



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Kilwinning Locality Partnership

Monday 13 March 2023, 7.00 p.m. on Microsoft Teams

BUSINESS

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Ask of the Partnership
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.	-	-	Cllr Davidson	
2.	Action Note and Log Review the action note and action log and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 4	Enclosed	Derek Frew	Is this an accurate record of the meeting. Have all actions been completed?
LOCAL MATTERS – TACKLING INEQUALITIES					7.10 – 8.50 pm
3.	Memorials and Plaques The Locality Partnership will receive a report from the Senior Manager, Waste Operations on the proposed options in terms of memorials and plaques.	Pg 10	Enclosed	Wallace Turpie	LP are asked to provide feedback on the report proposals.
4.	Mental Health and Wellbeing for Young People Youth Participation Officer to provide an overview on Mental Health and Wellbeing for Young People work taking place in the Locality for discussion and direction from the Locality Partnership. This update links in with the Locality Partnerships priority of Improving Community Wellbeing.	-	Verbal/ Presentation	Donna Anderson	Receive update and discuss ways the LP can support this work.
5.	Youth and Education Overview The Locality Partnership will receive an overview from Head Teachers and the Community Development Team.	- Pg 15	Verbal Enclosed	Head Teachers Kimberly O'Neill	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
6.	Police Scotland - Wellbeing and Partnerships Locality Partnership to receive update from Senior Lead Officer and discuss the key impact of wellbeing and partnership work being carried out by Police Scotland on For information: Police Scotland North Ayrshire Performance Report from 1 April 22 – 31 December 22 can be viewed here	-	Verbal	Derek Frew	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.

7.	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - Wellbeing and Partnerships The Locality Partnership will receive overview from Craig McFie on the key impact of wellbeing and partnership work being carried out by Scottish Fire and Rescue as well as details of the Automatic Fire Alarms response model coming in to force this year. For information: Scottish Fire and Rescue North Ayrshire Performance Report from 1 April 22 – 31 December 22 can be viewed here .	-	Verbal/ Presentation	Craig McFie	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
8.	Locality Officer Update The Locality Partnership will receive an update on the work of the Kilwinning Locality Team during the last quarter.	Pg 16	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	Receive update and discuss how LP can further support this work.
AOCB					8.40 – 9.00 pm
9.	AOCB			Cllr Davidson	LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality, the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.
REPORTS FOR INFORMATION					
10.	HSCP Locality Engagement Approach	Pg 27	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	Report for LP information. Details of the Engagement Events will be shared in due course.

Distribution List

Elected Members

Councillor Scott Davidson (**Chair**)
Councillor Joe Cullinane
Councillor John Glover
Councillor Donald Reid

Community Representative

Colin Hedley, Kilwinning Community Council (**Vice Chair**)
Peter Marshall, Community Representative
Aaran McDonald, Community Representative
Alison Stell, Community Representative

CPP/Council Representatives

Derek Frew, Senior Lead Officer
Rhonda Leith, Lead Officer
Louise Riddex, Locality Officer
Ann Wilson, Third Sector Interface
Craig McFie, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
David Cameron, Police Scotland

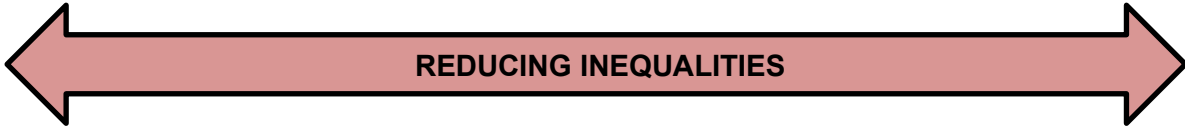
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**Supporting
Skills and
Work**

**Improving our
Local
Environment**

**Alleviating Poverty
and Promoting
Equality of Access
to Opportunities**

**Improving
Community
Wellbeing**



Meeting:	Kilwinning Locality Partnership	
Date/Venue:	28 November 2022 at 7.00 p.m. – Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams	
Present:	Councillor Scott Davidson (Chair) Councillor John Glover Councillor Donald Reid Alison Stell, Community Representative Rhona Arthur, Lead Officer (NAC) Louise Riddex, Locality Co-ordinator (NAC) David Cameron, Police Scotland Tim Swan, Head Teacher, Kilwinning Academy Susan Lauder, Head Teacher, Blacklands Primary School Louise Kirk, Senior Manager (NAC) Donna Anderson, Youth Participation Officer (NAC) Arthur Cowley, Senior Manager (NAC) Diane McCaw, Committee Services Officer (NAC)	
Apologies:	Derek Frew, Senior Lead Officer Kimberley O'Neill, Community Learning Development Worker (Kilwinning)	
ACTIONS		
No.	Action	Responsible
1.	Welcome and Apologies The Chair welcomed those present and apologies for absence were recorded. On behalf of the Partnership, the Chair also thanked Rhona Arthur, Head of Service (Connected Communities)/Lead Officer, for her valued contribution to the work of the Partnership and wished her well in her retirement.	
2.	Action Note The action note from the meeting held on 1 September 2022 was approved.	
2.1	Matters Arising The following points were discussed as matters arising from the action note of the last meeting:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Poverty Action Plan – Laura Neill, Senior Manager, Employability and Skills, North Ayrshire Council will attend a future meeting to discuss the approach to reach those who do not engage/access directly with Council services. The Child Poverty and Cost of Living Board have been carrying out an in-depth review of employability services and those wishing to get involved with this work can be added to the invitation to meetings. 	Rhona Arthur/ Jennifer McGee

