



Dalbeattie Community Council Community Engagement Party

Meeting date:

15th November 2024
26th November 2024

Who attended:

Edward Palmer
John Thompson

Topics discussed:

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS:

- Notice boards
- Newsletters
- Website – should we have one?
- Create a plan for next year

HOW DO WE ASSESS THE VIEW OF THE COMMUNITY

What sample size is needed to evaluate the views of the community?

Using Slovin's Formulae estimating the total population at 4000

A sample size of 364 is required to give a chosen % confidence level of 95%, and the margin of error is 5%.

So we agreed we need a sample of at least 400 Residents.

How Do we know that the sample is representative of the whole community?

Divide the population into subgroups (strata) based on key demographics such as age, gender, area of Dalbeattie. Data sources such as the census are used to define these, and then cross-reference the survey results to find which are over- or underrepresented.

Apply statistical analysis to weigh the results accordingly and seek out underrepresented groups if required.

How do we collect the data?

Place plan survey – so we can compare with other areas though it can feel is too generic so add other questions to supplement it.

How do we get people to fill it out. There is a balance between resources and accessibility. In order to analyse the results the data needs to be electronic and manual analysis is too time consuming. Paper surveys results would need to be entered digitally for analysis there is no capacity for this.

So the best way would be an on line survey with a target of 500 responders (this would allow the potential to reach the 400 residents level (once adjustments are made for Strata etc.

Ideas for getting the form filled out:

- Sponsorship – free draw for prizes?
- Links on Facebook
- Links on Dalbeattie Matters

What information do we want to gather?

DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Postcode

2. Age (please give ranges)

- Under 16
- 16 - 24
- 25 - 44
- 45 - 64
- 65 - 74
- 75 and over

3. Gender

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary
- Other

4. How easy is it to move around Dalbeattie?

Scale: 1 (Very Difficult) to 7 (Very Easy)

- What is good now?
- What could be made better in the future?

5. What is public transport like to and from Dalbeattie?

Scale: 1 (Very Poor) to 7 (Excellent)

- What is good now?
- What could be made better in the future?

6. How do traffic and parking affect how I move around Dalbeattie?

Scale: 1 (Very Negatively) to 7 (Very Positively)

- What is good now?
- What could be made better in the future?

7. What are the buildings, streets, and public spaces like in Dalbeattie?

Scale: 1 (Very Poor) to 7 (Excellent)

- What is good now?
- What could be made better in the future?

8. How easy is it for me to regularly enjoy natural space in Dalbeattie?

Scale: 1 (Very Difficult) to 7 (Very Easy)

- What is good now?
- What could be made better in the future?

9. How good are the spaces and opportunities for play and recreation in Dalbeattie?

Scale: 1 (Very Poor) to 7 (Excellent)

- What is good now?
- What could be made better in the future?

10. How well do facilities and services in Dalbeattie meet your needs? Scale: 1 (Very Poorly) to 7 (Very Well)

- What is good now?
- What could be made better in the future?

11. How active is the local economy in Dalbeattie and are there good opportunities for work, volunteering, and training?

Scale: 1 (Very Poor) to 7 (Excellent)

- What is good now?
- What could be made better in the future?

12. How well do the homes in Dalbeattie meet the needs of my community?

Scale: 1 (Very Poor) to 7 (Excellent)

- What is good now?
- What could be made better in the future?

13. How good is the range of opportunities which allow me to meet and spend time with other people?

Scale: 1 (Very Poor) to 7 (Excellent)

- What is good now?
- What could be made better in the future?

14. To what extent does Dalbeattie have a positive identity that supports a strong sense of belonging?

Scale: 1 (Not at all) to 7 (To a great extent)

- What is good now?
- What could be made better in the future?

15. How safe does Dalbeattie make me feel?

Scale: 1 (Very Unsafe) to 7 (Very Safe)

- What is good now?
- What could be made better in the future?

16. How well is Dalbeattie looked after and cared for?

Scale: 1 (Not well) to 7 (Very Well)

- What is good now?
- What could be made better in the future?

17. When things happen in Dalbeattie, how well am I listened to and included in decision-making?

Scale: 1 (Not at all) to 7 (To a great extent)

- What is good now?
- What could be made better in the future?

18. Rank these in order of importance (1-10):

- Healthcare Services
- Local Economy and Job Opportunities
- High Street, Affordable Shopping and Local Businesses:
- Open Space and Environmental Quality.
- Safety and Crime Rate.
- Public areas such as Street lighting/ Roads/ Parking/ pavements/paths
- Public amenities such as Public Toilet/Town Hall
- Education Facilities and Youth activities

- Housing
- Attracting visitors to Dalbeattie/Tourism

19. What would you like to see in 10 years' time that is not in Dalbeattie now?

Please list any

20. What would you be sad if it was not in Dalbeattie in 10 years' time?

Please list any.

Anything for consideration by the community council

- Feed in and approve the Survey
- Commit to help getting the survey filled out
- Purchase of Survey Monkey Genius or equivalent in order to conduct and analyse the survey.

Any other information to be passed on to the Community Council Members