



North Ayrshire  
Community Planning Partnership

## Garnock Valley Locality Partnership

Thursday 13 June 2024, 7.00 p.m. in the Beith Community Centre

### BUSINESS

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Ask of the Partnership
1.	<b>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.</b>	-	-	Cllr Bell	
2.	<b>Action Note</b> Review the action note and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 5	Enclosed	Elaine Young	Is this an accurate record of the meeting. Have all actions been completed?
<b>DECISION REQUIRED</b>					<b>7.10 – 7.30 pm</b>
3.	<b>Community Investment Fund – Full Application</b>  The Locality Partnership are asked to consider one Community Investment Fund Application.  <b>Full Application</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beith Hive</li> </ul>	Pg 8	Enclosed	Christina Pieraccini	LP to consider one Community Investment Fund Applications
4.	<b>Grants</b> The Locality Partnership are asked to consider one grant report:  <u>Margaret Archibald Bequest Fund</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dalry Burns Club</li> </ul>	Pg 21	Enclosed	Angela Morrell	LP to consider grant report.
<b>LOCAL MATTERS – TACKLING INEQUALITIES</b>					<b>7.30 – 8.55 pm</b>
5.	<b>Place Frameworks</b> Receive update on work taking place around Place Frameworks.	-	Verbal	Christina Pieraccini	Receive update and discuss learning and partnership opportunities.
6.	<b>Education &amp; Youth Overview</b> The Locality Partnership will receive an overview from Head Teachers and the Locality Community Learning Development Team.	Pg 23	Verbal  Enclosed	Head Teachers  Heather McVie Branley Heather McVie- Branley	Receive update and discuss learning and partnership opportunities.

7.	<b>KA Leisure</b> The Locality Partnership will receive an updated on the work against the priorities of the Garnock Valley Locality.	-	Verbal	Kyle Lewis/Mark Pilkington	Discuss progress, learning and partnership opportunities
8.	<b>Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue - Wellbeing and Partnerships</b>  Officers to discuss with the Locality Partnership the key impact of wellbeing and partnership work being carried out by SFRS and Police Scotland in the Garnock Valley.	-	Verbal	David Cameron  Neil Shearer	Discuss progress, learning and partnership opportunities
9.	<b>Locality Plan Progress</b> Receive feedback from the sub-group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moving Around</li> <li>• Facilities and Amenities</li> <li>• Work and the Local Community</li> </ul>	-	Verbal	Christina Pieraccini  Community Reps	Receive update and discuss how LP can further support this work.
10.	<b>Locality Officer Update</b> The Locality Partnership will receive an updated on the work against the priorities of the Garnock Valley Locality.	Pg 28	Enclosed	Christina Pieraccini	Receive update and discuss how LP can further support this work.
<b>AOCB</b>					<b>8.55 – 9.00 pm</b>
11.	<b>AOCB</b>				LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality, the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.
<b>REPORTS FOR INFORMATION</b>					
12.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLD Strategic Quarterly Update</li> <li>• Roads Maintenance Programme 2024/25</li> <li>• TACT Update</li> </ul>	Pg 46  Pg 77  Pg 93	Enclosed	Cllr Bell	Locality Partnership are asked to note the reports and share as appropriate.

## Distributions List

### Elected Members

Councillor John Bell (**Chair**)  
Councillor Anthea Dickson  
Councillor Margaret Johnson  
Councillor Donald L Reid  
Councillor Ronnie Stalker

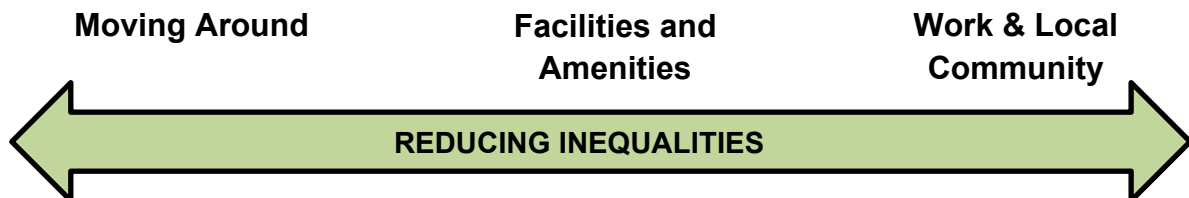
### Community Representatives

Catherine Wigzell, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council  
James Waite, Beith & District Community Council (**Vice Chair**)  
David Park, Community Representative  
Jane Lamont, Community Representative

### CPP/Council Representatives

Kaileigh Brown, Third Sector Interface  
David Cameron, Police Scotland  
Neil Shearer, Scottish Fire and Rescue  
Angela Morrell, Lead Officer, North Ayrshire Council  
Christina Pieraccini, Locality Officer  
Elaine Young, Senior Lead Officer, NHS Ayrshire and Arran

## Garnock Locality Partnership Priorities



<b>Garnock Valley Locality Partnership – Community Investment Fund</b>	
<b>The Garnock Valley Locality Partnership CIF allocation to date:</b>	<b>£840, 000</b>
<b>Funded Projects</b>	<b>Total Funding Awarded</b>
Garnock Valley Mens Shed - Project Initiation	£28,000
Travel Needs Analysis	£25,000
Geilsland Hall - Volunteering and Employability	£45,000
Garnock Valley 20:20 Vision	£15,000
Beith Community Development Trust - YOUth Lead	£43,500
Garnock Valley Mens Shed - Heating System Replacement	£20,000
Café Solace - Development Worker	£49,723
Geilsland Courtyard Feasibility Study	£15,582
Beith Playpark	£100,000
Beith Community Association	£22,098.04
Garnock Valley 2023 Development Worker	£51,200
<b>Remaining CIF Balance</b>	<b>£424,896.96</b>

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

## ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<b>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</b>  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>  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>  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.	

<p><b>4.</b></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><b>5.</b></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><b>6.</b></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><b>7.</b></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>	

	<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



### **The CIF will support proposals and projects that:**

- Connect with:
  - the [Community Planning Partnership](#) (CPP) and [Locality priorities](#); and
  - North Ayrshire Council's (NAC) values, priorities and business [objectives](#).
- Fulfil a compelling need and do not duplicate existing services or facilities;
- Provide long-term, sustainable, positive results for the greatest number of people possible;
- Exhibit project and/or organisational innovation in their approaches to their work in their way of addressing community challenges and in their request to Locality Partnerships and the Council;
- Come from (an) organisation(s) that is financially viable (can provide financial statements upon request) and efficiently and effectively managed. This can include an organisation to be created to deliver the project;
- Include options or potential for NAC and CPP employee engagement and volunteering where possible; and
- Include measurable outcomes and can report to NAC on outcomes on a regular basis.

### **When to apply and how?**

- LPs should continue to engage with their communities, and stimulate interest in the CIF. The Locality Partnership will then strategically assess the applications, make links and look at the funding 'in the round'.
- If the partnership supports a bid then the group will be encouraged to submit a full application form (attached), which they will decide upon before making a proposal to Cabinet for final approval.
- The finalised proposal will go to the next suitable Cabinet for final approval.
- Forms should be returned to your Locality Officer, by email if possible:

**Christina Pieraccini**  
**Locality Officer - Garnock Valley**

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For more information see the guidance form here: <http://www.northayrshire.community/wp-content/uploads/sites/60/2018/06/community-investment-fund-guidance-notes-17-12-17.pdf>





## 1. Details of your organisation

Name of Organisation

Beith Hive

Postal Address for Correspondence

Name of Contact Person Jane Lamont

Position in Organisation CEO

Telephone Number [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Email Address

<b>Total amount of funding requested:</b>	£41,000
<b>Match funding (if any):</b>	£37,700

## 2. Brief description of your organisation

Please include its legal status, aims and objectives, activities or services provided and how long it has been in existence.

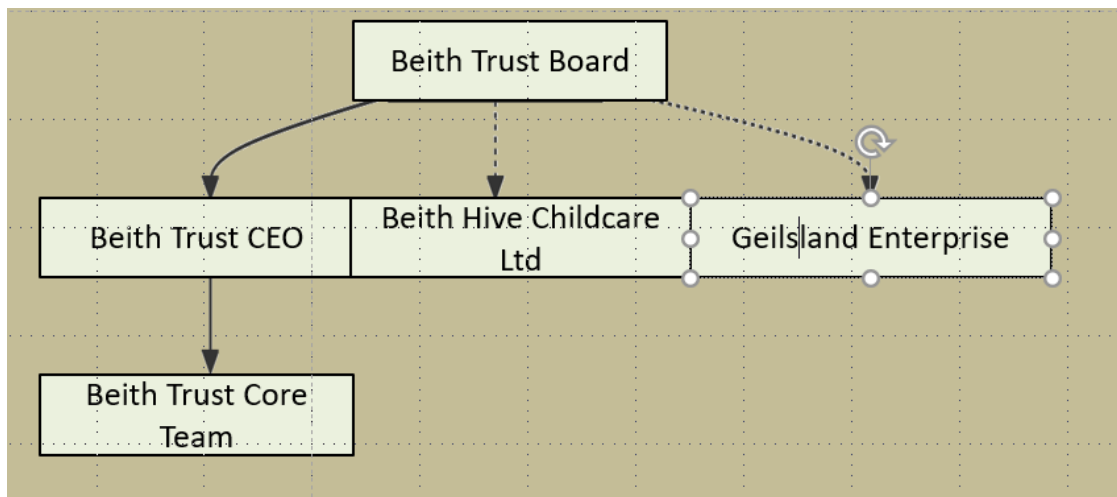
Beith Hive Childcare Ltd, is a not for profit social enterprise wholly owned by Beith Trust and integral to their mission for community-led regeneration. The enterprise was established in 2022 by Beith Trust to address the Garnock Valleys post-pandemic economic challenges, by mitigating the impact of childcare service closures and meeting rising childcare demand as parents return to work.

Following a series of discussions with North Ayrshire Council, Beith Primary and negotiations with ChildsPlay - the existing service which was closing, Beith Trust took over 4 full time staff members, and the attendee role of 52 children and established a registered childcare service operating primarily from Beith Primary School with a full year service, providing flexible child care provision for parents in work, in education or children referred as in need of nurture or respite for vulnerable families. This intervention ensured that local families retained childcare provision.

Since then, Beith Trust have invested time, energy and resource to design an enterprise, which provides the communities of the Garnock Valley with a quality, sustainable registered childcare option, which is a crucial part of a community’s social infrastructure.

The service operates from 7am - 9am and 3pm – 6pm. There are 300 places available to book each week and parents have the flexibility to book regular slots each week and also ad hoc slots via an app or the online website. Since May 2024, the service offer has increased to provide parents and carers with a full year service with school holiday provision.

The following diagram illustrates the group structure which supports Beith Hive Childcare Ltd and Geilsland Enterprise as wholly owned subsidiaries of the parent charity, Beith Trust. Both subsidiaries operate with their own management teams and board of directors, but are ultimately accountable to the Beith Trust Board, ensuring alignment with Beith Trust’s mission of sustainable community regeneration, benefiting Beith’s people, places, and businesses.



### 3. Title and summary of proposal

Tell us about your idea. Please describe in as much detail as possible, what the funding will be used for.

Please include:

- where it will be held / delivered
- who is your target audience
- who will benefit from it and how
- any partners that are involved.

Beith Hive is based at Beith Primary school and offers a flexible, wrap around childcare service to parents and carers in the Garnock Valley. To ensure all Garnock Valley families, especially those in vulnerable or economically hard-hit situations, have access to registered wrap-around childcare, supporting economic, educational and personal growth Beith Hive plan to introduce an electric vehicle (EV) pick-up and drop-off (DOPU) service Garnock Valley primary schools, targeting rurality and the transport barriers that parents are affected by.

Our service is supported by a working arrangement between Beith Primary and North Ayrshire Council who provide the venue at no cost in recognition of the value and socio- economic impact that access to quality registered childcare amidst the socio-economic challenges that affect the Garnock Valley

Moreover, our partnership with Beith Trust underpins a committed to environmental sustainability - our Electric Vehicle Service will be powered by a community-owned renewable energy project - a 100 kWh solar array on the roofs of the buildings at Geilsland Estate. This will save, on a like for like per journey basis over 1000 miles, 120kg of Co2 per year, we estimate that the service actually avoid 6 cars making the same journey which amplifies the estimated Co2 saving.

To ensure the Beith Hives success, widen our reach across the Garnock Valley and deepen its impact, we seek a contribution towards funding for

- a 9 seater Electric Vehicle and the installation of charging points at Geilsland Estate to provide power for the vehicle,
- Contribution to 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
  - Manage the roll out of a DOPU service expansion,
  - Ensure that Beith Hive operations align with environmental sustainability and social inclusiveness aims.



- Engage with community stakeholders and the Garnock Valley Locality Working group to explore the feasibility options for community transport provision (out with the times that the EV is needed for childcare pick up and drop off),
- Capturing, monitoring and reporting project outputs and outcomes
- Establish an innovative childcare model which suit the needs of 21st century community life, whilst also ensuring Beith Hives long-term sustainability.

#### 4. What difference will this project make within the locality and to local services and programmes?

Please include:

- The outcomes you aim to achieve
- How you will approach reducing inequality
- How this proposal fits with the Locality Partnership priorities of 1. Moving Around (Public Transport, Traffic and Parking) 2. Work and Local Community 3. Facilities and Amenities

By addressing key transportation barriers, promoting environmental sustainability, and supporting the socio-economic development of families, this project will make a significant and positive difference within the locality, aligning with all of the Locality Partnership priorities and fostering a stronger, more inclusive community.