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of Living Crisis – Cost of living support information is now available on the websites of North Ayrshire Council, Health and Social Care Partnership and the Community Planning Partnership, where a number of interventions are detailed including topping up child winter bridging payments. Cabinet will consider a report on 29 November on activity relating to various cost-of-living themes including the Scottish Child Payment increase, winter heating payment, fuel insecurity fund and widening eligibility in terms of the tenant grant fund. The paper will also discuss how people access services and next stages of support. • Consultation on Closure of Main Street, Kilwinning – Councillor Donald Reid confirmed no progress in terms of the signage which still mentioned reduced times. Louise Riddex undertook to chase this up. • Place Framework – the action plan will be passed from Louise Kirk to Louise Riddex but still a work in progress. <p>Noted.</p>	<p><i>Louise Riddex</i></p> <p><i>Louise Kirk</i></p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>B714</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Louise Kirk and Arthur Cowley, Senior Managers, on the B714, which included information on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the B714 links the trunk road network from the A78 Sharphill Roundabout (Three Towns Bypass) to the A737, south of Dalry; • the vital link for road users travelling to the West Coast and ferry links to Arran and Cumbrae; • the resulting improved connectivity between North Ayrshire and Glasgow, the Central Belt and wider motorway network as a result of the upgrade; • the increase in potential for tourism and economic development; • proposed options for upgrade arising from the Levelling Up fund; and • completion of the B714 upgrade which would comprise over 6.5km of new single carriageway and adjacent segregated 3m side active travel provision. <p>The Partnership asked questions and received clarification in relation to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any potential impact on the residents of Kilwinning; and • potential for improvement in terms of heavy goods vehicle traffic through Kilwinning. <p>Noted.</p>	

4.	<p>Grants</p> <p>The Locality Partnership agreed that the Head of Connected Communities investigate a more appropriate source of funding for the grant purpose from within other Council funds.</p>	Rhona Arthur
5.	<p>Learning Overview</p> <p>Susan Lauder, Head Teacher, Blacklands Primary School provided a verbal update on primary cluster school activity including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the focus on Christmas and arrangements for family interaction through concerts, nativity etc. • collections within schools for pre loved school jumpers and party clothes; • fully and partly grant funded pantomime trips for pupils; • support which is available for families during the Christmas period; • Pennyburn Primary School providing support with Christmas decorations for local Ukrainian families; • Partnerships with Kilwinning Academy; • Attendance at school clubs by Blacklands Primary School pupils; • Sports development coaching; and • Awards for All funding in the amount of £7,500. <p>Tim Swan, Head Teacher, Kilwinning Academy then provided a verbal update on activity including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • echo work with primary colleagues; • the Kilwinning Academy Parent Council meeting held on 2 November; • the tour of the school for members of the Parent Council; • the P7 transition group attended by over 70 young people; • participation in the joint Cabinet in Redburn Community Centre; • the BBC roadshow on 8 November where presenters spoke to young people; • an update in relation to staff appointments; • S2 pupils being supported with subject choices for S3; • the virtual S4 parents night which took place on 14 November; • strike action day update and on other planned days of disruption; • the commencement of the S4 prelims; and • the S5 and S6 prelims which will start of 9 January 2023. <p>Noted.</p>	
6.	<p>Kilwinning Youth Forum</p> <p>The Locality Co-ordinator provided a report on the activities of the Youth Forum highlighting the following:-</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an increase in numbers, with 11 people registered and actively attending; • the recently held AGM; • the application for £1,000 to carry out a project in partnership with Eglinton Country Park, which has been successfully shortlisted to the voting stage for this year's Youth PB; • support for the Christmas lights switch on; • participation in the National Youth Work Week; and • future projects under consideration by the Forum. <p>Noted.</p>	
7.	<p>Locality Officer and Locality Plan Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a written report and verbal update by the Locality Co-ordinator, who highlighted the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Kilwinning Primary 7 Transition Group who will be part of the Find your Feet Programme and work towards the Hi5 Award; and • work with community groups around winter warmer and heat hubs. <p>Donna Anderson, Youth Participation Officer, gave an update on youth work taking place across North Ayrshire including work with Kilwinning College as part of the Hi5 project, moves into positive destinations, an action plan arising from the work of the joint Cabinet which would be available for the next Locality Partnership meeting and the Youth Conference with P7 pupils.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
8.	<p>AOCB: Reports for Information</p> <p>8.1 2023 Meeting format</p> <p>The Partnership agreed that the Head of Service (Connected Communities) carry out a small poll of the Locality Partnership Members to determine the preferred option for meetings i.e., in person, virtual or hybrid.</p> <p>8.2 TACT</p> <p>An update from TACT dated November 2022 was circulated with the papers giving details of the range of services provided to support the community and voluntary sector.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>8.3 Community Planning Inquiry</p> <p>Consultation is ongoing and a response will be pulled together on behalf of North Ayrshire Council.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p><i>Rhona Arthur/ Jennifer McGee</i></p>

