

Imagining Buchlyvie 2034

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Imagining 2034 Summary

Buchlyvie is a small community undergoing change - old ways are disappearing and new forms of community are emerging. There is growing recognition of and concern for climate change. The Buchlyvie Eco-group is recently established collectively by members of the community and Buchlyvie Kirk's Eco-congregation. The G63/Buchlyvie Food Hub and Upper Ballaird farm is making changes in food production, consumption and accessibility. In the last year, volunteers have reformed Buchlyvie's Community Council. The Burn Green area has become a 'village green' with new planters and benches. Red squirrel conservation is a local success story, as are the new Community Hub with a weekly community lunch and a weekly Youth Cafe. The youth and community hub are bringing members of the community together in new ways. The community spirit is bringing hope and momentum for change and attention for creating and implementing this development plan.

This project to "*Imagine Buchlyvie*" in 2034 is the first step in engaging our community in determining our collective priorities. Imagining Buchlyvie 2034 follows on from Buchlyvie's first '*Imagining*' plan developed in 2016 (NB: many of the 2016 actions are still relevant). During March 2024, 93 people participated in a community consultation to imagine a better future for Buchlyvie in 2034 in the context of climate change. This project is a foundation for Buchlyvie's future planning and development.

The timeframe and scope of this consultation was extremely limited due to funding and duration (one month). Of the 93 participants, no one from the 18-25 age group engaged in the consultation. Before plans are finalised a strong recommendation is to engage with the wider community on the priorities of this age group and others who are not represented geographically or demographically.

There are many challenges highlighted by this consultation. There have been missed opportunities: (1) to collaborate with Arnprior in the planning stages of Shelloch windfarm; (2) work with Forestry and Land Scotland on plans for Flanders Moss; (3) to progress an active travel route to Stirling; and (4) to assess any housing and infrastructure developments affecting the Buchlyvie; and (5) to co-ordinate village development in the context of a mutually agreed plan. Buchlyvie's young people especially have flagged up concerns with substance abuse prevalence, vandalism and the unsatisfactory state of Buchlyvie's communal spaces (the poor state of repair of the play park and multi-court and the flooding behind the school). The flooding is being exacerbated by more intense rainfall events. There is also no climate resilience plan and recognition that we have no warm place if there is a power outage, which is becoming more likely with recent storms.

Buchlyvie is a small community which struggles with capacity to deliver community events, projects and governance. Imagining Buchlyvie 2016 was delivered in partnership with Arnprior. Many of the missed opportunities involve partnership working. Buchlyvie's community development should not be considered in geographic isolation.

The priorities highlighted in the workshops and surveys represent a list of the greatest needs identified by those who participated. The priorities create benefits for the community and climate. However, many voices were silent and, therefore, the results of Imagining Buchlyvie 2034 should represent the start of a deeper discussion for our community's development.

Most of the priorities identified have connections with other projects and so benefits and ways to tackle these priorities are interdependent. For each project interdependencies, consequences for community, environment and climate should be assessed. Understanding the underlying principles for our community's development is a way of assessing projects and building strategies for change.

Transport, mobility and connectivity

- **Reliable frequent bus service / DRT to connect to ALL local villages and cities**
- **Village paths - circular with art and sculpture; Culbowie to Whiteleys, Harmony Fields**
- **Safer A811 and Station Road – install speed cameras and Montgomery Place safe crossing**
- **Active travel routes to Arnprior, Balfron, Drymen, Glasgow and Stirling**
- Local electric car share / car hire
- Lift-share communication platform for parent taxis, supermarket runs and hospital visits

Governance, planning and inclusion

- Investigate partnership with Arnprior and possible development trust
- Environmental plan to enhance and steward local environment
- Engage all age groups / backgrounds for community development
- Investigate alleged substance abuse problem and associated vandalism
- Create community housing plan
- Fund-raise for BCC / community development
- Local economy and tourism strategy

Local economy, food, services and climate resilience

- Plan for local economy : local food and services; time bank / barter system and circular economy
- Promote local food development (Flanders Rest, Food Hub, Upper Ballaird).
- Skills hub and local flexible workspaces with collaboration tools (e.g. in village hall)
- Create climate resilience community plan for emergency weather events eg. generator at hall etc.
- Increase local food outlets (primary school pupils desperate for a chippy or McDonalds)
- Improve telehealthcare and local health services
- Tourism strategy
- Garden share and allotments

Young people

- After school club
- Wild spaces for young people to explore and play (more trees)
- Sheltered spaces for young people to hang-out
- **Tackle alleged substance abuse and vandalism**
- **Engage all age groups / backgrounds for community development**
- Provide out-of-school child-care

Village infrastructure and facilities

- **Repair and upgrade play park (boulder, safety surface, swings, etc.)**
- **Re-surface (astroturf) and re-fence multicourt**
- **Enhance village hall to create multi-purpose venue (layout, facilities, more office space)**
- **Sort out flooding by school**
- Plan safe parking spaces for residents and local businesses
- Care home, sheltered housing and local care provision
- Outdoor exercise spaces for older people
- Community activities (carnival, music in hall, youth hub, strength and balance, exercise and sewing classes)
- Improve the pub
- Community compost

Renewable energy, housing and technology

- **District heating**
- **Community insulation and retro-fit**
- Community housing development plan – houses sized to meet occupancy, super-insulated, transition to sheltered housing and care home as required
- Community renewable energy supply
- Affordable broadband for all

Environment

- **Environmental plan to enhance and steward local environment and assess environmental risks** (invasive plants (Japanese Hogweed), deer, sea-gulls)
- **More woodland areas / trees**
- **Work with Forestry and Land Scotland**
- **Continue enhancing Burn Green (village green)**
- **Resolve flooding**

Recommendations and next steps

Buchlyvie is a small village with limited capacity and high community spirit. Our community is connected to others in west Stirlingshire, providing opportunities for collaboration and development. It is recommended that the community comes together with others to agree principles to inform Buchlyvie's and this area of west Stirlingshire's development and explore more deeply the connections between priorities to create strategic groups of projects. The building of consensus by agreeing principles and strategies and the inclusion of more voices will ultimately inform the order and way in which these initial Imagining 2034 actions are progressed. Agreed strategies and principles held collectively by our community create a strong mandate for funding and progress.

- Share these Imagining Buchlyvie 2034 findings with our community, recognising this is the start of the conversation
- Secure funding for the next steps: the most effective way to facilitate and promote Buchlyvie's development is to secure a dedicated community project development officer
- Embark on stage II -
 - develop guiding principles to underlie our community's development and inform projects to take forward
 - create strategies for action (consider the connections, expectations, outcomes and urgency for projects) - recommend formation of working groups for particular topics or general themes
 - engage voices that have not yet participated and build consensus
- Build strong partnerships and collaborations to influence change in west Stirlingshire area (neighbouring villages, especially Arnprior, Forestry and Land Scotland, Carse of Stirling Partnership). Given Buchlyvie's small population size and wider geography of many projects (e.g. paths, renewable energy) consider how to create capacity for community governance and voluntary service, through working in partnership with other villages
- Achieve community support and funding to progress high priority projects, evaluate progress regularly in line with the principles and strategic priorities and celebrate success

1. Introduction to the 2024 consultation

In 2016 residents imagined new futures for Buchlyvie and Arnprior. A planning timeframe of ten years was used to move away from the 'short-termism' of five year plans. The exercise formed part of Lateral North's Possible Scotland programme. Eight years on, Buchlyvie's new Community Council felt it was time to revisit the 2016 plan. This report summarises what has been achieved since 2016 and a description of the community today.

