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| 1 | Ward | Provide Youth Shelters. | Y | The lack of places for young people to gather was discussed in each area group at the Forum. | TECS | IR | Dec-09 | Ward Councillors agreed to initially fund one Youth Shelter from Ward Discretionary Budget. Shelter to be located in corner of Holm Park (one of the areas identified by young people at Youth Forum). Holm Community Council are very much in favour; have informed local community via web site and CC Newsletter. Shelter is being ordered, next step is installation. |
| 2 | Ward | Free Running | Y | Create opportunity for young people to go "free running" a.k.a. parkour. | ECS | EG | No further action | Area Sports Development Officer is unable to get insurance cover for the activity |
| 3 | Ward | Create opportunity for young people to help older members of the community | Y | Young people are conscious of a negative image and would like to be seen to take a more active part of their local communities and develop links with the older members of their communities. To draw on successful examples of inter-generational work elsewhere. Examples of areas for volunteering; technology tutoring (6th year IRA pupils keen), TV freeview setup. Potential work with Calman Trust, Volunteering Highland and Cairn Housing. | ECS | EG | Sep-09 | (1) Cairn Housing keen to progress the "Junior Handyperson" idea. New Cairn Handyperson is Disclosure checked & has worked with young people with behavioural problems. 18.9 Cairn Care and Repair Manager Clive Williams to progress with young person (16-18 y.o.) from IRA as a pilot scheme. 9.11 Cairn has met ECS reps to cover Health & safety/disclosure issues etc. Cairn Board to finally approve involvement. (2) Eight young people had expressed interest in volunteering at Cameron House residential home, not followed up with applications. 25.10 Assembly to offer to facilitate progress, no interest. (3) Intergenerational projects planned involving young people on mobile phone operation, sending e-mails and using the internet. 18.9 EG has met with the leader of the over 50 "Kando" club in HCC. Young people were to be invited to an informal bingo session on 9.11. Over 50 club then to provide the "audience" for young people's workshops when HCC have their new computers. No response. (4) An offer from young people to attend neighbourhood watch meeting not followed up. |
| 4 | Ward | Increase informal contact with the police | Y | Idea is to reduce young people's fear and suspicion of police by engagement in informal surroundings. Community Beat team to target schools/youth clubs. | (NC) | | Done | Northern Constabulary Community Beat Team arranged police visits during May, June 09. |
| 5 | Ward | Provide activities over the Summer | Y | Via IRA area Summer Activity Programme advertised at "www.highlandactivities.org.uk" | ECS | EG | Done | Summer Activity Programme available across Ward successfully completed 8.09. Increased no. of activities for older group compared with 08-09. |

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| 6 | Lochardil | Create youth drop in facilities in Lochardil. | Y | Young people keen to increase facilities available for older group i.e. S4 to S6. They didn't feel the need for activities to be laid on; it was described more as a social space. Good feedback on facility for younger group at Culduthel Christian Centre (CCC). | ECS | EG | Oct-09 | EG to explore with CCC. Potential issue re HC non-denominational policies, evangelism would not be acceptable. Other option is Green Drive Hall. Current consultation process on future of Green Drive Hall, may be available for increased use by the community. 18.9 No response from CCC. To pursue Green Drive Hall option with young people. If commitment staff, parental volunteers would be required. |
| 7 | Lochardil | Improve MacDonald Park. | Y | Poor state of pitch. Fix the park so it isn't flooded all year round and it isn't bumpy and uneven. Request to install flood lights and consider a youth shelter. | (L&D CC) | | 2010/11 | Lochardil and Drummond Community Council (Chairman Michael Gimson) is developing the Park. The Council has committed £35k of funding towards the Project, from the GreenInverness fund and the Ward Discretionary Budget. |
| 8 | Lochardil | Improve public transport information in Holm and Lochardil areas. | Y | The Lochardil group identified a lack of regular bus services from the Holm & Lochardil areas. They also felt the timetable information is inadequate at many of the bus stops within these areas. | TECS | NY | Done | 28.5.09 Timetables & cases installed at 7 new locations on routes in Holm and Lochardil. Neil Young is contact. Timetables also available on Stagecoach web site and via link on HC web site. |
| 9 | Lochardil | Make Drummond School swimming pool accessible to local community. | Y | To establish whether it was possible to open the special school facility at the weekend. Not possible during the week to take bookings given the needs of the school. | ECS | DW | No further action | 6.7.09 ECS considered this; facility has been designed for the special school's, use there are practical issues in adapting the facility for public use that would require significant investment, it is not viable to open another subsidised facility. The nearest alternatives are Inverness Leisure and Culloeden. |