9.	Date of Next Meeting To be confirmed.	

Meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.



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Meeting Date	Action	Responsible Officer	Update
Dec 22	Laura Neill, NAC to being invited to future meeting.	Jennifer McGee	L Neill will attend a future meeting of the Locality Partnership.
Dec 22	Main street closure signage	Louise Riddex	Action complete – L Riddex will provide update at the March meeting.
Dec 22	Meeting format poll to be issued to Locality Partnership	Rhona Arthur	Poll issued to Locality Partnership. Preference was to have a mix of in person and online. Meetings held in the winter months (December and March) will be online and meetings held in the summer months (June and September) will be held in person.

Action Key
Complete
In progress
To be completed



Locality Partnership: Kilwinning

Date: 13 March 2023

Subject: Memorial benches, plaques, memorial trees and other options for bereaved families

Purpose: To note the proposed options in terms of memorials and to provide feedback on this.

Background

North Ayrshire Council has a longstanding history of providing memorial benches and plaques to offer bereaved families the opportunity to remember their loved ones in a lasting and meaningful way. Over time, the large accumulation of benches and plaques, challenges with suitable locations, maintenance, and sensitivities of removing tributes, led to the temporary suspension of the service and the investigation of alternative approaches.

North Ayrshire Council recognises and acknowledges the desire of many members of the public to remember loved ones with a memorial in the surroundings with which they were familiar. These requests are agreed and accommodated wherever possible, but any decision must recognise the needs of the wider public. The Council will therefore ensure that the memorial process is managed and implemented for the mutual benefit of all. This can also be to the benefit of the community if the memorial enhances or makes the location more attractive by helping to maintain the character of the area. The principles will ensure that requests for memorials are responded to in a consistent, efficient and sympathetic manner.

The objectives of a memorial offer are to ensure that:

- Unique remembrance spaces for local people are provided to celebrate and mark the lives of loved ones;
- The memorial offer and service is clear and easily understood;
- The response to contrasting needs is balanced and appropriate;
- Quality provision is offered at an affordable price without constraints by space or deterioration in inclement weather;
- The use of public spaces is not compromised and ensure the quality of attractiveness is maintained for the use of all residents and visitors;
- Any memorial is appropriate for the location in which it is placed;
- All memorials are cost-neutral and low maintenance for the Council;

- Costs of supply and installation are affordable and are covered by the applicant of the memorial.

The following responsibilities and requirements are proposed for the Memorials Policy. Following agreement, the Policy will be reviewed every five years:

- The location and types of memorials for individuals will be agreed with applicants.
- Priority will be given to applicants that are resident In North Ayrshire or have a direct connection with the area. Other applications will be considered on a case by case basis;
- Memorials should have some community benefit either as street furniture or by enhancing the appearance of the local area;
- The cost of supply and installation of any memorial will be covered by the applicant and paid for prior to installation;
- The responsibility for the maintenance of any memorial is clearly defined and communicated prior to installation;
- The Council will accept no responsibility if a memorial is damaged, vandalised or stolen;
- In the event of damage by accident, vandalism or it becomes unsafe and beyond economical repair, the Council reserves the right to remove and not replace the memorial;
- Once installed the memorial can only be repositioned with the agreement of the Council;
- Any plaques or wording must be a suitable size, colour and type face and agreed with the Council in advance;
- Once installed the memorial will become the property of the Council and any routine maintenance costs will be covered by the Council.
- Any plaques will remain the property of the applicant and must be maintained in good condition;
- No additional structures or mementoes e.g. fencing, wreaths, flowers, can be placed on or at the memorial at any time.

Note: Unauthorised memorials may be removed by the Council taking account of the sensitivities around this.

Options

Memorial Benches and Plaques

The existing memorial option of procuring a memorial bench and/or attaching plaques to benches is nearing saturation point in some areas and it is proving difficult to support the wishes of individuals in specific locations.

To provide this service in the future, consideration must also be given to the length of time a memorial stays in place and to consider potentially bringing assets back into circulation after a period of time.