#### Project Outcomes and Deliverables with Locality Partnership Priorities

Outcomes	Deliverables	Moving Around (Public Transport, Traffic and Parking)	Work and Local Community	Facilities and Amenities
Enhanced Accessibility to Childcare	Implementation of EV Service, Increase in Childcare Usage	Reducing traffic congestion around schools by providing reliable EV pick-up and drop-off service.	Supporting parents to maintain employment or pursue education by providing reliable childcare.	Utilising Beith Primary School as a venue for the childcare service, enhancing use of existing facilities.
Promotion of Environmental Sustainability	Reduction in Carbon Emissions, Integration with Renewable Energy	Encouraging sustainable transportation solutions, reducing the number of individual car journeys.	Creating job opportunities within the Beith Hive childcare and EV service.	Installing EV charging points at Geilsland Estate, improving local amenities.
Socio-Economic Support for Families	Increased Employment and Education Opportunities, Community Engagement and Service Improvement	Improving overall transportation infrastructure within the community.	Engaging with community stakeholders to address transport and childcare needs.	Ensuring long-term sustainability of the Beith Hive service through community engagement.

## 5. What engagement has taken place in relation to the project?

Please include the number of people who have been engaged with or consulted as well as the range of people.

The development of this application was informed by

- Recommendations from the Travel Needs Analysis which will be produced by the GV locality working group. This will provide a starting point to design how the vehicle could be used to pilot an initiative which tests the Travel Needs Analysis outputs.
- Analysis of [Beith Hive Childcare Drop off / Pick Up Services survey](#)

### ***Analysis of the Childcare Drop-off and Pick-up Service Survey ( 52 responses)***

**Overview:** *The dataset comprises responses from a survey conducted to gauge interest in a childcare drop-off and pick-up service. The survey captures information such as the respondent's location, the number and ages of their children, current childcare arrangements, and interest in the proposed service.*

#### **Key Insights:**

##### **1. Geographical Distribution:**

- *Respondents are from various postcodes in the Garnock Valley, indicating interest from each of the 3 communities.*
- *None of the respondents are currently using Beith Hive, a few are accessing afterschool activity as their childcare facility.*
- *Common postcodes are KA25, KA15, with PA12 featuring as well, suggesting potential hotspots for service demand.*

##### **2. Number and Ages of Children:**

- *Most respondents have 1 or 2 primary school-aged children.*
- *Children's ages predominantly fall within the 5-7 and 10-12 age brackets.*

##### **3. Current Childcare Arrangements:**

- *A significant number of respondents currently rely on family members for childcare.*
- *A notable portion of respondents do not currently use any childcare services.*
- *Afterschool clubs are the next common option, though less frequent.*
- *Respondents indicate that transport to a childcare services is a significant barrier to access*

**4. Interest in Drop-off and Pick-up Service:**

- The majority of respondents expressed interest in using the proposed service.
- This indicates a market demand and a potential gap in current childcare offerings.

**5. Preferred Payment for the Service:**

- The preferred price per use identified £5 as a commonly acceptable rate.
- This information is crucial for pricing strategy and service affordability.

**6. Additional Comments and Suggestions:**

- Few respondents provided additional comments, but one highlighted the lack of afterschool services in specific areas like Lochwinnoch.
- This suggests areas where the service could be particularly beneficial and addresses unmet needs.

**7. Willingness to Provide Contact Information:**

- Several respondents are open to further discussions, providing their contact details for follow-up.

**Our Recommendations for moving forward:**

- **Targeted Marketing:**
  - Focus marketing efforts on areas with high interest, particularly around the common postcodes mentioned.
  - Highlight benefits for families with children in the 5-7 and 10-12 age ranges.
- **Pricing Strategy:**
  - Consider setting the service price around £5 per use to align with respondents' willingness to pay.
- **Service Expansion:**
  - Address areas with identified gaps in afterschool services access. Consider a phased rollout, starting with the regions showing the highest interest.
- **Engage Interested Respondents:**
  - Follow up with respondents who provided contact information for further discussions and to refine service offerings based on direct feedback.

## 6. How will the project be managed?

Please include:

- How the finances will be managed
- Does the proposed project contribute to volunteering or employment opportunities in the Garnock Valley? Please include the number of volunteering opportunities and employment opportunities
- If there are any staff requirements, please outline your HR plans

### Financial Management

- **Budgeting and Monitoring:** The finances for the project will be managed through a detailed budget plan, monitored on a monthly basis to ensure alignment with projected costs and revenues. The budget will include all capital and operational expenses such as vehicle procurement, charging point installation, staff salaries, and maintenance costs.
- **Financial Reporting:** Regular financial reports will be prepared and reviewed by the Board of Directors and the finance committee to ensure transparency and accountability. This includes quarterly financial statements and an annual audit.
- **Funding and Grants Management:** The project will actively seek additional funding and grants to support its activities. All funds received will be tracked and reported to ensure they are used for their intended purposes.

### Contribution to Volunteering and Employment Opportunities

- **Employment Opportunities:**
  - **Direct Employment:** The project is expected to create at least 1 new employment positions within the Beith Hive childcare service and the EV service
  - **Indirect Employment:** By providing reliable childcare, the project will indirectly support employment opportunities for parents and carers, allowing them to maintain or pursue jobs.
- **Volunteering Opportunities:**
  - The project will offer approximately 3 volunteering positions, engaging community members in various capacities such as assisting with the EV service, helping in after-school activities, and participating in community outreach and engagement events.





## HR Plans

- **Staff Recruitment:** Recruitment for new positions will follow a transparent and fair process, ensuring equal opportunity for all applicants. Job descriptions will be clearly defined, and positions will be advertised widely within the community.
- **Training and Development:** Comprehensive training programs will be provided to all new hires and volunteers to ensure they are well-equipped to perform their roles effectively. Ongoing professional development opportunities will also be offered.
- **Performance Management:** A performance management system will be implemented to regularly evaluate staff performance, provide feedback, and identify areas for improvement.
- **Employee and Volunteer Support:** A support system will be established to address the needs and concerns of both employees and volunteers. This includes regular check-ins, access to resources, and recognition programs to acknowledge their contributions.

These plans will ensure the project's financial sustainability, promotes local employment and volunteerism, and aligns with the Locality Partnership priorities to support a stronger, more inclusive community in the Garnock Valley.



## 7. Amount of funding being requested

Please supply details of funding being requested and any other funding you have had over the past 5 years, both financially and “in kind”.

North Ayrshires Venture Trust - £30k over 3 years  
 Beith Trust - £12k start-up costs  
 Beith Trust - £10k director’s loan x 2 years

Amount of funding requested (£) **41000**

Please give a breakdown of cost and recent quotations where appropriate.

Item	Cost	Quotation Supplied (Y/N)
Electric Vehicle	40000	Y
Project Lead contribution x 2 years	30000	N
H & S	500	N
Insurances & Systems	1000	N
Repairs & Maintenance	1200	N
EV Charge Point Installation	6000	Y

Please give a breakdown of details of match funding (if any)

Funder	Amount	Funding Secured (Y/N)
UKSPF	35,000	Y

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## 8. Monitoring and evaluation process

Please include detail on the monitoring and evaluation processes planned or in place.

Beith Hive will utilise Beith Trusts existing monitoring and evaluation system (Upshot), a digital tool designed to effectively track and analyse project performance. The Upshot system provides real-time data and reporting capabilities to ensure effective monitoring. We will conduct monthly reviews of the collected data will be conducted to assess the project's progress against its goals and objectives.

This system will provide us with a clear, integrated view of our engagement efforts and their tangible results. Activities and Targets will directly relate to the employee's work plan which will enable the workgroup and partners to objectively to assess quantitative and qualitative data for impact and effectiveness, providing a practical M&E framework that ensures that GV2023 meet its objectives whilst remaining flexibility to pivot to the community's changing needs.

This includes completing the CIF monitoring form and seeking evaluations from the Locality Partnership and the working group. These evaluations will focus on the project's alignment with Locality Priorities and the GV2023 report.

Further M & E checks and balances will be provided through regular updates to the Locality Partnership and the working group to ensure ongoing alignment with our objectives. Progress will be measured against targets and work plans, with the understanding that adjustments may be necessary.

### Monitoring:

- Ongoing Data Collection:
  - Continuous data collection on service usage, customer satisfaction, and environmental impact will be conducted using surveys, feedback forms, and monitoring tools.
- Upshot System:
  - The Upshot system will be used to track and analyse performance indicators including the number of users, service frequency, estimated CO2 reductions, and financial performance.

### Evaluation:



- **Quarterly Reports:** Quarterly evaluation reports will be prepared to summarise the project's performance, identify areas for improvement, and make necessary adjustments.
- **Annual Impact Assessment:** An annual impact assessment will be conducted to evaluate the overall effectiveness of the project in achieving its intended outcomes. This will include analysing the socio-economic benefits, environmental impact, and community engagement.
- **Stakeholder Feedback:** Regular feedback sessions with stakeholders, including parents, carers, school staff, and community members, will be held to gather insights and suggestions for improvement.

This comprehensive approach ensures the project's financial sustainability, promotes local employment and volunteerism, aligns with the Locality Partnership priorities, and incorporates robust monitoring and evaluation processes to support a stronger, more inclusive community in the Garnock Valley.



**Locality Partnership:** Garnock Valley Locality

**Date:** 3rd June 2024

**Subject:** To update the Locality Partnership on the 2024/25 budget and to advise the meeting of an application received in respect of the Margaret Archibald Bequest Fund.

**Purpose:** To consider the applications as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.

**Background:** Application have been received in respect of the Margaret Archibald Bequest Fund.

**Key Points for Locality Partnership**

- The Margaret Archibald Bequest Fund has a balance of **£13,762** available for disbursement.

**Action Required by Locality Partnership**

- To consider the application for grant funding as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.

**For more information please contact:** *Angela Morrell, Senior Manager, Communities & Housing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Cunninghame House, Irvine.*  
*Email - amorrell@north-ayrshire.gov.uk*

**Completed by:** *Sharon Fleming, Communities & Housing (sharonfleming@north-ayrshire.gov.uk)*

**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

## MARGARET ARCHIBALD BEQUEST

## APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2024/25

## Margaret Archibald Bequest Criteria:

The application should benefit all those aged 65 and over and in poverty.

Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Previous Awards	
Dalry Burns Club	Looking for financial assistance towards trip.	£1,100	n/a	
	Coach			£600.00
	Distillery Tour – Reduced Rate			£600.00
	Coffee & Scone x 30			£150.00
	Lunch x 30			£495.00
	Globe inn & Mausoleum Gift			£100.00
	Total			£1945.00
	Contribution from Young Members			£845.00

Communities & Housing, Finance & Corporate Support, and Legal Services have been consulted and their comments are as follows:

**Finance & Corporate Support:**

Quotes have been provided. There is £13,762 available for disbursement.

**Legal:**

The detail provided appears to satisfy the criteria of the Trust. If the Trustees are satisfied that the applicant group is “in need” financially and can confirmed those over 65 are residents within the Parish of Dalry.

**Communities & Housing:**

Communities & Housing are supportive of this application. Details contained with the application demonstrate that the award will be used for those who are aged 65 and over and in need. The grant will be used to discount the full price of the trip to those over 65. Those under 65 are contributing a substantial amount.

## **Garnock Valley Locality Partnership Meeting**

**Date: June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Subject: Garnock Valley Youth Work**

**Purpose:** To provide the Locality Partnership with an update on relevant activity linking to wellbeing and partnership working and the priorities of the Garnock Valley Locality Partnership:

1. Moving Around (Public Transport, Traffic and Parking)
2. Work and Local Community
3. Facilities and Amenities

### **1. Introduction**

Across the Garnock Valley, there is a range of youth work provisions, with after-school P7 transition groups running in Dalry, Kilbirnie and Beith. There is also an S1 youth group in Kilbirnie, Garnock Valley Youth Forum and the Umbrella Club at Garnock Campus.

### **2. Current Position**

**Garnock Valley P7 Transition Lochshore Regeneration Programme (Cluster schools for Garnock Campus)**



**2.1** A program has been set up in partnership with the local Primary schools, Garnock Community Campus, and NA Active Schools to help primary school pupils transition to secondary school through a design project for Lochshore Park's redevelopment. On the launch day Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 160 Primary 7 students participated in activities like touch rugby, outdoor games, football, rounders, a scavenger hunt, and badge-making/mindfulness colouring. The showcase will be on 11<sup>th</sup> June and a celebration day will take place on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at Lochshore.

## **2.2 St Bridget's & Dalry Primary School P7 Transition Programmes**



St. Bridget's has requested staff to deliver a programme in the school, to provide additional transition activities over four years. A program, including icebreakers, team games, discussions on friendship, worries, and concerns, has been designed to support young people in their move to Secondary School. A session was also conducted at St. Palladius Primary to address the worries and concerns of the students and discuss how they can be supported in their move to secondary school. As a result of participating in this program and attending the P7 afterschool youth group, relationships with the young people have strengthened. They are engaging with staff positively and working well together as a class and in smaller groups. **Currently, there is a total of 35 young people participating in the programme.**

## **2.3 After-school Transitions Clubs**





The after-school clubs at Walker Hall have 50 young people registered and attending on Tuesdays and Thursdays with young people from various Primary Schools within Kilbirnie attending. 8 young people were attending the group at Dalry Library and The S1 youth group also runs on a Tuesday with a core group of 20 now attending regularly. Activities include team games, board games, arts & crafts, baking, slime making, and sports-based activities on the requests of the young people.

The Beith group has a new structure and is focusing on activities that meet the needs of the mainly female attendees. There are concerns about youth disruption at the Beith Community Centre, but it does not involve the young people in the group. Staff in the Locality Team are planning to continue a youth drop-in to offer diversionary activities over the summer. 8 young people are attending the group at Dalry Library and The S1 youth group also runs on Tuesdays with a core group of 20 now attending regularly.

#### **2.4 The Garnock Valley Youth Forum**

The Garnock Valley Youth Forum provides a positive environment for local young people to become active community members. We run the Uniform Centre, sorting, and distributing donations. Recently, we participated in the Cost-of-Living event at the Garnock Social Club, providing items to families and individuals. Our next event will be at the Party in the Park in Dalry.

