



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Garnock Valley Locality Partnership

Tuesday 21 September 2021 at 7.00 pm via Microsoft Teams

Business

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Timings
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.			Clr 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 – 7.10
3.	Garnock Valley Young People Receive update on recent work.	-	Verbal	Garry Tait	7.10 – 7.20
DECISION REQUIRED					
4.	Community Investment Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full application – Café Solace 	Pg 10	Enclosed	Christina Pieraccini	7.20 – 7.35
5.	Grants Receive report from Angela Morrell	Pg 19	Enclosed	Angela Morrell	7.35 – 7.45
DECISION REQUIRED					
6.	Cost of the School Day Receive update from Angela Morrell.	-	Verbal	Angela Morrell	7.45 – 7.55
7.	Learning Update Receive update.	-	Verbal	Head Teachers	7.55 – 8.05
8.	HSCP Update Receive update from Janet McKay	-	Verbal	Dr Janet McKay	8.05 – 8.15
9.	Community Council Elections and PB Receive update from Christina Pieraccini.	-	Verbal	Christina Pieraccini	8.15 – 8.25
10.	Locality Officer Update Receive update from Christina Pieraccini.	Pg 22	Enclosed	Christina Pieraccini	8.25 – 8.35
11.	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	Christina Pieraccini Community Reps	8.35 – 8.45
12.	Lochshore Receive update from Angela Morrell.	-	Verbal	Angela Morrell	8.45 – 8.55

OTHER BUSINESS – TO INFORM LOCALITY PLANNING						
	AOCB		-		Cllr Bell	8.55 – 9.00

Distribution

Elected Members

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

Community Representatives

Catherine Wigzell, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council
 Sheena Woodside, Dalry Community Council
 James Waite, Beith & District Community Council
 Audrey Mason, Community Representative
 Trish Wallace, Community Representative
 Henry Johnson, Community Representative

CPP/Council Representatives

Dr Janet McKay, North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership (**Vice Chair**)
 Kaileigh Brown, Third Sector Interface
 Andy Dolan, Police Scotland
 Craig McFie, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
 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:	15 June 2021 - Microsoft Teams
Present:	Councillor John Bell (Chair); Councillor Robert Barr; Councillor Anthea Dickson; Councillor Donald L. Reid; Councillor Todd Ferguson; Elaine Young, NHS Ayrshire and Arran (Senior Lead Officer); Angela Morrell, Lead Officer, NAC; Garry Tait, Community Development Worker, NAC; Stewart Beck, Community Development Worker Ryan Cooney, Modern Apprentice, NAC; Ewan Jamieson, Active Schools Coordinator, 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; Trish Wallace, Community Representative Craig McFie, Scottish Fire and Rescue; Janet McKay, NAHSCP Locality Forum; Kayleigh Brown, Ayrshire Community Trust Catriona Logan, Acting Headteacher, Gateside Primary Janet Dunsmore, Manager (Regeneration) Jennifer Baker, Regeneration Officer Angela Little; Committee Services Officer, NAC David Gardner, Treasurer, Garnock Valley Men's Shed (Item 8.1) Margaret Johnson – Café Solace (Item 8.2)
Apologies:	Catherine Wigzell, Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Community Council;

ACTIONS

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><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Item 8.1 - Henry Johnson as Chairman of the Garnock Valley Men's Shed Item 8.2 – Councillor Dickson as a volunteer at Café Solace</p> <p><u>Valedictory</u></p> <p>The Partnership was advised that Joy Brahim had resigned as a Councillor for West Kilbride and Dalry and a by-election will take place in August. The Chair took the opportunity to thank Joy for her contribution to the work of the Partnership.</p>	

