



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Garnock Valley Locality Partnership

Thursday 5 September 2019 at 7.00 pm in Garnock Campus, Beith Rd,
Glengarnock, Beith, KA14 3BF

Business

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Timings
1.	Welcome and Apologies			Cllr Bell	7.00 – 7.05
2.	Action Note Review the action note and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 3	Enclosed	Elaine Young	7.05 – 7.15
3.	Green Health Receive presentation from Gillian Jennings.	-	Presentation	Gillian Jennings	7.15 – 7.35
4.	CIF - Positive Garnock Valley Vision	Pg 9	Enclosed	Stewart Beck/Facilities & Amenities Group	7.35 – 7.50
STANDING AGENDA ITEMS					
5.	Locality Officer Update Receive update from Christina Pieraccini	Pg 15	Enclosed	Stewart Beck	7.50 – 8.00
6.	HSCP Locality Forum Update Receive update on progress	-	Verbal	Dr Janet McKay	8.00 - 8.10
7.	Locality Plan Progress Receive feedback from sub-groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving Around • Facilities and Amenities • Work and the Local Community 	-	Verbal	Stewart Beck Community Reps	8.10 – 8.25
OTHER BUSINESS – DECISION REQUIRED					
8.	Grant Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurturing Excellence • Margaret Archibald Bequest Fund 	Pg 19	Enclosed	Rosemary Fotheringham	8.25 – 8.40
OTHER BUSINESS – TO INFORM LOCALITY PLANNING					
9.	Garnock Valley Young People Receive update on recent work.	-	Verbal	Garry Tait	8.40 – 8.45
10.	Lochshore Receive update on work at Lochshore.	-	Verbal	Angela Morrell	8.45 – 8.50
11.	AOCB	-		Cllr Bell	8.50 – 9.00

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street Naming • 2020 Provosts Awards | | | Angela Morrell | |
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Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 3 December 2019, 7.00 p.m. Rosearden

Distribution

Elected Members

Councillor John Bell **(Chair)**
 Councillor Robert Barr
 Councillor Anthea Dickson
 Councillor Joy Brahim
 Councillor Todd Ferguson
 Councillor Donald L Reid

Community Representatives

Catherine Wigzell, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community
 Council Sheena Woodside, Dalry Community Council
 Audrey Mason, Community Representative
 Ian Shaw, Community Representative
 James Waite, Beith & District Community Council

CPP/Council Representatives

Dr Janet McKay, North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership **(Vice Chair)**
 Kaileigh Brown, Third Sector Interface
 David Cameron, Police Scotland
 Raymond Fallon, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
 Rosemary Fotheringham, Funding Officer, North Ayrshire Council
 Angela Morrell, Lead Officer, North Ayrshire Council
 Christina Pieraccini, Locality Officer
 Elaine Young, Senior Lead Officer (NHS Ayrshire & Arran)

Meeting:	Garnock Valley Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	6 June 2019 – Beith Primary School
Present:	<p>Councillor John Bell (Chair); Councillor Robert Barr; Councillor Joy Brahim; Councillor Anthea Dickson; Councillor Todd Ferguson; Councillor Donald L. Reid; Dr Janet McKay, NAHSCP (Vice-Chair) Elaine Young, NHS Ayrshire and Arran (Senior Lead Officer); Angela Morrell, Lead Officer, NAC; Christina Pieraccini, Locality Officer, NAC; James Waite, Beith and District Community Council; Catherine Wigzell, Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Community Council; Ian Shaw, Community Representative; Audrey Mason, Community Representative; David Cameron, Police Scotland; Rosemary Fotheringham, Funding Officer, NAC; Damien Giffiths, Data Analyst, NAC; and Euan Gray, Committee Services Officer, NAC</p>
Apologies:	Sheena Woodside , Dalry Community Council

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>	
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The action note from the meeting held on 7 March 2019 was approved with the following points raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stagecoach agreed to assist with the travel needs analysis which will be carried out by the Moving Around Working Group and defer any decisions on routes and timetables until this has been carried out; • changes will be made to the food plan maps prior to them being uploaded to the Community Planning website; • the CIF grant of £45,000 for the Gielisland Hall Gateway Project was awarded to the Beith Community Trust following approval by the NAC Cabinet. <p>The Partnership noted the update on actions arising from the last meeting.</p>	

