

Action Note

Meeting:	Garnock Valley Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	21 September 2021 - Microsoft Teams
Present:	Councillor John Bell (Chair); Councillor Robert Barr; Councillor Anthea Dickson; Councillor Donald L. Reid; Councillor Ronnie Stalker; Elaine Young, NHS Ayrshire and Arran (Senior Lead Officer); Angela Morrell, Lead Officer, NAC; Garry Tait, Community Development Worker, NAC; James Waite, Beith Community Council; Sheena Woodside, Dalry Community Council; Allan Wright, Secretary, Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Community Council; Audrey Mason, Community Representative Henry Johnson, Community Representative; Dr Janet McKay, NAHSCP Locality Forum; Christina Pieraccini Scott McMillan, Depute Head (Garnock Academy/Campus); Alison Allan, Senior Manager (Education), NAC (observing); Margaret Johnson, Café Solace (Agenda Item 4); and Melanie Anderson, Senior Manager (Committee and Member Services) NAC
Apologies:	Councillor Todd Ferguson; Catherine Wigzell, Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Community Council; and Craig McFie, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;

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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>At the invitation of the Chair, and for the benefit of any new attendees, those present introduced themselves.</p> <p>The Partnership was advised of Trish Wallace's intention to resign as a Community Representative and Ms Wallace's contribution to the work of the Locality Partnership was noted.</p> <p><u>Declarations of Interest</u> Agenda Item 4 – Councillor Dickson as volunteer at Café Solace Agenda Item 4 – Henry Johnson as a volunteer at Café Solace</p>	Jennifer McGee
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The Action Note from the previous meeting, held on 15 June 2021, was approved and the following points raised as matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSCP Update (Item 5) – Health Needs Assessment data had been shared with the Partnership, as agreed, and work was ongoing in terms of pulling together information on achievements; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Investment Fund (Item 8) – CIF grant funding of £20k for the Garnock Valley Men’s Shed had been approved by the Council’s Cabinet, and a CIF application from Café Solace would be considered later on the Agenda; and• Locality Officer Update (Item 10) – the three community councils had held a Participatory Budgeting session, details of which would be provided later on the Agenda <p>The Partnership was advised that Christina Pieraccini’s apologies had been omitted in error from the last Action Note.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
3.	Garnock Valley Young People <p>The Partnership received an update from Garry Tait, Community Development Worker on the work carried out with young people in the Garnock Valley. The update covered a number of points including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• eight events held during the summer programme (including a Lochshore fun day, BBQs and the Dalry Tea Party) which had resulted in engagement with some 360 people;• arrangements for LGBT awareness training to take place at the end of October-beginning of November 2021;• detached youth work activity which had taken place over the summer and a planned meeting with the Police to discuss joint patrols to address youth disorder at the Red Brae in Beith, using good practice developed by Irvine Youth Forum;• proposals for a youth group to start meeting in Dalry library;• work by the Youth Forum on the creation of a uniform shop, the group having secured a £500 donation from Tesco;• the potential for Beith Youth Group to use Beith Community Centre as drop-in venue;• a wide variety of events taking place over the coming weeks, including the Joint Cabinet, National Youth Week and the Scottish Youth Parliament elections; and• a meeting with elderly welfare groups to discuss an inter-generational Christmas event as part of work to tackle social isolation. <p>The Partnership welcomed the ongoing work and discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the need for improved communications next year around summer events, particularly in Beith;• ongoing disorder and anti-social behaviour around the Red Brae in Beith, the impact of this on local residents, and some of the measures, including joint patrols, which might help to address this long-standing problem;• the proposal for a youth group to meet in Dalry library and the potential for tie-in with the Community Garden;• an offer of support from Café Solace for the inter-generational Christmas event; and	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a grant of £1,250 by Dalry Parish Boundary Trust to allow P7 pupils from Dalry Primary School to attend Arran Outdoor Centre. <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>4.</p> <p>4.1</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund</p> <p>Full application – Café Solace</p> <p>The Partnership considered an application by Café Solace for funding towards the costs of employing a full-time Food Development Worker for a period of three years.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> avoiding duplication of effort by the various larders in the Garnock Valley; the excellent work done by committed and organised volunteers at Café Solace; use of Dalry Community Centre as a community larder and the possible displacement of other, long-standing community groups from this venue; the use of containers to address storage issues at other venues; the importance of taking into account public transport timetables when considering larder opening times; and the future sustainability of the CIF project. <p>Arising from discussion about the use of Dalry Community Centre, the Locality Officer undertook to liaise with Dalry Sports Club to discuss any logistical issues around equipment storage at Dalry Community Centre.</p> <p>The Lead Officer also undertook to look at the letting system for Dalry Community Centre to establish whether any support could be provided to groups which may have been displaced by the larder, and to report back to the Locality Partnership on the outcome.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed (a) to submit the project’s CIF application to the Cabinet with a recommendation that it be approved in the amount of £49,723.00 and (b) to note that match-funding of £30,000 would be sought from North Ayrshire Ventures Trust, with the outstanding sum of £20,000 to be sought with assistance from the North Ayrshire Council Funding Officer.</p>	<p>Christina Pieraccini Garry Tait</p> <p>Angela Morrell</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Grants</p> <p>The Partnership considered a report on applications for grant funding from the Margaret Archibald Bequest and the Elderly Grants Fund.</p> <p>The Partnership noted that Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Age Concern had not responded to an invitation to apply for Elderly Grants funding and considered whether this may be due to the need for updated contact information or the group having secured alternative funding.</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the focus on health and wellbeing and the emotional needs of pupils. <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>HSCP Update</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Dr Janet McKay on the work carried out by the HSCP Locality Forum. The following points were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ongoing work on the development of priorities, which were likely to comprise (i) improvement mental health for all ages across the Garnock Valley, (ii) social isolation, (iii) drug and alcohol present, early intervention and recovery and (iv) recovering from Covid (both in terms of services and individuals); and the challenges faced by Health and Social Care, with services under significant pressure due to Covid cases and staff self-isolation <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> stretched resources to support drug and alcohol recovery; community concern regarding the limited availability of face-to-face appointments with GPs and the reasons for this in terms of both Covid and longer-term changes to the service delivery model; the significant impact of self-isolation of staffing resources; and the impact on GP recruitment of different GP practice models, with mortgaged practices more problematic than those with rented premises <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Community Council Elections and Participatory Budgeting</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal report by the Locality Officer on the forthcoming community council elections and the importance of promoting membership. The Senior Manager (Committee and Member Services) provided some further information on arrangements for voting in contested community council elections during the pandemic.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed ways in which appointments to office bearer positions might be refreshed and noted the difficulties sometimes experienced in attracting nominations for office bearer roles.</p> <p>James Waite of Beith and District Community Council then provided a verbal update on the “Vall£y Voic£s for Vall£y Mon£y” Participatory Budgeting (PB) project, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> background on the three Garnock Valley community councils’ application for Scottish Government funding for Participatory Budgeting and the provision of match-funding by North Ayrshire Council; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the alternative delivery method used for the PB event, to take account of Covid restrictions;• receipt of a total of 59 applications for PB funding, which had been scored and ranked and then the available funding awarded;• plans for an 'in person' presentation event on 22 October 2021; and• the important role of the PB activity in promoting and raising the profile of community councils in the Garnock Valley <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the ground-breaking nature of the joint working done by the three community councils;• whether applications for funding had come from new or established groups;• the diverse nature of the applications received;• whether community council membership was being promoted in Barrmill and Gateside; and• plans to retain the contact information of unsuccessful applicants to facilitate their applications for any future funding. <p>The Partnership recognised and welcomed the impressive work carried out by the three Garnock Valley community councils.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
10.	Locality Officer Update <p>The Partnership received a report by the Locality Officer, who highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Garnock Valley Carves event on 11 September 2021, which had attracted attendance from all over Scotland;• the success of St Bridget's in being named Scotland's top performing primary school;• the Café Solace community BBQ event on 7 August 2021 and summer events in the park organised by Dalry Community Sports Club; and• forthcoming Brass in the Valley free concerts <p>The Partnership discussed the forthcoming Stoneyholm Mill Trust treasure hunt.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	