We have been planning a fundraising coffee afternoon for Wednesday 17th July at Bridgend Community Centre and have successfully enabled two new young people to participate in our forum. Our logo is now printed on our water bottles and hoodies, and we have reached full capacity with 15 members.

#### **2.5 GV Once Loved Uniform Centre**

The uniform centre has been making progress as usual. Over the past couple of months, we have received and distributed several donations. The donation drive was highly successful, and we were able to distribute various items. 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. They have also organized the committee into roles, with each person having specific responsibilities such as organizing and sorting donations, planning events, and managing pick up and collection. In addition, some members attended Arran Pride with the Equalities Forum on the 1st of June. **There are currently 11 young people involved.**



## **2.6 The Umbrella Club**

The number of young people attending is steady between 8-10 weekly. They have been enjoying the safe space to come to and chat openly. Five of the young people attended Arran Pride on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

## **2.7 DYWF (Developing Young Workforce)**

Discussions have taken place between the coordinator at Garnock Campus, Café Solace and the locality worker and two young people were paired up to come along and volunteer at Café Solace. Their main aim is to learn how to operate the Barista machine. Unfortunately, personal barriers have prevented them from attending. Steps are being taken to see what measures can be taken to encourage them to attend or prevent further barriers that may impact other young people attending in the future. We are positive that come the new term in August we will have more young people involved in volunteering here.

## **Asks of the Locality Partnership**

To support the promotion of the youth work provision and get involved in sessions or over the summer.

We will have a 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. Health and wellbeing sessions will take place from 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> July and detached youth work to support engagement and encourage young people to participate in provision in providing diversionary activities across the locality. The youth forum will continue to meet on a Wednesday afternoon from 12-2 pm every Wednesday in July.

**Name: Heather McVie Branley**

**Designation: Community Development Worker**

**Date: 03.06.24**

# GARNOCK VALLEY LOCALITY REPORT JUNE 2024



North Ayrshire  
Community Planning Partnership



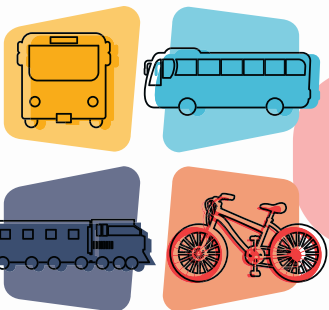
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# Locality Priorities for Garnock Valley



## Facilities and Amenities



## Moving Around



## Work and Local Community

# Locality Updates



## Summer Youth Groups

During July, weekly youth groups will run in Kilbirnie and Beith. The Locality Team will also be joining in at Parklives in Dalry.

Tuesdays 12pm - 2pm, Walker Hall

Tuesdays 6pm - 8pm, Beith Comm Ctr

Wednesdays 6.00pm - 7.30pm, Parklives

Thursdays 12pm - 2pm, Walker Hall

In addition, the team will be at:

Dalry Show, Sat 8th June

It's a Knockout, Kilbirnie, Sat 15th June

St. Inans Day, Beith, Sat 22nd June

## Beith Trust Upcoming Courses

Beith Trust have a variety of courses coming up at Geilsland; including Domestic Abuse awareness, Adult protection awareness, elementary food hygiene, and basic social media workshops. All are bookable on our website here: [www.geilsland.com/our-events](http://www.geilsland.com/our-events)



## Garnock Valley Youth Forum

The Youth Forum are organising a fundraiser coffee afternoon, which will take place on Wednesday 17th July from 12pm to 2pm in Bridgend Community Centre, Kilbirnie. All are welcome!

## Place Framework

A number of local organisations are working together to create a community led plan for the Garnock Valley. Engagement will begin over the summer, with a survey due to be circulated through the community soon. Please keep an eye out for ways to get involved and help shape the future of the Garnock Valley.

# KEY STATS FOR THE QUARTER

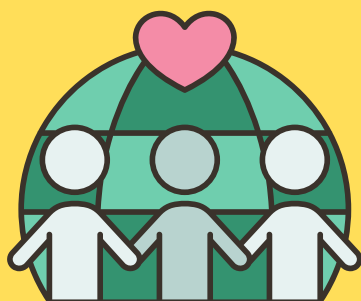
140 adults from the Garnock Valley engaged in CLD activity this quarter

325 children and young people from the Garnock Valley engaged in CLD activity this quarter

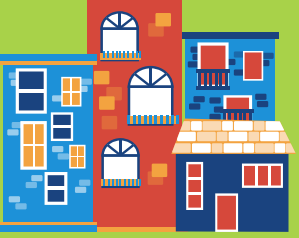
34 adults in the Garnock Valley with improved mental health and wellbeing outcomes in CLD activity

A total of 138 young people are engaging weekly across 7 youth groups in the Garnock Valley

19 groups in the Garnock Valley receiving capacity building support through CLD activity







## Facilities and Amenities

**Café Solace** – Café Solace continues to be very popular, with an average of 30 per week for lunch and 70 for evening meal. Due to the continued increase in costs, they have decided that the price of their 3-course evening meal will be increased from £2.50 to £3 from 7th June. They will however continue to fund free meals for children under 12 and for those adults who are vulnerable and/or in financial hardship.

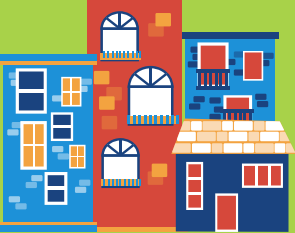
They have recently catered for two NAC events (buffet lunch), a funeral tea and another dinner for Beith Bowling Club, all with very positive feedback on the quality of the food presented. This has been beneficial to their funds and helps them to maintain sustainability without having to seek financial support.

Café Solace now have 5 young people volunteering with them as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. Two have already completed the required 13 weeks however, they have decided to extend this further and continue to volunteer.

The Community Payback Team have been working on their kitchen garden, with the fencing now completed. Café Solace anticipate having the groundwork completed within the next few weeks, following which the planters will be installed. Due to the delays, they have missed the early growing season however, they will be able to get started on herbs and autumn/winter vegetables as soon as the planters are in place.

Café Solace are in the very early stages of establishing a “hub” within Bridgend community centre which will be run by one of their volunteers with lived experience of addiction within the family, and experience of running support groups. It is hoped that they will have success in attracting support services to come along to chat with attendees at the café.

Finally, they will shortly be starting another volunteer drive, due to some of their volunteers moving away or on to other opportunities. They are particularly short during the day for meal preparation and lunch service, however, they would be delighted with any hours that anyone in the community are able to offer them. Volunteers do not have to be in recovery from addiction, the opportunities are open to everyone in the community.



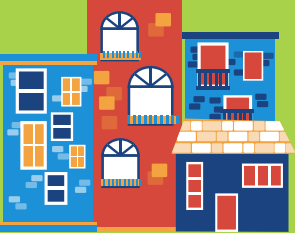
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**Dalry Community Garden** Volunteers at the garden have had a busy start to the year. They now have power in their garden room with help from Mental Health and Wellbeing funding. This will enable them to provide a warm safe space all year round and their volunteers and visitors could not be happier. Two of their volunteers recently attended a course in video and social media skills run by Aria and they also received funding to help improve people's experiences. With this funding, they purchased various items including 2 iPads, a fridge, an outdoor speaker for events, heaters and lighting. So far, this year they have had over 150 children visit the garden during school time, where they are supporting their outdoor learning.



**Beith Orr Park Neighbourhood Watch** The group will be holding a celebration in the community garden in Beith to commemorate D Day on the evening of Thursday 6th June. They have their annual BBQ at the Community Centre around the 20th June each year however, when there is a major UK commemoration, they try to do what they can to join with others in the town to make it open to everyone. They will have treats and general food available, which are free to anyone who would like to come along from around 6pm on Thursday 6th June. The annual chainsaw carving event, Garnock Valley Carves, will be held on Saturday 7th September in the Manse Field, Beith.





## Facilities and Amenities

The Locality Team are currently supporting two environmental groups in the Garnock Valley. The **Place Woodland** group are being supported with their transition to becoming a fully constituted group, which will mean they will be able to independently access funding and manage their own program. Their Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for June 12th, which will see the adoption of the agreed constitution and the election of their first office bearers. **Friends of Lochshore Park** have recently completed their first AGM and adopted their constitution. They are now utilising support with funding bids and forming agreements on environmental management plans for Lochshore Park.

**Beith Hive Childcare** Beith Hive Childcare service is now open for registration! Beith Hive runs breakfast and afternoon clubs from 7:30am - 9am and 3pm - 6pm. Providing a safe, nurturing environment for primary school aged children. Beith Hive aims to create a space perfect for children to flourish.

**Beith Playpark Action Group** - BPAG are delighted to share that the build of the new concrete skatepark has commenced. The project is scheduled to take around 20 weeks and should be completed in August 2024. The site will provide a state-of-the-art skate complex, with benches and green gym equipment.





# Moving Around

## Travel Needs Analysis

The Locality Partnership Working Group is in the final stages of recruiting a consultant to design and implement this community engagement. Please keep an eye out after the summer holidays for ways to get involved.



**Men's Shed Dalry** The Bike project is going very well. Working with the Community Worker supporting local New Scots, they have identified recipients and assigned upcycled bikes. These bikes are making a huge difference to the lives of those who receive the bikes.



# Work and Local Community

**New Scots** A group for New Scots women has commenced in partnership with The Salvation Army at The George Steven Centre. In June 2024, some members of the group in the Garnock Valley will prepare some Syrian food to share at the Salvation Army community café. The New Scots group in Dalry have recently focussed their learning around practical elements in relation to health, including getting advice from the chemist, buying products in the chemist, phoning the GP for a repeat prescription, collecting a prescription from the pharmacy for yourself/a neighbour and reading and interpreting medicine instructions. These themes were explored and learners completed complementary activities such as writing a summary of a video and conducting a roleplay, which helps aid retention of these transactional conversations for use in their personal everyday lives.

**Dalry Burns Club** This December, the club will be celebrating 200 years of holding continuous Burns suppers, for which they hold a world record. For many years they have promoted the works of our national bard, particularly in the two primary schools in Dalry, as well as various art works and essays in the wider Garnock Valley schools. As a registered Scottish Charity, they have supported various groups in the valley, such as providing two large steel planters at Dalry station, donating to the girls football team for strips, Scottish books for Dalry Early Years, a contribution to the garden group, and many, many more.



# Work and Local Community

**Beith and District Community Council** The Community Council are hosting a D-DAY 80 event on Thursday 6th June in Beith Community Centre from 7.00pm. At the event, The Beith Theatre Group will be performing music from the era with tea/coffee, sandwiches and cakes all being provided before making their way down to the War memorial to light the beacon and to give a dedication at 9.15pm. All are welcome.



**Barrmill Jolly Beggars** On 28 April, Barrmill Jolly Beggars BC held a concert in Kilbirnie New Parish Church. The concert featured Irvine and Dregghorn Band and the choir of the church. The event was well supported and the music was really first class. The event raised £845 for church funds. A further concert with the same band and choir is pencilled in for Sunday 1 December 2024 and hopefully will include a local school choir as well.





# Work and Local Community

## Networking Forum

TACT Staff have been organising and facilitating quarterly 'networking' forums for all 3rd Sector groups and organisations that wish to attend. The next Forum meetings are scheduled for Tuesday 11th June (in person) and Tuesday 3rd September 2024 (online). There are 4 per year and they are all themed. This year the themes are Cost of Living, funding, support to the sector and sector updates. Relevant speakers are booked for each forum. If you are a 3rd Sector organisation and you are interested in attending, please email: [info@tact.scot](mailto:info@tact.scot)

## Beith Astro

Beith Astro is proudly hosting various activities! They have their Nature Play happening every Tuesday and Friday, 10am - 1:30pm at Beith Astro, focused on getting little ones outdoors and enjoying nature. They also have two new gardening groups; one on Thursdays from 12pm - 2pm and one on Wednesdays from 10am - 12pm. All are free to attend!

## The Ayrshire Community Trust

TACT have been working in partnership with the Local Employability Partnership (LEP) to distribute No-One Left Behind (NOLB) funding in the form of a grant process. Between the 12 projects across North Ayrshire, 174 people were supported over the 6 month pilot with 27 moving into employment, 51 moving into further education, 8 moving into training, 31 moving into volunteering and 19 being referred into the employability pipeline – amazing work from the 12 organisations.

# Lochshore Park Schools Project

The Garnock Valley Locality Team were approached by the Deputy Head Teachers from the cluster schools for Garnock Community Campus to be involved in a project idea they had for the Primary 7 pupils in the area, that would involve the P7 young people in the regeneration of Lochshore.

The young people were asked to be creators and innovators and to design something that they would like to see at Lochshore for young people. There are no constraints on this except their imaginations. As part of this, 3 events were to take place for the young people, the 1st being an introduction and launch event bringing all the P7 young people in the Garnock Valley together at Lochshore. The 2nd will be a showcase event at Garnock Campus, where all of the young people's ideas will be exhibited. Finally, the 3rd would be a fun day at Lochshore, again bringing all of the young people together to reward them for their contributions and also provide an opportunity to meet other young people going into S1 at Garnock Campus. They will all be in the same school in S1, and they are neighbours in their community, so it is important to encourage and build those positive relationships. The first event took place on Wednesday 17th April. The aim of the event was to bring together all of the P7 young people in the Garnock Valley together at Lochshore Park, to introduce them to the project and to have a fun morning of team building games.

The young people had the opportunity to take part in various activities including rugby, school yard games, scavenger hunt, rounders and dodgeball. The young people were split into groups with people from different schools and rotated round the activities.