Alternatively, the option to purchase a bench with a prefabricated memorial could remain. However, the asset would be placed in a location identified by the Council and agreed with the applicant, such as parks and open spaces rather than the already congested coastal areas.

North Ayrshire Council will be responsible for all installation work. If the bench is to be placed on grass it will usually be fitted to a concrete base. Memorial plaques will require to be made of brass, stainless steel or aluminium and will be a maximum agreed size. Any inscription on plaques will require approval by the Council prior to fitting. The engraved plaque will be fitted to the bench by the Council.

It is proposed that this would be cost neutral to the Council with actual costs paid by those requesting the bench and/or plaque. It should be acknowledged that the costs of a memorial bench could be significant as the bench will be placed in a public space and will need to be durable, hard wearing and be of a higher specification than a typical bench used in someone's garden.

Living Memorial Tree

Dedicating a tree provides a living, growing memorial to a loved one and a poignant way of remembering them.

The Woodland Trust offer this facility across the UK and can range from individual trees to whole areas of woodland and it is proposed that North Ayrshire consider a similar initiative.

This would not only provide a remembrance to a loved one but also contribute to the global climate challenge. This would also complement the Councils tree planting strategy and areas of woodland/open space could be set aside for memorial trees.

Metallic memorial trees

Metallic memorial trees positioned in high amenity areas would offer a unique opportunity to remember family members and loved ones.

Metallic memorial trees are able to provide up to 640 memorial leaves in one location, creating a focal point for visitors and a single point of focus for families. The assets could become an attraction to visitors, require little to no maintenance, have a reduced impact on resources and would be cost-neutral.

Officers have identified an opportunity to promote this as a memorial offering. Once installed, the tree then has anodised gold-effect aluminium 'leaves', engraved with a loved ones' details, affixed securely to its branches over time. Leaves would be attached by Streetscene maintenance operatives. Similar trees have been installed successfully in other locations including across the UK and internationally.

The tree is manufactured from laser cut steel, stands at 3.2m in height, and has 640 spaces for memorial leaves. The tree is fixed to the ground with a two-part concrete foundation. The materials and manufacturing process are designed to withstand all weather conditions including exposed locations. Having purchased a memorial leaf, people can arrange the engraving of names, dates of birth and death with the possibility of a personalised message on the reverse and return it to be attached to the memorial tree. The tree memorial acts as a striking piece of public art, large enough that most leaves remain out of reach but still providing legibility of the messages engraved.

As with any public realm asset, the risks from anti-social behaviour must be considered. If this is an offering that is considered, then potential locations for this will be discussed further as appropriate. The tree is exceptionally robust, and the leaves themselves are securely fixed to the tree with pop rivets.

It is estimated that the cost of implementing this initiative could be cost neutral over a 5-7 year period.

Memorial Rocks

Memorial rocks and stones offer a simple natural way to remember loved ones. Rocks can be placed on a beach or thrown into the sea, potentially being washed up for others to find. They can be placed in a park or open space where loved ones enjoyed or potentially into areas specifically created to house the memorials.

Sponsoring flower bed

Sponsoring a memorial flower bed and remembering loved ones by planting some of their favourite flowers offers an appropriate memorial. Flower beds would be available in coastal locations as well as parks and open spaces.

Digital Remembrance

Not all bereaved family and friends are local and may not be able to easily visit physical memorials.

A digital page of remembrance would offer people from all over the world the chance to log in and view memorials at any time.

Key Points for Locality Partnership

It is proposed that the North Ayrshire Council memorial offer provides a range of affordable options to bereaved families and friends to assist them to celebrate a life and remember a loved one. Choice and affordability will be key with responsibilities made clear from the outset.

It is proposed that North Ayrshire Council will limit prices to the actual cost of each memorial selected. Therefore, the Council will not generate any surplus from its memorial offer.

Action Required by Locality Partnership

It is proposed that the Locality Partnership consider and provides feedback on the range of memorial options for implementation including:

- Benches and Plaques
- Living Memorial Tree
- Metallic Memorial Trees
- Floral Beds
- Memorial rocks
- Digital remembrance
- Bespoke requests on a case by case basis

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Completed by: Thomas Reaney

Date: 23 February 2023



Locality Partnership: Kilwinning

Date: February 2023

Subject: Youth Forums and Citizenship and Partnership work

Purpose: This report is to inform the Kilwinning Locality Partnership about Youth Forum, Youth Citizenship/Partnership activity, planned and actual for the Kilwinning Area.

Background

The Kilwinning Youth Forum strive to benefit the lives of young people in the Kilwinning area. We aim to achieve this by involving young people in Kilwinning in the decision-making process and giving them a voice.

The Youth Forum has seen a decrease in its numbers. Four regular members are attending. CLD worker of the group is pushing this out to the academy, social media, halls/centres and the local notice boards and shops.

