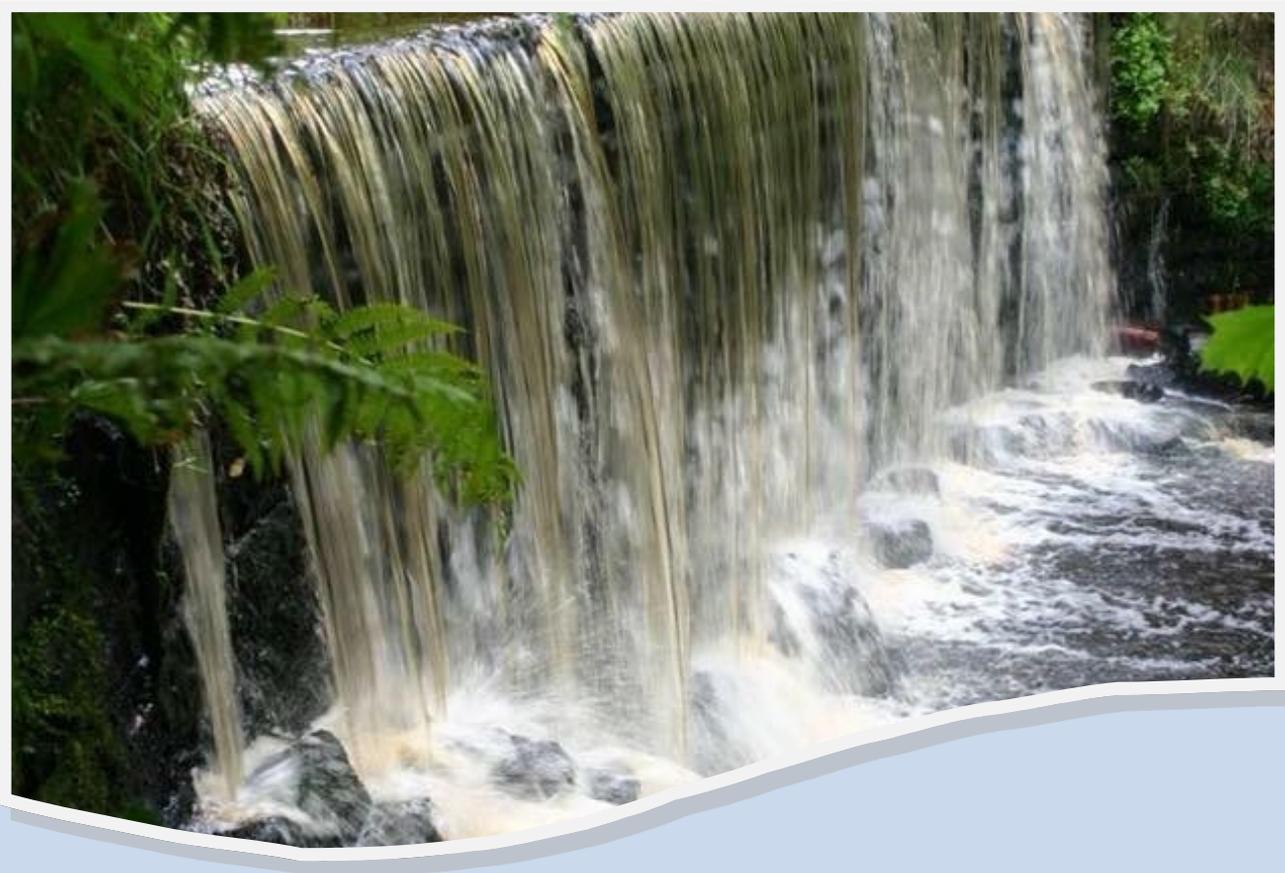


# Polbeth

Community Plan 2017-27

2020 Update



**Community**

**Assets**

**Priorities**

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# INTRODUCTION

## Why Regeneration Plans?

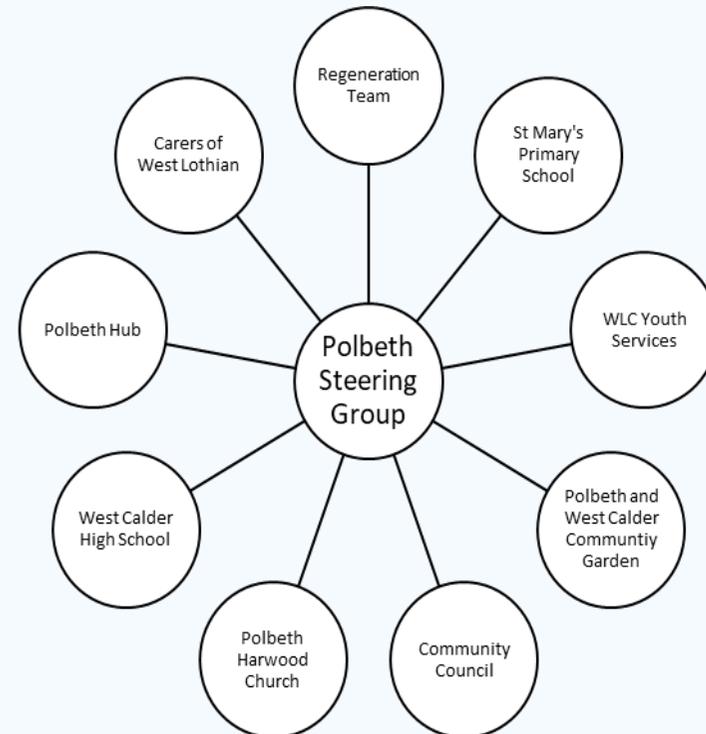
The Community Empowerment Act 2015 states that all Community Planning Partnerships in Scotland must develop plans for those communities which experience the poorest outcomes. These plans must identify local priorities and detail actions to be taken to reduce inequalities. In West Lothian thirteen 'regeneration areas' have been identified, of which Polbeth is one. All of the identified regeneration areas have neighbourhoods within the bottom 20% of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.