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Ninety-three people fed into the community consultation held during March 2024: workshops on 5th and 9th March had a total of 35 participants; the primary school workshop involved 36 pupils; 16 villagers responded to an online survey; and six others responded informally.

In the first section of this document is a detailed description of Buchlyvie in 2024. This was collated through local knowledge and social media and could form the basis for an online village directory in future.

The second section of the document contains a review of the plan developed in 2016 from 'Imagining Buchlyvie 2026'. Many of the actions have now been completed, despite the loss of the Community Council for several years and the restrictions of the COVID pandemic. Many of the priorities remain and notably the highest priority in 2016, active travel routes, has not made any progress.

The third section collates the findings of the 2024 consultation: their experience of community; what people value about Buchlyvie; what needs to be improved; and priorities for action. The table in this section contains likely benefits for the community and for reducing climate impacts.

The appendices contain survey narratives, climate concerns and a summary of neighbouring villages plans, and development proposals relevant to Buchlyvie (Flanders Moss peat bog, active travel routes and commercial windfarms).

2. Buchlyvie in 2024

Buchlyvie is a community south of Flanders Moss in West Stirlingshire and lies in the Forth Valley in the River Forth catchment. Buchlyvie lies along the A811 between Stirling and Balloch. The area has been inhabited for millennia, evidenced by the presence of a broch to the east of Buchlyvie. Buchlyvie is surrounded by farmland, farmed for a mix of grazing and arable production. There are large Christmas tree and dairy farms to the south-west of Buchlyvie. The land to the north of Buchlyvie is owned by the Forestry Commission and is being restored to lowland peat bog. The remainder of the land to the north and east has been cleared of peat and is used mainly for grazing.

Clubs in 2024

- Football Club
- Toddlers
- Hall
- Scottish Women's Institute
- Gardening Club
- Parent Council
- Eco-Group
- Youth Cafe
- Pilates
- Fitness
- Summer ice
- Lesser Hall
- Community hub
- Community Council
- U3A (20th March Buchlyvie History)
- Buchlyvie Wildlife Garden
- Buchlyvie 10K

Facilities and Businesses

- Butchers closed and replaced by Tandoori and Pizza take-away
- New cafe in the lay-by replacing the mobile cafe
- Garage upgraded and continues to offer petrol and car servicing
- Arnprior Pumpkins employing local young people
- Duff Christmas Trees expanding
- Buchlyvie Inn renamed as Buchlyvie Tavern
- McGuffy's landscaping expanded
- Relocation of Harmony Fields (formerly Glendrick Roost) to Buchlyvie Mains Farm
- New tourism development planned at Buchlyvie Mains
- New Food Hub CIC based in the Lesser Hall
- Mobile post office opening times reduced
- Loss of B&B on Main Street and Station Road
- New self-catering accommodations at Claymires, Rachel's Farm, Ballochneck

2024 active enterprises

- Church
- Village Hall
- School
- Medical Centre
- Pub
- Village shop
- Hairdressers (two) and beauty therapy
- Take-away / Tandoori
- Pottery and Cafe (temporarily closed)
- Micro deli and takeaway with public rest room facilities
- Building services - Painters, joiners, plasterers, electrician, tiling
- Gardeners / landscapers - design and maintenance
- Mobile post office
- Mobile bank
- Mobile fish van
- Garage
- Art gallery
- EV Charging Points
- Recycling cardboard point
- Buses / public transport
- Fibre broadband
- Sanctuary for people and animals
- Clothing repair / reuse
- Artists, photographers, film-makers and craft-makers

- Health and fitness: pilates, Bowen technique, Old surgery health clinics, podiatry, keep-fit, massage
- Buses
- Driving instructor
- Mobile library
- Bike and ski workshop
- Market garden
- Local food hub
- Dairy, livestock and arable farming
- Christmas trees
- Social and environmental research and consultancy
- Arboriculture
- Business consultancy and accounting services
- Tutoring, education and child-minding
- Visitor accommodation (bothy, B&B and self-catering)
- Village newspaper

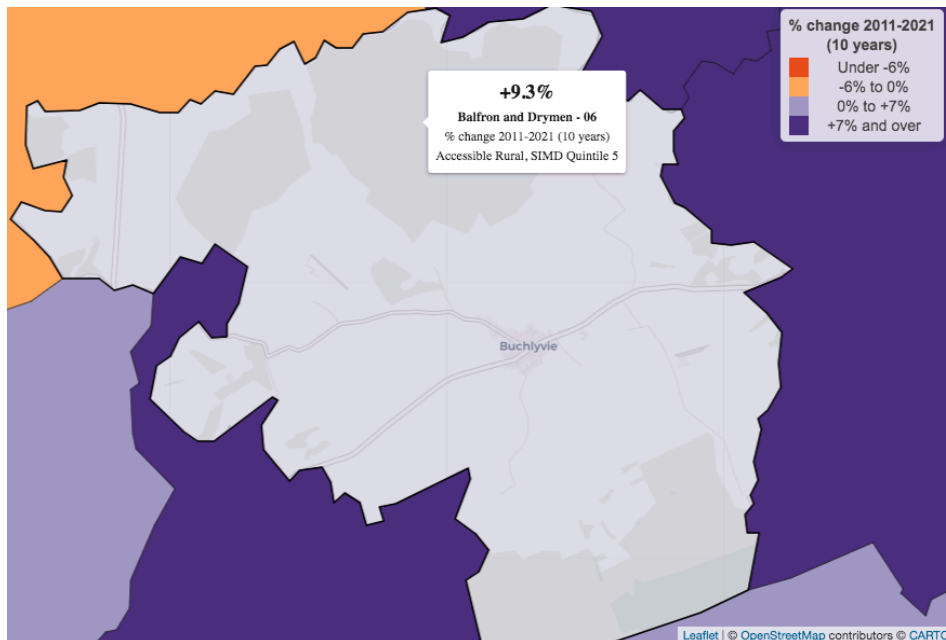
Communication channels

- Buchlyvie Banter (Facebook page)
- Buchlyvie Parent Council & Primary School (Facebook page)
- Buchlyvie Bulletin
- Village notice-boards: bus stop, village hall, shop, medical centre

Population and statistics

Buchlyvie centre in 2012 was ranked as in the 10 smallest communities in Scotland with a population of 530 (National Records of Scotland, 2014, Mid-2012 Population Estimates for Settlements and Localities in Scotland). This included only central village post-codes in the population estimate. A more recent population count includes properties up to Ward Toll, Culbowie and to the west of Garden (see figure 1 datazone S01013014) had a 2021 population of 786, of which 24% are over 65 (National Records of Scotland, 2022, Mid-2021 Small Area Population Estimates for 2011 Data Zones). This represents an 9.3% increase over the last 10 years.

