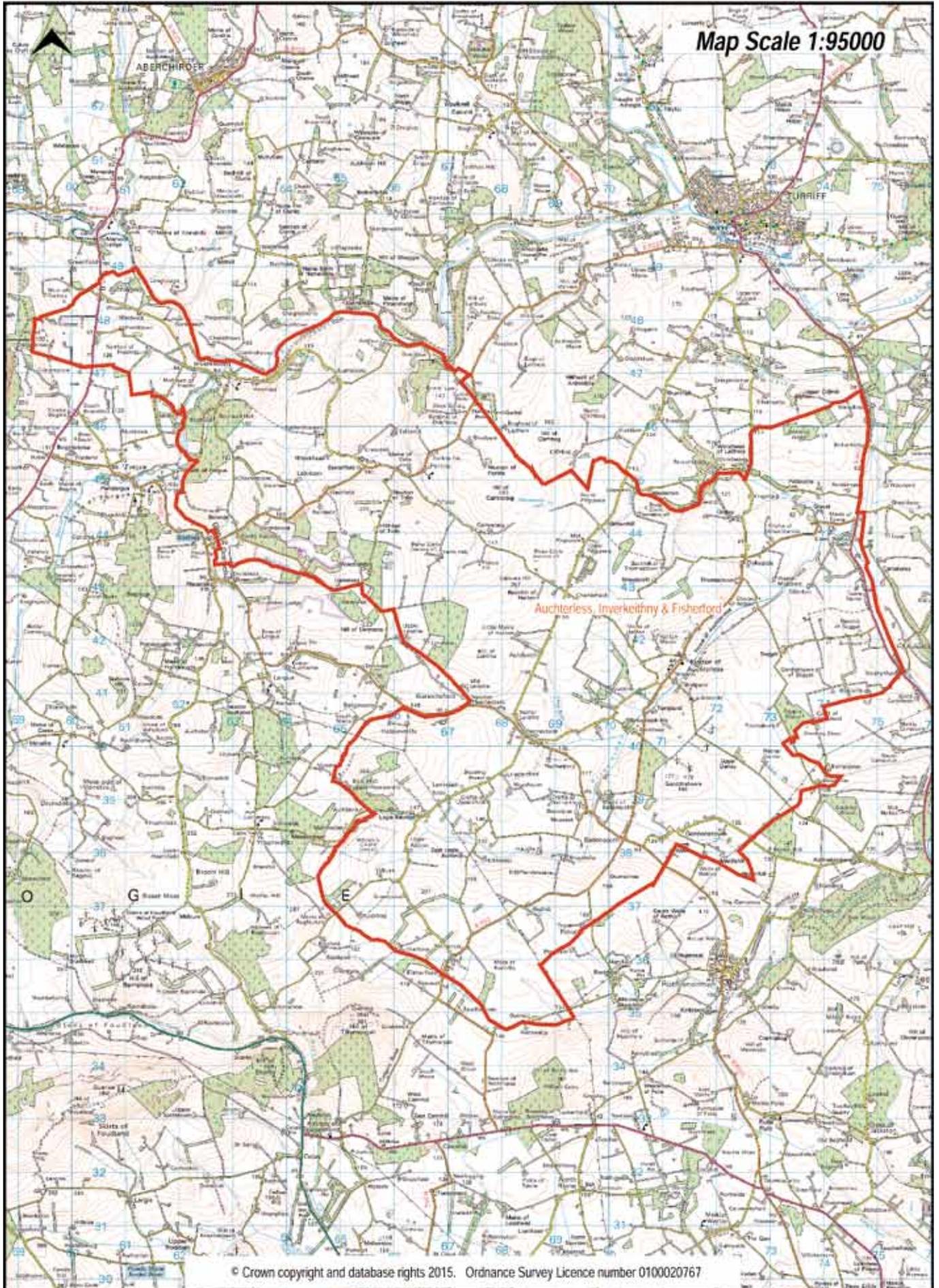


**Achterless,  
Inverkeithny &  
Fisherford  
Community  
Action Plan 2015**



## I. BACKGROUND

### I.1 Location

Auchterless, Inverkeithny and Fisherford Community Council Area is located at the north-westernmost fringe of Formartine. It is bordered by three of the current administrative areas of Aberdeenshire: Banff and Buchan, Marr and Garioch. There is even a short section which abuts directly onto Moray. It was a borderland in earlier times, too, abutting onto Banffshire while Inverkeithny itself was in that county.