This plan has been created by the Polbeth Regeneration Steering Group. The group was brought together with the specific purpose of creating this long term plan for the village and it is made up of people from local community groups, council services and other agencies who work or live in Polbeth. The diagram on the right details all the partners who are involved.

The plan has been created by using information from a number of sources. Firstly, community views have been gathered through a process of local engagement and consultation. The engagement data has then been collated and considered alongside statistical information from sources such as the Census, ScotPHO and SIMD, and the local knowledge of the partners on the steering group.

This is a living document covering the next ten years and will evolve and develop with the community. The plan will describe how we are going to work better locally and in partnership. It will summarise the consultation taken place so far and set out a number

of actions to be taken to create positive change in the community. In addition, this plan will link to other areas of work which we know affect or will have an impact on Polbeth. Examples of this include the Anti-Poverty Strategy for West Lothian, the West Calder Learning Community Plan and the West Health Locality Plan.



# HISTORY OF THE AREA

Polbeth is situated in the central belt, about a mile from West Calder and three miles from Livingston. The Five Sisters shale bing, a historic local landmark, is located a mile west of the village.

Over a century ago in the grounds on the Limefield Estate, just off the A71 through Polbeth, was the residence of one of Britain's most wealthy entrepreneurs. James Young acquired Limefield House in 1855. He was responsible for the development of the shale oil industry in West Lothian.

Young's Paraffin Light and Mineral Oil Company Ltd was one of the largest public companies floated at that time, and had the advantages of having two manufacturing bases, a national network of sales offices, and the wide public recognition of the Young's brand. James Young chaired the new company, and continued to do so until his retirement in 1870.

Young was a close friend of David Livingston, the first westerner to see the Mosi-oa-Tunya waterfall on the Zambezi River in 1853 which he renamed Victoria Falls. After Livingston's death, as a tribute to him, Young had a miniature of Victoria Falls constructed on Harburn Water, the stream that runs through the estate.

The house was donated to the community in 1955 and was used as a care home for many years. When replacement care homes were built Limefield house fell into disrepair. The house has now been fully restored and has returned to its original use as a private residence.



# ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS IN THE AREA

## **Polbeth Nursery**

Polbeth Nursery won an award in 2017 from Nursery World magazine for their excellent parental engagement—"Judges concurred that Polbeth Nursery demonstrated excellent, evidence-based practice when it comes to parent partnerships. These trusting and supportive relationships clearly have a positive impact on the well-being and learning of children, and promote the health of parents and carers in a variety of ways."

## **Aspiring Communities Fund**

After a successful funding application to the Scottish Government's Aspiring Communities Fund, a new Community Development Worker has been employed to work in Polbeth. The Development Worker is working with the local community to identify gaps in services and provision within the village and to help to develop new services to meet community needs. Through this work it is hoped that a local Development Trust can be set up to continue this work and bring local employment opportunities for local people.

## **West Calder High School—Opened August 2018**

A new state of the art high school has been built on the outskirts of Polbeth, on the border with West Calder. The £32m investment delivered a 1,100 capacity secondary school on the eastern side of the village near Parkhead Primary, which will include a swimming pool, floodlit 3G sports pitch, and sports facilities for school and community use.

## **Town Centre Fund— Capital Grant 2019/20**

In February 2019 the Scottish Government announced a new £50million for a Town Centre Fund for 2019/20 with an allocation of £1.826 million to West Lothian. The purpose of the grant is to stimulate and support placed based economic investments encouraging town centres to diversify and flourish, creating footfall through local improvements and partnerships. £51,884 was available for Polbeth.

## **Five Sisters Zoo**

Five Sisters Zoo was established in 2005 and is the most-visited wildlife attraction centre in West Lothian. The Zoo has grown into an exciting collection of over 180 different species of mammals, birds and reptiles from all around the world.

## **Capital Investment Programme**

West Lothian Council have highlighted that they plan to spend £4.1m in Polbeth within the next ten years to upgrading lighting, play parks and an extension on the Primary School.

