



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Garnock Valley Locality Partnership

Thursday 8 December 2022 at 7.00 pm at the Lochshore Hub,
Caledonian Road, Lochshore, Beith, KA14 3BE

Business

Item	Subject	Pg No:	Ref	Officer	Timings
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.			Cllr 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.	Police Scotland – Wellbeing Unit Receive update from PC George Bradbury and PC Fiona Gibson.	-	Verbal	George Bradbury/Fiona Gibson	7.10 – 7.25
4.	B714 Receive update from Louise Kirk.	-	Verbal	Louise Kirk	7.25 – 7.40
5.	Garnock Valley Young People Receive update on recent work.	-	Verbal	Garry Tait	7.40– 7.55
6.	Learning Overview Receive update.	-	Verbal	Head Teachers	7.55 – 8.10
DECISION REQUIRED					
7.	Community Rep Application Consider Application.	Pg 6	Enclosed	Angela Morrell	8.10 – 8.20
STANDING ITEMS					
8.	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	8.20 – 8.35
9.	Locality Officer Report Receive report from Christina Pieraccini.	Pg 9	Enclosed	Christina Pieraccini	8.35 – 8.45
10.	Lochshore Receive update from Angela Morrell.	-	Verbal	Angela Morrell	8.45 – 8.55
OTHER BUSINESS – TO INFORM LOCALITY PLANNING					
11.	AOCB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Planning Inquiry • HSCP Update 	- Pg 16	Verbal Enclosed	Cllr Bell Angela Morrell	8.55– 9.00
<p>The next Community & Locality Planning Conference will be held on Saturday 28 January 2023 from 9.30 am at Saltcoats Town Hall. To reserve you place please email: communityplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk</p>					

Distribution

Elected Members

Councillor John Bell (**Chair**)
Councillor Anthea Dickson
Councillor Margaret Johnson
Councillor Donald L Reid
Councillor Ronnie Stalker

Community Representatives

Catherine Wigzell/Allan Wright, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council
James Waite, Beith & District Community Council (**Vice Chair**)
David Park, Community Representative
Brenda Reilly, Community Representative

CPP/Council Representatives

Kaileigh Brown, Third Sector Interface
David Cameron, Police Scotland
Neil Shearer, 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:	27 September 2022 at 7pm, Bridgend Community Centre, Kilbirnie	
Present:	<p>Councillor John Bell (Chair); Councillor Anthea Dickson; Councillor Margaret Johnson Councillor Donald L. Reid; Councillor Ronnie Stalker; Elaine Young, NHS Ayrshire, and Arran (Senior Lead Officer). Garry Tait, Community Development Worker, NAC; James Waite, Beith & District Community Council; Allan Wright, Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Community Council; Catherine Wigzell, Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Community Council; Sheena Woodside, Dalry Community Council; Christina Pieraccini, Locality Officer, NAC; David Cameron, Police Scotland; Donna Anderson, Youth Participation Officer, NAC; Rosemary Ramsay, Funding Officer, NAC; Alan MacDougall, Head Teacher, Garnock Campus Brenda Reilly, Community Representative Colin Ferris, Locality Officer, NAC; John Higgins, member of the public</p>	
Apologies:	Kaileigh Brown, Third Sector Interface Elaine Mann, Head Teacher, Moorpark Primary Dennis Hopkins, Head Teacher, St Bridges Primary Angela Morell, Senior Manager	
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>At the invitation of the Chair, and as it was the first in-person meeting since the pandemic, those present introduced themselves.</p>	
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The Action Note from the previous meeting, held on 23 June, was approved.</p> <p>The following point was raised as matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rosemary provided update on item 9 – Grants noting the amount awarded for Dalry Old Folks Treat Committee of £4000. <p>Noted.</p>	
3.	Garnock Valley Young People	