### I.2 Population & Settlements

The whole area is sparsely populated with a current population of 1186 in the two parishes. The few settlements are small, the three main ones being Kirkton of Auchterless, Fisherford and Inverkeithny.

There are frequent small settlements and regional route-ways following these valleys.

- **Upland Ridges South of the Deveron**

This is a sub area of the Agricultural Heartland Landscape Type, which covers half of Aberdeenshire. It comprises broad, rounded hilltops of similar height with convex slopes. Despite the altitude, it is heavily agricultural with large fields, few field boundaries and sparse tree-cover. There are no settlements, just scattered farms and steadings nestled against the hill slopes.

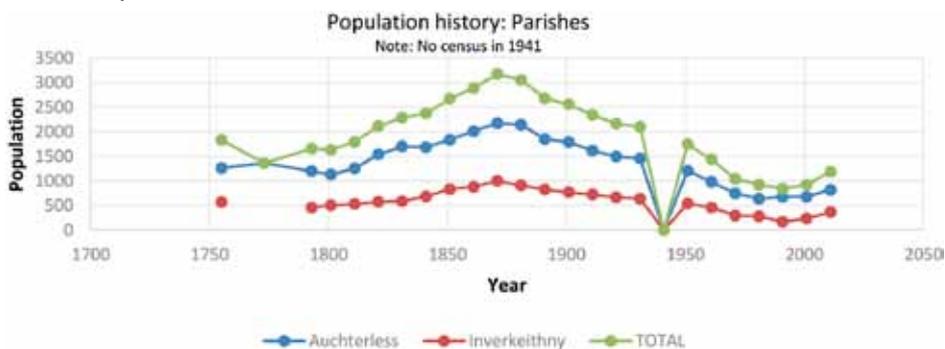
### I.4 Historical Development Antiquities

There are a large number of antiquities of various types. Amongst those of note are:

- **Recumbent Stone Circles** at Cairn Riv, Corrydown, Mains of Hatton, Pitglassie.



*Auchterless in its deep valley*



### I.3 Topography

The area is a cultivated upland lying between 180m and 200m above sea level but rising to 259m at Kirkhill, the highest point in the area. It is largely drained by two rivers. The River Ythan flows in its valley through Auchterless Parish in a north-easterly direction then briefly leaves, before turning abruptly southwards to form the area's eastern boundary. Here its altitude is just below 50m. The River Deveron forms the northern boundary. Its altitude is just below 40m. Kirkton of Auchterless is 88m above sea-level, Fisherford 154m, and Inverkeithny 53m.

The Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2012 identifies two Landscape Character Areas:-

- **Deveron and Upper Ythan valleys**

An area of shallow attractive valleys occupied by winding rivers and bounded by broad rolling hill sides, clothed with mixed deciduous and coniferous policy woodlands, integrated with well-maintained agricultural land.

- **Other Stone Circles** at Greymuir Cairn, Hare Stanes, Rapplebaum, Upper Third, West Haughs.
- **Roman Marching Camps.** At Ythan Wells are two superimposed marching camps, both believed to be Agricola and related to the AD 83 campaign when it is claimed the Roman army defeated the *Caledonii* at *Mons Graupius*.

### Later History

The descriptions of Auchterless parish in the two Statistical Accounts of Scotland, the Old (OSA 1793) and New (NSA 1840) give very clear accounts of the life and appearance of the parish and of the changes over the intervening period which formed the present character of the parish, and of the Agricultural Heartland of Aberdeenshire.

Both mention the area's prehistory, commenting on the numerous cairns and 'druidical' stone circles whose stones may have been spared by superstition. Also, both give detailed descriptions of the Roman marching camp at Ythan Wells,



*Auchterless Parish Church*



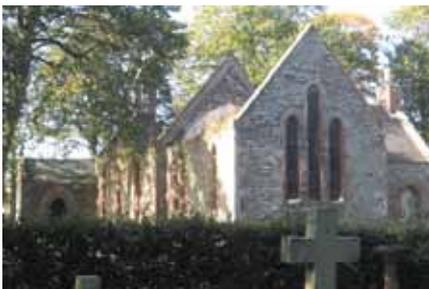
*Fisherford village entrance*



Auchterless village entrance with Parish Church



Auchterless Old Parish Church



Fisherford:Tillymorgan Church

the OSA calling it *Castra Agricola* following Major-General Roy.

