

# Seaton & Linksfield

## Hopes for Action



## Community

### What we can do locally

Build community spirit: - more smiles; hope; getting to know our neighbours; getting rid of stigma

Build an inclusive community  
Equality no matter what race

Create a positive sense of ownership – we can change our environment for the better

### What we can do locally in partnership

Negotiate better opening hours/more options for Seaton Community Centre

Explore options for Pittodrie Community Centre, which is currently closed – this would be a good youth space / a tool library / a clothes resource / library swap centre.

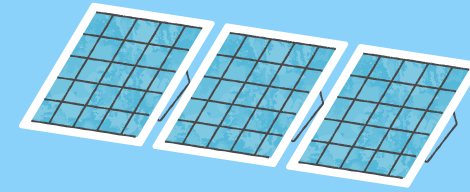
Tapping into new and existing funding streams to support our ideas – for example: community mental health and wellbeing funding.



## Buildings & Energy



### Local ideas for action & change



Good housing a right and is necessary for SAFE SECURE & HAPPY PEOPLE

Building standards for council buildings need to be improved significantly. This will result in households using less energy.

We need to ensure that existing housing is upgraded, not just better standards for new housing.  
We need passivhaus-standard retrofit in council blocks. Recognise the challenges around old granite buildings.

Properties need better standards of infrastructure (taps, pipes, etc.)

Tower blocks can contribute and do their part for renewable energy. Solar panels to be integrated into cladding upgrades and installed on roof space too.

Council to engage with renewable energy companies to work out the options for solar/ wind/ river renewables

Sensor lights in building hallways

How can Seaton & Linksfield benefit from a community energy project like Donside Hydro



## Nature/Outdoor Spaces

### Ideas for working in partnership

If planting trees, make sure it is the right tree in the right place. There was no consultation for recent proposal of tree planting by the nature reserve. Consult with local people and groups about what tree planting is done where and what goes into flower beds and local parks

Create more walking routes and paths around green spaces in wider network providing accessibility to green spaces. Leave the fields for sport.

Education and connection to the local environment:  
more funding to support biodiversity and growing skills workshops – gardening, composting, nature classes.

More support for community gardening and food growing initiatives using local spaces.

Increase awareness for financial support for people to take over their local green space



Change annual flowerbeds/areas to wildflowers to help pollinators. Planting annuals every year in flower beds by council is resource intensive.

Swap some of the pitches that flood to new Seaton wetland area. Link with Friends of Seaton park.

We would like more community growing in public spaces, including allotments in the park.

Increase natural pockets scattered around greenspace –brings nature into urban spaces.





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## Circular Economy



No rubbish on the ground

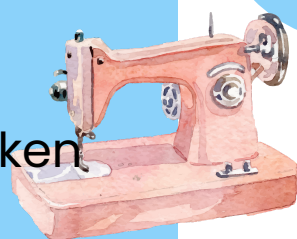
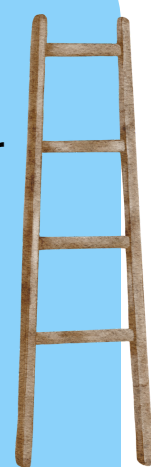
Expand remit of SNUG community garden into having a tool library, library of things and repair café, maybe run by Menshed?

Set up mending clothes workshops

Volunteer availability, legalities, PAT tested HSE equipment.

Extra buttons sewn into shirts etc. Take them out or use them!

If something is sold it should be able to be taken back, eg clothes or blister packs



Teaching life skills in local community centres

Gentrification of charity shops – more expensive than primark

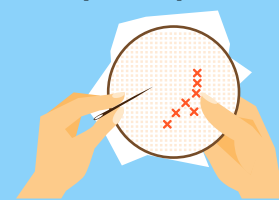
Curry's take working items and give to charity. Non-working items strip for parts, then sell on ebay or into a bank. Curry's made good business sense of recycling – curry's make money on it

EU standardised tech charging cables – reducing need for multiple chargers

Extend warranty life on products up to 9 years

Some products have lifetime guarantee – often people don't know.

Dispose of disposable mindsets!



Intergenerational learning initiatives – bring in the grannies! Maybe grannies now don't have these skills..

Shortage of teachers with these skills

Creche – great place for clothes swaps and toy library

Make sure second hand is not stigmatised

Community composting at a main hub like the café

Community cafes as places for educating people on different recycling streams – do people know that superdrug recycles blister packs- community centres could be hubs for difficult to recycle items.

Manufacturing companies on chain of materials – paracetamol in blister packs not in glass bottle (legal reason for this)

## Food

People receive veg and fruit hampers

Improve access to good quality food

Channel resources and funds to smaller local allotment spaces



## Transport



NESCAN  
HUB

Public transport SHOULD be cheaper than the car – Public transport free for all

Improve zebra crossings

Improve amenities (including a pharmacy), bars, cafes and shopping in local area so people don't need to travel by car

Set up one way system in Seaton to free up space

Better bus routes including out to countryside not just into town

Improve lighting as safety is key for enabling walking

Use speed cameras and invest fine money in community



Frustrations charities have with interacting with council stop lots of ideas

Better enforced speed limits

Wider pavements

Longer term thinking – accept losses for a bigger win – need routes from housing estates to all big retail parks. Improve and keep infrastructure around park and ride