<p>3.</p>	<p>Story Maps</p> <p>The Locality Partnership received a presentation from Damien Griffith on Story Maps. The presentation highlighted the benefits of the new tool and how it can be used by communities.</p> <p>A link to Story Maps will be published on the Community Planning Partnership website and group members will be notified and sent the link</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p>CPP Team</p>
<p>4.</p>	<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"> • two young people from the Garnock Valley have been elected to the Scottish Youth Parliament; • a litter-pick which took place in Beith on 27 April and saw around 50 participants help to tidy up the town; • the St Inan's Gala Day which will take place in Beith on 15 June 2019 and will be the first time in six years which the festival will be celebrated; and • buses will be available to transport people to from the Garnock Valley to the food PB event on Saturday 8 June 2019. <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>HSCP Locality Forum Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Janet McKay on work which has been undertaken in the locality by the Health and Social Care Locality Forum with the following point raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the transformation process currently underway within GP surgeries through the Primary Care Implementation Fund. This will see GPs focussing on complex clinical care with other healthcare professionals such as physiotherapists and pharmacists being available in surgeries to provide additional services; • the pilot scheme in Arran which has merged the Locality Partnership and Locality Forum will run for one year and will be reviewed thereafter as a future model for the other 5 localities; • the expansion of the Link Worker facility across the Garnock Valley. Link Workers will be based in GP surgeries and will provide people with guidance on which non-medical services are available in the area and how to make use of these; and • plans to refresh the Locality Forums priorities and a request that suggestions for priorities be sent to Janet McKay. 	<p>All Members</p>

	<p>Members asked questions and were provided with further information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Forum’s current priorities, progress which has been made towards achieving these and the plans to refresh the priorities; • a mapping exercise which was agreed as part of the Mental Health for Young People priority and that fact that two teaches have been seconded to research which services are available for each school; • the positive impact of introducing School Councillors and the fact that there is a waiting list for appointments in most schools. <p>Noted.</p>											
<p>6.</p>	<p>Locality Plan Progress</p> <p>An update was provided on the work carried out by each sub-group.</p> <p><u>Moving Around</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the group are continuing to work on building the consultants brief for the travel needs analysis; • Dr Bike sessions will be held at this year’s Parklives event and will provide a repair service and cycle promotion; and • six members of the Garnock Valley Men’s Shed have participated in and passed a Cycle Ride Leader course run by Cycling UK. <p><u>Facilities and Amenities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the group will be revisiting the proposal for the Positive Garnock Valley. <p><u>Work and Local Community</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dalry Sports Club are looking to train volunteers at future Parklives events ; and • the previously proposed visit to the Stove Network in Dumfries will not be going ahead. The network has been overwhelmed by requests for visits and are therefore not in a position to offer this service. <p>Noted.</p>											
<p>7.</p>	<p>Grant Funding</p> <p><u>Nurturing Excellence in Communities</u> The Partnership agreed to make the following awards:</p> <table data-bbox="204 1854 976 2042"> <tr> <td>Dalry Amateurs Football Club</td> <td>£1,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dalry Rovers Girls Under 13s</td> <td>£ 999</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Garnock Valley Visually Impaired Group</td> <td>£ 750</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Beith Orr Neighbourhood Watch</td> <td>£1,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Garnock Campus Sports Council</td> <td>£1,000</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Dalry Charitable Trust</u></p>	Dalry Amateurs Football Club	£1,000	Dalry Rovers Girls Under 13s	£ 999	Garnock Valley Visually Impaired Group	£ 750	Beith Orr Neighbourhood Watch	£1,000	Garnock Campus Sports Council	£1,000	<p>Rosemary Fotheringham</p>
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The Partnership agreed to make the following awards:

55th Ayrshire Scouts Support Club £ 0*

Margaret Archibald Bequest

The Partnership agreed to make the following awards:

St Margaret's Social Group £ 900**
St Palladius Ladies Guild £ 500

* The Partnership agreed to write to this group to inform them that the project outlined in their application is acceptable however, given the considerable difference between the amount requested and the balance available for dispersal (£23,066.20) confirmation of other funding sources would require to be submitted before approval could be given. It was also noted approval would be subject to OSCAR's approval in terms of the winding up of this fund.

** Councillor Robert Barr declared an interest in this grant application as a member of the travel group and took no part in the decision-making process.