<p>2.</p>	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The action note from the previous meeting, held on 16 March 2021, was approved.</p> <p>The following points were discussed as matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men’s Shed – agreed to allow the group to proceed to a full application; • Balance in Elderly Grants – approved to carry forward the underspend of £11,145 to 2021/22; and • Invited an update on Lochshore. 	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Garnock Valley Young People</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Gary Tait, Community Development Worker on the work which had been carried out with young people in the Garnock Valley. The update covered a number of points including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Youth engagement Working Group will meet after the summer break; • Gaming roadshow, water wipe-out event, cycling event, a youth festival and an ASN youth festival and BBQ, • Twilight basketball being considered; • Online youth work will continue; • Youthwork education recovery fund programme; • LGBT Silver Charter Award; and • Youth Forum continues to meet on a fortnightly basis. <p>The Partnership was advised that the detached youthwork team continues to visit the Spiers School to engage with the groups of local youths who congregate there and offer alternative social activities.</p> <p>Summer activities funding has been received and a wide range of programmes have been developed that will be free at point of access and will also provide food.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Youth Citizenship and Participation Strategy 2021/25</p> <p>Ryan Cooney, Modern Apprentice provided a presentation on the Youth Citizenship and Participation Strategy 2021/2025 that included information on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlights from the last strategy – what impact has it made?; • What does the new strategy mean for our young people; • What difference will it make?; • The pressures of Covid on youth inclusion and engagement; • What’s next and Sign the pledge and share. <p>Noted.</p>	

<p>5.</p>	<p>Locality Priorities</p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation from Angela Morrell, Lead Officer on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the draft Locality Partnership Impact Report, which the members of the Partnership were invited to digest and comment upon; • the outcome of public engagement work which had taken place over 14 weeks on key themes for the Locality Partnership's consideration; and • whether the Partnership wished to retain its existing priorities, replace some/all, or refocus existing key themes. <p>The Partnership (a) noted that the summary of achievements of the sub-groups would be brought to the September meeting; and (b) agreed to retain the existing priorities and refine these where and when required. Which will be informed by the results of the consultation.</p> <p>HSCP Update</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Janet McKay on the work carried out by the HSCP Locality Forum:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a result of Covid, it was considered an annual Strategic Plan would be prepared rather than the usual 3 year plan. This has been prepared and there has been a range of engagement around this; • What Matters to You Week was held last week to gather information; • Databank information and statistics which showed that North Ayrshire in general doesn't have a good health profile and in the Garnock Valley 1 in 4 people have a long term condition; • Covid and long Covid; • SIMD; • Health Needs Assessment data that will be shared with the Partnership and the key highlights that will be fed into the work of the Community Planning Team; • Ayrshire Transformation Programme that will look at how to move more services into the community; and • The Engagement Strategy that was agreed at the last Board meeting. <p>Noted.</p>	<p><i>Elaine Young</i></p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Active Schools</p> <p>Ewan Jamieson, Active Schools Coordinator, provided a presentation on Active Schools and highlighted the following areas:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Active Schools? • National programmes across 32 local authorities; • Work with P1-S6 pupils in North Ayrshire schools; 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing opportunities to make ‘More people, more active, more often’; • The Active Schools Team and what they do; • Extra-curricular clubs that include before school, lunch time and after school; • Garnock Community Campus Leadership Pathway; • Events and competitions – cluster based, primary and secondary calendar and ASN events; • Garnock Valley Schools sports calendar and the Events calendar; • Pathways – partnerships, community club links and inclusion agenda; and • Recording participation – online monitoring, registers taken at every session, data input to SEEMIS and used to help shape programmes and target approach for inactive pupils. <p>Noted.</p>	
7.	<p>Lochshore</p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation from Janet Dunsmore, Manager (Regeneration) and Jennifer Baker, Regeneration Officer on Lochshore that highlighted the following areas:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garnock Visitor and Community Hub – multi-function visitor and community building that will be funded by a range of partners and is due to be completed in August 2022; • 5km pathway at Kilbirnie Loch that will include facilities for shore play, woodland play and dens and forts • A wide range of community consultation and engagement that had taken place; • Work in progress that includes Lochshore community play links, an active travel route link between Kilbirnie and Lochshore and the Levelling Up Fund that has been sought to allow wider delivery. <p>Noted.</p>	
8.	<p>Community Investment Fund</p> <p>The Partnership considered the following applications:-</p> <p>8.1 Full application – Garnock Valley Men’s Shed</p> <p>The Partnership considered an application and verbal presentation by the Garnock Valley Men’s Shed for funding towards the costs of installing a new heating system in the shed building.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to award the group £20,000 from the Community Investment Fund.</p>	<p><i>C. Pieraccini</i></p>

