

Works completed

Road markings

Some road markings have been renewed around the village recently.

Manse Road

Manse Road has recently been resurfaced by our Roads team.

Public toilets

Public toilets were requested by the community and a Comfort Scheme was set up at the Thistle Hotel starting December 2010.

Litter Issues

The community were concerned about litter at the food outlets so the litter officer spoke to the takeaways and will monitor the situation.

Litter bins around Milnathort were also cleaned.



A litter pick was done by children from Milnathort Primary School on the 26th April as part of the National Spring Clean.

There was a problem identified by the community about the ponding of water in front of the recycling bins. This area was resurfaced to try and solve the problem.

Community Noticeboard

A community noticeboard was requested and has been provided on a bus stop on South Street. The Community Council have keys and can put community notices inside.



Funding Workshop

A fundraising workshop took place on the 30th November 2009 at Loch Leven Community Campus. This was well attended by representatives from community groups in the area who came away with ideas on how to raise money for community projects and the offer of individual advice when needed.



Planting

A number of small areas of planting have been improved such as this area on Auld Mart Road

Bus stops

The Public Transport Unit have been busy repairing bus stops and replacing signs were necessary. Bus boarders are being built as part of the Perth Road/Burleigh Road Junction improvements to make boarding and alighting easier for passengers and to increase the available on street parking.

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 village and work with the Council on shared priorities. For more information see:

www.pkc.gov.uk/placecheck

Diane Cassidy, a Senior Community Capacity Building Worker is employed to help support Placecheck and other community engagement activities within The Environment Service. She will work with communities to help take issues forward that have been identified, so look out for her in the village.

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Milnathort Exhibition of Proposals

Many thanks to everyone who attended and hosted the exhibitions of designs for Milnathort Placecheck. The designs were displayed from Tuesday 4th May to Friday 14th May in Loch Leven Community Campus Library, Orwell & Portmoak Church Shop, Milnathort Primary School and Milnathort Golf Club. A large number of comments and suggestions were left at the exhibitions and these have been very useful in helping us to take forward the proposals. The exhibition was very well received as you can see from these comments left by the public:

"Many good suggestions"

"Like overall approach and the aims"

"Lots of very good proposals to improve the village"

"Great proposals generally – BRING IT ON!"

"This is a wonderful opportunity to improve the village"

"Great seeing all these improvements being proposed"

"Overall good proposals"

"Great to see actual progress being made"

"This is very exciting – well done Placecheck Team!"



All proposals can be downloaded from the Placecheck Webpage – www.pkc.gov.uk/placecheck

Updates on Priorities

Roads Issues

The projects below should start early next year.

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 to be done with local residents to confirm tree locations and changing parking from parallel with the kerb to end-on with the kerb.

Victoria Avenue

At the exhibitions, 80% the public who attended voted for option 2 which is to make Victoria Avenue one way. There will also be traffic calming built to help children exiting at the top of the park.

Perth Road/ Burleigh Road Junction

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

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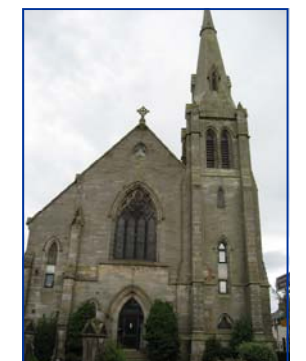
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Updates on Priorities



Roads Issues (continued)

Burleigh Road

The public are very keen to see traffic calming measures on Burleigh Road. Studies have been done and Burleigh Road does not qualify for 20mph limits as it would not be self enforcing. We are looking at various options including providing vehicle activated signs that can be solar powered. Various options are to be further investigated after the summer.

There will soon be improvements made to part of the footpath at Burleigh Road.

Gateways to village

New signs at the gateways to the village have now been installed. The Bloom committee are looking at options for planting to enhance the gateways. The 40mph limit will be removed between Milnathort and Kinross to make it safer for school children at Loch Leven Campus and a 40mph buffer to be created on Perth Road once traffic orders are approved.

South Street improvements

There has been a great deal of interest in proposals for improvements to the layout of South Street. A lot of comments were left at the exhibition and there has been a lot of correspondence since. The Placecheck team met with the Community Council on the 8th July to discuss options further. It was decided that a Zebra Crossing is to be investigated further along South Street to allow children to cross safely to Donaldson Park and on to Milnathort Primary School. Also alterations to the bus stop are to be carried out to make boarding and alighting easier for passengers with reduced mobility. Plans will be available to view in the Orwell and Portmoak Church Shop.

Greenspace issues

In August, children from Milnathort Primary School will be invited to choose replacement play equipment for the projects below and also to assist with the planting of fruit trees, bulbs and wild flower plugs during February/March 2011. All greenspace projects should be started by the end of this year.

Ba' Hill Improvement

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

Auld Mart

As all the comments to the proposals at the exhibition were positive we will go ahead with planting trees on the open space area at Auld Mart. These trees will be planted with help from the community.

Donaldson Park

Improvements to the play area at Donaldson Park are to be carried out including replacing play equipment, landscaping and planting. Cycle parking is to be provided. Young people will be involved in fundraising for a youth shelter which will be near to the play park. The entrance to the park is also to be upgraded.

Some improvements have been done to the war memorial area and discussions have taken place with the Bloom group on shared future maintenance. The Bloom group have agreed to maintain the central area of the rear and front beds. The council will plant low growing plants as a contrast to the side beds.

Back Loan Park

The small play park is to be improved with a new climbing frame and an improved entrance. Bike racks will also be provided. Children will be involved in choosing the equipment and with planting.

Other issues

Dog issues

The dog warden team have identified that the path from the Auld Mart along the side of the golf course is a difficult area to patrol with the intention of catching offenders but it is patrolled periodically. The path has bins at either end but the remote nature means that some people think it is alright not to uplift the waste. Perhaps the community has information on the offenders that they can share? The dog team would be happy to explain further to the community how they deal with this sort of information and how it can help. 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. We are also looking into replacing the litter bin in Donaldson Park football car park and moving the dog bins from there to just inside the community woodland at Burleigh Castle.

The Council are soon to trial a "Green Dog Walkers" initiative to help community groups to improve their own environment. The team would be are happy to engage with the Milnathort community on this if there was interest.

Street lighting

The 273 lampposts in Milnathort are due to be repainted in 2010/11.

Community Garden / allotment

A possible area for an allotment was identified, unfortunately for legal access reasons we were unable to progress with this idea. It is recommended that a group be formed in the community if there is interest in pursuing the idea of finding a suitable site for allotments or to overcome legal obstacles.

