

# Action Note

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Garnock Valley Locality Partnership</b>
<b>Date/Venue:</b>	16 December 2021 - Microsoft Teams
<b>Present:</b>	Councillor John Bell (Chair); Councillor Robert Barr; Councillor Anthea Dickson; Councillor Donald L. Reid; Elaine Young, NHS Ayrshire and Arran (Senior Lead Officer); Garry Tait, Community Development Worker, NAC; James Waite, Beith Community Council; John Higgins, 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, Locality Officer, NAC Pamela McCallum, Head Teacher (St Palladius Primary School); Sergeant Douglas Clark, Police Scotland; Jane Lamont, Development Manager, Beith Trust; Michelle Sutherland, Partnership Facilitator, HSCP Rosemary Ramsay, Funding Officer, NAC; Louise Kirk, Senior Manager (Regeneration Services) NAC; Craig Stewart, Committee Services Officer (Committee and Member Services), NAC
<b>Apologies:</b>	Councillor Todd Ferguson; Councillor Ronnie Stalker; Sheena Woodside, Dalry Community Council; Angela Morrell, Lead Officer, NAC; and Michael McLennan, Partnership Engagement Officer, NAHSCP.

## 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>At the invitation of the Chair, and for the benefit of any new attendees, those present introduced themselves.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Action Note</b></p> <p>The Action Note from the previous meeting, held on 21 September 2021, was approved with a minor correction in respect of the following:-</p> <p>With regard to the item under the heading 'Locality Plan Progress', the reference to a new path through Kilbirnie Park should refer to an upgrade to the path at Valefield, Kilbirnie instead.</p> <p>The following points were raised as matters arising:</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update from Donna Morrison regarding use of Dalry Community Centre as a community larder, the dance group which had since left the centre and had freed up space, and storage issues in general;</li> <li>• The current position with Lochshore, an update on which would be provided at the next meeting of the Locality Partnership;</li> <li>• Elderly Grants Fund – contact would continue to be followed-up with Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Age Concern, with a view to an update on this matter being provided to the next meeting of the Partnership.</li> </ul> <p>Noted.</p>	<p><b>Angela Morrell</b></p> <p><b>Rosemary Ramsay</b></p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Garnock Valley Young People</b></p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Garry Tait, Community Development Worker on the work carried out with young people in the Garnock Valley.</p> <p>The Partnership noted the terms of the verbal update given, that covered activities undertaken recently in the Garnock Valley.</p> <p>The Partnership also noted the position with regard to a pilot project in Irvine, which involved Community Police Officers going out with Youth workers to break down barriers, and this had been considered successful and could be replicated in the Garnock Valley.</p> <p>Sergeant Clark informed the Partnership that there had been a downturn in reports, from residents in the area, relating to youth disorder, and it was likely that the youths in question might have been displaced to somewhere else.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed that the security of the development site at 2 Main Street, Kilbirnie would be looked at to make sure it was as secure as possible, to deter youths who might have been displaced to this location and in order to prevent any future problems/difficulties arising.</p>	<p><b>Garry Tait/Sergeant Clark</b></p> <p><b>Louise Kirk</b></p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Grants Update</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation from Rosemary Ramsay on the Grants Update. Rosemary advised that she would also arrange for the presentation to be circulated to the Locality Partnership.</p> <p>The Partnership noted the terms of the presentation given, particularly in relation to the 3 Trust Funds. Discussion also took place on the best method of paying out elderly fund grants, and it was agreed that officers would look at the possibility of utilising gift vouchers for local shops, instead of sending cheques in view of local bank closures.</p>	<p><b>Rosemary Ramsay</b></p> <p><b>Rosemary Ramsay</b></p>

