

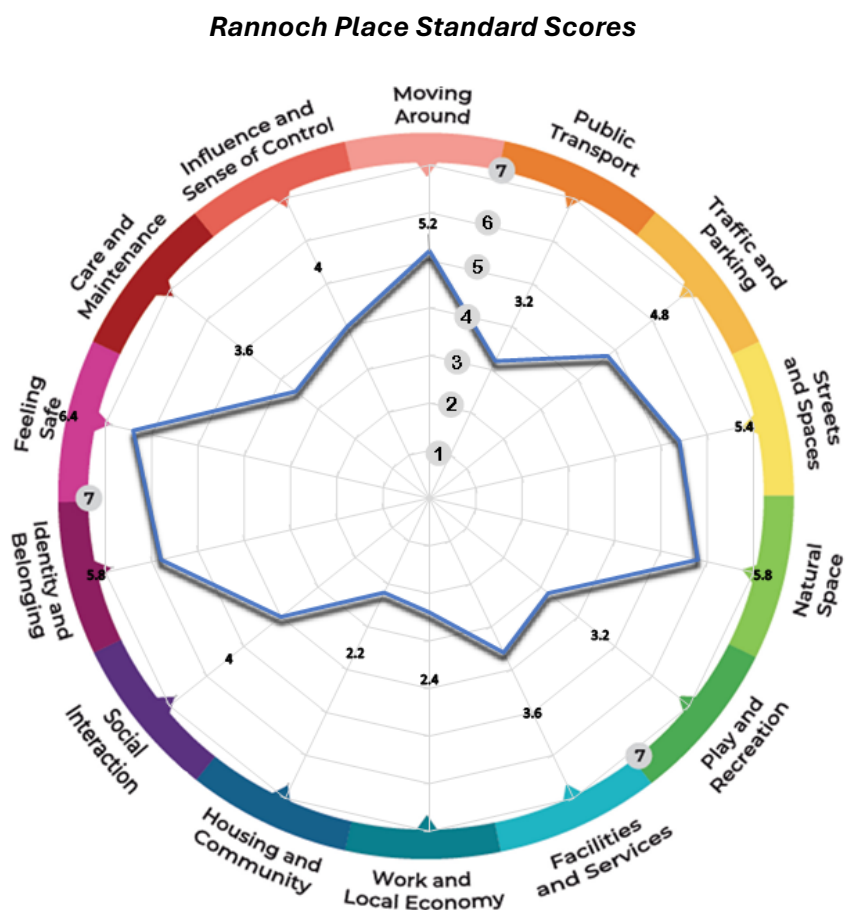
Community Council: Rannoch

Rannoch Community Council sits in a remote rural area to the northwest of the Council area, incorporating Loch Rannoch and villages including Kinloch Rannoch and Bridge of Gaur. To the very west sits Rannoch Station which is part of the West Highland railway line.

A drop-in place standard session was held in Kinloch Rannoch. 12 people responded to the survey and/or attended the drop-in session. A Development Plan (2016) has been prepared for the Rannoch and Tummel area by the Community Trust.

Place Standard Scores

Note that due to the tailored nature of conversations not all participants completed scores, this includes drop in events. Note that place standard scores are out of 7. Seven is where the least improvement is needed, and 1 the most.



1. Moving Around (5.2)

There is a mix of feeling regarding moving around with comments noting that it is easy to get around for leisure purposes and to visit facilities within the village whilst others note that it can be difficult to move around in the summer due to visitors as well as in winter conditions. A local all-paths group supports walking in the village including a riverside path.

Concerns are raised in relation to traffic and parking pressures across the local area particularly from visitors and larger vehicles e.g. timber lorries.

Suggestions for improvement include enforcement of verge parking, advisory restrictions for large vehicles on particular roads e.g. Schiehallion road, undercover buggy/bike parking at the shop/bus stop/park/doctor surgery to encourage more walking/cycling, improved cycling path infrastructure, improved and integrated local transport, and traffic calming measures in the village.

2. Public Transport (3.2)

Apart from DRT2 service, public transport is limited in the local area. The DTR2 service is considered a great service for locals and supporting businesses/visitors, however it does not run on a Sunday which limits its support for local businesses.

Suggested improvements include more buses to Aberfeldy/Pitlochry, cheaper train fares, better publicity of the local service, bus service availability on a Sunday even at limited times.

3. Traffic & Parking (4.8)

Concerns are raised about the speed of traffic in the area including delivery drivers, lack of knowledge of using passing places as well as the safety of current A9 road. Meeting large vehicles on the narrow rural roads also highlighted as a concern. Parking is highlighted as being fine in the village.

Suggested improvements include traffic calming measures, acceleration of A9 dualling, widening rural roads, and addition of signs to allow safe passing on single track roads.