Councillor Robert Barr raised an item of business relating to the Margaret Archibald Bequest (MAB). The Partnership were informed that the Dalry Old Folks Committee recently went through a change of committee membership which resulted in an application to the MAB for funding towards summer outings missing the deadline. Councillor Barr proposed that the application could be submitted to Councillors via email for decision to allow the trip to go ahead. The Partnership unanimously agreed.

Community Investment Fund – Applications for Comment

The Partnership considered two applications for CIF funding which were submitted for comment by the Beith and District Community Council and the Facilities and Amenities Working Group.

James Waite outlined the application from Beith and District Community Council for £39,000 to hold three participatory budgeting events across the Garnock Valley. The events will look to fund projects/events which tie in with the partnerships three priorities and will see all three community councils working together. The events are anticipated to take pace in May/June 2020.

The Partnership agreed to make a recommendation to the North Ayrshire Council Cabinet, that an award of £39,000 be made to Beith and District Community Council from the Community Investment Fund.

The Partnership then considered the application from the Facilities and Amenities Working Group for £80,000 to promote the Garnock Valley as a positive destination and help to promote the assets which can be found locally.

Discussion took place with the following points raised:

Rosemary Fotheringham

Audrey Sutton

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • concerns over hiring a consultant, as detailed at Stage 1 of the proposal, to carry out work mapping the wants and needs of the area as this has been carried out many times over the years; • uncertainties around the proposed role which will be funded including which organisation they will sit under, the role profile and costs; • whether the skills and knowledge that a consultant would have would be better than a local resident who knows the area. <p>The Partnership agreed to feedback to the group that proposal should comprise of two funding applications. The first being for consultants to map the area, create a role profile and outline who the host organisation would be. The second application could then be for employee costs and at this stage the Partnership would have enough information to make a determination.</p>	Christina Pieraccini
8.	<p>Locality Youth Forum Update</p> <p>Garry Tate provided an update on the work undertaken by the Locality Youth Forum, highlighting a number of points and setting out the upcoming summer programme.</p> <p>Angela Morrell informed the Partnership that the initiative that provides school meals outside of term times would be available to Youth Forum activities which run over the summer.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
9.	<p>Lochshore</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Angela Morrell on work which had been undertaken around the Lochshore regeneration.</p> <p>A funding bid was rejected in March however using the feedback provided the proposal will be redeveloped with a revised use for the building. A deadline for expressions of interest was set for 10 June 2019.</p> <p>Three meetings will be scheduled to reshape the proposal and all parties who were involved in the first bid will be invited to take part included Partnership members.</p> <p>Members were asked to submit the names of anyone who should be invited to these meeting to Angela Morrell.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	All members.
10.	<p>AOCB</p> <p><u>Roads Maintenance Programme 2019/20</u></p> <p>The Partnership received a report outlining the roads, structures and streetlighting maintenance programme 2019/20.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	

<p><u>Membership</u> Discussion took place on the membership of the Partnership, specifically the Community Rep vacancy which will be advertised in due course. The length of term for members was also discussed and the risks associated with a high turnover in a short space of time were highlighted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p><u>Anti-social Behaviour</u> David Cameron, Police Scotland, answered questions around anti-social behaviour in the area and stressed the importance of reporting incidences immediately.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
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The meeting ended at 9.25 p.m.



Community Investment Fund Application Form: Garnock Valley Locality

The CIF will support proposals and projects that:

- Connect with:
 - The North Ayrshire Fair for All Inequalities Strategy;
 - the Community Planning Partnership and Locality priorities; and
 - North Ayrshire Council's values, priorities and business objectives.
- Fulfil a compelling need and do not duplicate existing services or facilities;
- Provide long-term, sustainable, positive results for the greatest number of people possible;
- Exhibit project and/or organisational innovation in their approaches to their work in their way of addressing community challenges and in their request to Locality Partnerships and the Council;
- Come from (an) organisation(s) that is financially viable (can provide financial statements upon request) and efficiently and effectively managed. This can include an organisation to be created to deliver the project;
- Include options or potential for NAC and CPP employee engagement and volunteering where possible; and
- Include measurable outcomes and can report to NAC on outcomes on a regular basis.

When to apply and how?

