



# Meigle and Ardler Community Action Plan

Your Say is Important!





# What the Community Said

The next two slides provide a very brief insight into what the community said





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# Community Views Survey - example stats

- 67% liked the Nature of the Place
- 40% disliked Roads, Traffic and Parking
- 45% thought improved Community Facilities, Activities, Groups and Events would make the area a better place to live and work



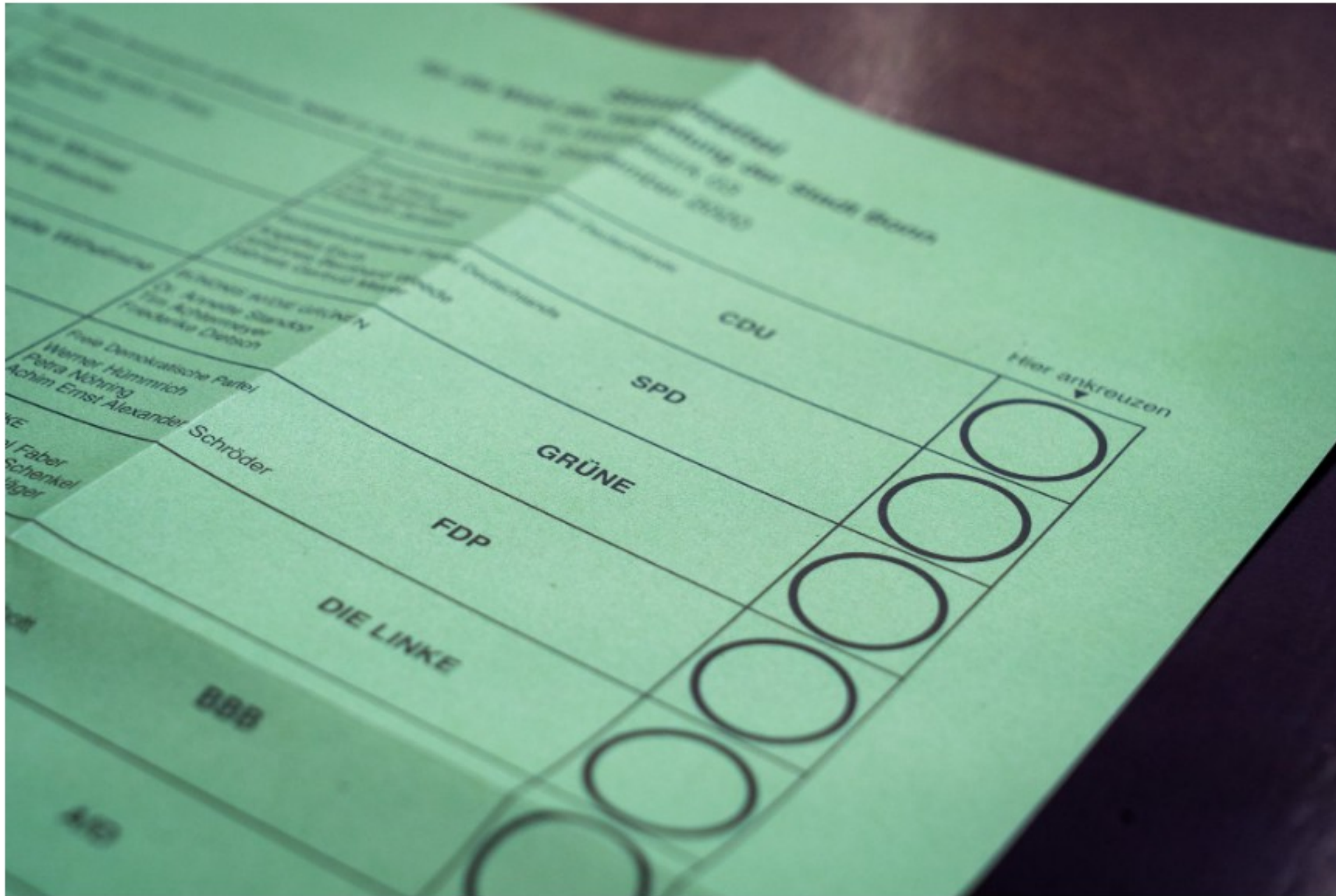


WE HELD 20 STAKEHOLDER CONVERSATIONS WITH RESIDENTS, GROUPS AND BUSINESSES

## Stakeholder Conversations - example quotes

- "Little interventions can be so powerful and have such an impact" (Local Economy)
- "Our vision for Meigle and Ardler; would be a community that continues to provide and build on skills for life, learning and work" (Education)
- "I feel like we are pretty well connected" (Traffic, Roads, Transport)





# We now need you to vote on your preferred priorities for each of the 5 Themes

Each Theme will be described in more detail and you will have the opportunity to vote.