	<p>Expression of Interest – Café Solace</p> <p>The Partnership considered an expression of interest from Café Solace who were seeking funding of £49,723 towards the costs of Food Development Worker (3-year, full-time post) matched funded by CIF and North Ayrshire Ventures Trust or Awards for All.</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>C. Pieraccini</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Learning Update</p> <p>The Partnership received an update on the progress made and challenges faced around the education of school pupils during the pandemic. Catriona Logan, Acting Headteacher, Gateside Primary, was in attendance and provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff continued to pack as much into school life as possible; • A creative transition programme was developed for new P1s and P7s; • Links with the Garnock Campus Area Inclusion Worker for P7s transition to S1 has worked well; • Technology has been used to link in with secondary staff and host a virtual weekly quiz for schools to compete and meet each other before transition to secondary; and • The Active Schools Team reintroduced after school club and P6-7 pupils were trained as playground leaders. <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Locality Officer Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a report from Stewart Beck, Community Development Worker on the wide range of activities ongoing in the Garnock Valley.</p> <p>The Partnership was advised that the 3 Community Council are now implementing Participatory Budgeting, which in light of Covid will take for the form of a community decision grant fund. Applications are now being received and groups can apply for up to £1,500 towards costs of Covid recovery. The Partnership was encouraged to share this information across the local area.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p>All partners</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Locality Plan Progress</p> <p>Moving Around Sub-Group</p> <p>Allan Wright provided an update on the work of the Moving Around Sub-Group</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting took place with Greg Brown, Active Travel Officer and discussion focused on accessibility issues - the path along the river has steps that are not disabled friendly and require to be redesigned by the Council; • Accessibility issues on the Dalry/Kilbirnie cycle track and waiting on information from Sustrans on funding; and • SPT are undertaking a consultation about transport needs - we can adapt our Travel Needs analysis to fill in the gaps for the Garnock Valley. <p>Facilities and Amenities Sub-Group</p> <p>Sheena Woodside provided an update on the work of the Facilities and Amenities sub-group:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garnock Valley 20/20 running a bit behind due to Covid; • Joy Steel collection – working with North Ayrshire Culture and Heritage to preserve as much as possible; • Benefits of the Garnock Valley Men’s Shed; • Halls, centres and libraries – encouraging the public to participate in the consultation; • Multi-cultural centre for prayer for all faiths and trying to identify a building; and • Dalry community garden. <p>Work and the Local Community Sub-Group</p> <p>James Waite, provided an update on the work of the Work and Local Community sub-group:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work continues on the Garnock Valley App; • Café Solace; and • Input from Nicola Gooch, Community Benefits Officer on community benefits and an invitation that will be extended to present to the community council on how community benefit can assist the community. <p>Noted.</p>	
12.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Road Maintenance Programme 2021/22 (For Information)</p> <p>The Partnership received a report by the Senior Manager (Network), Commercial Services (Roads) on the proposed Roads, Structures and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme for 2021/22.</p> <p>The Roads Maintenance Programme 2021/22, which was approved by North Ayrshire Council’s Cabinet on 23 March 2021, was attached at Appendix 1a and 1b. Details of how condition assessments were carried out and how roads, structures and lighting locations are</p>	

	<p>prioritised for inclusion in the Maintenance Programme were provided at Appendix 2.</p> <p>The assessment matrix used for scoring and ranking structures for inclusion in structures maintenance programme was attached in Appendices 3 and 4, respectively.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
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The meeting ended at 9.35 p.m.



