

Action Note

Meeting:	Garnock Valley Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	23 January 2020 - Garnock Campus
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; Sheena Woodside, Dalry Community Council Audrey Mason, Community Representative; Ian Shaw, Community Representative; Kate Cuthbert, Active Travel Hub Officer, NAC; Caitriona McAuley, Head Economic Development & Regeneration, NAC; Jim Miller, Senior Manager (Planning), NAC; Theresa Potter, Partnership Engagement Officer, NAHSCP Garry Tait, Community Development Worker, NAC; Euan Gray; Committee Services Officer, NAC</p>
Apologies:	<p>Kaileigh Brown, TSI; Andy Dolan, Police Scotland; Catherine Wigzell, Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Community Council;</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 for absence were noted.</p>	
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The action note from the meeting held 5 September 2019 was approved subject to a change relating the expression of interest for CIF funding from the Facilities and Amenities working group. The decision should have read:</p> <p><i>“Following guidance from the Locality Partnership, this project was split in to 2 stages. The application for Stage 1 of the project was approved by the Partnership and will now progress to Cabinet for ratification.”</i></p> <p>The following points were raised as matters arising from the action note:</p>	<p>E. Gray/ J. McGee</p>

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	<p><u>Action Note</u> Findings from the “What Matters to You Day” were circulated and the proposals to extend the event to a week to help increase engagement in 2020 were discussed, along with agreement to involve CPP LP colleagues in next year’s activities.</p> <p><u>Locality Officer Update</u> A monthly document will be issued to the Locality Officer detailing the Community Benefit Funds, arising from clauses in procurement contracts, which are available to local groups. Groups were encouraged to bring ideas for projects to the Garnock Valley Community Development Team.</p> <p>Councillor Barr requested an update on the GV Mens Sheds Asset Transfer as this had funding implications. Christina reported that the Men’s Shed was currently working on their business plan as part of progressing with their asset transfer however will request a further update - an update will be circulated.</p> <p><u>Lochshore</u> The group have met twice since the last update and agreed their Terms of Reference and Action Plan. Their funding application advanced to stage two on 11 October 2019 and feedback is expected in January 2020. The group’s next meeting will be held on 20 February 2020. An open day will also be held on 23 May 2020.</p> <p><u>Grant Funding</u> Councillor Barr highlighted that the time taken between grants being awarded and the funds being transferred to the applicant is causing issues for some groups. Angela Morrell agreed to look into this.</p>	<p><i>C. Pieraccini</i></p> <p><i>A. Morrell</i></p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Active Travel</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Kate Cuthbert, Active Travel Hub Officer, on the Active Travel Hub which has opened in the Trinity Church, Irvine in 2019 and a number of active travel initiatives in the Garnock Valley and across North Ayrshire including Nordic walking, health walks, bike maintenance classes and the closed cycle loop in Irvine. Members were advised to visit thetrinity.org.uk for more information.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Local Development Plan Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation from Jim Miller, Senior Manager (Planning) on the Council’s Local Development Plan.</p> <p>The presentation provided information on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Timeline for the Local Development Plan 2, which commenced in 2016 and following engagement, consultation and examination was adopted in 2019; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the shared vision of the plan that every person in North Ayrshire is valued and should have the best opportunities to live their life to their full potential; • four strategic policies - Spatial Strategy, Placemaking, Strategic Development Areas and Delivery on Community Priorities; • four detailed policies - Successful, Sustainable North Ayrshire, Natural, resilient North Ayrshire, A More Connected Place and A Low Carbon North Ayrshire; • new Housing allocations – a 10 Year Plan for the delivery of more homes in North Ayrshire; and • the next steps that will include an Action Programme, followed by the National Planning Framework and Regional Spatial Strategy, Monitoring, New Local Development Plan (incorporating ongoing engagement with Locality Planning Partnerships and communities) and Local Place Plans. <p>Members asked questions and were provided further information on the National Planning Framework and how the Regional Spatial Strategies can influence the content of this in terms of links to community planning and public health.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Community Wealth Building</p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation from Caitriona McAuley, Head of Economic Development and Regeneration, on community wealth building.</p> <p>The presentation provided information on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • community wealth building as a transformative approach to local economic development, developing wealth with local roots and ownership; • the 5 pillars of community wealth building – procurement, employment, land and assets, financial power and democratic ownership of the local economy; • examples of procurement expenditure in Preston; • developing Scotland’s first Community Wealth Building Strategy; • securing £3 million Ayrshire Growth Deal CWB Fund: a regional approach to CWB; • work with our local and regional anchors via the CWB Commission to deliver bold ambitions; • the Garnock Valley priority Work and the Local Community with 37 new business start-ups in 2018/19 and 40 growth companies account managed by NAC Business Development; • a number of discussion points to gather feedback which will help shape community wealth building in North Ayrshire. 	

