

# Action Note

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| <b>Meeting:</b>        | <b>Garnock Valley Locality Partnership</b>   |
| <b>Date/Venue:</b>     | 14 March 2024 – Lochshore Hub, Kilbirnie   |
| <b>Present:</b>        | Councillor John Bell (Chair)<br>Councillor Margaret Johnson<br>Councillor Anthea Dickson<br>Angela Morrell, Senior Manager, Community Learning & Development, NAC (Lead Officer)<br>James Waite, Beith & District Community Council<br>Jane Lamont, Community Representative<br>Christina Pieraccini, Locality Officer, NAC<br>Ellie Hannah, Active Schools, NAC<br>Fiona Dunlop, Beith and Gateside Primary Schools<br>Mark Pilkington, KA Leisure<br>David Cameron, Police Scotland<br>Elaine Young, NHS<br>Catherine Wigzell, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council |
| <b>Also Attending:</b> | Kathryn Young, Beith Playpark Action Group<br>Shona Pennie, Beith Playpark Action Group  |
| <b>Apologies:</b>      | Neil Shearer, Scottish Fire and Rescue<br>David Park, Community Representative<br>Kaileigh Brown, TACT<br>Allan Wright, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council<br>Cllr Donald L. Reid<br>Cllr Ronald Stalker  |

## ACTIONS

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| 1.  | <b>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</b><br><br>The Chair welcomed everyone to the Garnock Valley Locality Partnership meeting and apologies were noted. Introductions were then given.   |             |
| 2.  | <b>Action Note and Log</b><br><br>The action note from the meeting held on 7 December 2023 was approved as accurate record. Christina updated that the confirmed names for street naming were Academy Wynd, Moorpark Crescent and McQueen Place. It was also noted that the opening of Moorpark Primary had been delayed. |             |
| 3.  | <b>Grants</b><br><br>The Locality Partnership was asked to consider a grant application to the Margaret Archibald Bequest Fund from St Margaret's Church Social Group for £600. The Fund has a balance of £5,271. The application was approved.   |             |

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| <p>4.</p> | <p><b>CIF Project Update</b></p> <p>The Partnership received an update from the Beith Playpark Action Group. They highlighted that all funding is now in place, with work aiming to start in April 2024. The group commented that the CIF funding had really helped in securing the match funding. They also highlighted their partnership with Beith &amp; District Community Council, which brought outdoor gym equipment and benches to the development. The locality partnership commented that it was exciting to see this project come to fruition.</p>   |   |
| <p>5.</p> | <p><b>Education and Youth Overview</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Fiona Dunlop, Head Teacher at Beith Primary School and Gateside Primary School, on behalf of the Garnock Valley cluster. This included an update on the breakfast club at Moorpark Primary and the Agricultural event at Garnock Campus. In particular, she highlighted the realignment of early years services across North Ayrshire, based on locality needs. This will result in changes including some provision moving to term time only. There was some concern raised over this later in the meeting in relation to a lack of childcare in the Garnock Valley and the impact that it has. It was agreed to invite a representative from early years provision to expand on the decision making and to discuss, and whether the Locality Partnership could work together to help address this.</p> <p>Ellie Hannah gave an update on the work of Active Schools in the Locality, including the work with New Scots.</p> <p>Christina gave an update on the support from the Locality Team to young people across the Garnock Valley, including after school groups and the youth forum. On average, 123 individual young people are engaging in support available per week. She also highlighted the election of Garnock Valley Youth Forum member Rhyan Gorrie as MSYP for Cunningham North and everyone wished them well in their role.</p> | <p><b><i>Cllr John Bell/Angela Morrell</i></b></p>  |
| <p>6.</p> | <p><b>KA Leisure</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a report from Mark Pilkington, KA Leisure, which was also included in the meeting papers. He lighted the work ongoing in the locality, including partnership work with the Locality Team. A question was raised in relation to the Wellbeing Alliance and engagement with the Third Sector. Discussion took place around the Wellbeing Alliance engagement sessions. It was agreed that Mark would discuss with Malcolm, who is the Chief Executive of KAL and that Malcolm would be invited to the next Third Sector COG meeting.</p>   | <p><b><i>Mark Pilkington/Angela Morrell</i></b></p> |
| <p>7.</p> | <p><b>Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue – Wellbeing and Partnerships</b></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>  |   |

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|     | <p>The update highlighted areas including a range of activities including the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackling an increase in vehicle crimes in the Garnock Valley, including speeding</li> <li>• Talks in schools regarding litter picking.</li> <li>• Partnership working following recent tragic events affecting young people in the locality.</li> </ul> <p>N Shearer, SFRS submitted a report for the Partnership, which was included in the meeting papers.</p>  |  |
| 8.  | <p><b>Locality Plan Progress</b></p> <p>The Partnership received an update from 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 &amp; Amenities and Work and the Local Community. This included the progress on the Place Framework, the GV2023 project, Kilbirnie charity shop and also the emerging collaboration exploring the possibility of working with the proposed developers of Crosbie Wind Farm in relation to the distribution of community benefits. It was highlighted the importance of creating a mechanism structure for this, should it receive planning consent.</p> |  |
| 9.  | <p><b>Locality Officer Update</b></p> <p>Christina Pieraccini made reference to her update, which was in a new format, and had been circulated detailing the considerable work in numerous areas which had been undertaken in the locality since the last meeting and invited any questions. Christina highlighted the changes in the Locality Team. Everyone thanked the outgoing staff for their work and commitment over the years.</p>  |  |
| 10. | <p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>The partnership noted that Brenda Reilly, Community Representative, had not attended nor given apologies in over 6 months. In line with the Standing Orders, Brenda will be contacted to clarify whether she wished to remain on the Locality Partnership. If not, the vacancy would be advertised, alongside the outstanding vacancy for Kilbirnie &amp; Glengarnock area.</p>   |  |
|     | <p><b>Reports for Information</b></p> <p>The following report was submitted for information and sharing, as appropriate: - CLD Strategic Quarterly Update</p> <p>Noted.</p>   |  |

The meeting ended at 9.10pm