Then you can tell us what needs done about it AND who needs to do it



# Please tell us if you live in Meigle or Ardler

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Meigle

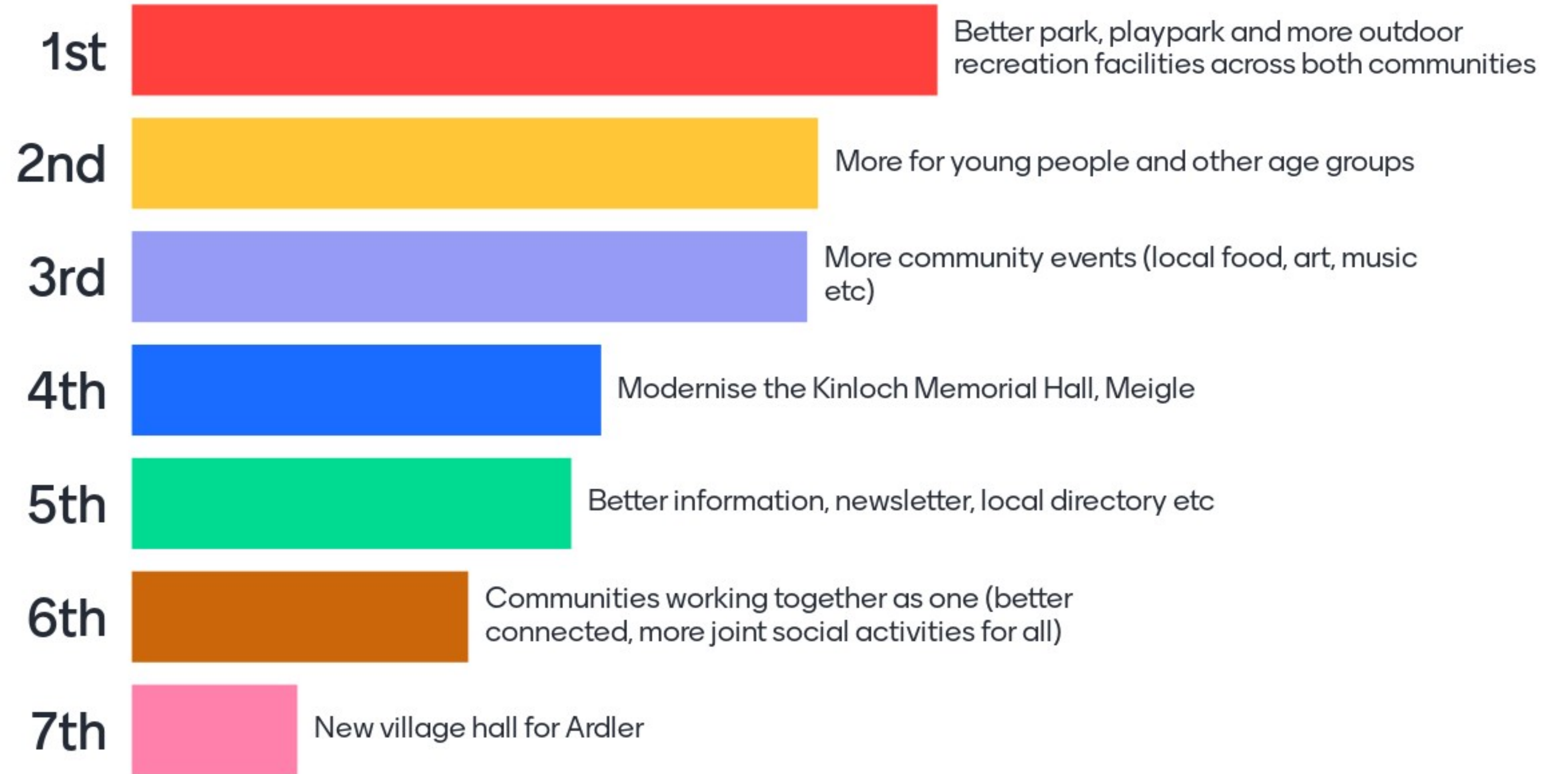
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Ardler



# Please read over the priorities in Theme 1 - Community Facilities, Activities and Events





# What needs to be done and who needs to do the top (1st) priority you have just chosen (Theme 1 - Community Facilities, Activities and Events)

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Keeping bowling green tidy and available for com use

There is not much in the village for teenagers .

Identify suitable areas and invest in outdoor equipment

Ardler needs a new modern, sustainable play park for young children (such as wood). The community as a whole would help out with some of the preparation works to keep costs down and build community spirit.

Funding to modernise the hall might make it more attractive to groups to use. Development trust to organise?

Out with the local agricultural shows and other festive periods, we need to celebrate something that Megile/Ardler can be proud of. The Tattie / Pea or Berries. This can be done by a local community group. some sort of community event.

Leave alone if it means an increase in council tax!

After scout hall sold off (despite local fundraisers all those years ago) still to many halls and really need to sell all off and have one. A sports halls for Meigle school & local clubs and save travel to towns. Reinstate cricket at Belmont?



# What needs to be done and who needs to do the top (1st) priority you have just chosen (Theme 1 - Community Facilities, Activities and Events)

Once allowed more social activities within the community, use the kinloch hotel more for events, if not user me will loose it!

Encouraging a variety of events to showcase Meigle. Can be done through word of mouth , Facebook, etc. Having the facilities to enable this to happen is vital though.

Joint project between Scot gov local authority and community group.

Communities working together is important We should be able to organise something for both ardlar and Meigle

Need a (probably salaried) VILLAGE / PROJECT MANAGER to take best ideas forward and who REPORTS TO the community council (democratically appointed).

create a newsletter monthly create a directory of services for local area

Community Council as in the past.

I think we could invite folk in to provide events. More people could be living and working in the community rather than going to a city everyday, as they were pre Covid. Bring outdoor theatre/cinema like happens at Glamis or a farmers market.

Ask community for feedback on what they would like to have in the way of extra facilities,, activities and events. Especially for the younger Meigleonianians.



# What needs to be done and who needs to do the top (1st) priority you have just chosen (Theme 1 - Community Facilities, Activities and Events)

It doesn't help that the outdoor facilities in Meigle are under 2 local authorities, so that makes things difficult with regards the parks, but more could be done by the community to improve the walks we have similar to the path network in Newtyle

Upgraded park equipment. Hopefully the council working alongside the Victory Park could improve this for younger children. Facilities for all, eg tennis court or multipurpose pitch, Boules pit, exercise equipment

Add proper broadband to the hall. Add charging points for electronic devices. Possibly purchase a projector for use with community events.

More equipment seats and benches in park Perth and Kinross council /Ardler Community

Better parking around Belmont to prevent damage to verges. Reopen the toilet facilities in the park.

For the young: Brownies, Guides, Rainbows, activities for over 10 year olds and teenagers (martial arts, dancing, crafts, movie nights, kareokee, singing?)

Multi purpose sport court to play football, tennis, basketball. Tennis practice wall that can be used to kick a ball as well for everyone to pkag together or alone

I don't know

Once restrictions are lifted events at the hall and park would be welcomed. Whether coffee mornings, markets or jumble sale type events. These have always been popular in the past and bring people out into the community.



