



Kincraig and locality Community Action Plan: Looking to 2030

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I. Summary

In Spring 2024, Kincaig & Vicinity Community Council together with Insh Community Holdings, Kincaig Community Hall and Kincaig Church, decided that they wished to carry out a review of the community action plan for the village, which had been previously undertaken in 2011. The purpose of revisiting and updating the plan was primarily aimed at giving these key community organisations, along with a range of other groups in the community, plus public and private sector stakeholders, a strong mandate to move forward with tackling current and emerging issues, as well as leading on new community projects, identified as priorities by the residents of the Kincaig & Vicinity Community Council area during the process in spring 2024.

With support from Voluntary Action in Badenoch & Strathspey, the community-led steering group, comprising representation from the organisations listed above, agreed that they would seek the views of local residents on a number of key questions. This was achieved via a survey which was personally delivered to every household by volunteers - as a paper copy, which was also accessible online. In addition, the questions contained in the survey were also raised with some targeted groups that were identified as being harder to get accurate/quality information from. This was undertaken by members of the steering group going out with the survey questions to places and events where it was considered that individuals or groups falling into this category might be approached.

The process was entitled **Kincaig and locality Community Action Plan: Looking to 2030**. In previous action planning carried out by the communities within this area, the focus was on activity mostly with a 2 to 3-year timespan. Given the increased need now to also focus on longer-term goals, particularly in relation to the environment and the economy, residents and businesses were asked to consider where they and the community wanted to be by 2030, so generating a more extended set of plans and aspirations.

Examples of **recent successes** across the communities with community-led projects and action planning include:

- Development of Insh Community Holdings
- Partial upgrade of the War Memorial
- Extension of Speyside Way through village
- Improved path network
- Restoration of winter lights
- Intergenerational school garden project
- Village fun day
- Dragonfly ponds at Insh
- Seniors Christmas lunch
- Aspen planting & reinstated hedgerows for biodiversity/green networks
- Firewood delivery to all Insh residents

To help add to these achievements, residents were encouraged to take part in the community action plan review in 2024. However, this time round people were invited to think not only about what might be achieved together, but that the projects the villages were being asked to

consider, would be ones that would help the area develop a more sustainable future. This is set against a backdrop of life post-lockdowns, the challenge of finding new volunteers, plus the changing economic as well as the climate and biodiversity situation we find ourselves in.

The Kincaig and locality community action planning process adhered to the National Standards for Community Engagement to ensure all of the following elements were fully taken into account during the community-led initiative:

Impact, Communication, Methods, Working together, Planning, Support and Inclusion.

See [Section 4. Community Engagement](#) for further details on the 7 Standards.

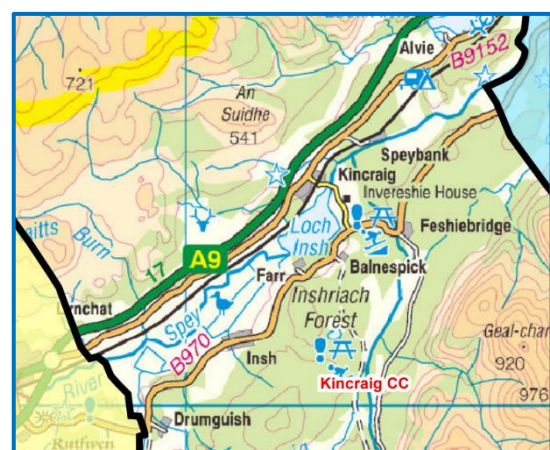
2. The Community

Kincaig village (Scottish Gaelic: Ceann na Creige) is located north of Kingussie and south of Aviemore. The settlement here was originally called Boat of Insh, the name given to the station that served the village when the main line railway reached this far in 1863. But in 1871 the railway company renamed the station Kincaig, possibly signifying the moment at which the ferry, which until then always used to cross the River Spey just to the east of the village, was first replaced by a bridge. As happened in other places, the name of the village followed the name of the railway station, and ‘Kincaig’ it has been ever since.

The village lies at the side of the former A9 road, the B9152, and close to the current A9 dual carriageway. It is close to Loch Insh which is fed from and drains into the river Spey. The main Perth to Inverness railway passes through, although the station closed in 1965. There is a mix of housing ages and types; Victorian stone-built cottages and villas; 1930s terraces; 1980s' individually designed detached houses in their own plots; and estates of detached houses built from the 1990s right up to current times.

The ‘community’ that is covered by Kincaig & Vicinity Community Council is in fact made up of a number of separate villages and settlements, which include Kincaig, Insh, Dalnavert, Alvie, Feshiebridge, Lynchat, Drumguish, Speybank and Inveruglas.

In spite of this geographical spread, a strong connection exists between all of these localities and Kincaig village. Although residents of the outlying settlements often look to their larger neighbours (Aviemore and Kingussie) for amenities and services, they remain connected with the village due to the strong bonds with the land and the presence there of the village hall, local primary school, cafe, church and pub which all play a pivotal role in the social cohesion of this scattered community.



Kincraig Stores and Post Office which traded continuously for 120 years, closed in July 2016. It was reopened in June 2019 as the 'Old Post Office Cafe & Gallery'. Alvie Primary School is located at the north end of Kincraig village, Loch Insh Outdoor Centre about 2 miles south east and The Highland Wildlife Park about 3 miles south west. Dalraddy Holiday Park based in Alvie offers holiday homes, self-catering, touring and camping facilities.

