

Action Note

Meeting:	Garnock Valley Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	10 December 2020 - Microsoft Teams
Present:	<p>Councillor John Bell (Chair); Councillor Robert Barr; Councillor Joy Brahim; Councillor Anthea Dickson; 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 Community Council; Sheena Woodside, Dalry Community Council; Audrey Mason, Community Representative; Craig McFie, Scottish Fire and Rescue; Garry Tait, Community Development Worker, NAC; Pam Crosthwaite, Capacity & Empowerment Officer; Derek Frew, Police Scotland; James Robson, Beith Community Association; Gordon McGuinness, Radio City Association; Dennis Hopkins, St Bridget's Primary School; Michael Deadman, Beith resident; Henry Johnston, Garnock Valley Mens Shed; Allan Wright, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council; John Higgins, Dalry resident; and Euan Gray; Committee Services Officer, NAC</p>
Apologies:	None

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No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the Garnock Valley Locality Partnership meeting and apologies for absence were noted.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The action note from the previous meeting, held on 15 September 2020, was approved.</p> <p>The following points were discussed as matters arising:</p> <p><u>Community Wealth Building</u></p> <p>As requested, the Partnership will receive an update on Community Wealth Building at the meeting scheduled for March 2021.</p>	

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	<p><u>Community Investment Fund</u></p> <p>At the previous meeting the Partnership had agreed that a proposal to use CIF funding to carry out a feasibility study on a proposed new route for the National Cycle Network (NCN) Route 7 between Dalry and Kilbirnie could advance to a full application.</p> <p>The group had since advised they will be seeking funding through Sustrans and will not submit a full application at this time.</p> <p>The Partnership also received an update on the application for CIF funding submitted by Radio City. The application was being assessed by an internal council process and group members were asked to put their faith in the ongoing process. Radio City will be informed of the outcome first. It was advised that a further update would be provided in due course.</p> <p><u>Garnock Valley Men's Shed</u></p> <p>The Group's Community Asset Transfer application was approved by North Ayrshire Council's Cabinet on 8 December 2020. Councillor Barr confirmed that the Dalry Parish Boundary Trust had paid a grant of £5,000 for roof repairs following the decision.</p> <p>The group was also named the second-best Men's Shed in Scotland at a recent event.</p>	
3.	<p>Participatory Budgeting Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation from Pam Crosthwaite on participatory budgeting.</p> <p>The presentation covered a number of areas including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PB statistics from across North Ayrshire including 367 funded projects to the sum on £445,000;• three events planned for 2021 - nurturing excellence, arts and culture and youth PB; and• adjustments to the process which have been required due to the Covid-19 pandemic. <p>Members were advised that examples of successful applications are provided on the application form and a full list of funded projects is available on the Community Planning website.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
4.	<p>Garnock Valley Young People</p> <p>The partnership received an update from Garry Tait on the work which has been carried out with young people in the Garnock Valley. The update covered a number of points including:</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Youth Disorder Working Group which had been meeting virtually to discuss methods to reduce antisocial behaviour in Dalry and Beith; and • projects undertaken by the GV Youth Forum including participatory budgeting, a Christmas card project, quiz nights and a school uniform shop. <p>A wider discussion took place around youth disorder which had been increasing in frequency and severity. A number of hotpot areas were identified and discussed.</p> <p>It was agreed that Garry Tait would continue discussions with Police Scotland out with the meeting and that local Head Teachers would be invited to future meetings of the Locality Partnership.</p>	<p>G. Tait/J. McGee</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Community Support</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Angela Morrell on the local response to the Covid-19 pandemic by the community and partner organisations.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Cost of the School Day</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Angela Morrell on the work being done to help reduce the cost of the school day across North Ayrshire. The presentation provided information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the cost of the school day and how reducing this ties in with objectives contained in the Child Poverty Action Plan; • a working group which has been set up to identify initiatives that will reduce the cost of the school day; and • good practice already in place which could be shared across schools/community groups across North Ayrshire. <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Community Representatives</p> <p>The Partnership were advised that a number of expressions of interest had been lodged in terms of filling the role of Community Representative which had become vacant following the resignation of Ian Shaw.</p> <p>Three full applications had been submitted and were presented to the Partnership for consideration.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed that the successful candidate would ideally be a Kilbirnie resident to continue to town's representation on the Partnership.</p> <p>It was agreed to appoint Henry Johnstone to the role of Community Representative.</p>	<p>J. McGee</p>

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<p>8.</p>	<p>Grants</p> <p>The Partnership were asked to consider an application for Margaret Archibald Bequest funding from the Dalry Old Folks Welfare Committee.</p> <p>Councillor Barr identified a discrepancy in the report, namely that the group had previously received £6,000 for day trips and Christmas Lunches. He advised that the previous grant was awarded to a different group and that the Dalry Old Folks Welfare Committee had never received Margaret Archibald Bequest funding.</p> <p>The Partnership noted the discrepancy Angela Morrell agreed to feed this information back to ensure it is not repeated in the future.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to award £2,136 from the Margaret Archibald Bequest to the Dalry Old Folks Welfare Committee.</p>	<p><i>A. Morrell</i></p> <p><i>A. Morrell</i></p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Locality Officer Update</p> <p>Christina Pieraccini provided an update on the work undertaken throughout the Locality which covered a number of areas including the continued support of at-risk individuals by local community groups, the community food network and Dalry Community Development Hub.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>HSCP Locality Forum Update</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Janet McKay on the work carried out by the HSCP Locality Forum.</p> <p>They were advised that a number of challenges were anticipated over the coming months relating to Covid-19 combined with the busier winter period. Tackling social isolation would remain a priority for the Forum throughout this period.</p> <p>An update on the vaccination process was also provided.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Locality Plan Progress</p> <p>An update was provided by each of the Partnership's three working groups.</p> <p><u>Moving Around</u></p> <p>The group were looking into the providing a number of cycle racks across the locality. They had also scheduled a meeting with Active Travel and a further update would be provided in due course.</p>	

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	<p><u>Facilities and Amenities</u></p> <p>The group had created a sub-group, titled Garnock 2023. They also met with the Council's Regeneration Manager and were preparing a consultation document which would be circulated in March 2021.</p> <p><u>Work and the Local Community</u></p> <p>An update on the My Community app was provided. The group would be looking for support in 2021 from local community groups, businesses and residents to help populate the app.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p>Lochshore</p> <p>The Partnership received an update on the development of Lochshore. They were advised that the minutes of the September meeting had not yet been approved and therefore could not be circulated.</p> <p>It was however possible to confirm that the feasibility study in relation to the circular walk had been completed and that both the NDA and Scottish Government grants had been approved.</p> <p>The next meeting of the group was scheduled to take place in January 2021.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>13.</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>The Partnership were advised that the draft Local Police Plan which sets out practices, focuses and outcomes would be circulated for comment. Members were advised to provide any feedback to Derek Frew or the Community Planning Partnership.</p> <p>The Partnership was also advised that discussions were underway with KA Leisure of the future use of Walker Hall. Further details would be provided in due course.</p> <p>Information on the projects detailed in the Garnock Valley Strategic Housing Investment Plan and a consultation document on the Regeneration Delivery Plan were circulated for information.</p>	<p>All</p>

The meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.