

Action Note

Meeting:	Garnock Valley Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	4 December 2018 – Garnock Campus, Glengarnock
Present:	<p>Councillor John Bell (Chair); Councillor Todd Ferguson; Councillor Donald L. Reid; Elaine Young, NHS Ayrshire and Arran (Senior Lead Officer); John McKnight, NAC (Lead Officer); Christina Pieraccini, NAC (Locality Officer); David Cameron, Police Scotland; Janet McKay, NAHSCP (Vice Chair); Catherine Wigzell, Community Representative; Ian Shaw, Community Representative; Audrey Mason, Community Representative; James Waite, Community Representative; Sheena Woodside, Community Representative; Julia Whitaker, North Ayrshire Venture Trust Development Officer, NAC Euan Gray; Committee Services Officer, NAC</p>
Apologies:	<p>Councillor Robert Barr; Councillor Joy Brahim; Councillor Anthea Dickson; Kayleigh Brown, Third Sector Interface</p>

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No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the Garnock Valley Locality Partnership meeting and apologies were noted.</p>	
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The Action Note from the meeting held on 6 September 2018 was approved.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the Festivals and Events budget cannot be carried into the next financial year and the balance must be spent by the end of March 2019. All other actions were complete or would be covered in the meeting.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
3.	<p>Stagecoach Overview of Work in the Garnock Valley</p> <p>The Partnership received an update on developments with the Stagecoach bus service in the Garnock Valley from Alison McCluskie, Operations Director for Stagecoach West Scotland, and Fraser Smith, Commercial Director for Stagecoach West Scotland.</p>	

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	<p>Mr Smith began by setting out some of the challenges faced by bus operators across the country: increased car ownership leading to increased congestion, people travelling less to town centres to shop and socialise, and a change in work patters leading to a reduction in the number of people commuting at traditional times. He then addressed the fact that, as a commercial business, Stagecoach must make a profit and adding additional busses to routes would therefore not be a viable solution.</p> <p>Mr Smith then spoke of the importance of partnership working and stated that the Councils have a role to play in ensuring there is a reliable bus service in their area. He said that Stagecoach wanted to work with communities and would take all feasible suggestions on board.</p> <p>The Partnership asked questions and were provided with further information on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• timetabling busses so that they meet the trains coming from Glasgow and Irvine;• the issues faced by locals who work in towns like Kilmarnock and rely on public transport outwith peak times;• the lack of consultation with parents over the trial period for the route which ran to the new Garnock Campus and that fact that private busses are now being run by parents for school transport;• how operators can adapt when passenger numbers are low and therefore adding busses would not solve the issue;• a timetabling issue with the number 25 where two busses come in minutes apart; and• if Stagecoach would engage with a proposed travel needs analysis. <p>Stagecoach agreed to (a) link with the group in relation to the transport needs assessment; (b) investigate timetabling issues with the 25 service and the fact that the busses do not meet the trains; and (c) provide a future update on the suggestion that smaller busses on minor routes feeding into major routes. Christina to make ensure links are made to Stagecoach at appropriate juncture</p>	<p>Christina Pieraccini</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Coastguard Rescue Service</p> <p>Kevin Paterson from the Ardrossan Coastguard Rescue Service gave a presentation and highlighted some of the points below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Team is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year;• Each team member is a volunteer who lives within the local community, has a full time occupation and brings with them their own specialist skills and knowledge, ensuring for a diverse and very capable rescue unit;• Currently the team has specialists in industrial rope access, first aid and advanced trauma care as well as advanced land navigation and search management;	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team are highly trained in a wide range of disciplines including water rescue, missing person search techniques, technical rope rescue, 4x4 support, radio communications, emergency life support and helicopter operations; and • Although primarily tasked with coastal and cliff rescue incidents, the team can deploy inland if required to assist other emergency services with missing person searches or rescue operations where our specialist equipment and techniques can be deployed. <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Locality Youth Forum Update</p> <p>The Partnership received an update on the Locality Youth Forum from Taylor Broughton, Dionne Griffiths, Nicole Welsh, and Amy ***</p> <p>The Youth Forum aims to work closely with the Partnership to improve the lives of young people in the Garnock Valley. They also plan to work with schools to encourage increased participation in the Forum among pupils.</p> <p>Two members of the Youth Forum have started the process to become candidates for the Scottish Youth Parliament Elections which will take place in March 2019.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Council Plan and Budget Engagement</p> <p>The Partnership received a report from John McKnight on the draft Council Plan 2019-2024.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed the “plan on a page” model used. The general consensus was positive with members noting it was an effective way of displaying the Council’s main goals. It was also noted that while the information that was available was positive, a full action plan would still be needed to explain how these goals would be achieved.</p> <p>Members were asked to submit any feedback to the Community Planning team inbox.</p>	<p><i>All members</i></p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Participatory Budgeting</p> <p>Christina Pieraccini provided an update on participatory budgeting in the Garnock Valley informing members that the process of collating responses is under way and that Survey Monkey has been used to allow a greater number of responses to be submitted.</p> <p>At a recent youth participatory budget event 11 youth groups from the Garnock Valley received funding with 787 young people casting a vote.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	

