tools, computing, 3d printing, training, free wifi, food.

## Local economic

The following ideas are recommended as part of delivering the objectives on improving local skills and economic development

Project ideas:

1. Explore the development of training opportunities linked to local businesses, and to local education centres to allow young people to develop skills and trade experience.
2. Explore the potential for a local employee business hub making connections with the school for work experience for young people.
3. Explore opportunities for a better night-time economy, with more restaurant/Cafés/with space with outdoor seating.
4. Explore locations for local training centre/workshop/meeting/space that could facilitate the development of a local innovation/enterprise hub.

Supporting information:

- [Scotland's national skills agency | Skills Development Scotland](#)
- [Funding and support for businesses in Scotland - Scottish Enterprise \(scottish-enterprise.com\)](#)



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### R3 High Street Regeneration

Regenerate high street frontages and the local economy to fill vacant units and upper floors, building on interest expressed such as for cafe, restaurants, gym, community enterprise grocer, outlet for local craft makers, outlet for students work.

### Maintenance and Management

The following ideas are recommended as part of delivering the objectives on improving maintenance and management.

Project ideas:

1. Explore the creation of an audit of buildings in need of repair on the high street to help identify their feasibility for upgrading.
2. Explore properties falling into disrepair and what options are available to improve facades, shopfronts, roofs etc.
3. Explore as part of the feasibility of upgrading buildings alternative uses and sources of appropriate funding to reduce the need for the buildings to be demolished.

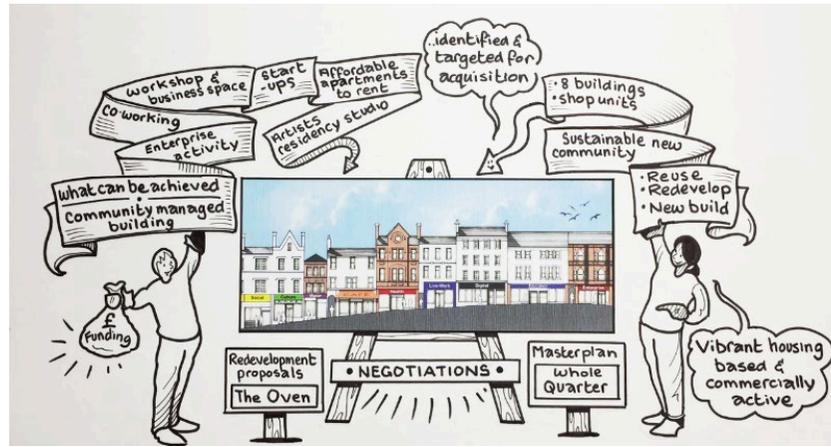
Supporting information:

- [Home \(gbpt.org\)](http://Home.gbpt.org)
- [https://www.scotlandstowns.org/town\\_centre\\_toolkit](https://www.scotlandstowns.org/town_centre_toolkit)
- <https://www.midsteeplequarter.org/>





Illustration of Midsteple Quarter, Dumfries from A&DS publication 'Carbon Conscious Towns in Scotland: Case Studies' – illustration by Richard Carman. <https://www.ads.org.uk/carbon-conscious-towns-case-studies/>



<https://www.ads.org.uk/learning-from-midsteple-quarter-dumfries-video-and-blog/>

## R4 Gaps in Housing Need

Build on quality of recent housing so far to meet local housing demand such as for more affordable family housing including for families with disabled needs, multi-generational housing, 'carbon neutral' housing/flats with better access to green space.

## Housing

The following ideas are recommended as part of delivering the objectives on improving housing options for the local community.

Project ideas:

1. Encourage new housing to be adaptable and affordable and meet changing needs of the community.
2. Explore age friendly housing, downsizing opportunities too.
3. Cochrane Foundation as a model for older people's homes.
4. Explore affordable housing options for larger families.
5. Ensure communities are involved in decision making.
6. Intergenerational opportunities.
7. Explore different affordable housing typologies to increase choices for people.
8. Explore retrofitting and insulation to create more energy efficient housing from existing non-residential properties. A survey of potential properties would be recommended.