The group were successful in the youth PB and secured £1000 for their Eglinton Country Park Mental Wellbeing Project. We are now in the planning stage of this project and the Young People have designed the colours shapes and text they would like to see of the plaques. CLD worker supporting to get local based company quotes for this work to be completed. The group are hoping to erect these in June/July.

Kilwinning Youth Forum took part in an engagement surrounding the Children's Services Plan. They detailed their thoughts and opinions on issues such as; how can the views of young people be better respected? How can services sooner improve the lives of young people and how can we better improve health and wellbeing for children and young people but to name a few. The feedback received will help form the NA Children's Services Plan 2023-2026

The group have strategised in future projects and events and would like to deliver a wide range of opportunities and support. Examples include care packages for residents in hospital and assisted living, organise and deliver a community litter pick, particularly in Eglinton Country Park and surroundings areas and organise some community Fun days.

Most importantly, the group have been having fun. Taking part in a movie night, pamper night and board game tournaments.

Key Points for Locality Partnership

Members of the Youth Forum will be happy to have an input to and support the partnership.

Action Required by Locality Partnership

For more information please contact: Kimberly O'Neill – Community Learning & Development Worker. kimberlyoneill@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Completed by: Kimberly O'Neill

Date: February 2023



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General

Locality network meeting held in Dec went well. Not as many people attended as previously but had some good conversation. Next event still to be arranged.

Continuing to support Kilwinning Community Council.

Next part of the Place Framework is due to take place on 8th March. This will look at the place based investment funding, and there will be a community chit chat element where some local groups will be presenting on what they have done and what they are looking to do. The Locality Partnership Priorities have been incorporated into the Kilwinning Place Framework. They have informed projects in the Place Framework Action Plan as well as the scoring mechanism for how projects are assessed.

Kilwinning Bowling Club locker rooms are now nearly complete. Have been getting kept up to date with the build and its looking good. Structure is done, it's just the flooring and benches in the internal to be finished.

P7 transition group at St Matthews Academy continues to go well with high numbers attending, which includes young people from St Winnings and St Lukes. So far, the group have completed activities regarding Anti Bullying, Climate Change Action & Mental Wellbeing and have started their HI 5 Awards.

The Kilwinning P7 Transition Group also continues to run. This has been a tricky group at times. Numbers have dropped a bit but still high numbers attending. Their programme runs in tandem with the St Matthews programme.

07/02/2022 – Preventions and Interventions/Trading Standards conducted a leaflet drop at pertinent streets following a spate of rogue traders attending our most vulnerable people.

1/06/2022 – Provided a home security visit and letter drop on Irvine Rd, Kilwinning in response to a spate of bogus callers in the area.

Pitching in: Kilwinning campus officer and Kilwinning LPT in conjunction with National Football Information Point (NFIP). This takes place every Friday during school hours; and is aimed at the police liaising with vulnerable kids.



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Skills & Work Opportunities

Canny Cooker training was offered out to the community, in particular those who are involved in larder provision.

Digi Need I.T. Support - Weekly drop-in support group available in Kilwinning Library. Numbers have been low but still available on Thursdays now.

Employability Sessions taking place with The Hive students within Ayrshire College.

Working with Ayrshire college with 3 PEZ classes weekly. Each class has 18 young people who are going through employability skills and positive destination support.

The Community Wellbeing Unit (CWU) has a positive relationship with Community Enterprise in Scotland (CEIS), an employability service based in Bank Street Irvine. Numerous referrals and recommendations have been made to residents in Kilwinning with a view to assisting those in need of employment back into the work environment.

In December 2022 within Cranberry Moss Community Centre Kilwinning Locality Officers spoke with Ukrainian refugees regarding employability and crime safety advice.

04/10/2022 & 10/11/2022 – Police Scotland Preventions and Interventions ran a recruitment campaign at Kilwinning Academy – encouraging attendees to develop skills that go towards a future career in policing.

Rehis accredited food hygiene delivered to community groups (e.g., food larders, community cafes) which underpins employment skills for hospitality. Opportunities also available for Basic Nutrition and Cooking facilitation skills that provides useful opportunity for community food development roles).

5 sessions with Ayrshire College Early Years students, teaching outdoor learning skills, such as Scottish Outdoor Access Code, making a base camp, using nature as a prop. Email joannejohnston@north-ayrshire.gov.uk or helenmcdowall@north-ayrshire.gov.uk for details.

Kilwinning Library offer free PC access and wifi which anyone can use to carry out job searching, create CVs etc.



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Supported Progression - 1st event taking place 9th march for parents / carers for those with learning disabilities. Capturing vision for future RE further education, training, volunteering, employment.