	<p>The Partnership received an update from Garry Tait on the work conducted with young people in the Garnock Valley.</p> <p>Donna Anderson provided additional update on future activities scheduled.</p> <p>Sgt David Cameron updated the partnership on the Wellbeing Unit and the work being undertaken.</p> <p>The Partnership noted the terms of the verbal updates given that covered activities undertaken recently in the Garnock Valley.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Learning Overview</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Alan MacDougall, Head Teacher of Garnock Campus on the improvement plan, progress of events being reintroduced in person including parents evening, drive in movie and the Festive fair.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Transport issues were raised, Cllr Bell confirmed these are locality wide and responsibility of SPT/Transport not Education.</p> <p>Cllr Bell asked if pupils were allowed in the building during lunch time and before school; Alan confirmed pupils are able to enter the building during adverse weather, lunches are scheduled and staggered to ensure all pupils have access to the dining hall.</p> <p>Cllr Reid asked about physical flooding within Garnock Campus. Alan confirmed the water intake issue affected two particular rooms and remedies have been undertaken to fix the issue, both rooms are accessible. Robin Knox, Manager and James Walls, Infrastructure and Safety, NAC has visited and confirmed the rooms are able to be in use.</p> <p>Garnock Campus will host a careers fair, the Partnership noted the benefits of including NHS Ayrshire and Arran, Police Scotland, Fire and Rescue to the invites for the event.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed future locality meetings of will extend invite to Senior pupils, members of the Youth Forum and MSYP.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund – Beith Playpark</p> <p>The Partnership received an update of the full application from Beith Playpark Action Group on their application for a Skatepark at Orr’s Trust Park, Beith to the Community Investment Fund.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed with the application. Report will be presented at next Cabinet Council Meeting.</p>	

6.	<p>Grants</p> <p>The Locality Partnership agreed with the elderly grants fund applications and breakdown outlined in the report presented by Rosemary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Age Concern - £2,964 • Beith Old People's Welfare Committee - £3,053 • Dalry Old Folks Treat Committee - £2,414 • Barrmill Jolly Beggars - £1,000 	
7.	<p>Street Naming</p> <p>The Locality Partnership agreed with to the following street names:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tianna Gardens • Colville Crescent 	
8.	<p>Locality Plan Progress</p> <p>The Partnership received an update by Christina Pierraccini, Locality Officer, and from Community Representatives who highlighted feedback from the following sub-groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving Around • Facilities & Amenities • Work and the Local Communities <p>Lack of HSCP representatives attending groups was noted as a challenge.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
9.	<p>Locality Officer Report</p> <p>Christina Pieraccini referred to her update which had been circulated detailing the considerable work in numerous areas which had been undertaken in the locality.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
10.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Vice Chair – requires to be appointed. The Partnership agreed James Waite to be appointed as Vice Chair.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	

The meeting ended at 8.40pm

Nomination Form Locality Partnerships Community Representative

1. Personal Details

Title: Mr / Mrs / Ms / Other:

Forename: Jane

Surname: Lamont

Address: [REDACTED]

Postcode: [REDACTED]

Tel. No: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

2. Please tell us which Locality Partnership you are applying to join (mark an X in the relevant box below)

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Garnock Valley <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Irvine <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Kilwinning <input type="checkbox"/> | North Coast <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Three Towns <input type="checkbox"/> | |

3. Please tell us about any current and previous experience of working in a group or committee.

Date or Year	Role or description of your involvement
2009 – 2012	Beith Juniors CFC – Committee member
2012 – 2022	Beith Trust - Company Secretary
2003 – 2018	Depot Arts Co - Trustee
2015 – 2022	Development Trust Association Scotland – Trustee (Vice Chair)

4. Have you (or the person you are nominating) undertaken voluntary work in the last 5 years?

- Yes No

If you answered **yes** to the above question, please tell us provide the following information:

Date or Year	Volunteer Role/Title	Organisation/company name and aims
2019 - 2022	Host Family Carer	Glasgow City Council

5. Please tell us about any other experience that you (or the person you are nominating) have that might be relevant to this nomination?

I have an interest in community development and the betterment of the community I live in and the meaningful involvement of people in decision making.

6. Please tell us of any assistance you (or the person you are nominating) would need to help undertake the duties as a member of the Locality Partnership.*

None needed

7 . Why do you (or the person you are nominating) want to be a member of your Locality Partnership?

I have lived and worked in the Garnock Valley for many years and I believe I can bring experience and a community led regeneration perspective to the work of the partnership

Proposer

Please give the name and contact details of one person who has known you (or the person you are nominating) in a personal or community capacity for at least two years and who would be prepared to support your nomination:

Name: Kevin Nelson

Address: [REDACTED]

Postcode: [REDACTED]

Tel. No: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Declaration

I confirm that the information given on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge.