Working the land is still a major way of life and source of employment in the area, although tourism is seen as a major driver in the local economy. Kincraig's location lends itself well to drawing visitors to this part of the National Park. For a small sized community, it offers high-end tourist attractions, specifically the Highland Wildlife Park, Loch Insh Outdoor Centre and Dalraddy Holiday Park which bring in visitors all year round. The magnificent views in addition to the numerous and varied recreational and sporting opportunities, are an important reason why people come to visit and stay here.

Community Organisations

There are a significant number of community organisations/groups which work for the benefit of the communities in and around Kincraig and are almost entirely run by volunteers. These include: Kincraig & Vicinity Community Council, Kincraig Community Hall, Insh Community Holdings and Alvie Primary School Parent Council.

Community Assets

Kincraig Community Hall
Insh Community Woodland

Local Businesses

There are several local businesses across different sectors operating in the village, although there is currently no local business/tourism association to represent the voice of commercial activity in Kincraig and locality.

3. The Process

The Kincraig and locality community consultation period ran from March to May 2024 and during this time, the way in which the community action planning process was carried out, broadly fell into four stages. These were:

- 1) Gathering Information
- 2) Data Sorting and Collation
- 3) Involving People & Refining Ideas
- 4) Community Action Plan (CAP) document production

Within the four stages of the process, the steering group asked the following questions:

Gathering Information

- What do we want to know?
- What questions will we ask?
- What methods will we use?
- How will we do it?

Data Sorting

- What does it involve?
- How will we do it?
- Who will do / assist with this?
- In what form will we present it back to the community?

Involving People & Refining Ideas

- What stakeholder groups do we need to involve?
- How (& where) will we present the information gathered so far?
- How will people in the community help refine the information?
- Who will assist with this?

CAP document production

- What will it include?
- Who will put it together?
- How will it be presented to the community?
- What happens to it next?

In addition, the steering group also considered what timescales and key dates they wanted to aim for and how they would deal with communications & publicity - ensuring that these elements were robust, so the process was as inclusive as it could be.

The fifth and most crucial stage of the whole action planning initiative, involves delivery of the plan by the Kincaig and locality communities and other stakeholders. Essentially this deals with questions such as:

- Who will take responsibility for the CAP?
- How will it be driven forward?
- How will it be monitored and evaluated?

There is more detail on how this can be achieved in [Section 8. Next Steps](#).

Gathering Information

There was a lot of discussion about the nature and precise wording of questions in the survey, as the steering group wanted to revisit questions asked in previous community-led action planning, to re-establish what specific things people liked about the Kincaig and locality area and wanted to keep in their communities. They also wished to encourage the communities to look to a 5 to 10-year horizon, and consider how they might tackle some of the trickier issues such as care for the environment, supporting younger and older residents, employability and transport. So questions were employed which were broadly framed, to allow responders to bring up a wide range of issues and ideas without being led.

The paper version covered just two sides of A4 and the survey asked 3 questions:

- 1) *What do you like about living in the Kincaig community area?*
- 2) *What changes would you like to see for the Kincaig community area by 2030?*
(You might want to think about how you as an individual or we as a community can improve our environment, address climate change and biodiversity loss, develop our local economy, increase social and leisure opportunities and local cultural experiences.)
If you could improve just ONE of these things, what would it be?

3) *Are there any new projects (large or small) that you would like to see happening in the community? Or any existing projects that need to be sustained?*

The survey also asked:

*Would you be willing to get involved in any projects you are interested in? YES / NO
If Yes, please provide contact details.*

This last additional question was included to try to encourage more people to come forward to help with projects that were of particular interest to them, in order to counteract the reduction in volunteer numbers, that had come about in recent years and especially following the 2020/21 pandemic lockdowns.

It was decided that all households in the Kinraig and locality area (approx. 530) would receive a paper copy of the survey through their letterbox and this was carried out by a team of community volunteers, who over a period of a few days, delivered copies out into all areas of the community. This method helped to deliver an inclusive process of community engagement, where everyone had the opportunity to respond to the survey if they wished and they were able to do this via hard copy, which could be deposited back into one of the centrally located survey boxes, or online via QR code which enabled the community to access the survey on a range of devices.

Data Sorting

All of the responses came in either online via Survey Monkey, by hard copy into CAP-branded boxes left at various locations in the area, or from information collated at events put on for specific groups in the village. Surveys were returned from the community's primary and high school pupils and these responses highlighted the ideas and opinions of young people living in the area.

Every comment was recorded and categorised, so that everyone would be able to 'see' their voice in the displayed results. The information was sorted into 4 main themes: Social, Environmental, Economic and Cultural and the number of times a particular issue or idea was mentioned was noted, so priorities could rise to the top of the lists in each themed category. These lists were then prepared for display (see [Section 6. Action Plan – what the community wants](#) and [Section 10. Appendices](#)), so every member of the community could see what had been said and get involved in the next stage, when ideas were refined and solutions to issues sought.

Involving People & Refining Ideas

The process culminated in the **Kinraig and locality area Big Conversation**, which took place on a Friday and Saturday in May 2024 at Kinraig Community Hall. At this drop in event, the results were offered back to the community and time given for reflection and discussion around the topics.