Both describe the land as consisting of light and gravelly soils intermixed with clay which are “*early and productive*”. The main crops in the OSA are oats and barley and much meal is exported. Sheep and cattle are reared so there is extensive pasture and hay. Potatoes are grown in great abundance.

The agricultural improvements have already started as early as the OSA for large quantities of turnips are sown and used for feeding young cattle in winter and spring, “*which helps them put on a good weight*”. Clover, too, is mentioned. The OSA highlights a key change, the introduction on some estates of extended leases from 19 years to a lifetime plus 19 years, thus enabling the tenants themselves to benefit from the improved yield resulting from improving the land. This is indicated by the large amounts of English shell lime being imported via the ports at Banff and Macduff. Sheep numbers at 1600 are decreasing but they are now bigger and give better quality wool. Black cattle numbers have increased to 1500 and are exported south after three years to be fattened for market. Another indication of improvement is that horses have increased to 200 and are replacing oxen for both ploughing and transport. Indeed, there were only 14 oxen ploughs left. Horses are more expensive but more efficient. There are seven corn mills and three brand new threshing mills. There are no stone quarries and field boundaries are earthen mounds or ditches sometimes planted with thorn.

However life was still precarious and there was a widespread famine in 1782-83:

*“By the famine in 1782 and 1783, the inferior ranks were reduced to the greatest extremity of want and many would have perished without extraordinary assistance, which was cheerfully afforded. Happy for this country, providence brought about a peace; so that the pease which were laid up for the navy, were sold off, which was the saving of the North of Scotland. By large purchases of these and English barley ... the lives of the parishioners were preserved.”*

The OSA for Udney, attributes its cause to extremely poor harvests resulting from extreme and unusual weather.

One of its resultant effects in Auchterless was that the population declined from

1360 in 1774 to scarcely 1200 in 1793. On one estate several extensive farms and crofts became waste and on several other estates farms were amalgamated.

The changes continue apace in the NSA. Many farmers now have substantial houses of two storeys high with neat and commodious steadings. Almost every farm of 50-60 acres has a water driven threshing mill. The general character of the husbandry in this parish also is excellent. Numbers of cattle of the far-famed Aberdeenshire stock have greatly increased to upwards of 2000. The quality and numbers of horses, too, have also increased to 300-400 and Cheviot Black-face sheep number 600-700,

There has been an increase in population too. One of the changes is an increase in subtenants or crofters who are useful to farmers as labourers at busy times. Thus Kirkton has 10 dwellings and 38 crofters. It is smaller than Gordonstown, which is a long straggling village of 35 dwellings and a population of 100 crofters. Transport has improved too with the opening of the Aberdeen-Banff turnpike in 1804, which follows the eastern boundary of the parish.

The NSA states that “*Few parishes in the country are at the present moment in a higher state of cultivation*” and summarises the changes thus:

*The most striking variations betwixt the present state of the parish, and that which existed at the time of the last Statistical Account, are to be found in the improved mode of laying out and enclosing the fields; in the great increase of turnip husbandry and the consequent fattening of a number of cattle for the home and London markets; in a stricter attention to the rotation of crops; and in the general superiority of the various cross-roads, thereby affording increased facilities for agricultural improvements.*

### Modern Times

Population continued to increase until 1871. Since then the population has decreased as more powerful and sophisticated agricultural machinery has reduced the employment on farms and, unlike parishes nearer Aberdeen, large-scale commuting has not affected the area.

### Inverkeithny Parish

Inverkeithny Parish follows a similar pattern to Auchterless in its history, population and agriculture. The NSA summarises its agriculture as “*Conducted on most approved principles, skilfully applied.*”

## 2. ABERDEENSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS 2012 AND 2016

A Local Development Plan (LDP) is map-based and concisely links Council Planning policies and proposals to locations. They are regularly updated. The current one was approved in 2012 and its replacement, due to apply from sometime in 2016, is well advanced. It was approved as the *settled view* of the Council in March 2015 and has gone through a period for formal representation. Unresolved issues arising from the representations are currently with Scottish Ministers for public examination which is likely to conclude by August 2016, after which the Plan can be agreed and adopted.