Figure 1 Balfron and Drymen 06 Datazone Boundary



Buchlyvie Post-Codes (within Buchlyvie datazone S01013014)

FK8 3LP	Main Street	FK8 3NJ	Baron Court
FK8 3LR	Main Street	FK8 3NQ	Burnside Terrace
FK8 3LS	Culbowie Road	FK8 3NR	Claymires / east Buchlyvie
FK8 3LT	Main Street	FK8 3NS	Heights Road
FK8 3LU	Main Street	FK8 3NT	Heights Road
FK8 3LX	Main Street	FK8 3NU	Oxhill

FK8 3LY	Mye Road	FK8 3NX	Ballamenoch
FK8 3LZ	Easter Mye Road	FK8 3NY	Culbowie Road
FK8 3NA	Station Road	FK8 3NZ	Whiteleys
FK8 3NB	Station Road	FK8 3PA	Cashley / west Buchlyvie
FK8 3ND	Fisher Place	FK8 3PB	Auchentroig
FK8 3NE	Station Road	FK8 3PD	Station Road beyond Mye Burn
FK8 3NF	Montgomery Place	FK8 3RZ	Ward Toll and Offerance
FK8 3NH	Culbowie Crescent	G63 0QY	Wester Auchentroig

Local environment and infrastructure actions and changes

Pre 2016

- In 2006-2016 new core paths implemented
- Major tree felling and peat bog restoration at Flanders Moss
- Play park upgraded and path installed
- Fields at Auchentroig / Balwill turned over to Christmas Tree farming
- Outdoor waiting room at medical centre developed
- Wildlife garden and apple orchards planted
- Invasive Giant Hogweed appearing
- Red squirrel sightings rare
- Pine martens likely to have culled grey squirrels

2016-2024

- New market garden at Upper Ballaird
- Path at Burn Green and Burn Green developed
- New developments planned at Mains of Buchlyvie
- Relocation of Harmony Fields to Buchlyvie
- Invasive Giant Hogweed now established and spreading at all water courses and along railway track
- Red squirrel project local success story
- Pine martens established in Buchlyvie area
- Fields developed for housing at Cashley
- Continued peat bog restoration at Flanders Moss

Buchlyvie's geography



Image: Google Maps / Terrametrics 2024

3. Developments since and achievements of the 2016 plan

Buchlyvie's 2016 action plan was developed as part of the Possible Scotland project facilitated by Lateral North and members of Buchlyvie Community Council. Over two workshops with a large number of villagers in attendance, the past, present and future of Buchlyvie was considered. The geography of place was used as a catalyst for discussion and led to the development of a pictorial plan, still *in situ* in the village hall and used for the 2024 workshop.

Pre-2016

Buchlyvie was described as having a 'Fantastic community spirit'. In 1997, 11 local groups used to book the Village Hall. The Children and Old Folks committee organised over 10 events annually, e.g. summer trips. There was an annual panto, whist drives, badminton and bridge. The two pubs were the centre of the community.

2016 findings

Buchlyvie was described as '*the perfect place to live*'. In the previous decade there had been a decline in community activities. Four local groups booked the village hall. The Children and Old Folks committee organised only three events annually (partly due to changes in the law and the introduction of disclosures). One pub had closed.

Changes since 2016

In 2024, eleven local groups book the village hall. The Children and Old Folks no longer exists. The Community Council was in abeyance for three years and only reinstated in 2023. One pub remains renamed as the Tavern 1851. The school roll has dropped by almost 50% (73 to 38). A reasonable number of children attend schools in other villages.

Prior -ity	Action in 2016	Description of actions	Description of achievements / developments
1	Cycle / walking paths	Develop a Stirling to the West cycle route; Complete the Buchlyvie to Arnprior cycle and walking path; Create cycle and walking paths to Balfron and Drymen – link with CR7	Connecting Communities West Stirlingshire informal group created. Liaison with farmers along Stirling to Arnprior route. Possible crossing of Mye Burn identified but no access to Arnprior. Stirling Council reluctant to pursue. Nature Scotland long term priority to create this active travel route
2	Broadband	Achieve fibre-speed broadband for all	2017 - 2020 broadband connectivity pursued with Council. Fibre available to Buchlyvie. May have to pay to have installed. Main Street has 'black spots'. Not ultra fast.
3	Redevelop hall	Redevelop hall – investigate feasibility for: a community hub; early years' nursery / before-and after-school childcare; business hub / hot desk facility; retail outlets; ultra-modern and low running costs	Lesser Hall leased to local artist and Food Hub CIC. New curtains, painted, new sound system and screen. Refurbished the clock and weathervane. Wifi installed. Tower is in need of urgent repair.
4	Community renewable energy	Identify sites and technology for energy generation - hydro and biogas	No action taken forward

Prior-ity	Action in 2016	Description of actions	Description of achievements / developments
5=	Tele-healthcare	Enable consultations for Forth Valley non-surgical appointments to be held in Buchlyvie; investigate technology required	COVID has changed NHS appointment delivery. Possibly still scope to provide video appointments in Buchlyvie for those without internet - tbc.
5=	Community transport and buses	Sort out buses! Develop a community transport strategy with: affordable and more frequent and environmentally friendly public transport into Stirling; make buses take bikes and be properly accessible; electric vehicles and car sharing between villages.	X10 route to Glasgow Stirling has been extended to Sunday, but currently service under threat Electric car charging points available. No action on car or lift sharing. DRT limited.
7=	Child-care and nursery	Establish wider childcare provision/ service in Buchlyvie: nursery and before/after school	No centralised provision in Buchlyvie; only one child-minder with limited provision. Taxi to Gartmore / Gartmore after-school no longer available. Parents with child-care needs sending children to schools with after-school provision (e.g Balfron)
7=	Safe crossings and speed reduction	Prioritise speed reduction measures and safe crossing points	A811 pedestrian crossing implemented. Speeding still a problem but 20mph village speed limit on A811 to be implemented 2024-2025.
9	Housing demand	Assess need for additional housing and link with employment and care needs; Link any new housing developments with employment opportunities – multi-purpose development (e.g., care provision)	Only major housing development at Cashley since 2016. Rural housing developments at Flanders Moss, Cashley, Mains of Buchlyvie, Woodend and more planned near Ballochneck and on Balwill road
10 =	Youth hub	Create a youth hub / club	Youth cafe in place Feb 2024 for younger teenagers (facility available for but not used by older teenagers - S4+)
10 =	Employment and housing for young people	Identify actions to address gap between need and provision for housing and employment	Not done
12 =	Diversity, faith and inclusion	Engage all in community with projects; Build connections between school and community	Various initiatives ongoing in village - e.g. Annual Daffodil Tea Thursday lunch club, Burn Green group The Church initiated Buchlyvie eco-group through Eco-Congregation. Church achieved Bronze status and is reaching out to community on environmental issues. The school has been inviting older members of the community to afternoon tea events and special assemblies eg Scottish Poetry assembly.
12 =	Affordable electric / low carbon transport	Enable affordable electric and / or low carbon village transport in Buchlyvie – link with community energy strategy and electric recharging points	Charging points in village See community transport. Under 25's have free bus transport.

<i>Prior-ity</i>	<i>Action in 2016</i>	<i>Description of actions</i>	<i>Description of achievements / developments</i>
Medium priority projects			
14 =	Village directory	Create a directory of clubs, trades and services	Church provides on request a directory of basic services as part of a welcome pack for new residents. This is not a directory of local businesses. Full directory identified as a need in 2024.
14 =	Local care and respite	Deliver care services from local base; Create respite care and nursing facilities locally	Buchlyvie Medical Centre building is an at home care hub for Stirling Council care. Respite care provision requires review
14 =	Lunch club	Extend Balfron lunch club to Buchlyvie	Weekly lunch club on Thursdays
14 =	Arts, drama and music classes in the hall	Contract art, drama and music classes in the hall	No progress
14 =	Local history	Enliven local history –Drove roads, Kippen Muir, Rob Roy; Capture oral history in Buchlyvie museum and update annually	U3A due in Buchlyvie 20 March 2024 No progress
14 =	Adult activity gym	Create an adult activity gym	No progress
21 =	Food bank and healthy foods	Deliver a better selection of affordable healthy options available in Buchlyvie; Set-up emergency Buchlyvie Food Bank (possibility to use Church)	Open Food Network (formerly Neighbourfood) and Buchlyvie market garden now based in Buchlyvie Food bank run from Stirling. The Food Hub deliver nine boxes per week to local villages, some of which are delivered to Buchlyvie households. This is via pay it forward donations Community fridge available on Thursday and planning to be extended.
21 =	Village square	Identify and develop a space for a village square or green	Burn green now central green space of village
21 =	Dementia support	Set up dementia support project; Create lunch club	No progress
21 =	New signage for hall and play park	Install new signage	Play park signage developed
25 =	Electric pre-pay	Ensure there is an electric pre-pay service in Buchlyvie	Available at mobile post office (very limited visits per week)