A Locality Partnership member appointment is a public appointment, which is of interest to individuals and services within North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership. I understand that if I am appointed my name will be released to the Locality for which this group was established to enable me to fulfil my duties as a member.

Signed:

Date: 29-11-2022

If you are completing this form on behalf of a proposed nominee, please ask them to agree to this nomination by signing below:

Signed:

Date: 29-11-2022

Please note this information (with the exception of your contact details within Q1 and information given at Q6 and your proposer's contact details) will be shared with all attendees at the Locality Partnership meeting. Your contact details will be held by the Community Planning Team within North Ayrshire Council and we will use these to contact you about Locality Partnership and Community Planning matters only.

Please return this completed form to the Community Planning Team at communityplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Garnock Valley Locality Update

December 2022

After School Transition Youth Groups – Three groups have recently started in the Garnock Valley, run by the Locality Team, for young people aged 10 and over. The Kilbirnie group started in September 2022 and has been running weekly since. Although only a small number have been attending so far, those who do are experiencing very positive benefits, such as increased interaction with peers, increased confidence and engagement in activities. The group have also applied for PB funding to go on a trip to the 5 Sisters Zoo. The Dalry group started in November 2022 and has been well attended so far. Those attending are all from the one school, however we hope they are joined by other young people from the other school within Dalry. They have engaged well in the activities so far and have come up with lots of ideas for future activities and how they would like to shape the club. A group for Beith started on 29 November 2022, with 9 young people attending the first week. This group will give young people access to sports, gaming, warm food and tying in with the community larder for parents to access.

Dalry Community Development Hub – DCDH have had a busy and exciting year. They have welcomed many visitors to their Community Garden, giving their produce and recipes away to try at home. Their Soup night went down well using produce from the garden. Spicy Pumpkin, Potato and leek soup were provided. Tai Chi was introduced to their volunteers and visitors and has proved to be very popular. It will continue for the winter months in Rosearden Hall. Dalry Library have supported them and they are now able to access Wi-Fi at the Garden.

A successful afternoon tea was served at the garden in aid of Breast Cancer, which raised £1010.81 and they supported MacMillan Cancer Care with a Coffee Morning, raising £300. Their compost bins have proved to be very popular with snails and worms and they have now produced wonderful compost. The group have installed an access ramp and now the Garden Room is accessible to all. The Playtime Early Years Nursery are using the space for their meetings and recently held a bake sale. The group were delighted to host the Santa's Grotto for Dalry Action Group's, Torch & Tinsel Christmas light switch on, which was well supported and a huge success for Dalry and the wider community.

Lochshore Park Development - The Lochshore Park Hub formally opened on the 8th of October and the café is now open daily between 9.30am and 3.30pm. The next access route to be completed will be the 5km leisure route, the construction of which is well underway and will be completed by January 2023. Woodland planting and a play area at the hub are also due to be completed early 2023.

Several weekly activities are underway including:

- Friends of Lochshore group on Wednesdays between 10am and 2pm
- Arts and crafts group on Fridays from 10.30am and 12pm
- Health walk on Fridays from 1pm to 2pm

Please contact Rebecca Ramage for further information about any of these groups on rebecca.ramage@tcv.org.uk



Locality update



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Garnock Valley Locality Update

December 2022

Garnock Valley Once Loved Uniform Centre - To date, the Once Loved Uniform Centre has been successful in establishing a centre within the Kilbirnie Youth Project. This has been decorated by the members of the Youth Forum and funded through PB, which the group applied for. It was initially stocked with a small number of donations and new stock donated by Tesco, Kilbirnie. The centre has gone on to set up a social media presence and engage with members of the community. This has resulted in a steady stream of donations of new and second-hand clothing items. Initially uptake of the items was slow however, over the summer of 2022, the centre was taken out into the community in the form of pop-up shops at the Holiday Meals programme venues and at the locality led fun days. This saw a massive uptake in items being received and circulated within the community. Following on from this, the Youth Forum then engaged with the Young Peoples Support Team and took a pop-up shop to their fun night event in September. This again allowed the centre to reach those families most in need of items. Another pop-up shop was then taken to the Kilbirnie Library event in October as part of the 'Talking Mince' event.

