

# Action Note

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Garnock Valley Locality Partnership</b>
<b>Date/Venue:</b>	13 June 2024 – Beith Community Centre
<b>Present:</b>	Councillor John Bell (Chair) Councillor Margaret Johnson Councillor Anthea Dickson Cllr Donald L. Reid James Waite, Beith & District Community Council – Vice Chair Jane Lamont, Community Representative David Park, Community Representative Catherine Wigzell, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council Elaine Young, NHS Ayrshire & Arran (Snr Lead Officer) Angela Morrell, Senior Manager, Community Learning & Development, NAC (Lead Officer) Christina Pieraccini, Locality Officer, NAC Ellie Hannah, Active Schools, NAC Mark Pilkington, KA Leisure Kyle Lewis KA Leisure Inspector David Cameron, Police Scotland Neil Shearer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Heather McVie Branley, Community Development Worker
<b>Also Attending:</b>	Nick Wright, Nick Wright Planning
<b>Apologies:</b>	Kaileigh Brown, TACT Cllr Ronnie Stalker

## ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p><b>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the Garnock Valley Locality Partnership meeting, introductions were made, and apologies were noted.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Action Note</b></p> <p>The action note from the meeting held on 14 March 2024 was approved as an accurate record. The following updates were provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L Forsyth has been invited to attend the LP meeting in September to provide an update on Childminders in the Garnock Valley as well as funding provided by the Scottish Government regarding assessing school age childcare in rural and island areas.</li> <li>• The Third Sector attended a recent Wellbeing Alliance Board Meeting. The Third Sector Chief Officers Group meeting this month was cancelled. The next meeting will be held on 22 August, the Lead Officer will provide an update at next LP meeting.</li> </ul>	<b>A Morrell</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Recruitment for the Community Rep Vacancy is on pause for the moment due to the possibility of Dalry Community Council re-establishing.</li></ul>	
3.	<p><b>Community Investment Fund</b></p> <p><b><u>Radio City Association</u></b></p> <p>The Locality Officer advised the Partnership that the Full Application from Radio City Association will be heard at the next LP meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Beith Hive</u></b></p> <p>J Lamont presented a Full CIF Application from Beith Hive to the Partnership. Beith Hive is based at Beith Primary school and offers a flexible, wrap around childcare service to parents and carers in the Garnock Valley. The organisation are seeking £41,000 of funding from the Community Investment Fund to introduce an electric vehicle pick-up and drop-off service to Garnock Valley primary schools, targeting rurality and the transport barriers that parents are affected by. Funding would support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Funding of 9-seater Electric Vehicle and the installation of charging points at Geilsland Estate to provide power for the vehicle.</li><li>Staff costs to develop the EV service, both within Beith Hive childcare service and through partnerships with other organisations or services. Specifically, this staff role will:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Manage the roll out of the service expansion,</li><li>Ensure that Beith Hive operations align with environmental sustainability and social inclusiveness aims.</li></ul></li></ul> <p>J Lamont also advised that the organisation had been successful in obtaining £35,000 funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to support the project.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The practicalities of dropping off and picking up in different areas how this will be managed.</li><li>Potential for community use at the weekend.</li><li>Interest received from families for the service.</li></ul> <p>J Lamont advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Childcare Development Officer will help negotiate with early drop offs and late at school, this is common in rural areas.</li><li>Exploring the opportunities for communities to use vehicle at the weekend will be part of the staff members role who is supporting this work.</li><li>In terms of noted interest, five families have noted their interest to date. If this continues to grow, the organisation may explore replicating the service within another settlement of the Garnock Valley also.</li></ul>	