Prior-ity	Action in 2016	Description of actions	Description of achievements / developments
25 =	Fuel poverty & carbon emissions	Replace all coal/anthracite heating with renewable heat technologies; Increase renewable heat technologies in housing; Increase energy efficiency of housing, especially Fisher Place; Explore potential for district heating systems; Explore potential for energy efficiency measures / co-operative purchasing	No progress
25 =	Young people engaged	Include young people in Imagining Buchlyvie and in community planning	No progress
25 =	Business strategy	Buchlyvie is good for business – identify industrial units / development options with new fast broadband; Create a marketing strategy for being a well-connected business hub; Generate local support for local businesses (Cross-selling? Regional marketing and distribution)	No progress
25 =	Co-operative business projects	Create lease-able co-operative outlets e.g. create a co-operative bakery / kitchen in the old butchers	No progress
30 =	Tourism strategy	Deliver tourism strategy: historical assets, places to stay, activities	No progress
30 =	Flanders Moss Liaison	Maximise opportunities for tourism and recreation; Create an open communication channel with the Forestry Commission; Understand and mitigate for impacts e.g for farmers, parking, etc.	No progress

4. Buchlyvie's vision and plan for the future

Buchlyvie is a community undergoing change - old ways are disappearing and new forms of community are emerging. The panto, Children and Old Folks, BCA, RNLI Art Show, and other community activities are long gone. Over COVID, despite the lack of Community Council, the community endeavour was strong, in part facilitated by the Minister, with support for those self-isolating and overall a community-wide commitment to supporting each other through exceptional circumstances. In 2016, there was reminiscing of the bustling commercial and retail businesses of the Main Street, now long gone.

In the 2024 workshops, memories focused on the recent past - the closure of the top pub, the butcher, the shrinkage of the primary school, loss of childcare facilities, the loss of the Community Council, but also in the last two years (in no particular order) the emergence of the Buchlyvie Eco-Group, the new local food initiative at Upper Ballaird, the establishment of Local Food Network in Buchlyvie, new artists in residence, upgrades of the village hall, the new crossing, the new Community Council, Harmony Fields, the continuation of BenView cafe and garden centre, the re-opening of the Pottery Shop, the Youth Cafe and the Community Hub.

A new-born community spirit, which is slowly engaging more aspects of the community, is growing through these initiatives. There is still a long way to go, but together they form a strong foundation for re-creating what people want in 2034.

Vision for Buchlyvie in 2034

Respondents articulated the following as their visions for Buchlyvie:

"A resilient community that looks after the most vulnerable and has anticipated and prepared for the worst effects of climate change and manages to flourish anyway. A good place to grow up. A place where it's easy to spend time outdoors and easy to meet up with people. A place where you don't need to travel far to get your basic needs met"

"Keep the community spirit and... have better facilities"

"An enlivened village, that encourages more of the community to come together for 'work' (attendance or involvement with the community council) as well as for fun activities."

"Vibrant and thriving community with homes insulated, connected active travel routes, a destination for the coffee shop and pub, a high quality pub, local transport and local food and other services"

"Teenagers who are happy. Who are having fun. Who have facilities designed for them so they can have fun." [Primary School pupil]

There are difficult challenges ahead - especially with regard to 'a good place to grow up'.

Description of Buchlyvie in 2024

The extent to which people feel included is very varied. The 18-25 age group were notably absent from the consultation and may reflect their degree of engagement in the community. Unsurprisingly, the list of issues raised by participants is longer than the positives. Nevertheless, comments are helpful and have fed into the development of priorities for 2034.

Community inclusion and how people feel

The experiences of 'community' for the majority surveyed are positive.

"There are lots of opportunities to be involved in the community"

"Lovely friendly village. I am very involved in the community"

"Everyone we have met has been very open, helpful and welcoming"

"I know there are people around who would help me with just about anything if I asked"

"[As an incomer in last 10 years] I do feel part of the community"

"A lovely wee village"

"the community spirit, highly"

"It's very friendly"

"I value the historic and natural environment"

"A village with lots going on"

"I am very involved in the community"

"A community that can come together for each other when really needed (pandemic)"

"Our current social hubs available to all residents are the weekly Buchlyvie community hub (a success story that is slowly building attendance)"

"I like Buchlyvie for being able to say hi to most people I know"

"The village's location in beautiful countryside; its easy access to towns, cities and waterways"

"I value its location where it allows me to work in a city, but live in a beautiful rural setting."

However, opinions are varied, illustrating differences in experiences of inclusion and engagement

"Buchlyvie is both 'closed' and tired, with an added sense of community having diminished (although there are 'green shoots' of life/activity returning)"

"Don't feel there is much of a community"

"I don't feel somewhat part of the community, and technically I am recognised, but I'm not completely in it"

"There is less community than there used to be because the people who helped out have passed away/are too busy"

"When the kids were attending the primary school, I felt more part of the community than I do now, now that they are at high school. We still have friends in the village, but do not attend any community events"

"Some of the community are always wanting changes, things, but don't actually support anything held in the village"

Buchlyvie's location near cities make it "...a commuter village... Many of its residents choose to reside but not engage/invest in community... Has it always been this way?"

There is a perception that some commuters don't engage with village activities and there is a reticence to volunteer.

Although there isn't any comparative data, the number of people home-working is likely to be much higher now than pre-COVID. The survey reflects this with **66%** of working age respondents **work in Buchlyvie / at home** at least part-time). Assuming this trend continues, this represents opportunities for engagement and to entice more to create a working-life in Buchlyvie and justification for enhancing community facilities and infrastructure for local workers.

"But do I feel part of the community? To a degree. Always the incomer, although tied to the village and 'knowing/not knowing' a good number of residents for many years. Sometimes it can be a really lonely place to live"

In terms of the Imagining Buchlyvie 2034, no one from the 18-25 age group and only two from the 12-17 age group engaged. This reflects the concern that the 15-25 age groups, who, with a handful of exceptions, are disengaged from village activities. The 12-17 age group is catered for with the Youth Cafe but no one 15 years and above engages.

What's good and should be taken forward

"The food hub is excellent... being able to buy meat and veg grown down the road is really important to me"

- The school is a great part of the community, as is the village hall.
- The village hub, youth cafe, food hub, etc, all bringing people together.
- Community Council has been good but need more members
- The community spirit
- The kids really benefit from the bus route, giving them independence which they really value.
- Access to the medical centre/friendly staff
- Asif's store delivering a good stock of provisions without having to access Stirling
- The development of the wildlife garden at Burn Green and at the park.
- The 'green shoots' of activity within the village
- The reintroduction/introduction of activities held in the hall – for example, baby and toddler group, dancercise, the community council and the youth cafe.
- The re-opening of the café.
- The well attended annual 10K.
- Saving of the current bus service
- Red squirrels in area and wildlife on Flanders Moss

"The vast majority of the points in the 2016 plan are still relevant"

Issues flagged by respondents and participants

Unsurprisingly, issues outweigh the positives. This may well just be a tendency for people to focus on negatives. The issues do give ideas for change. Here is the list flagged by respondents...