On the day, young people from Moorpark, St Palladius, Dalry, Beith, Garnock and Gateside Primaries attended, with 152 young people participating in the event. The event was a success and ran smoothly. The teachers and young people enjoyed it and felt that it was a positive experience to bring all of the P7 young people together before they go to Garnock Campus. These introductions will help them feel more comfortable and confident.



# Lochshore Park Schools Project



“I loved it Dodgeball was the best”

“It was good, I got to speak to people from other schools”

“The scavenger hunt was good fun. It was so funny rolling down the hills”.

“The playground games were the best”

“Apart from having to walk here from school it was great”

“Its great that you can do this for us”

“Well done this has been a great experience for the young people and has allowed them to feel part of a bigger community”



# Garnock Valley Locality Team



**Christina, Locality Officer**

**Christina** - In 2000, I graduated with an Honours Degree in Social Sciences and originally planned to pursue a career in teaching. I applied for a job as a sessional Youth Worker to gain experience working with young people, and this opened up a whole new world of Community Learning & Development for me. In 2002, I returned to study a PGCE in Community Education from the University of Strathclyde, where I graduated in 2003. From graduating, I went on to work as a Project Assistant in a community environmental project covering Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire and Glasgow before making my way to North Ayrshire in 2006. During my time in North Ayrshire, I have worked in Adult Learning and employability, then in Capacity Building before moving to the Garnock Valley in 2017 in the role of Locality Officer. I love working with the communities of the Garnock Valley and would not change it for the world.

**Heather** - I started doing sessional youth work about 20 years ago in North Ayrshire after completing my BA in Constructed Textiles at Dundee University. I enjoyed youth work and community work so much that I decided to pursue a Post-Graduate Certificate in Community Education. After graduating in May 2007, I started working with East Renfrewshire Council in the Young Persons Services team, where I stayed for 14 years.

In November 2021, I joined the Communities Team within the Vibrant Communities Team in East Ayrshire Council, focusing on Community Led Action plans in rural locations and supporting a wide range of community groups. Finally, in April last year, I returned to North Ayrshire's Connected Communities as a Community Development Worker within the Kilwinning and North Coast localities. It was always my dream to come back to where it all began in my career. Now working within the Garnock Valley team, I continue to enjoy my role within the community. As the quote goes, "Community is about doing something together that makes belonging matter," which emphasises why I consider it a privilege to work in the community with the community.



**Heather, Community Development Worker**

# Garnock Valley Locality Team



**Gavin, Community Development Worker**

**Gavin** - I qualified in Community Education in 1996 after many years of volunteering and working in youth work and outdoor education. I started my formal CLD career in the Doon Valley, East Ayrshire, and then worked as a Digital Outreach Worker for East Renfrewshire in Barrhead. In 2004; I joined North Ayrshire as the Awards Development Worker for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and Youth Achievements. I moved to Adult Education/Capacity Building with the Three Towns Locality Team in 2018 and recently joined the Garnock Valley Locality Team in April 2024.



**Susan, Locality Worker**

**Susan** - I'm Susan and I have worked with the North Ayrshire Community Development Team on and off for the past 26 years. As a young person, I grew up within community centres as my mum was an avid volunteer. I started work as a young sessional Youth Worker at The Three Towns Motor Project and within Saltcoats Youth Action Group. Here, I worked with various groups of young people and gained an interest in working within the community.

Following graduation from university, and a move to Aberdeenshire, I worked for a few years within the Voluntary Sector focusing on Employability and Criminal Justice work. We moved back to North Ayrshire and in 2014 I began volunteering within Community Learning and Development.

I enjoyed helping out at the local job clubs and providing support to the learners before working as a sessional Community Development Tutor.

# Garnock Valley Locality Team

Within this role I worked across various areas including literacy and numeracy provision, employability, IT/Computing Courses and young peoples activity agreements. Since 2021, I have worked in the role of Locality Worker, firstly on a part time temporary basis and now as a full time permanent member of the team.

Initially, my role concentrated on youth work supporting the Garnock Valley Youth Forum and working with young people transitioning from primary to secondary education, offering them a safe and nurturing environment to have fun in.

I have built strong relationships with the local schools, teachers, partner organisations and most importantly with the young people. My role is now a bit more varied and allows me to engage with community associations and the Discovery Award learners. I enjoy my job, the variety of work that I do and I love working in the Garnock Valley. The people are welcoming and friendly and have made me feel at home within my role.

**David** - I'm David. A long time ago I came into the Kilbirnie Youth Project as a volunteer with Save the Children to do a session with the Garnock Valley Youth Forum about the Get In Campaign we were rolling out across Scotland. I was invited to join and became a member of the Youth Forum, getting involved to advocate for young people in my community.

After an ambitious, yet failed attempt at becoming a game designer, I was looking for a new path. During my search I saw a job advert for a modern apprentice Youth Worker. I started in November 2015 and since then I have experienced so much and got to learn even more over the years. From my apprenticeship, I moved on to be a sessional Youth Worker, then a Community Development Tutor. In 2021, I took on the role of a Part Time Locality Worker, while studying, and I recently graduated and gained my B.A in Community Education at the end of 2023. In April 2024, I was successful in securing a full time Locality Worker role in the Garnock Valley, I am so lucky to be in to position I am in, to be able to help and support the local community to go from where they are to where they want to be.



**David, Locality Worker**

The combined locality partnership working group will next meet on 7th August 2024. Anyone with an interest is welcome to attend and get involved. Please contact Christina for further information.

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# COMMUNITY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

**NORTH AYRSHIRE**

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NORTH AYRSHIRE YOUTH WORK, ADULT LEARNING  
AND COMMUNITY CAPACITY

## STRATEGIC QUARTERLY UPDATE

MAY 2024 - DONNA ANDERSON, ANNE-MARIE HUNTER & DENISE FRASER



## An Introduction to the CLD Strategic Themes

**This quarterly report focusses on the CLD strategic priorities outlined in our North Ayrshire CLD Strategic Plan that ties into North Ayrshire locality priorities.**

The full plan can be viewed here: <https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/Documents/CorporateServices/ChiefExecutive/CommunityPlanning/community-learning-development-plan.pdf>

### YOUTH WORK

Contact: [youthwork@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:youthwork@north-ayrshire.gov.uk)

Youth Work is an educational practice contributing to young people's learning and development. Youth work engages with young people within their communities; it acknowledges the wider networks of peers, community and culture; it supports the young person to realise their potential and to address life's challenges critically and creatively and it takes account of all strands of diversity.

### ADULT LEARNING

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Community based adult learning covers a wide variety of learning opportunities which target learners who have multiple barriers to opportunity, focusing on disadvantaged individuals and communities. Using a Social Practice Model, learning is built around the experience and needs of the learners and is underpinned by the three core principles of the Adult Learning Statement of Ambition - Learning is Lifelong, Life-wide and Learner-centred.

### CAPACITY BUILDING

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Community Capacity Building is the support that community groups access to help them address issues which are important to them. 'Capacity' describes the range of resources that people have – knowledge about their area or common interest, skills and ideas, shared experiences, and material resources like funding and community spaces.

## Joint Cabinet

Young people met at Saltcoats Town Hall on the 19th March to tackle a host of hard-hitting issues at the latest Youth Joint Cabinet meeting.

The morning session was the latest in a series of joint meetings involving North Ayrshire Council's Cabinet and Senior Officers alongside Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament and the Youth Council Executive.

Representing all of North Ayrshire's secondary schools, over 100 young people attended from Irvine Royal, Greenwood, St Matthews, Kilwinning, Largs, Auchendarvie, Ardrossan, Garnock Community Campus, Arran High and Lockhart Campus.

With Youth Executive, school youth forums and pupil parliaments featuring representation from across North Ayrshire, already underway, The Joint Cabinet meeting was the latest youth participation milestone in 2024.

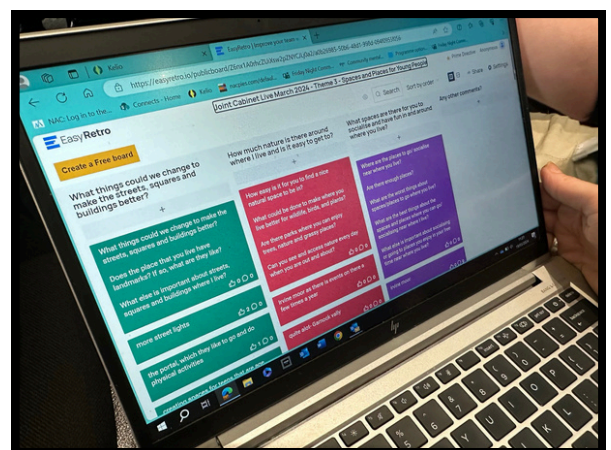
Joint Cabinet is a vital part of the Council's Youth Participation Strategy, it allows pupils to learn more about how their local authority operates, while forming an important part of the Council's approach to give young people a voice.

During the round-table discussions, the format included a combination of listening to the experience of young people directly and encouraging attendees to scan a QR code and contribute online via the Council's Youth Participation digital platform.

The discussions of the latest Youth Joint Cabinet centred around:

- Budget Engagement – Closing the Engagement Loop
- Employability and Next Steps
- Space and Places for Young People
- Bullying
- The Cost of Living

Emma Burns, Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament for Cunninghame South, was a panel member at the event. She said:



*“North Ayrshire was the first - and is one of only two local authorities - in Scotland to host an annual Joint Cabinet meeting with young people. Youth Joint Cabinet is such a brilliant opportunity to bring young people together and put them in front of policy makers and decision makers who can demonstrate to our peers that we remain at the heart of the Council's decision making on all policies and strategies affecting young people. If you have something you want to say on an issue important to you, please let us know. Your voice will be listened to and actioned upon.”*





The bi-annual meeting was one in a series organised by the Council's Youth Services team as part of their ongoing work to encourage participation and citizenship.

Council Leader Marie Burns said:

*"As a child and youth-centred Council, young people are at the heart of the Council's decision-making, and we care deeply about their point of view. This is a fantastic example of how the Council is championing North Ayrshire's Youth Participation Strategy to meet with young people in-person to hear their views."*

*Following the announcement of the Council's Budget 2024/25, this week's meeting was an important opportunity for our young attendees to challenge us on some of the decisions being made. We do not underestimate just how important these joint meetings are.*

*The feedback is now being collated and will give the Council's Cabinet and Leadership team a clear demonstration of how vital it is to involve our young people in Council business and what actions we need to take forward. It can be daunting standing up for what you believe in, but our young people showed strength and courage as they made their voices heard this week, thank you. Every one should be really proud of themselves."*

The Council Leader also recognised the area's local members of Scottish Youth Parliament in attendance:

*"Thank to our new MSYPs – Adam, Rhyan, Freya and Emma – for attending their first Joint Cabinet meeting as Members of Scottish Youth Parliament. I have no doubt that secondary pupils and those attending youth clubs and events will be seeing a lot more of them. As a Council we look forward to working our new MSYPs and the Executive Youth Forum to take forward as many actions as we can from today's Joint Youth Cabinet meeting."*



All data is in the process of being collated to be shared with relevant partners to help shape policy, plans and future plans that involve our young people here in North Ayrshire.



# Primary Seven Youth Council

North Ayrshire Council hosted its latest Primary Seven Youth Council in March 2024.

Taking place at Ardeer Community Centre, Primary 7 pupils from St Bridgets, St John's, Ardeer, West Kilbride, Elderbank, Corsehill, and Blacklands Primary School took the chance to meet with their peers and take part in a series of interactive workshops.

120 pupils were in attendance to learn new skills ahead of their transition to secondary school and find out more about youth participation in North Ayrshire.

4 interactive workshops took place to learn young people new skills and meet other young people from across North Ayrshire.

## Workshop 1 - A Practical Approach to Wellbeing

Wellbeing can be defined as “feeling good and functioning well” We know that when individuals have a sense of wellbeing then they perform better and have happier lives. In keeping with this theme, we held a circuit theme workshop using the 5 ways to wellbeing:

The 5 Ways to Wellbeing are:

- Connect
- Be Active
- Take Notice
- Learn
- Give

## Workshop 2 - Outdoor Learning Experiences

We held an introduction to outdoor learning exploring some of the vital resources used during expeditions for cooking and sleeping. The Duke of Edinburgh programme was fully explained including the various sections of the award and information about how to get involved was shared



## Workshop 3 - Spaces and Places for Young People

Engagement activities were shared to discover young people's views on where they live, focussing on areas they feel are positive while identifying the areas most in need of improvement. The Place Standard toolkit was used to gather young people views on local play facilities in an interactive and fun manner.



**Workshop 4 – My Say, My Way - Youth Forums – How to have your say?**

Pupils learnt about the range of projects Youth Forums are involved in and currently deliver in North Ayrshire. There was an opportunity for young people to tell us how best to have their voice heard and how they engage with other young people. Details and contact information for our local Youth Forums were shared to allow young people to get involved as well as some of our North Ayrshire youth voice opportunities.

While the Executive Youth council is North Ayrshire’s representative voice for young people aged 12 and over, the Primary Youth Council was formed in 2022 to amplify the voice of younger children across the area.

The pupil’s lived experience gathered from the workshops was a good opportunity for the young people to meet with peers from other schools and have the chance to share what they liked about school life and the local facilities near them but also focus on the areas of improvement required and the obstacles them and their families.

This information will now be reported back the Council’s leadership team so that the knowledge gained can contribute towards and shape specific policies and strategies related to children and young people and take any necessary actions required.

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## Joint Youth Forum

The views of young people were in focus as our youth voice groups came together in March to make their voices heard and work collaboratively.

All part of the Joint Youth Forum young people aged between 12-25 had the opportunity to raise issues that were important to them and took part in a day of mental health training and resilience planning.



Supported by Community Learning and Development workers representing each locality in North Ayrshire, North Ayrshire's network of youth forums are a great way for those aged 12-25 to get involved in youth participation. Put simply, a youth forum is a place where young people have the chance to make their voices heard, where opinions will be taken on board and then used to inform local decision-making.