The CIF will support proposals and projects that:

- Connect with:
 - The North Ayrshire [Fair for All Inequalities Strategy](#);
 - the [Community Planning Partnership](#) (CPP) and [Locality priorities](#); and
 - North Ayrshire Council's (NAC) 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 (attached), 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

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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>



1. Details of your organisation

Name of Organisation :
Café Solace, Garnock Valley

Postal Address for Correspondence:
Bridgend Community Centre, Kilbirnie

Name of Contact Person: Margaret Johnson

Position in Organisation: Chair

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

2. Brief description of your organisation

Please include its legal status, aims and objectives, activities or services provided and how long it has been in existence.

Café Solace are a community group, in existence since 2017. The aims of Café Solace Kilbirnie are to engage with people in recovery, their families and friends and the wider community by providing resources and opportunities conducive to recovery in North Ayrshire. They also aim to be actively involved in community participation opportunities and education, and to provide skills development, training and volunteering opportunities for people in recovery and those with other challenges or barriers in their lives. Work alongside other groups that promote the wellbeing of the wider North Ayrshire communities.



3. Title and summary of proposal

Tell us about your idea. Please describe in as much detail as possible, what the funding will be used for.

Please include:

- where it will be held / delivered
- who is your target audience
- who will benefit from it and how
- any partners that are involved.

The project will be based in Kilbirnie but will serve the whole Garnock Valley locality, building on the foundations laid by our volunteers during the pandemic. Our target audience are those experiencing food poverty in the Garnock Valley, our established customer base and our volunteers, many of whom are individuals for whom drugs and alcohol have had a negative effect on their life chances.

Funding will enable us to employ a full-time Food Development Worker for a period of three years. The successful candidate will provide learning and development opportunities in a range of contexts that will help to address food poverty and engage with a wide range of community members, volunteers, partners and customers. The range of contexts will take a holistic approach to learning and development, which will focus on personal and family life, health, employability and budgeting. These learning opportunities will effectively help to tackle food poverty by building the capacity of learners to prepare affordable, nutritious meals on a budget, and by using a variety of approaches to address the root causes of food poverty, including education and employability.

Existing partnerships with Health & Social Care will be utilised, and where possible, enhanced to enable effective targeting of vulnerable groups,

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

Please include:

- The outcomes you aim to achieve
- How you will approach reducing inequality
- How this proposal fits with the Locality Partnership priorities of 1. Moving Around (Public Transport, Traffic and Parking) 2. Work and Local Community 3. Facilities and Amenities

Outcomes:

Improved life chances for individuals for whom drugs and alcohol have had a negative effect.

Development of a community food larder, leading to wider access to affordable food for the community.

Increased capacity for individuals and groups to access and prepare affordable, nutritious, and healthy meals.

Improved physical and mental health amongst participants.

Reduction in loneliness and social isolation.

Increased social capital for individuals and groups.

Enhanced employability prospects amongst participants.

Reducing inequality:

Targeted work amongst the most vulnerable, hard to reach and socially excluded groups and individuals

Utilising existing partnerships and building new partnerships to ensure effective targeting of the most vulnerable groups and individuals

Addressing inequalities in education through provision of learning and development opportunities that will build and enhance the skills, knowledge and experience of participants

Targeted provision aimed at addressing how those experiencing financial hardship and debt can access more affordable food – cooking on a budget session

This project will address the Locality Partnership priorities of:

Work and Local Community – by ensuring that there is a more cohesive and developmental approach to community-based food provision in the Garnock Valley Locality. The project will establish a food hub that will not only address the provision of affordable food, but will tackle the root causes of food poverty through provision of learning and development opportunities for participants across the locality. This will, in turn, enhance the employability of participants to ensure they will be more work-



ready. Larder maintenance, food hygiene and environmental health form a key part of service preparation and delivery.

