

# Strengths

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### Working jointly on local issues across whole area

- Enables ward Councillors to work together
- Brings local issues to the fore
- Improvement of local knowledge
- Commitment from elected member and community councils
- Collaboration between community councils
- Covers the whole geographic area
- Consensus of all

### Improved transparency and better understanding of how the Council operates

- Improving democratic accountability
- Increasing strategic understanding of community councils
- Increased awareness of officers to issues

### Better connection to Council, people, process and systems

- Gives an insight into issues and how the Council works, for examples, road safety
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- Empowers community councils
- Good support from officers
- Access to Council Officers
- Collegiate working improvement

# Weaknesses

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### Communication

- Awareness of the committee in the wider community.
- Need to communicate Kinross Committee better to public.
- People don't know much about it, or how to find out.
- Visibility of the committee.
- Language – community councils need to understand PKC language
- Not all members having the same level of understanding

### Governance and decision making

- Been doing more things for information rather than actual decisions
- PKC's centralised working i.e. pestle
- Councillor constitution may need changed for more autonomy
- Agenda has not been driven by community council agendas

### Extra work/business for officers and elected members

### Hybrid/technical problems

### Launched during covid and associated problems

**Raised unreasonable expectations of what can be done**

**Picking quick fixes at the start didn't work out and ended up taking longer than required.**

# Opportunities

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<b>A forum to facilitate wider issue-based discussions</b>	<b>Promote purpose and value of the committee</b>	<b>Get people involved – better community engagement</b>	<b>Provide a road into PKC for decision making</b>	<b>Raise awareness of what is possible and realistically achievable</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shape policy that impacts local area</li><li>• Invite local third sector groups and community planning partners to discuss local issues</li><li>• An obvious forum to bring, discuss and agree local issues and priorities</li><li>• More direct and clearer communications between stakeholders</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase awareness and the profile of the committee (currently a weakness)</li><li>• Use localised media e.g. Glenfarg newsletter</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bringing broader community together – increasing participation</li><li>• Providing a consistent voice for Kinross-shire</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local decision making and influence over local service design and delivery</li><li>• Enables a shift to be devolved decision making by PKC</li><li>• Committee is a move towards community empowerment</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improve interface between Council and Communities local knowledge and professional expertise coming together</li><li>• More focus for local improvement/issues</li></ul>

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# Threats

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### Resources

- Lack of/reducing resources
- Funding – lack of availability of cash to fund committee
- Duplication between committees

### Autonomy

- Officers and councillors not wanting to give up power
- PKC Shrinks responsibility

### Political environment

- Enthusiasm and lack of support from other Community Councils
- Competition with other local groups – eroding their role (lap)
- Scottish Government review of community councils

### Sociological

- Apathy from wider community means people don't engage with the committee