The Youth Forum have also looked at expanding the selection of items they provide within the centre and how this can be accessed more easily by the community. This has led to the group applying for PB funding to set up a takeaway trolley, with personal hygiene items such as deodorant and shampoo within Garnock Academy. A successful open evening took place on 9 November as part of National Youth Work Week, which was attended by Elected Members, who showed a keen interest in the work being done. Items will continue to be taken out as a pop-up shop to local events over the coming months, including the three winter fun events taking place in January. They are also in the process of looking at gifting washing machines to each community centre in the locality, for use by the local community. The group also received donation of school uniforms via the Community Benefits Wishlist.

Festive Book Appeal – Kilbirnie Library would like to say a great big thank you to all who donated to their Book Gifting Appeal. They got a great response and appreciated all the donations they received.

Our Community Space – Due to the success of the pilot, 'Our Community Space' has been extended and will continue to run once a week in Beith, Kilbirnie and Dalry on a rotational basis. This is a collaboration between the Community Development Locality Team, HSCP and Turning Point, as well as regular visits from a number of support services.

Winter Fun Events – Three winter fun events are planned to take place in January 2023 in Kilbirnie, Dalry and Beith. These events are focussed on helping vulnerable people and families through a difficult winter, especially given the Cost-of-Living Crisis and will offer free food and provide access to support services. These events will be completely free to attend and will take place: Bridgend Centre, Kilbirnie on Saturday 14th January 11am to 3pm, Dalry Primary School on Saturday 21st January 1pm – 4pm and Beith Community Centre on Saturday 28th January 11am to 3pm.

Winter Parklives – 'Parklives' restarted in Dalry Primary School on 11th November. The partnership between Dalry Community Sports Club, the Locality Team and KA



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Garnock Valley Locality Update

December 2022

Leisure and will offer food and activities for young people in the area every Friday evening. 42 young people attended the first week.

Café Solace - Café Solace continues to be very busy on Friday evenings with the number of customers attending now between 60-70 per week. At present they have been able to keep the cost at £2.50 for a 3-course meal, with children under 12 eating for free. This is being kept under review to ensure sustainability. Their Christmas Dinner events will be held on 9th and 16th December. Over the last quarter they supported the Carving Event in Beith, who provided a generous donation, with which they were able to purchase a rice cooker for use at café. They also received another donation from the Co-op Community Fund, which will be used to supplement café expenses.

With NAC Community Investment Fund and National Lottery funding, they have now appointed a Food Development Worker for a 3-year period. The successful applicant, Iain Campbell, has been a volunteer chef at Café Solace for the past 5 years and will take up post on 1st December 2022. Iain will work closely with the Wee School Pantry and other agencies and partners to identify means of supporting members of the community experiencing food poverty.

Youth Participatory Budgeting – 201 applications for Youth PB were received across NA, with 24 being received from the Garnock Valley. Voting will close on 1 December.

Knox the Fox – The Stoneyholm Mill Trust's book, Knox the Urban Fox, is on sale at Beith, Dalry and Kilbirnie libraries for £6.99 until the 17/12. This is a beautifully illustrated picture book featuring Kilbirnie's building and landmarks with tales of our fictional fox. It can also be purchased online.

Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council - On Friday 7 October, the Community Council led a commemorative service to mark the centenary of the unveiling of the Kilbirnie War Memorial and the Dedication of Kilbirnie Public Park. They were supported by members of the Royal British Legion Scotland's Saltcoats, Ardrossan and Stevenston branch. Thanks to Rev Fiona Ross, Major Matthew Bennet, Father Mark Kelly and Mr Archie Currie for leading us through the religious observance at the service. A ribbon was cut by our Provost and she was supported by pupils from St Bridget's Primary School and Moorpark Primary School. Thanks to Cllr Donald L Reid for the photographs on the day. The bugle was played by Hugh Brennan. Hugh's father was the bugler at the ceremony to add the WWII names to the memorial. Thanks to the police for stopping traffic during the minute's silence. They were further supported by the local Councillors, the local MP and local MSP.