1 members of staff from the Kilwinning education cluster participated in ASIST (Applied Suicide Prevention Skills Training) on Feb 2nd 2023 with a further 5 participating in SafeTalk (Suicide Awareness for Everyone) on Decemabr 9th 2022

Partnership programme at Ayrshire College concluded in January. All young people have moved into a positive destination. Courses and attendance were PEZ- 18, PEZ+ - 18, 24/7 – 18

Pilot programme in Kilwinning library for young people needing additional employability support. Young people will also go through Playback ice award. Case Study and awards will be complete by end March.



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Community Wellbeing

Update

Me & My Mental Health Weekly support Group for the residents of Kilwinning continues to run and has had a core group attending weekly. They are currently Looking at coping strategies for Anxiety, overthinking and stress by working in partnership with Peers4Hope delivering powwow sessions.

System Changers continues to have monthly meetings. No Events or projects in motion at present.

Stroll With It Kilwinning had stopped for the winter break. Kimberly is engaging with the previous participants, and the wider community, to see what date they want this to restart but should be restarted no later than April.

Detached Youth Work will run until end March then we will relook to see if it should continue in April. The funding that was attached to this comes to an end at end of March. Staff had been going out with the town centre to engage with Young People, however there weren't many young people to engage with. They have been back in the town with the Mobile Youth centre the last 2 or 3 weeks and have engaged with over 20 young people each week.

ASN Groups continue to run well with numbers growing and referrals continuing to come in.

Kilwinning Elderly Forum continue to meet monthly within Kilwinning library. Group are keen for service input. I have already organised input from Trading Standards and Citizens Advice which was well received. Graham Hunter also visited the group to let them know about opportunities coming up. Also supporting them to participate in the NA Wide forum that is being organised to better represent their demographic and have input towards what matters most to them.
Kilwinning

Kilwinning Youth Forum continue to meet although numbers/attendance are sporadic. Within this group the young people take part in and deliver a wide range of activities to benefit themselves and the wider community. The forum was successful in the youth pb and have secured £1000 to begin their mental wellbeing project in Eglinton Country Park. The group supported with the Christmas Lights Switch on in December, receiving over £100 in donations for next year's event.



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Friends of North Ayrshire Group continues to run and is going well. The group carry out 1 hour literacy support out of the 2-hour time slot and the rest will be spend doing activities such as; Cooking, Music Lessons, Photography, walks, picnics, IT skills etc.

Kilwinning Youth Group runs on a Thurs night in Love Hall. This has been a tricky group. Have worked with the young people to plan out what they would like to do and achieve. Plan is to get to know the young people with the view that we can support them to go through different awards.

Take Time Families Kilwinning is an Exciting opportunity for families to come together to learn about mental health and wellbeing. Where a social space for families is provided to build a toolkit to support their young people to openly discuss their mental health alleviate anxiety, and regulate emotions in a safe space. This group has been really well received with high attendance.

MH&WB Community Mapping- a list of sources of support and signposting opportunities has been collected and condensed into a live document for each locality in North Ayrshire.

Your Resilience- MH&WB and employability blended programme. Working in partnership with Ayrshire College, Hive Department to put young people through the 8 week workshop of Your Resilience by Mental Health UK.

Take Time Families – Corsehill Primary: Programme addressing Mental Health within families addressing targeted parent/carers and young people to achieve a joined understanding of resilience and emotions in the home.

31/08/2022 – Hosted a “Your Police” stall at Kilwinning Campus – encouraging those to provide feedback of their thoughts of what police are doing successfully, improvements that can be made and in what areas.

06/12/2022 As part of the Violence Against Women 16 Days of Action, ran a stall at Kilwinning Campus encouraging attendees to “Sign The Pledge” as well as utilising the opportunity for victims of violence to come forward.



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The Community Wellbeing Unit (CWU) have been engaging with staff and residents from several Children's residential houses in the Kilwinning area since June 2022. These include Canmore, Abbeycroft and Glenburnie. The purpose of these visits/engagements is to build a better rapport with the young person's with a view to reducing the chances of them absconding and coming to harm. Through these regular visits, the CWU have built trust and positive relationships with many of the staff and residents. There have also been familiarisation and open days where young people across all settings have been involved, with the aim of providing a chance for positive engagement with police, learning about their role and providing an excellent opportunity to provide safety advice and role modelling behaviour.

The CWU have developed close links with staff at North Ayrshire Drug and Alcohol Recovery Service (NADARS), North Ayrshire Council Social Work Justice and Intervention and Multi Agency Assessment Screening Hub (MAASH) team, conducting joint visits alongside staff. Regular discussions take place around those in most need in the community with a view to providing the best possible service and outcomes through taking a public health, partnership approach with focus regularly on residents in the Kilwinning area.

Weekly Grief peer support drop-in's, every Friday from 12.30-2.30pm at Kilwinning Library. The groups commenced 25th November 2022. We've launched monthly bereavement awareness workshops to upskill community groups and individuals to better support bereaved people. We launched the Grief resource and information Hub at Kilwinning Library on 16th January.

