

Milnathort Placecheck Issues

Gap in the Footpath

At one of the community events it was noted that there is a gap in the footpath between Milnathort and Gateside. This has been added to a list for future work when budgets allow.

Community Garden/Allotment

The Bloom group have received a grant to create a community garden in the gap site on South Street

Dog Issues

It was approved by the Council a number of years ago that before a dog bin is located anywhere, a needs assessment would be carried out. This was to ensure the efficient use of resources, purchase, erection, emptying and maintenance costs and to provide best value.

The Dog Control & Welfare team inspected all of Milnathort with regard to the issues raised by the community. In general they found that, Milnathort does not have a problem with dog fouling other than the path from the Auld Mart along the side of the golf course. This has bins at either end but the remote nature means that some people think it is alright not to uplift the waste. It is a difficult area to patrol with the intention of catching offenders but it is patrolled periodically. Perhaps the community has information on the offenders that they can share?

There are increased problems in other areas during the winter months due to dark mornings and evenings when again some people think it's OK to let their dogs foul because they cannot be seen. It is not OK not to pick up the waste just because it is dark! This is common throughout Perth and Kinross and Milnathort is no different or worse than anywhere else.

It should be noted that litter bins can be used for dog waste too. To emphasise this fact, signs are being ordered to put on litter bins stating the dual function. It should also be noted that if bins are not available dog owners should take the waste home for disposal. The litter bin in Donaldson Park football car park will be replaced.

We are trialling a "Green Dog Walkers" initiative to help community groups to improve their own environment. The team are happy to engage with the Milnathort community on this if there is interest.



What is Placecheck?

Placecheck is about improving public spaces by the Council and the community working in partnership. The aim is to get people working together to improve their local area and work with the Council on shared priorities. For more information see:

www.pkc.gov.uk/placecheck

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Milnathort Placecheck

Milnathort Placecheck started with a community event in August 2009 where the community had the opportunity to walk around the Milnathort area with Council Officers and identify what they liked, didn't like and wanted to improve. This was followed by an action planning session in September 2009 and an exhibition of designs during May 2010. Since then there has been a great deal of work done by the community and the Placecheck Design Team carrying out projects to meet the priorities identified, working on the designs for further improvements and ensuring the community are happy with the designs. Now that the designs are finalised we are now at the stage of putting the work programmes out to tender and finalising the time scales.

We would like to thank the community of Milnathort, especially members of the Community Council for their help so far with the consultations and for delivering the newsletters. Thanks to the Bloom Committee for continuing to keep Milnathort looking great. Thanks also to Orwell and Portmoak Church Office for allowing us to display Placecheck information for the public to view.

We hope that you are happy with the improvements as they start to take shape. Proposals can be downloaded from the Placecheck webpage: www.pkc.gov.uk/placecheck

Updates on Priorities

Roads Issues

Market area redevelopment

Proposed changes to the market area, including the junction at Victoria Ave, North St and Wester Loan to slow traffic have been generally well received by the community although further consultation is being done with local residents to agree the final designs. Once agreed work should start here from February.

Victoria Avenue

Plans to make Victoria Avenue one way are underway. A Traffic Order is being prepared to enable this to happen. Once this is in place, signage will be put up and traffic calming will be built to help children exiting the top of the park. It is hoped this work will be completed by the summer.

Perth Road / Burleigh Road Junction

Work on the traffic calming measures to be built on both sides of Perth Road to curb speed and improve the junction with Burleigh Road will start from February.



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Updates on Priorities

Roads Issues (continued)

Community Woodland Path at Burleigh Castle

A new bridge has been built and a path created. This was opened by Roseanna Cunningham on 1st October 2010. The Council were involved in terms of advising on design, all funding and work was organised by TRACKS.

Gateways to village

The new signs at the gateways to the village have been installed and the Bloom Committee are looking at options for planting to enhance these gateways. The 40mph limit between Milnathort and Kinross will be lowered to 30mph to make it safer for school children at Loch Leven Campus and a 40mph buffer will be introduced on Perth Road.

South Street improvements

There has been a great deal of interest and correspondence on the proposals for improvements to the layout of South Street. Alterations to the bus stop are to be carried out to make boarding and alighting easier for passengers with reduced mobility. We have been investigating options for installing a Zebra Crossing on South Street to allow children to cross safely to Donaldson Park and on to Milnathort Primary School. Once a decision is agreed, the work will commence from February.

Burleigh Road

The footpath at Burleigh Road was recently resurfaced and various options are still being investigated to lower vehicle speeds in the area.

Cycle Stands

As part of the Placecheck works a number of new cycle stands will be installed to encourage people to use their bikes when out and about. Cycling is a cheap, easy and healthy way to get around. The new stands will be installed in the parks, South Street and Westerloan. For information or queries about cycling in Perth and Kinross please visit www.pkc.gov.uk/cycling or call the Council's Sustainable Transport Officer on 01738 477388.

Disruption During Placecheck Works

Perth & Kinross Council is planning to undertake the works detailed in this newsletter from February 2011. Due to the impact of the recent severe weather conditions, all construction work is likely to be delayed. Regrettably, there will be some inconvenience to surrounding premises during the works. However, every effort will be taken to maintain access to the properties and to keep any disruption to a minimum. We would respectfully request your co-operation while the work is being carried out as this will allow us to complete the works as quickly as possible. Should the proposed works cause you any particular concerns please do not hesitate to contact Traffic & Road Safety on 01738 477387 to discuss the matter.

During the works in the vicinity of the bus stops at and opposite the Royal Bank of Scotland on South Street, passengers will be requested to use the stops that are located at and opposite the War Memorial on South Street. For the other works that are due to take place at the bus stops on New Road, temporary bus stops will be provided as near to the existing stops as possible to hopefully minimise the disruption to passengers.

Greenspace Projects

Children from Milnathort Primary School were invited to choose replacement play equipment for the parks. There are pictures of the pieces chosen on this page. The public will also be invited to assist with the planting of fruit trees, bulbs and wild flowers this year when the weather improves. The Greenspace projects should be started early February (weather dependant).

Donaldson Park

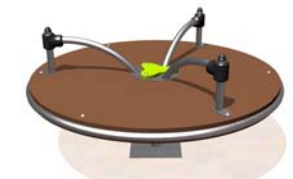
Improvements to the play area at Donaldson Park are to be carried out including installing a youth shelter, a springie, a roundabout, cycle parking, landscaping, planting and upgrading the entrance. Youth workers consulted 450 young people who were involved in choosing a youth shelter. Some improvements have been done to the war memorial area and the Bloom group have agreed to do part of the future planting.



Springie



Youth Shelter



Roundabout

Ba' Hill Improvement

The area opposite the church is to have the seating improved and some landscaping works done and we are also going to tidy up area at the bottom of the hill.

Auld Mart

Trees will be planted on the open space area at Auld Mart with help from the community.

Back Loan Park

The small play park is to be improved with a new seesaw and multi unit, bike racks and an improved entrance.



Seesaw



Multi Unit