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<p>5.</p>	<p><b>B714 Update</b></p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Louise Kirk on the above. In particular, the following points were highlighted:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Council had been successful in securing £23.7m from the UK Government's Levelling Up Fund (LUF) for major improvements to the road;</li> <li>• Upgrading the B714 would significantly improve road connectivity between North Ayrshire and other parts of Scotland, helping to provide better road links and encourage investment in the area; and</li> <li>• Discussion on active travel routes, including cycle way feasibility study and looking at the possibility of a safe cycle route between the 2 Primary Schools in Dalry.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Louise Kirk</i></p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Joint Health &amp; Social Care Locality Planning Forum and LP on Mental Health and wellbeing</b></p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Michelle Sutherland on the above. In particular, the following points were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the continuing challenges faced by Health and Social Care, with services under significant pressure due to Covid cases and staff requiring to self-isolate; and</li> <li>• continued ongoing work on the development of priorities, which were likely to comprise of (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).</li> </ul> <p>Councillor DL Reid encouraged any local community groups in the Garnock Valley to make application to the Fund which had been set up to tackle social isolation and it was noted that there was a £2,000 award of grant available in this regard.</p> <p>The Partnership took the opportunity to pass on their best regards to Janet McKay, who would shortly be retiring from her post, and wished her a long, peaceful and happy retirement.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Community Investment Fund – Expression of Interest</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a report by Christina Pieraccini, Locality Officer on an application received in respect of Gielisland Courtyard.</p> <p>After consideration, the Partnership agreed to approve the expression of interest to progress to a full bid for £15,000 to the Beith Community Development Trust. This will be considered at the next meeting.</p>	<p><i>Christina Pierraccini</i></p>

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<b>8.</b>	<b>Learning Update</b>  The Partnership received an update from Pamela McCallum, Head Teacher of St Palladius Primary School on the challenges faced and progress made around the education of school pupils during the pandemic, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the challenges associated with the high number of Covid cases and logistical issues in respect of teaching and support staff having to self-isolate;</li><li>• work that was currently ongoing to help pupils develop and regain skills around socialising, as well as in raising self-esteem; and</li><li>• the focus on health and wellbeing, including the emotional support needs of pupils.</li></ul> Noted.	
<b>9.</b>	<b>HSCP Update</b>  The Partnership received an update from Dr Janet McKay on the work carried out by the HSCP Locality Forum. The following points were highlighted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ongoing work on the development of current locality priorities, such as (i) improving mental health and well-being, (ii) reducing social isolation and loneliness, (iii) prevention, early intervention and recovery from drug and alcohol related harms &amp; deaths and (iv) recovering from Covid experience/backlog; and</li><li>• the challenges faced by Health and Social Care, with services under significant pressure due to Covid cases and staff requiring to self-isolate.</li></ul> The Partnership discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the Covid vaccine booster rollout, which was proceeding well, and people (aged over 18) were encouraged to get the booster as it had proven to be effective against the new variant; and</li><li>• the recent Scottish Government consultation which had recently taken place regarding the National Care Service.</li></ul> Noted.	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Locality Officer Update</b>  Christina Pieraccini provided an update on the work which had been undertaken in the locality, full details of which were included in the agenda pack.  A detailed report on the work undertaken in the locality had been circulated to the Partnership in the agenda pack. Christina provided a highlight on Lochshore and James Waite provided an update on the work of one of the sub-groups he was involved with.  Noted.	

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<b>11.</b>	<b>Locality Plan Progress</b>  The Partnership received a report by Christina Pierraccini, Locality Officer, who highlighted feedback from the following sub-groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moving Around;</li><li>• Facilities and Amenities; and</li><li>• Work and the Local Community.</li></ul> Noted.	
<b>12.</b>  <b>12.1</b>  <b>12.2</b>	<b>AOCB</b>  <b>Locality Membership</b>  The Partnership received a verbal update by Elaine Young, Senior Lead Officer, on the current and future position of the Locality Membership, particularly in view of impending Local Government Elections in May 2022. Taking cognisance of this, it was agreed to leave the appointment for the vacant position unfilled meantime.  Noted.  <b>Report for Information: Remembering Together – Scotland’s Covid Community Memorial Programme</b>  Noted.	
<b>13.</b>	<b>Compliments of the Season</b>  Councillor Bell, Chair, took the opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.	

The meeting ended at 9.10 p.m.