# What needs to be done and who needs to do the top (1st) priority you have just chosen (Theme 1 - Community Facilities, Activities and Events)

The park at the football park could be improved - at the moment it's just swings and not very inviting. More could be made of this lovely space. Maybe a wooden play park like the one at the den of alyth.

Sub-group of MACDT could be set up to focus on this activity and raise the necessary funding & support

The council

Local residents supported by community council in both villages, not just Meigle

Better communication about events that are on to get better engagement. Maybe get a an up to date community notice board to advertise events etc

Meigle community can work together as shown during the Pandemic. Many new residents to Meigle are commuters and do not always take an active part in village life. Events to bring everyone together would improve the feeling of belonging to a community

MACDT can be conduit for funding for better facilities in Ardler playpark and use of old hall site.

Improved children's park, outdoor adult recreation areas

More park facilities (in Belmont) to replace those that have been removed over time. More activities in Belmont Woods, like the recent Orienteering that was organised.



# Please read over the priorities in Theme 2 - Local Economy





# What needs to be done and who needs to do the top (1st) priority you have just chosen for Theme 2 (Local Economy)

blah test

Leave alone if it means an increase in council tax!

Belmont castle could be a Ballathie style wedding venue. BP could be a permanent junior cricket venue and reinstate football pitch. Mugga at VP,3g at BP with floodlights. Sign should say home of MCC as you drive in. Who knows where cricket & BP is?!

Developing the local pub/shops and getting people to shop local will create a 'buzz' about the villages, a more positive vibe uplifting the spirit of the community. Support given to new start-ups so they themselves can create something good.

local businesses support the local economy

Host events at the kinloch hotel, great hub and a huge asset to the village. One which has suffered over the past year!

Full scale social media and tabloid advertising paid for by the trust to save businesses spending their own money during. Deals for the elderly and young parent groups to encourage use of cafes etc.

Dundee council either need to invest more money into the upkeep of the estate, or hurry up and sell it /gift the land to PKC so it can be given some care and attention. Seems too big a job for a community group to do.

Signage for local walks, redevelopment of castle grounds...supposedly used to have a wide variety of activities /areas for all ages to enjoy, more than just a walk. Possibly get local volunteers once permission gained.



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Again a combination of Scot gov local authorities and community groups

Help develop the area for ? visitors/tourists to help local economy

If better signage was available of the linked paths, with parking available, it could bring visitors into the area, who would hopefully then visit the local cafe's / pubs for food and drink, which would support local businesses & increase employment

It's important that we support our local shops and businesses. So the people from both villages as well as the local government require to get involved.

I think there is a lot round here that we could promote. It would be good if the community could keep control of it though, and for it not to be too municipal or commercial

Total refurbishment Council/ Community

New appointment of a PROJECT/VILLAGE MANAGER, reporting to community council. This should be a funded post, probably part time to begin with. Important priority for manager is to bring in business advisers to help various new enterprises

Ask Dundee City Council how much they want for it and go for a community buyout similar to that of the Knoydart Foundation. Knoydart residents managed to take over a 17500 acre estate. Belmont estate is only 51 acres.

Use of park, camp, castle and stables for local kids, business offices, cafe, shops. Camp for sport and local kids, maybe school



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Help businesses start up in the area and market their business within the villages and wider area. Grow biz and experienced entrepreneurs would be best placed to help

Have signs made to mark out walks. Possibly with distance markers. Have old Maggie registered in some way to protect her from felling. Hold a fete/ garden party on the grass at front of castle.

I feel it is important to provide support for the local businesses already in the area, particularly in the recovery process from Covid.

Again better parking and facilities in Belmont to encourage users into the village who may then use the cafes

Map to Belmont Estate (plaque in park showing walks); download map and walks in Belmont Park and local area; maintain and open public toilets in Belmont Park; make area for the horses more secure (gate can be opened by anybody).

I wouldn't say there is many signs showing footpaths and places to walk

This could support some of the other areas, like attracting more small businesses to the area. It should have a strong environmental focus and be sustainable, as a hub for improving biodiversity and sustainable food production. Who? I don't know.

No idea how that would happen as Dundee CC own the Estate and are guarded about what happens to it. I do think it should be preserved somehow through joint work with them.

Belmont estate could be used for outdoor education activities. Maybe a permanent wooden play park or bike pump track or both which could be used by younger and older children. A community garden/allotment and or/orchard would also be lovely.



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Developing Belmont would be a huge undertaking but could be done in stages. Relationship with DCC needs to be fostered. MACDT to provide leadership & route for funding in partnership with local stakeholders.

Encourage people to use them! Apart from the spa the local businesses aren't actually that frequently used by locals.

Although developing the Castle and buildings would be a large project, initial work could take place making the Estate more accessible with better amenities. MACDT could lead on this?