During the event, all of the residents who attended were asked to consider the top priorities that had been identified from the process under the headings of Kinraig and locality area:

- Socially Connected Communities
- Climate Conscious Communities

- Economically Thriving Communities
- Culturally Vibrant Communities

They were asked to look at those areas of particular interest to them and write on action plan templates aimed at refining ideas by looking at questions such as:

What specific action needs to be taken to achieve this priority and Who needs to be involved?

CAP document production

All of the comments and pieces of information given by the public during the **Kincraig and locality area Big Conversation** event were collected and incorporated into this report, which now belongs to the communities in the Kincraig & Vicinity Community Council area and will be used as the basis for ongoing community development over the next 5-8 years, with support from the community's organisations and all other relevant stakeholders from the public, private and voluntary sector.

Also a list of all those who came forward offering to volunteer their help with certain projects was compiled and will be held by the team taking the action plan forward (referred to as **Team Kincraig** for the purposes of this report).

4. Community Engagement

The National Standards for Community Engagement are good-practice principles designed to improve and guide the process of community engagement.

They are clear principles that describe the main elements of effective community engagement. They provide detailed performance statements that everyone involved can use to achieve the highest quality results and the greatest impact.

The standards are particularly helpful for communities - their organisations and groups - to help them involve their members or the wider community in shaping the services and changes they need, and to make sure they accurately represent members' or the community's views in the decision-making processes.



5. Survey Responses

Thanks go to the 189 residents from Kinraig, Insh, Alvie, Dalnavert, Lynchat, Drumguish, Feshiebridge and Speybank who contributed so meaningfully and thoughtfully to the community survey – this number represents 28% of the community’s population and includes responses from school age residents. Also to the people who attended the Big Conversation drop-in event at the community hall over the two days.

For a full list of what came out of the survey responses, see [Section 10. Appendices](#) (list of appendices below). These show all comments made by the community in answer to the survey questions, prioritised in order of the number of people who mentioned them.

[Appendix I](#) What do you like about living in the Kinraig community area?

[Appendix ii](#) What changes would you like to see for the Kinraig community area by 2030?

6. Action Plan – what the community wants

Project Themes and Priorities

The CAP sets out the community’s vision for the longer term (up to 10 years) with more detailed activity across the 4 specified themes:

- A Socially Connected Community
- A Climate Conscious Community
- An Economically Thriving Community
- A Culturally Vibrant Community

itemising priority outcomes and actions which are shown in the relevant tables below.

It is important to note that some of the project outcomes will be a “quick win” whereas others will sometimes take significantly more time to plan and execute. To achieve results and outcomes in the short, medium/longer term each high priority project/outcome will have its own activity plan which will be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timely (SMART) and determined and agreed in the first part of the CAP implementation.

The 4 themes were taken and put into separate groupings, showing what the priorities are for each theme. Within each priority, projects have been listed that have been drawn from the high priorities that came out of the survey data. Further views and information for each priority were sought from those who attended the drop-in events and suggested actions, together with any additional information are outlined below each section.

KINCRAIG CC AREA: SOCIALLY CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

Priority: Improve our public transport

- E-bus service running between Aviemore/Kincraig/Kingussie to help people access jobs, services, recreation.
- Community transport for local older adults.

Priority: Community Hall

- Make it more disabled friendly.
- Explore environmentally friendly energy for the hall.
- Install car E-charger/s.
- Investigate use of hall toilets for visitors in summer months.
- Install motorhome waste disposal point.

Priority: Young People

- A facility for teenagers to meet up and socialise.
- Upgrade to play park.

PRIORITY: IMPROVE OUR PUBLIC TRANSPORT

E-bus service running between Aviemore/Kincraig/Kingussie to help people access jobs, services, recreation.

- Schedule needs to be reliable and at times that fit with community's needs.
- On demand service? Talk with B&S Community ConnXions to investigate further.
- Locally funded minibus – who would manage it?
- Need to identify potential need and take up of an improved service.

Community transport for local older adults.

- Work with B&S Community ConnXions to explore & cover required need in the community.

PRIORITY: COMMUNITY HALL

Make it more disabled friendly.

- Increase size of disabled toilet to include wheelchair.
- Replace/repair slabs on access to hall.

Explore environmentally friendly energy for the hall.

- Investigate options and possible funding sources.

Install car E-charger/s.

- What would be the benefit to locals?

Investigate use of hall toilets for visitors in summer months.

- Would need increased maintenance/cleaning/funds

Install motorhome waste disposal point.

- Too close to houses? Maybe signpost to Kingussie or Dalraddy

PRIORITY: YOUNG PEOPLE

A facility for teenagers to meet up and socialise.

- Community gym (could be used by all ages).
- Invite local young people to a meeting to get their ideas and involve them in a project/s.

Upgrade to play park.

- Balance bike area for toddlers.