4. Streets, Squares & Buildings (5.4)

There are mixed feelings about the buildings in the local area. Positives include a local group that does planting 'Rannoch in Bloom', and the village hall and committee that host community events. Concerns are raised in relation to poorly maintained street lights, some modern development not in keeping with character of the area, and some neglected sites in need of development.

Suggested improvements include investment in the village hall, ensuring new developments are sympathetic to the local area including more trees/greenery, improving road surface conditions, and force landowners to use land or sell it on open market.

5. Natural Spaces (5.8)

The surrounding area is considered to be very well connected to nature within a beautiful landscape. Concerns are raised in relation to 'eyesore' sites within the village e.g. across from the shop.

Suggested improvements include the community acquiring the land opposite the shop to deliver for the local community and creating facilities to deter wild campers.

6. Play & Recreation (3.2)

There is a mix of feeling regarding the sufficiency of play opportunities in the local area. Some feel that the facilities available are good including the playpark (and committee), whilst others feel that provision is limited and improvements could be made.

Suggested improvements include faster response times for playpark maintenance, refreshed equipment at the park for older children/adults, undercover seating area in the park, skatepark

facilities, access to more sports facilities, and a survey to gauge interest in community food growing/allotments.

7. Facilities & Services (3.6)

There are a number of existing facilities and services highlighted within the local area including the primary school, library bus, mobile bank, 2 hotels and timeshare, car garage, and health centre. The lack or poor provision of facilities/services is also highlighted including poor support for the school, lack of choice for school provision, limited mobile bank service, some health services/clinics (e.g. vaccinations) held elsewhere, recycling facilities in Aberfeldy, no fuelling station, lack of carers/social care provision, and lack of healthy food options. Generally service provision is considered to be urban-centric with the community having to travel elsewhere for key services/facilities.

Suggested improvements include improved shop and healthy food provision, care and support services, community hub for volunteer-led activities, affordable housing to allow key workers to stay in the area, improved car repair facilities, controlling holiday lets and subsidising fuel pump for locals, bus service for children to attend school in Aberfeldy, and more choice in school provision.

8. Work & Local Economy (2.4)

Work and the local economy is an area that is considered to need improvement/intervention. Concerns are raised that the diversity of jobs is limited with mainly service industry jobs in hotels, lack of affordable housing stifling the economy and being able to fill jobs, and lack of childcare. Balancing tourism vs amenity of the local area is noted as a key issue. Plans are being progressed for community hub and affordable housing in the community.

Suggested improvements include flexibility of land use/planning to try new ideas, need for more housing including affordable housing (rent/self-build), supportive planning policy and greater stimulation for rural business, limiting second homes and short term lets, and additional nursery/childcare provision.

9. Housing & Community (2.2)

The availability of housing, particularly affordable housing, is noted as a significant issue for the community. There are also concerns expressed about number of second homes and short term lets, planning process being restrictive, high cost of housing, and low carbon heating/power solutions are difficult to operate in the rural location with older houses.

The issue of short term lets was also highlighted. These properties provide accommodation for the visitor/tourism industry which is important for the area and unlikely to be used for affordable housing. It was noted that it's important to balance immediate housing needs of community vs ability to attract visitors to the area.

The Community Development Trust also noted the current work to develop plans for affordable housing in the village.

Suggested improvements/solutions include PKC support for affordable housing plans, more housing in the area generally, control over short term lets/second homes with potential for levy/council tax re-investment, more care for people living in their own homes, supportive housing in the countryside policy and enable more development, housing that supports long term retention of residents, range of housing sizes and costs, and improved community involvement in future plans for the local area.

10. Social Interaction (4)

It was noted that there were a few places for social interaction and meeting up, but travel limitations often limit opportunities.

11. Identity & Belonging (5.8)

There is a strong identity and sense of community in the local area. Suggested improvements include enhancing the local area aesthetically, dealing with derelict land, fixing street lights, limiting holiday home developments, improved community input in development plans, development of affordable housing/low rent housing, and improve local road situation.

12. Feeling Safe (6.4)

Generally, residents feel very safe in the local community with one suggestion for more police presence in the village.

13. Care & Maintenance (3.6)

There are some that consider that the area is well looked after with community groups assisting with upkeep. Concerns are raised by some on the impact of wild campers, the lack of public toilet facilities, and the roads having too many potholes.

Suggestions for improvement include improved facilities for wild campers, extending camping byelaws, and fixing potholes.

14. Influence & Sense of Control (4)

Concerns are raised that future development plans for the village should not be constrained by SEPA flood risk map which is not accurate and that Council decision making is not empowering for the local community.

Suggested improvements include a refreshed Development Plan for the village, appointing a community council, more joined up working, locality-based commissioning to best support the community, and meaningfully acting upon feedback gained from the community.