

Campbeltown Responses 2019

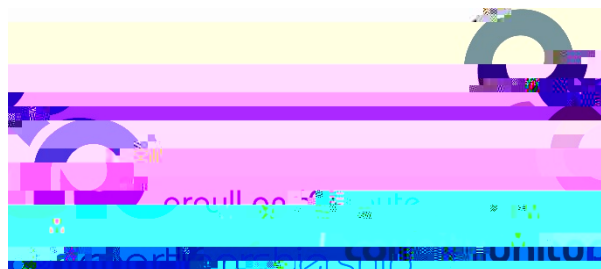
Priority Areas for Improvement:

Traffic and
Parking

Moving Around



Work and
Local
Economy



How good is your place? Area wide engagement results using the Place Standard Tool

Between May and October 2019, the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) used



Thematic areas by lowest score to highest score

Thematic Area	Average Score
Traffic and Parking	3.4
Moving Around	3.8
Work and Local Economy	3.8
Care and Maintenance	3.9
Influence and Sense of Control	3.9
Streets and Spaces	4.0
Public Transport	4.4
Housing and Community	4.6

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No safe cycle routes locally
Parking awful: lots of cars park in unsafe spaces - bring back traffic warden!
Pavements generally okay but cyclists share roads with cars and other vehicles
Plenty of walking as we live next to a farm track (Hillside Road).
Poor parking, poor signage, dog mess, litter. There has been some effort to improve paths, but still too

Whilst our open space is a considerable asset we have hardly any cycle routes. There are lots of incredible walks but to get to places such as the beach involved having to walk or cycle on very fast main roads.

Q2. Public Transport: Does public transport meet my needs?

100 responses in total – Average Score of 4.4							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
13 responses	6 responses	6 responses	28 responses	10 responses	20 responses	17 responses	0 responses

Comments

A Saturday flight to Glasgow would be a great improvement
Anyone without car access in Campbeltown would have to rely on Citylink bus to get to Lochgilphead for beginning work. Lengthy journey and expensive
Bus routes tend to concentrate more on council estates than other roads.
Bus stop near us if needed, and slightly further for longer bus journeys.
Buses are good if infrequent
Buses not frequent enough
Busses stop early at 6 o'clock so can't get home at night
Cannot comment as do not currently use.
Could do with some busses on a Sunday and a local bus that goes to West Port Beach.
Currently hardly use public transport but getting older & likely to use it
Do not use public transport.
Don't really use public transport but it is fairly regular
don't use it
Don't use it.
Ferry access Transport to Carradale area
Good bus service, locally and to Glasgow. Ferry to Ardrossan unreliable.
Have not used it, but seems very seasonal.
I don't use public transport because it's not as easy as cycling. Cycling is more convenient because I can leave and arrive when I want to.
I have my own car, so don't use public transport.
I note regular bus services, I just don't use them.
I use ferries a lot and it is a great way to travel, although it would be a lot better if the Campbeltown to Ardrossan route was more regular.
In last few years increased number and shorter duration of buses to Glasgow but journey is still slow. Not enough local buses. Poor choice of flights to Glasgow. Very poor and unreliable ferry service to Ardrossan, it should include Ireland
It is an OK service.
No bus comes up Hutcheon road, and the road down from my home is steep for walking. I have to take the car to the bus stop to catch a bus, whereas if there was walking access via Grammar school, as it used to be, this would negate the need for use of the car, as the walking surface through the school is perfect.
No credence was given to suggestions on improving flights to Glasgow and consequently we have another 5 year contract with no imagination and no change.

No regular bus service where I live. Good service to Machrihanish

Q3. Traffic and Parking: Do traffic and parking arrangements allow people to move around safely?

100 responses in total – Average Score of 3.4							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
19 responses	10 responses	20 responses	21 responses	21 responses	7 responses	2 responses	0 responses

Comments

<p>Parking is good in Campbeltown. (Ardrishaig response)</p> <p>1) ---I live directly opposite the Grammar school entrance, and the road is VERY busy. I have had a few near misses reversing from my drive in my car, as there is a concealed bend in the road approaching my property, and oncoming cars come up this road rather fast. It is just a matter of time before an accident occurs. I feel a warning notice would ensure priority for people driving from their properties on Hutcheon road, and going down the road to Woodlands road. 2) ---My driveway is shared , and narrow, and exit for me can often be blocked, due to tradesmen and others parking their vehicles directly behind mine, denying me exit in case of emergency. I do not have priority many times.</p>
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Adequate parking at Coop supermarket but recently I had bad back trouble and couldn't park near the Main St and Longrow shops. However now I am fitter again I hope to walk and cycle to th3 (r ag)2.6 (a7b.52 0.7 (