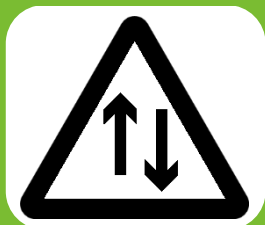
GVLP Working Groups – The Locality Community Development Worker has developed and circulated a feedback form to all the current and previous members of the three working groups. This is to pull together feedback on the progress and to ensure the groups are still meeting needs and are fit for purpose. The form will gather this feedback and the suggestions will shape the working groups for the future.



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Garnock Valley Locality Update

December 2022



Moving around
(Public transport,
traffic and parking)

Sustainable Transport Survey - The Moving Around working group has been working with Planning Aid Scotland (PAS), as part of the Sustaining Choices Programme. In addition to widely sharing the survey, and working with colleagues across CLD, the questionnaire was advertised within the New Scots community to increase community engagement. Working together, they conducted two focus groups with New Scots, to gather views on sustainable travel. Further collaboration with CLD colleagues to encourage and support the attendance of New Scots at a community feedback event. The November Moving Around meeting was combined with the PAS community feedback event. All the people that left their contact details as part of the MS form were invited. A total of 23 people attended this meeting including 10 new community members, that had not previously attended the working group. 6 New Scots also attended the event and were supported with translation and interpretation language support. After the feedback event, one new person is interested in joining the Moving Around working group and attending the next meeting.

Once Loved Bikes - Recently, NAC funded a group from the Men's Shed Dalry, to undertake the Velotech Bronze Bike Maintenance Course. This has enabled them to put their new-found skills and knowledge to the test on a bike recycling initiative, to service and repair second-hand bikes and donate them to people in need in the GV Locality. A video of the initiative was highlighted as part of Challenge Poverty Week. To date, 21 bikes have been donated from the community, upcycled and distributed to back out into the community.

Radio City Association – RCA have placed a cycle repair stand at Beith Community Centre. This is the first cycling repair stand within the Garnock Valley giving people access to a range of tools to maintain their bike. They aim to improve cycling locally and by providing a cycle repair stand in each town within the Garnock Valley, will ensure there are tools readily available for everyone to use, thanks to support from Cycling Scotland.

Next Steps

The working group will next meet on Wednesday 14th December. Anyone with an interest is welcome to attend and get involved. Please contact Christina for further information.



**Facilities and
amenities**

Highlights

Kilbirnie Library - Bookbug Sessions have been really busy, helping all the babies born during lockdown to socialise. The uptake of the library's free refreshments is taking off and will hopefully be used more during the winter months.

Garnock Valley Allotments Association - Garnock Valley Allotments Association held their AGM on Tuesday 22nd November, where they adopted an entire new set of governing documents, including a re-drafted constitution, GDPR policy, anti-bullying policy and an equal opportunities policy. The Association have received support to develop a new educational garden, being dedicated to the memory of a former member of the association.



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Garnock Valley Locality Update

December 2022

Barrmill Jolly Beggars - On 7 November, the club welcomed Alan Timpany who took as his subject: The Mountains of Skye. A wonderful, illustrated talk greatly enjoyed by a good turnout of members. On 25 November, the club meet to celebrate their 78th Annual St Andrew's Dinner. 52 members will attend the event in Beith Bowling Club. Roger Griffith will give the Toast to Scotland, whilst club members will take part delivering songs, poems and humorous pieces. On 10 December, the club are heading for the Gaiety, Ayr to see an afternoon performance of the Pantomime, Sleeping Beauty. Afterwards they will have high tea at the Abbotsford Hotel, Ayr. Santa will visit providing a gift for all before they return home. Overall, the club is in good heart, albeit our membership is mainly in the 70+ age bracket, with only a few younger members.

Next steps

The working group will next meet in January 2023. Anyone with an interest is welcome to join in.

Highlights

Voice for Older People – A mapping exercise of current support for older people in the locality was recently completed. Next steps are taking place in relation to older people's voices being heard through a participation and engagement structure, which would link localities in to a North Ayrshire wide platform. 18 people from Garnock Valley took part in the consultation.

