

**Community Conversations Streetscene – Feedback
Ward 3 – Dee and Glenkens**

Relevant Topic/Location	The Community Said	We are doing... or We can't do this because...
Community Collaboration	Where can communities who do not have access to wind farm money get funding to purchase lawnmowers etc.	Support is available via your local Ward Officer and Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway Officers to assist with sourcing funding.
	What training can volunteers expect to get?	DGC can provide detailed induction training and toolbox talk for volunteers.
	We need to find a better way of sharing what the community is already doing.	The Community Asset team is looking to have an event later in the year to offer an opportunity for individuals and groups to come together and share what they are doing in their respective communities.
	It would be great to see links between Streetscene and the allotments in Kirkcudbright as they develop.	 This is a good idea, Streetscene staff would be happy to support and assist the allotment development whenever possible.
	New Galloway and Balmaclellan Community Councils are working together to maintain closed cemeteries and open spaces within their respective communities and will be sharing resources and equipment to do so.	 This is a great initiative and one we will be looking to develop with other communities. Thank you!

	The park in New Galloway is an issue. There needs to be greater co-ordination and dialogue at local level about what can be done by the community.	The Community Assets Team and Ward Officer would be happy to facilitate discussions if groups wanted to get in touch.
	What support could Gatehouse Initiative get in relation to maintaining flower beds at Gatehouse Town Hall?	Community Assets welcome any opportunity to work with communities to assist them in their aspirations, please get in contact to take this forward.
	There is a lot of good work and effort goes into Kirkcudbright already, including the rural skills group through Kirkcudbright Academy.	Excellent and the Community Assets Team would be happy to get involved and provide bedding plants if resource allows.
	People who want to join in need to know what events they can join! Can Streetscene co-ordinate?	 <p>One of the outcomes of the Community Conversations is to develop a volunteer event calendar.</p>
	Action days – organised with community groups and Streetscene to do a particular job i.e. litter picking.	 <p>Excellent idea! These do occur already working with community groups and schools. Our Community Safety Team also have 'days of action' where they focus on a particular area to raise the profile of a particular issue.</p> <p>To take this forward in your community, please contact the local Community Assets Team who would be happy to help develop this.</p>
Streetscene	What would the New Galloway community need to do to be able to undertake weedkilling within the town?	Volunteers would need to be trained to PA1/PA6 for chemical application. This is a 3-day course with associated costs. Unfortunately our Council would not be able to provide this for volunteers at present.

	Can we spray weeds within the 30mph signs at Mill on the Fleet?	Yes, if you have the appropriate spraying qualification ; we would ask that you liaise with the Community Assets Team so our resources can then be deployed to tackle other areas of your community.
Playparks and Inclusive Play	What is happening with the trees in Garries Park?	A successful capital works bid has been agreed and a full tree survey will be carried out in the near future.
	New Galloway Skate Ramp is in a dangerous condition and needs inspected. Is this something that DGC could do?	DGC's external independent play inspector will inspect and produce a report on the Skate ramp. This is being carried out in conjunction with the Royal Burgh of New Galloway and Kells Community Council. The site has been closed off for safety in the meantime.
Clean DG	Weeds in Gatehouse High Street - this is not the responsibility of volunteers.	We currently carry out 2 sprays per year but local residents can assist by continuing to weed the areas outside their front door.
	Gatehouse Charter encourages people to maintain the areas outside their own front doors.	
	Can the Council and volunteers develop links with Gatehouse Primary P6/P7 pupils in relation to the gardening squad.	This is currently being developed with Gatehouse Primary School.
	Where does the community stand when it comes to litter picking?	Communities can undertake litter picks and can be supplied with litter pack and toolbox talks to support their efforts. Just get in touch with the Community Assets Team.

Parking Lot	Can we get a mirror for the old Edinburgh Road end in New Galloway.	Thank you for this query, we will pass this on to colleagues from our Roads Department.
	Drains at the side of the road at the war memorial in New Galloway are blocked and are running with slimy green water	Thank you for raising this with us, we will ensure we raise this with colleagues from the Roads Department
	Can we fill in pot holes with gravel?	We will pass this comment on to the Roads Department.
	There is a lot of dog dirt at Riverbank Drive, The alley way at the Bobbin guest house, the alley at the side of the bank and the woodland at burgher park	Thank you for raising this issue, we will pass this on to the Community Safety Team. As their service is intelligence led, any further information or descriptions or best times to engage with dog walkers can be emailed to communitysafetyteam@dumgal.gov.uk or called in to 030 33 33 3000
	How can we get a water source at the clock tower for the public in Gatehouse?	We will pass this query on to our colleagues from Property Services to investigate.
	Who will now be taking care of core paths now that the Countryside Rangers have been reduced?	Core Paths will remain the responsibility of our Council. We would always welcome volunteer support to ensure the high standards expected by our Communities is met. We will ensure this is passed on to the Countryside Service team.
	Who carries out beach cleans?	The majority of beach cleans in D&G are organised by local volunteers. Our Council supports these events with equipment and arranging uplift of the collected rubbish.

	Is there potential to work with schools to share dying skills such as drystone dyking? This could provide alternative curricular activities and promote wider achievement.	Each school is able to set its own activities relating to project work, but this may be something our Youth Work Services could look to support – we will pass this idea on to them for consideration. Thank you!
	There is also the potential for linking with programmes such as Activity Agreements.	Thank you for this idea, we will pass this on to our Youth Work Services team.