

A report on the present state of

Urban community land ownership in Scotland

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URBAN COMMUNITY LANDOWNERSHIP IN SCOTLAND IN 2018

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■ Why?

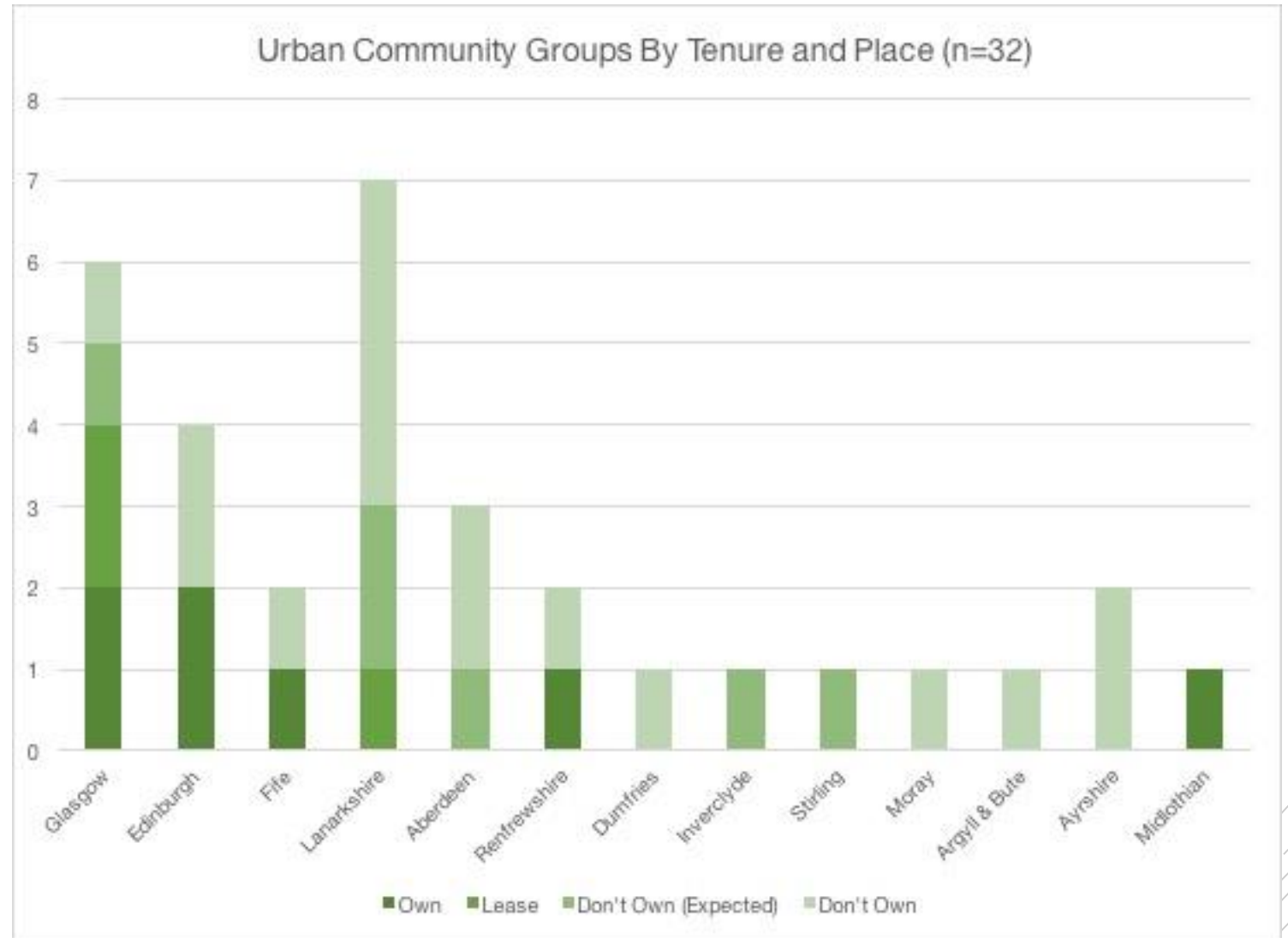
- Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016
- Sectoral knowledge based in rural experience
- Different economic, social dynamics in urban areas

■ Aims:

- *How to extended the social & economic benefits into urban communities?*
- *What barriers exist?*
- *Are there existing and potential inequalities / sources of inequalities?*
- *What land uses are of greatest interest?*