- LPs should continue to engage with their communities and
- stimulate interest in the CIF. The Locality Partnership will then strategically assess the applications, make links and look at the funding 'in the round'.
- If the partnership supports a bid then the group will be encouraged to submit a full application form, which they will decide upon before making a proposal to Cabinet for final approval.
- The finalised proposal will go to the next suitable Cabinet for final approval.
- Forms should be returned to your Locality Officer, by email if possible:

Christina Pieraccini
Locality Officer - Garnock Valley
 Connected Communities
 North Ayrshire Council
 Walker Hall
 45, Main Street
 Kilbirnie
 KA25 7BX

Tel: 01505 680206
 Email: cpieraccini@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Support and information will be available for groups who are not successful. For more information see the guidance form here: <http://www.northayrshire.community/wp-content/uploads/sites/60/2018/06/community-investment-fund-guidance-notes-17-12-17.pdf>

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
Community Investment Fund

1. Details of your organisation

Name of Organisation: Garnock Valley Locality Partnership
Facilities and Amenities Working Group

Postal Address for
Correspondence: Walker Hall, 45 Main Street, Kilbirnie, KA25 7BX.....
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Name of Contact Person: Christina Pieraccini.....
Position in Organisation: Locality Officer.....

Contact Telephone Number: 01505 680206.....

E mail address cpieraccini@north-ayrshire.gov.uk.....

2. Brief description of your organisation

The Facilities & Amenities working group is a sub group of the Garnock Valley Locality Partnership. The Working Group was set up in February 2018 to work collaboratively to take forward actions identified by the community, which are captured in the Garnock Valley Locality Action Plan.

The group is chaired by Catherine Wigzell, who is the Chair of Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council. Other members of the working group include representatives from: Dalry Community Council, Beith Community Development Trust and Project Kilbirnie.

The group meet monthly and have worked hard since coming together to refine the Locality Action Plan and have identified the first areas to take forward using a coproduction model of working. They aim to work together to co-design and co-deliver solutions to the priorities defined in the Locality Action Plan, as well as drive and support other locality activities.

3. Title and summary of proposal

Garnock Valley 2020 Vision

The Garnock Valley has a rich and fascinating social, industrial and cultural history and heritage. Community activity provides access to a range of services that enrich the lives of individuals in the area and the character of the Garnock Valley itself. Each town has direct access to a rich natural environment and areas of beauty. The Garnock Valley is on the main route to and from the Ayrshire coast from Glasgow. Despite this richness of assets, there is a general downwards trend of declining town centres, feeling of fragmentation and outward migration. The Locality Working Group have identified there is a need to improve perceptions of the Garnock Valley, from the consumer and from the community perspective. The Garnock Valley is a unique place with huge potential to become a vibrant and engaging place which serves the needs of its communities in a way that is creative, inclusive, sustainable and future facing.

The aim of this project is for all the towns and villages of the Garnock Valley to work together to change the narrative of the area by creating a positive mindset and perception within the community of the area in which they live (as well as to those from out with the area). It will promote the Garnock Valley as a positive destination (as included in the Garnock Valley Locality Action Plan) and will help promote all the wonderful and rich assets which are found locally. By taking this asset based approach it is hoped it will create a vision towards a more positive perception of the Garnock Valley for all.

Project Proposal

Stage 1 – setting the scene

To employ consultants who will:

- Work with the community and partners to capture what they feel are the existing community, social and cultural assets and resources within the Garnock Valley. They will identify what people like about their towns and what are they proud of. This work will help set the scene and develop stage 2.
- Engage local people in the development and articulation of a positive and aspirational GV 2020 vision for the area. What would a positive Garnock Valley narrative look like? What would it take to change the current narrative?
- Develop a delivery route map and vision for supporting a variety of interventions that could be deliverable within the short, medium and long term. It is hoped that this would then be taken forward by a Development Worker (Creative Catalyst).

4. What difference will this project make within the locality and to local services and programmes?

Please include -

[a] *How you will approach reducing inequality*

[b] *How this proposal fits with Garnock Valley's priorities of:*

1. *Moving Around (Public Transport, Traffic and Parking)*
2. *Work and Local Community*
3. *Facilities and Amenities*

This project has been identified through the Garnock Valley Locality Action Plan and has been co-designed by the Facilities and Amenities Working Group, where representatives from Beith, Dalry and Kilbirnie have all been involved.

This project would help to promote the Garnock Valley on a wider scale, encouraging more people to visit the area and what it has to offer.

