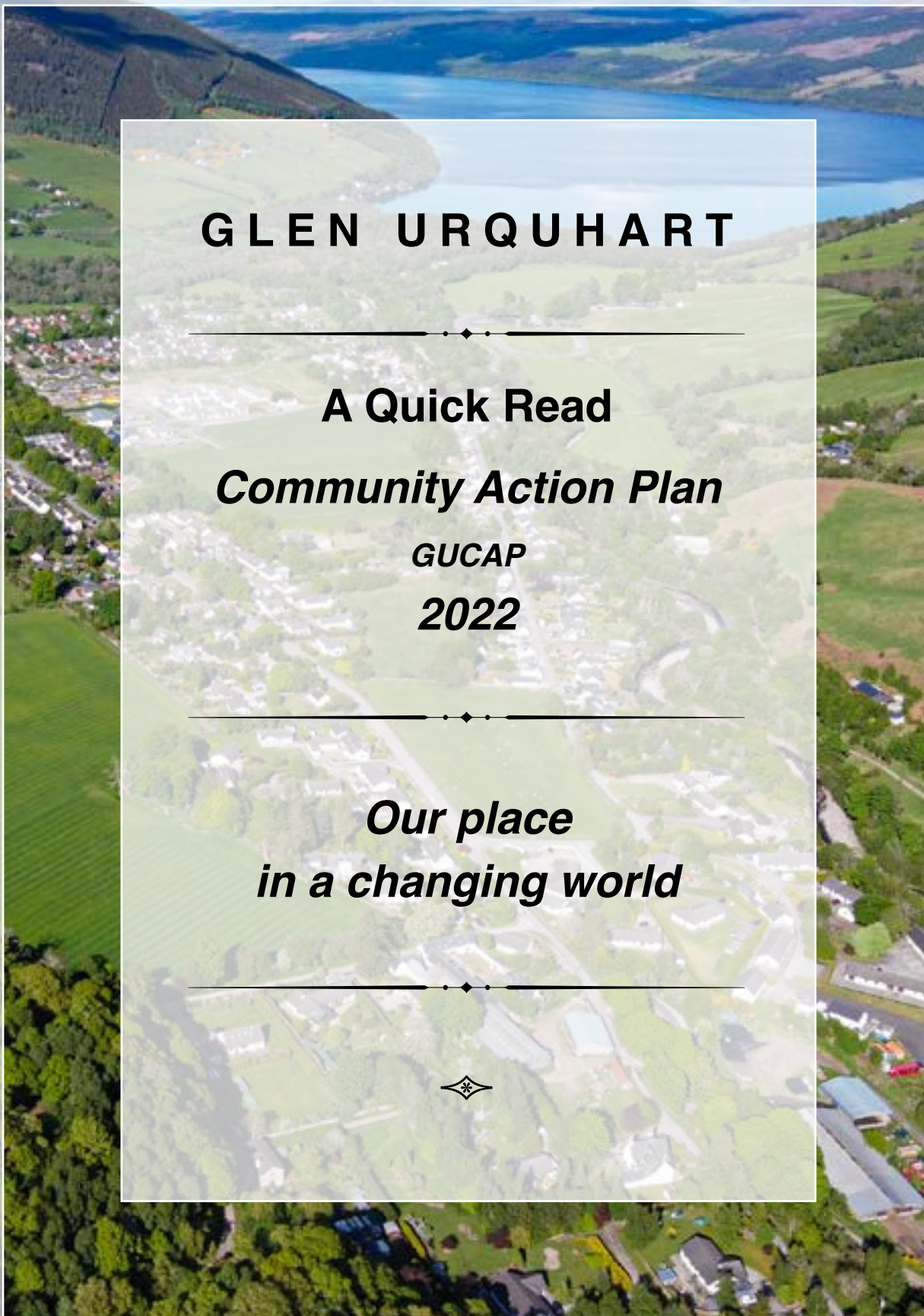




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GLEN URQUHART

A Quick Read *Community Action Plan*

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2022

*Our place
in a changing world*



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WHAT IS A COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN ?

The Community Action Plan is a route map and framework that describes what our community wants to achieve, what actions are required during a specified time period, and what resources are needed. The knowledge we have gained from the consultation and research carried out in 2022, and in ongoing projects and future plan reviews, will be crucial to our short- and long-term planning and decision-making. The process of preparing a Community Action Plan ensures that people who live and work in the Glen Urquhart area have had the opportunity to contribute to a 20-year vision for their area.

The Plan is not just a wish list; we have focused on understanding and overcoming problems so that we can make our community more resilient, and so that people's lives and wellbeing can be improved.

WHO IS MANAGING THE PLAN ?