Both 2012 and 2016 LDPs follow the Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan, in identifying two broad policy areas:

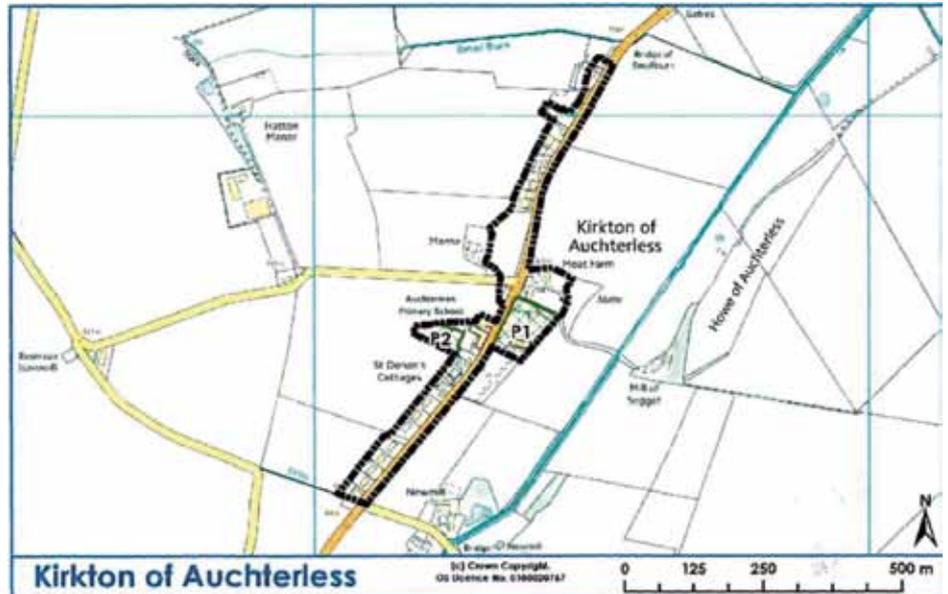
- *Strategic Growth Areas* which follow the main transport routes out of Aberdeen: A90 north to Peterhead, A96 to Huntly and A90 south to Laurencekirk; and
- *Local growth and diversification areas* where growth will be matched to local needs. This designation is further divided into a more accessible or pressured area adjacent to the city and a less accessible area further out. Because of different development pressures in the two areas, local needs are viewed as requiring more restrictive or more encouraging planning policies respectively. In the latter area, many settlements are designated for small-scale organic growth to meet the area's needs, by sustaining the community's school roll or local employment.

Auchterless is located in the less accessible area and both Kirkton of Auchterless and Fisherford are *designated settlements* for small-scale organic growth. Inverkeithny is not.

In addition to settlements, both LDPs permit *development in the countryside* if it is for refurbishment or replacement of an existing or disused building; if it is on a site which has been developed previously and is now redundant; or if it is a dwelling house associated with the retirement succession of a viable farm holding.

### 2.1 Designated Settlement Statements (LDP 2016)

#### KIRKTON OF AUCHTERLESS



*Kirkton of Auchterless is an attractive village set within rolling arable farmland. The village is characterised by its historical assets, with the prominent listed church and churchyard forming the main feature of the village. The long views of the church from the southern approach are key to the settlement's sense of place. The settlement also has a primary school and public transport links. The planning objective is to preserve the amenity of the village and to sustain the school roll through the rural development policy within shaping development in the countryside.*

Protected Land	
P1	To conserve the setting of the church
P2	To conserve the school playing fields and facilities as an amenity for the village.

#### FISHERFORD



*Fisherford is a small village that for its size provides key community services, including a school, public house and a camping site. The planning objectives are to preserve the amenity of the village and to sustain the school roll through the rural development policy within "Shaping development in the countryside" and infill within the settlement boundary.*

Protected Land	
P1	To conserve the playing fields and landscape setting of the village.



Fisherford School



Gordonstown windfarm from the Fisherford road



Inverkeithny Parish Church

### 3. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

#### Planning for Real® (Pfr)

Auchterless, Inverkeithny and Fisherford Community Council are in receipt of Community Benefit from the Gordonstown windfarm and wished to consult with their community to decide how this should be spent. In September 2014 the Community Council decided to use the Planning for Real® (Pfr) method of community engagement facilitated by the Formartine Partnership. This method involves building a representative model of the village on a large-scale map base, on which are placed policy cards by the attendees at a Public Exhibition. All three schools in the area constructed models: Auchterless School built a model of Auchterless, Fisherford School of Fisherford and Easterfield School built one of Inverkeithny. The Public Exhibition was held in Auchterless School on 24th and 25th April 2015 and was attended by 105 residents who submitted 365 Action cards. Only two residents from Fisherford attended and the Community Council offered to arrange a further Public Exhibition at Fisherford. This was held on 8th May 2015 in Fisherford School and was attended by 21 residents who placed 134 Action cards on the Fisherford model. For further details see: [www.planningforreal.org.uk/what-is-pfr/](http://www.planningforreal.org.uk/what-is-pfr/)

#### Identification of Priority Issues

A collation of the raw data was presented to the Community Council on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015 and the priorities for Auchterless were decided by the Community Council on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

These were endorsed at a Public meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Fisherford held a Public meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015, attended by 33 people, to endorse Fisherford's priorities. Both sets of priorities were presented to Foundation Scotland, which is administering the Community Benefit, at a Public meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015. There were very few responses in the whole process from Inverkeithny or Easterfield.