- Standard of the primary school - deteriorated over time and 50% reduction in school roll
- Repair activities required e.g. the steps down to the play park
- Perceived drugs and alcohol problem and associated vandalism in play park and school playground out of hours (the reputation of drugs that the younger generation now associate with Buchlyvie). The Primary school pupils were especially vocal in being fed up with vandalism by young adults
- Lack of suitable space for young adults to hang out
- Weather and the effects that it has on the local farming community
- An uninviting pub (both physically and emotionally); a pub that falls seriously short of community-spirit
- Roads - flooding due to blocked drains and ditches and potholes
- Flooding through village: School play park - culvert under the school has silted up and possibly insufficient for bigger storms occurring with climate change. Main Street - drains are blocked and serious flooding is inevitable, potentially flooding houses.
- Invasive plants - eg Japanese hogweed which is now endemic across the village locality, Mye Burn and Flanders Moss
- Lack of safe active travel routes connecting Buchlyvie to Balfron, Drymen, Arnprior, Glasgow and Stirling
- Cost of public transport for working age people
- Speed of traffic on Main Street and air pollution issues
- Not being recognised as a destination by visitors (both local and tourists) who stop for Buchlyvie's amenities (natural environment and commercial).
- Disrespectful/irresponsible dog owners who don't pick up after their dogs

- No salting of pavements in winter bottom of village
- The possible threat of losing vital bus services in the future.
- The remains of the nativity scene currently falling apart outside the hall.
- An out-dated and inefficient heating system in the hall.
- A projector that has been in disrepair for years, which could be used for cinema nights in the hall.
- That the majority of residents don't engage (but can be quick to offer criticism or a negative attitude from the 'sidelines').
- Fly-tipping (at the plot of land behind the flats next to the old Rob Roy)
- Plots in the village that have been vacant for many years – put it to use.
- The lack of action/decision-making from Stirling Council - feels Buchlyvie is forgotten about
- Public transport is unreliable
- Cost of broadband and speeds available
- No gas heating available
- Lack of consultation about (a) Shelloch Windfarm and (b) FLS plan for Flanders Moss and QE Forest Park.
- The busy main road bisects the community. It is both a source of support and brings people through the town. However, this creates a natural barrier to connecting the community itself separated by this feature.
- The 'straight-through-ness' of the main road means that people will also find it hard to stop unless they know why they should. Road signage across the Stirling region underserves Buchlyvie and the local businesses here. For example, the signage from the A81 to the A811 does not significantly feature Buchlyvie as a destination for coffee, pub food etc.
- Heating systems / fuel poverty within village: some still use coal fires with back boilers for heating and hot water; electric storage heaters are expensive and inefficient.

Buchlyvie's priorities for 2024-2034

The perceived importance of actions differed between the survey and workshops (ie differed by demographic groups) and not all demographic groups engaged. Thus, the order of the list is suggestive rather than absolute in prioritisation. Note that, in 2024, buses have been at the forefront of people's minds and social media and also rank no. 1 in the list.

1. Ensure reliable frequent bus service / DRT to connect to ALL local villages and cities
2. Develop village paths - circular with art and sculpture walks; Culbowie to Whiteleys, Harmony Fields
3. Refurbish play park and multi-court: create new surface for multi-court and repair fencing; install new facilities in play park (zip line) and repair existing (boulder, safety surface, swings)
4. Improve village hall facilities to create multi-purpose venue (e.g. additional office space)
5. Safe roads: reduce acceleration and speed; install cameras (with income for village); Montgomery Place crossing for Primary School children
6. Create active travel paths to access services and neighbouring villages - Arnprior, Balfron, Drymen, Stirling, Kippen (could be south of A811 if north not possible), Harmony Fields
7. Explore renewable energy/heating in homes and district heating and community insulation/ retro-fit projects
8. Resolve flooding by school - clear culverts and check sufficient for flooding events

9. Build an environmental plan to enhance local environment with trees and woodland; area around Burn Green and potentially concept of 'village green'; create strategy to deal with invasive plants (hogweed) and animals (seagulls); work with Forestry Land Scotland;
10. Ensure engagement, inclusion and support for young adults; reduce perceived (by primary school pupils) substance abuse problem; tackle youth vandalism in play park and school playground
11. Community renewable energy generation (e.g. wind turbine) to provide income; consider plans as a partnership with Arnprior or Balfroon
12. Create community housing development plan - Develop small rural houses for older people - super insulated; bungalows; More family housing available to bring more families to the village school (helped by having smaller / sheltered housing to encourage older people to vacate family homes). Build affordable housing: for young people, larger homes for families (link to sheltered housing); Insulate homes and devise care, repair and retro-fit programmes
13. Create Buchlyvie and Arnprior partnership to manage windfarm proposals and provide joint community development; investigate potential of a development trust
14. Provide out of school childcare and after-school activities
15. Develop community activities (carnival, music in hall, youth hub, strength and balance, exercises classes)
16. Upgrade fibre fast broadband - direct to all houses and businesses
17. Develop plan for older / less able residents - sheltered housing and care home: links to availability of housing for larger families and local care services (potentially private) for visits, care, transport for shopping, etc.
18. Fund-raise for BCC [or other body] for village projects
19. Develop local economy plan: support for local food and services; time bank / barter system. Local food development and information (including Flanders Rest, Food Hub, Upper Ballaird). Create circular economy, skills hub and local flexible workspaces with collaboration tools (e.g. in village hall)
20. Create climate resilience: a community plan for emergency weather events with a generator at hall etc.
21. Increase local food outlets (primary school pupils desperate for a chippy or McDonalds)
22. Investigate local electric car share / car hire
23. Create lift-share communication platform for parent taxis, supermarket runs and hospital visits
24. Create more local healthcare with advanced telehealth services and technology
25. Create a tourism strategy and potential for augmented reality tourism
26. Install exercise machines outdoors for older people
27. Create more food growing options: garden share so those without gardens can grow food and allotments. Create community compost
28. Revisit character appraisal of built environment with view to possible listing of properties
29. Create a directory of information and services that come to the village (Buchlyvie Banter / Bulletin link)
30. Other: Repair potholes, Upgrade layby and cut grass, Improve the pub, Establish a fund investment to support most affected by climate change, Celebrate history and heritage, Maintain youth cafe,

Encourage employment for young people, Car park for village; Integrate digital technology in local governance; sewing machine classes

Recommendations for Buchlyvie Community Council

The list of priorities are taken forward and considered by BCC and the community. The Imagining Buchlyvie 2034 findings should be shared with our community, recognising this is the start of a conversation about Buchlyvie 2034. It is especially important to engage the full community in further stages of this project.

BCC should also investigate and consider building strong partnerships and collaborations to influence change in west Stirlingshire area (neighbouring villages, especially Arnprior, Forestry and Land Scotland, Carse of Stirling Partnership). Governance in Buchlyvie is different to other communities, in that Buchlyvie is a small community, lacks a history of development planning and does not have a development trust. Therefore, collaboration and partnership is essential to ensuring there is capacity to develop strong and appropriate community governance and the levels of voluntary service required to sustain a flourishing community. Community support is essential to progress high priority projects identified in this initial consultation.

The sharing of these Imagining Buchlyvie 2034 findings with our community is the start of the conversation. Guiding principles underlying our community's development to inform and shape the projects to take forward should be developed. Once developed, then groups of projects can be considered in relation to the principles. For each group, the connections, expectations, outcomes and urgency for projects should be considered. One way to do this could be to hold a series of workshops to tackle themes such as 'transport and connectivity', 'energy', 'community and environmental planning'. Many of these projects overlap with or affect Buchlyvie's neighbours, who should be involved in these discussions. Strategies for action can then be pursued by working groups tasked with this purpose.