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Supporting information:

- <https://www.ads.org.uk/scotlands-housing-expo/>
- <https://www.ads.org.uk/scotlands-housing-expo-2010-book/>
- <https://www.gov.scot/publications/housing-2040-2/>
- <https://www.ads.org.uk/introducing-a-place-based-approach-to-housing/>
- <https://www.ads.org.uk/housing-typology-case-studies/>
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- [https://www.ads.org.uk/a\\_caring\\_place\\_report/](https://www.ads.org.uk/a_caring_place_report/)
- [https://www.ads.org.uk/communityled\\_housing\\_arcarchitects/](https://www.ads.org.uk/communityled_housing_arcarchitects/)

## R5 Visitor Gateway

Establish arrival and welcome facilities to attract visitors and boost local economy.

## Attracting tourism

The following ideas are recommended as part of delivering the objectives on improving tourism.

1. Community café and shops
2. Welcome signs
3. Spaces where people can get information on what is happening in Alva, Notice Board etc.



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## **R6 Events Parking**

Temporary parking for events.

The following ideas are recommended as part of delivering the objectives on event parking.

Project Ideas:

1. Explore provision for temporary event parking alongside Park Street as part of looking at the parking strategy for Alva.
2. Temporary 'grasscrete' surface used for parking for community events, eg. Alva Games or sports events. Potential for community space / weekend market etc. when not required for parking.
3. Explore permits – free parking for residents; fees for non-resident parking – local economy gets the benefit of the cost – part of a strategy for Alva regeneration.
4. Improve walking routes from parking / events to main street for pedestrians, safe routes, lighting etc.



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Supporting information:

→ <https://www.ads.org.uk/a-park-for-cars-resource-published/>

### **R7 Doctor's Surgery growth**

Enlarge doctor's surgery to cater for population growth (and reduce need for car trips to Tullibody.)

### **Health Facilities**

The following ideas are recommended as part of delivering the objectives on improving access to health facilities.

Project Ideas:

1. Invest time in understanding the service and health needs of the community.
2. Explore options to retain the existing health centre and provide an annexe of health services within a new community services building at the Glentana Mill site.
3. Discuss with NHS Forth Valley / Alva Medical Practice to explore options within wider area relative to need.



Supporting information:

- [https://www.ads.org.uk/health\\_design\\_advice/](https://www.ads.org.uk/health_design_advice/)
- <https://www.ads.org.uk/pulse-projects/>

## R8 Public Toilets

Provide public toilets via CDT project in the pavilion to rear of Cochrane Hall.

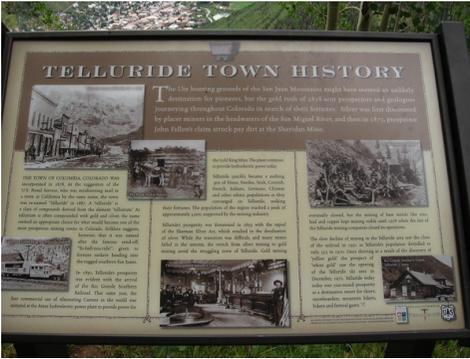
The following ideas are recommended as part of delivering the objectives on public toilets.

Project Ideas:

1. Work with existing community initiatives (Alva Development Trust) to explore potential to upgrade current facilities within Cochrane Park.

<p><b>R9 Indoor Play</b></p> <p>Provide for indoor play e.g., soft play</p>	<p>The following ideas are recommended as part of delivering the objectives on indoor play.</p> <p>Project Ideas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Investigate opportunities for incorporating indoor play within Glentana Mill, Cochrane Hall and / or other public buildings within Alva.</li></ol> <p>Supporting information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ <a href="https://www.playscotland.org/">https://www.playscotland.org/</a></li><li>→ <a href="http://aplaceinchildhood.org/">http://aplaceinchildhood.org/</a></li></ul>
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## 4 Recommendations and actions for Civic