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<p>8.</p>	<p>Locality Co-ordinator Update</p> <p>Christina Pieraccini submitted a report on the work which she has undertaken in her role as Locality Co-Ordinator.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>HSCP Locality Forum Update</p> <p>Janet McKay provided a verbal update on the work which has been undertaken by the HSCP Locality Forum.</p> <p>A number of points were discussed including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An engagement activity around their local priorities; • A review of the membership of the Locality Forum; • £2.5m investment from the health board to rehabilitation and enablement services; and • Issues with recruitment and non-traditional routes for staff entering employment with the NHS. <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Locality Plan Progress</p> <p>Christina Pieraccini submitted a report on the work which has been undertaken by the three Locality Partnership Sub-groups, Moving Around, Facilities and Amenities, and Work and the Local Economy.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund</p> <p>John McKnight provided an update on the status of the application for CIF funding submitted by Dalry Sports Club for a drainage project in Dalry Public Park.</p> <p>At the meeting on 6 September 2018 the Partnership considered the application and agreed to request that a report be produced by an NAC Roads Flooding expert on the proposed drainage method and other funding options. A drainage survey has now been commissioned and the results will be reported in due course.</p> <p>The Partnership were also made aware of an issue around the ownership of the land and the restrictions on the type of work which can be carried out without a lease in place. Dalry Sports Club advised that this information has only recently come to light and is a large setback to the proposal. Meetings have been scheduled to discuss the future progress of the proposal.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	

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<p>12.</p>	<p>Grant Funding</p> <p><u>Community Investment Fund</u></p> <p>The Partnership considered expressions of interest in terms of CIF funding from the Beith Development Trust, The Ayrshire Community Trust (TACT), and the GVLP Facilities and Amenities Working Group.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to refer the applications to the relevant working group to ascertain if enough information has been provided and to bring a recommendation to a future meeting.</p> <p>The Partnership also considered a CIF funding application from the Moving Around Working Group for £25,000 to fund a travel needs analysis in the area. The Partnership agreed that the proposal proceed to the North Ayrshire Council Cabinet for approval.</p> <p>It was noted that there may be a requirement in future to use part of the CIF funding for future grant awarding PB</p> <p><u>Other Grants</u></p> <p>The Partnership agreed to make the following awards:-</p> <p>Nurturing Excellence in Communities</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Barmill Community Association</td> <td>£621.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Garnock Valley Allotment Association</td> <td>£0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Greenhills SWI</td> <td>£270.97 (i)</td> </tr> </table> <p>Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Charitable Trust</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Garnock Valley Men's Shed</td> <td>£1249.71</td> </tr> </table> <p>Dalry and Gateside Charitable Trust</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Playtime Early Years</td> <td>£0 (ii)</td> </tr> </table> <p>Margaret Archibald Bequest</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>St. Margaret's Church Guild</td> <td>£260</td> </tr> </table> <p>(i) The total amount requested less the amount for marquee hire was awarded. The group will be advised on who to contact to use the community marquees.</p> <p>(ii) The application was deferred to a future meeting pending a consultation response from the Council's legal team.</p>	Barmill Community Association	£621.58	Garnock Valley Allotment Association	£0	Greenhills SWI	£270.97 (i)	Garnock Valley Men's Shed	£1249.71	Playtime Early Years	£0 (ii)	St. Margaret's Church Guild	£260	<p><i>Christina Pieraccini</i></p> <p><i>Audrey Sutton</i></p> <p><i>Julia Whitaker</i></p>
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<p>13.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The date of the next meeting of the Garnock Valley Locality Partnership has yet to be confirmed. A meeting initiation will be issued to all members in due course.</p>													

The meeting ended at 9.25 p.m.