KINCRAIG CC AREA: CLIMATE CONSCIOUS COMMUNITIES

Priority: Improve local path networks (Active Travel)

- Badenoch Way through Insh and Inveruglas
- Path from Insh House to where cycle path runs parallel to Uath Lochan lane, so walkers and cyclists can stay off the lane and avoid tourist traffic and timber lorries.
- Safer walk to school route
- Weatherproof bridge between MacBean & rest of village. Very slippery in wet/winter
- Linked up cycle path between the bridge and Loch Insh Watersports
- Traffic lights on Spey Bridge to help traffic flow and for safety of walkers & cyclists
- Footpath up Suie Hill for people to experience the newly planted woodland – like path up Creag Beag behind Kingussie
- Improve step access under railway bridge
- Repair overgrown/damaged footpaths by shinty pitch and on roadside to Loch Insh
- Lane leading to Speybank Walk needing repair.

Priority: Provision of community owned green spaces to improve biodiversity

- Allotments
- Community Orchard & Community Garden
- Green Gym
- Wildflower areas / Hedges.

PRIORITY: IMPROVE LOCAL PATH NETWORKS (ACTIVE TRAVEL)

Improve local paths as listed where possible.

- Badenoch Way through Insh and Inveruglas.
- Path from Insh House to where cycle path runs parallel to Uath Lochan lane, so walkers and cyclists can stay off the lane and avoid tourist traffic and timber lorries.
- Safer walk to school route.
- Weatherproof bridge between MacBean & Suidhe Crescent. Very slippery in wet/winter.
- Linked up cycle path between the bridge and Loch Insh Outdoor Centre.
- Traffic lights on Spey Bridge to help traffic flow and for safety of walkers & cyclists.

- Footpath up Suie Hill for people to experience the newly planted woodland – like path up Creag Beag behind Kingussie.
- Improve step access under railway bridge.
- Repair overgrown/damaged footpaths by shinty pitch and on roadside to Loch Insh.
- Lane leading to Speybank Walk needing repair.

PRIORITY: PROVISION OF COMMUNITY OWNED GREEN SPACES TO IMPROVE BIODIVERSITY

- Allotments
- Community Orchard & Community Garden
- Green Gym
- Wildflower areas / Hedges.

KINCRAIG CC AREA: ECONOMICALLY THRIVING COMMUNITIES

Priority: Revisit potential for community-run shop or pop up

- Could be held at the hall (regularly?)
- identify the level of need for and potential sustainability
- what would it sell?

Priority: Regular event/s to support circular economy

- eg passing on second hand items, repair cafe, spare veg & flower plants
- could this priority be linked to a community-run or pop up shop?

Priority: Find a use for the old A9 complex beside the garage

- used for a shop (farm shop)
- business units (commercial / small industrial)
- identify the level of need for and potential usage of this space

PRIORITY: REVISIT POTENTIAL FOR COMMUNITY-RUN SHOP OR POP UP

- Investigate the level of need for and potential sustainability – looked into a shop before and showed unlikely to be viable, but pop up may be different.
- Look into location: hall, telephone exchange, Insh church, elsewhere.
- What would it sell - groceries, farm shop, artisan products?
- See circular economy (below)

PRIORITY: REGULAR EVENTS TO SUPPORT CIRCULAR ECONOMY

- eg passing on second hand items, repair cafe, spare veg & flower plants
- Could this priority be linked to a community-run or pop up shop?

PRIORITY: FIND A USE FOR THE OLD A9 COMPLEX BESIDE THE GARAGE

Used for a shop

- Farm shop

Business units (commercial / small industrial)

- Assess level of need and interest with local traders.
- Some units for community use.

Identify the level of need for and potential usage of this space

- Work with local businesses and THC.
- Only has temporary planning permission.
- Possible spot for rewilding or just kept as green space.

KINCRAIG CC AREA: CULTURALLY VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

Priorities: Kincaig

- Reinstate Kincaig train station as a stop
- Improve the Brae
- Bus stop at new houses, near school
- Improve traffic safety

Priorities: Insh

- More regulation of timber traffic through the area.
- Encourage folk to stop parking on road verges.
- Support Insh community to maintain its crofting heritage, projects to improve biodiversity and manage climate change.

Priorities: Drumguish

- Repair parapet of Tromie Bridge.
- Improve visibility for vehicles approaching B970 from Drumguish.
- Sign 'passing places – no parking' on access road to Drumguish.
- Repair noticeboard at Drumguish.

Priority: Spey Bank

- Install a defibrillator for Speybank.

PRIORITY: KINCRAIG

- Reinstate Kincaig train station as a stop: work with Highland Council to approach ScotRail.
- Improve the Brae.
- Bus stop at new houses, near school.
- Improve traffic safety: pressure on Highland Council to install speed limit sign.

PRIORITY: INSH

- More regulation of timber traffic through the area.

- Approach timber companies to help repair road verges.
- Encourage folk to stop parking on road verges.
- Flashing speed sign for both ends of Insh village.
- Support Insh community to maintain its crofting heritage, projects to improve biodiversity and manage climate change.

PRIORITY: DRUMGUISH

- Repair parapet of Tromie Bridge.
- Improve visibility for vehicles approaching B970 from Drumguish.
- Sign 'passing places – no parking' on access road to Drumguish.
- Repair noticeboard at Drumguish.