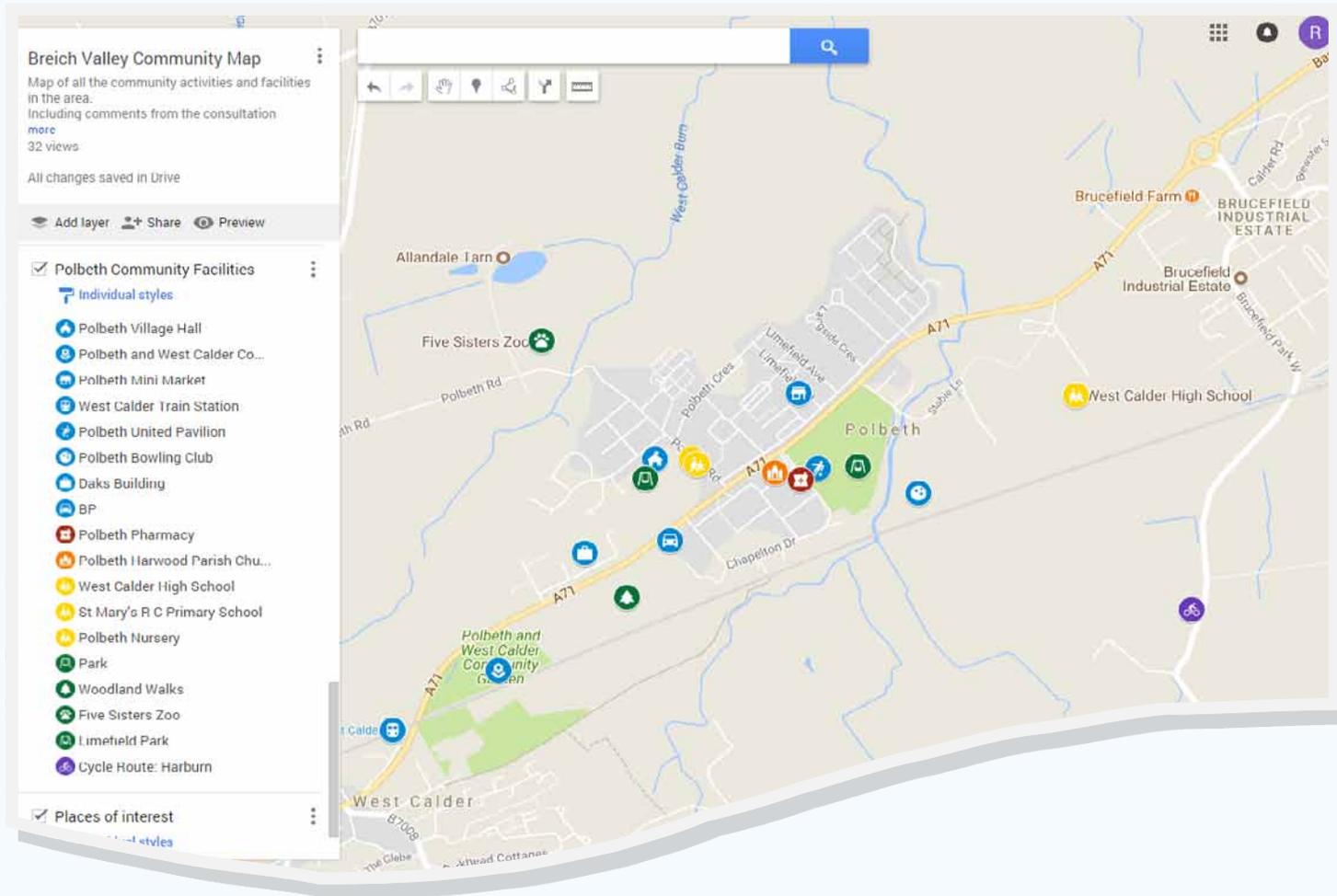
## **Polbeth and West Calder Community Garden SCIO**

It offers a wide range of led outdoor activities at the large Garden for Life site, including Green Gym sessions, focussing on developing and improving the area, learning skills alongside other volunteers, being active, food and flower growing, woodland management and maintenance of the garden grounds and extensive path network. The paths and trails are also open and accessible for the whole community to enjoy all year round - these include the hugely popular Stick Man Trail and Fairy Village. Local school, nurseries and community groups also make good use of the site. The Garden won Best Community Garden in West Lothian's Annual Garden Competition in 2018.

## **Scottish Community Development Centre — Community Engagement**

Funding secured through Hub to work in partnership with SCDC to look at achievements of community and how to build on and enhance.

# AREA PROFILE: Interactive Map



## Community Map

This is a snapshot of Polbeth's interactive community map. It is part of the wider Breich Valley map. You can find it here:

<https://regenerationteam.wixsite.com/maps>

This map allows you to see what activities, facilities and events are happening in the area. Contact [douglas.benson@westlothian.gov.uk](mailto:douglas.benson@westlothian.gov.uk) to update

# AREA PROFILE

## OUR COMMUNITY

**2,303**

Estimated population of Polbeth<sup>1</sup>



## Life expectancy



74.8yrs West Calder and Polbeth

77.9yrs West Lothian



81.2yrs West Calder and Polbeth

80.5yrs West Lothian<sup>2</sup>

## OUR COMMUNITY CHALLENGES



26% is the number of children in poverty compared to the West Lothian average of 22%<sup>5</sup>



10% of young people are not in education, employment or training compared to the West Lothian average of 7%<sup>4</sup>



16% employment deprivation, which is higher than the West Lothian average (10%)<sup>4</sup>

## Community assets and strengths

- Polbeth Village Hall
- Overboard Softplay
- Polbeth and West Calder Community Garden
- Polbeth United Football Club
- Polbeth Harwood Church
- Polbeth Nursery
- Polbeth Gala Day Committee
- St Marys RC School

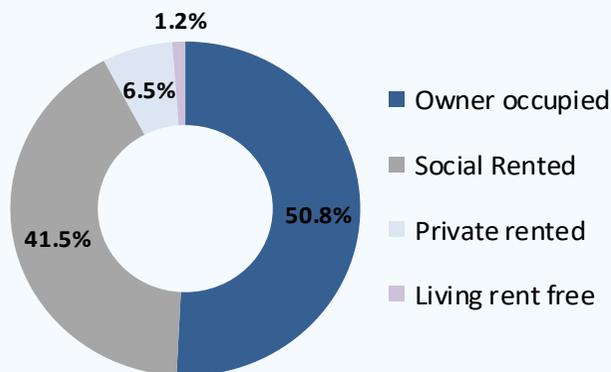


The annual median income is **£27,276** compared to West Lothians **£32,994**<sup>3</sup>



**1 out of the 3**

Neighbourhoods in Polbeth are within the 20% most deprived in Scotland<sup>4</sup>



There are 1,020 dwellings in Polbeth<sup>6</sup>

Sources: <sup>1</sup>Census Data 2011; <sup>2</sup>Scotpho 2011; <sup>3</sup>Local Level Average Household income estimate s 2014; <sup>4</sup>SIMD 2016; <sup>5</sup>Campaign to End Child Poverty 2018 <sup>6</sup>National Records of Scotland Small Area Household Estimates

# CONSULTATION: METHODS

## H Diagrams

The H diagram is a simple tool which we have used to engage with those who live in the area. It consists of asking people, in person, what they **like** about their area, **don't like** and any **ideas** they have to make it better. These were conducted as a mini interview which helped us drill down to the details of the issue or idea. For example if someone said they liked the park we would ask them to explain what it is about the park that they like. On the back of the H diagram is demographic information questions, which allowed us to make sure we got a good representation of the community.

