

Action Note

Meeting:	Garnock Valley Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	6 March 2018 – Beith Community Centre
Present:	<p>Councillor John Bell (Chair); Dr Janet McKay (Vice Chair), HSCP; Depute Provost Robert Barr; Councillor Anthea Dickson; Councillor Joy Brahim; Councillor Todd Ferguson; Councillor Donald L Reid; Elaine Young, Senior Lead Officer (NHS A&A); John McKnight, Lead Officer, NAC; Christina Pieraccini, Locality Co-Ordinator; Audrey Mason, Community Representative; Ian Shaw, Community Representative; Kaileigh Brown, Third Sector Interface; Edward Kenna, Scottish Fire and Rescue; Jim McMillan, Police Scotland; Janet Dunsmore; Regeneration Officer (Garnock Valley), NAC; Andy Mackay; Business & Employability Statistician, NAC; Julia Whitaker; North Ayrshire Venture Trust Development Officer, NAC; Euan Gray; Committee Services Officer, NAC</p>
Apologies:	<p>Heather Grossart, James Waite, Beith Community Council</p>

ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the Garnock Valley Locality Partnership meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The action note from the meeting held on 6 December 2017 was discussed with the following points raised:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stagecoach have been invited to attend meetings of the Garnock Valley Locality Partnership but have not taken up the offer to date. The Moving Around Working Group will have actions involving working with Stagecoach and will report on any updates at future meetings; and • It was agreed at the last meeting that a copy of the Community Learning and Development Strategic Plan will be brought to this meeting. This has been continued to the meeting on 11 June 2018. <p>Noted.</p>	<p>Christina Pieraccini</p> <p>John McKnight</p>
3.	<p>Locality Co-ordinator Update</p> <p>Christina Pieraccini provided an update on work which has been undertaken in the Garnock Valley Locality which was followed by a group discussion where the following points were highlighted:-</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The North Ayrshire Youth Cabinet met at Garnock Campus with 92 pupils in attendance. Pupils raised concerns with the Cabinet members with the main area of focus being issues with the school. These issues included transport to and from the campus, a leaking roof, security of access, the layout, and overall value for money of the campus. A list of responses was created and it was agreed this would be circulated to Partnership members. • A mapping exercise will take place on 20 March 2018 at 4.00 p.m. in Bridgend Community Centre. This centre will focus on services around mental health which are available locally to young people and is open to anyone who wishes to attend. It was agreed that further details will be circulated. <p>Noted.</p>	<p>John Bell/ Morna Rae</p> <p>Janet MaKay/ Morna Rae</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Locality Plan Progress</p> <p>Christina Pieraccini provided an update on the Locality Plan Progress. Since the last meeting all three working groups (Moving Around, Facilities and Amenities, and Work and the Local Economy) have met and created a large number of action proposals. These will be collated before being added to the Locality Plan.</p> <p>Christina and John McKnight have a meeting scheduled to create a draft of the Locality Action Plan. It was agreed that this plan would be circulated at the next meeting.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p>John McKnight/ Christina Pieraccini</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Garnock Valley Claimant Unemployment Analysis</p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation on the economy in the Garnock Valley from Andy MacKay, Business & Employability Statistician. This covered a number of areas of the local economy including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • volume and types of businesses in the area; • the profile of the local workforce including data on age, employment status, and location; • the inactive work force; and • details on the numbers leaving the Garnock Valley for work and vice versa. <p>Members asked questions and were provided further information on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the potential affect that the roll of out universal credit will have on the statistics; • potential threats to the local economy including large employers relocating outwith the locality; • the relationship between public transport links and unemployment; • the changing ratio of part time jobs to full time jobs and the impact this has on different groups of jobseekers; • the potential to engage with the inactive workforce by making improvements in other areas, for example health and transport; and 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the impact of extended free child care will have on single parents seeking work. <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Lochshore</p> <p>Janet Dunsmore provided an update on work being undertaken around Lochshore including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> work with Scottish Enterprise to create a regeneration plan; plans to transform the site into a tourist destination which will provide economic and health benefits to the area; possible community involvement in the site; and proposals to improve the water and land quality and ongoing work with SEPA. <p>The Partnership then invited Janet to provide an update on the Stoneyholm Mill project.</p> <p>12 volunteers recently set up a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation which has met and appointed two co-chairs, a secretary and a treasurer. The group has also set up social media accounts and plan to apply for participatory budget funding.</p> <p>It was agreed that Janet would attend the next meeting to provide a further update.</p>	<p><i>Janet Dunsmore</i></p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Project Kilbrinie</p> <p>Ian Shaw provided an update of the work carried out by Project Kilbirnie since the last meeting including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a £37,000 grant which has been received from the Big Lottery; a grant which has been received from SPT for the installation of bike racks to allow cycles to leave their bikes securely between Glengarnock Station and the loch; the development of a Men's Shed which allows people to come together and build things such as benches and iron gates. The aim is to bring people together and reduce isolation and loneliness. It was noted that the facility is open to all; attempts to address issues around the lack of a safe cycle route between Betih and Kilwinning; and plans to introduce a sports event similar to an event which was hosted in Dalry. A grant application has been submitted to Tesco to help fund the project and a decision will be announced in the near future. The event is hoped to take place in 2018. <p>The Partnership thanked Ian for all of the work which has been carried out by the group and noted the update.</p>	