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	<p>The Partnership agreed to award £41,000 to the project and commented that the project is a good example of how communities respond to a local need.</p>	<p><b>C Pieraccini</b></p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Grants</b></p> <p>The Lead Officer advised that one application had been made to the Margaret Archibald Bequest Fund from Dalry Burns Club.</p> <p>Dalry Burns Club are seeking £1,100 funding towards their trip to a distillery. It was noted that anyone under the age of 65 attending the trip would be paying the full amount individually and that funding would only be used to support members over 65 to attend.</p> <p>The Partnership approved the application to award £1,100 to Dalry Burns Club.</p>	<p><b>R Ramsay</b></p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Place Frameworks</b></p> <p>Nick Wright, Jane Lamont and Catherine Wigzell provided the Partnership with an update on the work taking place around the Place Framework for the Garnock Valley.</p> <p>N Wright advised that since the working group was set up for the Place Framework, five organisations across the three settlement areas have worked together and have had seven meetings. From these meetings, the Place Framework working group have agreed a workplan.</p> <p>N Wright highlighted that a have series of one-to-one meetings are due to commence with the five organisations to discuss their aspirations and how to engage in each town. An online survey will go live in due course, and he will be in attendance at various events over summer. It is hoped that once the survey and engagement take place it will build momentum for the Framework. The aim is to have Place Framework finalised by the end of 2024.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether there had been any buy-in from local businesses.</li> <li>• What kind of questions the survey will cover.</li> <li>• What are the outcomes expected to be achieved from the Place Framework.</li> </ul> <p>N Wright advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been no local business buy-in as yet, the focus has been on Community Groups. The next step set up meetings with local businesses via NAC Business Development Team.</li> <li>• The question set for the survey will be fairly general. The Working Group survey suggested incorporating questions from previous plans to get the community to rank them to help scope what the Place Framework could be.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In terms of the expected outcomes, the Framework will look at the aspirations of the community on the strategic work, relationships between public sector and communities, supporting what is already happening, building capacity and supporting services and investments in the Garnock Valley.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Education and Youth Overview</b></p> <p><b><u>Education</u></b></p> <p>The representative from Education was unable to attend the meeting in person. An update report was circulated to the Partnership prior to the meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Youth Work</u></b></p> <p>Heather McVie Branley introduced herself to the Partnership advising that she joined the Locality CLD Team in April 2024.</p> <p>H McVie Branley provided the Partnership with an update on Youth Work in the Garnock Valley:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Across the Garnock Valley, there is a range of youth work provisions, with afterschool P7 transition groups.</li> <li>Garnock Valley Youth Forum are hosting a fundraising coffee morning on 17 July at Bridgend Community Centre. Forum now at capacity with 15 members.</li> <li>GV Once Loved Uniform Centre has 11 young people involved and the youth forum has proposed changing the name of the centre to GV New to You, shifting the focus from school clothing to general clothing.</li> <li>Summer Programme running throughout July with drop-in days at the Walker Hall on Tuesdays and Thursday's 12-2 pm, staff will be support Park Lives over the summer holidays on a Wednesday from 6-7.30 pm and a youth group in Beith Community Centre 6-8 pm. The youth forum will continue to meet on a Wednesday afternoon from 12-2 pm during July.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Active Schools</u></b></p> <p>Ellie Hannah, Active Schools Co-ordinator advised the Partnership that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active Schools are running a summer programme with KA Leisure, details have been shared with the schools.</li> <li>The team are reviewing data of those moving from Primary to Secondary school.</li> <li>North Ayrshire Sports Association are recruiting for new sports leaders, details to sign up has been shared within the schools.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>KA Leisure</b></p>	

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	<p>Mark Pilkington introduced Kyle Lewis who is now the new General Manager at the Garnock Campus and advised that K Lewis would be attending Partnership meetings going forward.</p> <p>M Pilkington provided the Partnership with an update on the work taking place in Garnock Valley:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free Summer Swimming Programme will be available at the campus, with ASN specific sessions and lessons being built into the timetable.</li> <li>• Continue to support Park Lives.</li> <li>• New ASN Soft Play activity session being held in Campus on a Friday evening, uptake has been great.</li> <li>• Pathways into positive employment, the team are liaising with the Head Teacher and PE Department to develop work experience for young people at school to identify different pathways within leisure industry.</li> <li>• At the last meeting there was a discussion around the launch of the family day, this will need to be refined over the summer.</li> <li>• Head Teacher is keen to use café area, young people in the school use the area for barista training, could look at opening once a month serving tea/coffee etc.</li> </ul>	
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue – Wellbeing and Partnerships</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from David Cameron, 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 a range of activities including the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New shift pattern for the Locality Policing Team has been in place since May 2024</li> <li>• MCR Pathways mentoring programme at the Campus positive way forward to working with young people in the area.</li> <li>• Secured training places for staff to be trained to use the quad bikes also received funding for protective kit for staff for when using the quads.</li> <li>• Campus officer has delivered inputs to both secondary and primary pupils regarding antisocial behaviour.</li> <li>• Community Wellbeing Unit actively engaged in addressing drug related issues with the community. They have also recently undertaken ‘No knives better lives’ course and became certified trainers.</li> </ul> <p>D Cameron advised that he will share his report with J McGee for circulating to the Partnership.</p> <p>The Partnership highlighted the issue with trail bikes in the area and queried where this could be reported. D Cameron advised that this could be reported using the community email address: - <a href="#">North Ayrshire</a></p>	<p><b>D Cameron/J McGee</b></p>