It will encourage more people to get involved, which can help reduce loneliness and social isolation. As well as working to address the priority of Facilities and Amenities, it would also contribute towards Moving Around (social isolation) and Work and Local Community (volunteering).

This project will link in with tourism and businesses as well as working with a number of partners.

It will achieve a long term legacy by reducing isolation, increasing social cohesion, changing the community narrative and boosting civic pride.

Outcomes – Once the baseline is established by mapping current perceptions, it will demonstrate:

- increased civic pride
- increased participation of people getting involved in local events and activities
- an increase in satisfaction and happiness in their area
- an increase in people liking where they live
- increased awareness of local opportunities.

5. Please give an overview of the engagement that has taken place in relation to the project

Over the last 3 years, a number of engagement events have taken place to identify the locality priorities and create the Locality Action Plan. These include: workshops using the Place Standards toolkit, online surveys and discussion groups.

In February and March 2018 the working group worked to refine the action plan and identified ways of moving forward. Creating a positive image of the Garnock Valley was widely recognised as a role which could help build the profile of the area, as well as encouraging people to visit and also boost perceptions of the area. It is anticipated this project would encourage new people to visit the area, as well as work towards shifting the mindset of the local community, by bolstering civic pride within the locality and strengthening community cohesion. It is hoped that this will also raise the profile of the Locality Partnership and contribute towards a more recognised collective Garnock Valley identity.

6. Please tell us how the project will be managed

The project will be managed by the Facilities & Amenities Working Group, where representatives from each of the 3 areas of the Garnock Valley are involved. This group will appoint a consultant for Stage 1 and recruit the Development Worker for Stage 2, if applicable.

7. Amount of funding being requested

Please supply details of the amount of funding being requested and any **other** funding you have had over the past 5 years, both financially and 'in kind'.

Amount of funding requested: £15,000

The overall project will be made up of 3 parts. This initial funding application is for £15,000 to appoint a consultant to carry out an extensive community engagement exercise to shape the GV 2020 vision for going forward. To identify and collate the community assets and positives within each of the areas, create a baseline of current perceptions of the Garnock valley but also to identify what people like and are proud of. This would work towards helping to create a picture of what a positive Garnock Valley would look like and would develop a delivery route map and role profile for a Development Worker, creating a clear identified course of action to promote and achieve these positives within the community. This sum, while estimated, is based on other similar community engagement projects carried out in North Ayrshire.

8. Monitoring and evaluation process

Please include detail on –

[a] *What monitoring and evaluation processes are planned/ in place*

The consultant would be required to work closely with and submit monthly updates to the Facilities and Amenities Working Group and also submit a quarterly report to the Locality Partnership.

Using data collected by the consultant, any future project would measure outcomes against this baseline.



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Locality update

- **Streetscene PB** – Streetscene & Buglife are moving forward with creating ‘wildflower’ areas at Lochshore and at Kilbirnie Park. Information posters advising what is happening, and why, will be located at the sites. Preparatory works are due to commence in September 2019.
- **Makerspace Project** - A community mosaic in Dalry Library Makerspace is growing with over 1500 tiles creating the Garnock Valley on the library wall. Each tile is individually decorated, and 3D printed, with participants from primary age to 80 years + from all across the Garnock Valley taking part. Eventually over 3000 tiles will make up the completed mosaic. Please feel free to pop into the library to see its progress.
- **Youth PB** – Youth PB 2019 is now live and open for applications. Groups who work with young people throughout North Ayrshire can bid for up to £1000. Closing date for applications is Sunday 13th October, with the voting taking place in November.
- **Stoneyholm Mill Doors Open Day** – Building on the huge success of 2018, the Stoneyholm Mill Trust will once again be opening the doors to the mill. This year’s event will include: a craft fair, showings of the Mill Girls film, drama, activities and a pop-up coffee shop. If anyone wishes to volunteer, please contact them on stoneyholmmilltrust@gmail.com.
- **Kilbirnie Mural** – Local resident and business man Adam Mclean has installed a mural featuring the design of local artist Tom Donnelly, which is a variation of the famous Mona Lisa. Adam has also worked to tidy up the area and install a bench. The mural was unveiled at a ceremony on 3rd August.
- **ESOL** (English for Speakers of Other Languages) - A summer programme provided a weekly class and other activities including opportunities for families to engage with existing summer activities in the wider community. For the last week of the programme there was a trip to the Glasgow Science Centre where 32 people from resettled families in the Garnock Valley visited.
- ESOL financial literacies will soon be introduced in the Garnock Valley and a new programme starting in September will offer pre-literacy level and beginners literacy.
- The language café run in The Walker Hall, Kilbirnie has proven successful and popular with learners with approx. 15 people from resettled families attending each session. It has attracted young adults, who have previously not engaged with ESOL community learning. Volunteer engagement at the café has also been appreciated.



