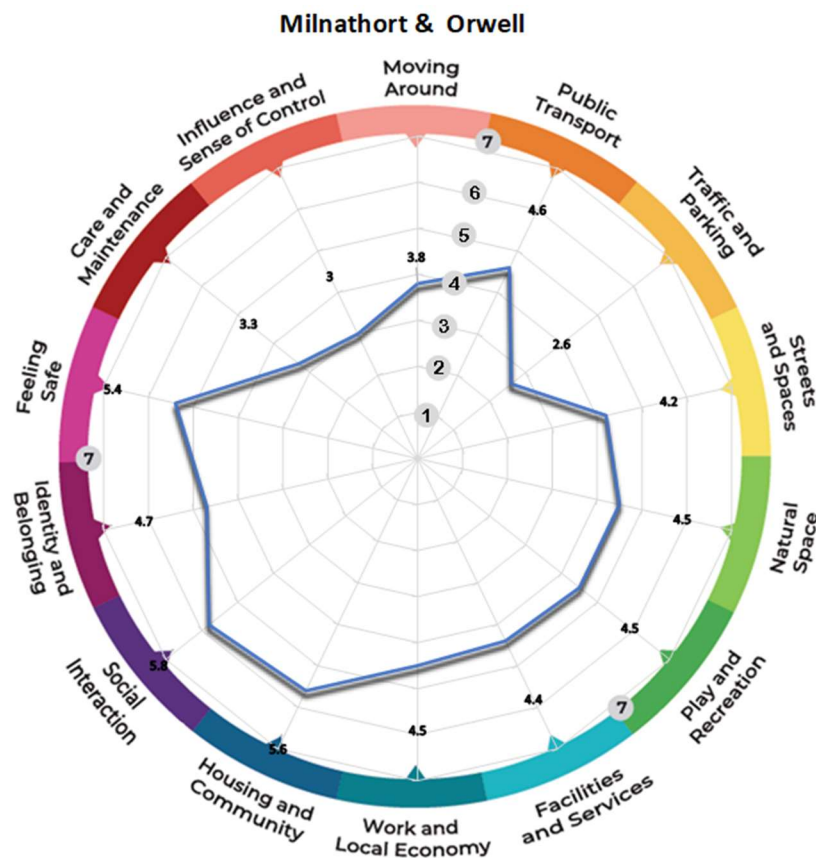


Community Council: Milnathort and Orwell

Milnathort and Orwell community council cover Milnathort town but also extending out to Mawcarse in the east and Hattonburn and Tillyrie to the north and east. In Milnathort events were held at Milnathort primary and Kinross High School a few online responses, public events held in Kinross were also attended by Milnathort residents including conversations with disabled people with a total of 35 responses in total. The place standard scores are heavily influenced towards young people opinions.



1. Moving Around (3.8)

Children like cycling around Milnathort and find it easy to walk around, with only 1 in 6 of children spoken to taking a car to school. More paths for walking and cycling are wanted, and current paths are often too narrow for pushchairs, mobility aids or cycling and vegetation needs cutting back from paths. Cycling on the main road is very busy, with a direct safe cycle route between Kinross and Milnathort suggested. Moving around would be made better by more short cuts. From Tillyrie children walk to school on an increasingly busy road with no pavements, while in Kinross .

2. Public Transport (4.6)

Getting to Edinburgh and Perth is fairly easy, although more buses to Perth, and a direct service to Glasgow would be welcomed. Getting from the Park & Ride to Milnathort is an issue for disabled people, especially on the last bus, as taxis have to be pre-arranged. Young people find bus frequencies good except on Sundays with children finding buses

too busy and uncomfortable, and wanting more stops and more reliability. People outside Milnathort, in Tillyrie and Hattonburn have to come to Milnathort first to catch a bus. Children would prefer a train service and enjoy the train from Cowdenbeath.