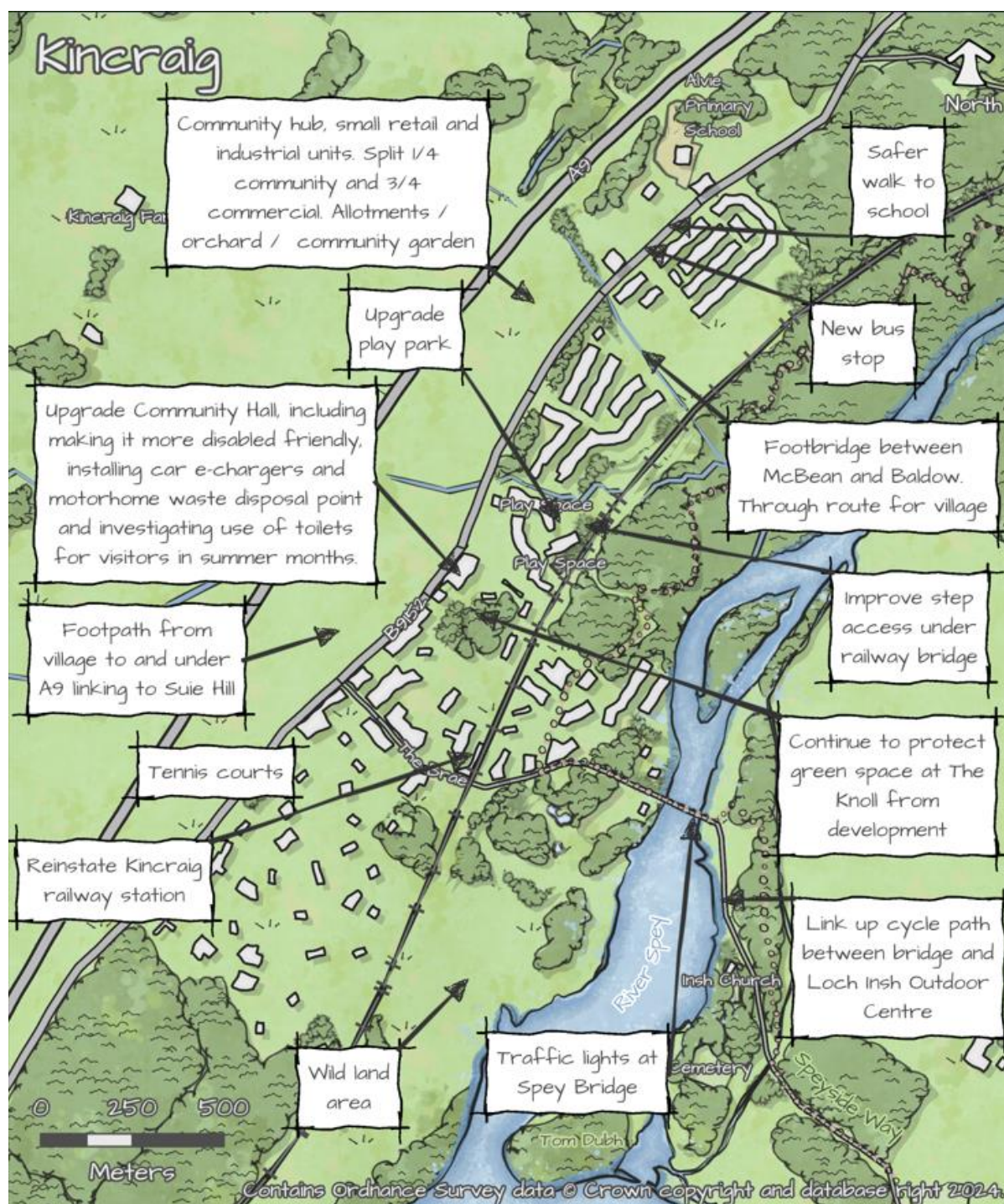
PRIORITY: SPEYBANK

- Install a defibrillator at Speybank.