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	<p>Councillor John Bell advised that, while he used to be a board member of Radio City some years ago, he now had no connection to the organisation and had no interest to declare.</p> <p>Similarly, Councillor Donald L Reid advised that he also was a member of Radio City many years ago but now had no connection to the organisation and had no interest to declare.</p> <p>Members asked questions of the applicant and were provided with further information in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the reinvestment of the revenue generated from the projects, how these funds would be distributed and who would manage the distribution;• the figures which have been provided in terms of the expected revenue, how these figures were arrived at, why this was not included on the expression of interest and the format of the expression of interest form which does not lend itself to providing a detailed analysis;• links between the project and community wealth building; and• the site of the projects and their current uses and whether it would be possible, if the application advanced to the next stage, to provide images of the site to members. <p>Members debated whether the applicant should be asked to resubmit their expression of interest with more detail or if a full application should be submitted for consideration.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to request that the applicant submit a full application for CIF funding which would be considered at the meeting on 17 March 2020.</p> <p>James Waite requested that his objection to the decision be recorded.</p>	<p>A. Morrell</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Locality Officer Update</p> <p>Christina Pieraccini made reference to her update on work which has been undertaken in the locality, noting that it had been circulated with the papers, and highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Community Development Team and HSCP worked together to run a free Christmas lunch event at Montgomery Court which was attended by 42 people;• the Dalry Street Work Initiative which was developed in partnership with Police Scotland as a result of an increase in reports of youth disorder in Dalry and will engage with young people in the area to build relationships and to offer an alternative to anti-social behaviour; and• Police Scotland recently confirmed at a Beith and District Community Council meeting that work to upgrade the CCTV system would be taking place.	

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	<p>The Partnership took this opportunity to thank Sergeant Joe Murdoch for his work with the Locality Partnership and local community councils and to wish him luck in his new role. Angela Morrell confirmed that a letter of thanks would be sent on behalf of the Partnership.</p>	<p>A. Morrell</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>HSCP Locality Forum Update</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Theresa Potter on the work undertaken by the HSCP Locality Forum which included information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • addressing social isolation and loneliness as an issue not only faced by the elderly but also younger generations; • a 2020 events calendar which will make it easier for members of the public to find out what is going on in their area; • a free Christmas lunch event held at Montgomery Court which included a number of activities such as arts and crafts, bingo and a performance from the St Bridget's Primary School Choir; and • future Thinking Differently Doing Better events which Partnership members have been invited to attend. <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Locality Plan Progress</p> <p>An update was provided on the work carried out by each of the Partnership's sub-groups.</p> <p><u>Moving Around</u></p> <p>The travel needs analysis will be put out to tender at the end of February 2020.</p> <p><u>Work and Local Community</u></p> <p>James Waite raised the CIF application from the three Garnock Valley Community Councils for funding to hold 3 participatory budgeting events which was recommended for approval by the Partnership prior to being deferred by the NAC Cabinet at a Pre Agenda meeting.</p> <p>Discussion took place on the lack of clarity around the decision to defer, the CIF application process, appropriate uses of CIF funding and the communication following the decision.</p> <p>Members requested assurances that all future decisions relating to CIF applications recommended for approval by a Locality Partnership to NAC Cabinet. That cabinet decisions would be fed back to the Partnership and applicants promptly.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the match funding offered by the Scottish Government would be awarded despite the decision by Cabinet to defer the application.</p>	<p>A. Morrell</p>

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	<p><u>Facilities and Amenities</u></p> <p>Work on the consultant's brief for the Garnock Valley 2020 Vision remains ongoing.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
10.	<p>Membership</p> <p>The Partnership were informed of an application, submitted by Trish Wallace, to fill the Community Representative vacancy.</p> <p>The Partnership unanimously agreed to appoint Trish Wallace to the role of Community Representative.</p>	J. McGee
11	<p>Garnock Valley Young People</p> <p>Garry Tait provided an update on the work undertaken with young people in the locality, highlighting the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 pupils at risk of expulsion are being worked with to improve their attitude towards school and life in general - so far, the results have been positive; • the group is looking to link up with the Beith Community Development Trust to help young people gain skills and experience which will help them when looking for jobs; • a meeting has taken place with the Beith Skate Park group to discuss further development of the facility; and • the sport drop-in sessions in Dalry continue to be well attended. <p>Noted.</p>	
12.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>The Partnership were informed that Police Scotland were seeking a representative to join the group which is responsible for distributing the Proceeds of Crime fund. Interested members were asked to contact Christina Pieraccini for more information.</p> <p>The Partnership received an update on the revamped Provost Awards which will be split into localities for 2020. The awards will officially be launched on 14 February 2020 and nominations will close on 20 March 2020.</p>	C. Pieraccini

The meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.