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Moving around (public transport, traffic and parking)

Highlights

- **Travel Needs Analysis** – Work is progressing with the consultant's brief and a draft version is currently with Louise Kirk of NAC for comment.
- **Dr Bike** – Approx. 50 bikes were repaired over a 6-week period in Dalry and Kilbirnie as part of Parklives.
- **Developing Young Workforce** – Work is currently underway to develop an educational programme around cycling at Garnock Campus. Guidance staff at the campus will visit Prestwick Academy bike maintenance project to see if the model can be replicated and piloted at Garnock Campus.

Next Steps

The group will meet again on Wednesday 11th September at Rosearden Centre, Dalry at 7.00pm.



Facilities and amenities

Highlights

- **Garnock Valley Men's Shed** – The toilets at the shed are now complete and operational. The group are now on to the next stage of the Asset Transfer process and are working on their business plan. One of the volunteers at the shed has been nominated for a Scotland's Learning Partnership Adult Learners Week Award.
- **Lochshore** – 2 meetings have now taken place as part of the process of building a development group for the Lochshore site. Meetings have been very well attended and there is an enthusiastic approach to taking this forward.
- **Dalry Fairy Glen** - Sat 3rd August was a huge success at the Fantasy Fairy Festival. Many people in the local community were involved including: local Scouts helping with the BBQ, local artists playing music, Community Developing with facepainting and young people helping to plant over 30 shrubs. Everyone enjoyed the new carvings, sculptures and fairy doors which have been installed. There were activity sheets for the children to identify insects and trees as well as find the hidden fairies. Well over 100 people attended and a fantastic time was had by all.
- **Dalry Community Council** - The Community Council circulated a survey which received 263 responses. This survey was designed to capture how local



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people feel about their town and to collate suggestions on what could improve it.

- **Youth garden** – Work has begun on the creation of a young person's greenspace at the area to the rear of the Walker Hall. Young people will continue to be involved in its creation and upkeep.

Next steps

The working group will next meet on Wednesday 4th September at 7pm in Bridgend Community Centre, Kilbirnie.

Highlights

- **St. Inans Day** – The event was resurrected this year and took place on 15th June. The day was very well attended with positive feedback being received.
- **Youth fest 2019 and Youth Beatz** – Members of the Garnock Valley Youth Forum helped with the planning and hosting of the North Ayrshire Youth Fest, which took place on 22nd and 23rd July in Kelburne Country Park, Largs. Young people from the area also attended the Youth Beatz festival on 22nd June in Dumfries along with young people from throughout Scotland.
- **Garnock Valley Parklives** – This year's events have been very successful with lots of positive feedback being received. Volunteers have worked very hard to make these events a success. An evaluation survey has been sent out to participants and shared on social media to gain feedback to help shape plans for 2020.
- **Barmill** - A group of volunteers from GV Mens Shed have embarked on an eight-week volunteering programme at Barmill Park. Volunteers will undertake a variety of projects including: path repair, gardening and fence repairs. The group will learn transferable employability skills in gardening and construction.
- **Activity Agreement** – A Garnock Valley Activity Agreement programme has been approved and started in August. So far 2 young people have joined the programme with numbers expected to rise over the next few months.
- **Beith Community Garden** - In early July, Beith Orr Neighbourhood Watch had a visit and assessment of the Community Garden by the assessor from Keep Scotland Beautiful and the Royal Horticultural Society. They have received their outcome and have been given a 90% outstanding report which they are very grateful for. The garden has helped brighten up the town and now has a lovely carved bench. It is a nice welcoming area for anyone visiting the town.
- **Garnock Valley Carves** - Plans for this year's events are progressing well. The event will be held on Saturday 7th September 2019 with 11 international



Work and the
local community



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carvers taking part and visitors expected from throughout the area and beyond. The chainsaw Carving event www.garnockvalleycarves.co.uk is gaining momentum with around 40 stalls asking for a place. There will be lots for the children to do and take part in including free face painting. It is hoped that the visiting public from far and wide will come along for another superb day out to witness spectacular carvings being changed from being a log into the finished article. All the carvings are for sale by auction at the end of the day.