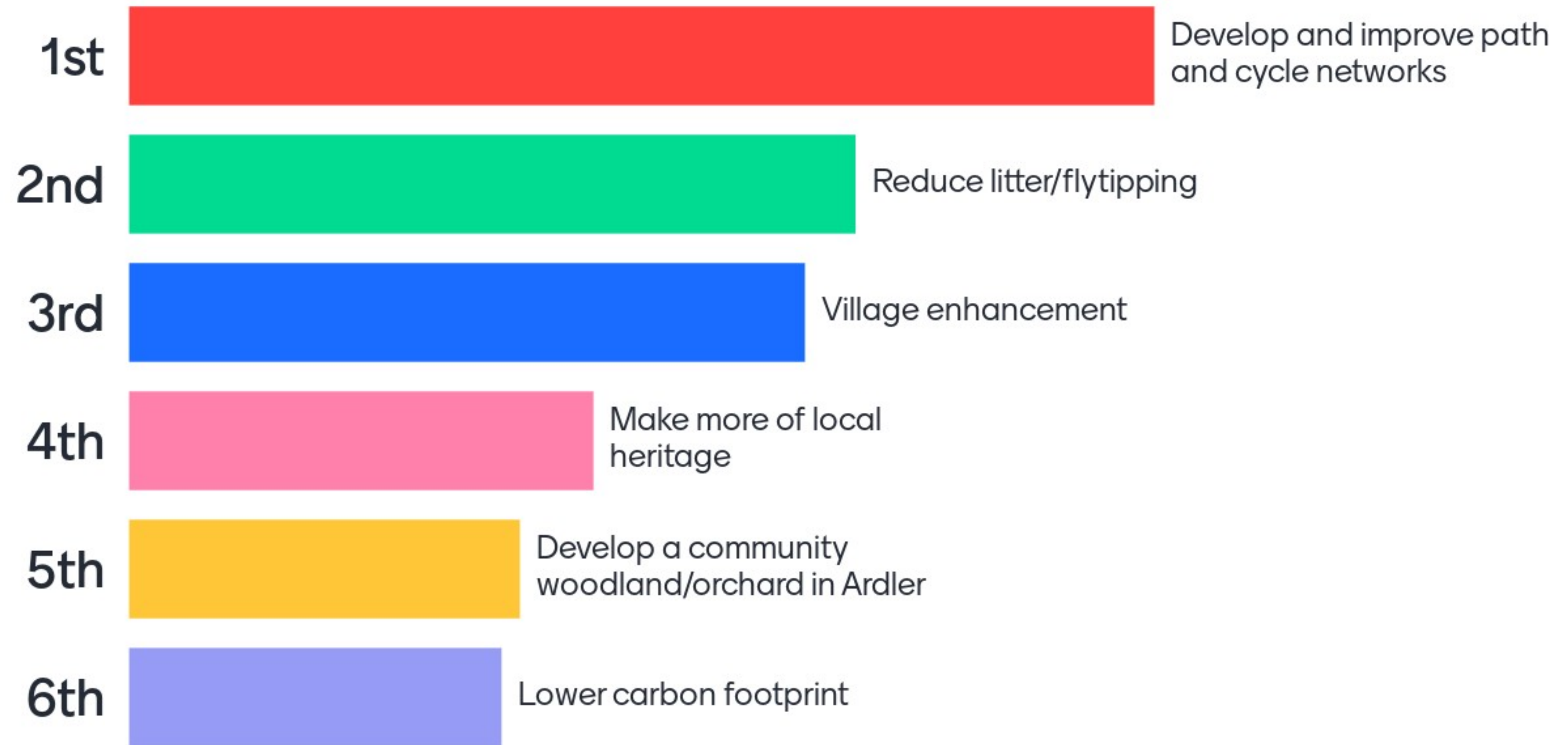
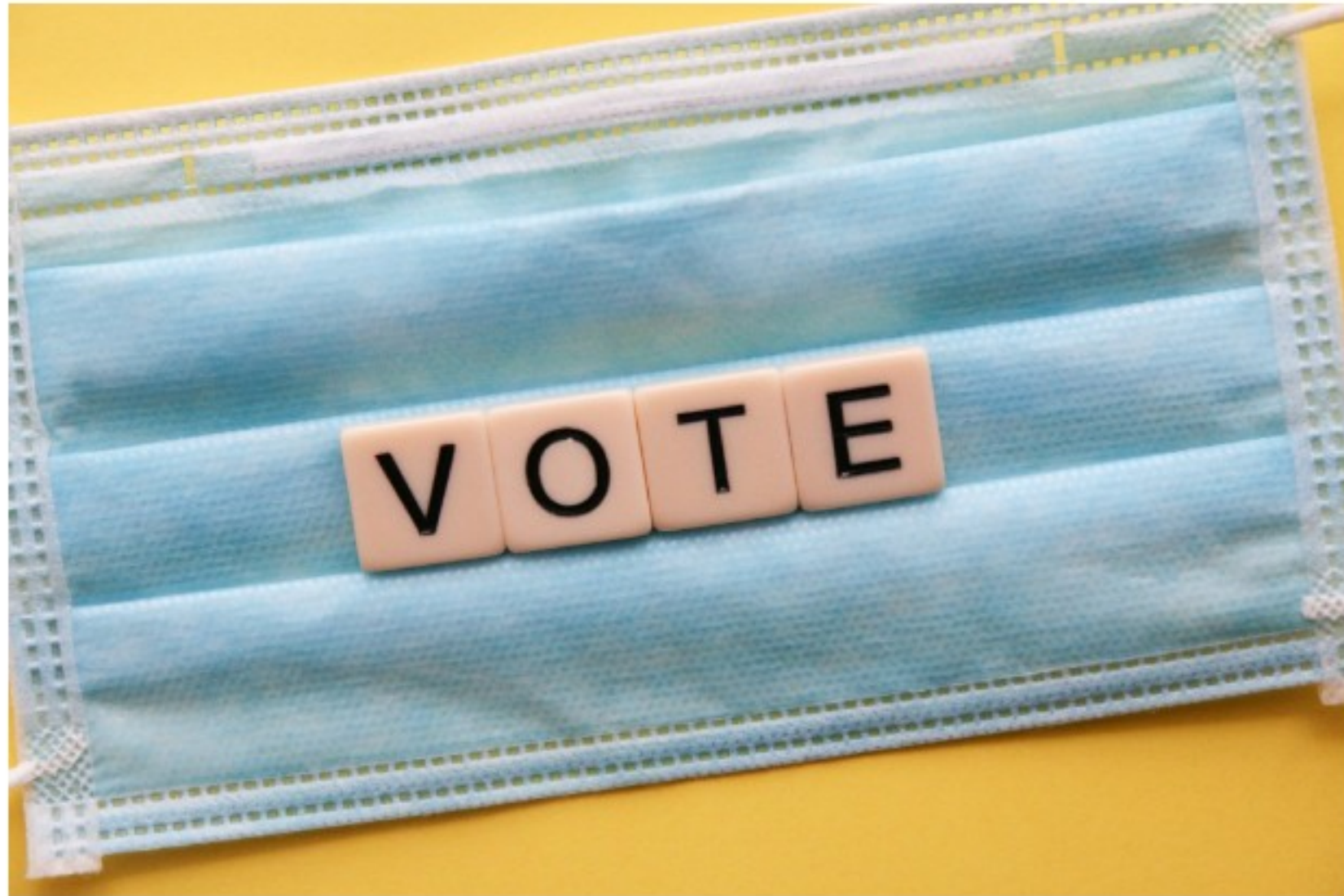
Dundee City own Belmont Estate & are responsible for upkeep & associated costs. If they transfer ownership of estate grounds to community ownership under community right to buy we can preserve this for our communities benefit & future generations.