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	<p>- <a href="#">Police Scotland</a> the email is picked up by the Locality Sargeant. D Cameron commented that the Police relies on community intelligence of where the bikes are coming from. D Cameron also advised that he will share some online materials that were used last year regarding the use of trail bikes with the Partnership.</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Neil Shearer, SFRS on the key impact of wellbeing and partnership work being carried out by SFRS in the Garnock Valley.</p> <p>The update highlighted areas including a range of activities including the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Team continues to carry out home fire safety visits, this is biggest tool to support the community and reduces fires with domestic property. The Team receives lots of referrals with HSCP.</li> <li>• Community action team are working with schools with regards to road safety, particularly with sixth year pupils who may be learning to drive soon. This has been done in partnership with Police Scotland. The team have also been highlighting the importance of water safety, ensure everyone is safe when out in open water.</li> <li>• Kilbirnie Fire Station will be having an open day on 10 August, this is the third year the open day has taken place and has previously been very successful.</li> </ul> <p>M Pilkington advised that KA Leisure are hosting a water safety event alongside Scottish Swimming and Scottish water during the summer and that he will share the promotional material with N Shearer.</p>	<p><b>D Cameron/J McGee</b></p> <p><b>M Pilkington</b></p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<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 covers all three locality priorities.</p> <p>This included: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work will start on the travel needs analysis in the next few weeks which will complement with work of the Place Framework.</li> <li>• Positive progress on NCN7 Dalry – Kilbirnie route with Network Rail.</li> <li>• Salvation Army exploring options to open charity shop as there is no longer a charity shop in Kilbirnie.</li> <li>• Crosbie windfarm meeting taking place on 14 June, group to be formed with the developer.</li> <li>• The next sub-group meeting will be held on 7 August 2024 where there is going to be discussion on skills gaps. Local employers have highlighted that they struggle to recruit locally.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair suggested that C Pieraccini links in with Laura Neill, Snr Manager, Employability as this work is being carried out via the Locality Employability Partnership.</p>	<p><b>C Pieraccini</b></p>

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9.	<p><b>Locality Officer Update</b></p> <p>The Locality Officer made reference to her update, which was included within the paperwork which detailed the considerable work in numerous areas which had been undertaken in the locality since the last meeting including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information on the new Team in place in the Garnock Valley.</li> <li>• Place Woodland AGM went well, they are now a constituted group.</li> <li>• D Day celebration hosted by Beith &amp; District Community Council which was a great evening.</li> </ul>	<b>Noted</b>
10.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>David Park advised the Partnership that Party in the Park will now be held on Saturday 3 August this may be held at Dalry show ground following the recent successful farmers show.</p> <p>The Partnership also requested that the Lead Officer seek clarification from Streetscene regarding planting of perennials, upkeep of war memorials and to highlight that their needs to be changes made to the application form in relation to adopting planters/flower beds to make it easier for communities to apply.</p>	<b>A Morrell</b>
	<p><b>Reports for Information</b></p> <p>The Chair reminded the Partnership that the following reports were submitted as part of the meeting paperwork for information and sharing, as appropriate: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLD Strategic Quarterly Update</li> <li>• 2024/25 Road Maintenance programme</li> <li>• TACT update</li> </ul>	<b>Noted</b>

**The meeting ended at 8.50 pm**