

Review of libraries, halls and centres – results of online and face-to-face community engagement sessions

Total number of respondents: 1601

Consul 212 answers

Engagement sessions 1379 forms completed

Letters/Notes 10

Garnock Valley (27.73%)

Building	Plan and answers	Themes from comments
Beith Community Centre – 54 answers, 49 comments	In partnership with the Community Association and key partners, we will explore options for the future use of the building including relocation of the library to the community centre. Also, to maximise income from sports hall.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31 commented on potential reduction in services • 11 commented negatively on the engagement process • 5 commented on potential increase in costs for lets • 2 agreed it was better to move library than not have it all
	I agree with the draft plan – 6 I understand the financial position of the council – 16 I don't have a view - 1 I disagree with the draft plan - 38	
Beith library – 198 answers, 306 comments (includes feedback from 5 letters)	We will evaluate current usage and work with community partners to consider how the service could be co-located in Beith Community Centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 139 commented on potential reduction of services • 78 commented on impact on the Main Street with less footfall coming to the library building if not in use • 30 commented on parking at the community centre and safety for customers, especially those who are disabled • 37 commented negatively on the engagement process • 13 commented on inviting other NAC services to co-locate within the library building • 8 commented on house building and potential lack of services for new residents • 7 commented favourably about draft plan
	I agree with the draft plan – 7 I understand the financial position of the council – 18 I don't have a view - 3 I disagree with the draft plan - 178	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 queried costs for groups to hire library compared to centre • 1 commented on Community Asset Transfer
Bridgend Community Centre – 39 answers, 28 comments	In partnership with the Community Association, we will explore options for the future use of the building including further keyholding, lease and asset transfer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 commented on potential reduction in service • 5 commented negatively on the engagement process • 3 favourable comments about asset transfer • 3 suggested increasing rent, 1 concerned if this happened • 2 commented that asset transfer not viable • 2 commented on central location
	<p>I agree with the draft plan – 11</p> <p>I understand the financial position of the council – 14</p> <p>I don't have a view - 4</p> <p>I disagree with the draft plan - 14</p>	
Dalry Community Centre – 28 answers, 29 comments	In partnership with the Community Association and key partner occupants, we will explore options for the future use of the building including further keyholding, lease and asset transfer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 commented on concerns around a Community Asset Transfer • 4 concerned over potential loss of services • 3 would like to see a purpose-built centre to include other services • 3 commented that the building needs invested in to make it fit for purpose • 3 commented that there is the potential to increase services • 3 commented the proposal would have little or no impact • 2 commented that there are other facilities in the town which could be used, e.g. school, church halls • 2 commented negatively on the engagement process
	<p>I agree with the draft plan – 9</p> <p>I understand the financial position of the council – 11</p> <p>I don't have a view - 4</p> <p>I disagree with the draft plan - 11</p>	
Dalry library – 63 answers, 52 comments	We will explore options for co-location with services, local community groups & organisations, to improve community space and reduce costs to the Council of operating the building.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33 commented on the potential loss of services and 5 specifically mentioned pc access • 14 commented that there is the potential to increase services • 3 commented negatively on the engagement process

	<p>I agree with the draft plan – 25 I understand the financial position of the council – 19 I don't have a view - 0 I disagree with the draft plan - 33</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 commented on the potential of keyholding
<p>Kilbirnie library – 35 4 answers, 25 comments</p>	<p>We will continue to work with partners and actively seek options for co-location opportunities with the library within the building.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 concerned with potential loss of services • 9 commented negatively on the process • 3 commented it would have no impact
	<p>I agree with the draft plan – 13 I understand the financial position of the council – 15 I don't have a view - 1 I disagree with the draft plan - 14</p>	
<p>Walker Hall, Kilbirnie – 27 answers, 2 6omments</p>	<p>We will evaluate current usage and consider how the facility could maximise its potential.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 concerned about the potential loss of services • 9 commented on improving the facilities and promoting the venue • 7 commented negatively on the process • 2 would like to see it close and services moved elsewhere
	<p>I agree with the draft plan – 6 I understand the financial position of the council – 12 I don't have a view - 4 I disagree with the draft plan - 11</p>	

Irvine (12.74%)

