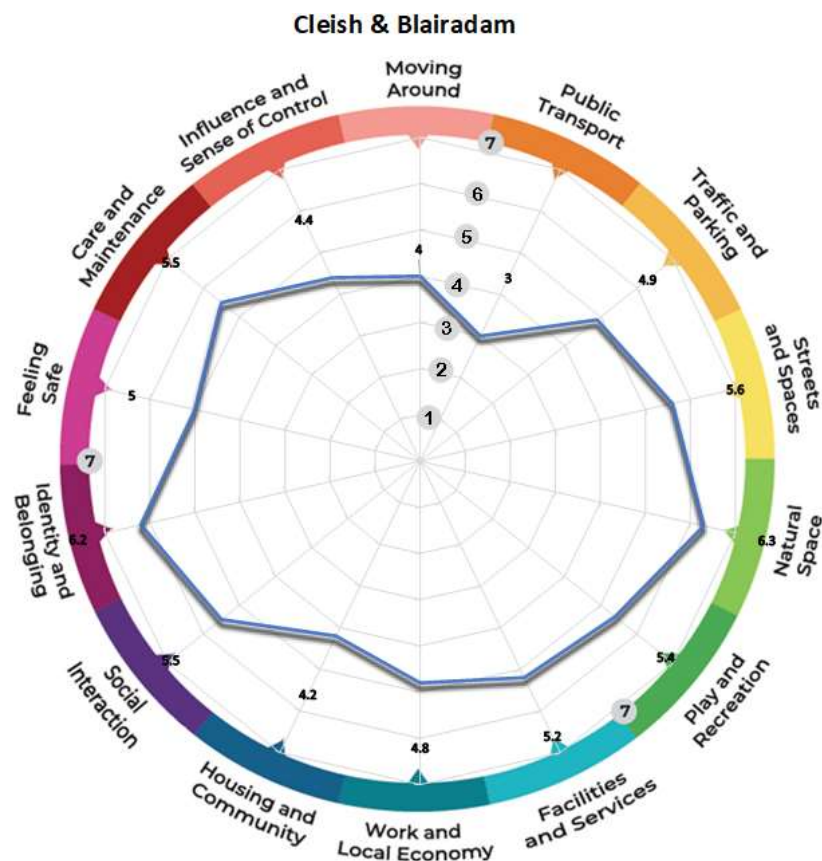


## Community Council Summaries

### Community Council: Cleish and Blairadam

Cleish & Blairadam community council area covers villages of Cleish and settlements such as West Mains and Blairadam on the west of the M90, Keltybridge and Maryburgh on the east, and further north to Gairneybank and the Gypsy/Traveller site at Greenacres. A place standard event was held in Cleish including a drop in. People from the Cleish & Blairadam community council area were also present at drop in and conversation events in Kinross. A conversation was also held with Gypsy/Traveller residents and there was a good response to the online survey. A total of 40 people contributed, this included only 3 young people.



#### 1. Moving Around (4)

Within Cleish itself it is easy to move around the village but with no paths on roads, and busy sections of road walking and cycling further afield is not safe. More cycling and friendly roads are wanted, and a cycling / accessible path to Kinross and the Loch. In Keltybridge there are good walking connections but again impeded by traffic. Pavements are narrow and the High Street congested, again a connection not Kinross would be welcomed. Horse riders pointed out that paths in Black Hill Wood do not link up and are not horse friendly and overhanging hedges combined with inconsiderate driving make horse riding along roads dangerous.

#### 2. Public Transport (3)

Public Transport received the lowest place standard score. People from around the area like the Kinross Park and Ride and use it often but connections to there are poor. There is high demand for a bus from Cleish, and there is not one from Keltybridge, buses from

Gairneybank are infrequent, and the Sunday service from Blairadam has been cancelled. In the absence of a local bus, a better taxi service or DRT is required.

### 3. Traffic and Parking (4.9)

Parking is not thought to be an issue in the area with the exception of a lack of parking in Keltybridge and at school pickup and drop off. Gypsy/Travellers also noted the lack of parking in new developments to allow for caravans to visit. The speed of traffic however especially on bends and junctions on the B9097 is dangerous. Speed of traffic through Greenacres, Gairneybridge and Keltybridge is also a problem. On the B996 children from Greenacres cross the road for the school bus in a 60mph zone making this a priority.

### 4. Streets and Spaces (5.6)

In Cleish the old buildings and historic layout of the conservation area are valued, including its relationship with greenspaces in and adjacent to the village which need to continue to be protected. The hall and adjacent fields used for community events are also important. In Keltybridge one large building is out of character with the village.

### 5. Natural Space (6.3)

Cleish and other villages have good access to nature in the surrounding area, with this topic scoring the highest place standard score. Forests and hills are well used, with green features in the Cleish conservation area supporting nature, and there is a forest walk in Keltybridge. More protection and enhancement is wanted, including more trees and hedgerows, protection of Loch Leven, and better enforcement of tree protection. Carparks for walks are not wanted due to the risk of antisocial behaviour.

### 6. Play and Recreation (5.4)

In Cleish there are good indoor and outdoor spaces with the field of particular importance to the community. While paths in the woods are well used, not all marked core paths have paths or have no access (e.g. CLSH102). For children there is no play park, swings or monkey bars, and school equipment is locked away after hours. Suggestions for improvement include adding to the Millennium Walk. In Keltybridge there is little for children to do. Greenacres would also benefit from a play area – without a need for play equipment.

### 7. Facilities and Amenities (5.2)

It is accepted that most services in Kinross with good library and community groups, (and associated need for more GPs and dentists) but the lack of public transport is a factor. In Greenacres a nearby or mobile shop would help with the need to travel for day to day items. Broadband in Cleish is poor but is being worked on.

### 8. Work and Local Economy (4.8)

There are good volunteering opportunities in the area but people accept the need to commute to larger centres or work from home for employment, although there are limited apprenticeships, part time work, or training for young people in the area.

### 9. Housing and Community (4.2)

Cleish has a good mix of homes in the community although noted that older homes, particularly in the conservation area are harder to make energy efficient or adapt for older people. Having smaller, more affordable housing for young people is a common

ask in the area with a brownfield housing opportunity on the B9097 near Craigton. In the rural area there is a need for more Gypsy/Traveller sites.

#### 10. Social Contact (5.5)

In Cleish the village hall is well used for events, such as a local pup-up pub although there were suggestions for open policy and increased use of the hall. In Keltybridge children can meet up with friends in parks but there otherwise few places to meet.

#### 11. Identity and Belonging (6.2)

This received one of the highest scores reflecting the strong welcoming community in Cleish. People are proud to live here supported by the conservation area, and heritage including the built and green elements. Greenacres too is quiet and safe and Keltybridge has an equally good sense of place and community.

#### 12. Feeling Safe (5)

People feel safe in their place with people looking out for each other.

#### 13. Care and Maintenance (5.5)

Cleish is in a good state of repair thanks to an active volunteer community. Potholes are a regular occurrence which get fixed but require annual maintenance. Fly-tipping is an issue throughout the area, with issues noted west of Cleish, in Keltybridge and Maryburgh woods and east of Blairforge.

#### 14. Influence and Sense of Control (4.4)

People feel they can have their say via the community council, and that there is a good response to local issues from Perth & Kinross Council. There is concern however that community council comments on planning applications are not taken seriously and that it is difficult to flag new applications and submit comments, especially with community council meetings not always coinciding with comment deadlines. In Greenacres there is a need for a void in Scottish Parliament for the needs of travellers especially with regards planning permission for private sites.