#### 3.1 Auchterless Priority Issues

These link very closely to Fig 1, *Most frequently suggested Issues*, particularly when it is realised that several of these require the use of a Playing field or a Village Hall and thus strengthen the case for these being priorities.

Fig 1. Auchterless Pfr: Most frequently suggested issues

Policy	Issue	Quantity
Traffic & Transport	Parking Issues	53
Traffic & Transport	Speeding traffic	48
Combined**	Outdoor Sports Facilities	25
Combined**	Shops, libraries, pubs etc.	22
Combined**	Indoor Activities	21
Combined**	Community Centre, Café	16
Combined**	Play park	16
Combined**	Clubs	14
Traffic & Transport	Pavements	10
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>225</b>

Combined\*\* Includes:- Community Facilities; Health; Leisure; Work/ Training/Economy

##### 3.1.1 Discussion

Some of these priorities are small, low-cost projects in terms of both finance and effort, and could be quickly achieved. Others are large projects which will take several years to achieve and are costly in relation to community effort and involvement as well as to cash flow from the Turbine Fund. It is unlikely that they can all be achieved at the same time, however, an immediate start can be made

#### Auchterless: Priority Issues

<p><b>A. Those requiring first round funding from Foundation Scotland Turbine Fund:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Acquisition of land for Playing field/Play park/Sports facility;</li> <li>ii. Community Café.</li> </ul>
<p><b>B. Those needing assistance from Aberdeenshire Council and their Partners:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Car Park;</li> <li>ii. Mobile Library;</li> <li>iii. Community Asset Transfer (CAT) of Auchterless Village Hall;</li> <li>iv. Pavements at either side of the village.</li> </ul>
<p><b>C. Those out-with Community Council control:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Speeding traffic.</li> </ul>
<p><b>D. Long Term Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Mobile Shop;</li> <li>ii. Funds for readying ground for Play park/Playing field;</li> <li>iii. Play/sport equipment.</li> </ul>

on all Priority Issues to assess costs and likely timescales and see if any obstacles are identified which could cause delay. Once the initial assessment has been completed then the projects can be prioritised relative to one another.

### SMALL PROJECTS

#### Community café

Given the offer to use Auchterless Parish Church, this could be an immediate win. It could transfer to the existing Auchterless Village Hall once easy access is achieved or at a later stage after the completion of an upgrade and extension. However, a regular community café in Auchterless Village Hall could strengthen the case for its Community Asset Transfer and for funding any improvements.

#### Mobile Library Provision

All this should require is a request to the library service that the mobile library calls at the village. If agreed then it is another quick win.

#### Speeding Traffic

Once concerns regarding speeding have been highlighted to Police Scotland, they will conduct enforcement and deploy a mobile speed sign to ascertain the scale of the problem and influence future enforcement activity. It is recognised that this has to be balanced against concerns raised in other areas.

#### Mobile Shop

This is perhaps less straightforward and may require a group of residents to approach mobile shop proprietors and agree to use their shop if it will visit the village.

Alternative solutions may be to focus on delivery of orders from shops in neighbouring communities, Turriff, Fyvie or Rothienorman, or to examine the possibility of establishing a Community shop alongside the Community Café.

### LARGE PROJECTS

#### Playing Field

There are aspects which, hopefully, can be achieved quickly:

- Purchase of land;
- Overall design, layout and permissions-planning permissions, road access;

- Estimates for civil engineering, drainage, fencing/gates, seeding, access paths/tracks, car parking.

Purchase could be achieved quickly if the landowner is amenable and the likely cost is of the right order relative to the annual income from the Turbine Fund. However, other issues need to be considered before purchase is finalised. For instance, the amount of civil engineering required will influence the choice and viability of the site.

The actual construction and installation of equipment for football/games and for the play park can follow on and the play park itself could be constructed gradually over time, to fit cash flow. Consideration of the progress of other priorities will influence the timing of these stages.