Building	Question	Themes from comments
<p>Bourtreehill library – 28 answers, 31 comments</p>	<p>We will consider how the service could be co-located in the new housing hub.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 commented on the potential reduction in services • 4 commented on other uses and would help promote these to the wider community. • 2 commented negatively on the process
	<p>I agree with the draft plan – 3 I understand the financial position of the council – 2 I don't have a view - 0 I disagree with the draft plan - 24</p>	
<p>Castlepark Community Centre – 9 answers, 12 comments</p>	<p>In partnership with the Community Association and regular users, we will explore options for the future use of the building including further keyholding, lease, asset transfer and co-location.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 commented on potential reduction of services • 3 commented negatively on increased keyholding/asset transfer • 1 commented positively on increased keyholding • 1 commented that further consultation would be required
	<p>I agree with the draft plan – 1 I understand the financial position of the council – 3 I don't have a view - 0 I disagree with the draft plan - 8</p>	
<p>Dreghorn library – 11 answers, 10 comments</p>	<p>We will explore options for co-location with services, local community groups / organisations to improve community space and reduce costs to the Council of operating the building.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 commented on the potential reduction in services • 1 supported the proposal • 1 commented negatively on the process
	<p>I agree with the draft plan – 3 I understand the financial position of the council – 4 I don't have a view - 0 I disagree with the draft plan - 6</p>	

Dunlop Centre – 0 answers, 0 comments	Subject to current asset transfer by local organisation I agree with the draft plan – I understand the financial position of the council – I don't have a view - I disagree with the draft plan -	
Irvine Library – 74 answers, 110 comments (includes 4 notes sent to library)	Continue to work with partners and actively seek options for co-location opportunities with the library service in Council buildings. I agree with the draft plan – 5 I understand the financial position of the council – 5 I don't have a view - 2 I disagree with the draft plan - 61	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54 commented on the potential reduction of services • 45 commented on the benefits of existing location and its accessibility • 6 commented negatively on the process • 5 agreed with the move if the services were the same/increased
Lanfine Community Centre – 36 answers, 38 comments	In partnership with the Community Association and regular users, we will explore options for the future use of the building including lease, asset transfer and co-location. I agree with the draft plan – 1 I understand the financial position of the council – 1 I don't have a view - 0 I disagree with the draft plan - 34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 commented on the potential loss of services • 12 commented on the benefits of existing location and its accessibility • 1 commented to accept the move if paths were accessible • 1 commented activities should be more widely promoted • 1 commented negatively on the engagement process
Redburn Centre – 7 answers, 10 comments	We will explore the lease or asset transfer of the property, conditional on retaining community access for food with dignity provision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 commented on potential reduction of services • 4 commented on involving the community in its future

	<p>I agree with the draft plan – 4 I understand the financial position of the council – 2 I don't have a view - 0 I disagree with the draft plan - 3</p>	
<p>Springside Community Centre – 3 answers, 2 comments</p>	<p>In partnership with the Community Association and regular users, explore options for the future use of the building including lease, asset transfer and co-location. Explore options to locate a pop-up library with local primary school/businesses/partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 commented on impact on the Community Association • 1 agreed with the plan, suggested Dreghorn library to be used for all activities
	<p>I agree with the draft plan – 1 I understand the financial position of the council – 0 I don't have a view - 0 I disagree with the draft plan - 2</p>	
<p>Springside library 4 answers, 3 comments</p>	<p>In partnership with the Community Association and regular users, we will explore options for the future use of the building including lease, asset transfer and co-location. We will explore options to locate a pop-up library with local primary school/businesses/partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 concerned over potential reduction in services • 1 concerned over library being in school due to security reasons • 1 concerned over lack of access to computers
	<p>I agree with the draft plan – 1 I understand the financial position of the council – 1 I don't have a view - 0 I disagree with the draft plan - 2</p>	

Towerlands Community Centre – 17 answers, 18 comments	<p>We will consider how the service could be co-located in the new housing hub.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 commented on potential reduction of services • 4 concerned over work placement if café were to move • 2 commented favourably on hub, but would require more information
	<p>I agree with the draft plan – 1 I understand the financial position of the council – 1 I don't have a view - 0 I disagree with the draft plan - 14</p>	
Townend Community Centre, Dregghorn – 9 answers, 20 comments	<p>In partnership with the Community Association and regular users, we will explore options for the future use of the buildings including further keyholding, lease, asset transfer and co-location. We will explore co-location of the community centre and the library</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 commented over reduction in space available for activities • 5 valued the work of the Community Association and hope they would continue to be supported • 3 commented that other venues would be more costly • 3 commented favourably on the proposal
	<p>I agree with the draft plan – 2 I understand the financial position of the council – 6 I don't have a view - 0 I disagree with the draft plan - 2</p>	
Volunteers rooms – 6 answers, 10 comments	<p>We will increase and develop the use of the facility through a considered marketing strategy and consider different styles of in-house programming to maximise its potential as a venue.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 commented on the potential reduction of services • 3 agreed with the plan to look for other uses • 2 commented on accessibility if, e.g. the library was to move in. • 1 commented that the hall can accommodate 100 people
	<p>I agree with the draft plan – 3 I understand the financial position of the council – 2 I don't have a view - 0 I disagree with the draft plan - 2</p>	

Kilwinning (7.25%)

