

Action Note

Meeting:	Garnock Valley Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	15 June 2023 – Lochshore Hub, Caledonian Rd, Lochshore, Beith, KA14 3BE
Present:	Councillor John Bell (Chair); Councillor Margaret Johnson; Councillor Donald L. Reid; Councillor Ronnie Stalker; Elaine Young, NHS Ayrshire and Arran (Senior Lead Officer); Angela Morrell, Senior Manager, Community Learning & Development, NAC (Lead Officer); James Waite, Beith & District Community Council; Catherine Wigzell, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council; Allan Wright, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council; David Park, Community Representative; Brenda Reilly, Community Representative Christina Pieraccini, Locality Officer, NAC; Inspector David Cameron, Police Scotland; Susan Mack, Locality Worker, NAC; Louise Kirk, Interim Head of Service (Economic Development and Regeneration); and Craig Stewart, Committee Services Officer, NAC
Also Attending:	James Robson, Beith Community Association (Agenda Item 3 only)
Apologies:	Councillor Anthea Dickson, Neil Shearer, and Jane Lamont, Community Representative.

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No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the Garnock Valley Locality Partnership meeting and apologies for absence were noted.</p>	
2.	<p>Action Note and Log</p> <p>The action note from the meeting held on 22 March 2023 was approved as a correct record, subject to noting that Brenda Reilly should be added to the list of those in attendance in the sederunt and Dionne Griffiths removed.</p> <p>Angela Morrell, Senior Manager, confirmed that regarding future applications for the Margaret Archibald Bequest Fund, there would now be (a) an emphasis on poverty and reducing inequalities and applications invited with a particular focus in that particular area and (b) that funds would be promoted among the wider community in order to encourage applications around alleviation of poverty.</p>	All to note

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<p>3.</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund – Expression of Interest</p> <p>There was a short presentation by James Robson, representing Beith Community Association (BCA), in respect of an Expression of Interest Application in terms of the Community Investment Fund. In this respect, BCA were seeking funding of £83,158.01 for staffing costs (3-year, 3 x full time posts (namely): Centre Development Officer, Chef and Activities and Wellbeing Co-ordinator Officer, which it was anticipated to attract match funding, including a contribution of £10,000 from BCA funds.</p> <p>Following a question and answer session, the Locality Partnership agreed (a) that the Application be continued to enable a Feasibility Study and/or Business Plan to be undertaken by the organisation, which would include matters such as sustainability, and offered the help of the Business Development Team at North Ayrshire Council in this respect; (b) that further consultation should take place with the local community, as necessary, with regard to the proposal and (c) that the Application could then be considered by the Partnership at a future meeting, once this level of detail had been completed.</p> <p>Councillor Bell, Chair, thanked Mr Robson for his attendance and for the presentation, and Mr Robson then left the meeting.</p>									
<p>3.</p>	<p>Grants – Elderly Grants and Margaret Archibald Bequest Fund</p> <p>The Locality Partnership considered reports for Elderly Grants and for the Margaret Archibald Bequest Fund. A copy of Appendix 2 (Margaret Archibald Bequest Fund) which had been inadvertently omitted from the agenda, was circulated at the meeting. Accordingly, the Locality Partnership agreed to award the following:</p> <p>Elderly Grants Fund 2023/24</p> <table data-bbox="220 1397 1050 1509"> <tr> <td>Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Age Concern</td> <td>£2,964</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Beith Old People’s Welfare Committee</td> <td>£3,053</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dalry Old Folks Treat Committee</td> <td>£2,414</td> </tr> </table> <p>Margaret Archibald Bequest</p> <table data-bbox="220 1621 1023 1655"> <tr> <td>St Palladius Ladies Guild</td> <td>£650</td> </tr> </table>	Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Age Concern	£2,964	Beith Old People’s Welfare Committee	£3,053	Dalry Old Folks Treat Committee	£2,414	St Palladius Ladies Guild	£650	<p>Rosemary Ramsay</p>
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<p>4.</p>	<p>Garnock Valley 2023</p> <p>The Locality Partnership received an update from Christina Pieraccini, Locality Officer, of the Garnock Valley 2023 Project.</p> <p>The update provided highlighted key aspects of the Garnock Valley 2023 Project.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed that the original proposal had been a 3 stage project and these findings were the first stage. The Partnership agreed to a full application for CIF coming to the Partnership in September for a Development Worker to take forward the findings.</p>									