#### Auchterless Village Hall

The quickly attained stages for Auchterless Village Hall are:

- Achieving control over access (key holding, and booking);
- Freeing-up usage by working with the Playgroup to improve storage provision, which might be possible within the existing building or by providing a relatively inexpensive outside storage facility, such as a hut, or a shipping container clad in wood;
- Completing Stage 1 of the Community Asset Transfer Scheme (CAT). This can be done quickly, without too much effort, and will indicate whether the Council is willing to transfer the building.

A Stage 2 CAT is demanding and time-consuming. A robust Business Plan will be required and a regular income will probably be necessary, perhaps from the Playgroup. Beyond that any extension/upgrade will be costly and time-consuming too. However, all of these require a Stage 1 CAT first.

#### Car Park

The preferred site is in the corner of the cemetery next to the church and opposite the school. Thus it would provide off-road parking for regular church services and functions such as weddings as well as funerals. It would also provide parking for the school though this site would involve pupils crossing the road.



Auchterless Planning for Real® Exhibition



Auchterless Village Hall



Auchterless School



Auchterless 2014 Formartine in Bloom (FiB) winner



Auchterless FiB: Flower beds and turnip masher



Auchterless FiB: Hanging basket

It could quickly be determined if this preferred site is suitable:

- Discuss with Aberdeenshire Council's Landscape Services (managers of the cemetery) whether they will agree to a car park and whether they can provide it from their budget, given Council cutbacks;
- If they cannot provide it fully, would they agree to Community Council partly or wholly funding it from the Turbine Fund and are there restrictions on using the fund for such a purpose?
- Discuss with Aberdeenshire Roads Department whether the existing access onto B992 is suitable;
- Construction will need planning permission and comply with standards.

If agreement on this preferred site cannot be reached, then the Community Council will need to consider another site. If it is added to the Playing field project, it may increase the overall costs of both.

### Pavements

This, a long-term project to extend roadside pavements at each end of village, is likely to be very expensive and beyond both the Council's Roads budget and the Turbine Fund. This is because not only will new pavements be required, but the road will need to be re-constructed, too, to meet standards and land will need to be purchased. Contact with the Roads department will quickly establish its feasibility.

There are perhaps two alternative ways of achieving this policy more cheaply:

- i. New houses along the road could require provision of a pavement. This would be provided by the developer and included in construction costs;

### 3.2.1 Fisherford Priority Issues

#### A. Those requiring first round funding from Foundation Scotland Turbine Fund:

- i. Fisherford Leisure and Activities Group (FLAG) - Equipment;
- ii. Fun day;
- iii. Signage for Fisherford Community Association's Play park.

#### B. Those needing assistance from Aberdeenshire Council and their Partners:

- i. Broadband;
- ii. Flowers for village (Aberdeenshire Council give flowers not funds).

#### C. Those out-with Community Council control:

- i. Speeding traffic.

#### D. Long Term Projects:

- i. Future Capital Investment for a Building (Community Hall).

- ii. Purchasing a narrow strip of land along the edge of fields adjacent to the road and paying for fencing and pavement surfacing.

### 3.1.2 Actions and Timing Quick-win Projects

The Community café, mobile library provision and speeding enforcement are quick and low in cost/effort.

### QUICK LARGE PROJECTS

As discussed above, the early stages of the Playing Field, Auchterless Village Hall and the Car Park projects can be achieved quickly. Moving beyond these stages will need further assessment of cost/cash flow and group capacity. It seems likely that only one can be progressed at any one time, so there is a need for priorities to be established within the list of Large Projects.

### Pavements

This seems very long-term.

Please refer to ACTION PLAN SUMMARY on page 11.

### 3.2 FISHERFORD

Fig 2 shows the most frequently suggested issues.

Fig 2. Fisherford Pfr: Most frequently suggested issues

Policy	Issue	Quantity
Traffic & Transport	Speeding	27
Local Environment	Nature	19
Combined**	Outdoor Facilities	14
Combined**	Indoor Activities	13
Housing	Types of new housing	9
Combined**	Notice Board	7
Local Environment	Village Green	6
Others	Broadband	6
TOTAL		101

Combined\*\* Includes:- Community Facilities; Health; Leisure; Work/ Training/Economy

## 3.2.1 Fisherford Priority Issues

### A. First Round Funds

These focus on re-building the cohesion of the community by organising low-cost events and community functions. They don't link closely to Fig. 2 but community cohesion and identity are appropriate first steps in re-building the Fisherford Community Association.

