
Garnock Valley Locality Partnership



Locality Action Plan 2023/24

About Our Locality

The Garnock Valley includes the towns of Beith, Dalry and Kilbirnie, and the villages of Gateside, Barrmill, Longbar, Glengarnock, Burnhouse and Greenhills.

The Garnock Valley was a hive of industry during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Beith became world famous for producing high quality wooden furniture, silk scarves, curling stones, and leather and pigskin goods.

Kilbirnie produced linen thread and fishing nets while Glengarnock was known for the Glengarnock Weaving Factory, the Glengarnock Iron and Steel Works and the Auchengree Foundry and Engine Works which produced machinery for the furniture industry.

Dalry grew around the weaving and coalmining industries. Following the closure of the mines, four Brickworks were established in Dalry at Kersland, Carsehead, Broadlie and Boreston to recycle the leftover industrial waste.

The Garnock Valley, with its stunning views, supports a diverse range of natural habitats through which run miles of foot and cycle paths for recreational purposes.



19,676



The estimated population of the Garnock Valley - This equates to **14.6%** of the total population of North Ayrshire.

21.6%

of the Garnock Valley population are over the age of 65.



27%



of the Garnock Valley population are under the age of 25.

83.2 years

Female Life Expectancy



This is 3.1 years **higher** than the North Ayrshire average (80.1 years).

81.4 years

Male Life Expectancy



This is 6.1 years **higher** than the North Ayrshire average (75.3 years).

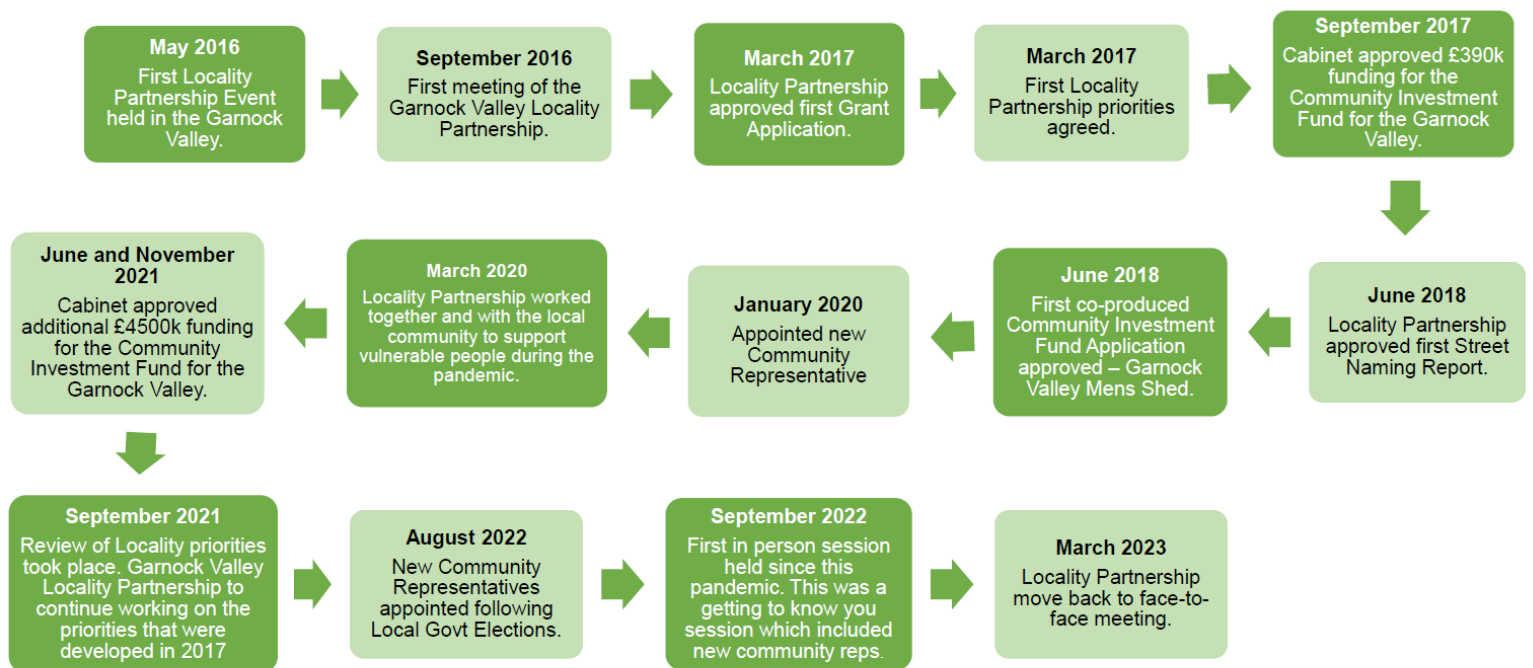
The Garnock Valley Unemployment count as of 2022 was **4.5%**

North Ayrshire average - 4.6%.



Garnock Valley Locality Partnership - The Journey

The following information provides a high level summary of the Journey of the Locality Partnership:



Who is involved?

- Elected Members
- Community Council Representatives
- Community Representatives
- Community Planning Partnership Representatives (North Ayrshire Council, HSCP, Police, Fire, Public Health, KA Leisure, Third Sector)



How did we decide our priorities?