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	<p>Christina advised that she would send out a copy of the Presentation Slides to Locality Partnership members following the meeting.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p>Christina Pieraccini</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Regeneration</p> <p>The Locality Partnership received a verbal update from Louise Kirk, Interim Head of Service (Economic Development and Regeneration); on regeneration in the Garnock Valley.</p> <p>The update provided information on a number of matters, including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • where investment/money had already been spent, including information on future plans for the Garnock Valley; • Community Wealth Building (CWB) and how Regeneration supported community structures; • Town centre regeneration, including condition of some of the buildings, and who was responsible for improving their condition, taking into account ownership; • Priorities specific to Beith and the Place Framework locally beyond the pilot; • Local transport and active travel; and • Lochshore and how success of the project would be measured. <p>Louise Kirk asked that anyone wishing to ask further questions, could send her an email and she would arrange to provide a response to the Locality Membership. lkirk@north-ayrshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p>Locality Members/ Louise Kirk</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Communities and Place Fund</p> <p>The Partnership received an overview from Louise Kirk, Interim Head of Service (Economic Development and Regeneration), on the Communities and Place Fund which was launched in June 2023.</p> <p>The update provided highlighted areas including the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups who could apply for funding, and it was confirmed that those who had a constitution in place could make application; • Interest in the Place Fund that had been received, so far, which had been considerable; • Timescales which had been set by the UK Government; and • Likely award amounts for possible projects. <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Education & Youth Overview</p>	

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	<p>The Partnership received an overview from Susan Mack, Locality Worker, on learning and partnership opportunities.</p> <p>The update provided information on a number of matters, including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engagement with Primary schools throughout the Garnock Valley, and after school clubs, dealing with mental health and wellbeing, amongst other things;• Work that had been ongoing with regard to school transition, after school sessions, North Ayrshire ranger service and Dalry community gardens;• Youth Forum activities that had been planned throughout the summer period;• Project with Café Solace;• Parklives project with Dalry Community Sports Club which had seen great attendance from participants;• Sessional youth worker work on LGBT+ at Garnock Campus, the 'Umbrella Group' and attendance at Arran Pride and their hope to attend Glasgow Pride;• Diversionary activities with school refusers after summer;• Partner agency work including early intervention projects and work shops; and• Joint Youth Cabinet work. <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Police Scotland – Wellbeing and Partnerships</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Police Scotland on the key impact of wellbeing and partnership work being carried out by Police Scotland in the Garnock Valley.</p> <p>The update highlighted areas including the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work that had been undertaken with NHS colleagues at Garnock Campus in relation to making children and young people aware of the dangers of vaping products, given the difficulties with current legislation;• Work with Trading Standards and advice on home security and personal security advice that had been provided at drop-ins at Garnock community centre and Bridgend Community Centre;• Wellbeing work undertaken at Garnock Campus which had proven very successful;• Information on 2 roadshow events in the Garnock Valley, which Wellbeing officers had attended and participated in;• Numerous success stories involving domestic violence, drug and alcohol addiction;• Update on quad bikes and training for officers using them; and• Safer shores, particularly concerning young people visiting the area and the dangers of misadventure. <p>Noted.</p>	

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9.	Scottish Fire and Rescue – Wellbeing and Partnerships As there was no representative from Scottish Fire and Rescue present to provide an update in relation to this item, it was agreed to continue consideration of this matter to the next meeting of the Partnership.	
10.	Locality Plan Progress The Partnership received an update by Christina Pieraccini, Locality Officer, and from community representatives present, on the progress of the combined working group which covered all 3 locality priorities, namely Moving Around, Facilities & Amenities and Work and the Local Community. An update on the Dalry to Kilbirnie Cycle Track was provided by Christina and it was noted that Network Rail had been in touch regarding a topography survey, and the outcome of Sustrans funding was still awaited. Noted.	
11.	Locality Officer Update Christina Pieraccini made reference to her update, which had been circulated detailing the considerable work in numerous areas which had been undertaken in the locality and invited any questions. Noted.	
12.	AOCB None.	
13.	Reports for Information The following reports were submitted for information and sharing, as appropriate:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roads, Structures & Streetlighting Report• North Ayrshire Youth Work update• LDP3 Noted.	

The meeting ended at 9.25 p.m.