








**Community Conversations Streetscene – Feedback
Ward 2 – Mid Galloway and Wigtown West
Wednesday 10 April 2019**

	The Community Said	We are doing... or We can't do this because...
Clean DG	Can the Council do more to encourage and support town and village cleans with community groups?	The Council already support local voluntary groups by provide bags, gloves, litter pickers and then collecting rubbish after community litter picks. The Community Assets Team are happy to work with any group within our communities.
	Can the council do more to promote /support groups with beach cleaning activities?	Volunteers and community groups are extremely important to the Council with regards to work they complete within their communities. Through the Clean DG Initiative and volunteer policy it is intended to recognise and promote all group more effectively through the region.
Streetscene	Can more dog bins/bins be provided in Creetown particularly at park area and near caravan park?	The Community Assets Team will review the number of litter bins within Creetown. DGC do not provide specific dog waste bins and all bins can be used for all waste. 
	Can leaves be kept for compost in the community in Glentrool?	The Community Assets Team is happy to work with the local community to ensure this happens in Autumn. 
	Can the Council consider using glyphosate free weed killers?	Currently the Council continues to use weed killer which contains glyphosate; however, Officers are

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		happy to work with any community who would prefer areas to be left for community groups to weed and control.
	Could the streets in Glentool not be swept as often?	The Community Assets Team are happy to discuss this further with the local community. 
	Could grass be cut less/not cut to give local wildlife a chance?	The Community Asset Team are happy to work with any community to reduce or stop grass cutting in certain areas. There are already good examples of this partnership working across the region e.g. Glentool to support the butterfly population and Stranraer to support the bee population.
Community Collaboration	Would it be possible to set up an Incredible Edibles type group in Wigtown and potentially look at the following? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit trees in cemeteries? • Planting on Council land? 	Officers are happy to meet the community to help develop this organisation and give permission for use of Council owned ground where appropriate. Contact details of the Stranraer Incredible Edible have been passed to the community. 
	As a local resident of Bargrennan I am interested in litter picking within the area.	A litter picking pack has been delivered to the resident and Officers will keep in contact to replenish supplies as and when required and/or uplift rubbish. 
	In Glentool there is a brown refuse bin (110 litre) which has not been used for years and has not been uplifted following various requests.	This bin has now been removed.

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	Where did Stranraer Development Trust purchase the large planters?	Officers have emailed the Stranraer Development Trust to confirm where they purchased these from.
Parking Lot	Could U3A deliver classes for lifelong learning?	Thank you for this, we have informed colleagues from Lifelong Learning about your query.
	Could the DGHP owned area opposite the area previously planted by Wigtown Youth Forum be developed as a community garden area?	Thank you for this, we have informed colleagues from DGHP about your query.
	Could the website be updated with the current waste collection schedule and holiday period information?	Thank you for this, we have informed colleagues from Waste about your query.
	At Christmas and New Year carry out waste collections 1 week before or 1 week after, instead of slippage.	Thank you for this, we have informed colleagues from Waste about your query.
	Have Waste Champions who understand recycling and promote it as experts on the ground.	Thank you for this, we have informed colleagues from Waste about your query.
	Provide information on types of plastics that can be recycled.	Thank you for this, we have informed colleagues from Waste about your query.
	There are issues with youths in Wigtown hanging out at bowling green and toilets.	Thank you for this, we have informed colleagues from Youth Services and Community Safety Team about your query.
	Could the Council have an Ecology/Environmental Policy?	Thank you for this, we have informed colleagues from Energy Team about your query.
There is significant Japanese Knotweed in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newton Stewart - Riverbank (Creebridge by Aldi) encroaching on pavement. • Sainsbury's, Newton Stewart. 	Thank you for this, we have informed colleagues from Roads about your query.	

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	This needs to be legally dealt with before the future works regarding flood protection.	
	There are issues with trees hanging over roads across the region.	Thank you for this, we have informed colleagues from Roads about your query.
	There are issues in Bargrennan opposite the forestry road with dust and an environmental health issue due to human waste.	Thank you for this, we have informed colleagues from Forestry Commission about your query.
	There are large potholes on the road to Blairmount park.	Thank you for this, we have informed colleagues from Roads about your query.
	Does the gritter go around the whole of Glentool Village?	Thank you for this, we have informed colleagues from Roads about your query.

About the Event

Attendees - 14

6 attendees completed an evaluation.

100% said they felt the Community Conversation gave them the opportunity to discuss the local issues that were important to them.

100% said they felt the Community Conversation was a good way of involving people in deciding how Streetscene Services will be delivered in the future.