Facilities and Amenities – the project will enhance existing provision at Bridgend Community Centre through the creation of a food hub that is at the heart of the local community, engages with new and existing user groups, and provides opportunities for targeted work that will build the skills, knowledge and experience of groups and individuals to effectively tackle food poverty and disadvantage. Correspondingly, the post will provide the opportunity to widen the reach of the project to include Beith, Dalry, Gateside and Barrmill, with outreach workshops across the area.



5. What engagement has taken place in relation to the project?

Please include the number of people who have been engaged with or consulted as well as the range of people.

Survey of all café users and volunteers. Everyone associated with our current operation and delivery agrees that volunteers are literally run off their feet providing a sterling service to the locality, and that it is of paramount importance that we employ a paid member of staff before volunteers reach burnout. Café Solace are also part of the Garnock Valley Food Network, working with organisations across the Garnock Valley to help alleviate food insecurity and reducing food waste.

6. How will the project be managed?

Please include:

- How the finances will be managed
- Does the proposed project contribute to volunteering or employment opportunities in the Garnock Valley? Please include the number of volunteering opportunities and employment opportunities
- If there are any staff requirements, please outline your HR plans

The operating costs finances are currently managed by volunteers and will continue in this way. The finances for administration of wages for the new employee will be outsourced to Compulearn, Tarbolton KA5 5NN www.compulearn.biz. This cost will be incorporated into further funding applications.

Café Solace provides a variety of volunteering opportunities in a number of different roles. Currently we have 9 volunteers. However, we always have room for more and actively seek new volunteers on an ongoing basis, as we recognise that this will help share the workload and help us to achieve more. Two Café Solace volunteers have already progressed to paid employment within NAC Catering and it is our vision that more will follow this pathway.

Staff and volunteers will be managed by our executive committee. Roles and responsibilities will be clearly defined in our HR Management folder, including:

- Health and Safety Policies and Procedures
- Workplace Inspections
- Code of Conduct
- Data Protection Procedures and Guidelines
- Data Protection Policy
- Volunteer Registration, agreement and role description
- Risk Assessment
- Equality and Diversity Monitoring
- Staff and Volunteer Induction
- Dignity and Respect Policy
- Adult Protection Policy



7. Amount of funding being requested

Please supply details 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 (£) **£49,723.00**, with match-funding of £30,000 being sought from North Ayrshire Ventures Trust. The remaining £20,000 being sought with assistance from NAC Funding Officer.

Please give a breakdown of cost and recent quotations where appropriate.

(Grade 7 Salary 35 hrs: £27,624 plus NI and pension @ £5,525 = £33,148 x 3 years = £99,446) Amount requested from CIF = £49,723



8. Monitoring and evaluation process

Please include detail on the monitoring and evaluation processes planned or in place.

Monitoring and evaluation will take place by establishment of monthly planning, evaluation and monitoring meetings with staff and volunteers, who will be included in team meetings and individual support sessions.

Ongoing evaluation will take place with participants and service users using social media and online surveys.

We will conduct online surveys with staff, volunteers and service users bi-annually over a three-year period.



Locality Partnership: Garnock Valley Locality

Date: 21st September 2021

Subject: To advise the meeting of applications received in respect of the 2021/22 Elderly Grants 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 2021/22 Elderly Grants Fund and the Margaret Archibald Bequest Fund

Key Points for Locality Partnership:

- The 2021/22 Elderly Grants budget for the Garnock Valley Locality is **£8,474**

Officers will continue to work with local groups to explore how the remaining funds can be used to support the needs of older people.

- The Margaret Archibald Bequest Fund has a balance of **£8,767**

Action Required by Locality Partnership: To consider the applications for grant funding as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.