Parking can be difficult. Recently I had an injury and couldn't walk far and sometimes found parking difficult though I tried to shop etc. at quiet times. However I now walk much more again and try not to use the car. I haven't had to use buses so can't comment

Parking in Campbeltown has been very severely affected by recent changes to road layouts, and companies seemingly able to block off whole carriageways with cones whenever it suits them

Parking in the town is difficult

Parking in town is becoming a problem. We could do with a car park

Q4. Streets and Spaces: Do the streets and public spaces create an attractive place that is easy to navigate?

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100 responses in total – Average Score of 4.0							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
7 responses	9 responses	16 responses	28 responses	22 responses	13 responses	4 responses	1 responses

Not particularly
Plenty green spaces. Condition of buildings has significantly increasing in recent years but room for further improvement
Poor
Probably.
rocky pavements - easy to fall
Room for a lot of improvement. Lot of work been done through Town regeneration etc. to buildings but other things neglected due to cutbacks. More needs to be done to bring derelict/unmaintained back into use. Basic things like weeding/street cleaning/bins etc need to be addressed as these are the things people notice most.
Some buildings in great need of restoration.
Some central town buildings are in a poor condition but work in currently ongoing to improve.
Some pavements are in a poor state of repair. Some shop fronts are dilapidated making the town look run down.
Speaking for MY area, and for myself, I feel there ARE no public spaces here! The pleasant walk through the Grammar school grounds was the only pleasure we had. The so called " walk" which has been created by the side of the school fencing is uneven and too high and steep, and too poorly laid out, and too short to be sufficient to be considered a walk. I am in my 70s, and have stumbled quite a few times trying to, firstly, climb up onto the path, and secondly navigate the bumps and pumps in the uneven surface. It would be so pleasant to walk on the flat surface through the school, as we used to, and admire the lovely landscaping, peace, and attractive views visible from there.
The buildings streets and public places are functional but not attractive.
The centre of town needs upgrading
The litter on our local beach is shocking and not conducive to the beauty of surrounding area
The Main Street is a disgrace, the buildings are falling down and look horrible and shabby. The pavements are a mess too.
The roundabout in Campbeltown usually looks attractive and some local "gorilla gardeners "keep the flower beds tidy at the bus stances. Stalled spaces have improved the look behind the former guide hall. The Picture House being renovated has made a huge difference to Hall Street The CARS improvements are also good - keep up the good work
The streets need signs.
There are some areas, typically the ones originally planned in the Victorian era, e.g esplanade etc. that are good spaces. The new Aqualibrium is excellent. The centre is being refurbished but cannot be described as attractive.
There are some derelict buildings requiring attention such as the old court house, the old post office and the White Hart. However the improvements to some buildings in Campbeltown has been impressive and those responsible deserve credit.
There has been a lot of work done to improve Campbeltown and it shows.

There's a lot of room for improvement in spite of the tremendous work that has been done on renovating buildings. Areas such as the front along the harbour and the roundabout are beautifully maintained by the council bu(ed)5.3 y aloh.9 (o)1.3.3 (l)9.6 6pe c e areve he hfl (t)-3 (ac)-n ()-9.6 6p (h)(

This is not really a useful question. There is always something that can be done. Here is my main suggestion, pick up the plastic on the beaches around Campbeltown Loch.

Well don't know where to start enough said

Q6. Play and Recreation: Can I access a range of places for play and recreation?

100 responses in total – Average Score of 4.9							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
5 responses	5 responses	11					

Q7. Facilities and Amenities: Does my place have the things I need to live and enjoy life? This could include shops, schools, libraries, health services or places to eat and drink.

100 responses in total – Average Score of 4.7							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
7 responses	2 responses	14 responses	16 responses	24 responses	22 responses	15 responses	0 responses

Comments

7 means there is very little room for improvement. There is always room for improvement.
Access to all these is possible , only if I use my car, but I am trying to walk more for health reasons, but find it very challenging to attempt to walk down this steep road along Hutcheon road down to the town centre, which is why I placed such value on the walk through the grounds of the Grammar school, flat and level and very pleasant
Adequate for a town of this size
Although I feel there could be greater social and economic impact from public sector service provision
dances, concerts, cinema etc.
Excellent Library, sports centre, GP surgery. It would be nice if there were more eating places but there's a liv-8.9 (.)9f522.847u106 (g)1ater .6 uld be greatder .6 ulr0.6 (b)21.04 83 (.2 (i)7.6 (v-8.9 (.)9

NHS facilities are seriously lacking, they call the hospital a hospital but is no more than a glorified doctor's clinic. GP surgeries and dentists are lacking. Supermarket

Q8. Work and Local Economy: Is there

There are empty shops

Q9. Housing and Community: Do the homes in my area support the needs of the community?