- **Garnock Valley Community Councils** - The 3 Garnock Valley Community Councils Participatory Budgeting CIF application was approved by the Garnock Valley Locality Partnership in June and is awaiting final ratification. They also applied to Investing in Communities for match funding. They should hear a final outcome for both applications by the end of October 2019.
- **Garnock Valley Allotments** – 6 volunteers who are working to achieve their John Muir Award at Place Woodland helped out at the GV Allotments over a 2 week period to clear an area making the site more accessible and attractive.
- **Supporting young people** – The Community Development Team engaged with over 140 young people during June through a Primary 7 transition programme within the Garnock Valley cluster primary schools. These are young people leaving primary school and due to start at Garnock Campus in August. Plans are underway to re-engage with these young people at Garnock Campus to see how they are coping with this transition.
- **Dalry youth engagement** – A streetwork programme was delivered over the summer in Dalry. Unfortunately, numbers were lower than hoped however this work will continue until Christmas to try and engage with hard to reach young people in the town. In addition, a programme of youth sporting and educational activities is due to start in Dalry in September in a partnership between NAC Community Development Team, KA Leisure and Active Schools.
- **Community Link Worker** – The Community Development Team are currently exploring ideas with the Community Link Workers around a joint project which will work with elderly people in the Garnock Valley encouraging growing and gardening with health benefits associated with this green activity.

Next steps

The next meeting of the working group will take place on Thursday 19th September at 7pm in Beith Community Centre, Beith.

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Locality Partnership: Garnock Valley Locality

Date: 5 September 2019

Subject: To advise the meeting of applications received in respect of the Nurturing Excellence in Communities Fund and the Margaret Archibald Bequest Fund.

Purpose: To consider the applications as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.

Background

Applications have been received in respect of the Nurturing Excellence in Communities Fund and the Margaret Archibald Fund. Details of these applications are summarised in Appendix 1 of this report.

Key Points for Locality Partnership

The balances available for disbursement are bullet pointed below:

- The Nurturing Excellence in Communities Fund has a balance of £8,602.
- The Margaret Archibald Bequest Fund has a balance of £1,330

Action Required by Locality Partnership

To consider the applications for grant funding as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.

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APPENDIX 1

Nurturing Excellence in Communities Fund 2019/20				
Applications from Organisations seeking Financial Assistance – Garnock Valley 5 September 2019				
Organisation	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Comments
<p>Kilbirnie Flower Show</p> <p>Meeting place: Bridgend Community Centre</p> <p>Number attending: 60+</p> <p>Past awards: 2013/14 - £500 2014/15 - £500 2015/16 - £400 2017/18 - £500</p> <p>Other funders: The group is contributing £511.73 towards the project</p> <p>Scoring: 24/40</p> <p>Supporting documents received: Bank Statement Income/Exp Sheet Constitution Quotes</p>	<p>Financial assistance towards delivery of Kilbirnie Flower Show:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hall Lets - £214.73 - Insurance - £84.00 - Schedules - £213.00 <p>Total £511.73</p> <p>Total project costs £1,000 (full breakdown available)</p>	£500	£500	<p>This funding will support the running of Kilbirnie Flower Show which has been a traditional event for over 100 years and is well supported by the local community.</p> <p>The flower show offers an opportunity to bring the community together through interaction and participation. It encourages local schools to compete in horticulture competitions enabling young people to learn about cultivating and growing plants and vegetables.</p> <p>The project allows members of the community to exhibit their flowers and rural produce as well as demonstrating arts and crafts skills. It offers opportunities for people to learn new skills, including crafts and food production and the group is also focussed on keeping the annual show alive. Each year, it actively seeks to integrate new ideas and opinions into future plans and enable members of the community to show civic pride in their achievements.</p>