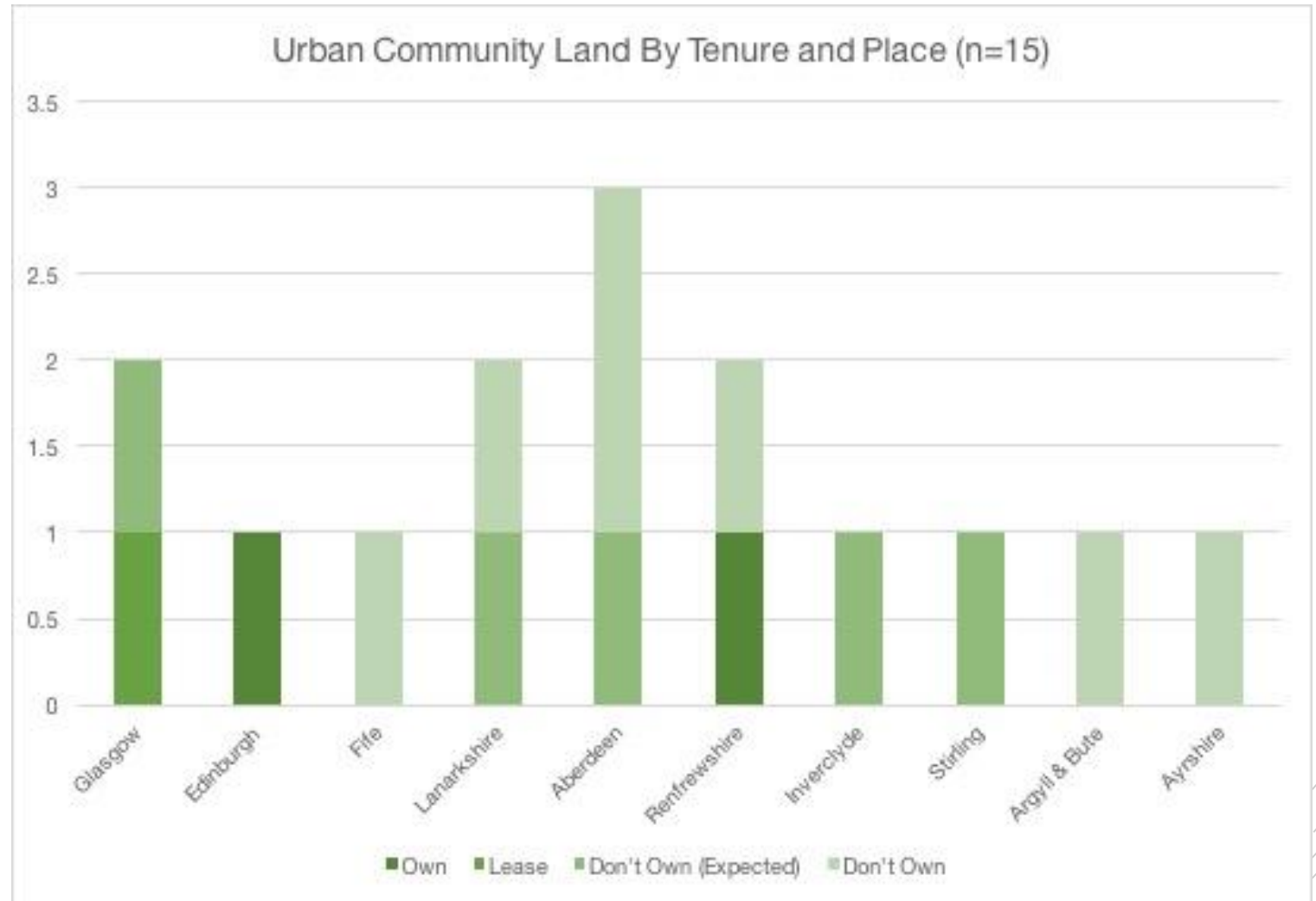
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- Lessons
 - CRtB is not user-friendly
 - CRtB favours proactivity
 - Copy-cat effect: probably not a long-term issue

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Inequalities in urban settings

- **Land costs**
 - High values
 - Decontamination and insurance costs
- **Class segregation**
 - Communities defined by postcode
- **Community empowerment – for the empowered?**

The wider CLO advantage

- **What big issues can CLO help with?**
 - Population decline
 - Social isolation and mental health
 - Town-centre/high street decline
 - Housing crisis
 - Goods and service provision

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- **Urban**

- Population 10,000
- Population density
- Proximity of buildings
- Commercial/residential

- **Land**

- Focus is on land apart from buildings

- **Ownership**

- **Community**

- Company Limited by Guarantee, Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Community Benefit Society
- Membership defined by postcode
- At least ten members, at least 75% of drawn from defined postcode
- Main purpose consistent with the delivery of sustainable development