

A Strategic Plan for
the 9CC area of

Cumnock and Doon Valley

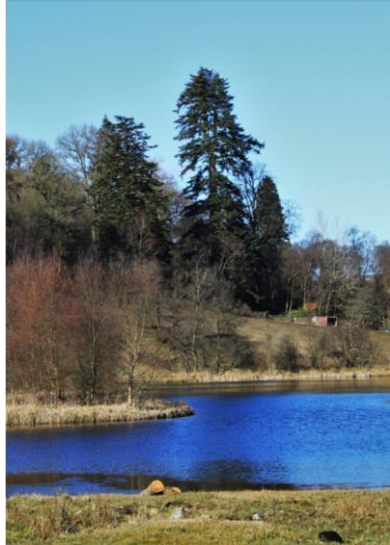
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Who are we:

The 9 Community Council Group (9CC Group) was formed from nine communities within the Cumnock and Doon Valley area to ensure that community benefit generated from windfarms erected within our area (in excess of £50m) is spent on the communities needs and aspiration.

The 9CC Group is a legally constituted group which will manage and distribute community benefit funds through a fair and equitable method of allocation and distribution. Funds are from newly consented and future wind farm developments that will be located within the 9CC Group geographical area of Cumnock and Doon Valley.



What we did:

To find out what is important to you, people and communities gave us their views through surveys, focus groups, events and one to one conversations.

We heard from over 1,700 people from across the 9 Community Councils areas of Auchinleck, Cumnock, Netherthird, Cronbery, Lugar & Logan, New Cumnock, Dalmellington, Patna, Drongan, Rankinston & Stair (DRS) and Ochiltree and Skares.

From this, we have developed a vision and 10 year Strategic Plan.



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What you said:

- People have a strong sense community spirit, belonging and pride of place across this community
- You are proud of the countryside, environment and great physical assets
- Using a focus on Net Zero and new green jobs is identified as a priority for economic recovery
- Challenges you face include transport, connectivity and activities for young people

What this led to:

As a result of all your feedback and ideas, we have developed a 10 year Strategic Plan which will help us achieve our long-term vision:



In 10 years the communities of the 9CC area will be a vibrant, connected, resilient and inclusive with a strong wellbeing economy, new wealth being created, and people of all ages and backgrounds involved in making this a better place where people will want to live, work, play and visit.



The Strategic Plan has five themes each with a range of projects and initiatives. The flagship projects are:

Theme 1 An Active Community

- Outdoor activity attractions with opportunities for cycling, walking, adventure play and outdoor education that will attract both local people and visitors from around Scotland

Theme 2 An Entrepreneurial Community

- A Green Jobs Hub with facilities for learning, business development and manufacturing
- An improving economy generating jobs within our communities, with particular focus on our Young People
- Modern Centre(s) celebrating local heritage to develop community pride and visitor footfall to the area

Theme 3 A Connected Community

- A well signposted walking and cycle paths network across the nine communities linked to awareness of heritage and the natural environment
- This path network will be connected with outdoor mountain bike and cycle hire using different types e.g. scooters, bikes, e-bikes and accessible vehicles
- Connected broadband communities and improved transport links
- Lobbying to open up a train line into the community

Theme 4 A Net Zero Community

- A fund to support all community assets to transfer to renewable energy
- Plan to have renewables in all homes
- Develop a community energy scheme

Theme 5 Children and Young People

- Youth facilities and services across the area developing outdoor activities, workshops and events for young people
- Develop projects for young people focusing on traditional arts and heritage craft skills, architecture and design, science, engineering, horticulture, wellbeing and hospitality
- Implement a social enterprise project providing affordable and accessible activities for children, young people and their families. This will also offer training, education and employment opportunities
- Set up support projects providing assistance to young people to set up their own businesses



Thanks

We need more local people to get involved in delivering this vision for the 9CC communities. If you would like to find out more about all the potential projects or how to get involved, please contact:

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