Community could propose ideas, then vote on the best idea

Take control of the Belmont Estate to secure its future as an asset to the local community. Ensure it can be maintained sustainably by using the buildings as some form of business to provide funds (outdoor centre, country hotel etc)



# Please read over the priorities in Theme 3 - Environment and Heritage





# What needs to be done and who needs to do the top (1st) priority you have just chosen for Theme 3 (Environment and Heritage)

blah test

Leave alone if it means an increase in council tax!

Still not sure we make enough of the local history. Parking is an issue. It seems we have some disused land around the locale we could turn into the public car park and then good signage to hospitality and heritage. Geo caches?

the community trust needs to organise a network of volunteers to clear footpaths, gain funding for cycle paths etc. Something like what has been done to the bowling green in Meigle.

Maybe more litter bins around the village.

Better cycle paths would be great. Also more bins around the village would be better.

Both villages require more outdoor facilities such as all weather tennis courts, improved play parks, public toilets and development of existing clubs facilities to be more modern and offer access to other groups in the area.

There is a small group of wonderful volunteers who maintain the community garden in Meigle. If more people like them could be found, places like hospital corner could look beautiful.

Signage and improvements to existing paths would be a start, this can then be developed to include further walks/routes. Again possible local voluntary involvement?



# What needs to be done and who needs to do the top (1st) priority you have just chosen for Theme 3 (Environment and Heritage)

Littering is a problem as it creates an unkept and untidy impression. Village eNhancement would help to attract more visitors spending money in local shops etc

The community should come together to look after our village.

I believe that by developing paths & cycle networks & by linking into the pre-existing Newtyle and Strathmore networks, it will provide better facilities for locals & will encourage more people into the area to support local hospitality businesses

I have seen too much litter dropping and flytipping. in the area. This needs to be sorted ASAP. I think cyclists perhaps unintentionally drop water bottles, carry outs are thrown out of cars. Signage required to discourage people dropping litter

Some buildings seem to just be rotting away. Can we get help from someone to bring them back into use?

Council/Community

The VILLAGE/PROJECT MANAGER should ensure that much more is made of the strong Pictish heritage of the area. The Meigle Museum does not have sufficient support by HES - signage for museum and parking isn't good.

Ask NTS for guidance on how to further develop abandoned railway lines around the village similar to what Newtyle have done. Ask local land owners for support on this.

Local issue that will need to be included in wider approach. Organise local litter picking and signs



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Improving cycling/walking paths between towns in the local area this would improve fitness & reduce carbon footprint. Pavement on A94 is too narrow for walking beside children or cycling. Disused railway line developed for better access to Dundee

Organise community litter picks more often, perhaps on a rota, at least for certain parts of the village. Get larger bins for the spar, to separate recycling etc

There could be more no flytipping signs and ways to report it

More bins

Organise regular litter picking by volunteers; organise places where litter that was collected can be left for the council to uplift; publicise the work and approach companies like Starbucks and McDonalds to fund litter picking equipment?

Encourage buying local, more cycling paths/networks, walking, a community garden which would encourage more seasonal eating. some group sessions where people share knowledge or ways to lower carbon footprint - small changes will make a difference

The paths and cycle ways also contribute to lower carbon footprint. Making a safe off road cycle way to Alyth is a priority, but needs to be linked up with a continuous network of paths and cycle ways across Tayside. Who? Don't know

Better planned walks and areas cleared that are current walks/cycle routes. Leaflets to promote those too. Newtyle have similar, so find out how they did it. It may have been in conjunction with Angus Council though.

This is a lovely idea. Involve the whole Ardler community who can then enjoy



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Attract community funding - and work with existing paths network.

More flower planting by either local volunteers or funded sources to make Meigle look prettier.

Become a larger part of the strathmore cycle network and talk to the Coupar Angus Cycling Hub to get the benefits this brings. Link up the Strathmore Cycle Network with the Newtyle path network.

This links to using Belmont Estate more effectively.