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| 10 | Holm | Allow young people to enjoy Macdonald Park | Y | Young people felt unfairly treated by police when their names are taken and they are asked to leave Park when not drinking alcohol. Requested that the "know your rights" publication distributed at next meeting with young people. | (NC) | GT | Done | Community Beat Team to progress. PC Gary Taylor is taking S5&6 Assembly on 2.10 to discuss rights and issue copies of booklet. Assemblies with other year groups to follow. Lunch time drop-in facility now available where young people can be signposted to appropriate agencies and services as requested. Lyn Sanderson, CSW from Social Work, assisting. |
| 11 | Holm | Improve Holm Dell Park. | Y | The Park needs remedial work. Young people feel that they can't play football because of the state of the pitch. Highlighted the stones in place to stop flooding | WARD | DH | | Cllr Henderson has approached the developers (Tulloch Highland) who agree that the pitch is currently unfit for purpose and are going to re-seed the turf. Estimated cost of £1400. 24.8.09 First repair not successful, further remedial work required. |
| 12 | Holm | Clarify access to area by pylons in Ardholm. | Y | Area is used for leisure activity. | (HCC) | MB | Sep-09 | Holm Community Council Secretary Mrs May Brindley is to write to Scottish and Southern Energy. |

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| 13 | Hilton | Repair Milton Pitches. | N | Issues include drainage/general maintenance/no lighting. | ECS | | No further action | NB The pitches are in Inverness Millburn Ward. Significant investment is required to improve the pitches e.g. £30/40k per pitch to tackle drainage. There is a forthcoming review of Council Sports Facilities and the pitches are included in that. |
| 14 | Hilton | Develop grass area on Old Edinburgh Road, across from Dows Bar/Diner, as kickabout pitch | N | Used for kickabout football matches | ECS | | No further action | The open space is in Inverness Millburn Ward. There is a play area and playing field a short distance away (behind Mason Road, Teal Avenue) not close to the roadside. |
| 15 | Hilton | Open Hilton Community Centre at weekends. | Y | Agreed to arrange a 6 week pilot "drop-in" project in Community Centre on Saturday night. | ECS | EG/SM | Done | ECS to fund 6-week pilot Fusion event. If successful, the intention is to organise regular events depending on funding availability. 7.11 for 6-weeks from 7-10 p.m. Operating budget of £1k per week, including £500/night staffing costs. |
| 16 | Hilton | Establish a girls-only street football session. | Y | Contact Action for Children (AFC) regards a "girls only" street football session. | ECS | EG | No further action | EG has spoken with Jean Deacon, Active Schools Coordinator, who is to talk to the group to discuss what can be developed within school. EG has discussed with AFC & option is available. No girls turned up for the previous "Street Football" night in Hilton. Obtained contacts for the Street League. EG met with the girls Jun 09; interest has waned. |
| 17 | Hilton | Establish street rugby. | Y | SRU led with Cashback support | (SRU) | BB | Done | 30.1.09 with Youth Inclusive, 7.3.09 in Hilton Community Centre. Organised by SRU Development Officer Brian Bell. |
| 18 | Hilton | Girls' activities. | Y | Meet with girls' group to discuss next steps regarding general female activities e.g. arts & crafts, sports. | ECS | EG | Dec-09 | EG has met with Gillian Simpson, Hilton Community Centre. EG and GS are developing ideas to attract more young females into the Thursday night café or set up a separate girl's only night. The plan is to send a questionnaire round the year groups (S1-3 targeted) to generate ideas and a needs analysis. NB Identified need to encourage more girls to attend activities. 22.9 Questionnaire issued to all IRA pupils (no names, age, gender and areas to be specified). To target responses from girls in the Hilton area. |
| 19 | Hilton | Introduce Eden Court film nights for young people. | Y | Include into the Youth Development Officer's (YDO) summer programme. | ECS | EG | Done | Done. First Youth Film Night takes place on the 24th July – see summer programme. Also a Youth Bands Showcase event will take place in the Spectrum centre on the 4th July, more events to follow. |
| 20 | Hilton | Create dog-walking area. | N | Balloan Road Playing Fields is suggested location. | TECS | DM | No further action | Fencing off areas is no longer favoured; owners are encouraged to pick up and take responsibility for disposal of the waste. |
| 21 | Hilton | Make area available for music practice. | N | Hilton Village is the suggested location | ECS | | No further action | "Mall" would need stewarding, potential insurance risks. Not feasible in short term. |