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<p>8.</p>	<p>HSCP Locality Forum Update</p> <p>Janet McKay provided an update from the Health and Social Care Partnership Locality Forum during which the following points were raised:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Strategic Plan Review will go the Integration Joint Board for approval on 10 March 2018. This plan closely matches the priorities of the Locality Partnership; • Musculoskeletal problems have been identified as a priority issue and this links in with the Moving Around, Work and the Economy, and Facilities and Amenities working groups set up by the Partnership; and • a meeting of the Locality Forum Chairs have a scheduled meeting in week commencing 12 March 2018. <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Locality Youth Forum Update</p> <p>Christina Pieraccini provided an update from the Locality Youth Forum which covered the following points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the testing of a mental health toolkit; • the youth participatory budget event which saw nine youth groups from the Garnock Valley awarded a total of £7,362; and • the involvement of the Youth Forum in the shortleeting for the participatory budgeting event which will take place on 10 March 2018; • the Choices for Life workshops which took place in schools and was well received. <p>John McKnight informed the Partnership that David McKnight has been nominated for an award for the National Youth Worker 2018 Awards. The Partnership congratulated David on his nomination and wished him the best of luck.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Participatory Budgeting</p> <p>Christina Pieraccini provided an update on the Garnock Valley Locality Participatory Budgeting event which will take place on 10 March 2018 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Dalry Primary School. A total of 30 applications has been narrowed down to 25 after shortleeting. Those in attendance who live or work in North Ayrshire will have the opportunity to speak to each applicant and score each of them.</p> <p>It was agreed that (a) members of the Partnership would help to spread word on the event and (b) that a report will be circulated to all members following the event detailing successful applicants and their projects.</p>	<p>(a) All Members (b) Christina Pieraccini</p>

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<p>11.</p>	<p>Poverty Conference</p> <p>Discussion took place around the draft action plan which was circulated following the Challenge Poverty Conference which took place during October 2017. It was noted that a number of the actions which have been proposed are already developing in the Garnock Valley.</p> <p>Members asked questions and provided further information on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the possibility of creating a Community Fridge/Freezer which would allow members of the community to donate food items which they will not use so that others may benefit. It was suggested that this would have less stigma than using a food bank and could help reduce waste; and • the difficulty in targeting individuals who are most in need of support and the benefits of using funds for wider reaching projects which would engage more with people who need support. <p>Councillor Barr requested a meeting with officers of North Ayrshire Council to discuss the best way to distribute funding which has not been fully utilised recently.</p> <p>John McKnight agreed to set up a meeting between himself, Councillor Barr, Sheena Woodside and Bruce McMaster, Food Development Officer.</p>	<p><i>John McKnight</i></p>						
<p>12.</p>	<p>Grants</p> <p>John McKnight provided an update on grant applications which have been received in respect of the Nurturing Excellence in Communities Fund.</p> <p>Following discussion with the Partnership, the North Ayrshire Councillors agreed to award the following:-</p> <p>Nurturing Excellence in Communities Fund</p> <table data-bbox="193 1361 1106 1473"> <tr> <td>Eadha Enterprises</td> <td>£1,000.00*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Beith and District Community Council</td> <td>£ 572.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Project Kilbirnie</td> <td>£ 2,018.30</td> </tr> </table> <p>* The award to Eadha Enterprises is subject to (a) the full amount for the project being raised with evidence of the longer term financial stability of the development site, being made available to the LPP; and (b) further information is provided in relation the training and environmental education which will be provided, namely who will provide/receive this and when will it be provided.</p> <p>Following the above awards the Nurturing Excellence in Communities has a balance of £0.00 available for dispersal.</p>	Eadha Enterprises	£1,000.00*	Beith and District Community Council	£ 572.50	Project Kilbirnie	£ 2,018.30	
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<p>13.</p>	<p>Street Naming</p> <p>John McKnight presented a report which proposed that a bank of street names should be created which can be used by the Planning department at short notice when a new development is approved.</p>							

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	A discussion took place around the merits of this proposal and issues which could arise from creating a bank of names. The consensus from the Partnership was that street names are often tailored to the location of the development and therefore new developments should continue to come before the Locality Partnership meetings to be named.	John McKnight
14.	AOCB Councillor Brahim requested that details for Locality Partnership meetings are given more prominence on the Community Planning Partnership website.	Morna Rae
15.	Date of Next Meeting The next meeting of the Garnock Valley Locality Partnership meeting will take place on 11 June 2018.	

The meeting ended at 9.10 p.m.