## Who have we spoken to?

We undertook the H-diagrams with 100 residents

- West Calder CDT consultation
- Online survey
- Community Blether
- St Mary's Parents evening
- Polbeth & West Calder Community Garden Open Day
- Polbeth Community Council
- Polbeth Village Hall Bingo Group
- Polbeth Drop-In

**What do you like about living in the area?**

Score on a scale of 1 to 10.

Could you please circle the number you think most reflects what you think about the area (2 for absolutely awful - 10 for awesome)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**What don't you like?**

**Ideas to make it better**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following section about yourself; your responses will be kept strictly confidential and are important to help us to analyse the questionnaire.

Please tick any of the boxes that apply to you

**Questionnaire type**

<input type="checkbox"/> Paper	<input type="checkbox"/> Online
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**Destinations & employment**

<input type="checkbox"/> Home	<input type="checkbox"/> Local	<input type="checkbox"/> National	<input type="checkbox"/> Overseas
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**Community activity**

<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional
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**Health**

<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
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**Transport**

<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional
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**Housing**

<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional
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**Your age group**

<input type="checkbox"/> 0-4yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-11yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 12-14yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 15-17yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 18-24yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 25-34yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 35-44yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 45-54yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 55-64yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 65+
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**Gender**

<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
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**To which of these groups do you consider that you belong?** (Please tick one box)

<input type="checkbox"/> Scottish/British	<input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi
<input type="checkbox"/> Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/> Black Caribbean
<input type="checkbox"/> Black African	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed ethnic group	<input type="checkbox"/> None of the above

**Is English your main language?** YES  NO

**Are you a parent of children that are under 24 years and that live with you?** YES  NO

**Children's age range** (If you tick the number of children you have please tick the appropriate box)

<input type="checkbox"/> 0-4yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-11yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 12-14yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 15-24yrs
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**Do you consider yourself or any of your dependants to have a disability?** YES  NO

Please Note: The equality information will be collected and used for statistical purposes to support the work of the Community Regeneration Action Group. This statistical information will also be submitted to the West Lothian Community Planning Partnership to help shape services or a strategic need for the West Lothian Communities. If you are aware of any equality issues please let us know so we can ensure that the information is collected and used for the above purposes please sign and date the form.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

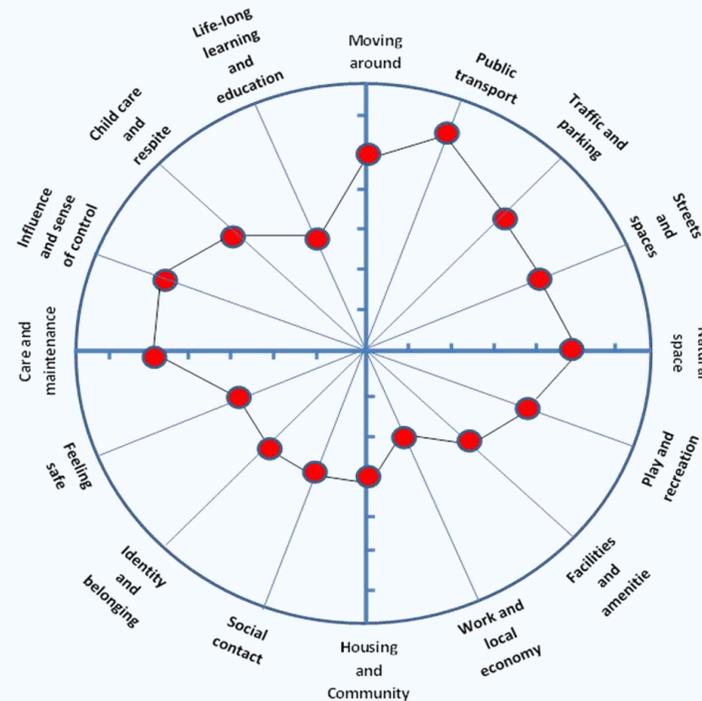
# CONSULTATION: METHODS

## Place Standards

The Place Standard tool was designed by the Scottish Government, NHS Scotland and Architecture & Design Scotland. It provides a simple framework to structure conversations about place and community. It covers the physical and social environment. We have added two more themes which we felt were important: Lifelong learning and education; and Childcare and respite.

## Who have we spoken to?

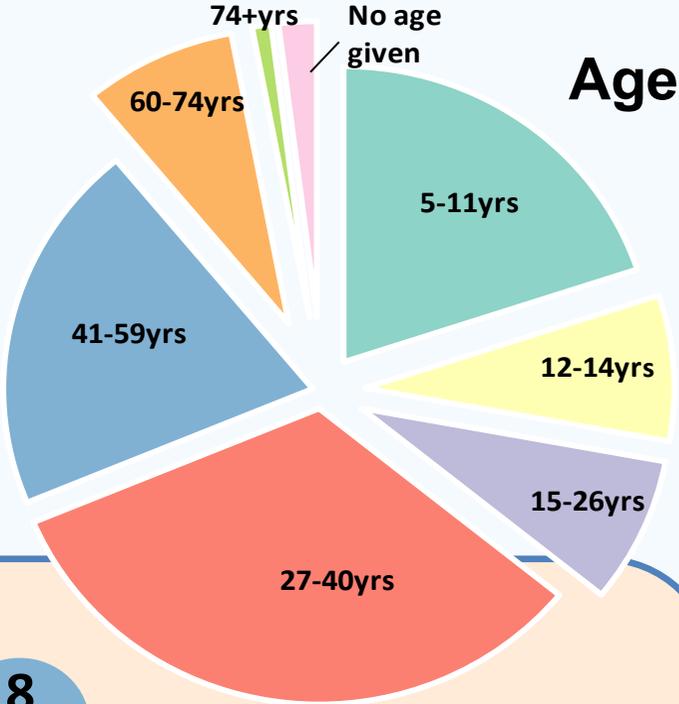
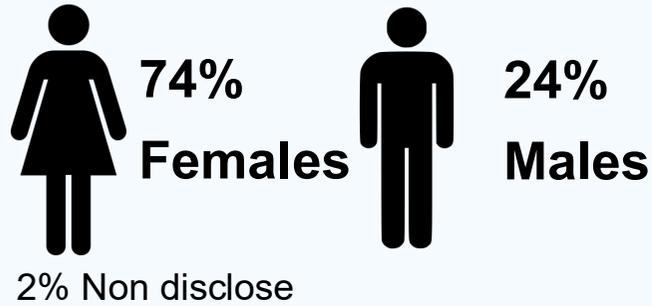
The Place Standard tool was used with the Polbeth Regeneration Steering Group and the information gathered was added to the engagement results from the h-diagrams.