100 responses in total – Average Score of 4.6							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
5 responses	4 responses	7 responses	28 responses	29 responses	16 responses	10 responses	1 responses

Comments

As an older person I believe there's a need for more housing to help those of us with mobility issues - more single person housing on one level with one or two bedrooms - somewhere to sit outside and get the air about you if you can't walk far. Somewhere similar to Meadowpark and the small houses on Albyn Ave. A communal meeting place for socialising would be good also - not sure how this could be achieved cost wise but let's face it everyone is getting older this should have been addressed long ago - it's just been ignored or pushed under the carpet
don't know
Don't know. I found a house I wanted and am happy with it
Easily found house to buy when moved to area (2013).
Grants needed to fix old tenement flats.
Growing need for housing for older people i.e. on one level. Lot of absent landlords who buy property cheaply and rent out to benefit claimants who move frequently. Properties often abused by renters and landlords also sometimes do not maintain well.
housing could be better for young people e.g. getting their first tenancies
Housing seems good.
I am unable to make comment on this as I do not know.
I have never had a rented house but my friend who do frequently complain due to bad conditions, housing associations ignoring things that need fixed etc. also I believe it takes a while to get a house as there are not enough
More consideration to accommodation for disabled particularly with an ageing population.
More public bins in housing schemes and dog mess bins
No idea.
Not sure
Poor
Private landlords cause problems by not maintaining properties
Seems to be a huge choice and private buyers and landlords need controlling and help not just council funded/supported homes
The suggestions listed imply a quality of dwelling that is not present.
There is a wide range of private and rented accommodation. A lot of these could probably benefit from easier access to schemes to help with upgrading.
There seems to be a shortage of accommodation suitable for the elderly or disabled, e.g. bungalows.
There seems to be adequate social housing but I understand that many first time buyers are unable to get on the housing market.

We have good quality affordable housing and housing across a broad spectrum of costs.

Yes, a mix of sizes, prices is available

Q10. Social Contact: Is there a range of spaces and opportunities to meet people?

100 responses in total –

Q11. Identity and Belonging: Does this place have a positive identity and do I feel I belong?

100 responses in total – Average Score of 5.2

Score of 1 Score of 2 Score of 3 Score of 4 Score of 5 Score of 6

Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

100 responses in total – Average Score of 5.7

Score of 1 Score of 2 Score of 3 Score of 4 Score of 5 Score of 6 Score of 7

Q13. Care and Maintenance: Are buildings and spaces well cared for?

100 responses in total – Average Score of 3.9							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
12 responses	11 responses	8 responses	27 responses	26 responses	11 responses	5 responses	0 responses

Comments

A lot of room to improve
Buildings have become better cared for through various grant schemes etc., but streets and spaces often look neglected.
Council and government schemes are required to improve old housing stock where owners are unable or unwilling to invest in critical maintenance. This has happened in the centre but is limited to that area.
Council cut backs mean places are not as well kept as they used to be. Grass is cut eventually then left to rot, never lifted and flower beds where in years gone by were beautiful and no longer being planted.
Crumbling buildings everywhere, dogs mess everywhere, kids' playgrounds are dangerous and disgusting.

Most spaces are poorly if ever maintained. Cutbacks, reduction in litter bins and collection services etc.

No

No half of Campbeltown's old - some of them lovely -

Q14. Influence and Sense of Control: Do I feel able to take part in decisions and help change things for the better?

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Comments

As previously stated local community don't accept change in my opinion
Delighted by this consultation.
Have not really got involved
Hopefully and this survey is an example of a chance to influence decisions.
I am a private person with no wish to be involved with local community groups, feeling quite satisfied with the group of very good friends in my religious organization, but there is a good sense of community here in Campbeltown, and people seem very kind and friendly. I can only hope to be listened to with my views on the locking of the gates of the Grammar school, denying access to a pleasant walk, easy walking for pensioners, and denying access through to Ralston road ----- whose residents are NOT denied access to these grounds, which seems unfair.
I answer these surveys but nothing changes
I feel the community planning framework and several other 'consultations' are box ticking and don't

There must be more council meeting and activity in Campbeltown or power devolved to the area. It is noticeable as to how the local area around the council HQ is better kept and attended too. Likely not because of more money but more attention.