<b>Recommendations &amp; Actions</b>  When considering development, the following objectives should be taken into account	<b>Additional Supporting Information and Views of Success</b>
<b>C1 Local History Museum/shop/café</b>  Build on surviving heritage and local history to showcase local identity for residents and visitors, e.g. reinstate museum in Glentana Mill, heritage trail, gift shop, interpretation boards, cafe.	<b>Local events</b>  The following ideas are recommended as part of delivering the objectives on building local identity.  <b>Project Ideas:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Explore how to create stories for a trail of the town bringing its heritage to the forefront.</li> <li>2. This could be part of a wider town strategy to create more positive stories of Alva. This could be shown in artwork for example.</li> <li>3. More events to encourage communities to mix (new and old). Be open to new ideas.</li> <li>4. More local shops and cafes</li> </ol>  <p><i>"Telluride, Colorado Town History" by Ken Lund is licensed under CC BY-SA 2.0</i></p>

## C2 Outdoor Education

Build on the natural history and the attractiveness of Alva to develop outdoor education opportunities such as mountain bike trails in Alva Glen and wetlands.

The following ideas are recommended as part of delivering the objectives on outdoor education.

### Project Ideas:

1. Involve pupils in decision making. Speak to pupils to create a brief for outdoor learning through participation. Participation can provide a strong mandate for change. It can help gather evidence of how school users want to learn and teach, and can be a key to understanding the needs of the community.
2. Explore the development of partnerships and relationships with community groups, organisations and local businesses that offer potential for real-life contexts for learning.
3. Explore potential for enriched learning experiences by utilising space within and outwith the school, and seeing opportunities for learning in the process of developing outdoor space.
4. Build confidence and progression in learning beyond the school and create flexibility in the timetable to embed potential outdoor learning.



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*"Paradise Royale Mountain Bike Trail System in California" by mypubliclands is licensed under CC BY 2.0*

Supporting information:

→ <https://www.ads.org.uk/outdoor-learning-the-extended-classroom/>

### **C3 Crime Prevention**

Strengthen actions to address crime and antisocial behaviour in some housing areas, parks and off- road routes e.g. CCTV.

### **Safe and Secure**

Ensuring routes feel safe, especially for women will encourage people to use them more. Clear signage, lighting and natural surveillance are key features of attractive routes that connect well foster connectivity. The following ideas are recommended as part of delivering the objectives on improving safety and mitigating against antisocial behaviour.

Project ideas:

1. Work with the community to identify key locations that cause key concerns regarding safety due to the lack of natural surveillance and poor lighting
2. Explore how to have more targeted CCTV in specific locations, neighbourhood watch etc.



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#### **C4 Safe Routes**

Improve safety along key active travel routes: better lighting in parks, along cycle paths.

More ideas are recommended as part of delivering the objectives on improving safety.

Project ideas:

1. Explore how to create good lighting to help reduce anti-social behaviour/perceived problem areas by enhancing their use. (i.e., making more of the local park for evening use if it currently experiences antisocial behaviour at dark.
2. Explore how to improve overall street lighting and park/open space lighting.
3. Explore locations for speed cameras



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## C5 Vacant and Derelict Buildings and Land

Repair derelict buildings and improve vacant land, which is having a detrimental impact on impressions of Alva and attractiveness to visitors.

## Vacant land and buildings

The impact of a vacant site that has gone into disrepair can have a detrimental effect on the attractiveness of a place and how it can be perceived by visitors. It will be advantageous to explore ways to improve vacant and derelict sites with temporary interventions such as stalled spaces or community use and buildings that have gone into disrepair and looking at different ways to mitigate their negative impact. The following ideas are recommended as part of delivering the objectives on improving vacant and derelict buildings and land.

Project ideas:

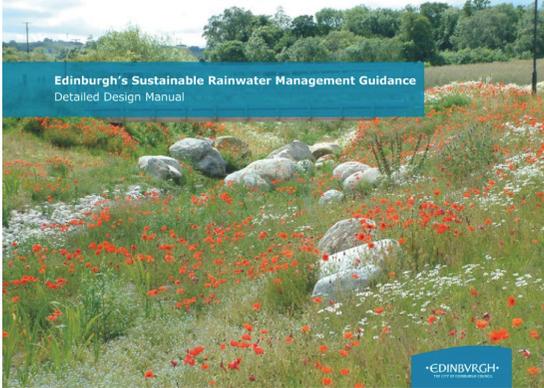
1. Audit of vacant land and its impact on the local community.
2. Feasibility studies to explore options to improve the visual amenity of the vacant site.
3. Review properties falling into disrepair, investigate enhancement along with a program of retrofitting to improve building fabric and energy efficiency.