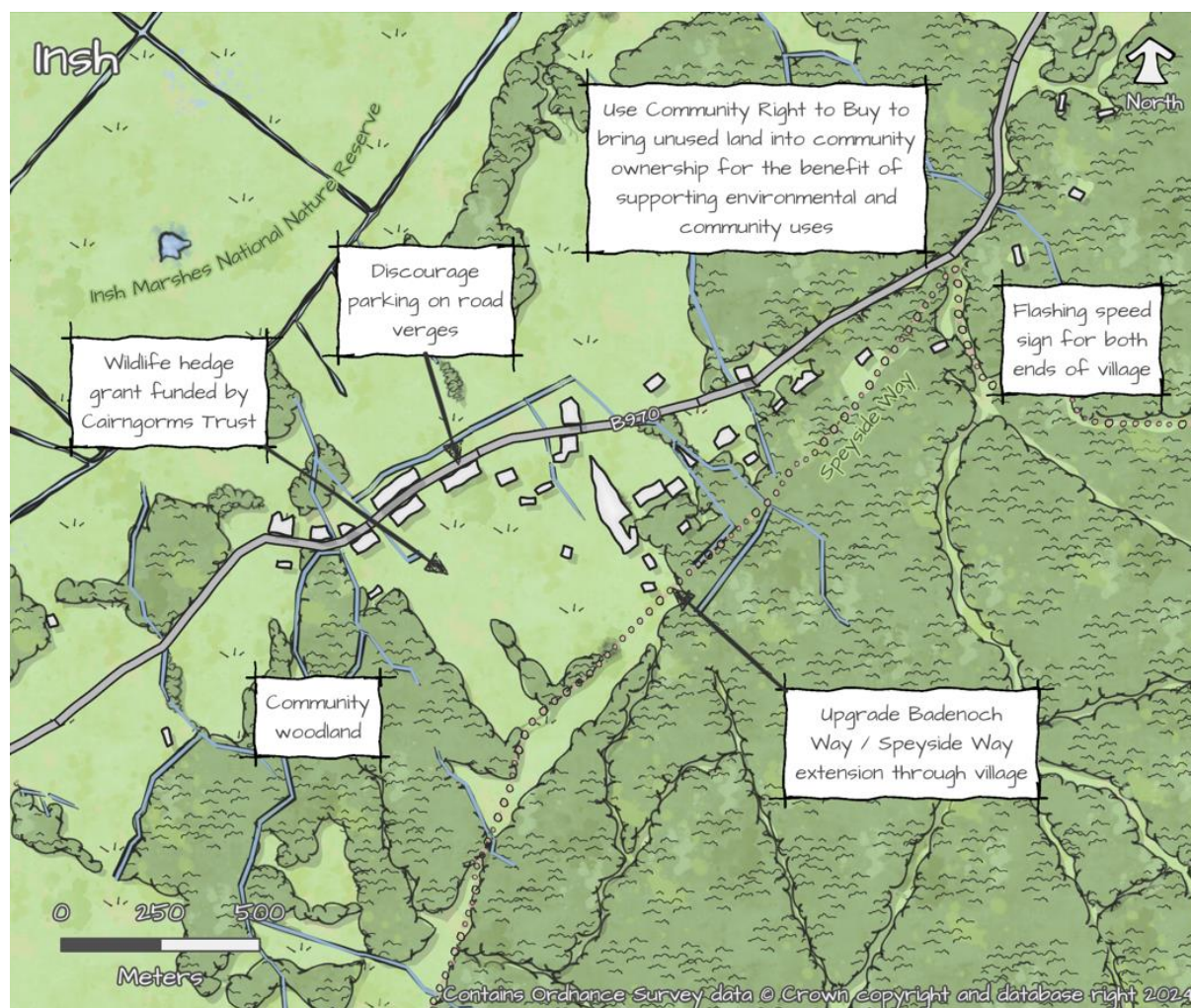
7. Spatial Priorities

The maps below illustrate the spatial proposals to help realise the community vision and Community Action Plan. They display comments which were provided by local residents and businesses during the two-day Big Conversation drop-in event. They refer to the priorities that have come out of the Community Action Plan (CAP) responses and help express the community's aspirations and solutions for development and use of land within the Local Development Plan. This reflects the local planning policy which aims to create sustainable, liveable and productive places as expressed in National Planning Framework 4 (2023).

Kincraig locality CAP map



Insh locality CAP map



The maps show the communities' ideas and priorities for the future development of the Kincaig, Insh and other localities, as well as helping the communities to develop and deliver their own projects.

The purpose of the maps is to:

- Complement the CAP by showing how the Kincaig and Insh communities could look in future once the vision and CAP have been implemented.
- Help Kincaig & Vicinity Community Council, Highland Council and CNPA consider the impact of planning applications on the community.
- Inform CNPA's review of the Local Development Plan.
- Influence investment from public bodies, funders, landowners and businesses, in ways that support the community.

8. Next Steps: Delivery

Steps to deliver the Kincaig and locality Community Action Plan

The next steps to start working with the action plan and looking at how parts can start to be delivered will be subject to some discussion within the community organisations, but broadly involves **collectively**:

- Setting up a *Team Kincaig* (see below) to take the plan forward. Agreeing a chair for a specified period at a time, so will rotate after X months or after X meetings
- Agreeing to adopt the Values and Principles laid out below
- Agreeing what priorities will be taken forward initially
- Managing the project volunteer list that has come out of the process
- Involving all key stakeholders (organisations & individuals) in co-design of project delivery
- Drawing up a more detailed delivery action plan for each prioritised project, identifying aims, actions, milestones, who needs to be involved, key deliverables. (VABS has a template for this.)
- Communicating progress with the communities
- Reviewing progress on a regular basis
- Revisiting the action plan as required

Values and Principles

The following values and principles will underpin the way in which this action plan is rolled out and implemented:

- 1) A plan for all - it is the responsibility of the whole community (individuals and groups) to unite and work together for project ambitions to be realised
- 2) Transparency - all ideas should be planned and researched openly with a commitment to co-production where groups contribute to the ideas as they develop
- 3) Partnership - working together with a shared agenda will be at the heart of any activity arising from this plan
- 4) Inclusion - everyone is invited to participate and everyone benefits, regardless of age and ability
- 5) Impact - the success of this plan will be judged on activities which have a positive influence on people and communities
- 6) Involvement - ensuring the communities are meaningfully involved in decisions that affect their lives.

Team Kincaig

It is very important to ensure the effective delivery of this action plan, for all of the communities to work together to implement it, ie a full community approach not just one or two organisations. This approach has been called *Team Kincaig* in this report, but of course the community will decide on its own name for these purposes.