Regarding smoking, in Kilwinning at present is Quit Your Way input at Ayrshire College every Wednesday for 2 hours. GP surgeries, opticians and dentists can refer in to us directly and there is also the Community Pharmacy service which run their in-house stop smoking service.

Mental Health and wellbeing Newsletters outlining mental health and wellbeing activity across the local Authority including MVP and See Me.

<https://sway.office.com/3G6tT4nAhK1tGHlf?ref=Link>

<https://sway.office.com/RVE9FDBlifJotZ5a?ref=Link>

Opportunities available for training in Healthy Eating and cooking group facilitation.

Green Gym session promotes 5 ways of wellbeing, being active through walking and conservation tasks. The group activity promotes connecting individuals to tackle isolation, they have a deep sense of giving back by



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improving the local green space. Through activities such as citizen science and appreciating nature we start to take notice of our surroundings which helps with continued learning. All these aspects promote physical and mental health.

Coffee, Cake and Chat sessions which is led by the Systems Changer group. – the idea is to provide a place/activity to go where if you are on your own or with a young family and looking to find company or make new friends. The sessions are held every 3rd Saturday of the month in Kilwinning Library and are increasing in popularity each month, the average number coming along is 26 people, a wide mix of age ranges and ethnicity. As a direct result from this other groups have increased in numbers, some of the attendees would be chatting about other groups they attended and made potential new attendees feel welcome and supported to come along and try something new.

The Library groups Knit and Natter and Lego Club and groups which are supported by Corra in terms of Co-ordinator in person support on a weekly basis. Chair Based Exercise and Nethermains Parent and Toddler Group have all benefited from increased participation. Parent and Toddler group in Nethermains Community Centre, this has now increased to an average of 30 children and 28 adults attending, giving space to play, learning experiences for very young children and peer support for adults. Some adults increasing in confidence are starting now to step forward to take a lead role in the group, this is a group that in the future will hopefully be community led.

The Systems Changers group have a common focus of Mental Health although individuals have their own goals and priorities too. As a group we are looking to recruit new members, specifically from those who work within health/mental health setting, this would be from statutory services and Third Sector. This initially will be a targeted approach where the SC group will invite candidates to apply. This will be focused on the Kilwinning area.

Food programmes- offering children and young people a place to come along, where they take part in a mixture of activities and have the opportunity to get hot food.

The library put on after school activities for families with provision of a hot drink, it wasn't branded as a warm space. The library has a clothes rail for people to help themselves to.

A bereavement bookcase is situated in Kilwinning Library and Co-op Funeralcare, Kilwinning.



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Kilwinning Academy have access to a dedicated education outreach welfare rights officer. In the last quarter 4 referrals were made for support. Since April 2022 families have benefited from in excess of £60,000 of financial gains.

Delivery of Your Resilience Programme in school, college or community groups setting. Your Resilience supports young people's mental health resilience. The educational programme is focused on building resilience through life's transitions in 14–20-year-olds, equipping them with the tools and resources to manage their mental health now and in the future. *Delivered within Ayrshire College Hive Department and 37 young people received certification*

Update.

Continuing to support group with their monthly meetings being held within the library. The group have applied for PB funding and recently received a small donation through our community benefit wish list. Supported the group to create an events calendar to advertise future events including: easter egg hunt, pumpkin picking, and Christmas event.

Kilwinning Youth Forum received Youth PB funding to carry out project with Eglinton Park.

No update on the Corsehill Community Champions Swing Park. Have hit a stumbling block on the land but this is being looked at by NAC officers and elected member.

Kilwinning Community Council have had several meetings attended by local businesses regarding the proposed parking charges as well as developers who are applying for planning permission to install solar farms. The group has applied for PB funding to purchase gazebo and signage.

Whitehirst Park Eco Project . Supporting local resident Neal to create a working group of volunteers to transform a vacant piece of land within Whitehirst Park. An online community engagement was carried out. The result of this accrued a bank of names of whom would like to support the project. I have contacted all involved and have arranged a meet & greet in Kilwinning library on Friday 17th Feb at 4pm. I am hoping this will help shape the project moving forward

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Kilwinning Locality Officers work in conjunction with NAC approximately twice a year, shadowing environmental health officers and housing officers; liaising with members of the public to discuss issues/problems within the locality.

Kilwinning campus officer and Kilwinning Local Policing Team (LPT) attended the community gardens at Eglinton Park with the school kids between May and October 2022 to work within the allotments. This provides the kids with an opportunity to work in a worthwhile project which benefits the local community too. This project has now been moved to the school gardens within Kilwinning Academy. The project is aimed at vulnerable kids within the community.

Monthly Junior Ranger sessions with group of around a dozen young people S1-S6 age: 2 practical tasks at Eglinton

As part of the Kilwinning Place Framework, we have been working with the Heritage Society to understand what the group's priorities are moving forward. They advised that the heritage centre required updating as it was looking tired and required the introduction of up-to-date technology. A grant of £13,784.00 from the Place Based Investment Programme was issued to the rebrand and refresh the heritage centre.