When building consensus on principles and strategies, voices that have not yet participated should be engaged, referring to the demographic analysis to identify locations and age groups who have not participated. Through building strong partnerships and collaborations (neighbouring villages, especially Arnprior, Forestry and Land Scotland, Carse of Stirling Partnership), there is a greater opportunity to influence change. Given Buchlyvie's small population size and wider geography of many projects (e.g. paths, renewable energy) this approach will create capacity for community governance and voluntary service.

With any projects to progress, community support, funding and resources are required. Relying on local capacity in a small community where volunteers are already stretched will seriously impede progress. The most effective way to facilitate and promote Buchlyvie's development is to secure a dedicated community project development officer.

It is recommended that the evaluation of progress is carried out regularly in line with the principles and strategic priorities and that success is celebrated. Agreed strategies and principles held collectively by our community and those of our friends, partners and collaborators create a strong mandate for funding and change.

Detailed Summary of Actions and Benefits

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Rank	Consolidated Action	Climate change benefits	Community benefits
1	Ensure reliable frequent bus service / DRT to connect to ALL local villages and cities	Reduction in carbon emissions through use of public transport	Mobility and links to local centres by public transport; accessible for all young and older people with bus passes
2	Develop village paths - circular with art and sculpture walks; Culbowie to Whiteleys, Harmony Fields	Reduction in carbon emissions as fewer people driving to access quality environmental spaces and village facilities	Mental and physical well-being enhancement; Appreciation of local landscape and nature; Safe path to Harmony Fields and Mains Farm (otherwise walking along 60mph A811 with no path - visitors from Glasgow coming by bus to Harmony Fields. No access to guests from Mains Farm to village). Commercial benefits for cafes and pubs.
3	Refurbish play park and multi-court: create new surface for multi-court and repair fencing; install new facilities in play park (zip line) and repair existing (boulder, safety surface, swings)	Reduction in carbon emissions as fewer people driving to access quality environmental spaces and village facilities	Multi-court surface and fencing and boulder unsafe - urgent repair required due to safety concerns; well-being enhancement for upgrades to play park
4	Improve village hall facilities to create multi-purpose venue (e.g. additional office space)	Reduction in carbon emissions as fewer people driving to access quality environmental spaces and village facilities	Enhanced income for village hall through additional bookings; office space available for community use; enhanced well-being with additional classes, location of community and food-hubs, etc.
5	Safe roads: reduce acceleration and speed; install cameras (with income for village); Montgomery Place crossing for Primary School children		Reduction in risk of RTA in village; people have been hit by cars on Main Street in past (before road crossing). Risk of RTA with young children crossing Montgomery Place / Station Road
6	Create active travel paths to access services and neighbouring villages - Arnprior, Balfron, Drymen, Stirling, Kippen (could be south of A811 if north not possible), Harmony Fields	Reduction in carbon emissions as fewer people driving to access quality environmental spaces and city facilities	Commercial benefits through tourism; well-being benefit through active travel route; reduction in risk of RTA as cyclists no longer having to risk cycling A811 Create a bike route to the High School!
7	Explore renewable energy/heating in homes and district heating and community insulation/ retro-fit projects	Reduction in carbon emissions with renewable technologies	Reduction in heating costs and fuel poverty

Rank	Consolidated Action	Climate change benefits	Community benefits
8	Resolve flooding by school - clear culverts and check sufficient for flooding events	Mitigation of climate change effects with higher and more intense rainfall events	Resolve health and safety issues for primary school pupils; enhances pupil wellbeing as able to access educational services; mitigate risk of flooding of Station Road properties
9	Build an environmental plan to enhance local environment with trees and woodland; area around Burn Green and potentially concept of 'village green'; create strategy to deal with invasive plants (hogweed) and animals (seagulls); work with Forestry Land Scotland;	Carbon sequestration and biodiversity enhancement	Increase in community wellbeing, creating areas for all to play and exercise; tackle invasive species before they cause environmental devastation
10	Ensure engagement, inclusion and support for young adults to reduce perceived (by primary school pupils) substance abuse problem (causing youth harm and vandalism in play park and school playground)	Reduction in use of resources needed for repairs	Reduction in harm for primary school children who witness substance abuse and vandalism; increase in wellbeing and quality of local environment; enhanced inclusion and engagement for young people.
11	Community renewable energy generation (e.g. wind turbine) to provide income; consider plans as a partnership with Arnprior or Balfron	Reduction in carbon emissions with renewable technologies	Income for community development
12	Create community housing development plan - Develop small rural houses for older people - super insulated; bungalows; More family housing available to bring more families to the village school (helped by having smaller / sheltered housing to encourage older people to vacate family homes). Build affordable housing: for young people, larger homes for families (link to sheltered housing); Insulate homes and devise care, repair and retro-fit programmes	Reduction in per capita carbon emissions through increase in population density and better insulated housing	More appropriate housing available for all ages; reduction in fuel poverty due to better insulated homes with better population density

Rank	Consolidated Action	Climate change benefits	Community benefits
13	Create Buchlyvie and Arnprior partnership to manage windfarm proposals and provide joint community development; investigate potential of a development trust	Opportunity for income from windfarm to reduce community climate impacts	Opportunity to invest in community wellbeing
14	Provide out of school childcare and after-school activities	Reduction in carbon emissions as fewer children commuting daily to other villages	Increase in school-roll; benefit to working parents; increase in sense of community; enhanced learning opportunities for young people
15	Develop community activities (carnival, music in hall, youth hub, strength and balance, exercises classes)	Reduction in carbon emissions as fewer people driving to access services	Enhancement in community wellbeing and engagement
16	Upgrade fibre fast broadband - direct to all houses and businesses	Reduction in carbon emissions as more people able to work from home	Enhance quality of life, reduce commuting costs and increase commercial benefits and local services
17	Develop plan for older / less able residents - sheltered housing and care home: links to availability of housing for larger families and local care services (potentially private) for visits, care, transport for shopping, etc.	Reduction in carbon emissions as older people are able to reside in existing community	Enhance quality of life continues in local community for all
18	Fund-raise for BCC [or other body] for village projects	Reduction in carbon emissions if projects have a climate focus	Opportunity to enhance community
19	Develop local economy plan: support for local food and services; time bank / barter system. Local food development and information (including Flanders Rest, Food Hub, Upper Ballaird). Create circular economy, skills hub and local flexible workspaces with collaboration tools (e.g. in village hall)	Reduction in carbon emissions with local services; increase in climate resilience with local food and economy Reduce waste	Enhance well-being through local food; reduce poverty through local economy and services; reduce commuting Skills hub benefit of having educational programs focused on emerging industries such as artificial intelligence, renewable energy, and advanced manufacturing
20	Create climate resilience: a community plan for emergency weather events with a generator at hall etc.	Be prepared for damaging effects of climate change	Enhance community resilience and preparedness for climate harm