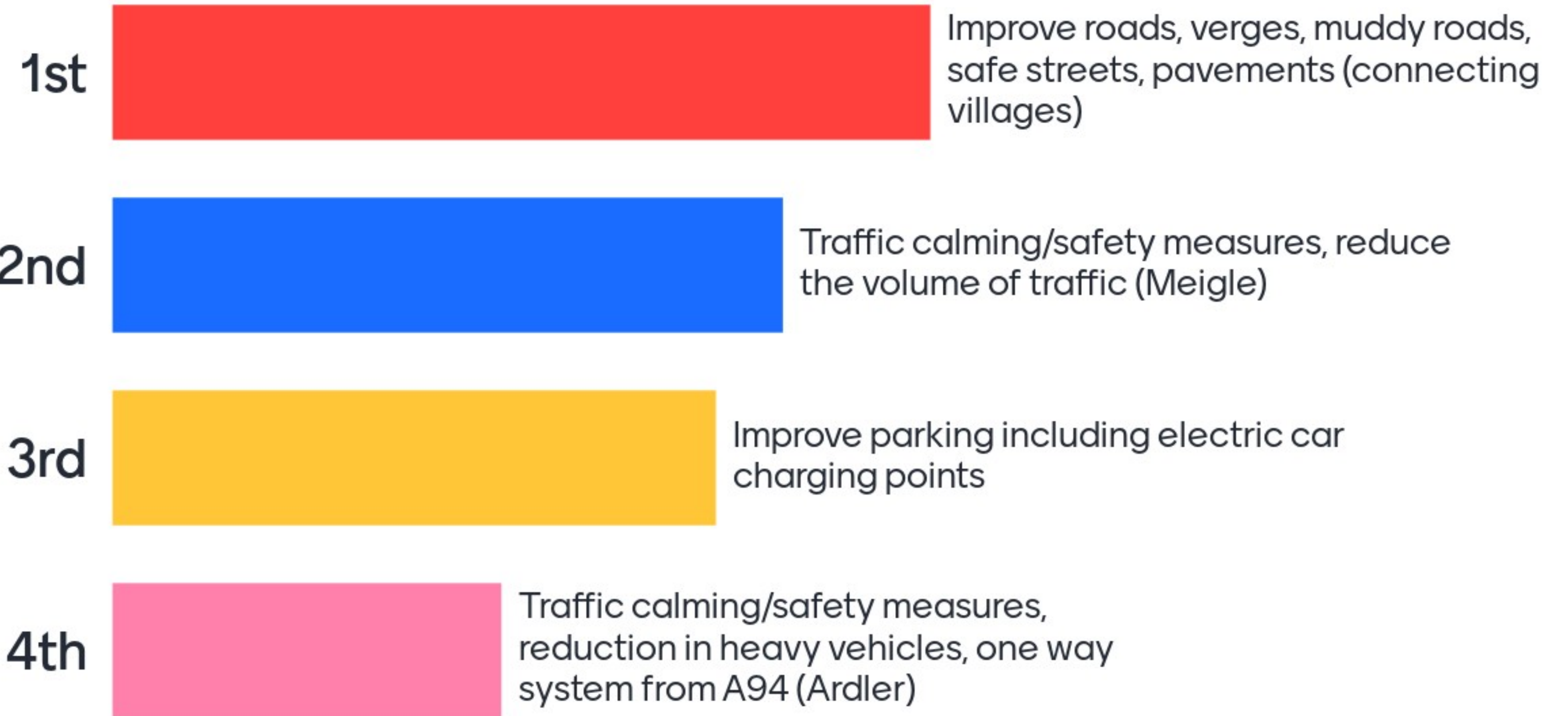
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Council to make routes safer for walkers cyclists. Eg Ardler road - some vehicles have disregard for people walking along.. Need harsher penalties for those speeding.

Join Meigle & Ardler with existing cycle routes to Alyth, Coupar Angus & Newtyle. Open up existing railway tracks as done in Newtyle to provide safe walking & cycleways linking communities. Transport links connecting Coupar Angus-Ket - Ardler-Meigle



# Please read over the priorities in Theme 4 - Roads, Traffic and Parking





# What needs to be done and who needs to do the top (1st) priority you have just chosen for Theme 4 (Traffic, Roads and Parking)

blah test

Leave alone if it means an increase in council tax!

A decent path between the two villages. It's scary taking children on the road.

local council

There is not enough parking around the centre of the village for tge Spar.

Parking. Keep folk slower through the village. Bit make them want tonatop amd spend money. Joinery car park is not convenient and is tight

Passing places are required on all single track roads between Meigle and Ardler to make passing safer and encourage more space to overtake cyclists and walkers.

Electric vehicles are coming be prepared! Would potentially help local businesses if passing vehicles stop to recharge.

More money spent to keep the roads and verges in better condition



# What needs to be done and who needs to do the top (1st) priority you have just chosen for Theme 4 (Traffic, Roads and Parking)

Traffic needs to be slowed on A94 through Meigle, it is accident waiting to happen. P&K council need to take responsibility.

The government wish us to buy electric cars (however they are v expensive ) therefore require charging points in ardlar and Meigle.

More parking for visitors perhaps in a section of former bowling club, adjacent Kinloch Hall. Electric charging points NOT TO BE located near to Spar/Community Gdn- occupies spaces for too long.

Concerned re amount of traffic going through Meigle and the speed and pollution

The road from meigle to Ardlar is lovely but could be improved for walking cycling. The A road is just a battle to walk on, can the council develop a nice circular route between the two villages? a 40 limit from the Arthur stone cut off and pavement

Can PKC be given a nudge and asked to get their finger out on what has been promised?

By improving roads, paths and parking, it will hopefully increase the number of people who will enjoy the great outdoors, as they will feel safer to do so and enjoy our villages bringing a much needed boost to local hospitality businesses

One way system was fine years ago but more traffic now could look at way of diverting traffic another way and not through village Council/Grewars

Ideally get 20mph limit. Done in other villages why not here? Speeding in square on dundee road



# What needs to be done and who needs to do the top (1st) priority you have just chosen for Theme 4 (Traffic, Roads and Parking)

Council and police needed to survey the road/traffic over a period of time to fully realise the difficulties in the village. Parking causes congestion in centre of the village. Dangerous crossing points at edges of village as cars speed up

Speed cameras!!!!!!!

There's a narrow road and an official one way system would be good to to avoid the farm traffic and any issues

A parking area in Belmont would really help. Maybe at the grass park area nearest the toilet block. Increase parking and improve the parking at the hall

Build cycling paths and/pavements to connect Meigle with Newtyle, Ardler and Alyth. Perth and Kinross Council, and Angus Council?

It would be great to have a pavement or similar between the villages encouraging more connection & child friendly walking routes. Would be lovely to walk or let the children scooter into Ardler without worrying about the road and vice versus

Recent improvements have been good, but safety for cycling is needed.

The Ardler Road was ruined by the lorries going to the housing development off Parkside. That needs fixed properly this time. No interest in electric charging. Road safety is already being dealt with.

This should be relatively straightforward to achieve, though regular speed checks would be needed. Action group could be recruited within Ardler.