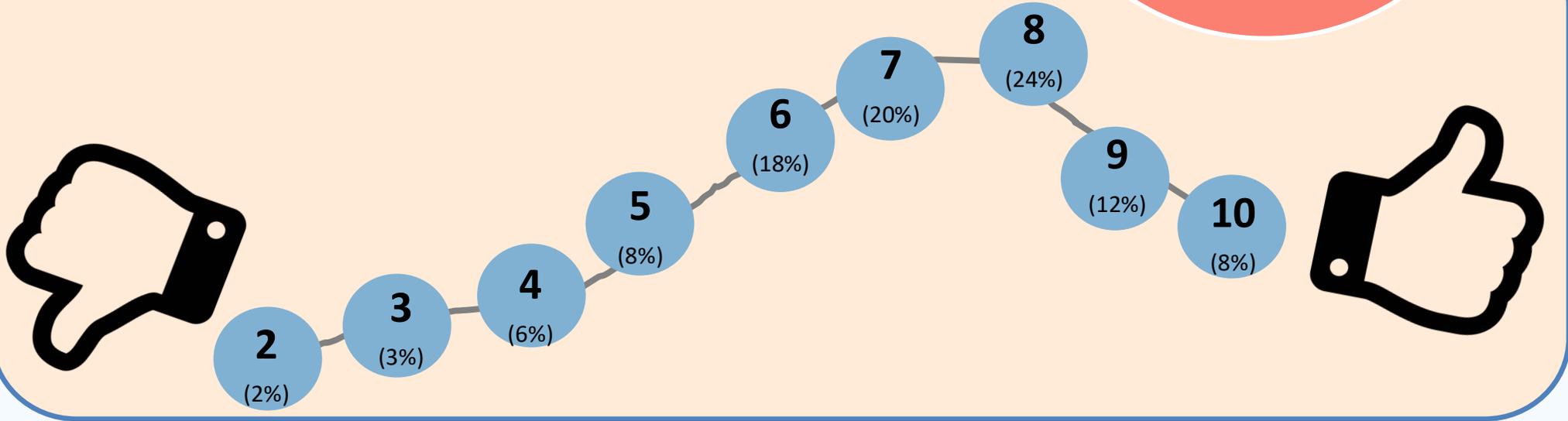
# CONSULTATION: WHO TOOK PART

**100** people completed the survey

**70%** of people who provided their postcode live in SIMD most deprived 20%



## What you rated Polbeth out of 10



# CONSULTATION FINDINGS

All the information from the H Diagrams and Place Standards was gathered together. The comments on the H Diagrams were split up under the place standard themes. When we asked people what they liked about Polbeth this allowed us to identify what the communities assets were. By asking what they don't like and any ideas to make it better, this has helped identify priorities and areas for action.

## What we like

- Facilities and amenities** 47 comments  
Shops– The Zoo– Soft play
- Social interaction** 37 comments  
Everyone is friendly– friends here– neighbours are great
- Play and recreation** 36 comments  
Parks– good swing park – Gala day– Football Club
- Identity and belonging** 34 comments  
Good community spirit– lived here all my life – my family are here

## What we don't like

- Care and maintenance** 48 comments
- Play and recreation** 38 comments
- Feeling safe** 27 comments
- Social interaction** 16 comments

## Our ideas

- Play and recreation** 72 comments
- Facilities and amenities** 33 comments
- Care and maintenance** 16 comments

# CONSULTATION: MAIN THEMES

This section sets out the four main themes that came out through the community consultation. These are the themes which had the highest comments under what you don't like and ideas to make Polbeth better. Under each you can see example of the communities comments. These will help influence the priorities for the area.

## Theme 1

### Care and maintenance

If an area is taken care of and has good maintenance it makes people feel positive, and those that are not have the opposite effect.

Snapshot of consultation comments:

- "people throwing litter"*
- "the streets not as clean as they used to be"*
- "the amount of dog mess on pavements and play areas"*
- "the grass cutting at the park is just left"*
- "get bins in the streets"*
- "broken glass on the walk to and from the nursery and school bus"*

## Theme 2

### Play and recreation

Good opportunities for play and recreation can improve the health and wellbeing of the community.

Snapshot of consultation comments:

- "there is hardly anything to do in the summer holidays"*
- "Not enough things to do"*
- "nothing for teens to do so always about the streets"*
- "more activities to do"*
- "more things for young children"*
- "would like cooking group, women's groups OAP groups etc."*

## Theme 3

### Facilities and amenities

Facilities and amenities include shops, schools, nurseries, libraries, GP surgeries and place to eat and meet friends.

Snapshot of consultation comments:

- "more places to go eat"*
- "more shops"*
- "regular community event to bring people together"*
- "Village Hall used more"*
- "More groups or organisations"*

## Theme 4

### Feeling safe

How safe people feel in their area affects their wellbeing. Places that have been well designed can help reduce crime and antisocial behaviour.

Snapshot of consultation comments:

- "young teenagers hanging around the streets at night and making too much noise"*
- "stop bullying"*
- "drug use"*
- "some people vandalise things e.g people houses, cars and sides of buildings"*
- "bored teenagers destroying things"*
- "better Police presence"*

# CREATING PRIORITIES

## How did we do this?

By incorporating the consultation findings, the information we have about Polbeth from official statistics, and the local knowledge of the community members and partners agencies who sit on the regeneration steering group, we have determined three initial priorities that this community plan will focus on.