The Community Action Plan Steering Group is drawn from Glenurquhart Rural Community Association (GURCA), Glen Urquhart Community Council (GUCC), and Soirbheas. These three bodies have distinct roles in the community and have led on many of our previous community initiatives. Bryden Associates were commissioned to undertake research and consultation and to prepare the Community Action Plan for the final approval of the Steering Group.

WHO IS A COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN FOR ?

The Community Action Plan is for the people who live and work in Glen Urquhart and the community as a whole. It will also benefit people who

visit the area. By working as a community, alongside our public sector and our business partners, we can identify and understand the challenges and the opportunities we face and find ways to deal with them together.

The Plan doesn't replace what the Highland Council and other statutory bodies and public agencies should provide. It does, however, recognise that to achieve our ambitions external funding and ongoing volunteer support from local people will be needed to achieve the outcomes.

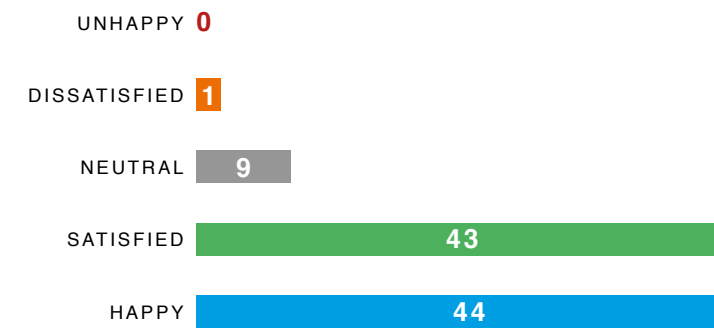
STRIKING THE CORRECT BALANCE

This Community Action Plan takes a short-term view (up to 2027) and a long-term view (up to 20 years). We need to be realistic. COVID legacies, cost of living prices rises, inflation, reduced public sector spending and lower economic growth, and, of course, the climate emergency all impact on us and on our community. There will undoubtedly be further unpredictable events and we need to be prepared. To turn this Plan into reality we will need to be honest, practical and collaborative. We must be realistic about how long some projects will take to form, be funded and be delivered.

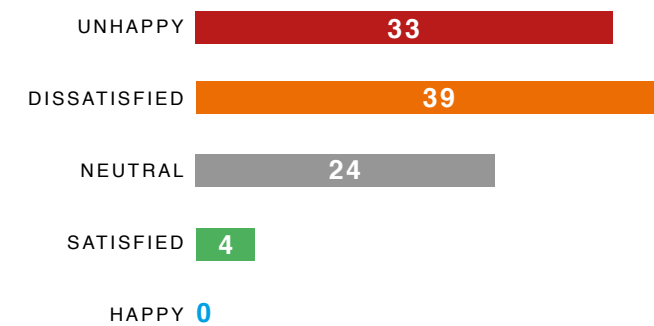
A QUICK READ GLEN URQUHART COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

We consulted with you on eight key themes in spring 2022; this is what you told us. The actions in this Community Action Plan have been developed from the feedback provided by the community during the consultation process.

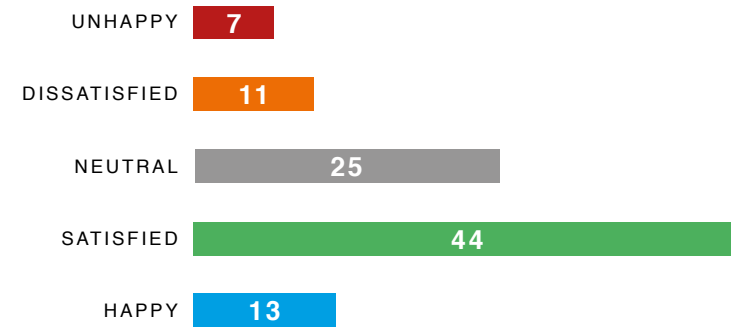
% How you rate your quality of life?



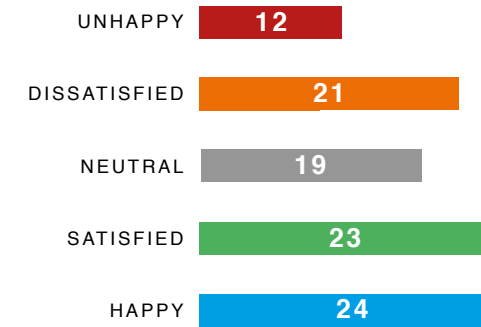
% How easy it is to get around on foot or by cycle



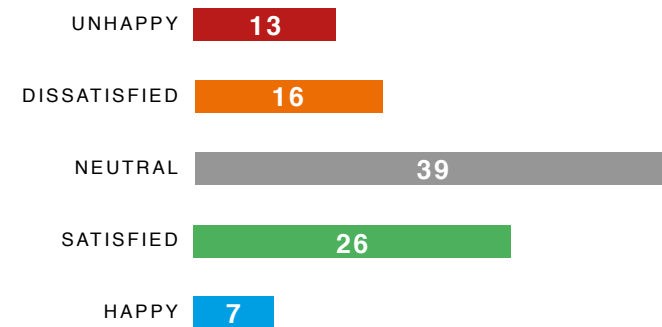
% Choice and availability of health, social and wellbeing services



