

Local Place Plan Update: February 3rd 2025

Progress since January update:

Stephen Connelly met with Deborah Iden to discuss the Action Plan and working updates. He will now use these to begin drafting the draft LPP.

Agreed: Kate Craig and Deborah Iden to set up a Local Place Plan page on the Moniaive Initiative website to keep residents informed of eg consultation meetings etc. Ideally, this information should also be available via a GCC website. Annie Wright to pursue with the GCC.

Stephen Connelly met with officers of the Glencairn Community Council to seek their views regarding local place planning. **Sue** to update.

The LPP group met to discuss housing needs. Mike Staples reported that the 2017 survey of housing (SOSCH) needs updating. Housing prices were lower and there was more rental property available.

Agreed: the draft LPP needs

- 1) to identify the housing demands
- 2) to capture the strategic community aspirations of what is needed and to look to identify small pockets of land where limited numbers of housing might be approved if/when the land were to be made available.

Mike Staples reported that Dumfries & Galloway has a crisis regarding unfilled posts in the healthcare sector, both in the hospitals and in the community. A lack of suitable accommodation to rent within commuting distance of the hospitals has meant that even successful applicants have turned down job offers.

Agreed: need to identify and meet with local landowners where small pockets of housing might be identified.

Agreed: community led rental housing would be the best way forward to encourage families with children to consider moving into the area.

Planning definitions as within Statutory Planning guidance:

NB please note this replaces the previous update.

Moniaive is defined as a **Local Centre** in statutory planning terms (as is Dunscore). A site for 10 houses was identified in the last Local Development Plan for Glencairn and one for 23 houses for Dunscore. Neither site was developed for housing.

Kirkland and **Wallaceton** are both described as a **small group of houses in the countryside** (where some limited residential development may be appropriate up to around 10% of the existing settlement site).

The draft LPP will aim to capture the desire for repopulation, especially in Moniaive, to support local businesses and help secure the future of the school and Play Care.

Agreed: Peter Roberts will draft a basic approach to potential development for the draft LPP which can be updated in the light of consultations.

Mapping:

Peter Roberts has begun using the LPP online parish mapping tool and will work with Stephen Sparrow to produce the maps needed for inclusion with the draft LPP.