For more information please contact: *Angela Morrell, Senior Manager, Connected Communities, 2nd Floor Cunninghame House, Irvine.*
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Completed by: *Rosemary Fotheringham (rosemaryfotheringham@north-ayrshire.gov.uk)*
Date: 13/8/21

**ELDERLY GRANTS FUND
APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2021/22**

Grant Allocation for the Garnock Valley LPP Area £ 8,474

Group	Purpose of Grant	Grant Allocated to Group	Amount Requested	Remaining Balance
Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Age Concern	*** Have not applied	£ 2,970	£ -	£ 2,970
Beith Old People's Welfare Committee	Contribution towards re-commencing annual bus trip (dates tbc) and Christmas dinners/alternatively £10 voucher for local butcher.	£ 3,049	£ 3,049	£ -
Dalry Old Folks Treat Committee	Contribution towards Summer trip and transport, Christmas meal and transport and Christmas gifts for over 90's.	£ 2,455	£ 2,455	£ -
		£ 8,474	£ 5,504	£ 2,970

MARGARET ARCHIBALD BEQUEST

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2021/22

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
Dalry Old Folks Treat Committee	Financial support towards Christmas Meal and Summer Trip 2022: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christmas Meal Transport - £1,000 - Christmas Meal - £5,500 - Over 90's cheque & gift - £650 - Summer Trip Transport - £2,000 - Summer Trip Meal - £2,000 TOTAL - £11,150 Match Funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contribution- £2,695 - NAC Elderly Grants - £2,455 	£6,000	2019/20 - £6,000 2018/19 - £6,000 2017/18 - £6,000 2016/17 - £4,000 2015/16 - £4,000 2014/15 - £6,000
<p>Connected Communities, Finance and Legal Services have been consulted and their comments are as follows:</p> <p>Finance & Corporate Support: No quotes have been provided for the expected expenditure. The costs for the Xmas lunch have been based on 300 and 200 for the Summer Outing, this would be a contribution of £12 per person from the Margaret Archibald Bequest.</p> <p>Legal: The application detail on behalf of this Applicant appears to satisfy the criteria of the Trust. So long as the Trustees are satisfied that the applicant group is "in need" financially, I am of the view that any financial assistance will be within the powers of the Trustees to award.</p> <p>Connected Communities: Economy and Communities are supportive of this application. Details contained with the application demonstrate that the award will be used for those who are aged 65 and over and in need.</p>			



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Garnock Valley Locality Update

September 2021

Vall£y Voic£s for Vall£y Mon£y – The 3 Garnock Valley Community Councils worked extraordinarily hard over the summer to promote and implement their project “Vall£y Voic£s for Vall£y Mon£y”, which will distribute £52,500 to local community groups in the area. In total, 59 applications from across the Garnock Valley were received. Groups will be notified soon if they have been successful. A huge well done to the 3 Community Councils for all their hard work, which will really make a difference to local groups.

Garnock Valley Carves – The 3rd Garnock Valley Carves Festival took place on Saturday 11th September. Hundreds of people from all over Scotland attended and enjoyed watching the carvers at work, as well as visiting stalls. It was a very enjoyable day and a huge well done to Norrie, Rose and all the organisers.

Youth PB – Applications are now open for 2021 NA Youth Participatory Budgeting. Groups can apply for up to £1000 for projects which benefit young people in North Ayrshire. The closing date is 17th October, with young people voting for their preferred projects in November.

Garnock Valley Summer Youth Programme – A total of 360 young people and adults attended 8 local events for young people in the Garnock Valley over the summer including BBQs and a water wipeout. The events were held across the Garnock Valley at Lochshore, Bridgend Community Centre, Dalry Park and Beith Park.

Dalry Community Sports Club – DCSC will be running 4 pop up sport sessions in Dalry Park, in partnership with KA Leisure. This will provide free sports sessions for children aged 5 to 14 years old, as well as an adult bootcamp. A free BBQ will also be provided. These events start on Monday 13th September at 6.30pm and will run for 4 weeks until 4th October.