Building	Question	Themes from comments
<p>Cranberry Moss Centre – 25 answers, 34 comments</p>	<p>In partnership with the Community Association and regular users, we will explore options for the future use and operation of the buildings including lease, asset transfer, co-location and partnerships with community organisations such as PRYDE.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 concerned of potential reduction in services • 12 concerned over rising cost of lets • 1 concerned over loss of work experience opportunity
	<p>I agree with the draft plan – 0 I understand the financial position of the council – 0 I don't have a view - 0 I disagree with the draft plan - 25</p>	
<p>Kilwinning library – 19 answers, 18 comments</p>	<p>We will continue to work with partners and actively seek options for co-location opportunities with the library service within the building.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 agreed with the plan to kepe the library open and look for other opportunities • 2 commented on potential lack of space for library • 1 suggested promoting the library service more • 1 commented negatively on the engagement process
	<p>I agree with the draft plan – 14 I understand the financial position of the council – 10 I don't have a view - 0 I disagree with the draft plan - 3</p>	
<p>Nethermain's Community Centre – 18 answers, 24 comments</p>	<p>In partnership with the Community Association and regular users, we will explore options for the future use of the buildings including further keyholding, lease, asset transfer and co-location.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 commented on potential reduction in services • 4 commented negatively on the engagement process • 3 concerned over rising cost of lets • 2 commented on loss of volunteering/employment opportunities

	<p>I agree with the draft plan – 1 I understand the financial position of the council – 1 I don't have a view - 0 I disagree with the draft plan - 17</p>	
<p>Whitehirst Community Centre – 31 answers, 32 comments</p>	<p>I agree with the draft plan – 2 I understand the financial position of the council – 4 I don't have a view - I disagree with the draft plan - 26</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27 commented on potential reduction in services • 2 agreed, if the centre was still available to the community • 1 commented it would make no difference • 1 commented negatively on the process • 1 commented that the Community Association should be supported by NAC
<p>Woodwynd Hall – 23 answers, 21 comments</p>	<p>I agree with the draft plan – 11 I understand the financial position of the council – 9 I don't have a view - 1 I disagree with the draft plan - 6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 commented on potential reduction in services • 4 commented on encouraging more use of the hall • 3 commented there would be little or no impact if the plan was implemented • 1 concerned about an empty building being left

North Coast (46.28%)

Building	Question	Themes from comments
<p>Brisbane Centre Largs – 14 answers, 14 comments</p>	<p>We will explore options for lease, community asset transfer or potential sale in line with Vikingar project timeline.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 commented on potential loss of services • 1 suggested Largs Community Council could take over the hall • 2 commented there would be minimal/no impact • 1 commented on the difficulties of community ownership

	<p>I agree with the draft plan – 0 I understand the financial position of the council – 4 I don't have a view - 0 I disagree with the draft plan - 10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 commented on the lack of maintenance by NAC
<p>Fairlie Community Hall – 104 answers, 189 comments</p>	<p>We will relinquish lease of the property. We will discuss options for the future delivery of a library service with Trust and Community Association and partners.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 116 commented on potential reduction in services • 19 commented on the costs relating to the building. • 16 commented on house building and potential lack of services for new residents • 14 commented on the lack of transport and 6 commented on the environmental impact of travelling out with the village for services • 7 commented there would be no impact • 6 commented on the impact of the Community Association/volunteers to finance the hall • 6 commented negatively on the process • 3 agreed that it was an opportunity to find out the facility required by the village • 2 commented that the hall should have received more maintenance
	<p>I agree with the draft plan – 0 I understand the financial position of the council – 3 I don't have a view – 0 I disagree with the draft plan - 113</p>	
<p>Largs Library – 181 answers, 187 comments</p>	<p>Relocate Largs Library into Vikingar. Explore options for existing library building with the community. Improve the use of Largs Campus for the local community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 107 commented that a move to Vikingar would make the library less accessible • 46 commented on potential reduction in services/space, if the library were to move to Vikingar • 28 commented that a move to Vikingar who make the library more accessible • 6 commented negatively on the engagement process
	<p>I agree with the draft plan – 16 I understand the financial position of the council – 28 I don't have a view – 6 I disagree with the draft plan - 137</p>	

