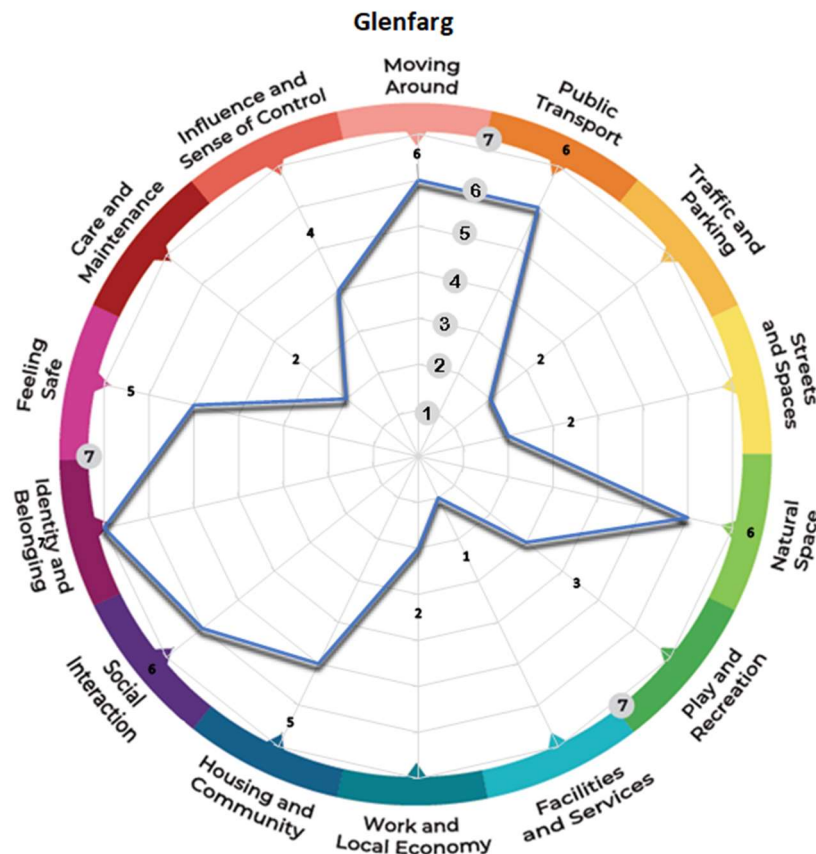


## Community Council: Glenfarg

Glenfarg Community Council covers an area between Perth and Milnathort. There are other smaller settlements but the responses below cover Glenfarg village residents only. 7 people participated in the Big Place Conversation including the community council, but does not include any young people views. Due to low numbers of scores collected the chart shows the Community Council view only. In 2012 Glenfarg Community Council area held a [community conversation](#) with 81 responses. Where comments from that conversation are still relevant they are noted below.



### 1. Moving Around (6)

While walking and cycling within Glenfarg itself is considered easy, paths wider afield were more problematic. Cycling on the B996 is not considered safe without a cycle path, and other core paths are necessary or popular such as to Springhall Wood or Cuthill to Burnside, but are dangerous even with reduced speed limit or need upgrading. The community council advised that path improvement is to be looked at.

A safe walking/cycling route to Binn Wood and the ability to safely visit the railway tunnels was strongly supported. The disused railway embankment was thought to provide a potential route.

### 2. Public Transport (6)

The community bus service which at the time went to services at Kinross is popular and successful, addressing a concern for community transport raised in 2012. People use it

to connect at Kinross to farther destinations although better connections were a concern. An extension to Perth was needed, this has since been put into place and may have addressed concerns around daytime service frequency of buses to Perth.

### 3. Traffic and Parking (2)

The need to review speed limits through Glenfarg was a concern, particularly with regards to the speed limits on the triangle which is being addressed with the Council. The narrow roads in the village result in pavement parking, and safety concerns such as Greenbank road on the school walking route. Works at Scottish Water facility and how the traffic would affect the village were a large concern which has now been superseded by the approved application.

Suggestions include EV infrastructure and making Greenbank one way. A need for some/more parking at Binn Hill Wood and Springhall Wood was identified.

### 4. Streets and Spaces (2)

The village hall serves as a civic space and the green. Main street at Glenfarg Garage is thought to require landscaping and traffic calming although it was also noted that the parked cars form a de facto speed deterrent. A need for allotments was raised with a potential site south of the new development in the south of Glenfarg suggested. One commentor suggested making Greenbank Road one way. This was also raised in the 2012 survey.

### 5. Natural Space (6)

Plenty of access to natural space in Glenfarg and the surrounding areas including the reservoir (with some concerns about access) and Springhall Wood. A desire was raised for new development to contribute to nature in the village. Natural environment conservation and enhancement was high priority in the 2012 survey.

### 6. Play and Recreation (3)

Wallace Park and its facilities are widely appreciated. Limited opportunities for recreation were noted for older children, in wet weather and no indoor sporting facility although the hall is used for a range of activities. More activities for young people and older/disabled people was raised as a concern in 2012.

### 7. Facilities and Amenities (1)

The hall, local shop and garage are widely appreciated. It is noted that a mobile library, post office and travelling food suppliers visit Glenfarg. A pub or inn would be welcomed, with a community group looking at how to support that community interest. Concerns regarding young people include wrap around childcare facilities, the difficulty of children at Cuthill towers to get to school in Milnathort, and the capacity of Glenfarg Primary. Other facilities lacking include a church, foraging group and allotments. Access to care was raised by one commentator, a significant concern in the 2012 survey.

### 8. Work and Local Economy (2)

Comments make clear that there are few opportunities for young people or local jobs, and that having local businesses is important. Many people work from home and a work hub would be welcome with the School House suggested, although the community council indicated the hall would be explored for this use.

#### 9. Housing and Community (5)

The housing mix was thought to be appropriate for the area. Demand for flats in ex hotel buildings questioned and one commentor thought these were not selling due to the price. Some need for smaller bungalows for downsizing was raised along with a concern that social housing would not be used for local people.

#### 10. Social Contact (6)

Lots of clubs and coffee mornings, with cinema night and pop up pub in the hall, but the lack of a pub is missed as a central informal meeting place. Concern noted about lack of facilities for young people to meet outside of school, and events for visually impaired.

#### 11. Identity and Belonging (7)

The area has a good community spirit, with friendly and welcoming people. This is also highly evident in the 2012 survey results. It has an identity centered on arts and music.

#### 12. Feeling Safe (5)

Glenfarg has a safe feel, although some unlit areas felt less safe e.g. Duncrievie Road. Flooding is a large concern with water flooding off fields in northwest, eventually heading down Greenbank Road. Houses on the corner of Greenbank road and B996 become flooded. Tree planting was put forward to help reduce this flooding.

#### 13. Care and Maintenance (2)

Maintenance of core paths and pavements are of concern, especially for those limited mobility or young children. Litter was also raised as an issue particularly on the road to Aberargie and the Glen. No bins at the new development or bus stop and existing bins always being full. The former hotel site is in disrepair and that and other pockets are used as dumping grounds. Improving the appearance of the village was a high priority in 2012.

#### 14. Influence and Sense of Control (4)

Commentors felt they can have their say at village meetings and that they were listened to by Councillors. However action is seen to be delayed or not happening.