Supporting information:

- [Stalled Spaces Scotland – A&DS \(ads.org.uk\)](https://www.stalledspaces.scot.nhs.uk/)
- <https://www.landcommission.gov.scot/>

## 5 Recommendations and actions for developing stewardship

<b>Recommendations &amp; Actions</b>	<b>Additional Supporting Information and Views of Success</b>
<p>When considering development, the following objectives should be taken into account</p> <p><b>S1 Surface Repairs and Flooding</b></p> <p>Repair roads, pavements and path surfaces and address flooding at Carnaughton Burn and playground.</p>	<p>Surface water management can have a significant effect on how a place functions day to day. With more increased rainfalls local flooding can impact on traffic, walkability of a place and its bike networks. Opportunities to address this with nature-based solutions and combine grey, green and blue infrastructure are encouraged.</p> <p>Project ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore options for river restoration and new planting along Carnaughton Burn to alleviate fluvial and pluvial flooding, improve biodiversity and to create an attractive new blue/green corridor through Cochrane Park.</li> <li>• Explore opportunities for surface improvement to walking and cycling routes within parks, play areas, open spaces and at Alva Glen as identified in consultation to provide inclusive and accessible routes for all, carrying out further consultation as required to identify barriers for access for wheelies, buggies and the mobility impaired.</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>

	<p>Supporting information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <a href="https://scotland.landscapeinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Water-Management-Vision-Final-Final-25-11-2020.pdf">City of Edinburgh vision for water management https://scotland.landscapeinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Water-Management-Vision-Final-Final-25-11-2020.pdf</a></li> <li>→ <a href="#">City of Edinburgh Council Sustainable Rain Water Management Guide 2019</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>S2 Public Realm Maintenance</b></p> <p>Strengthen maintenance and management of the public realm: litter picking, dog fouling, bus shelter cleanliness, overgrowth.</p>	<p>Well maintained streets that are well designed encourage people to use them. Streets that are dirty, have broken lights or benches foster a feeling of being in a place that is not “looked after”. This can impact on how people perceive and judge a place.</p> <p>Project ideas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make the main street inviting to people, get Alva connected to tourism, social enterprise support, more public toilets.</li> </ol>
<p><b>S3 Community Empowerment</b></p> <p>Transparent community participation in planning local improvements including clearer sight from planning to delivery.</p>	<p>The analysis shows that Alva has a strong sense of community and involving the community in the decision-making process for their place is paramount. Building on community ideas and suggestions on how a place should change will ensure future plans are bounded in local needs and desires.</p> <p>Project ideas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue the current pathfinder project as a partnership between the Alva community and Clackmannanshire Council to evolve a Place Plan for Alva that is fully endorsed by the community for the community.</li> <li>2. Continue to invest time in understanding the community and the needs of the community.</li> <li>3. Explore how to create a few separate community groups and keep the demographic of these groups mixed to ensure more even responses.</li> <li>4. Explore ways to get young people to take part in local decisions.</li> <li>5. Re-run a Place Standard consultation each 5 years to assess progress with initiatives.</li> </ol> <p>Supporting information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <a href="https://www.placestandard.scot">Free to use community consultation tool https://www.placestandard.scot</a></li> </ul>

	<p>→ For ideas on how to work together as a community and bring local derelict and underused buildings and land back into productive use see A&amp;DS's stalled spaces toolkit <a href="https://www.ads.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Stalled-Spaces-Scotland_Toolkit.pdf">https://www.ads.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Stalled-Spaces-Scotland_Toolkit.pdf</a></p> <p>→ National standard for community engagement <a href="https://www.scdc.org.uk/what/national-standards">https://www.scdc.org.uk/what/national-standards</a></p>
<p><b>S4 Local Service Portal</b></p> <p>Create an interactive hub linked to local service providers with information such as activities, events, access to advice (e.g. mental health) and communication of issues (e.g. touch screen, online, social media).</p>	<p>Integrating services and information in one location that is easily accessible by foot or bike will minimise the need to travel further by car. When considering service provision, look to incorporate as many complementary services as possible into the same building/space.</p> <p>Project ideas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consider opportunities to integrate a hub into the regenerated Glentana Mill building as part of a suite of community services provision.</li> <li>2. Explore potential to relocate the Alva Community Access Point to a more central location.</li> <li>3. Expand the role of the portal to include information on local clubs, societies, groups and events to increase awareness of what Alva has on offer and to revitalise interaction amongst groups.</li> </ol>



**NAME: AMAYA**

**AGE: 14**

*“I would like more for teenagers to do.”*

### WHO AM I?

I have lived in Alva since I was 5. I live with my Mum and Dad and younger brother, who is 9.