Rank	Consolidated Action	Climate change benefits	Community benefits
21	Increase local food outlets (primary school pupils desperate for a chippy or McDonalds)	Reduction in carbon emissions with local services	
22	Investigate local electric car share / car hire	Reduction in embodied carbon in cars sitting in driveways and use of fossil fuels through having electric cars	Renewable energy driven transport more affordable
23	Create lift-share communication platform for parent taxis, supermarket runs and hospital visits	Reduction in carbon emissions	Increase in mobility options for those without a car; increase in quality of life for those reducing driving time
24	Create more local healthcare with advanced telehealth services and technology	Reduction in carbon emissions	Increase in well-being for residents Community is ready for shifts in remote healthcare enabled by technology
25	Create a tourism strategy and potential for augmented reality tourism		Benefit for local community economy
26	Install exercise machines outdoors for older people		Increase in well-being
27	Create more food growing options: garden share so those without gardens can grow food and allotments. Create community compost	Reduce food miles	Increase quality of life
28	Revisit character appraisal of built environment with view to possible listing of properties		Increased village amenity / conservation
29	Create a directory of information and services that come to the village (Buchlyvie Banter / Bulletin link)	Reduction in carbon emissions if people can source services locally	Benefit to local businesses
30	Other: Repair potholes, Upgrade layby and cut grass, Improve the pub, Establish a fund investment to support most affected by climate change, Celebrate history and heritage, Maintain youth cafe, Encourage employment for young people, Car park for village; Integrate digital technology in local governance; sewing machine classes.		Reduction in accidents

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Responses for climate concerns

- The council needs to square the circle on green energy. There's no point in having a preserved historic environment if we burn the planet on the way (I say this as someone with a background in history and archaeology). I think there may be a struggle as older residents of Main Street downsize - the houses are large and need young families to keep the school going, but the house prices may prohibit that.
- Not sure yet - possibly storm damage to house but also soils becoming more depleted and yields dropping
- Between flooding and droughts I think there will need to be changes in what agriculture can grow.
- I think the community fridge may need to be better stocked for people in the future as the cost of living continues to increase
- More electric charging points
- the weather and the effects that it has on the local farming community
- That we are so busy preserving its history that we don't ensure its future.
- That many residents aren't interested in the effect of climate change, as they may not feel they are directly affected. Also the possible attitude of 'what difference can one person make?' 'What's the point?'
- A lack of information or too much information about climate change can be overwhelming and may also instil fear (amongst all age groups). Any information requires being measured and tailored to different audiences. Having access to an advisor (ref Community Energy Scotland) for questions/advice would be helpful.
- With the cost of running cars forever on the increase, it is important to have a reliable/cost effective transport service available, which as well as being a necessary requirement, it can also provide an opportunity to bring communities together.
- Buses to Balfron/Stirling are infrequent and not reliable enough. Car parking in other village centres is being restricted for climate change reasons, which makes it difficult to park to use shops/opticians/dentists/bakers etc in other local villages. Easier to go to Stirling for many things now which will detriment other village centres as well.
- Car parking being restricted in the village to tackle pollution/climate change will affect disabled people who need to use a car to access the village facilities
- keeping the house warm as it's old and lacks insulation and heating is expensive. Renewables even more expensive.
- Almost all the drains through the village on the Main Street are blocked and as a result serious flooding will inevitably be the result, damaging roads and potentially flooding houses.
- The travel from here to work and shops, especially with expensive alternatives (buses) which are expected to become less frequent.
- Potential for flooding in certain areas and heating costs
- That the fragile supply chains we rely on (like so many other communities, households and businesses) including those beyond the UK will remain and increase in volatility.
- Shorter, local supply chains will be more prized and valued however it's not clear that they will be secured and utilised unless decision-making, locally, regionally and nationally supports local living, local businesses that are connected and networked for resilience.
- In addition to local and regional development opportunities networks that are national and international must be identified and form part of decisions that we take into the future. This might be a business supplier, twinning and cultural exchange, or combinations of these networks to make them feel much "closer to home". Receiving and hosting people will be as important as supporting people to venture to other local communities often far far away so that the valuable relationships that support us, even when far away are not out of mind.

- Road flooding . Blocked drains and ditches. More potholes in the roads Almost all the drains through the village on the Main Street are blocked and as a result serious flooding will inevitably be the result, damaging roads and potentially flooding houses.
- Invasive plants - eg hogweed, lack of concern and action for climate change.
- Regarding damage to homes - there could be a community fund which would help people recover from the worst effects or put in place contingency measures. If money is invested now, it could grow to become a decent fund in 10 years time. Or attract investors with links to the area. With regards to falling yields, action now to build soils such as looking at regenerative farming techniques will yield huge dividends in the future.
- The public transport is so unreliable and expensive that using it is not something I can consider.
- I think the streets lights could be turned off at a certain time of night and then switched on again early in the mornings to reduce the amount of energy used and also the cost of that energy
- Cycle routes, marked circular paths for walks would be great, attitude of the Council needs modernising.
- Plastics bin at the hall.
- Communal composting?
- Car pooling, wherever possible.
- An improved (and permanent) bus service providing an efficient/reliable and cost effective (i.e. cheaper fares to encourage people to use the bus) service for residents, some of whom rely, solely, on the bus. This would marginally help to reduce the number of cars on the road.
- Installation of a couple of poo bag stations in the village, for lazy/ill-equipped/forgetful dog owners' use.
- Access to information providers – the scheduling of presentations from pertinent service/information providers (e.g. Community Energy Scotland) to help the village move forward, as this subject can be completely overwhelming.
- Better recycling facilities in the local community
- More green cars (electric and hybrid), rather than demonising cars completely, while also having a better public transport system in place to help people transition away from non green cars.
- keeping the house warm as it's old and lacks insulation and heating is expensive. Renewables even more expensive.
- Drains need unblocked throughout the village
- Thinking before driving/care share. Looking at electricity use. Use of plastic and lack of recycling by a number of people. Increase local job opportunities. Assist people with implement more renewable energy options. The amount of giant hogweed needs to be taken care - this is becoming an alarming issue.
- Less use of single use plastics and more focus on using public transport
- Smart Infrastructure Integration: Invest in smart infrastructure, including IoT sensors, to enhance efficiency and resource management. This proactive step ensures the community is technologically equipped for advancements in resiliency from weather and climate patterns, improving services and sustainability including being able to measure the impact to the public and local infrastructure from visitors, use including being able to respond to changing demand. For example, visitors overwhelmed public visitor attractions could be directed to other locations in real-time.
- Climate Resilience and Adaptation Planning: Develop a comprehensive climate resilience plan to anticipate and adapt to potential environmental changes. This initiative aims to safeguard the community against climate-related challenges, ensuring long-term sustainability and the well-being of residents.
- Community-Driven Renewable Energy Projects: Empower residents to actively participate in renewable energy projects, fostering community engagement and ownership. This initiative aligns with the growing emphasis on community-driven sustainability and decentralised energy solutions.
- Circular Economy Initiatives: Implement circular economy initiatives to minimise waste and maximise resource efficiency. This forward-thinking approach aligns with global trends toward sustainable consumption and production, positioning the community as a leader in environmental stewardship.
- Stirling Council need to put more maintenance time effort in on public land and we all need to take responsibility for our own plots
- Awareness and action

Appendix 2 - Ideas for the village

These were responses from the survey and discussion items. They are included here as not all were included as priorities in the in-person workshop

- Reinstating the cinema evenings (a source of income) advertising it beyond the village as a venue for hire for, for example, music groups, business meetings.
- Scheduled events, for example, a repair café, an indoor car boot sale (these ideas have recently been introduced in neighbouring villages) ...
- Encouraging the engagement of residents beyond the 'usual faces' – but how?
- A knit and natter group at the café?
- A summer festival – music (local jam session)/barbecue
- The outdoor village car boot sale.
- An extended bus service, joining Buchlyvie up with other neighbouring villages (excluding Kippen, Arnprior, Balfron and Killearn)
- Splashes of colour/warmth around the village – flowers, plants/planters - not just at Burn Green - window boxes, bunting, twinkly lights!
- An annual Christmas tree at the noticeboard next to the shop?
- Buchlyvie's history – installation of story boards around the village with interesting facts/photos.
- Access to...install a noticeboard providing information about local walks, cycle paths and tourist attractions in the area, with sponsorship from local service providers.
- Immediate fund raising (GoFundMe or JustGiving pages) for the likes of repairs/decorating/updating the hall – for example, repairing the projector and updating the heating to be more effective and efficient. Make it an attractive place to bring community together.
- An improved parking area (opposite the pub) – hopefully to be achieved with a planning application currently being drafted.
- Arts and drama clubs in the village hall

Appendix 3 - Demographic analysis of respondents and participants

The analysis is limited to those workshop and survey participants who responded to the demographic survey.

