

Sheet1

SHIELDSAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL - QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES (42)

	Affordable Housing	Community Wellbeing	Economic development	Environment/Sustainability	Greater Support for School	Infrastructure	Tourism
Total score (no. 1=7pts, no.7=1pt)	185	158	141	117	109	188	70
Total of no. 1 priorities	19	6	3	5	2	14	3
Total of no. 7 priorities	2	2	3	6	4	2	14
Comments received	Lack of affordable housing; ripping heart from commun. Rebuild burnt houses at BaileShuas & find new sites Croft land underused Local needs are the priority & within that for singles & young people.	Develop more local social/ recreational projects. Social isolation a problem, partic. in winter. Need to tackle alcohol and drug problems. More support services and higher profile policing. More home help for elderly etc. Support for SWRCCS. Village maintenance Consider paid village handyperson. Tackle dog mess problem; not just visitors to blame. Strong support for Torridon medical practice, but no access to local NHS dentists. Consider pool car (hybrid) for village.	Develop proposals for locally controlled sustainable fisheries. [? Why nothing about help for local start ups] Implicit support for econ. benefits of tourism. ? Case for a devel. officer	Crucial long term issue and key reason for Shieldsaig's attractiveness inc. tourism. Tackle overnight camping (waste, fires) & flytipping. Action to tackle problems in marine environment eg fish farms - and linkage with local fisheries devel. Implicit support for woodland expansion. Reinstate seasonal ranger.	Comes across as a community priority. Probably not a top mark because its currently in a healthy and well managed state. ? Young people on CC	Very poor road conditions a real problem particularly on the Coast Road. Remove roadside vegetation. Safety improvements needed on top and bottom roads. (speed limits and bumps) Gaps in safer route to school & path round village. Better/cheaper broadband: local access patchy.	No appetite for boosting tourism. Instead action to reduce local impact of current nos. (eg motorhome parking in village and at entrances.) Measures to encourage more appropriate driving on single track roads. Multiple problems caused by . NC500- reason for 3 no.1s Main issue sheer number of vehicles causing blockages, noise, pollution, road damage Also O/N camping problems as in environment.
Analysis	Acute and growing shortage of affordable housing for locals is one of top 2 priorities for action. Not whole solution to a complex issue but more social housing to meet current local needs would be a good start.	Clear that community resilience and wellbeing are regarded as important and that in the main, things are in good shape. But action is needed in some areas inc. for more winter activities and to develop strategies for dealing with alcohol and drug issues. Pool car pilot scheme might be helpful.	Feels like a bit of a gap in the responses as more and better jobs for local people should surely be a priority. Efforts to establish a more sustainable and locally controlled prawn fishery have been tried before but failed to secure SG support. Try again?	Maybe because the benefits are so long term, many don't see this as a top priority. But no reason for cutting back on current land-based woodland work and case for doing more in the marine enviro. which has been neglected.	Already strong support for the school and an effective parent council. Ensure the good work is kept up.	Action by HC to provide lasting improvements to road maintenance one of top 2 priorities for action. Road safety action needed in the village and reduction & repositioning of speed limit on top road, fill in gaps on safer route to school and path round the village.	Community support for tourism is weak despite it almost certainly being the single largest source of jobs. Suggest early action to tackle negative impacts before problems become . overwhelming. Shieldsaig has reached its capacity.
Action	High level meeting with Albyn & close liaison with HC.	More thought needed within the community; discuss with SCA and consider links with specialist agencies. Discuss PC with SWRCCS	Discuss with SCA and local business leaders case for setting up an economic development group. Discuss with local fishermen whether and how best to take up the fisheries issue again. Probably needs a friend in high places!	Consider coordination of marine work with TKCC and local fishermen. Link with econ. devel.	Build relations with parent council.	Discussion with school, local residents, HC & police.	Discussion with neighbouring CCs, HC and NC500.