Talking Mince - The first 'Talking Mince' session since the pandemic took place at Kilbirnie Library on Saturday 22nd October. This was co-designed with Mhairi Cook from the Library Service and the Locality Team and based on the theme 'Canny Cook?', aiming to raise awareness in the community of the groups and services available locally who can support them with access to food and other services during a challenging winter. The following organisations/services were present on the day:

- NHS Community Dietetics
- The Wee School Pantry
- Café Solace
- Garnock Valley Swap Shop
- Dalry Men's Shed
- Money Matters

While attendance was lower than hoped for, the groups fed back that it was a useful networking opportunity for them. The Men's Shed were able to give away a bike on the day, the Swap Shop distributed some clothes and shoes, and the Income Advisor from Money Matters was able to spend over an hour with a single client, which enabled a fantastic level of support.

New Scots – Garnock Valley Allotments plots for Spikewheat New Scots groups have been secured and memberships completed. Garnock ladies' group had good attendance over summer and support workers are currently working with the group to develop a fresh approach to get more people involved. 7 New Scots in the Garnock Valley are now attending West of Scotland college for full-time ESOL learning.



Work and the
local community



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Garnock Valley Locality Update

December 2022

Family Learning Team – The team are continuing to offer family learning in the following schools: Moorpark Primary, Beith Primary, Dalry Primary, Gateside Primary, St Bridget's Primary, St Palladius Primary and Garnock Community Campus.

Family learning are delivering the following programmes this term:

Read, Write, Count gifting, Families Connect, Young Stem Leader Award, S1 Subject Tasters, Wellness Wednesday, Family STEM and Family Reading Group.

The Ayrshire Community Trust – TACT continues to support the Community and Voluntary Sector with a range of services.

- TACT Staff have been organising and facilitating quarterly 'networking' Forums for all 3rd Sector groups and organisations that wish to attend. The next online Forum Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 6th December 2022. If you are a 3rd Sector organisation and you are interested in attending, please email: info@tact.scot

- Positive Steps with Partners is our Pre-Employability Project focusing on personal development activities supporting barrier removal in helping people become more ready for exploring employability options. The team have adapted the programme to a hybrid setting, offering a variety of short fun and interactive zoom sessions covering topics such as, Personal Skills and Strength's, Comfort Zones, Goal Setting and Cooking on a Budget. The project is involved at the Eglinton Community Garden, supporting volunteers to develop and enhance their skills in horticulture. If you have anyone that may be interested in finding out more, please contact Cheryl Newall via: cheryl@tact.scot

- Organisational Support – continuing to work with groups and organisations delivering relevant training including Governance, Basic Bookkeeping, Constitution & Charity Registration, Funding, and Volunteer Management.

- Community Wealth Building: - North Ayrshire is the first Community Wealth Building (CWB) Council in Scotland – this is fantastic news and something very positive for North Ayrshire. As the Third Sector Interface, TACT sits at the Community Wealth Commission. This commission supports the implementation of the CWB Strategy and will encourage involvement from local businesses, government agencies and local organisations on CWB initiatives.

- Virtual Reality Taster Sessions - TACT Digital have been delivering taster sessions to a wide range of organisations and groups including Autism Support Ayrshire, YES (Your Entire Self), CAMEO Group (LinkUp Saltcoats) and SENSE Scotland. They have future bookings for Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland, No-one Dies Alone Ayrshire and Ayrshire Cancer Support. These taster sessions are aimed at organisations interested in trying out Virtual Reality as an aid to promote mental health and wellbeing for their service users and/or staff. Their aim is to explore collaborative opportunities and highlight the therapeutic benefits of immersive virtual reality environments and how they may be integrated into existing support frameworks. To book a free taster session contact: john@tact.scot



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Garnock Valley Locality Update

December 2022

· Staff are continuing to update and source a range of Volunteering Opportunities that are currently available. They are receiving a high number of Volunteer Registrations and don't have enough placements for those interested. If you know of any groups or organisations that could benefit with some additional volunteers, please contact info@tact.scot

· TACT and Arran CVS are currently considering organising a 'Networking Conference' to take place in early 2023. This will be an opportunity for a range of groups, organisations and partners to showcase their own organisations and find out from others what great work is taking place across North Ayrshire. More details to follow.

