Appendices – Fife Council

Appendix A - Information about the area

According to 2016 figures, the Cowdenbeath area covers 112.2km² and has a population of 40,979. This includes 18,971 households and represents 11% of the overall population of Fife. More information: Cowdenbeath Area Local Strategic Assessment (2016)

Appendix B - Generic information about the tools

Your Priorities – created by Citizens Foundation (Iceland) - www.citizens.is

Demo: https://scotland-pb-demo.yrpri.org

The Citizen’s Foundation offer an idea generation platform called Your Priorities, which is a digital tool that allows people to submit ideas that can then be prioritised and debated by the other participants. The Citizens Foundation has over 4 years of experience of using these tools in Reykjavik, Iceland. Their project ‘Better Neighbourhoods’ has been running successfully since 2012. Citizens Foundation also have a wealth of international experience and their tools have been used in multiple countries across Europe.

Democracy 2.1 – created by D21 (Czech Republic) - www.d21.me

Demo: tiny.cc/scotd21

Democracy 2.1 (D21) is a voting tool that has been used in projects in New York City, Tunisia, China, Portugal and Paris. It can be used after the idea-generation stage of the PB process. People are given a fixed number of positive and negative votes which they can distribute across the ideas. D21 suggests this helps participants to be more invested in the final decision, as opposed to only having one vote on a single issue. Furthermore, D21 propose that the negative voting feature, allowing people to oppose ideas, leads to more support for the final decisions and therefore to more overall satisfaction. D21 uses an algorithm based on the number of options available to calculate the number of votes each user is allowed to cast. For every 2 positive votes cast, the user has the option to cast 1 negative vote, to assist with prioritising ideas for funding. It is also possible to remove the option for negative votes.

Appendix C - Projects that received funding
Information circulated by Fife Council to steering group members, November 2016.

**OOR BIT COWDENBEATH AREA PROJECT WINNERS**

**Settlement Selection**

**Ward 7 - KELTY**

**Outdoor multi-gym equipment** - We would like to have a Multi-Gym in Kelty – probably in the park at Bath Street. The installation of suitable equipment would help the whole population to stay fit and healthy. **132 Votes / £30,000**

![Multi-Gym](image1.jpg)

**BENARTY**

**Light up War Memorial, install seat and flower vase** - It would look nice to see the war memorial have solar lighting perhaps red poppies that light up to further enhance the site! Perhaps some flower urns around there for fresh flowers and perhaps a memorial bench for the elderly to sit and rest and reflect to await the village bus! **84 Votes / £5,000**

![War Memorial](image2.jpg)

**Ward 8 - CROSSGATES**

**Cycle route to Fordell Firs** - Cycle Path running from Crossgates to Inverkeithing which would link up in passing with the cycle path to Duloch to Dunfermline **177 Votes / £30,000 (10%)**
HILL OF BEATH

Skate Park (Part funded) - There are two areas of green, one at the existing play park and another at the community centre. Between them, the installation of a skate park is more than feasible which would give the kids somewhere decent to go.
212 Votes / £25,000 (25%)

COWDENBEATH

Improve area at Train Station - The railway platforms in the train station are well maintained and tidy but the access routes are overgrown and unsightly. They give a poor impression of the town. Let’s get them improved for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. 256 Votes / £10,000

LUMPHINNANS
Pond upgrading - The area around Lumphinnans pond used to be an attractive walkway for families but it has now fallen into disrepair as has the jetty. If it was restored local nursery and primary school children could use it for nature walks and activities rather than having to be bussed to Lochore Meadows. **290 Votes / £15,000**

Ward 9 – LOCHGELLY

Youth Club – Lochgelly needs a place for young people - We would like a youth club in a safe centre where we could meet friends and youth workers. There would be Wi-Fi and access to IT, music, cooking, toilets, parties, trips and to learn stuff. It would be good if it was on two nights a week please. **114 Votes / £10,000**

CARDENDEN

**Improvement to Wallsgreen Park entrance and lights in park** - Improvements are being made to Wallsgreen Park but the entrance into the Park is uninspiring and presents difficulties with access. It is hoped to create a new entrance, which will enhance this amenity and to improve the lighting in the park. **131 Votes / £25,000**
Total allocated - £150,000

The Other Winners

COWDENBEATH

Improvements to Public Park – signage and heritage displays - Where the old bandstand was we could create something which reflects the history of Cowdenbeath. For example, we could put a replica of the old Fountain in and some notice boards reflecting stories of Cowdenbeath. 247 Votes / £10,000

HILL OF BEATH

Part fund MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) - We would like to have a Multi-Use Games Area in Hill of Beath. Many of the villages in Fife now have this facility and we feel that the young people in Hill of Beath deserve somewhere that they can play outdoors and which will encourage them to have a healthy lifestyle.