### MY SOCIAL & FAMILY LIFE

When I was little, there seemed to be more to do here, than there is now. We could go to the park to play with friends.

There isn't much to do here for teenagers and my parents don't really like me going out to see friends after school, as there is sometimes trouble caused by the kids who are hanging around.

At the weekend we quite often do activities as a family, like going swimming, or to the cinema, in Stirling. I like being with my Mum and Dad and brother but as I get older, I'd like to be able to do more things with just my friends.

### MY HOME & LOCAL AREA

I like our house and being next to the hills. I think that the main street looks a bit old and scruffy though and would like more businesses to open that cater for young people.

### MY MEDIA USE & SERVICE PREFERENCES

Through the pandemic it has been difficult being away from my friends but I really enjoy school and our lessons at home have been good. My Mum and Dad have been working from home, too but they have still managed to spend a lot of time helping me and my brother with our work, too.

I love watching Netflix and playing on my Switch.

### MY CONCERNS, DREAMS & ASPIRATIONS

I would really like to go to university, although I'm not sure what subject that I would like to study, just yet. I think that Glasgow is top of my list. It's really exciting when we go shopping there – there are so many places to go! I went to see Ariana Grande at the Hydro, too, which was amazing.

I think that I would be really happy living there.

### THREE THINGS THAT I'D LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN IN ALVA

1. More things for teenagers to do.
2. Shops and cafes on the main street that appeal to young people.
3. Some initiatives to help improve the environment and to tackle Climate Change.



**NAME: JOE**

**AGE: 32**

*“Alva is a great point of access to the hills.”*

### WHO AM I?

I am a mature student at the University of Stirling.

Although my accommodation is in Stirling itself, I often travel to Alva, as I frequently use it as a base for access to the hills.

### MY SOCIAL & FAMILY LIFE

When I decided to go back to university as a mature student, one of the main draws in moving to Scotland was my love of hill walking and other outdoor pursuits.

The accessibility to the Highlands from Stirling is great and I have built a friendship circle around this.

When we are not venturing further afield we often head to the Ochils and the surrounding area.

### MY HOME & LOCAL AREA

I currently live in Purpose Built Student Accommodation.

It wouldn't have been my first choice, I chose that more for convenience and to hopefully make it easier to meet people. I've no complaints, though. The facilities are brand new and really well managed and my studio flat at least gives me my own space, when I want it.

### MY MEDIA USE & SERVICE PREFERENCES

A lot of my week is centred around screen time, whether university work, or socialising with friends and family back home. We have very good connectivity via the University's network.

In my spare time, I try my best to get away from my devices and into the fresh air.

### MY CONCERNS, DREAMS & ASPIRATIONS

I have really enjoyed the time that I have spent up here. With the pandemic, I have been hugely fortunate to have had the ability to continue enjoying my leisure pursuits in the surrounding area.

I would definitely consider staying in the area, if I can find employment once I've graduated.

### THREE THINGS THAT I'D LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN IN ALVA

1. Better facilities for visitors to the town and more businesses based around outdoor activities.
2. More places to get some food on an evening, at the end of a day's activity, would be great.
3. Development of more homes that might suit me and others in my demographic.