· Organisation of the Month promotion still going strong. To date they have promoted 27 voluntary organisations. This promotion has been received favourably with the 3rd sector and it gives a chance to highlight and promote them. If you would like to nominate a voluntary organisation to be promoted, please contact Susan Manson on susan@tact.scot

· The Volunteer Friendly Award is available for community groups who engage with volunteers. This award shows the commitment of groups to embed volunteers at the heart of their work. If anyone is interested, please contact ann@tact.scot

· Adult Volunteer Recognition Award – This award was launched in June 2021 and is designed to recognise the hours of commitment that Volunteers give to organisations throughout North Ayrshire. To date, 112 certificates have been issued with one person receiving our top award of completing over 200 hours and showing outstanding commitment. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Ann Wilson on ann@tact.scot

· Supporting our Third Sector Interface partners Arran CVS with the Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund for the second year. Applications closed at 3pm on Friday 18th November 2022. Applications are currently being checked and will be sent to scoring panels shortly. They are hoping to communicate the outcome of all applications by mid-January; however they are aiming to have made all award decisions pre-Christmas

· If any Third Sector Organisations are supporting New Scots living in North Ayrshire and are in need of some small pockets of funds to offer support, please get in touch on 01294 443044 or email: info@tact.scot

Next steps

The working group will next meet on 15th December 2022. Anyone with an interest is welcome to attend.

For further information contact:

Christina Pieraccini - Locality Officer

cpieraccini@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Developing our Engagement Approach

North Ayrshire HSCP has many areas of strength in relation to engagement and participation. However, it has many areas where improvement can be made.

In 2023, we will implement a new approach to locality engagement, aiming to increase levels of participation from communities and representation from HSCP service areas.

Why change our approach?

- The current guidance for locality engagement has not been reviewed since 2015.
- LPFs have experienced many challenges including difficulties in recruiting to core member roles, undertaking effective engagement with communities, and forums being unclear how their activity leads to overall change in the HSCP.
- LPFs have never fully been considered as a resource for Community Engagement by HSCP services.



What does it look like?

Locality Conversations
Frequency: 2 per year in each locality

These will be larger stakeholder events and will be facilitated in **community settings** in each locality in North Ayrshire. Staff members from across services in the Partnership, Council, NHS, 3rd and Independent Sector will be encouraged to attend alongside the community members in each locality.

The events will be facilitated by the Partnership Engagement Officer team with staff teams being encouraged to help share possible topic discussions based on what is going on in services at that time. These events will be structured but relaxed to enable people to have conversations, ask questions and share ideas around health and social care services in their locality.

Locality Planning Review Groups
Frequency: 2 per year between Locality Conversations

The purpose of the review groups is to explore the themes and ideas shared from the Locality Conversation events.

The role of the review group will be to scrutinise the available information and provide updates, feedback and recommendations through the Partnership's governance structures at Strategic Planning Group, PSMT and IJB. Each Locality Planning Review Group will have a nominated Chair who will have the responsibility of providing feedback on the Locality Conversations and take forward any actions to relevant services.

The membership of the Locality Planning Review Groups will consist of:

- *Chairperson (IJB member)*
- *Senior Manager from Partnership Services*
- *Locality Officer from Connected Communities*
 - *Community Link Worker*
 - *Practice Manager*
- *Representative from the Partnership Performance Team*
- *Representative from the Strategic Planning Team*
- *Other relevant officers, co-opted on an ad-hoc basis based on expertise to subject matter.*

Engagement Structure

Locality Engagement: Locality Conversations

Facilitating sessions with the community who live and work in the locality about health and social care.

Strategic Engagement: Locality Planning Review Groups

Strategic review groups responsible for scrutinising the information from the Locality Conversations and reporting through HSCP governance structures.

Digital Engagement: Care Improvement Network

A platform for people to engage digitally with the HSCP via newsletters, online meetings etc

Links to Community Planning Partnership

The chair of the Locality Planning Review Groups will be a representative at the Locality Partnership Meetings

"Engagement that takes place routinely helps to develop trust between communities and public bodies, fosters mutual understanding, and makes it easier to identify sustainable service improvements"
(Planning with People, 2021).

"In order to be effective, community engagement must be relevant, meaningful and have a clearly defined focus"
(Planning with People, 2021).