Team Kincaig will be the forum for agreeing on how the Steps at the start of this section are taken forward, as well as where responsibility will sit in terms of delivering on the Values and Principles outlined above. It will not have a separate legal identity, but simply be a forum called maybe two or three times a year, perhaps by a rotating chair. It should comprise as a minimum,

representatives from the organisations who initially steered the action planning process, together with any other community groups who wish to be involved.

Ongoing community engagement

A process for securing community mandates for projects at key milestones is advisable, so that projects can enjoy broad community support, follow best practice in terms of co-design and allow for those who will be most impacted by a project's deliverables to be involved in the activity.

Volunteer lists

A list of people who have come forward to volunteer in general or for specific projects, has been compiled from a question in the survey and also information given by residents at the Big Conversation event. The Kincaig and locality CAP Volunteer list is a vital part of delivering on the action planning process and those on the list need to be kept informed of how things are being progressed and what part they might be able to play in that.

Levels of Support

The surveys have given the key community organisations in Kincaig and Insh, a lot of detailed information coming from a wide sector of the community, regarding their thoughts on issues and ideas for projects that they would like to see taken forward on their behalf.

The priorities fall into two main groups and will require to be tackled in a different way:

- projects which, although some are mid to longer term, are possible for the community to take forward themselves, with some minimal support from the relevant key agencies or support organisations.
- large, complex issues around employment, housing, transport, business support and infrastructure, where the community will require a great deal of long-term assistance from various public, third and sometimes private sector organisations in order to take these forward and make a notable difference.

Monitoring, Auditing and Evaluation of the Community Action Plan

Monitoring, auditing and evaluation are essential requirements of any Community Action Plan to ensure it is being implemented. **Team Kincaig** will meet regularly to review progress on the plan. Keeping records against each theme and project will be a useful tool to ensure progress is being maintained. These meetings will be open and accessible to all groups and individuals. Evaluation provides an opportunity to reflect and learn from activities, assess the outcomes and effectiveness of a project and think about new ways of doing things.

9. Thanks & Acknowledgements

Thanks for all their involvement and hard work in helping to make the process a success must go to:

- * Kincaig & Vicinity Community Council
- * Kincaig Community Hall
- * Insh Community Holdings
- * Alvie Primary School
- * Kincaig Church
- * All the delivery volunteers who put surveys through every household's door

Voluntary Action in Badenoch and Strathspey (VABS), as an independent community and volunteering development charity, supported Kincaig, Insh and the other locality communities through this community action planning process and facilitated the steering group meetings, but always following the community's lead in how they wished to proceed.

Community Action Planning (CAP) is carried out in partnership by all of the Cairngorms National Park communities on a regular basis at the community's request.

Funding to VABS to facilitate the communities' CAP process is provided by the Cairngorms National Park Authority.

10. Appendices

Appendix i: What do you like about living in the Kincaig community area?

- Great sense of community and friendly neighbours – very welcoming, well connected, inclusive and supportive place
- Community activities planned throughout the year are great - especially for the children
- Path network for walks
- Beautiful landscape, scenery and views
- Location - not highly developed, quiet and safe for the children
- Superb Community Hall and the community events that are available in it
- Close proximity to nature and wildlife
- Old PO café is wonderful in the community
- Alvie Primary School
- Rural living away from the bustle of Aviemore particularly in holiday season
- Great access to woodlands and mountains on the doorstep
- Loch Insh Watersports Centre
- Clean air
- Ability to socialise locally in The Suie pub
- Loch Insh
- Active living - easy access to countryside and fantastic outdoor opportunities (golf, hill walking, swimming, skiing, just being in nature)
- Planting by the primary school children is joyful and a great benefit to the village
- Low crime rate
- Good eating places within reasonable distance
- Insh is so peaceful with unspoilt scenery and rich wildlife
- It is our home where generations of our family have lived, worked the land and raised families
- Close to music activities, sports centre, art gallery, community festivals, good independent shops in Kingussie, pizza van
- Close to A9 which enables speedy travel to friends and family elsewhere
- Church complex – the welcoming church fellowship
- Knowing that if need help can probably find it
- Love the feeling of space and history about our village and surroundings
- Living in a peaceful area but having facilities that Kingussie and Aviemore offer nearby

Primary School Pupils

- We have lots of places to play like the green
- The old post office is great
- We have nice houses
- Loch Insh is great
- Lots of different play parks
- The school is good
- People live close by
- We have traffic lights by the school to make it safe
- Wild willows is a great nursery
- Lots of events for all ages

Secondary School Pupils

- Natural beauty, gorgeous scenery
- People are kind and friendly – strong community spirit
- It's so peaceful and quiet and everyone knows everyone
- A good environment – safe with amazing views
- I like having space and the views
- I love Kinraig - it feels safe and calm
- I enjoy the park at Baldow Meadows, only a short walk from Macbean Road. It's such a lovely village
- There is not much litter
- Wildlife is preserved
- The football pitch
- I love being outdoors around here

Appendix ii

What changes would you like to see for the Kinraig community area by 2030?

ECONOMIC

- Revisit potential for community-run shop or pop up: increasing resident numbers makes this more viable.
- Regular event/s to support circular economy eg passing on second hand items, repair cafe, spare veg & flower plants.
- Find a use for the old A9 complex beside the garage.