North Ayrshire Council has six youth forums, and specific youth voice groups for young carers, care experienced young people, New Scots, ASN, Mental Health and Climate Change operating weekly across each of our localities. The forums are the sounding board to the Council's Administration and Chief Executive on issues that matter most to young people.

The agenda of the day focussed on mental health and wellbeing:

### **An introduction to mental Health - SAMH**

This workshop session provided members with an awareness of stress and anxiety. It encouraged them to consider the worries and stress that we all experience, and how they can sometimes develop into anxiety. The forum were introduced to coping strategies, breathing exercises, and grounding techniques.

### **Positive Mindset and Resilience**

Our mental health and wellbeing workers took young people through some resilience techniques including a positive hands exercise, letter to your future self, gratitude and how to protect your wellbeing.

The interactive day also gave opportunity for forum members to sign up as a Bee You Ambassadors and Mural Project in localities, focussing on how we normalise mental wellbeing and gave an insight into the the mural project that Youth Forums can get involved in, including training opportunities and consultations.



# Members of Scottish Youth Parliament

Our newly elected MSYPs came together with their counterparts from East Ayrshire, South Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway to form the south west collaborative and work jointly on Scottish Youth Parliament business and local issues in February 2024.

Hosted in Redburn Community Centre the members shared their reasons on why they stood for in election and what they hoped to achieve in their term

Sharing what our participation structures in North Ayrshire looked like and how youth voice works locally.

Ahead of their sitting in June they took time to learn more about:

- Choosing a committee
- How to consult effectively
- Choosing the SYP Campaign
- Members Motions



The new national campaigns (2024-2026) have been consulted on with constituents across Scotland and here in North Ayrshire and will focus on:

## **Increase mental health training and education**

“There should be mandatory training for those working in education and health care settings on how to identify mental health problems and provide support for all young people, especially those most at risk.”

## **Invest in and protect youth work services**

“Local youth work should be invested in by national and local government and protected by law from budget cuts.”

## **End gender-based violence**

“The Scottish Youth Parliament recognises many girls and women feel unsafe in public spaces and calls on decision makers and communities to raise awareness and work together to eliminate gender-based violence in public areas.”

The MSYPs will work locally to consult and engage with their peers to gather data that will be shared with the Scottish Government over the coming 18 months.



# LIAM Programme

We have now started rolling out the LIAM programme in a community setting, support young people through learning and delivering the NHS and Professor Paul Stallard LIAM (Lets introduce Anxiety Management) programme.

The programme ensures correct delivery of a clear current programme of information that is integrated into an hour-long workshops that is easily understood with 'by young people, for young people' premise being kept.

The programme allows support for young people individually or in groups whilst working with other partners, community groups and schools to ensure young people are supported.

This programme is made up of a 9 week 1-hour sessions, it is delivered by trained practitioners across North Ayrshire based within schools and the community.

The topics covered in these sessions are:

- Understanding Anxiety
- Understanding My Anxiety
- Traps and Anxiety Tools
- Anxiety Tools - Body and Thinking
- Facing Anxiety
- Planning Ahead



This programme has most recently been delivered on a one to one basis.

This young person is 18 years old and needed support to manage their understanding of their anxiety and the expectation of their job role. In starting the programme, they established 3 goals that they wanted to use the LIAM programme support to work towards, these were:

1. Learn and understand social cues
2. To confidently speak in public
3. To comfortably stay in events

In doing this programme there has been a widely noticed increase in this person's confidence, approach and understanding of themselves and the job expectation. Although the programme is complete it has been agreed that a informal weekly check in.



The participant stated:

*"From the start of the Liam sessions to now I am feeling so much better thanks to Vicki I can say that I am more comfortable and able to stay calm when going into different new situations. Throughout these sessions I have learned what anxiety actually is and what to do if I feel like I wanted to get out of a situation, this is things like relaxations, coping mechanisms, and many more. I would totally recommend this program for anyone who has got or struggles with anxiety as there are many different coping strategies that you learn about when doing this programme. One thing that I really enjoyed was talking about how I felt and what I can do to get from maybe a 3 in my goal progress chart (start of programme) to coming to a 9 or maybe a 10. I also really liked the fact that it was 1-1 and also when the weather got better we were able to go a walk to talk about what my worries and stresses of the week were but also getting some fresh air and getting vitamin D. Personally, for me, I did LAIM to learn why I get anxious and what I can do to reduce the urge to flee a situation, this can be things like not knowing anyone that you are going to a meeting with or maybe its presenting in front of loads of people from work that you have not worked with before or you don't work with them on a regular basis. I now can do this with much more control than before."*

Young Person Age 18



# Me and My Money

Me & Money is a new workshop MHUK have developed that Change Mental Health are currently piloting. Much like the Your Resilience, it is aimed at 14-18 year olds and is delivered through a one-hour session supported by a facilitator guidebook and young person's toolkit that explores the interconnection between money and mental health.

The programme was designed in response to the rise in money anxiety amongst young people and the cost-of-living crisis that is fuelling valid fears about personal and household finances.

The programme is co-produced with young people and has been designed to reflect and respond to young people's lived experience of money, how young people said they wished to be supported with challenges around money and what young people told us they would like to learn about money.

A trainer came along to our group and facilitated the Me and My Money workshop to a group of 8 young people consisting of 5 modern apprentices and 3 of Irvine Royal Academy's Mental Health Ambassadors and staff. The trainer ran the session with plenty of input and discussion from the young people in attendance.

After attending the session staff and the young people were invited to attend an external evaluation on the workshop with Glade Insights team to give our feedback, from this the group attending will be asked to attend future focus group meetings to support the progression of the programme to get it to roll out stage for young people across the UK.





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This programme has so much potential to create support for young people across North Ayrshire. The objective of this workshop is to:

- Provide young people with an understanding of the interconnection between money and mental health
- Empower young people by supporting them to understand how our attitudes towards money can influence our thoughts and behaviours
- Equip young people with a suite of resilience-building skills and tools related to money which they can use to support themselves, now and in the future.

From delivering The Mental Health UK Your Resilience programme across North Ayrshire and seeing the benefits of this we can see how the Me and My Money Programme can and will be beneficial in supporting young people. In supporting this programme at pilot stage it helps gain insight and have understanding of what my future delivery of this programme might look like and who might benefit from this type of workshop



# Trindlemoss Wellbeing Project

Our new Programme at Trindlemoss is running weekly up until the 24th of June, providing information, videos, activities and arts and crafts surrounding Mental Health and Wellbeing for their 18-25 years young adults.

Trindlemoss day opportunities centre has so much to offer, and we have been given use of all available resources and suites to suit that days delivery. This is done with a light approach, with multiple resources at hand to keep the sessions person led and to suit specific need.

Creating workshops surrounding mental health and wellbeing for young people with additional support needs in context of the Trindlemoss Day opportunities premise 'to create a community resource that enables people to create, participate in and design meaningful and genuine opportunities for their own benefit and the benefit of others'.

The topics covered in these sessions are:

- 1: What is Mental Health
- 2: Resilience
- 3: Social Networks
- 4: Outdoors activities
- 5: Mindfulness
- 6: Self Care

The Programme has 5 consistent young people that have attended group however during a Lockhart Campus visit we were joined by a additional 5 young people who will be using the Trindlemoss facility after the summer.



Sessions have been very successful, the group look forward to our visits and our staff team have a great time with lots of engagement, interaction and a particular fondness to mindfulness activities. In the coming weeks we will be doing some arts and crafts and taking the group outdoors keeping with the theme of mental health and wellbeing.

Activities at Trindlemoss are led by the hopes, dreams and aspirations of those that attend and in creating a partnership with this amazing facility we hope to support 'changing the focus from support needs to life aspirations'.



Our hope is the mental health and wellbeing activities with the young adults will help them feel enriched and empowered in gaining knowledge to better understand themselves and their, hopes, worries, anxieties and relationships.

*"Thank you so much for your workshop yesterday the group had great fun and they found the session most enjoyable. You have a great wee team with you and we are looking forward to your next visit."*

*"Today was great, we all enjoyed it. They are not happy that you are away for 2 weeks...lol....that tells me that you and your team are a hit. It would be great if you could deliver to others in Trindlemoss as they would love such a workshop, but I totally understand your remit. We can't wait to see you again. Thanks, from all of us involved and see you soon."*

Jamie Menzies Development Worker MHS – Learning Disabilities



## Garnock Valley Kindness Mural

Working with the Bee You Ambassadors group, the Mental Health Project Delivery Officer had many discussions around what issues young people faced in their local communities and how they could use their mental health training to benefit these young people.

Through these discussions it was recognised that some work around suicide prevention should be prioritised. Throughout North Ayrshire the statistics for youth suicides were particularly alongside feelings of low mood, anxiety and depression. The young people felt a project highlighting positive mental health messages that would also give young people local signposting/ support services would support their peers in a proactive way.

Following on from the Kindness Mural Consultation across the Garnock Valley, the Project Delivery Officer developed the mural initiative, co designed and produced with input from young Bee You Ambassadors, Community Partners and Locality Staff.

Working with Garnock Valley Youth Forum, supporting group meeting and facilitating session around the creation of the Mural in the Garnock Valley, the young people collaborated with a local graffiti artist and volunteers from Dalry Community Gardens.

This was the first draft of the design was created by the artist and young people.



The young people and Graffiti Artist would work on creating this design in November 2023 with the reveal and open day in December 2023. The vibrant and eye-catching mural is located at the community garden where young people can not only see the message of positivity but provided links through QR codes to support services and mental health and wellbeing mapping for young people.



Bee You Ambassador Finley said: "We were all really passionate about building a lasting legacy for young people in North Ayrshire. The reason for this is because we understand that mental health and the stark rise of young people impacted by suicide are both serious issues having a real, detrimental impact on the wellbeing of local young people today. So, over the last few months we have been speaking directly to our peers in both classroom and youth settings to hear more about their lived-experiences. This has given us an understanding of what is working well and if they need it, we've shared what support is out there locally. One key theme we have identified through this work is that there's so many young people out there who are unsure about where they can turn to outside of school."

The Bee You Ambassadors have incorporated a vital design element – the inclusion of a QR code that people can scan when visiting the mural to find out what mental health support is out there for them.



## Bounceback with our Primaries



Each quarter we continue to deliver the Bounceback mental health programme with our primaries. This quarter we have been working with Dalry Primary, West Kilbride Primary and Dykesmains Primary creating a programme surrounding mental health and wellbeing. Delivered by our North Ayrshire Bee You mental health ambassadors they deliver to primary 6 school aged young people, to then become mini bee you ambassadors for their primary school.

This programme is 6, 1-hour sessions, it is delivered by Bee You Ambassadors who are a group of young people which have completed a Mental Health First Aid qualification. These young people and the programme is delivered to a group of P6/P7 with these young people becoming Bee You Ambassadors for the primary school.

The topics covered in these sessions are: What is Mental Health, Resilience, Social Networks, Friendships, Making Decisions and Self Care/Certificates

The programme allows the ambassadors who are all aged between 16 and 21 the chance to share valuable information with young people aged around 10-12. The programme is designed to support all of the young people involved with their resilience. The Ambassadors leading it have completed Mental Health First Aid and/or the Mental Health UKs Your Resilience programme, in delivering what they have learned only reaffirms the learning that these young people have already had further increasing their resilience and confidence.

*‘We loved the Bee You Ambassadors coming in each week, they were so bright and confident about the subjects all the kids really enjoyed it and I can’t wait to see how they will use it in their school, we hope you will come back’ - Dykesmains Primary School*

*‘I look forward to this every week, Finley is my favourite Bee You Ambassador. I liked learning about my circle of control as I do get worried about a lot’ - Dalry Primary School young person age 10*



# New Scots

## New Scots ESOL Hub

In partnership with Education we have been working with unaccompanied young asylum seekers and on 16th of February, 2024, the first group of young people were welcomed into the New Scots ESOL Hub. At present, there are 12 students attending between the ages of 16 and 18. They have just started a film project with the newly formed Next Take community group and we are looking forward to seeing how this progresses and the film that will be produced.

## Nova Scotia Youth Group

This quarter we developed a partnership with Spike Wheat Scots & Killie in the Community, who now provide professional coaching for the Under 16s Nova Scotia's team.

Several members of Nova Scotia's Under 16s team had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the broader sports culture of Scotland during their visit as guests of Killie in The Community at the match between Kilmarnock FC and Celtic.