### B. Aberdeenshire Council

The Council can supply free bulbs and bedding plants co-ordinated through the Community Council. Formartine Partnership awards funding towards planters.

The Council is also developing a major scheme to improve Broadband and mobile phone signal in the rural areas so that may fulfil Fisherford's requirements.

### C. Speeding Traffic

This requires enforcement from Police Scotland.

### D. Community Hall

It would strengthen the Auchterless Village Hall project if Fisherford agreed to support and use this hall as if it was their own.

## 3.2.2 Fisherford Priority Issues: Actions and timing

### SMALL, QUICK-WIN PROJECTS

- The FLAG equipment purchase, Fun day and Play park signage are quick and low in cost and effort. A barbeque has been held and applications to the Turbine fund have been made for the others.
- **Flowers**  
Flowers and planters are quickly and cheaply obtained.
- **Speeding Traffic**  
Once concerns regarding speeding have been highlighted to Police Scotland, they will conduct enforcement and deploy a mobile speed sign to ascertain the scale of the problem and influence future enforcement activity. It is recognised that this has to be balanced against concerns raised in other areas.

## LARGE QUICK PROJECTS

### • Broadband

Aberdeenshire Council are upgrading broadband and mobile phone networks throughout the shire. By the end of 2015 they will know which areas will receive fibre connections so areas outside can choose to erect a wireless dish. The whole programme is scheduled for completion in 2017.

## LONG TERM PROJECTS

### • Community Hall

It would be good if Fisherford could identify with Auchterless Village Hall as their local hall and support it.

Please refer to ACTION PLAN SUMMARY on page 11.

## 4. LINKS TO THE FORMARTINE COMMUNITY PLAN

### 4.1 Community Planning: Formartine Local Community Plan 2013-2016

The Formartine Community Plan is a three year plan, developed in response to both Formartine-wide and more local issues, which are identified through contact with local communities, community groups, organisations and individuals and in Partnership action plans. Community Planning Partners (including Council Services, NHS Grampian, Police Scotland, Voluntary Sector Organisations and other bodies) work together with the area's Community Councils and other community groups to deliver a wide range of Partnership projects.

The Plan is monitored and reviewed on an annual basis, to ensure it remains responsive to communities' evolving needs and priorities. *The Formartine Community Plan and details about Community Planning in Formartine can be found at: [www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/formartine](http://www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/formartine)*



Fisherford Planning for Real® Exhibition



Fisherford playing field



Fisherford Fjord Hotel



Auchterless School wildflower garden



Auchterless School water garden



Easterfield School

## 4.2 2013-2016 Formartine Community Plan: The Six Key Priorities:

<b>Priority 1</b>	Ensuring that the residents of Formartine enjoy healthy and active lifestyles
<b>Priority 2</b>	Road Safety
<b>Priority 3</b>	Community Capacity Building
<b>Priority 4</b>	Securing improved community facilities and partnership delivery of services
<b>Priority 5</b>	Supporting the development of economic activity and healthy town centres
<b>Priority 6</b>	Transport and accessibility to services

**Fig 3: Links Between The Formartine Community Plan  
And AIF CC Community Action Plan**

Formartine Community Plan 2013-16	Actions Relevant To The Auchterless Action Plan
<b>Priority 1.</b> Ensuring the residents of Formartine enjoy active and healthy lifestyles.	<b>1.3</b> To improve the general health and wellbeing of our communities by implementing a number of projects and initiatives promoting active lifestyles including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing opportunities for walking and cycling;</li> <li>• Community based opportunities for people to meet and socialise including opportunities for arts and culture experiences;</li> </ul>
<b>Priority 2.</b> Road Safety.	<b>2.2</b> To use the data gathered from speed detection hardware to monitor and enforce speed limits in the communities of Formartine.
<b>Priority 3.</b> Community Capacity Building.	<b>3.3</b> To continue to support communities during any Community Asset Transfers, where communities have an interest in developing their own facilities and services.
<b>Priority 4.</b> Securing improved community facilities and partnership delivery of services.	<b>4.1</b> To work with communities to bring forward proposals for enhanced community facilities by offering support, guidance and advice to deliver these projects. <b>4.3</b> To work with local communities and education, leisure and library venues to make best possible use of buildings when not being used, exploring possibilities for community use.
<b>Priority 5.</b> Support the development of economic activity.	<b>5.1</b> To work with local communities in maintaining and enhancing the appearance of towns and villages in the area through the development of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nature conservation;</li> <li>• Paths and outdoor access.</li> </ul> <b>5.6</b> Explore European Funding opportunities through partnership working for collaborative bids.
<b>Priority 6.</b> Transport and accessibility to services.	<b>6.5</b> To improve the parking situation in our towns and villages by working with the community to educate drivers on safe and considerate parking in towns and villages and near schools.