## 2.2 Tools for Implementation

### SMART Objectives & Logic model

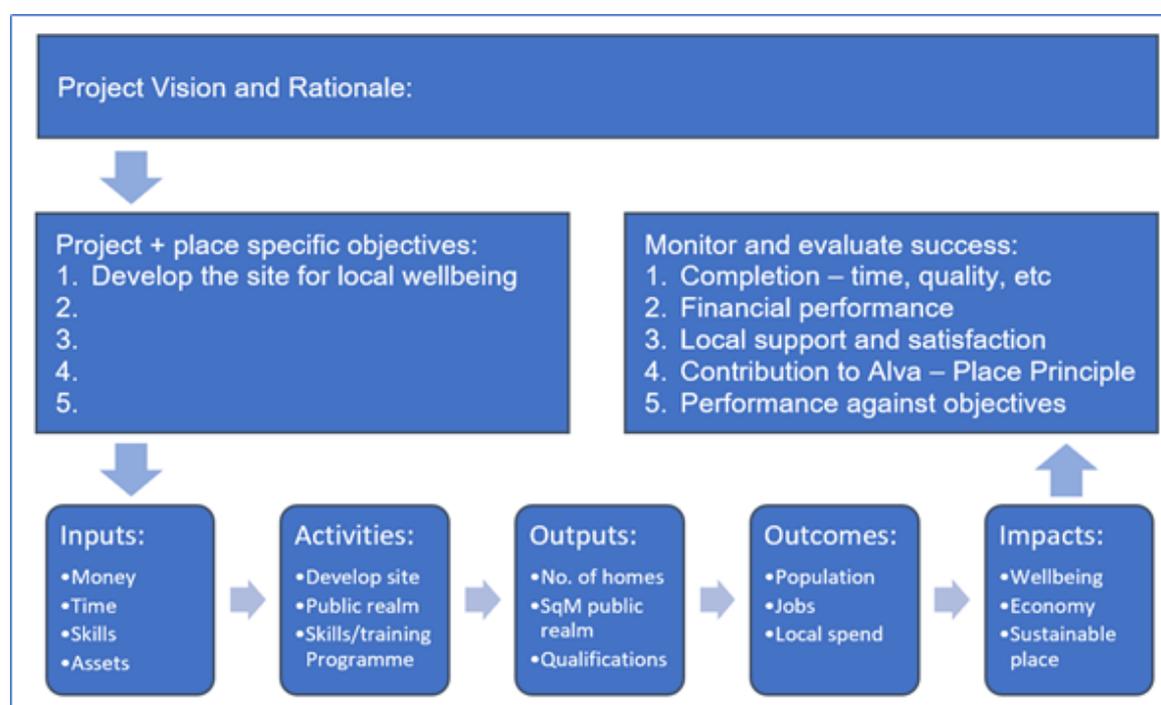
Once the rationale and need have been clearly defined, a logic model approach could be adopted in tandem with a small number of SMART objectives – an example for Glentana Mill might be:

- Objective 1: develop the site in a way that contributes to the social, economic and community wellbeing of Alva
- Objective 2: XXX
- Objective 3: XXX
- Objective 4: XXX
- Objective 5: XXX

To retain clarity and focus, no more than five objectives are recommended – these should distil the core rationale for the project.

	Specific	Measurable	Achievable	Realistic	Timebound
Obj 1 Develop the site	Deliver a housing development for elderly people	Deliver xxx new homes	Deliver in partnership with xxx	Local demand confirmed	Start: QxxYxx Complete: xx
Obj2 xxx					
Obj3 xxx					
Obj4 xxx					
Obj 5 xxx					

An example of a logic model for development of Glentana Mill might include:



**Design Statement - Guidance (ADS)**

This Design Statement is intended as a visual reference and guide for the Council to help understand some of the key principles for the development of Alva. It sets out recommendations and actions, derived from a Place Standard consultation with the community in Alva in 2020, supported by additional information and some views of what success might look like.

### **Action Plan - Template (Clackmannanshire Council)**

The purpose of this document is as a working document and template allowing a range of council services and agencies to work together to identify current, planned or otherwise feasible projects capable of being delivered in a 1 year, 5 year or 10 year timeframe. This would be reviewed and developed over time.

The Action Plan has been partially completed by council officers and needs to be further developed more broadly across council services.

# ACTION PLAN FOR ALVA - SHEET 1 OF 5

Theme

Vision

## MOVEMENT

Improve the movement network in and around Alva to maximise opportunities for active travel and access to sustainable transport.