# What needs to be done and who needs to do the top (1st) priority you have just chosen for Theme 4 (Traffic, Roads and Parking)

Where are the electric charging points for cars? Be just as well to get some so we are prepared for the diesel and petrol ban

Create Passing places on roads in and out of Ardler from A94.

Sort out the verges on ardler rd and stop people using belmont as a cut through

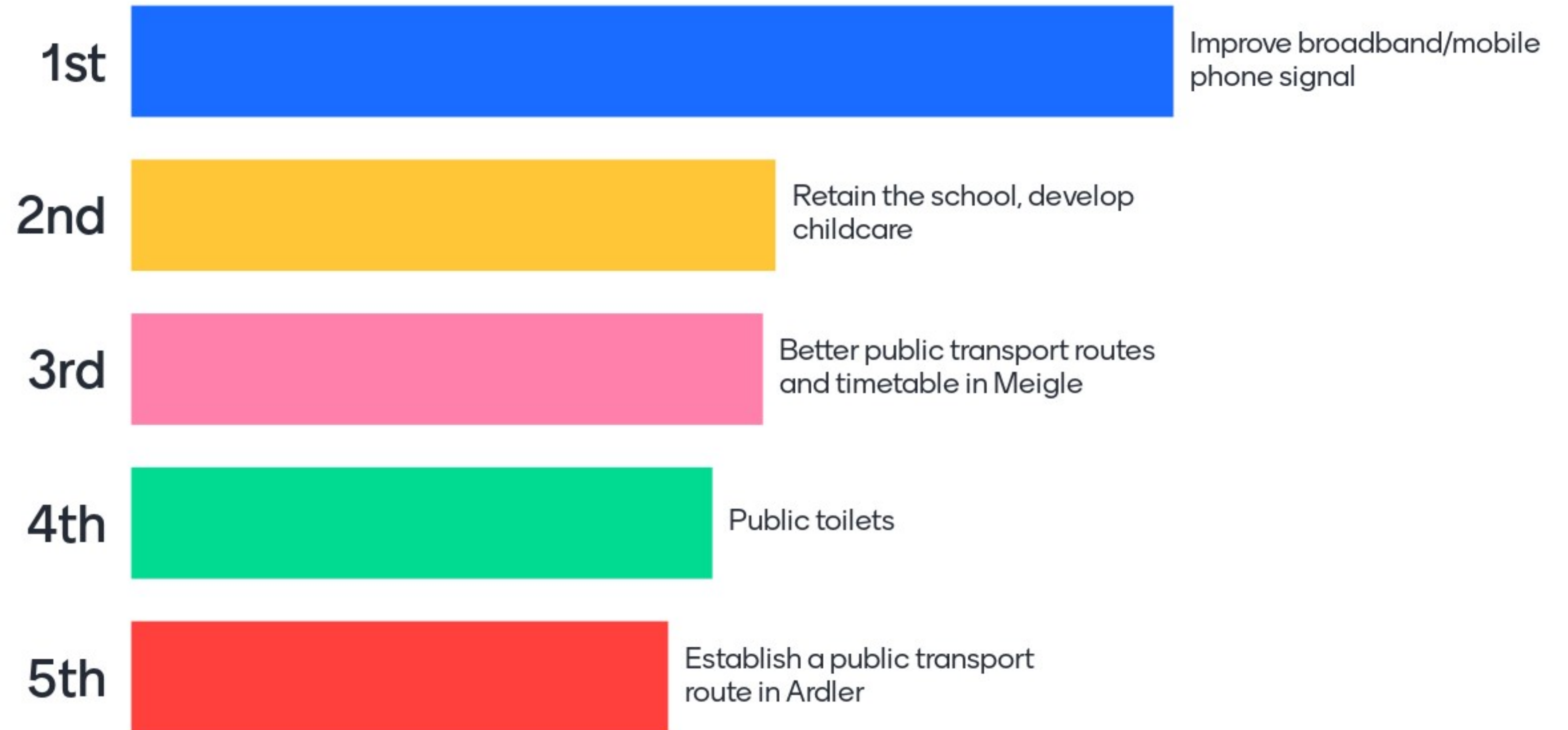
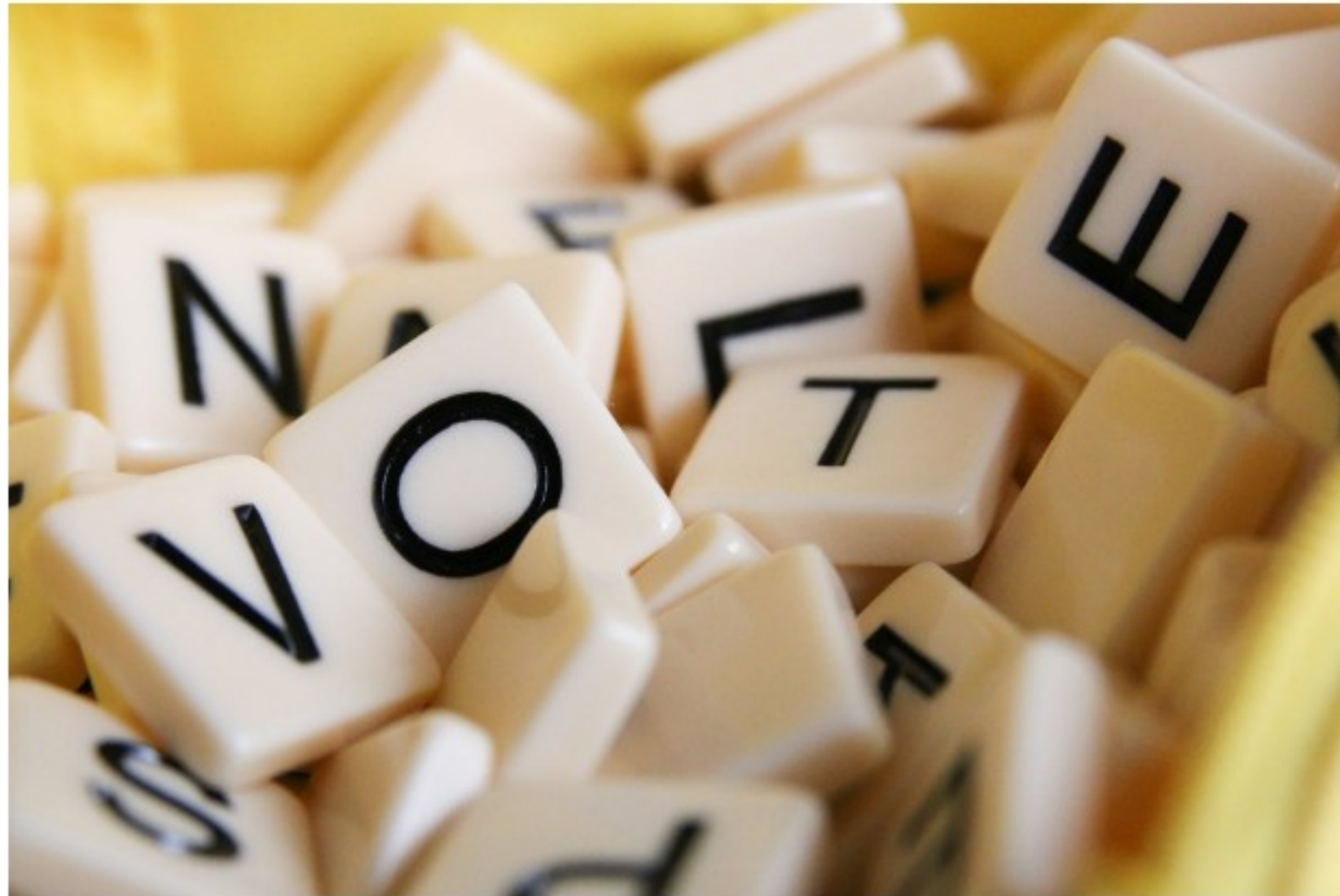
Signalised junction at intersection between B954 & A94 at Spar. Puffin Crossing on Forfar Road & continuous pavement allowing pedestrians safe walkways. Prepare for impact of CTRL upon traffic volume passing through Meigle. Access only Strathmore PI