This on line survey from A&B is about the only inclusive activity that reaches me.

we feel very distant from Kilmory

We will wait & see after this survey

Yes, as I am contacted for my views.

What are the main issues and priorities for change that you have identified?

<p>1) Adequate resources, 2) Meaningful consultation and not tick box exercises 3) Re-establishing credibility</p>
<p>1) Allow access into Grammar school so Hutcheon road residents can access hospital. 2) Erect sign at top of Hutcheon road, WARNING of the concealed entrance, and that traffic will be emerging from driveway and may be in middle of road reversing! (You would have to visit the area to see the difficulty, and risk of accident) 3) Do not lock the WHOLE of the gate at the school---- maybe leave the small portion at the side unlocked?</p>
<p>1. Lack of high end employers that bring something to replace the military. No real private sector other than food and drink. 2. Sustainable recycling. 3. Transport links</p>
<p>Access to central belt - e.g. ferry Lack of employment opportunities. Council cuts</p>
<p>Access. The road AND creation of cycle and walking routes so we don't all have to drive to work on a83 for our own safety</p>
<p>Anti-social behaviour Street cleaning/littering/weeding etc. of public places Roads/pavements being properly maintained Provision of good basic housing for young/elderly</p>
<p>Beaches and sea pollution. Cycle paths. Grants for flat improvements. More comfortable busses on the Glasgow route. More ferry services.</p>
<p>Better more frequent public transport covering more of the area. Better more frequent refuse collections including green waste.</p>
<p>Better/safer road layouts and cycling/walking routes would be very welcome. More attention needs to be paid to keeping roads and pavements in all areas of the town weed-free and clean.</p>
<p>Building maintenance/painting. Cycle paths on the A83. More housing for first time buyers.</p>
<p>Building owners should be made to keep their properties up to a decent standard More dog wardens to try to control the huge amount of dog mess in the area More available, secure parking areas made available</p>
<p>Buildings in Longrow and Main Street not maintained well enough Street lighting not sufficient especially in winter Road in and around Campbeltown and actually whole of Argyll and Bute are shocking - not maintained again!</p>

Housing improvement grant assistance program for Campbeltown. 5mph speed limit and pedestrian right of way for the main shopping street in

pedestrian crossings

Promotion of the area to live and work. Greater and more effective community engagement. Support to young people to live and work in Argyll and follow positive career paths. Improved cycle ways.

Proper zebra crossing rather than what is there at the moment. Also more definition to "dropped kerbs" for wheelchair users etc.

Re public transport - why can the ring and ride bus not be extended to include Drumlemble and Machrihanish? The town have a bus every 30 minutes plus the ring and ride - a big difference. On a Sunday there is no public transport and you are isolated if you do not have a car. Another point - why can the bus from Machrihanish not go into the Coop entrance, which the local bus does? It means passengers from Machrihanish have to cross a very busy dangerous junction.

Road conditions are poor and I receive no refuse collection

Roads need improving. Empty buildings in town centre need care and attention

Safe cycling outside the town. The Sustrans from Fort William allegedly ends in Campbeltown. It's no good as it is using the east road. There should be a cycle or walking path down the side of the A83 through the entirety of Kintyre and probably further, although further up they have other option. Good walking

What actions could be taken to deal with these?

Pluses include Aqualibrium, cinema, friendly, good community spirit and Fund raising for good causes.

Political will to change led by central government

Powers that be need to do their job for a change.

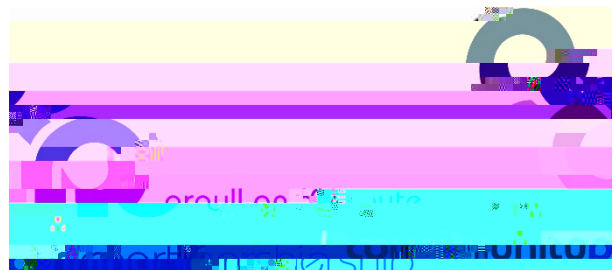
Promotion and marketing of Argyll as a place to live and work. Progression routes from school to local economic opportunities and progression routes within employment promoted and supported. Cycle route infrastructure. Outcomes of Surveys like this publicised and action taken highlighted.

Review by bus company of routes and times, more disabled parking near venues ie Aqualibrium, repair pavements

Revise bus times - some areas no buses at night. Parking - use vacant land for parking Local notice board - no longer a tourist board office!!

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