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Organisation	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Comments
<p>Dalry Community Development Hub</p> <p>Meeting place: Rosearden, Courthill Street, Dalry</p> <p>Number attending: 6</p> <p>Past awards: 2014/15 - £1,758</p> <p>Other funders: Tesco Bags for Help - £2,000 NAC PB Event - £1,500 Co-op - £189</p> <p>Scoring: 34/40</p> <p>Supporting documents received: Bank Statement Income/Exp Sheet Constitution Quotes</p>	<p>Financial support towards the creation of a memory wall and improvements to the surrounding area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Memory Plaques x 5 - £400 - Protective Acrylic Covers x 5 - £500 <p>Total £900</p> <p>Total project costs - £4,860 (a breakdown of costs is available)</p>	<p align="center">£900</p>	<p align="center">£900</p>	<p>This funding will contribute to the creation of a memory wall and improvements to the surrounding area.</p> <p>Dalry Community Development Hub aims to improve the lives of residents in Dalry via physical, social and economic regeneration and with this project, the group want to highlight local history and heritage through the community's memories.</p> <p>The group will engage with a broad section of the community to gather as much information for the memory wall to reflect a true picture of Dalry past and present and will create a pleasant area in the town for all age groups to visit.</p> <p>The project will bring people together encouraging intergenerational work, discussions and address issues such as social isolation, mental health and wellbeing.</p>

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Organisation	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Comments
<p>63rd Ayrshire Scout Group</p> <p>Meeting place: Kilbirnie Scout Hall</p> <p>Number attending: 45</p> <p>Past awards: None</p> <p>Other funders: The group is contributing £160 to the project</p> <p>Scoring: 32/40</p> <p>Supporting documents received: Bank Statement Income/Exp Sheet Constitution Quotes</p>	<p>Funding towards games, equipment and activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bingo Machine - £139.95 - Movie Night - £200 - Nature project tools: shoves x 2; wheelbarrows x 2; rakes x 3; bow saws and blades x 3; pruners x 6; carry bins x 3; hatchets x 3; gloves; safety glasses - £400 <p>Total £739.95</p> <p>Total Project costs £999.95</p>	<p>£739.95</p>	<p>£739.95</p>	<p>This funding will support the purchase of bingo equipment that will allow the group to hold fundraisers and enable them to become sustainable. It will also support the hire of a movie night to bring together 4 age range groups to facilitate more partnership working across the age ranges of the Scout Group.</p> <p>Additionally, the group wishes to deliver nature planning activities that will enable the young people to learn about how nature works and engage in activities such as clearing forest areas and setting up walk ways, bird boxes and building scout shelters, which will connect to the wider community, providing accessible and attractive amenities for community use.</p> <p>The Scout Group provides opportunities for local young people and adult volunteers and supports a positive programme for young people in the Garnock Valley. It provides scouting activities that promote wide and varied interaction, encouraging young people to become more connected within the local community and physically more active, promoting improved health and wellbeing.</p>

MARGARET ARCHIBALD BEQUEST

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2019/20

Margaret Archibald Bequest Criteria:

The application should benefit all those aged 65 and over and in poverty.

Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Previous Awards
St Margaret's Social Group	Looking for financial contribution towards the following: - Buses (Bennet's Kilwinning) - £600 - Glasgow Concert Hall Tickets - £2,023.56 - Glynhill Hotel (meals) - £1,679 Total cost - £4,302.56	£1,000	2012/13 - £300 2014/15 - £350 2015/16 - £400 2016/17 - £300 2016/17 - £800 2017/18 - £1,200 2018/19 - £750 2019/20 - £900

Economy & Communities, Finance & Corporate Support, and Legal Services have been consulted and their comments are as follows:

Finance & Corporate Support

TBC

Legal

TBC

Economy & Communities

Economy and Communities are supportive of this application. The benefit to the older people in Dalry who are 65 and over will reduce social isolation, keep older people up to date with issues that affect them. The group have confirmed that the award will only be used for those persons who are 65 and over.

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Amount Allocated: £14,051

Group/Organisation	Amount	Balance
		14,051.00
Garnock Valley Allotment Association	700.00	13,351.00
Garnock Campus Sports Council	1,000.00	12,351.00
Dalry Amateurs FC	1,000.00	11,351.00
Dalry Rovers Girls U 13s	999.00	10,352.00
Garnock Valley VIPs	750.00	9,602.00
Beith Orr Neighbourhood Watch	1,000.00	8,602.00

Margaret Archibald Bequest Fund

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT OF GRANT BUDGET	BALANCE OF BUDGET
	£	£
	8,730.00	£8,730.00
St Margaret's Social Group	900.00	£7,830
St Palladius Ladies Guild	500.00	£7,330
Dalry Old Folks Treat Committee	6,000.00	£1,330