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11.	<p>Locality Plan Progress</p> <p>The Partnership received an update report on progress in respect of the Locality Plan.</p> <p>The Locality Officer highlighted a number of achievements and successes, including NCN7, youth engagement, the My Community app, asset and community mapping and the Travel Needs Analysis work, and noted the broader, positive impact of the locality planning in terms community engagement and influence.</p> <p>At the request of the Partnership, the Locality Officer undertook to capture the main achievements more formally, for circulation to the Locality Partnership.</p> <p><u>Moving Around</u></p> <p>Allan Wright provided a short verbal update on the Moving Around Sub-Group, highlighting continuing work to develop a new path through Kilbirnie Park, notwithstanding that Sustrans funding had not been secured in the current year.</p> <p><u>Work and the Local Community</u></p> <p>James Waite, provided a short verbal update on the Work and Local Community sub-group, including the input received from the Garnock Valley Helping Hands project which recycled high-quality second-hand baby goods within the community.</p> <p><u>Facilities and Amenities</u></p> <p>Audrey Mason provided a short verbal update on the Facilities and Amenities sub-group, including work in preparing the consultant brief for Garnock Valley 2020</p> <p>Community representative, Henry Johnson added some information on the establishment of the Community Garden in Dalry, the return of some members to the Men's Shed following its reopening, and the recent demolition of a derelict building in the Main Street.</p> <p>Community Councillor Sheena Woodside provided an update on the completion of food hygiene training by 13 volunteers, allowing them to serve produce from the Community Garden.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p>Christina Pieraccini</p>
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12.	Lochshore The Partnership received a verbal report by Angela Morrell, Lead Officer, on developments in terms of Lochshore, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a report to be presented to the next Stakeholders Reference Group at the end of September 2021 and, thereafter, to the December 2021 meeting of the Locality Partnership;• progress in respect of building works;• positive response rates in respect of online and in-person consultation activity; and• the role of the Lochshore Development Group as the overarching body, the Stakeholder Reference Group as a sub-group working on engagement and consultation; and the Loch Management Group Noted.	Angela Morrell
13. 13.1	AOCB Barrmill Jolly Beggars Councillor DL Reid provided a short verbal update on the success of Barrmill Jolly Beggars in securing a place as recipients of Tesco funding for their 'jolly bags of kindness' project. Councillor Reid advised that the group would receive funding in the amount of £500, £1,000 or £1,500 depending on how shoppers voted using tokens in the store. Noted.	

The meeting ended at 9.05 p.m.