

## A PLAN FOR ABERLADY

Thank you to everyone who came along to the village hall on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Oct and contributed their thoughts and ideas for development in the Aberlady area and to get the ball rolling on the creation of a **Local Place Plan**.

Local Place Plans are a new type of plan giving communities the chance to create proposals for the development and use of land in their area. These plans give us a statutory right to have ideas taken into account as East Lothian Council prepares its own Local Development Plan to cover the 10-year period from 2025 to 2035.

It's a way to guide the local authority towards community objectives and we hope it will get more residents involved in community matters.

For us, the timescale is quite tight as the plan will have to be submitted by April 2024 and we have to consider what we would like Aberlady and environs to be like in the future, what we should focus on and how we can make it happen.



The Word Cloud above shows what was felt to be good about Aberlady and the one below shows some of the challenges.



We have a list of over 25 suggestions to get us started and we will be asking for more input in the future as we work towards a written plan. Some of the discussions may not form part of the Local Place Plan as the form and content is quite specific with certain criteria which we must meet. But we can still take some of your concerns forward in other ways. We will start to look at the conversations from the day in terms of what sits within the Local Place Plan, and what can form part of those next steps for community led action, and what that could look like for our community.

A summary note from the meeting can be accessed via the QR code here.



You can also review further information about Local Place Plans, with examples of an interesting mix of community led projects. There is also the opportunity to give further feedback, share thoughts, and sign up to be kept up to date on future events, and the development of the plan.

The meeting was the first step in working together to make a plan for the Aberlady area, but the next step needs a bigger contribution, with the voices of as many residents, businesses and visitors being heard. You can access the community survey via this QR code - it uses a tool called the Place Standard Tool which asks you to think about our community under these titles, rate them, but most importantly, tell us what you think.



We will shortly be working with the children at Aberlady Primary School to take them through this process using a version designed for young people, and we will add that, and all the responses we receive from into a bigger picture of what the people from our area want to achieve.

Please spread the word