

## **Milnathort Placecheck**

It was felt the community of Milnathort was well placed to take Placecheck forward with a large number of potential public space issues to look at further. It was felt that the active Community Council and Bloom Committee were well placed to take the lead on Placecheck. The whole Placecheck process will take place over approximately an 18 month period. The relationships and partnerships created and the improvements to the area developed by the Placecheck process should continue to enhance the community for many years to come.

### **Children and Youth Placecheck Activities - August/September 2009**

The children's Placecheck began with a school assembly on the 31st August at Milnathort Primary School followed by every class going on a Placecheck walkabout to note their suggestions for improving Milnathort. Their top priorities were to make the park bigger and better, provide more dog bins, provide more street lighting especially in the park, make the war memorial prettier and clean up the rubbish and chewing gum on the streets.

There was also youth Placecheck activities run by the Youth Service over the summer. The top priorities for action identified by the young people where: provision of a youth shelter, public toilets and more dog bins.

### **Community Placecheck Event - August 2009**

The first Placecheck event in Milnathort was held in the morning on Saturday 29th August 2009 in the Milnathort Thistle Hotel. A large number of the community came along to this interesting and enjoyable event. Those present were sent out to walk around Milnathort which was divided into 5 zones. On the walk people noted what they liked, didn't like and what they wanted to improve in Milnathort. They then came back to the hotel for refreshments and went into groups to prioritise what changes they would like to see in Milnathort. The priorities identified by the Milnathort community are available to view in the downloads section. Please also have a look at the evaluation results in the downloads section to see what the community thought of the day.

### **Follow Up Event - November 2009**

A follow up Placecheck event took place in Milnathort on Saturday 28th November in the morning in the Thistle Hotel. The day started with a presentation by pupils from Milnathort Primary School on the priorities from the children's Placecheck walks. This was followed by an interesting talk about how Placecheck is done in Zambia. The residents and officers then broke up into 4 groups to look at designs drawn up to address the priorities identified in August and further prioritise the actions to be taken. People spent one hour discussing issues on the East side of Milnathort and one hour

discussing issues on the West side. Here are the top priorities members of the public identified:

#### East

1. Build Out. Junction Victoria / North St / Wester Loan to slow traffic
  2. Victoria Ave Pedestrian build out + one way
  3. Small buildouts both sides Perth Road to curb speed
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1. Traffic Calming Burleigh Rd to new Rd inc 20mph
  2. Markey, Vic Ave, Back Loan (not cobbled)
  3. Back Loan Park
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1. Perth Road (New Rd Jct
  2. Wester Loan (Old Market area)
  3. Ba' Hill Improvements landscaping + seating
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1. North St / Wester Loan proposal 2
  2. Burleigh Rd - vehicle activated signs
  3. Back Loan - park improvements

#### West

1. Youth Shelter
  2. Auld Mart Trees + Benches
  3. Donaldson Park - better equipped for all age groups
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1. South Street / Church Street (20mph)
  2. Gateways to village South St + Stirling Road
  3. Donaldson Park
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1. Donaldson Park inc. entrance
  2. Stirling Rd Gateway
  3. Memorial Improvements (assessing stonework)
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1. Problems in Marshall place
  2. Back Loan / Victoria Ave Junction
  3. Extra Parking provision

The Milnathort Placecheck Design Team will now work out designs for all the above actions.

When deciding what is possible to do from the Placecheck budget, those priorities labelled '1' will have first priority, if the budget allows we will look at doing those items which are numbered '2' followed by those that are numbered '3'.

Other priorities raised at the event in August may also be looked at if the budget allows or alternative funding can be raised by the community.

### **Funding Workshop**

At the request of community groups a funding workshop took place on Monday 30th November 2009 in the Loch Leven Campus. A large number of representatives from community organisations across Kinross-shire attended the workshop to learn about how to apply for grants and organise fundraising activities.

### **Final Exhibition: 4th to 14th May 2010**

Following the community event in November, officers drew up designs for all the Placecheck projects identified and had exhibitions of these designs every day from the 4th to 14th May 2010. The exhibition venues were the Loch Leven Community Campus Library, Orwell & Portmoak Church Office, Milnathort Golf Club and Milnathort Primary School. Everyone in the community was invited, through a Placecheck newsletter delivered to every household, to come and look at the designs and make comments.

The team would like to thank the venues for hosting the exhibition and the Community Council for delivering the newsletters.

The Placecheck Design team are now collating the comments and will revise designs as appropriate. A Placecheck newsletter has been published in August 2010 to let people know what projects will be going ahead and the proposed timescales for completion of works.