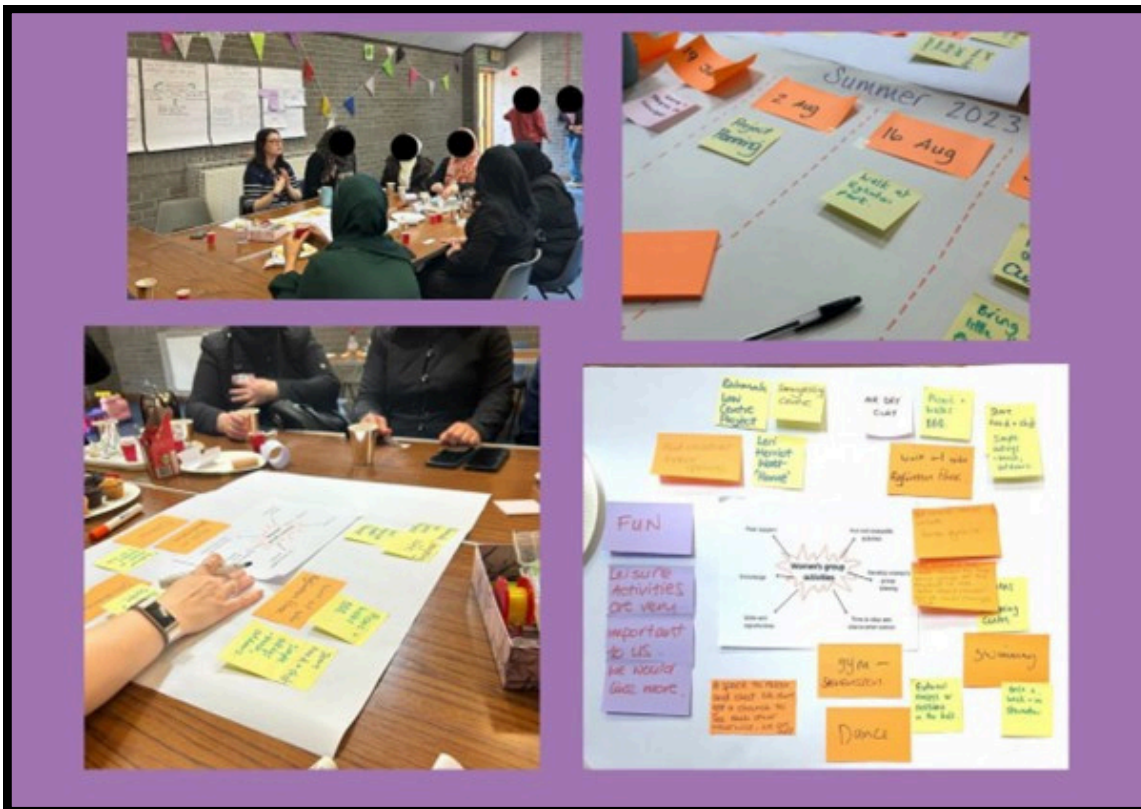
Their participation in this event not only offered them a glimpse into Scottish football but also allowed them to engage in the wider culture through the lens of sport.



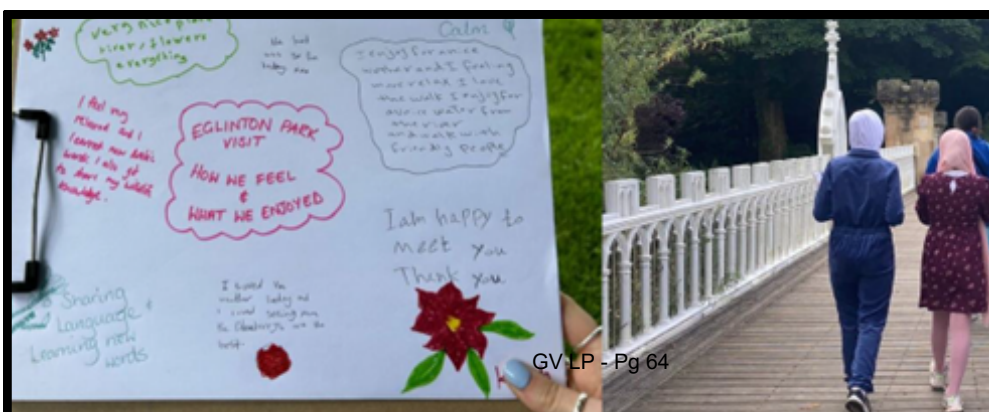
# New Scots

## Outside the Box Project

The outside the box project has now come to a conclusion and during the time of this project the women have established themselves as the Scots Syrian Roses. They were keen to engage with the discussions and began sharing ideas and suggestions – noting these down using mind maps. From these discussions we were able to plot out a plan for activities which was co-produced by the group.



Wellbeing Nature Walk – From the planning session the group expressed the importance of leisure activity and the impact it has on their physical and mental health. The women met in Eglinton Park, walked around the park showing the project staff their favourite spaces, they participated in some family nature activity and stopped at the end for a picnic. This session gave them time to talk about wellbeing and mental health in relaxed and informal way.





# New Scots

The group, led by Khaldiya, hosted a BBQ at Eglinton Park. The event brought 30-35 Syrian and Afghan women together for an afternoon of food and talking. The session was also attended by a range of North Ayrshire Council support staff (approx. 5-8 staff).



Another activity was an exchange visit hosted by Scots Syrian Roses, to reciprocate their trip to the Community Gathering in Clydebank. 9 women travelled down from Clydebank to receive a warm welcome and amazing food from the group. The two groups shared stories, sang and danced together and have now set up a larger WhatsApp group to enable them to keep in touch and share information.



# New Scots

## Bourtree Belles

The Bourtree Belles Irvine women’s group has developed well, with new regular members and activities, and the women increasingly being encouraged to self-direct, making decisions about how their funding is spent and the programme of activities. Members have enjoyed group trips to Irvine and Kilmarnock and created crafts included candles and decorated boxes. We also had children’s activities during school holidays. The group is invited to take part in an International Food Festival at Tinder Moss/Towerlands in late May, showcasing their food, and is generally developing links with other local groups.

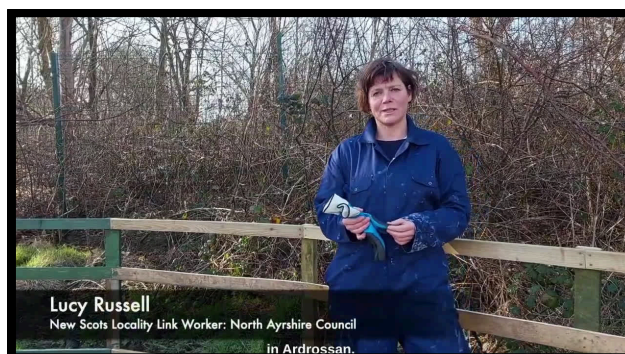


## Allotments Project

Volunteers from the News Scots community have wrapped up a year-long allotments project by building a nature hide. The group has been using gardening and woodwork skills to help make improvements at the Three Towns Growers site in Ardrossan.

They previously did some painting, built planters and erected a greenhouse, and recently wrapped up the project by creating a nature hide that will allow visitors to enjoy local wildlife without causing any disturbance.

Volunteer Yuriy Yatsuta, from Ukraine, said he joined the project to improve his English, do some practical work with his hands and give himself some headspace.



# Multiply Mid Week Meals

The midweek meals programme, in partnership with Link-up, started in February 2024 in the Argyle Centre Saltcoats. The programme is designed to address budgeting and food insecurities by teaching learners to cook and prep food that can be frozen and that will cost less to make from scratch. Due to the size of the kitchen the programme was limited to 7 learners at a time.

It was created to deliver numeracy and budgeting in an approachable way that focused on learning but with food dignity. That is why I named the programme mid-week meals and not anything relating cooking on budget etc.

The programme ran for 6 weeks with the learners receiving a recipe book and certificate upon completion.



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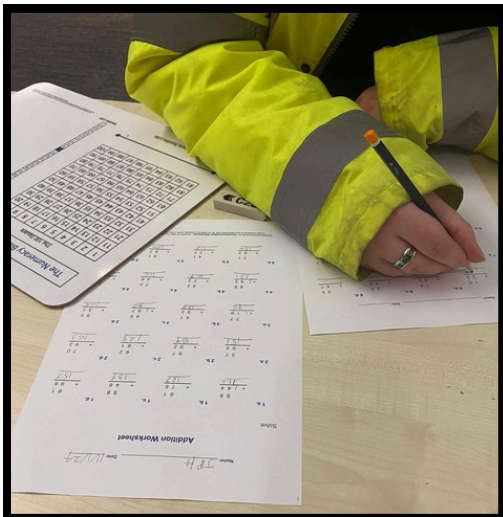


# The Multiply Project

The Multiply project in North Ayrshire is working in collaboration with the third sector and further education with CHAP, Ayrshire college, University of Highland and Islands Arran and the delivery of the Multiply Community Fund with The Ayrshire Community Trust. In this quarter the project has worked with 545 numeracy learners and supported 65 people to secure accreditation in numeracy.

We have launched a podcast around the work we do and support we can offer here at Multiply, free to listen via Soundcloud, Click on the link for a listen and please get in touch if you'd like to know more - [Multiply Podcast Episode 1 by Multiply \(soundcloud.com\)](#).

Multiply provision is free and can be accessed via our referral form: <https://forms.office.com/e/MDXDeF1QUw?origin=lprLink> or by emailing [multiplyinfo@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:multiplyinfo@north-ayrshire.gov.uk)



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# Gaelic

Coisir Ghaidhlig Arainn (Arran Gaelic Choir) was established November 2023. There are now about 13 members of the Coisir Ghaidhlig Arainn, ages range from 18 to nearly 80. They have performed on two occasions - "Christmas Celebrations " in the Brodick Hall in December 2023 and more recently at the Arran Music Festival in March 2024, singing a puirt (mouth music) and a song from a book called "Arainn nam Beann" a book about Arran Gaelic.

The choir meets on a Monday every fortnight in the Play Barn at Auchrannie, with increased weekly rehearsals for a month before a performance. The next planned gig will be during the Arran Folk Festival in early June. As well as singing throughout the island they have a busy schedule over the next 18 months, having agreed to do two lunchtime performances in the Ormidale Pavilion later this year and this year's Christmas Concert. They will also venture into more challenging harmony singing with "Sine Bhan" and "Athchuinge".



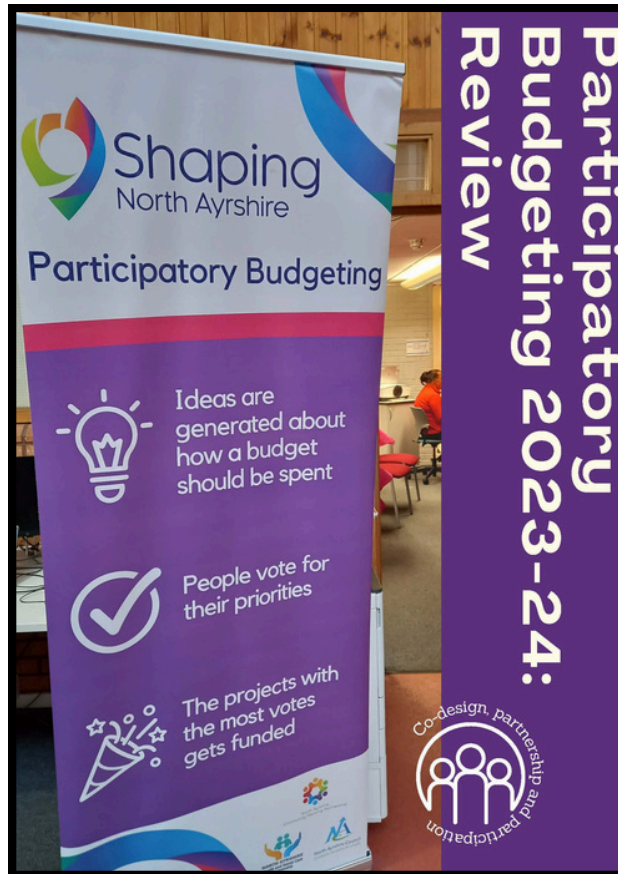
*Coisir Ghaidhlig Arainn first night*



# Participatory Budgeting

## Current PB updates:

- PB Evaluations are ongoing for youth and locality PB for 22/23 with a 75% return in evaluation returns. It is anticipated that we will utilise the Consul platform to follow the full PB applicants journey from start to finish, where applicant is able to share their updates through social media platforms.
- Participatory Budgeting Review has been compiled and planning for this year's PB funding round is underway.



- PB training is being delivered across localities. Following a service re design there is no longer a Capacity and Empowerment team and all PB processes will be filtered through localities. Training will cover these processes, including engagement via our Consul platform.



[ParticipatoryBudgeting@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:ParticipatoryBudgeting@north-ayrshire.gov.uk)



# Community Asset Transfer

We will support our community groups in their ambitions to own and lease assets via our Community Asset Transfer Policy.

The Community Asset team has been working on a Single Point of Contact training and guidance document. This training will build on improved communications between departments and will be delivered to all staff who will be responsible for working with Community groups interested in taking on a community asset.

## **Current CATs over 6 localities at different stages from initial enquiry to final stage:**

### **Arran**

Brodick Bowling Club

### **Three Towns**

Ardeer Park changing rooms has now received cabinet approval - Whitlees Community Centre

### **Kilwinning**

Blacklands Hall - Auld Dirrans Centre

### **Irvine**

Maress Road - Maress Playing fields

### **Garnock Valley**

Dalry Public Park Sports Pavilion, brick built and dis-used Pavilion (old pavilion adjacent to swing park and old tennis courts) - Knox Institute - The Shed, Ladysmith Road

### **North Coast**

Douglas Park tennis courts - Douglas Park Nursery - Bowencraigs Playing fields (final stages) - Brisbane Centre - Simson/ Craufurd Avenue Swing Park - Holehouse Road



# Food Insecurities

## The Fairer Food Network & Larder Updates



- Currently 15 food larders across North Ayrshire supporting over 3000 households with a dignified food provision.
- Largs Food Hub, based in Largs Library, opened its doors on 27 Feb and have over 50 households registered and support approximately 20 households each week. Support is being given to develop a monitoring and financial system that suits their needs. Support is also being provided with their OSCR application.
- The sixth quarterly payment has been made to all larders under the revised funding model. Weekly footfall will be monitored and reported on quarterly, and that figure will dictate the payment for the next quarter. Larders with up to 30 households per week will receive £1000 per quarter. There after, it will be a cost per head calculation of the remaining funding pot. This model was reviewed and agreed at the NAFF meeting in May 2024.
- The quarterly NAFF meeting was held on March 24 and was hosted by Beith CA, The group heard from Thom Leddingham from Planning on the current survey that he is conducting. This will influence future plans around shopping and food retail needs. They also heard from Suzanne Scott at NHS Smoking Cessation on the support and pop up provision she can provide.
- Millport Larder is progressing with work towards opening. Shelving has arrived and is sitting at St Johns waiting to go across.
- The Tap End Larder has had a change of committee and roles within the association. The Treasurer now has responsibility for the larder and this will hopefully help with development moving forward.
- Argyle Community Association and Saltcoats Link Up are looking to have a working agreement drawn up in respect of the Community Shop. Link Up have relocated to the TACT office and therefore are no longer on site to provide support as and when, however the valued partnership between both will continue to support local residents.
- The FFADO visited Eco Savvy on Arran in April and visited the Waste Café that was operating in Corrie. The subsidised food model is well received and around 70 tins are purchased each session. In keeping with the ethos of Eco Savvy, no tinned meat or fish is offered and this has not been an issue or requested. It was noted that the demograph using the café, seemed, in the majority, to be older people. Staff acknowledged that their operational times is not perhaps family friendly and are looking at some additional offers.
- Asylum Seekers - £1500 has been awarded from the Mears Foundation to support asylum seeking households in Irvine and Stevenston with 6 months access to their larders.