Beith and District Community Council – The Community Council have continued to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month via Microsoft Teams. They now have 5 vacancies and hope to fill these at the community council elections in November. They secured funding from Beith Christian Action Group to purchase a keyworker bench, which will be installed in Wilson Street Gardens and they are awaiting its delivery. They felt it was important to acknowledge and thank all those keyworkers that continued to work and continue to do so through a most difficult time. A memorial tree will be planted beside the bench to remember all those lost during the COVID-19 pandemic. BDCC continue to work alongside Kilbirnie & Glengarnock and Dalry Community Councils with their Valley Voices for Valley Money project, which is nearing its conclusion. The results will be announced by the end of September.

Manrahead Roundabout - Cllr Donald L Reid and Kathleen Reid continue to work on keeping Manrahead Roundabout clean and tidy by removing litter, weeds and grit. They work on this at least twice a month. The roundabout is now looking very good.

Brass In The Valley: The long-delayed concerts are now scheduled. These will take place on Sunday 3 October at 2pm at Geilsland Hall (Irvine & Dreghorn Band) and



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Sunday 31 October 2pm at Geilsland Hall (Dalmellington Band). All members of GVLP are cordially invited to both events, which are free, and they are keen to invite as many front-line workers and community volunteers as possible. Anyone wishing to attend should advise Cllr Donald L Reid (donaldleesreid@north-ayrshire.gov.uk) of which concert they wish to attend. Covid conditions of entry will be applied. While the event is free, anyone wishing to can make a donation on entry for Garnock Valley Disability Forum.

Highlights

NCN7 – The proposal from Sustrans for funding was successful and it is hoped that work will start soon to explore the feasibility of a National Cycle Network 7 route between Kilbirnie and Dalry.

“Stroll With It” - 10 Health Walks have taken place at a variety of locations across the Garnock Valley over the Summer. These short walks are aimed at people who are keen to improve their health through walking. They are guided by trained Walk Leaders, who incorporate local history and points of interest along the way. They have also been successful in promoting community groups and activities, leading to increased participation at groups and enhanced physical and mental wellbeing of participants. Evaluations by group members have overwhelmingly indicated a desire to continue the programme through the winter period.

Cycle racks - Cycle parking has been installed through the Sustrans ‘Spaces for People’ programme at 11 locations throughout the Garnock Valley, which will help to encourage people to cycle from A to B.

Next Steps

The next meeting of the group will take place on Wednesday 13th October 2021 online. Please get in touch if you would be interested in getting involved.

Highlights

Garnock Valley Men’s Shed - GVMS is now open for business again, with appropriate Covid measures in place. Preparation is underway for the funding and installation of 3 phase electricity, as well as an application for solar panels, which will contribute to the longer-term sustainability of the building and associated energy costs. Notification of a £20,000 award from the CIF has been received and will be used to install a new heating system, which will ensure the building is adequately heated and is a more comfortable environment for members. A draft 25-year lease has been received from NAC and is now with the Shed’s solicitor for consideration. The time of the scale model group has moved to Fridays at 6.00pm. This is due to the previous Shed Manager and model group leader securing full-time paid employment. A group of shedders recently attended health and safety training and are now providing cover for the opening and closing of the building and for supervision of the various machinery in the workshop area.



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Kilbirnie Library – The library is now open: Mondays 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm, Tuesdays 10am-12.30pm and 2pm-4pm and Thursdays 10am-1pm. The Employability Hub is also open again on a Thursday all day. TSB Pop-Up Bank is at Kilbirnie Library every Monday (apart from Bank Holidays) 9.30am-1pm and 2pm-4.30pm.

Community Centres – Guidance was issued by NAC to all North Ayrshire Community Centres for reopening safely on a phased approach over the summer, with most groups planning to return to operation in September (subject to Covid restrictions). This is welcome news for the community after 18 months of not being able to meet.