Each Locality Partnership has their own local priorities that relate to inequalities and highlight where we feel we can add value. The priorities also link to our North Ayrshire Community Partnership plan – [The Local Outcomes Improvement Plan](#).

Each Locality Partnership agreed their original priorities in 2017 based on data analysis and local engagement. Following the Covid-19 pandemic, a review of the previous priorities was carried out to ensure that they were still relevant to local needs.

In February 2021, a North Ayrshire mainland (including Cumbrae) public engagement was launched, and members of the public were asked to provide their comments around what our priorities should be and what we can do locally to tackle them.

We used different methods to consult with the community such as:

- Online feedback via CONSUL
- Telephone
- Email feedback
- Twitter polls
- Facebook polls
- SurveyMonkey polls
- Virtual working groups
- Online meetings

Our Priorities

Relevant national and local data were presented to the Locality Partnership along with findings from the public engagement and feedback already given through other engagement such as the Peoples Panel and Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Plan in Autumn 2021.

In Garnock Valley, we decided to continue working on the priorities that were developed in 2017 as we felt they are still relevant issues within the locality and they required ongoing commitment with a renewed focus.



Moving Around (Public Transport, Traffic and Parking)



Work and the Local Community



Facilities and Amenities

We are more than a Plan...

The Locality Partnership Plan and meetings are only a small part of the work which is carried out in each locality to support locality planning and delivery and ensure the voices of local people are heard in an equitable and fair way.

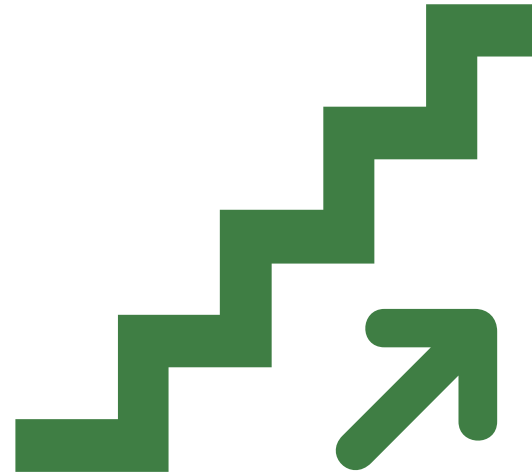
The meetings are a place to agree actions and to make decisions around funding and the ask of partners; they are the tip of a considerable iceberg which includes working groups, community chit chat meetings, locality networks and ongoing dialogues with community groups and members regarding their priorities and how they can be supported to work towards these.



Useful Links

- [Our Locality Partnership page on the Community Planning website](#)
- [The Locality Partnership – Terms of Reference](#) explains how these we work.
- [The Locality Partnership Standing Orders](#) explain the governance arrangements for the Locality Partnerships.

Next Steps



1

Action

The Locality Partnership will work together and with the local community and partners to take forward the actions in this plan.

2

Update

The action plan will be updated on an annual basis.

3

Review

The Locality Action Plan is a living document and will be regularly reviewed to ensure it is relevant and fit for purpose.

Funding Support

The Locality Partnership has considered funding decisions to grant applications to the following funds:

- Common Good Funds
- Town Charitable Trust Funds
- Margaret Archibald Bequest Fund
- Elderly Grants
- Nurturing Excellence in Communities



The Locality Partnership also consider how they might best address local priorities using the Community Investment Fund.

Since the conception of the Locality Partnerships in North Ayrshire in 2016/17 over **£500,000** has been awarded to Community Groups in the Garnock Valley.

Since 2016/17 the Locality Partnership has awarded over **£200,000** of Grant payments community groups in the Garnock Valley

Since 2018 the Locality Partnership has awarded over **£340,00** of Community Investment Funding to community groups in the Garnock Valley

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Action	Who?	When?	Locality Priority	LOIP Priority
<p>To create a vision for the Garnock Valley To take forward the recommendations from the GV2023 community engagement, which was undertaken early in 2023. Use these recommendations as a starting point for working with partners to create a Place Framework and a Place Plan for the Garnock Valley, which will influence future strategic policy and investment in the Garnock Valley.</p>	<p>Garnock Valley Locality Partnership Working Group Beith and District Community Council Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Community Council Beith Community Development Trust NAC Regeneration NAC Planning</p>	<p>March 2024</p>	<p>Work and Local Community Facilities and Amenities</p>	<p>World Wellbeing</p>
<p>Active Travel Undertake a Travel Needs Analysis to capture challenges and barriers to travelling to/from and within the Garnock Valley and identify potential measures that can be taken to ease these challenges. Working with partners, make progress towards linking the National Cycle Network Route 7 (NCN7) between Kilbirnie and Dalry. Work with partners on active travel projects and solutions in the Garnock Valley.</p>	<p>Garnock Valley Locality Partnership Working Group NAC Regeneration</p>	<p>Travel Needs Analysis by March 2024. Other projects ongoing.</p>	<p>Moving Around (Public Transport, Traffic and Parking).</p>	<p>World Wellbeing Work</p>
<p>Church of Scotland closures Facilitate discussions to gauge community interest in exploring potential alternative uses for buildings at risk of closure.</p>	<p>Garnock Valley Locality Partnership Working Group</p>	<p>Initial discussions by December 2023.</p>	<p>Facilities and Amenities</p>	<p>Wellbeing Work</p>