

Community success keeps Loans 'Green Space'

LOCAL OBJECTIONS appear to have killed off developers' plans for the 20 acre 'green belt' site between Loans and Muirhead—at least for the time being. Loans Community Council and others opposed the proposal published by South Ayrshire Council (SAC) two years ago in their Revised Local Development Plan (LDP2).

This summer, SAC approved the Proposed Replacement South Ayrshire Local Development Plan (PLDP2) for publication and public consultation. And the previous suggestion to allow new housing to be built on the site is no longer included.

The 2017 plan showed new housing encroaching into Loans Park and a token 'green' strip separating Loans from Troon. Now the Community



Loans Park—venue for the Annual Gala in past years

Council is looking at ways of improving the park's landscape and access to keep it as a valuable resource for our community by making it more useful and attractive.

Support LCCL at your local COOP

LCCL has just been selected by the Co-op to receive 'Funding for Local Causes'. So, if you are a Co-op member, please choose us as the local cause you wish to support, or ask in store at Muirhead how to become a member.



Money awarded to Loans will go towards improving access to our Community Garden by creating an accessible path and new doorway from the hall. This will enable small events such as a garden party or musical afternoon to make use of the garden area. It will also encourage people with mobility issues to take part in activities, or just enjoy sitting in the garden space, as access is a barrier to doing so at present. See memberships.coop.co.uk/causes/37974

The Co-op gives 1% of what you spend to community causes. Members can choose the cause they wish to support online at coop.co.uk/local-causes.

Thanks

This issue has highlighted the progress being made at the village hall and throughout our community. These things don't just happen on their own—it's thanks to lots of volunteers who get a kick out of giving something back and others who are on hand to help keep things on course. We want to thank all our volunteers, hall users, Council officials and staff for their time, ideas, organisation and support with fund raising.

LCCL also acknowledges the financial support received over the past year from:

- ☆ £8,750 from SAC for boiler, kitchen + shed
- ☆ £11,000 from Viridor for the new kitchen
- ☆ £7,800 from SAWET for new windows
- ☆ £3,500 from Dawn Developments for repair to the wall and, most recently,
- ☆ EB Scotland for £20,000 towards new toilets

All this is greatly appreciated.

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£50,000 BOOST FOR VILLAGE HALL

LCCL has secured over £50,000 in grant funding to upgrade and refurbish the village hall. Modernisation has been proceeding over the last 12–18 months to install a new heating system, new windows and a brand new kitchen (see p.4 for details).

In addition, the dangerous roadside wall has been re-built and the garden planted and landscaped. A new shed has also been installed behind the hall for the 'Men's shed' group (see p.2).

Now a grant from EB Scotland will enable the outdated toilets to be completely renewed, with the ladies' repositioned and an additional accessible toilet.



Repaired roadside wall at Loans Village Hall

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Have you seen the hall's new kitchen?



During renovation



Before



Completed



LOANS VILLAGE HALL

HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

LOANS VILLAGE HALL is at the heart of our community and the venue for lots of activities. Some are old favourites – but are also quite a few new initiatives taking place you might not know about . . .



THE HUB

Loans Social Hub Drop-In meets every Wednesday in the Hall from 2pm to 4pm. It's a friendly group of women and men who come to do a range of social activities, such as crochet, knitting, crafts, darts or just enjoy a wee chat, tea and cakes (sometimes home baking!). All this is available for only £2. The group also organises social events, afternoon teas with entertainment, coach trips and more. Everyone is welcome to come along.

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

This new group has sourced photos about village life from the past and has set up a Facebook page 'Loans Past and Present'. A history session is planned in the new year for Loans and surrounding area. The date will be advertised and the group will be delighted if you can come along or contribute your memories to it. The group also aims to make a DVD and leaflet.

MEN'S SHED

We plan to start a Men's Shed group in the near future. Further details will be sent out with a leaflet as well as the Cafe Opening Date. All details will be on the Life in Loans website and Facebook Page.

HUB GARDEN GROUP

Volunteers from The Hub have been busy working to transform the Hall Garden, making it a focal point for the Village. They have also planted up the flower tubs in Main Street and at the War Memorial to make the village look at its best during the summer months. Spring plants and bulbs have been planted, thanks to a donation from Loans Community Council.

If you are interested in helping to keep our village beautiful, please drop in on a Wednesday afternoon at the Hall for more info and to speak to our volunteer gardeners. Your help will be appreciated.

HUB CAFE

A Monthly Cafe / HUB Lunch will be opening shortly, serving delicious soup, sandwiches, toasties, baked potatoes, etc with occasional cooking demos, all at low cost. The Cafe will be open to the public and we hope you will support this new venture by coming along.

LOANS SWI (RURAL)

Meets on the last Friday of the month in the Hall from September to June at 7.30pm. There are a variety of interesting talks/demos throughout the year. We are a small group and would welcome anyone who would like to come along to join us.

THE HALL continues to be well used and is even more popular since getting a new kitchen. See our website for more details Here's a sample of some regular activities.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES at LOANS VILLAGE HALL

Monday	5.30 - 6.30 Coach Lucy Fitness Class	7.00 - 9.00 Line Dancing	
Tuesday	10.30 - 11.30 Yoga	1.30 - 3.30 Keep Fit and Crafts	7.00 - 8.00 Cardiac Exercise Class (by referral)
Wednesday	2.00 - 4.00 Loans Social Hub Drop-In	7.00 - 8.30 Loans Community Council (2nd Wed Sept - June)	7.00 - 9.00 Psychic & Spiritual Awareness (except 2nd Wed of month)
Thursday		2.00 - 3.00 60+ Keep Fit	5.30 - 6.30 Coach Lucy Fitness Class
Friday		5.45 - 6.45 Coach Lucy Fitness Class	7.00 - 10.00 Loans SWI (meets on the last Fri of each month)

The hall is also used for Quiz nights, meetings, family events, parties, politicians' surgeries, funding events and as our local Polling Station. Anyone can book the hall at very modest rates. Check availability by contacting Veronica on 07444 549 968 or emailing LoansHall@LifeinLoans.org

What do you like to do in your spare time?

HAVE YOU noticed the transformation at the hall garden over the past few months? It's thanks mainly to keen local gardeners Trish and Tam Harker and Janice Borys. Others include Michelle and Fred McCrory, Robin Archibald and Mrs McGlinchey who have been tidying up and watering the flower tubs along Main Street. They are a great example of what can be achieved by giving a little voluntary help.



You too can make a difference to our community—in lots of ways. Why not come along and join in! Bill Lockie chairs the community company—LCCL. He says “we could do with help for fundraisers and publicity and just more folk to lend a hand. At present, we have two ‘director’ vacancies. A larger ‘squad’ would lessen the workload on the ‘few’ and get more done more quickly”.

Contact Bill on 01292 314188.