This Action Plan summarises the Issues highlighted in this Report and suggests which partners will be involved in helping to achieve them.

## KIRKTON OF AUCHTERLESS

Project	FCP Priority - Fig 3	Timing	Stages	Partners
<b>SMALL PROJECTS</b>				
Community Café	1.3, 4.1	Quick	Complete. Will inform later stages of Village Hall.	AIF CC; Parish Church
Mobile Library	4.1	Quick	Complete.	AIF CC; AC Libraries
Speeding Traffic	2.2	Quick	Completed first speed check.	Police Scotland
Community Shop	4.1	Medium	Alongside Community Café.	AIF CC; Parish Church
Mobile Shop	4.1	Medium	Probably requires formation of user group.	AIF CC
<b>LARGE PROJECTS</b>				
Playing Field - initial follow through	1.3, 4.1, 5.6	Quick	Purchase, Layout/permissions, estimates.	AIF CC; AC Planning
Auchterless Village Hall	1.3, 3.3, 4.1, 4.3, 5.6	Medium	Assess next stages against Village Hall, Car Park.	AIF CC
Car Park	1.3, 3.3, 4.1, 4.3, 5.6	Quick	Control of access: playgroup storage; CAT stage 1.	AIF CC
Pavements	2, 5.6, 6.5	Medium	Assess next stages against Playing Field, Car Park.	AIF CC; AC CAT team
	1.3, 2	Quick	Establish feasibility of preferred site.	AIF CC; AC Landscape S
		Medium	Construction or identify alternative site.	AC Landscape S; AIF CC
		Long	Costly because requires re-construction of road too.	AC Roads Office; AIF CC
		Long	Alternatives - housing provision/path in edge of field.	AIF CC; AC Planning

LEGEND: FCP - Formarine Community Plan; AIF CC - Auchterless, Inverkeithy and Fisherford Community Council; AC - Aberdeenshire Council; CAT Team - Community Asset Transfer Team; AC Landscape S - Aberdeenshire Landscape Services.

## FISHERFORD

Project	FCP Priority - Fig 3	Timing	Stages	Partners
<b>SMALL PROJECTS</b>				
FLAG equipment	1.3	Quick	Applied to Foundation Scotland Turbine Fund.	Fisherford CA
Fun Days	1.3	Quick	Held barbeque; Applied to FS Turbine Fund.	Fisherford CA
Park Signage	5.1	Quick	Applied to FS Turbine Fund.	Fisherford CA
Flowers	2.2	Quick	2016 - Need to apply for flowers and planters 2015.	FCA; AC Landscape S
Speeding Traffic		Quick	Completed first speed check.	Police Scotland
<b>LARGE PROJECTS</b>				
Broadband	4.1	Medium	Project completed by 2017.	AC
Community Hall	4.1	Medium/Long	Consider supporting Auchterless Hall as own.	Fisherford CA; AIF CC

LEGEND: FCP - Formarine Community Plan; FCA - Fisherford Community Association; AC - Aberdeenshire Council; AC Landscape S - Aberdeenshire Landscape Services.

This booklet is one of a series produced by Local Rural Partnerships together with the community under the banner Community Action Plan.

The initiative is sponsored by Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership and run by Aberdeenshire Community Economic Development Co-ordinators Forum. The aim is to provide community action plans in an attractive, easy to read, professionally printed format.

For most communities, the content of each community

plan is based on the results of Planning for Real<sup>®</sup> exercises carried out by the communities themselves, together with any other available reports. This process ensures that the plans are truly community-led.

This information can now guide the community and Community Planning Partners in drawing up detailed action plans to implement the top priorities as well as addressing the other issues which have been identified. For each priority or issue this will involve agreeing who should be involved, what

resources will be needed and target dates for completion. It is hoped that this process will be driven by representatives of the community with support - moral, technical and financial - from the relevant partners.

It is important that this booklet is seen by all concerned as an account of the community's views at the time of the latest consultation, and that it will have to be regularly reviewed and updated. As some projects are completed, other issues will arise and take their place in future versions of the community plan.

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