

Action Note

Meeting:	Garnock Valley Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	7 March 2019 - Bridgend Community Centre
Present:	<p>Councillor John Bell (Chair); Councillor Robert Barr; Councillor Joy Brahim; Councillor Donald L. Reid; Elaine Young, NHS Ayrshire and Arran (Senior Lead Officer); Angela Morrell, NAC (Lead Officer); Christina Pieraccini, NAC (Locality Officer); David Cameron, Police Scotland; Catherine Wigzell, Community Representative; Ian Shaw, Community Representative; Audrey Mason, Community Representative; James Waite, Community Representative; Sheena Woodside, Community Representative; Kayleigh Brown, Third Sector Interface; Rosemary Fotheringham, Funding Officer, NAC; Bernadette Anderson, Performance/Grants Information Officer, NAC; Rhona Arthur, Senior Manager (Connected Communities), NAC; Euan Gray; Committee Services Officer, NAC</p>
Apologies:	<p>Councillor Anthea Dickson; Councillor Todd Ferguson;</p>

ACTIONS

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> <p>The Partnership welcomed Angela Morrell and Rosemary Fotheringham, replacements for John McKnight and Bernadette Anderson who will be retiring from North Ayrshire Council. John and Bernadette were thanked for all their work with community groups over the years.</p>	
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The action note from the meeting held on 4 December 2018 was approved.</p> <p>The Moving Around sub-group met with Stagecoach, SPT and Police Scotland on 13 February to discuss support and advice for carrying out the travel needs analysis and a number of other issues. Stagecoach confirmed they were open to the possibility of operating smaller busses on minor routes which feed into a major route.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to pursue Stagecoach for a solution to issues around clashes in the bus and train timetables.</p>	<p>Christina Pieraccini</p>

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	Noted.	
3.	<p>Locality Officer Update</p> <p>Christina Pieraccini referenced an update on the work which has been undertaken in the locality which was included in the agenda pack and highlighted the following points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Community Council are recruiting members - the deadline for nominations is at 12noon on 1 April 2019; • Café Solace, GV Men's Shed, and Robyn Caldwell have been shortlisted for Civic Pride Awards; and • the three Community Council's met in February to discuss working on joint marketing and submitting an application for funding for a participatory budgeting event. <p>Christina also gave an update on a Streetscene PB event which will ask residents to vote on where the service should focus its work and on a decision taken by the Arran LP to merge with the Health and Social Care Locality Forum. This merger will be viewed as a pilot over the next 12 months and if a successful model, other localities may move forward with such a merger.</p> <p>Finally, she gave presentation on the Food Development Plan which aims to address and tackle food poverty and circulated maps which display where groups tackling this issue in the area are based. It was agreed that this map would be published online.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	Christina Pieraccini
4.	<p>HSCP Locality Forum Update</p> <p>Janet McKay was unable to attend so an update will be requested for the next meeting.</p>	Janet McKay
5.	<p>Locality Plan Progress</p> <p>A brief update was on the work carried out by each subgroup.</p> <p><u>Moving Around</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIF funding for a traffic needs analysis has been approved by Cabinet; • A meeting took place between Stagecoach, SPT and Police Scotland to discuss issues in the area; and • The possibility of bulk buying travel season tickets at a discounted rate is being explored. These tickets would then be sold with the savings passed on. <p><u>Facilities and Amenities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for CIF funding from the Facilities and Amenities Working Group and the Beith Community Development Trust have been submitted; and 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is being undertaken to host a film festival in the Garnock Valley. <p><u>Work and Local Community</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are plans to visit the Stove Network in Dumfries to look at the possibility of replicating their work around improving town centres in the Garnock Valley; and • The application for CIF funding from TACT has been placed on hold as an application has been made for Inspiring Communities funding. A decision will be taken in June. <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund</p> <p>The Partnership received an update on applications for CIF funding which had previously considered:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Men's Shed were underway with their refurbishment and a music club has been set up; • An initial meeting to discuss the travel needs analysis has been arranged with the Council's Active Travel and Transport Manager; • TACT have put on hold their interest while they seek funding elsewhere; and • Dalry Park are waiting for a quote for traditional drainage and have planned a visit to Robroyston to view a similar project. 	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Grant Funding</p> <p><u>Community Investment Fund - Expression of Interest</u></p> <p>The Partnership received an expression of interest for £39,000 of CIF funding from the Garnock Valley Collective Community Councils to hold a participatory budget event in the area.</p> <p>It was agreed to progress this application to the next stage.</p> <p><u>Community Investment Fund - Application for Comment</u></p> <p>The Partnership discussed an application for £50,000 of CIF funding from the GVLP Facilities and Amenities Working Group to hire an employee to promote the Garnock Valley as a positive destination and help groups promote the work which is carried out locally.</p> <p>Discussion took place about the use CIF grants to fund employees which may set a precedent, the dangers of this and the awards made by other LPs for similar applications.</p> <p>There was also dialogue around the organisation which would be responsible for the employee, employee rights which outline when a permanent contract must be offered and the importance that a legacy is created by this employee.</p>	<p>Christina Pieraccini</p>

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The Partnership noted the draft application, which will go back to the working group for further consideration, based on comments received.