We have then used all of the available information to help us to develop actions that can be taken to address the issues that people have raised, or the things that we know are negatively affecting the lives of the people who live here.

### Priority 1: ... Play, Recreation and Facilities

- Improve activities on offer throughout the village and enhance provisions within Polbeth Village Hall
- Develop more Family and Community Events
- Improve communication within local community to promote local activities
- Enhance play facilities within the village and develop more opportunities for play

### Priority 2: ... Environment and Feeling Safe

- Carry out environmental improvements within the village
- Explore developing diversion activities for young people
- Look at Traffic safety throughout the village and explore safe walking routes to key locations

### Priority 3: ... Poverty, Health & Wellbeing

- Develop social opportunities for elderly, disabled and vulnerable adults
- Ensure all children are ready to start school
- Explore after school provisions and childcare
- Explore options for social prescription
- Raise awareness of benefits the local community is entitled to

# PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS Priority 1: Play, recreation and Facilities

Priority 1A		Regeneration Plan Priority 1: Play, Recreation and Facilities	
<b>Key Issues /needs identified:</b> Lack of activities available in the village for adults and older people			
<b>Current position:</b> Not enough for people to do in Polbeth		<b>Outcome:</b> Increase activities for adults and older people and enhance the village hall programme. Increase use of Polbeth Village Hall	
<b>How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan:</b> We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities.			
Actions	Potential Partners	Timescale	Update
Map current level of provision and identify gaps (types of activity and times).	Regeneration Steering Group	Completed	Carried out as part of the Aspiring West Lothian Develop Project.
Carry out a community consultation on the village hall programme.	Polbeth Development Worker	Completed	Carried out on Facebook throughout the year
Work with local people to design appropriate new activities and long term provision.	Polbeth Village Hall Committee	2019-20	New activities started – Yoga, after school activities, over 50s, walking group, RUTS programme, Community Clean Up, Community Lunch's, Family Meals , toddlers, messy play
Develop new communication channels to ensure maximum promotion and awareness of existing and future provision.	West Lothian Council (WLC ) Adult Learning	Completed	Facebook page created for Polbeth and a community newsletter done every quarter
Increase income generating activities and develop new income streams for Polbeth Village Hall.	Carers of West Lothian	2019-2022	A number of new, paying, lets have been accepted. Coworking has been introduced, generating significant letting income
Consider community ownership of Polbeth Village Hall	Polbeth Harwood Church	2019-2024	Community Asset Transfer process complete. Polbeth HUB SCIO takes control of the building from WLC on a 3 year lease initially

# PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS Priority 1: Play, recreation and Facilities

<b>Priority 1A</b>   <b>Regeneration Plan Priority 1: Play, Recreation and Facilities</b>			
<b>Key Issues /needs identified:</b> Lack of activities available in the village, including holiday provision, for kids of all ages (pre-school, children and teenagers).			
<b>Current position:</b> Not enough for children and young people to do in Polbeth		<b>Outcome:</b> Increase activities for young people and enhance the village hall programme. Increase use of Polbeth Village Hall	
<b>How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan:</b> Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed. We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities.			
Actions	Potential Partners	Timescale	Update
Map current level of children and youth provision and identify gaps (types of activity and times)	Regeneration Steering Group	2020-21	
Carry out a community consultation on the village hall programme.	Polbeth Development Worker Polbeth Village Hall Committee WLC Youth Services	On-going	Program updated to reflect community need. New activities started – Yoga, after school activities, over 50s, walking group, RUTS programme, Community Clean Up, Community Lunch's, Family Meals, toddlers, messy play
Work with young people to design appropriate new activities and long term provision.		2020-21	
Develop new communication channels to ensure maximum promotion and awareness of existing and future provision.		On-going	Facebook page created for Polbeth, community and newsletter done every quarter. Noticeboards being installed through

# PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS Priority 1: Play, recreation and Facilities

<b>Priority 1B</b>   <b>Regeneration Plan Priority : Play, Recreation and Facilities</b>			
<b>Key Issues /needs identified:</b> Lack of play facilities and opportunities.			
<b>Current position:</b> Not enough for people to do in Polbeth		<b>Outcome:</b> Increased facilities and opportunities for people to participate in activities	
<b>How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan:</b> Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed. We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities.			
<b>Actions</b>	<b>Potential Partners</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Update</b>
Consult the community on specific ideas to provide additional play facilities and opportunities	Regeneration Group	2020-21	
Develop ideas based on the consultation findings	Regeneration Group	2020-21	
Consider option for a skate park/ BMX facility	West Calder & Harburn CDT	Completed	Capital Project for the skate park completed Autumn 2019
Research funding options for additional play opportunities within the village	Regeneration Group	2020-21	

# PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS Priority 1: Play, recreation and Facilities

Priority 1C   Regeneration Plan Priority 1: Play, Recreation and Facilities			
<b>Key Issues /needs identified:</b> Increase community spirit through more family and community events			
<b>Current position:</b> Lack of regular community events		<b>Outcome:</b> Increased community cohesion and satisfaction with Polbeth as a place to live	
<b>How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan:</b> We make the most efficient and effective use of resources by minimising our impact on the built and natural environment. We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities.			
Actions	Potential Partners	Timescale	Update
Establish and annual Christmas event/Santa parade.	Polbeth Hub Regeneration Group	Annually	First one was held in November 2019 over 600 people attended
Establish a Polbeth family fun run.	Polbeth Hub Regeneration Group	2020-21	Family Fun Run is on hold until funding secured to deliver this project
Consult the community on options for other sustainable activities.	Polbeth Hub	On-going	Many of the new groups have become sustainable

# PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS Priority 1: Play, recreation and Facilities

<b>Priority 1D</b>				<b>Regeneration Plan Priority 1: Play, Recreation and Facilities</b>			
<b>Key Issues /needs identified:</b> Need to improve communication to promote local activity							
<b>Current position:</b> Lack of awareness of what's happening in the village				<b>Outcome:</b> People are more aware of what's going on and participate more in local activity			
<b>How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan:</b> We make the most efficient and effective use of resources by minimising our impact on the built and natural environment. We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities.							
<b>Actions</b>			<b>Potential Partners</b>		<b>Timescale</b>		<b>Update</b>
Development of a community Newsletter			Polbeth Hub		Completed		Community newsletter done every quarter
Create a social media platform to share information about the local community			Polbeth Hub		Completed		Facebook page created for the hub over 1200 likes as
Increase opening hours of Polbeth Village Hall			Polbeth Hub		On-going		Building now manned Monday to Friday
Create an online interactive map			Regeneration Group		On-going		Interactive map is on-line

# PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS Priority 2: Environment and Feeling Safe

<b>Priority 2A</b>	<b>Regeneration Plan Priority 2: Environment and Feeling Safe</b>		
<b>Key Issues /needs identified: Environmental improvements — Improve the look of the village</b>			
<b>Current position:</b> Some areas are tired and pockets of litter within the village		<b>Outcome:</b> Improved environmental visuals within community	
<b>How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan:</b> We make the most efficient and effective use of resources by minimising our impact on the built and natural environment. We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities.			
<b>Actions</b>	<b>Potential Partners</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Update</b>
Arrange an Environmental visual audit and work towards developing an annual week of environmental action	Regeneration Group	On-going	Further audit scheduled for March 2020 — issues raised being addressed
Develop a campaign to support and encourage tidying untidy gardens	Regeneration Group	2020-21	
Schedule regular litter picks	Community Council/Polbeth Hub/West Lothian Council/ Local schools and nursery	On-going	A number have taken place through numerous groups including St Marys Primary School and Polbeth Nursery, Community Council and West Lothian
Targeted activity to address dog fouling issues.	WLC/Polbeth Hub	On-going	WLC installed dog poo bins within Limefield Park
Polbeth Falls	Hub/Forth Rivers Trust/ Community Council	2019 - 21	Fish baffles completed and work at the falls will follow
Consider opportunities for planting on the A71 and in other key locations	Community garden/ Polbeth HUB	Completed	Bulb planting took place at the A71 between West Calder and Polbeth lead by Community garden and the HUB.

# PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS Priority 2: Environment and Feeling Safe

<b>Priority 2B</b>		<b>Regeneration Plan Priority 2: Environment and Feeling Safe</b>	
<b>Key Issues /needs identified:</b> Speeding traffic through the village and no safe walking routes to key locations			
<b>Current position:</b> Sense of speeding traffic within the village and some key walking routes not as safe as would like		<b>Outcome:</b> Reduction in speed of traffic in village and improved walking routes to key locations	
<b>How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan:</b> We make the most efficient and effective use of resources by minimising our impact on the built and natural environment. We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities.			
<b>Actions</b>	<b>Potential Partners</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Update</b>
Look at options to tackle speeding though the village	Community Wide West Lothian Council Police Scotland	On-going	Issue has been raised by Polbeth Community Council with WLC regarding speed from West Calder to Polbeth. Variable speed limit installed in area at high school.
Created safe access road to Five Sisters Zoo	Community Wide	On-going	Raised regularly and to be incorporated into community walkabout
Improve Village Hall Car Park	West Lothian Council Polbeth Hub	On-going	Potholes were repaired and car park lined at the cost of the Hub. Pot holes are now showing up again and further remedial work will be required

# PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS Priority 2: Environment and Feeling Safe

<b>Priority 2C</b>	<b>Regeneration Plan Priority 2: Environment and Feeling Safe</b>		
<b>Key Issues /needs identified:</b> Youth Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)			
<b>Current position:</b> Number of ASB issues reported within the village		<b>Outcome:</b> More diversionary activities and reduction in ASB	
<b>How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan:</b> We make the most efficient and effective use of resources by minimising our impact on the built and natural environment. We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities.			
<b>Actions</b>	<b>Potential Partners</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Update</b>
Look at diversion activities for young people	Regeneration Group West Lothian Council Polbeth Hub	On-going	Ruts programme was delivered with young people at risk of withdrawing from high school  The HUB has developed an ongoing programme of activity with Skills to Work programme at West Calder High School that is delivering improvements to the HUB building and to the village
Consider an area for young people to meet.	WLC Polbeth Hub Regeneration Group	On-going	

# PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS Priority 3: Poverty, Health and Wellbeing

<b>Priority 3A   Regeneration Plan Priority Poverty, Health and Wellbeing</b>			
<b>Key Issues /needs identified:</b> Childcare and afterschool provision			
<b>Current position:</b> Limited Access and provision within the Village		<b>Outcome:</b> More childcare and after school provision accessible and available to those requiring to use it	
<b>How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan:</b> Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed. We are better educated and have access to increase and better quality learning and employment opportunities.			
Actions	Potential Partners	Timescale	Update
Mapping current available childcare and after school provision	Regeneration Group The Hub	2020-21	Limited access within the area childminders are generally full and private nursery cost is very high. The HUB is working towards Care Inspectorate accreditation that will allow provision of accredited after school and holiday care
Consult with local parents to identify needs	Regeneration Group The Hub	2020-21	Survey monkey completed and used evidence towards funding
Consider options for gaps in provision	Regeneration Group The Hub	Completed	New after school activities group has started within the HUB Monday to Thursday with 15 kids attending each day  The Garden for Life site hosts the Polbeth Hub after school club on Wednesday

# PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS Priority 3: Poverty, Health and Wellbeing

<b>Priority 3C</b>	<b>Regeneration Plan Priority 3: Poverty &amp; Health and Wellbeing</b>		
<b>Key Issues /needs identified:</b> Lack of social opportunities for elderly, disabled and vulnerable adults.			
<b>Current position:</b> Lack of social opportunities for elderly, disabled and vulnerable adults		<b>Outcome:</b> Increase activities for older people and enhance the village hall programme. Increase use of Polbeth Village Hall	
<b>How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan:</b> Older people are able to live independently in the community with an improved quality of life			
<b>Actions</b>	<b>Potential Partners</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Update</b>
Community consultation on what new provision is required for older/vulnerable adults.	Regeneration Group	2020-21	In 2020 the HUB will conduct a consultation with older people in Polbeth, and will begin to deliver provision based on the findings.
Design of new provision based on consultation findings	Regeneration Group	2020-21	

<b>Priority 3D</b>	<b>Regeneration Plan Priority 3: Poverty &amp; Health and Wellbeing</b>		
<b>Key Issues /needs identified:</b> Ensure all children are ready to start school			
<b>Current position:</b>		<b>Outcome:</b> All children are developmentally ready to start primary school	
<b>How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan:</b> Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed. We are better educated and have access to increase and better quality learning and employment opportunities.			
<b>Actions</b>	<b>Potential Partners</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Update</b>
Mapping of current early years provision and support for parents	WLC	2020-21	
Consideration of gaps in provision	Surestart Health Visitor/Midwife	2020-21	Toddler group and messy play at the Hub
Consultation with community and partners on what additional support is required. Design/Deliver New provision where required	Third sector organisations Schools/nurseries	2020-21	

# PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS Priority 3: Poverty, Health and Wellbeing

<b>Priority 3A</b>	<b>Regeneration Plan Priority 3: Poverty &amp; Health and Wellbeing</b>		
<b>Key Issues /needs identified:</b> Over 20% of the population are on prescription medication for mental health issues.			
<b>Current position:</b> A fifth of the population on prescription medication for mental health issues		<b>Outcome:</b> Decrease in percentage of population on prescription medication for mental health issues and increase in social prescribing	
<b>How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan:</b> We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities.			
<b>Actions</b>	<b>Potential Partners</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Update</b>
Explore options for social prescribing (alternatives to prescription medication for low level mental health issues)	Regeneration Group/ Polbeth HUB/NHS/Polbeth	2020-21	Counselling service offered through Polbeth Hub
Discuss the potential project with health centre manager	Community Council and Edinburgh University	2020-21	
Develop a social prescribing programme		2020-21	

<b>Priority 3B</b>	<b>Regeneration Plan Priority 3: Poverty &amp; Health and Wellbeing</b>		
<b>Key Issues /needs identified:</b> Child poverty in Fauldhouse & the Breich Valley ward is 26% compared to 22% West Lothian average.			
<b>Current position:</b> Child poverty is higher within the ward than West Lothian average.		<b>Outcome:</b> Decrease in child poverty across locations within the ward	
<b>How this fits into the Local Outcome Improvement Plan:</b> Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed. People most at risk are protected and supported to achieve improved life chances. We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities.			
<b>Actions</b>	<b>Potential Partners</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Update</b>
Work with the schools to try to achieve maximum take up of free school meal entitlement, clothing grants, Education Maintenance Allowance	Schools/Education Regeneration Group	On-going	Summer and Autumn lunch clubs held in 2019
Design a campaign to make people better off or help them save money—'make £20 a week'	The Hub Advice Shop	On-going	A regular monthly public advice session, delivered by the Advice Shop, takes place in the HUB
Create provision to ensure no one goes hungry		On-going	Community shop is open five days a week providing

# POLBETH COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN — YOU SAID, WE DID!



## Polbeth Community Action Plan You Said, We Did!

The community of Polbeth contributed to developing a community action plan in 2018. Here is what you said, and what we did about it. **Your voice really matters!**

### You Said!

Lack of activities available on the village for adults and older people.

### We did!

New activities have started in Polbeth: Yoga, after school activities, over 50s, walking group, RUTS programme, Community Clean Up, Community Lunch's, Family Meals ,toddlers, messy play

### You Said!

Lack of play facilities and opportunities.

### We did!

West Lothian Council have carried out repairs and added play equipment within the local parks. Skate Park installed 2019

### You Said!

Increase community spirit through more family and community events

### We did!

First Santa Parade took place in November 2018, over 600 people attended, more community events being planned for 2020

### You Said!

Improve communication to promote local activity

### We did!

Community newsletter every quarter, Facebook page created for the hub over 900 likes

### You Said!

Improve the look of the village

### We did!

Bulb planting between West Calder and Polbeth and planters installed throughout the village

### You Said!

Childcare and afterschool provision

### We did!

New after school activities group has started at the HUB Mon to Thur with 15 kids attending each day

### You Said!

Take action on child poverty

### We did!

Summer lunch club in held 2019 helping families and children (25 young people registered for the summer)

### You Said!

Clean up Polbeth

### We did!

More than half a dozen litter picks carried out by variety of partners including St Marys Primary, Polbeth Nursery, Community Council and West Lothian Litter Pickers

## What next

In 2020 we want to hear again from the community about your priorities and aspirations. Together we can make Polbeth even better.

Keep up to date by following us on Facebook and in the quarterly newsletter  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/PolbethCommunityHub](https://www.facebook.com/PolbethCommunityHub)



## STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE

This plan will be updated on an ongoing basis as the community's priorities change over the next 10 years.

Regular meetings will take place to update the plan. Sub groups will be created, where appropriate to take forward action plans and to deliver the outcomes where possible.

Regeneration will support local annual events and create a regeneration focus point/stall where people can find out more about the plans, have their say, and to generate more local community support for the plans.

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## FURTHER INFORMATION

### **Useful links:**

[Polbeth Hub](#) - Website

[Polbeth Hub](#) - Facebook

[Polbeth and West Calder Community Garden SCIO](#)

[Polbeth Community Council](#)

[Polbeth Harwood with West Kirk of Calder](#)

[West Calder High School](#)

[Polbeth Nursery School](#)

[St Mary's Primary School](#)

[Polbeth United Community Football Club](#)