Participation type	Number of participants
5th March workshop	3
9th March workshop	27
9th March workshop registered but no demographic response	3
9th March workshop attended but not registered	2
Primary school	36
Survey respondents	16
Youth café respondents (estimate)	5
Other feedback	1
Total contributors	93

Age group	Under 18	18-25	26-45	46-65	65+
Number of responses	43	0	11	16	14
Percentage of total participants (81)	53%	0%	14%	20%	17%
Percentage of adult workshop + survey (43)	5%	0%	26%	37%	33%

Time in village	<1year	1-5 years	15 years+	6-15 years	Only work Buchlyvie	Several generations	All my life
Number of responses	2	10	13	10	1	4	2
Percentage of respondents (42)	5%	24%	31%	24%	2%	10%	5%

Location during the day*	Arnprior	Balforn	Glasgow	Buchlyvie	Stirling	Alloa
Number of participants	1	2	13	30	3	1
Percentage of respondents (40)	3%	5%	33%	75%	8%	3%

Working age participants location during the day*	Balforn	Glasgow	Buchlyvie	Stirling	Alloa
Number of participants	1	4.5	16.5	3	1
Percentage of respondents (26)	4%	18%	66%	12%	4%

Gender	Female	Male
Number of participants	28	14
Percentage of respondents (42)	67%	33%

Ethnic background*	Scottish	British	European	Mixed	White
Number of participants (39)	14	15	1	3	29

*as these were free form questions the responses don't add up to 100%. In some cases there were multiple responses for each category (e.g. 'white Scottish', 'Scottish / British')

Appendix 4 - Summary of plans / activities relevant to Buchlyvie

Document	Key content	Relevance for Buchlyvie
<p>Vyv Wood-Gee. 2019. Report to Carse of Stirling Partnership. Carse of Stirling path mapping and action plan. 30th March 2019</p>	<p><i>“Buchlyvie is already, in theory, relatively well connected in comparison with some other communities on the Carse thanks to an existing core path/cycle route through to Aberfoyle which links on to Callander. However, although designated a core path, the disused railway between Buchlyvie and Arnprior is unusable due to the missing bridge over the Mye Burn which was taken down when the railway was close. The local community raised £12k to replace the bridge but the landowner could not be persuaded to agree to installation. The health benefits of walking have been used to try and encourage development of more footpaths, but more signposting and maps are required to encourage and enable people to use the paths, as well as rectifying missing links.</i></p> <p><i>Aims:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to get more people walking locally - to promote all existing paths on the internet - to develop the disused railway between Arnprior and Buchlyvie for recreational access <p><i>Priorities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - develop disused railway between Arnprior and Buchlyvie for multi-use access - extend route west along disused railway to Gartness (lower priority due to difficulties negotiating route around numerous houses and gardens but still a priority)” <p>Extract from: Page 11</p>	<p>Carse of Stirling Partnership recognise importance of link between Buchlyvie and Arnprior for connected active travel network across west Stirlingshire</p> <p>Details history of trying to reinstate bridge over the Mye Burn</p>
<p>Nature Scot. <u>National Walking and Cycling Network - Project Progress</u></p>	<p>No action at present since 2018.</p>	<p>Identifies that Stirling to Drymen via Buchlyvie as a long term priority</p>

Document	Key content	Relevance for Buchlyvie
<p>Kinlochard Community Life Plan</p>	<p>The Community Chartering Network (CCN / Roland Playle) facilitated the development of the Life Plan.</p> <p>Plan is holistic and draws on Plan de Vida approach.</p> <p>It defines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Our important things” - “Our core principles”: (community, connectedness, guardianship, autonomy) - Themes for action: “(1) <i>Strengthening our community</i>; (2) <i>Upgrading our infrastructure</i>; (3) <i>Improving and leveraging stakeholder relations</i>; and (4) <i>Developing our community assets</i>” - The connectedness of actions and importance for considering each action holistically / how it connects with the greater whole of community and the themes - Priorities to fulfil each theme <p>Kinlochard and Aberfoyle have a development trust to support community development and enact plans</p>	<p>Importance of building a contextual foundation for action - a shared understanding of community and the principles for development and living.</p> <p>That each action should be considered within the context of the wider whole of community - all aspects (economy, governance, well-being, consumption, energy, education, food, environment, etc.).</p>
<p>Aberfoyle Community Life Plan</p>	<p>Similar to Kinlochard, the Community Chartering Network (CCN / Roland Playle) facilitated the development of the Life Plan.</p> <p>Aberfoyle identifies their important things, core principles and themes for action:</p> <p>Core principles: Nature, sustainability, heritage and mutual respect</p> <p>Themes for action: “(1) <i>Becoming sustainable, resilient and self-sufficient (economically, socially and environmentally)</i>; (2) <i>Addressing and adapting to flooding</i>; (3) <i>Developing a visitor management strategy</i>; (4) <i>Improving community functioning (assets, infrastructure and communications)</i>”</p> <p>In Aberfoyle this has led to a community development officer in place (Kate Bolvil).</p> <p>Kinlochard and Aberfoyle have a development trust to support community development and enact plans</p>	<p>As for Kinlochard.</p> <p>Opportunity to link with community development officer to build partnerships, especially with the railway active travel route and both being adjacent to the Flanders Moss / Forestry and Land Scotland site</p> <p>Despite being one of Buchlyvie’s nearest neighbours there is no public direct transport.</p>
<p>Strathard Community Story Map and here</p>	<p>A project by Forestry Land Scotland (FLS) in partnership with Comer Estate to identify ecosystem priorities for Strathard. This excludes the Flanders Moss area adjacent to Buchlyvie.</p>	<p>There is a missed opportunity for Buchlyvie to engage with FLS.</p>

Document	Key content	Relevance for Buchlyvie
<u>Drymen Place Plan</u>	Developed by Drymen Community Development Trust and Drymen Community Council, to update previous plans (2013-2018 being the most recent). Undertook extensive engagement using multiple projects (some with different funding sources). Actions arising around the themes of: (1) movement and connectivity; (2) housing, tourism and economy; environment, climate and nature; (3) heritage, community and facilities.	Drymen is a tourism hub, yet there is no public transport between Buchlyvie and Drymen
<u>Forth Mosses Land Management Plan</u>	Draft for consultation (consultation closed 5 Feb 2024 - unclear whether BCC was consulted).	Direct relevance to BCC in terms of local environment, flooding / drainage, active travel route to Aberfoyle and management of invasive Japanese Hogweed
<u>Shelloch Windfarm Development</u>	Plan was approved in 2022 (note website is wrong). Site has changed hands and is now in ownership of Vantage-e who have developed the neighbouring site (accessed from Fintry). Plans for Shelloch is to widen Arnprior Road / Glinns Road / Spout of Ballochcleam	Arnprior CC have informally offered to partner with Buchlyvie to develop a Development Trust should the Shelloch windfarm go ahead. Arnprior CC are keen to progress so that the Development Trust is in place ready to negotiate with windfarm developer