197 Votes / £25,000 (25%)
COWDENBEATH

The Line – clear up and displays - The line was where the pugs ran to take coal from the mines. It would be good if the area was tidied up along its length and if displays and notice boards were installed to tell stories of and celebrate the rich history of Cowdenbeath. 168 Votes / £15,000

Gateways – install things to remind people of mining heritage - Why not install some kind of mining artefacts at the gateways to Cowdenbeath? This would help to remind folks of our heritage. 144 Votes / £5,000

CROSSGATES

Part fund MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) - We would like to have a Multi-Use Games Area in Crossgates – perhaps the area by the bowling green. Many of the villages in Fife now have this facility and we feel that the young people deserve
somewhere that they can play outdoors and which will encourage them to have healthy lifestyles. *141 Votes / £25,000 (25%)*

**LUMPHINNANS**

**Trim Trail** - The trim trail at the new astro pitches was never finished and no exercise machines were installed. The installation of suitable equipment would help the whole population to stay fit and healthy. *139 Votes / £20,000*
Appendix D - Data from participant feedback survey

Q1: Did you use the website Oor Bit Participatory Budgeting website? You can view the website here: oorbit.d21.me (53 responses)

![Bar chart showing responses to Q1]

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Total: 53

Q2: What was good about using this website? What was not so good? (28 responses)

- Gave background info
- Easy to use
- Easy
- Easy to use
- Layed out well but I'm on a mobile device but still looks good
- It was easy to do
- It was easy to use.
- It that we can vote
- The good think is that children get to vote.
- Its confusion
- Nuhin
- Can only vote for one and I think that it can be used in a more constructive way!
  ie vote 1 for 1st choice and 2 for 2nd etc
- easy to use
- It was easy to use
- So easy
- Easy access via Facebook. Self-contained information good.
- yes
- Very easy to use
- Straight forward
- Very clear
- was just great
- choices were described fully
- The website was good but I didn't find out about it until late. Also the process must have changed as our idea had a lot of votes at closing time was it extended? Would have been good to know this as I could have made others aware.
• Quick and easy to understand, no waffle to wade through before I get to vote!
• Easy to use.
• Easy and fast to use
• Web site was easy to use
• ease of use
Q3: We'd like to understand a bit more about your experience with the website. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with the following statements? (53 responses)

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<td>The website was easy to use</td>
<td>3.85%</td>
<td>7.66%</td>
<td>11.54%</td>
<td>26.00%</td>
<td>51.92%</td>
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<td>The website made it possible for me to participate at a time that suited me</td>
<td>3.85%</td>
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<td>13.46%</td>
<td>38.46%</td>
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<td>The website is a good way to take part in decision making</td>
<td>1.92%</td>
<td>1.92%</td>
<td>5.77%</td>
<td>46.15%</td>
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<td>I would consider using a website like this in the future</td>
<td>2.00%</td>
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Q4: Do you have any suggestions to help us improve the website? (7 responses)

- No
- Nope, it’s good
- No
- Nothing
- bit strange to have 4 votes when there are 4 choices for my area?
- Make a mobile friendly version or use a link in emails which allows you to log in with your mobile
- I had to scroll through all suggestions to see if my idea had already been posted online. I did notice that some other people had not checked in advance, resulting in their suggestion not being included along with others.

Q5: Is there anything else that you would like to tell us about using the Oor Bit Participatory Budgeting website? (8 responses)

- A place to put personal comments
- Lighting in quary park n paths
- Nope
- No
- Nothing
• Better advertising of the process as it was indicated that decisions would be made earlier than they were and there did not seem to be so many ideas on the site at closing time indicating there must have been an extension of the process.
• Is it secure? Can you be sure people use it once?
• The results which are shown on a spreadsheet may not be clearly understood by all. It was not user friendly. In addition, there was no feedback as to why our suggestion had been rejected nor any explanation as to why the winners were chosen. I feel very deflated and let down by the whole process, with a lingering feeling that greater openness and honesty would have been welcome. Sorry!!!

Appendix E – Coverage: press and online

Fife Council, 23rd June 2016
https://www.fifedirect.org.uk/news/index.cfm?fuseaction=news.display&objectid=E8B0E4DE-0DF-F0AF-AB0643308463868

Fife Council, 20th October 2016

Cowdenbeath News (online), November 2016

Fife Council, 1st December 2016

Public Now, 1st December 2016
www.publicnow.com/view/63C484FB695C038F0FB18AA409F8E87D9CEF709B?2016-12-01-13:00:10+00:00-xxxx2673

East Lothian Courier, 7th December 2016
www.eastlothiancourier.com/news/14952479._250_000_scheme_backed_by_1_400_voters/

PB Network, 4th January 2017

Dunfermline Press, 20th February 2017
www.dunfermlinepress.com/news/15105296.Oor_bit_of_Fife_momentum_is_key/