Ref	Title	Description	Actionable Now 1 year timeframe	Actionable Short Term 5 year timeframe	Actionable Medium Term 10 year timeframe
M 1	<b>Active Travel Routes</b>	Build on and extend the general walking and cycling accessibility of services in Alva for residents including: improved walking routes through the parks and towards the Glen, direct links for the Glentana Mill site into the cycle path network, safer walking and cycle access routes for children and to/from schools and possible cycle lane along the high street.			
M 2	<b>Mobility Access</b>	Improve mobility access with wider network of accessible routes, road crossings, improved surfaces and dropped kerbs.			
M 3	<b>Pedestrian Experience</b>	Improve pedestrian accessibility and attractiveness of town centre with priority junctions, more crossings, improved lighting, better surface maintenance and reduced flooding - to make active travel a more attractive option for accessing shops, bus stops and local services.			
M 4	<b>Active Travel Hub</b>	Consider active travel hub at Glentana Mill site at nexus of walking and cycle routes, a town centre gateway for visitors, incorporating, e.g. cycle parking, visitor information, access to electric bike hire.			
M 5	<b>Parking Management</b>	Reduce parking congestion on the high street and at school through high street transformation and including improved high street parking, safe high street crossings, enabling parking on south side and temporary events parking.			
M 6	<b>Transport Infrastructure</b>	Improve bus service attractiveness and sustainable transport modes, including improved coverage such as more direct/affordable travel to Alloa, Tullibody health centre and evening and weekend options to Stirling University.			

# ACTION PLAN FOR ALVA - SHEET 2 OF 5

Theme

Vision

## SPACE

Capitalise on Alva's access to natural space and enhance this to create high quality green spaces for recreation activities and outdoor spaces for play and enjoyment for people of all ages and in particular for children and older people.

Ref	Title	Description	Actionable Now	Actionable Short Term	Actionable Medium Term
			1 year timeframe	3 year timeframe	5 - 10 year timeframe
S 1	<b>Access to Nature</b>	Build on access to nature to improve Cochrane Park, Johnstone Park and Alva Glen and strengthen community and visitor accessibility.			
S 2	<b>Teenage Activities</b>	Provide new recreational activities for teenagers in parks and open spaces such as: pump track, zip line, bike park, nature trail, football for boys and girls, astro pitches, skate park, tennis and basketball.	Consultation with young women of Alva (through academy) to gather their views on recreational activity and needs. (Debbie)		
S 3	<b>Play for All</b>	Extend and improve outdoor play facilities in parks: activities for younger and disabled children, shelters/seats for parents and carers. Consider re- introducing popular play equipment such as slide, see- saw, putting green; both formal and informal or incidental facilities.			
S 4	<b>Gardens and Greening</b>	Provide more street greening and gardens incorporating elements such as street trees, hedges and bedding plants, community gardens and allotments.		Planned areas for wild gardens to encourage biodiversity.(Debbie)	
S 5	<b>Rest Stops</b>	Provide seats alongside key nodes and play areas. A cafe/kiosk.			

# ACTION PLAN FOR ALVA - SHEET 3 OF 5

Theme

Vision

## RESOURCES

Create a programme of uses in existing and new buildings in Alva to support a better quality of life for people and visitors. Improve community uses, health facilities, housing provision, local enterprise and visitor facilities.