# Food Insecurities

## Publicity and Promotion

Leeds University and the consumer group Which? looked at 363 councils across the UK, assessing neighbourhoods on measures such as distance to large supermarkets, the number of families on free school meals and households in food poverty.



The study found 29 councils where half the people were living in places considered at high risk of food insecurity.

Three were in Scotland - North Ayrshire where 65% of people lived in such neighbourhoods, East Ayrshire (59%) and West Dunbartonshire (50%).

The BBC filmed footage at North Ayrshire Foodbank, St Bridgets Primary, Kilbirnie, Café Solace, Kilbirnie and local residents.

This was then shown on both the lunchtime and 6pm news on Wednesday 24 April 24.

## Comms Promotion

Our comms team continue to support the network with an ongoing roll out of information on social media.

A short video has also been prepared to highlight the work of the local growers who supported our larder network with fresh veg last summer. This will be promoted during Mental Health Week.

## Scotland's Good Food Nation Plan

The consultation period for Scotland's Good Food Nation Plan closed on 22 April. The FFADO attended a Conference in Edinburgh in Feb which provided a good overview of the expectations of the plan. Our Comms teams promoted the consultation period and the online support sessions and the FFADO was involved in preparing and presenting to the relevant departments across NAC and Rhona Leith finalised and submitted the response to the Chief Exec on behalf of the council.

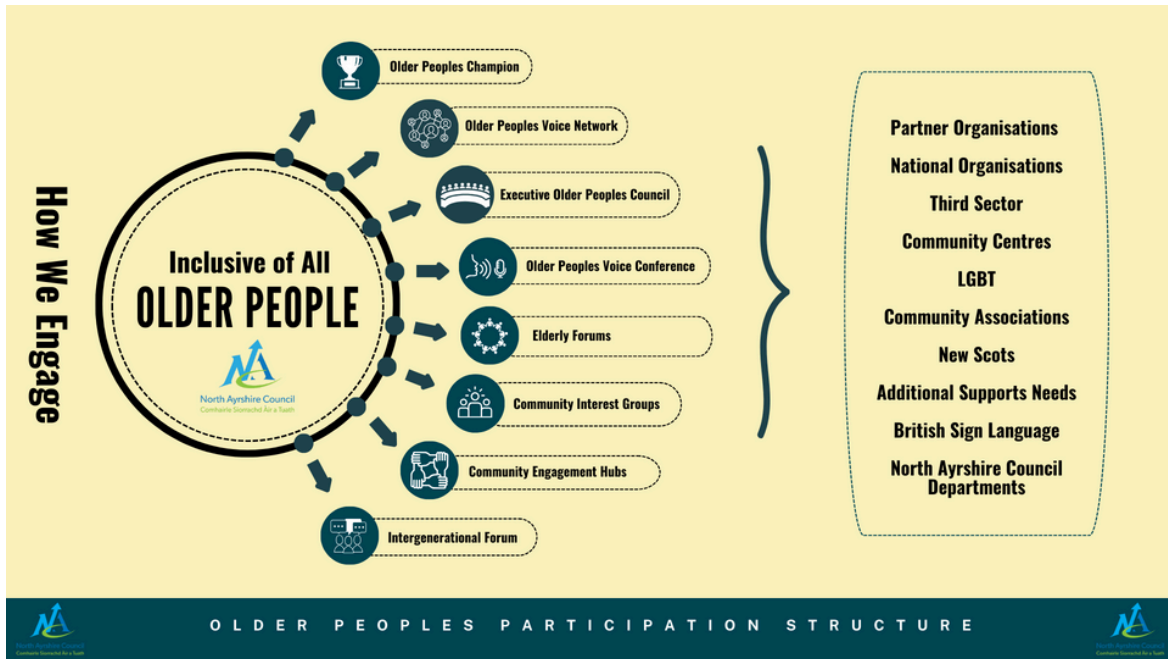
Moving forward, once the plan is approved and published, each Local Authority and Health Board will have one year to draft, consult and publish their own plan.

Six Outcomes represent what a sustainable food system in Scotland would be in a Good Food Nation.

A vision for Scotland to be a Good Food Nation, where people from every walk of life take pride and pleasure in, and benefit from, the food they produce, buy, cook, serve, and eat each day. The [Good Food Nation \(Scotland\) Act 2022](#) provides the legislative framework that enables us to take steps towards realising our vision.



# The Older Peoples Voice & Engagement Hubs



## The Older Peoples Voice

The Connected Communities Community Learning Development team have recently gone through a staffing restructure which in turn has impacted the Older Peoples Voice offer for 2024.

The original plan was to hold 2x Older Peoples Network meetings, 2x Executive Older Peoples meetings followed by another Conference.

This year, we will be holding 1x Older Peoples Network meeting in the second week of June which will be locality based and facilitated by each point of contact from the CLD team.

Agendas will be set by our older people, keeping in line with 'Your Voice, Your Agenda, You Decide!' All points raised and discussed will be collated and be used as the Agenda for the Executive Older Peoples Council with the Council Leader & Older Peoples Champion Marie Burns on June 27th.

After much success last year, we will be holding another Older Peoples Voice Conference in October 2024 bringing all localities together to discuss this year's impact & what 2025's offer will look like.



# The Older Peoples Voice & Engagement Hubs



## Engagement Hubs

The engagement hubs aim to provide a needs-based programme of activities which were set out by initial consultations with residents and community members.

The provision is aimed at decreasing social isolation as well as improved physical and mental health.

At present there are 28 activities running across 4 hubs weekly featuring:

Chair exercise classes, chair dance classes, bingo, quizzes, tai chi, MS support groups, seniors forums, mental wellness support groups, Community Councils, entertainment committees, digital support groups, lunch clubs, live entertainment, trips, ESOL groups, over 50s discovery award groups, coffee mornings, football reminiscence groups, tea and a blether sessions and sewing groups.

Recently the Hub Engagement Worker has been working in partnership with the Multiply team providing literacy and numerous based support and cooking introductions to using air fryers which has been very well received.



# Networking and Funding

## LPP Grant Awards

A total of £158,149 was awarded by the Locality Planning Partnerships in 2023/24.

## External Funding Levered In

A total of £1,571,434 external funding has been levered in by third sector organisations in 2023/24.

## Funding Support and Advice to Community Groups & Colleagues

- 12 funding workshops and drop-in sessions were delivered in 2023/24.
- 45 funding updates circulated to community organisations and colleagues in 2023/24
- 858 members have now joined North Ayrshire Virtual Funding Centre
- 929 log-ins to Grantfinder and 2,084 searches carried out in 2023/24.

## Community Benefits Wish List

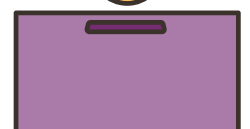
7 wishes have been delivered this quarter, with 40 wishes delivered in 2023. A total of 83 wishes have been delivered through the Community Benefits Wish List to date since it launched in October 2021.

## Wishes delivered this quarter:

- Donation of £200 to Fairlie Growers to paint flowerbeds from RJ McLeod
- Donation of garden fencing works for West Kilbride Environmental Group (fencing a pond) by Munro External Works
- Donation of £500 to Ardrossan Winton Rovers for training kits (delivered in September but not confirmed until February) from AMP Clean Energy
- Donation of newborn equipment from Clark Contracts to Garnock Valley Helping Hands
- Donation of food to Beith Community Association food larder by Connect Modular
- Donation of 120 Easter Eggs to Friends of Redburn by Lowmac
- Donation of 120 Easter Eggs to Farm Basket Larder by Lowmac

A case study on the support for West Kilbride Environmental Group has been published on the CPP website.

Following feedback from the Third Sector, regular meetings have been scheduled with the Comms Team to better promote the Wish List and encourage groups to use it to access support.





## **Locality Partnership: Garnock Valley**

**Date: 13 June 2024**

**Subject: Roads, Structures and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme 2024/25**

**Purpose:** To advise the Locality Partnership of the proposed Roads, Structures and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme for 2024/25.

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 North Ayrshire Council has a statutory obligation under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 to manage and maintain its public road network. The adopted road network within North Ayrshire has a total length of 1045km. The core roads assets are currently estimated at a value of approximately £1.7billion.
- 1.2 North Ayrshire Council is responsible for the maintenance of the adopted local road network including lighting and structures assets as well as its other non-adopted road assets. However, the Council has no responsibility for the maintenance of the Trunk Road Network which falls to Transport Scotland and their management contractor, Amey. The Trunk Road network includes the A78, the A737 from Kilwinning to the Renfrewshire Boundary and A738 from the Pennyburn Roundabout to the A737 Dalry Road Kilwinning.

### **2. Current Position**

- 2.1 The Council's Roads Service has adopted an asset management approach to road maintenance to allocate available road maintenance funds to locations that will offer the most beneficial return on the investment.
- 2.2 The Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP) and the roads assets maintenance strategy follows the recommendations contained within the 'Well Maintained Highway's Code of Practice, ensuring that the Council's statutory obligations as delegated Roads Authority are met.
- 2.3 In complying with the Code of Practice, an effective regime of inspection, assessment and condition recording is well established which assists in not only providing a road network for the future but one that promotes social inclusion and contributes to economic growth within the area. This approach also ensures the Council is providing value for money on any investment attributed to road maintenance.

### **3. Proposals**

- 3.1 North Ayrshire Council's roads are the Council's largest community asset and play a vital role in supporting the local and wider economy by facilitating the movement of people, goods and services and connecting people with economic and social opportunities.
- 3.2 The proposed Roads, Structures and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme for 2024/25 has been developed in accordance with the strategy contained within the Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP) to deliver the maximum return on investment and ensures the provision of an effective road network throughout North Ayrshire.
- 3.3 Road Condition is measured nationally through the Scottish Road Maintenance Condition Survey (SRMCS). The measure in place, the Road Condition Index (RCI), records the percentage of the Council's roads which should be considered for maintenance. North Ayrshire's RCI has been improving in recent years but there was a 0.9% reduction last year with an RCI of 34.8% published in 2023. Our position in the RCI tables also changed from 20<sup>th</sup> out of 32 authorities to 21<sup>st</sup>. It should be noted that due to the method employed to calculate road condition, overall RCI is based on the previous 2 to 4 years survey information, as such, improvement from additional investment may not be immediately apparent.
- 3.4 The estimated carriageway maintenance backlog figure for North Ayrshire is currently £38.5 million. The 'steady state' figure for maintaining our roads at present condition has increased to £5.5m per year. The capital budget supported by revenue funding is £4.3m for 2024/25. An additional £0.75 has been identified from approved capital infrastructure investment, taking the total investment in the road network to £5.05m for 24/24. This level of investment is outpaced by the 'steady state' figure and may therefore contribute to a deterioration of the road network condition over time.
- 3.5 Road lighting condition is measured through programmes of structural and electrical assessment and testing and is complemented through the ongoing review of age profile and material type life expectancy. The results are categorised and recorded in the lighting asset management database to inform a prioritised list of replacement schemes. Lighting is allocated and annual Capital budget of £1m to address a 'steady state' position of maintaining our lighting at present annualised depreciation rate.
- 3.6 Bridge and retaining wall condition is also evaluated through a robust inspection programme. General inspections are undertaken every 2 years, while an in-depth 'principal inspection' is carried out every 6 years and the results of the inspections are used to inform work programmes. The results of the inspections are input into a Structures database which is then used to calculate an average Bridge Structure Condition Index (BSClav). The BSClav is currently 86.36 (2022/23 figure) which is within the 'good' classification of 85 to 94. This figure is a slight fall on the previous year. The allocated capital budget of £560,000 is supported by a small carryover from 2023/24 giving a total of £695,000.

3.7 Details of how condition assessments are carried out and how roads, structures and lighting locations are prioritised for inclusion in our maintenance programme are provided in Appendix 2. The assessment matrix used for scoring and ranking structures for inclusion in the Structures Maintenance Programme is attached in Appendix 3.

#### **4. Conclusion**

4.1 The Roads Maintenance Programme 2024/25, which was approved by North Ayrshire Council's Cabinet on 19 March 2024, is attached in Appendix 1a, 1b and 1c. The Programme is based on approved Revenue and Capital budgets including additional £0.75m which will be funded from approved capital infrastructure investment.

4.2 Details of how condition assessments are carried out and how roads, structures and lighting locations are prioritised for inclusion in our Maintenance Programme are provided at Appendix 2.

4.3 A copy of the assessment matrixes used for scoring and ranking carriageway and footways for inclusion in our resurfacing programmes is attached in Appendix 3.

4.4 The assessment matrix used for scoring and ranking structures for inclusion in structures maintenance programme is attached in Appendix 4.

#### **5. Recommendation**

5.1 That the Locality Planning Partnership are asked to note the approach taken to determining the Roads, Structures and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme.

5.2 That Locality Planning Partnership are asked to note the Roads, Structures and Street Lighting Programme for 2024/24, as shown at Appendix 1a, 1b and 1c.