Council

Further put in place measures which passively slow traffic through the village which would further encourage cycling in the area.



# Please read over the priorities in Theme 5 - Access to Services





# What needs to be done and who needs to do the top (1st) priority you have just chosen for Theme 5 - Access to Services

blah test

Leave alone if it means an increase in council tax!

Connect Meigle and Ardler - safer to cycle, some bus travel.  
Broadband strength

There needs to be a bus route that connects Meigle/Ardler to Coupar Angus that doesn't involve going through Alyth/Blairgowrie. Community groups need to petition the bus companies.

Good communications links are vital for businesses in rural areas

A public bus from Meigle to forfar would be a huge help to many!

To encourage more businesses to set up around Meigle and Ardler a priority has to be better broadband and mobile signal. This has been proven while working from home there are too many black spots for mobile phone signal and broadband slowdowns.

No idea - phone networks?

It is really a necessity now.



# What needs to be done and who needs to do the top (1st) priority you have just chosen for Theme 5 - Access to Services

Both of these issues are of equal value to me. Ardler connections important and also mobile phone signal. !!

The broadband can be really slow and if folk are going to telecommute and stay in the village it needs to be better. Cross over with economy theme- what about a telecommuting hub? Is there a big employer we could partner with?

Booster in area as signal not strong enough Phone companies

Mobile phone network needs improvements. Home workers need fast reliable broadband service. Community Superfast Broadband might be considered.

Meigle school and community council to advise on how the school will cope with growing numbers caused by residential development.

Mobile reception on a cloudy day is none existing. Cant be in 21st century. Mobile mast near village to improve reception

Need to establish better transport links

By retaining the school and developing childcare it will encourage young families to settle in the area which will help to sustain the villages in the long-term

Council needs to help establish before and after school clubs to allow the school to be available to as many pupils as possible.



# What needs to be done and who needs to do the top (1st) priority you have just chosen for Theme 5 - Access to Services

Public toilets in Belmont could be opened and looked after by volunteers

Set up a pre-school and after school club; or offer organised transport to Alyth after school club (or Newtyle if there is a club there?); outsource if necessary.

A bus to either Meigle or Coupar Angus would improve connectivity for people not wishing/able to drive

Where I live is just off the fast broadband cable, which is a problem. Mobile phone reception is pretty bad. Pressure on service providers seems to get nowhere but perhaps a more concerted effort is needed.

School needs supporting. Childcare has been looked at via school and not easy to maintain (I was directly involved). Current public loos in Belmont could be revamped and managed??

Link with current incentive schemes to improve broadband

Mobile masts can be well disguised these days. Encourage providers to build one.

With small children and one about to start at Meigle primary I think the loss of the school would be detrimental to the community and would help in any way to prevent this. Breakfast/after school facilities parent led or otherwise would also be good

We should aim to be a 1 gbt village with full fibre to every household - vouchers available through PKC?



# What needs to be done and who needs to do the top (1st) priority you have just chosen for Theme 5 - Access to Services

Phone signal can be poor but broadband can be hit and miss. Broadband companies should update infrastructure

Investment in the school buildings and greater clarity from the council over its long term intentions.

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Connection to 57 Bus to Perth at Coupar Angus linking Meigle - Ardler - Kettins - Coupar Angus both ways saving 45 mins to Perth & Dundee. Utilise toilets in Kinloch, Joinery & Spar for public use. Sharing of phone masts to improve 3G/4G/5G network.

Improve the frequency and decrease journey times on the 57 (post COVID). Potentially link Meigle up with Coupar Angus direct to decrease journey time to perth?



# Thank you for participating and shaping the future direction of community efforts for Meigle and Ardler

The voting results, the survey analysis report and stakeholder report will inform the final Community Action Plan - these will be available by late Spring 2021.

The final plan will be available to view on the Meigle and Ardler Smart Village  
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