3. Traffic and Parking (2.6)

Traffic and parking received the lowest place standard score. The highest priorities are insufficient parking in the town centre, and parked cars on south street making the road into one lane, and crossing at the shops and roundabout. Parked cars on South Street also make use of the crossing dangerous. Other problem areas include obstruction from parked cars on North Street, a need for crossings on Stirling Road, New Road, Old Perth Road and congestion at Stirling Road/Bridgefauld road at school pickup making it hard to cross and for buses to turn.

4. Streets and spaces (4.2)

Milnathort has some nice parts, with the town hall, petrol station, Burleigh castle, war memorial, and old bell of value to younger folk. Investment from businesses in the community has been welcomed. Along with more seating, other places that could be improved include Forth Wines site and houses in Marshall place.

5. Natural Space (4.5)

Good access to nature was welcomed by all, with the loch and the golf course, woods, Burleigh castle all appreciated. More trees and nature in town would be welcomed and the phosphate levels in the loch has an impact on its amenity value.

6. Play and Recreation (4.5)

Sports and recreation facilities in the area are good, as are walks and cycleways in the area. Children and young people like Jessie's park and the MUGA at the campus, the woods, Tillywhally Forest and Ba Hill. More play equipment for older children (8-12), options for gymnastics and basketball, and a skatepark are desired along with more shortcuts to the parks., more play equipment and softer surfaces. Children are also concerned with older teenage behaviour in the parks and glass.

7. Facilities and Amenities (4.4)

The existing shops are good and appreciated. Choice for grocery shopping is limited and expensive and a budget supermarket would be welcomed. A bigger shop in Milnathort would be welcomed and the lack of shops for clothing in Milnathort or Kinross was noted. Children and young people like the primary and secondary school, the sports facilities, library and youth hub. Difficulty getting a doctor's appointment and the lack of an NHS dentist reflect other comments in the area. Kinross day centre and KLEO are appreciated by respondents from Milnathort.

8. Work and Local Economy (4.5)

Children thought there were jobs available in local shops and small businesses, and others thought there were enough jobs and volunteer opportunities, although many people do commute or work from home. Young teenagers thought there were few apprenticeships or local jobs including for people under 16 except for paper rounds or restaurant work, although work experience is available through the school and KYTHE. It was noted that there is no local college or university.

9. Housing and Community (5.6)

The priority for adults is to have no more housing in Milnathort. Older children noted concern with school capacity with new housing. Children like their houses, their neighbours and community and the mix of older and modern housing, and some would like bigger housing whilst others said more bungalows were needed. The need to maintain the separation between Milnathort and Kinross was noted.

10. Social Contact (5.8)

This received the highest score. There is a good hall in Milnathort with events. Children and young people are able to meet outside in parks, in their homes, the library, pool or café. It was noted that there were not many sheltered, free places to meet, and there was a need for more activities for teenagers in the evening.

11. Identity and Belonging (4.7)

People are proud of and enjoy living in Milnathort, and appreciate the history, Burleigh castle, the heritage trail, the beer garden and festivals. More community events would be welcome.

12. Feeling Safe (5.4)

People generally feel safe in Milnathort or their village with exceptions. Children feel less safe at night with lighting wanted in short cuts, on Old Perth Road, and in the recreation ground, and in Tillywhally. People feel less safe with groups of older children around, which also make children less safe in Jessie's park or in the woods. A greater police presence or community wardens were suggested. Flooding was noted in Milnathort and in Hattonburn the burn overflows into people's gardens.

13. Care and Maintenance (3.3)

Litter and dog fouling are priorities in Milnathort, with more bins and signs wanted. Problem spots include Donaldson Park, Tillyrie Road, the primary school, Jessie's park and Burleigh Sands. Maintenance issues identified include broken equipment, seating and fencing in Jessie's park, Tillyrie dam and potholes on Tillyrie Road.

14. Influence and Sense of Control (3)

Adults noted that they are listened to by councillors but did not feel listened to over concerns with the impact of housing on infrastructure. Children would like to be involved more about new plans happening in their area, young people suggesting that the Kinross newsletter could be better used to get information out, surveys should be shared through the school bulletin and could be more entertaining. It was noted that while Facebook is good for community communication young people did not use it.