

# Action Note

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Garnock Valley Locality Partnership</b>
<b>Date/Venue:</b>	15 September 2020 - Microsoft Teams
<b>Present:</b>	<p><b>Councillor John Bell</b> (Chair);  <b>Councillor Robert Barr</b>;  <b>Councillor Joy Brahim</b>;  <b>Councillor Anthea Dickson</b>;  <b>Councillor Donald L. Reid</b>;  <b>Dr Janet McKay</b>, NAHSCP (Vice-Chair)  <b>Elaine Young</b>, NHS Ayrshire and Arran (Senior Lead Officer);  <b>Angela Morrell</b>, Lead Officer, NAC;  <b>Christina Pieraccini</b>, Locality Officer, NAC;  <b>James Waite</b>, Beith Community Council;  <b>Sheena Woodside</b>, Dalry Community Council;  <b>Audrey Mason</b>, Community Representative;  <b>Trish Wallace</b>, Community Representative;  <b>Kaileigh Brown</b>, TSI;  <b>Craig McFie</b>, Scottish Fire and Rescue;  <b>Garry Tait</b>, Community Development Worker, NAC;  <b>Claire Fitzsimmons</b>, Manager (Regeneration), NAC;  <b>Gavin Paterson</b>, Partnership Engagement Officer, HSCP;  <b>Peter Stevenson</b>;  <b>Euan Gray</b>; Committee Services Officer, NAC</p>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<p><b>Councillor Todd Ferguson</b>;  <b>Andy Dolan</b>, Police Scotland;</p>

## ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p><b>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the Garnock Valley Locality Partnership meeting and apologies for absence were noted.</p> <p>The Chair took the opportunity to mention the passing of Theresa Potter. Theresa's work with the Partnership and the wider community over the years was praised and all in attendance agreed that she would be missed greatly, both personally and professionally. The Partnership asked that their deepest condolences be passed on to Theresa's family, friends and colleagues.</p> <p>The Chair also advised that Ian Shaw had decided to step down from the Partnership to allow him to focus on other areas of community work. The Partnership requested that their thanks be passed on to Ian and wished him all the best in the future.</p> <p>Councillor Barr, as a matter of caution, declared an interest in an application for funding from the Dalry Old Folks' Committee to the Margaret Archibald Bequest which he expected to be discussed at the meeting.</p>	

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<p>2.</p>	<p><b>Action Note</b></p> <p>The action note from the previous meeting held on 23 January 2020 was approved.</p> <p>The following points were discussed as matters arising:</p> <p><u>Garnock Valley Men's Shed</u></p> <p>The asset transfer was still in progress and would be discussed at the next meeting of North Ayrshire Council's Cabinet. Councillor Barr advised that the Dalry Parish Boundary Trust had a grant of £5,000 set aside for the group and would be paid when the process is complete.</p> <p><u>Community Wealth Building</u></p> <p>Since the last meeting the Council has agreed to implement their Community Wealth Building Strategy and will be looking to work with community partners to implement this. It was agreed that it would be beneficial if someone from the Council could come to a future meeting and provide an update on how this work is progressing.</p> <p><u>CIF Applications</u></p> <p>The application by the Beith Community Development Trust was approved by the North Ayrshire Cabinet as recommended by the Partnership.</p> <p>Since the last meeting it was agreed that the application by Radio City should be independently reviewed and would not be discussed by the Partnership until this process has been completed.</p> <p><u>Police Scotland - Proceeds of Crime Fund</u></p> <p>It was confirmed that nominations have been received for the vacancy on the group responsible for disbursing this fund.</p>	<p><b>J. McGee</b></p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><b>National Cycle Network – Dalry to Kilbirnie</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a report on the options for the potential realignment of National Cycle Network (NCN) Route 7 between Dalry and Kilbirnie. Claire Fitzsimmons, Manager (Regeneration), was in attendance to present the report.</p> <p>The new route would utilise in part the disused railway that runs south of Kilbirnie and is owned by Sustrans. The proposed route would require the support of fewer landowners than previously identified routes.</p> <p>Members of the Partnership asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• flooding risks, how these can be minimised and the expected impact of the Garnock Valley Flood Protection Scheme; and</li> <li>• issues around land ownership and current leases on the land.</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership unanimously agreed to (a) support (i) the potential alternative route identified in the report; (ii) officers working with the community with a view to gaining the landowner support required; and (iii) an application to Sustrans 'Places for Everyone' fund to allow officers to further consider the viability of a new route; and (b) thank Peter Stevenson for his involvement in progressing the project.</p>	
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Garnock Valley Young People</b></p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Gary Tait, Community Development Worker, on the recent work which has been undertaken with young people in the Garnock Valley.</p> <p>The update included information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an alcohol awareness program which was being rolled out across the locality;</li> <li>• work being done to have someone from the Garnock Valley take up a role on the NAC Youth Executive;</li> <li>• proposals to start STEM workshops in schools for pupils who are at risk of exclusion;</li> <li>• the training which has been undertaken by staff while working from home and the expected benefits of this; and</li> <li>• proposals to take over the management of the local skatepark.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion then took place on how to approach antisocial behaviour in a number of areas of the locality. It was highlighted that guidance for restarting youth work has been issued however this is only for outdoor activities.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Community Investment Fund</b></p> <p>The Partnership were provided with details of a CIF application which was at the expression of interest stage. The application was submitted by Dalry Community Council and Kilbirnie &amp; Glengarnock Community Council and was supported by Beith Community Council and was seeking funding to carry out a feasibility study on a proposed new route for the National Cycle Network (NCN) Route 7 between Dalry and Kilbirnie. The project will require around £20,000 of CIF funding. This figure would be finalised should the application progress to the next stage.</p> <p>Following consideration of the expression of interest, the Partnership agreed to request a full application be brought to a future meeting.</p>	<p><b>C. Pieraccini</b></p>



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<b>9.</b>	<b>Locality Plan Progress</b>  The Partnership received an update from each of the three working groups.  <u>Moving Around</u>  The recent focus has been on the Plug the Gap cycle path project. The group agreed to push back the traffic needs analysis by one year due to Covid-19 restrictions limiting the level of public consultation that can be carried out and an overall reduction in traffic levels as many continue to work from home.  <u>Facilities and Amenities</u>  Discussions have taken place around how Town Centre Funding could be utilised. They also agreed to create a sub-group whose sole focus would be on progressing the GV2020 Vision project.  <u>Work and the Local Community</u>  The group provided details of an app currently under development which aims to provide a place for local shops and venues to sell, advertise and promote their goods and services on. It was also confirmed that the GV Participatory Budgeting Event had been pushed back by one year due to Covid-19 restrictions.  Noted.	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Lochshore</b>  Angela Morrell provided an update on the development of Lochshore including details of Sustrans funding and how this would be used, a planned consultation event around the Lochshore Masterplan, and a potential walkway around the loch.  Noted.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>AOCB</b>  Peter Stevenson queried if, following discussion at this meeting, further details of the Plug the Gap project could be posted to social media. It was confirmed that the information discussed at the meeting should be promoted via social media.  Councillor Barr requested information on the progress of applications to the Margaret Archibald Bequest and confirmation that decisions on these were not being taken by officers of the Council.	<b>P. Stevenson</b>  <b>J. McGee</b>

The meeting ended at 9.10 p.m.