<p>Skelmorlie Community Centre and Library – 202 answers, 314 comments</p>	<p>We will relinquish the lease of the property. We will discuss options for the future delivery of a library service with Trust and Community Association and partners.</p> <hr/> <p>I agree with the draft plan – 0 I understand the financial position of the council – 8 I don't have a view - 1 I disagree with the draft plan - 195</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 193 commented on potential reduction in services within the library and the community centre • 40 commented on lack of transport to travel out with the village • 25 commented on house building and potential lack of services for new residents • 22 commented negatively on the engagement process and the cost effectiveness of the proposals • 21 commented on the costs relating to the building. • 14 commented on the impact of the reliance on volunteers
<p>West Kilbride Community Centre – 30 answers, 51 comments</p>	<p>I agree with the draft plan – 2 I understand the financial position of the council – 3 I don't have a view - 0 I disagree with the draft plan - 19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 commented on potential reduction in space/services • 13 commented on the inaccessibility of the centre • 9 commented on the costs relating to the building. • 5 commented on parking issues at the community centre, • 4 commented on house building and potential lack of services for new residents • 2 suggested looking at other income streams to keep the library in its current location
<p>West Kilbride Library – 208 answers, 350 comments (includes one letter)</p>	<p>I agree with the draft plan – 2 I understand the financial position of the council – 15 I don't have a view - 1 I disagree with the draft plan - 161</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 179 commented on potential reduction in space/services • 64 commented on the current location of the library being accessible • 29 commented on house building and potential lack of services for new residents • 36 commented negatively on the engagement process • 20 commented on parking issues at the community centre • 16 commented on costs associated with the proposal • 3 commented on impact on the village with less footfall coming to the library building if not in use

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 commented on the use of volunteers to help support
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Three Towns (6%)

Building	Plan	Themes from comments
Ardeer Neighbourhood Centre – 17 answers, 18 comments	In conjunction with community partners, we will explore options for the future use of the building including further keyholding, lease and asset transfer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 commented on potential reduction in services • 4 commented on maximising the use of the centre • 2 would use more if there were more services • 1 commented on benefits of keyholding • 1 commented negatively on the engagement process
	I agree with the draft plan – 12 I understand the financial position of the council – 12 I don't have a view 2 I disagree with the draft plan 1	
Ardrossan Civic Centre – 7 answers, 6 comments	We will increase and develop the use of the facility through a considered marketing strategy and consider different styles of in-house programming to maximise its potential as a venue. We will explore options for the use of the Castle Craigs annex by local community groups/ organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 commented on the accessibility of the current location • 2 commented on maximising the use of the centre for more groups to use. • 1 commented on potential reduction in services • 1 commented negatively on the engagement process
	I agree with the draft plan – 5 I understand the financial position of the council – 0 I don't have a view - 0 I disagree with the draft plan - 0	
Ardrossan Whitlees Centre – 1 answers, 0 comments	I agree with the draft plan – 1 I understand the financial position of the council – I don't have a view - I disagree with the draft plan -	

Ardrossan Youth Centre – 4 answers, 2 comments	<p>We will explore options with community partners on the future of the venue.</p> <p>I agree with the draft plan – 4 I understand the financial position of the council – 0 I don't have a view - 0 I disagree with the draft plan - 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 commented on maximising the use of the centre for more groups to use. • 1 commented on the location of the Centre
Argyle Community Centre, Saltcoats – 0 answers, 1 comment	<p>In partnership with the Community Association and community partners, we will explore options including further keyholding, lease and asset transfer.</p> <p>I agree with the draft plan – 0 I understand the financial position of the council – 0 I don't have a view - 0 I disagree with the draft plan - 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 commented on looking at use of building with others in area
Beattie library, Stevenston – 13 answers, 12 comments	<p>We will continue to work with partners and actively seek options for co-location opportunities with the library service within the building.</p> <p>I agree with the draft plan – 4 I understand the financial position of the council – 8 I don't have a view - 1 I disagree with the draft plan - 7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 commented on increasing the activities/partnerships in the libraries • 5 commented on the potential for reduction of services • 1 suggested reviewing the hub provision
Caley Centre, Stevenston – 28 answers, 24 comments	<p>We will explore the lease of the annex.</p> <p>I agree with the draft plan – 12 I understand the financial position of the council – 19 I don't have a view - 7 I disagree with the draft plan - 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 commented on potential reduction in services • 4 agreed with the plan • 2 suggested young people take over centre • 2 commented on increasing the use of the centre • 1 commented negatively on the process

<p>Hayocks Community Hall, Stevenston – 12 answers, 12 comments</p>	<p>In partnership with the Community Association and community partners, we will explore options for the future use of the buildings including further keyholding, lease and asset transfer.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 concerned over what keyholding means for the association • 4 commented on potential reduction in services • 3 commented on increased activities for young people/groups • 1 commented negatively on the engagement process
<p>I agree with the draft plan – 8 I understand the financial position of the council – 10 I don't have a view - 1 I disagree with the draft plan - 0</p>		
<p>Saltcoats library – 14 answers, 20 comments</p>	<p>We will continue to work with partners and actively seek options for co-location opportunities with the library service within the building.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 agreed with the plan, if they library stayed, but other groups encouraged to use the space • 5 commented on potential of reduction of services • 1 commented negatively on the engagement process
<p>I agree with the draft plan – 11 I understand the financial position of the council – 10 I don't have a view - 0 I disagree with the draft plan - 3</p>		