Community Investment Fund - Application for Decision

The Partnership discussed an application for £75,000 of CIF funding from the Beith Community Development Trust for the Gielisland Hall Gateway Project.

Members debated the following points prior to making a decision:-

- the level of funding this group already receives, the difference the CIF award would make and the added value which would be created by making the award;
- issues around funding staffing costs and the impression that some of the grant would be used to fund an existing post; and
- different options for payments should the award be granted including staggering payments across the duration of the project.

The Partnership (a) agreed to make a recommendation the North Ayrshire Council Cabinet that an award of £45,000 be paid to the Beith Community Development Trust; and (b) to note that (i) the level of the award would allow for the new post to be funded and (ii) that the group were free to re-apply for CIF funding in the future.

**Audrey
Sutton**

Nurturing Excellence in Communities

The Partnership agreed to make the following awards:-

Garnock Valley Men's Shed	£1,000
Cunninghame Choir	£1,000
Beith Harriers Athletics Club	£1,000
Garnock Valley Transition Group	£ 824.02
Beith and District Community Council	£ 408.98
Attix CIC	£ 986
St Innan's Day	£1,000

**Rosemary
Fotheringham**

Beith and Gateside Charitable Trust

The Partnership agreed to make the following awards:-

Barrmill Jilly Beggars Club	£3,166 (i)
Beith Orr Park Neighbourhood Watch	£3,676.59 (ii)

(i) Councillor Donald L. Reid, as a former chair of the group, declared an interest in this application and took no part in decision making process.

(ii) The group applied for £5,000 and were awarded the remaining balance of the Beith and Gateside Charitable Trust. It was agreed that the group would be advised of other funding options available to them.

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	<p><u>Festival and Events Fund</u></p> <p>The Partnership agreed to make the following awards:-</p> <table> <tr> <td>Beith Trust</td> <td>£1,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Innan's Day</td> <td>£1,000</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Dalry Charitable Trust</u></p> <p>The Partnership agreed to make the following awards:-</p> <table> <tr> <td>Garnock Valley Youth Forum</td> <td>£1,263.60</td> </tr> </table>	Beith Trust	£1,000	St Innan's Day	£1,000	Garnock Valley Youth Forum	£1,263.60	
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8.	<p>Locality Youth Forum Update</p> <p>Garry Tate provided an update on the work undertaken by the Locality Youth Forum, highlighting the following points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eight young people from the Garnock Community Campus are involved in a program designed to improve their chances of reaching a positive destination when leaving school; • The Youth Forum are holding weekly meetings and are supporting a candidate in the MSYP elections; • The Dalry Drop-in, Twilight Basket Ball, and Y-Dance and Girls Group are currently meeting once a week; • There are plans to begin a Dalry Street Work programme to help tackle concerns with youth disorder and a Transition Programme to assist pupils moving from primary to secondary school. <p>Noted.</p>							
9.	<p>Gaelic Language Plan 2019-2024</p> <p>Rona Arthur provided an update on the forthcoming consultation around the North Ayrshire Gaelic Language Plan.</p> <p>The background to the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 and the work which was undertaken in the first plan (2014-2019) was provided. A consultation exercise will take place around the new plan in April and May.</p> <p>Noted.</p>							
10.	<p>Garnock Valley Hackathon</p> <p>Rhona Arthur provided a verbal update on the Garnock Valley Hackathon which allowed members of the public to use the Council's</p>							

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	<p>public data to develop ideas that would benefit the running of the Council.</p> <p>Feedback was positive however there were limitations to what could be achieved with the available data. A trip to Manchester has been organised to view their event.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
11.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Councillor Barr raised an issue around the Town Centre Regeneration Fund and questioned whether this would be available to towns in the Garnock Valley.</p> <p>Rhona Arthur suggested that the Partnership collate any ideas which could be financed by this fund and address any queries to the Council's Head of Economic Growth.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
12.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Garnock Valley Locality Partnership will take place on Thursday 6 June 2019 at 7.00 p.m. in Beith Primary School</p>	

The meeting ended at 9.25 p.m.