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Improve local path networks, in particular:
 - Badenoch Way through Insh and Inveruglas
 - path from Insh House up to where cycle path runs parallel to the Uath Lochan lane, so walkers and cyclists can stay off the lane and avoid tourist traffic and timber lorries.
 - safer walk to school route
 - weatherproof the bridge between MacBean and rest of village. Very slippery in wet and winter
 - linked up cycle path between the bridge and Loch Insh Outdoor Centre
 - traffic lights on Spey Bridge to help traffic flow and for safety of walkers & cyclists
 - footpath up Suie Hill for people to experience the newly planted woodland – like path up Creag Beag behind Kingussie
 - improve step access under railway bridge
 - repair overgrown/damaged footpaths by shinty pitch and on roadside to Loch Insh
 - lane leading to Speybank Walk needing repair.
- Community green spaces to improve biodiversity: wildflower areas and growing spaces.
- More dog waste bins at north end of village, Dunachton woods, paths across Knoll, footpath to Feshiebridge and Boathouse.

- Community energy schemes, either investment in locally owned renewable energy projects or investment in larger projects outside of the National Park through community ownership.
- More recycling of food waste.
- Ban outdoor fires to reduce risk of forest fires.

SOCIAL

- Improve our public transport:
 - E-bus service running between Aviemore/Kincraig/Kingussie to help people access jobs, services, recreation.
 - Community transport for local older adults.
- Community hall:
 - Make it more disabled friendly
 - Explore environmentally friendly energy for the hall
 - Install car E-charger/s
 - Investigate use of hall toilets for visitors in summer months.
 - Install motorhome waste disposal point (to stop campervan occupants toileting in the area).
- A facility for teenagers to meet up and socialise.
- Homes for people to live in to keep the village alive – not holiday homes or lets.
- Regular litter picking group.
- Community health walk/cycle club – meet monthly? (Need someone to come forward and organise).
- Dog park: secure area to let dogs off lead, to protect natural habitats and livestock.
- Community support for less able or vulnerable residents eg community companions.
- Increased investment for Alvie primary school to ensure it remains sustainable for existing/future families attracted to area.
- More made of access to Loch Insh, expanding the (church) car park to allow more canoeists and paddle boarders etc. The impending closure of the Church building gives a good opportunity. It would be good to be prepared for it.
- Provision for toddlers/pre-schoolers in holidays.

Primary School pupils

- A shop - so we don't have to travel to Aviemore
- More environmentally friendly houses
- More activities outdoors
- More bins - lots of rubbish around the new houses
- Litter picks - school could help with this.

Secondary School pupils

- Shop in the village again
- Upgrade play park in front of the railway
- Improve pavements in the village
- Better public transport to help school pupils

- More for children to do in evening/weekend youth club?
- Improved paths
- Bus stop that the school buses stop at by the new builds
- A place for teens to hang out
- Regular bus service
- Football pitch to be updated
- More rubbish bins

KINCRAIG

- Reinstate Kincaig train station as a stop:
 - a) to reduce need for use of cars and help reduce car parking issue in village
 - b) to help with tourism/business economy and increase in visitor numbers
 - c) to help with leisure, climate action and tourism/business economy.
- Improve the Brae:
 - Find a use for the old telephone exchange
 - Public toilet on the Brae at intersection of Speyside Way and village
 - Sort car parking on the Brae
 - Slow traffic at the cafe on the Brae by adding a wider pedestrian pavement and have a single road so that cars have to stop to pass oncoming traffic.
- Bus stop at new houses / near Alvie Primary School, in both directions.
- Upgrade the play park.
- Provision of community allotments, orchard, garden, green gym. Community to take over land between village and A9 for this purpose which could also help to buffer the village from traffic noise.
- Improve traffic safety / Reduce speeding through area:
 - Move the Kincaig radar speed signs. Northbound the sign should be closer to the entry into the village and on the left side of the road. Southbound, should also be nearer the primary school.
 - Speed limit or signage from Loch Insh to Insh Church. Also from T junction to Loch Insh. Currently 60mph but when summer comes and Loch Insh uses the farm for overflow parking it's dangerous.
- Enable 'Village Green' to become a proper Village Green. Could be made into attractive spot with seats, planting, noticeboard and become a focus in centre of village for residents and passers-by to enjoy. Sports/activities for young people in school holidays. Take into community ownership?
- Take on Insh Church for the community / its cultural heritage.
- Improve parking for access to Loch Insh.
- Update village signage to encourage visitors.
- New lighting on Spey bridge: low level to avoid light pollution.
- A covered bike park area at the hall to encourage those living outside the village to cycle to Kincaig and catch the bus.
- Improve the look of the village, signage of local attractions, tidy up fences, communal garden areas.

- Keep up the village Fun Day.
- More gritting on smaller roads around the houses.
- Tennis court.
- Bowling Green.
- Replace hedge that was removed when Scotia built houses.
- Plant Christmas Tree by monument.

INSH

- More regulation of timber traffic through the area.
- Encourage folk to stop parking on road verges.
- Support Insh community to maintain its crofting heritage, projects to improve biodiversity and manage climate change.

DRUMGUISH

- Repair parapet of Tromie Bridge.
- Improve visibility for vehicles approaching B970 from Drumguish.
- Sign 'passing places – no parking' on access road to Drumguish.
- Repair noticeboard at Drumguish.

SPEYBANK

- Install a defibrillator for Speybank.