Dalry Community Garden – Dalry Community Development Hub hosted a community tea party on Sunday 29th August with approx. 70 people attending. Members of the local community were able to enjoy getting together, a BBQ, games and activities, all of which were located within the new community garden in Dalry.

Café Solace - Cafe Solace are still operating a takeaway and delivery service on a Friday evening. All details and menu are on the Cafe Solace Kilbirnie Facebook page from Thursday evening. They continue to review when and how they will be able to operate a normal service back at the cafe.

The Wee School Pantry – Work is underway to launch a community food larder in Kilbirnie, to be called “The Wee School Pantry”. They have received confirmation of funding for containers and await further information on receipt and also when the electricity supply at Bridgend Community Centre will facilitate fridges and freezers in these containers.

Lochshore - Construction is currently on schedule for the Hub, with a completion date of 8th August 2022. The planning application for the circular walk was recently submitted and the tender for construction of the route will be issued once approval has been granted. Construction of the active travel link between the site, Kilbirnie and the NCN7 will begin soon. The first stage of the consultation for the design of the wider site came to an end on the 10th September, although consultations with specific interest groups will continue after this date. They have received responses from or have spoken to approx. 400 people. The comments and ideas received will be fed into the concept design which will be shared through a second newsletter to be issued by November 2021, which will invite further comment. A final design will be shared before the end of the year. Lochshore community play links project for the creation of three unique play features to be located in Kilbirnie, Beith and Dalry has started. These will reflect the heritage connections between each town and Lochshore. 8 participants have been recruited from each town for the co-design of these play installations. The participants are currently joining in with a series of workshops, which will complete on 25th September. The designs will be available for public comment shortly after, and a blog will be available for people to keep up to date as the project progresses.

Next steps

The working group will next meet on Wednesday 6th October 2021 in Bridgend Community Centre. Anyone with an interest is welcome to join in.



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Garnock Valley Community Support Hub – Huge thanks to partners and volunteers who made a difference to the Garnock Valley community during a very difficult time. A thank you event for volunteers took place on 30th June. Over the 16 months, a total of 2763 calls were received, 2218 food parcels were issued, 1338 people were given advice, 282 prescriptions were delivered and 810 referrals to other organisations were made, including money matters, citrus energy, social work, service access, to ensure people in the community got the help and support they needed.

Youth Engagement - Trained Youth Workers continue to carry out detached youth work every Friday and Saturday night across the Garnock Valley. They are building good relationships with young people and gathering information that will inform future programmes.

Garnock Valley Youth Forum - The Youth Forum have been working hard to create a “swap shop” where people in the community can donate used clothing in good condition, especially school clothing. They can also pick up items they need. This helps the planet and the pocket. Youth Forum members were also involved in the summer programme throughout the summer.

Café Solace Community BBQ – On Saturday 7th August, Café Solace hosted a community BBQ at Bridgend Community Centre. People attending took part in games and activities, as well as visiting stalls about what groups are operating in the Garnock Valley. The weather was wet however the community spirit was shining.

The Ayrshire Community Trust – TACT presented trophies to all organisations who have been part of their Organisation of the Month this year. This gave groups a chance to be highlighted and promoted. If you would like to nominate a voluntary organisation, please contact Susan Manson on susan@tact.scot The NHS Scotland Community Benefits Gateway is now live. This initiative, in partnership with Public Health Scotland, is a key part of NHS Scotland’s work under Sustainability to ensure their commercial solutions fully embed sustainable, ethical and social values. The focus is that by 2025, NHS Scotland’s Procurement services will work together across Health Board’s for Scotland’s people, and a key initiative of this work is the Community Benefit Gateway. TACT will work to match willing NHS Scotland suppliers with local third sector organisations who are looking for assistance with a variety of needs. They encourage you to promote the Community Benefits Gateway to your partners. To access the portal: https://nhsns.service-now.com/community_benefit or contact through TACT.

Next steps

The next meeting of the working group will take place on Thursday 21st October 2021. Anyone with an interest is welcome to join in online.



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