Ref	Title	Description	Actionable Now	Actionable Short Term	Actionable Medium Term
			1 year timeframe	3 year timeframe	5 - 10 year timeframe
R 1	<b>Community Hub</b>	Provide new social space or community centre to bring groups in the town together - the idea of a hub with information, cafe and space for clubs, groups, health and fitness classes, a gym that is intergenerational, inclusive (e.g. of new and old residents, race, sexual identity, gender) was suggested.		Deliver CWB through developing a sustainable community ownership/social enterprise approach in partnership with CTSI. (Debbie)	
R 2	<b>Enterprise Hub</b>	Make a step change in provision, activities and opportunities for teenagers and young people. For example a hub with drop-in, vocational skills, business start-up, tools, computing, 3d printing, training, free wifi, food.	Would suggest more viable if linked to above. Need to think about an ongoing business model, e.g. charging for use but with differential rates for businesses, community groups etc. (Debbie)		
R 3	<b>High Street Regeneration</b>	Regenerate high street frontages and the local economy to fill vacant units and upper floors, building on interest expressed such as for cafe, restaurants, gym, community enterprise grocer, outlet for local craft makers, outlet for students work.	Love this – great CWB opportunities across whole timeframe. Same challenge around sustainability as hubs etc. Short term funding might be available through town centre funds etc but medium to long term viability will always be a challenge. (Debbie)		
R 4	<b>Gaps in Housing Need</b>	Build on quality of recent housing so far to meet local housing demand such as for more affordable family housing including for families with disabled needs, multi-generational housing, 'carbon neutral' housing/flats with better access to green space.	Examine local housing need, drawing on current plans and demographics of the area. Draw up plans of what the mix of affordable housing might look like, depending on other uses of the site. (Kate)		
R 5	<b>Visitor Gateway</b>	Establish arrival and welcome facilities to attract visitors and boost local economy.	Consider this as part of one of the above – multi-purpose to help build sustainability. (Debbie)		
R 6	<b>Events Parking</b>	Temporary parking for events.			
R 7	<b>Doctor's Surgery Growth</b>	Enlarge doctor's surgery to cater for population growth (and reduce need for car trips to Tullibody)			
R 8	<b>Public Toilets</b>	Provide public toilets via CDT project in the pavilion to rear of Cochrane Hall.	How would these be maintained? Again, CWB opportunity if combined with a hub? (Debbie)		
R 9	<b>Indoor Play</b>	Provide for indoor play e.g., soft play.	How would these be maintained? Again, CWB opportunity if combined with a hub? (Debbie)		

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**CIVIC**

Build on a sense of belonging and local identity by preserving heritage, local and natural history by repurposing key buildings and vacant / derelict properties, fostering civic pride and improving community safety.

Ref	Title	Description	Actionable Now	Actionable Short Term	Actionable Medium Term
			1 year timeframe	3 year timeframe	5 - 10 year timeframe
C 1	<b>Local History Museum/shop/cafe</b>	Build on surviving heritage and local history to showcase local identity for residents and visitors, e.g. reinstate museum in Glentana Mill, heritage trail, gift shop, interpretation boards, cafe.	Structural survey of the Glentana Mill building to ascertain if it is feasible to retain the building in any way. (Kate)		
C 2	<b>Outdoor Education</b>	Build on the natural history and the attractiveness of Alva to develop outdoor education opportunities such as mountain bike trails in Alva Glen and wetlands.			
C 3	<b>Crime Prevention</b>	Strengthen actions to address crime and antisocial behaviour in some housing areas, parks and off- road routes e.g. CCTV.			
C 4	<b>Safe Routes</b>	Improve safety along key active travel routes: better lighting in parks, along cycle paths.			
C 5	<b>Vacant and Derelict Buildings and Land</b>	Repair derelict buildings and improve vacant land, which is having a detrimental impact on impressions of Alva and attractiveness to visitors.	Vacant land at old 'Alva Glen Hotel' on Main Street is now being developed by a private developer for housing. (Kate)	Need to identify all these and ownership, possibilities for very much needed small industrial units. (Debbie)	

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## STEWARDSHIP

Implement improved collaboration between people in Alva and service providers; to maintain the quality and maintenance of public spaces affecting the community; creating a sustainable and resilient places.

Ref	Title	Description	Actionable Now 1 year timeframe	Actionable Short Term 3 year timeframe	Actionable Medium Term 5 - 10 year timeframe
S 1	<b>Surface Repairs and Flooding</b>	Repair roads, pavements and path surfaces and address flooding at Carnaughton Burn and playground.			
S 2	<b>Public Realm Maintenance</b>	Strengthen maintenance and management of the public realm: litter picking, dog fouling, bus shelter cleanliness, overgrowth.			
S 3	<b>Community Empowerment</b>	Transparent community participation in planning local improvements including clearer sight from planning to delivery.	As comments above, include communities in considering how these things will run and be sustained in the longer term without the likelihood of ongoing public funding. (Debbie)		
S 4	<b>Local Services Portal</b>	Create an interactive hub linked to local service providers with information such as activities, events, access to advice (e.g. mental health) and communication of issues (e.g. touch screen, online, social media).			



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