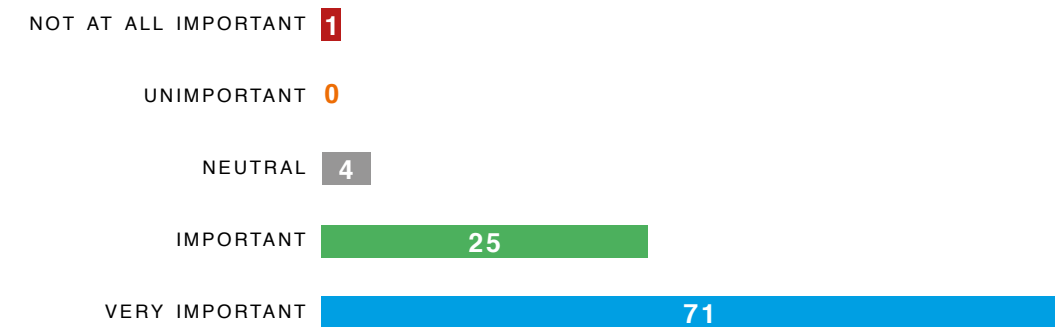
% Choice and availability of broadband and mobile services



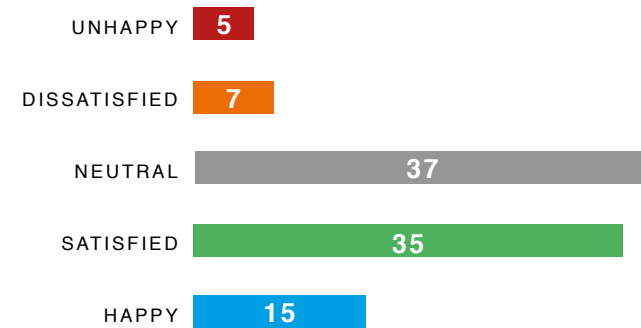
% Choice and availability of housing



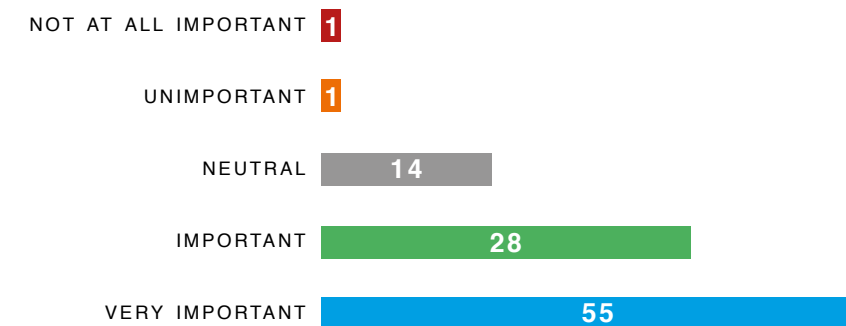
% Importance of conserving heritage and culture



% Expansion of economy (especially tourism)



% Importance of working more closely with land managers to protect nature and manage climate change impacts



A PIPELINE OF PROJECTS

ACTIONS BY THE COMMUNITY OVER THE COMING FIVE YEARS

Safe travel on foot/cycle around the area

- ⊗ Improve path network and user safety.
- ⊗ Campaign for improved public transport provision, develop community transport and shared travel opportunities and active travel links.

Community assets and activities

- ⊗ Secure community ownership of more viable assets and facilities.
- ⊗ Invest in, and improve, existing facilities, especially the public hall.

Improved health and wellbeing

- ⊗ More efficient use of existing health facilities.
- ⊗ Secure provision of more local care services.

Broadband/mobile coverage

- ⊗ Secure improvements to digital connectivity with primary focus on broadband coverage.

Local environment and climate

- ⊗ Improve local growing, waste reduction and re-use opportunities.
- ⊗ Greater community involvement in environmental change and land use decisions.

Affordable housing

- ⊗ Enable existing housing stock to better manage short-term fuel poverty issues
- ⊗ Investigate affordable housing provision for young people, key workers and employees.

Local economy and jobs

- ⊗ Develop more apprenticeship and training opportunities.
- ⊗ Support ‘slow tourism initiatives’, with longer stays and higher spend.

Emphasis on sport, heritage and culture

- ⊗ Improve facilities for unstructured play and sport (including investigating providing a multi-use games area, pump track etc).
- ⊗ Expand heritage and cultural facilities and activities.