Friday volunteers working to improve greenspaces at Eglinton Country Park and Eglinton Community Gardens. Practical tasks such as path maintenance, hedgerow improvements, vegetation clearance. Meet each Friday morning. Email joannejohnston@north-ayrshire.gov.uk for more details. Path Stewardship Programme, volunteers meeting one morning/week working on practical improvements to path system at Eglinton Country Park: removal of encroaching vegetation from edges and sides of paths, improving drainage. Email stuartbell@north-ayrshire.gov.uk GetReconnected session with Employment Services team in February, path work at Eglinton. helenmcdowall@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Worked on the front and rear garden at Kilwinning library to create a green spaces that can be enjoyed by community and contribute to biodiversity by including a mini bug hotel, a small wildflower meadow and pollinator rich flowers.

Also put up bird boxes at Almswall Park to provide habitats for nature, done tree maintenance at Garnock Floods Reserve, many litter picks in the local area plus planting of bulbs at McGavin Park.



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Poverty & Equalities

Food with dignity projects are continuing to run well.

The Wee Shoap

Continues to run and have appointments available. Looking for volunteers to assist in the wee shoap, as well as in the Community Café. Community Café continues to run well and has been very well received by the community.

Cranberry Moss

Continues to run and have appointments available. Have had various providers in to assist the community including money matters. Training was offered via Home Energy Scotland to allow larder volunteers to be able to refer households for energy vouchers. Cranberry's Larder are now trained to be able to offer this. A bulk buy model was trialled in December with Cranberry's Larder taking on the ordering, receiving and sorting of the delivery from Sainsburys. This proved to be time onerous and due to supply chain issues with Sainsburys, they were unable to fulfil the order in a timely and effective manner to this will not be continuing. Advertised for volunteers and got a fantastic response. Community Café has opened back up. Some of the new volunteers will assist with this.

LGBTQ group has restarted, however numbers have dropped. Team are continuing to work on gaining Silver LGBT Charter mark for NAC which is going well.

Winter Warmers have been very well received in Kilwinning. Attendance at the 2 that NAC have working agreements with have been good, averaging over 20 in each, every session. There is free tea/coffee/soup available at the hubs. These are due to finish at end March.

The team supported at the budget engagement event which was held in Kilwinning Academy by facilitating group discussions. This was very well attended however most were there to discuss the parking charges rather than the budget. A discussion took place on the parking charges, then most of the participants were happy to go on and do the exercise planned for the budget engagement.

The CWU regularly engage with individuals in Kilwinning who may be at a point of crisis driven by poverty, as such regular signposting to Money Matters is one aspect of assisting in their long-term wellbeing. Where appropriate, individuals are directed to warm spaces and local foodbanks. Over the Christmas period, presents were distributed by CWU sourced from the "Night Before Christmas" campaign.



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Update from Kilwinning Community Events

Kilwinning Community Events Update - McGavin Park

We have recently been working with the Council and installed a further 3 benches and another accessible picnic bench. Also upgrading capacity with 4 larger bins installed around the park to help with all park waste.

We may look to remove the last 2 dog waste bins now we have this extra capacity right around the park.

We have had a further memorial bench installed thanks to a kind family and everyone is welcome to use all the benches and enjoy the park.

Kilwinning Litter Pickers have been busy in the Park but they would really like to do less so please use the bins and help by picking up just one item will make a huge difference.

Toilets as posted earlier, have been vandalised on Christmas day and as well as having a burst pipe. We haven't got a plumber yet but hope to reopen the toilets soon after both lots of repairs are complete.

We are still scratching our heads around finance to pay to replace the fire damaged trampoline with alternative equipment and hope to be able to apply for grants soon. We know the current hole isn't very positive but we do hope to resolve this soon.

We have been working with a local school around tree planting and installing fairy doors. If you see the school in the Park make sure and say hello. As soon as any fairy news appears we will let you all know.

Tree of Remembrance was very well received this year and attracted many positive messages and support.

We normally have a few events over the year. Currently we are looking at a slightly smaller Picnic in the Park as we no longer are able to subsidise it in the same ways as in the past. We have a Participatory Budget application in which if successful would help in funding a bit of Picnic in the Park. You can help by voting for Kilwinning Community Events on the voting website.

We know the Fireworks are popular but with rising costs and reduced donations its proving hard to justify. As the cost of living crisis hit last year the fireworks took a big hit with the group out £4k which was a big difference from the year before.

We are all volunteers and all help or ideas to assist fundraising will be greatly appreciated. We have had ideas but need more help to deliver these events as a whole.

We look forward with positivity and hope you can still enjoy the park despite our current setbacks.

For further information contact: Louise Riddex, lriddex@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

"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).