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| 22 | Hilton | Clear up litter and address dog fouling at Esk Road. | Y | Complaints of debris, glass, dog fouling. | TECS | JB | Sep-09 | TECs have cleaned up park March 09. New light to be installed in centre of play park by Lighting Team, John Beaton is organising. |
| 23 | Hilton | Tackle dog fouling in Hilton | Y | Enforcement and advice required on an ongoing basis. No specific initiative to action, point accepted. | TECS | PT | Done | Recent (Jan 09) crackdown on dog fouling in the Ward (fixed penalty fines issued in Balloan Playing Fields (3), Johnstone Place, Castle Heather and Macdonald Park). 2 dispensers of bags for dog waste located in Balloan Fields. Peter Taylor, Education & Enforcement Officer also regularly carries out inspections in the Ward. |
| 24 | Hilton | Have more street football sessions. | Y | Action for Children, supported by Cashback Initiative | (AFC) | | Done | AFC have held football nights in Hilton in April, May and June. Contact is Cath McLennan. |
| 25 | Hilton | Start Hill Walking group | Y | Previous experience a year or two ago was positive. To approach countryside rangers. | ECS | EG | No further action | Planned for July 09. EG has met Country Side Rangers and walking groups can be arranged. Jun-09 Interest has waned. |
| 26 | Hilton | Introduce bike construction/maintenance classes | Y | Bike construction/repair classes suggested. | ECS | EG | Nov-09 | EG to explore options. 18.9 A 6-week project is due to start October with Black Bridge Bikes; 3 – 5 young people from the school are to attend a bike repair workshop. The young people have been selected as potential Christmas leavers with no planned destination, it's hoped that the course will improve their employability skill base. |

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| 27 | Academy | Create youth café | N | With pool/snooker/table-tennis, 2 "sixth years" in charge. | ECS | JC | No further action | Not possible to have S6 in charge as potentially significant control issues. Staff resources are fully engaged every lunchtime. External youth worker/volunteer resources would be required. |
| 28 | Academy | Increase access to the school sports facilities | Y | School playing fields across the road from the school – why not have access to them at lunchtime and after school? | ECS | JC | Done | Access for the community made available for financial year 09-10 out of school hours and during holidays with a financial commitment from the Councillors via the Ward Discretionary Budget to cover the increased cost of maintenance (esp. goalmouths). |
| 29 | Academy | Open up games hall at lunchtime. | Y | Perception that games hall was not always available for use by pupils at lunchtime. | ECS | JC | Done | 1.4.09 Gameshall is used every lunchtime for pupil activities – Monday Badminton, Tuesday S1 football, Wednesday S2 football, Thursday Handball, Friday girls hockey. Also used each day after school. |
| 30 | Academy | Explore alternative uses for blaize pitch area. | Y | Young people commented that blaize pitch area is a total waste of space. | ECS | JC | No further action | Agreed. Pitch is categorised as "bad" in Sports Facility Development Planning Analysis. Previously tried unsuccessfully for Sports Scotland to fund an all weather pitch @ £1 million. Head Teacher explored options for private sector development but poor response, possibly due to reduction in govt. funding support and the development of 5-a-side pitches nearby. 2 basketball courts on surface are regularly used at lunchtimes. Other uses - e.g. football - are limited as the surface is unconsolidated. |
| 31 | Academy | Create twilight basketball | Y | Baskeball Scotland deliver the sessions, which are supported by Cashback for communities fund | (BS) | | Done | Done. 28.5 Twilight Basketball is now being run in the IRA and in its third week. It runs between 6 and 8pm and it's hoped that when study leave is over that and influx of fourth, fifth and sixth year pupils will start to attend. Jamie Barr is contact. Runs to Feb 10. |
| 32 | Academy | Deliver High Fires Programme | Y | Early intervention programme for young people with low self esteem, behavioural issues. Activity akin to training programme undertaken by retained firefighters | (HIFRS) | CW | Done | 10-week programme supported by Big Lottery delivered by Highland & Islands Fire & Rescue Service. Cathie Way is contact. Youth Action (Social Work) provide separate programme for regular offenders. Award Ceremony held Aug 09. |