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Date: 19 April 2024

<i>Carriageway Resurfacing</i>			
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
A71	Irvine	Warrix Interchange to Greenwood Interchange	£250,000
A737 Marress Road	Irvine	Southbound Carriageway	£200,000
A738 Glencairn St/High Road	Stevenston	Tesco to Mayfield Road	£145,000
B780 Manse Street	Saltcoats	Memorial Roundabout to existing joints	£60,000
B7048 Portencross	West Kilbride	Car park to cottage, from Ardneil cottage for approx 800m, plus patching	£165,000
B781 Yerton Brae	West Kilbride	Full length	£82,000
B777	Beith	From Surface Dressing joint at anti skid on a section starting from Baelochside to Lochend	£115,000
B777 near school	Glengarnock	From Kersland across front of school to bend sign	£100,000
B780 Sharon St/West Kilbride Road	Dalry	Full Length Sharon St to just past Wingfaulds Avenue	£135,000
B780 Roche Way	Dalry	South of James Street towards Townend Street	£63,000
Glebe Road	Beith	Full Length	£122,000
Paddockholm Road	Kilbirnie	Holmhead to Mill Road	£82,000
South road	Glengarnock	Full Length	£56,000
Sycamore Court	Beith	Full length	£37,000
Morrishill Drive	Beith	Dalry Road to Cuff Crescent	£17,000
St Inans	Beith	Full length	£57,000
Garnock Street	Dalry	To No entry signs	£94,000
Lynn Avenue	Dalry	Full Length	£63,000
Finlay Avenue	Dalry	Full Length	£28,000
Newhouse Drive	Kilbirnie	no.73 to Place View	£45,000
New Street	Irvine	Friars Croft to Fullarton Roundabout - include Roundabouts at Greggs and McDs	£186,000
Shewalton Rd	Irvine	Roundabout to Murdoch Place + contribution to Murdoch Place	£126,000
Smithstone Way/Smithstone Court	Irvine	Auchenharvie Place to Kersland Foot	£30,000
Paterson Avenue	Irvine	no. 46 to Stewart Drive	£42,000
Castlepark Road	Irvine	Castlepark Crescent to Castlepark Circle	£74,000
West Doura Way	Kilwinning	A738 to shops	£39,000
Glenbervie Drive	Kilwinning	Part Length	£83,000
Longford Avenue	Kilwinning	From junction of Dubbs Road	£29,000
Love Street	Kilwinning	no. 15 to Moncur Road	£15,000
Cambusdoon Place	Kilwinning	Main access road only	£62,000
B785 Fergushill Road	Kilwinning	A737 to Parkhead Avenue	£78,000
The Roundel	Largs	Full Length	£49,000



Auchenmaid Crescent	Largs	Full Length to Joint on Scotlaw Drive	£37,000
Seamore Street	Largs	Full Length	£95,000
Montgomerie Crescent	Saltcoats	Melbourne Park towards South Beach to include Traffic Calming	£99,000
Dockhead Street	Saltcoats	Contribution to improvements	£109,000
West Doura Avenue	Saltcoats	Full Length	£55,000
St Andrews Road	Ardrossan	Full Length	£47,000
Moorpark Rd East and West	Stevenston	Include Island crossing point at Moorpark West	£115,000
Golf Road	Millport	Part Length	£94,000
Ritchie Street	Millport	Full Length	£15,000
			<b>£3,395,000</b>

<i>Carriageway Screeding</i>			
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Oakwood Drive	Beith	Full Length	£23,000
Windyedge Rd	Dalry	272m section prior to Brodoclea (approx 83m north of Millour Burn)	£30,000
C5 From railway bridge to B706	Dalry	From Jct C68 to railway bridge at Giffen cottage (Multi hog patching required from there to B706)	£49,000
Castlepark Drive	Fairlie	Glen Road to Fairlie castle jct	£15,000
Knoxville Road south	Kilbirnie	Resurface Cway, kerb & surface gravel path including associated lighting works.	£70,000
Kenilworth	Saltcoats	Half width	£10,000
Long Hill	Skelmorlie	Full Length	£73,000
Annetyard Road	Skelmorlie	from Fosterland jct to Eglinton Terrace, include Fosterland jct	£20,000
Misk Knowes	Stevenston	Small section from Ardoch Crescent	£13,000
U35	West Kilbride		£92,000
Lindsay Crescent	Largs	Full Length - high kerb upstand, patch and screed	£55,000
			<b>£450,000</b>

<i>Footway Resurfacing</i>			
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Thorntree Avenue	Beith	Full Length - Odd Nos, 38-56 Even Nos	£26,000
St Margarets Avenue	Dalry	Kittyshaw to Houston Crescent	£50,000
North St/Braehead	Dalry	Regal Court to Braehead Place	£43,000
Raise Street	Saltcoats	Footway one side only (Argyle road to Station)	£31,000
Canal Street	Saltcoats	Robertson Crescent to old railway bridge	£4,000
Manse Street	Saltcoats	Sainsbury car park exit to bus stop at memorial roundabout	£8,000
Braeside	Irvine	Braefoot to Parking Bays	£16,500
Castlepark Footpaths	Irvine	Various Sections	£60,000
Remote Footpath	Millport	Howard Street to Bute Terrace	£18,000
Pennyburn Footpaths	Kilwinning	Various Sections	£40,000
Manse Crescent	Largs	Full Length	£33,500
			<b>£330,000</b>

<b>Lighting Deteriorated Infrastructure Replacements</b>			
<i>Area</i>	<i>Town</i>		<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Anderson Drive Merryvale Road Lamont Drive Rubie Crescent Broomlands Drive Whitehope Green Braehead Lammermuir Court Moorfoot Way Earncraig Green Pentland Place Windlestraw Court	Irvine		£554,150
West Kilbride Road Lynn Avenue	Dalry		£82,850
Lindsay Avenue Plan View School Wynd	Kilbirnie		£55,010
Montgomery Terrace	Skelmorlie		£74,590
			<b>£766,600</b>

<b>Lighting Deteriorated Column Replacements</b>			
<i>Area</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Various Unplanned Locations			<b>£179,000</b>

<b>Lighting Deteriorated Column Inspections</b>			
<i>Area</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Various Locations			<b>£54,400</b>

<b>Structures Projects</b>			
<i>Structure</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Seven Acres Mill Bridge	U54	Bridge Replacement	£350,000
Bungle Burn Bridge	A736	General Repairs	£40,000
Threadmill Bridge	C99	Replacement / Strengthening	£160,000
Carsehead Bridge	B714	General Repairs	£35,000
			<b>£585,000</b>

Carriageway Resurfacing:	<i>£3,395,000</i>
Carriageway Screeding:	<i>£450,000</i>
Footway Resurfacing:	<i>£330,000</i>

Lighting Infrastructure Replacements:	<i>£766,600</i>
Deteriorated Column Replacements:	<i>£179,000</i>
Deteriorated Column Inspections:	<i>£54,400</i>

Structures Projects:	<i>£585,000</i>
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<b><i>Overall Mainland Total:</i></b>	<b><i>£5,760,000</i></b>
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<i>Carriageway Resurfacing</i>			
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
C3 Ross Road	Slidery	Approx 600m from C147 Junction.	£30,000
C147 Slidery	Slidery	Just north of Slidery heading to Corriecravie	£70,000
C147 Kilpatrick	Kilpatrick	South of previous resurfacing heading to Corriecravie	£150,000
Auchrannie Road	Brodick	Willowdale to Peddar	£25,000
U87 & B880	Machrie	Timber Transport Match Funding	£75,000
C147 Tormore	Machrie	Tormore to Machrie Bridge	£75,000
U86 Levencorroch	Kilmory	Full Length	£30,000
			<b>£455,000</b>

<i>Structures Projects</i>			
<i>Structure</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Dougarie Bridge	C147	Temporary Strengthening/ Scour repairs	£50,000
Catacol Bridge	C147	Temporary Strengthening/ Scour repairs	£60,000
			<b>£110,000</b>

Carriageway Resurfacing: £455,000

Structures Projects: £110,000

**Overall Arran Total: £565,000**

**Additional Budget £750,000****CARRIAGEWAYS**

<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Smith Street	Dalry	New Street to Car Park	£40,000
West Kirklands Place	Dalry	Full Length	£38,000
A737 Merryvale Roundabout	Irvine	Including A737 North & South Approach	£93,000
A737 Marress Roundabout	Irvine	Various Sections	£60,000
Stockbridge Crescent	Kilbirnie	Various Sections	£52,000
Milton Road	Kilbirnie	Milton Quad to Herriot Avenue	£92,000
A760 Cochrane Street	Kilbirnie	Patching	£15,000
B779 Almswall Road	Kilwinning	Car Park to Nethermains Roundabout, including roundabout	£150,000
A737 Lauchlan Way	Kilwinning	Woodwynd to Church Street	£15,000
Holehouse Court	Largs	Full Length	£45,000
B780 Stevenston Cross	Stevenston	Glebe Street to Post Office	£100,000
C147 Machrie	Machrie	Machrie Tea Room to Machrie Moor Road	£50,000
			<b>£750,000</b>

## **Condition Assessment and Prioritisation Process**

- 1.1 The Audit Scotland Follow-up report, Maintaining Scotlands Roads published in August 2016 stated that Councils should use their RAMPs to establish long term investment plans for maintaining the road network taking into account whole-life costing and treatment options.
- 1.2 As part of the Roads Asset Management process, annual condition assessments are carried out on the public road network as part of the inspection regime. All locations are assessed using a risk based approach.
- 1.3 Condition assessments are carried out simultaneously with the Safety Inspections in accordance with the pre-determined timescales contained within our Safety Inspection Manual. All faults noted during these inspections are logged within our electronic Routine Maintenance System (RMS).
- 1.4 For carriageways, to take account of whole-life and different treatment options the carriageway maintenance programme is developed using road asset management principles. Lifecycle planning is at the core of this approach and takes into account, hierarchies, condition and local community priorities. Preventative treatments are used to prolong the life of carriageway surfaces before their condition deteriorates and requires extensive resurfacing.
- 1.5 The main factors considered are:-
  - Road Condition – based on detailed visual inspection and the Scottish Road Maintenance Conditions Survey (SRMCS).
  - Road Hierarchy – this takes account of the strategic importance of the road and is determined from our Local Transport Plan.
  - Assistance to Council and Community Priorities – this takes account of other priorities such as economic development, access to shops, amenity housing or schools.
- 1.6 Carriageways and footways are both condition assessed and scored in accordance with the assessment table below. These condition scores, RCI data, road hierarchy information and priorities information as above are utilised through our electronic WDM Scheme Manager to target locations for improvement works in order to optimise investment.

## Assessment Table

Extent	CONDITION			
	1 (Acceptable)	2 (Safe but poor appearance)	3 (Minor deterioration)	4 (Major deterioration)
1 - Up to 25%		5	9	13
2 – 25% to 50%		6	10	14
3 – 50% to 75%		7	11	15
4 – 75% to 100%	4	8	12	16

Each location is also reviewed at least once a year depending on its location within the Roads Hierarchy as part of the routine inspection process.

- 1.7 There are various types of surfacing materials and processes available depending on the particular road type, location and level of existing deterioration. Options available for treatment include preventative measures such as surface dressing and resurfacing options such as screeding, resurfacing (inlay and overlay), depending on the severity of deterioration full reconstruction may be the most effective option.
- 1.8 The level of investment associated with the varying treatment types identified in the table below was established using the Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland's cost projection model, developed as part of the Roads Asset Management Planning project. The model assists with identifying the effect of various treatments on the on-going condition of the carriageway. This enables a more accurate design life for the treatments currently available to be developed and ensuring value for money on their use. Costs for works at any location further vary from the figures below depending on restricted working arrangements, traffic management required and the extent of preparatory works necessary to enable resurfacing. There is also an additional uplift for island working of up to 50% for works on Arran and Cumbrae.



### **Treatment Option Table**

Treatment Option	Cost per Sqm 2022/23	Cost per Sqm 2023/24	% Change	Extension to life
Surface Dressing	£3.60	£4.00	+11%	Up to 10 years
Screeding	£11.50	£14.40	+25%	5 – 10 years
Inlay HRA	£22.00	£26.00	+18%	Up to 20 years
Overlay <100mm	£26.50	£33.00	+25%	Up to 20 years
Inlay 100mm	£32.30	£38.00	+18%	Up to 20 years
Reconstruction 300mm	£140.00	£165.00	+18%	Up to 20 years

- 1.9 Street Lighting column replacement is prioritised through non-destructive strength testing to determine the level of deterioration associated with the columns. Following testing, columns are categorised within the Asset Management database for road lighting.
- 1.10 Testing is carried out in accordance with the Institute of Lighting Engineer's Technical Report No.22 Managing a Vital Asset: Lighting Supports as well as UK Lighting Board Code of Practice: Well-lit Highways.
- 1.11 Once results are input, the database then compares these results against the more general age profile to determine a final list of priority repairs. This produces recommendations in order of priority for both individual units and whole streets or areas.
- 1.12 Recommendations are generally categorised as Category A through K as follows:
- A: Immediate replacement
  - B: Replace urgently or reinspect within 6 months
  - C1: Column Material failure, replace as soon as possible or reinspect within 1 year
  - C2: Bracket failure, sleeve where possible or replace unit within 1 year
  - D: Foundation failure, realign, reinstate and reinspect within 6 months
  - E: Material approaching failure, replace as part of planned maintenance programme or reinspect within 2 years
  - F: Material approaching failure, replace as part of planned maintenance programme or reinspect within 5 years

- G: Condition reasonable, but age expired and certified insured for 2 year periods until replaced
- H: Condition reasonable, but age expired and certified insured for 5 year periods until replaced
- I: Acceptable condition but age expired and insured for 5 years periods until replaced.
- J: Sound condition but age expired & visually poor (evidence of concrete cracking etc.)
- K: Sound condition and not age expired – no current requirement for strength structural inspection, visual only at planned maintenance cycle.

1.13 Where non-urgent replacement recommendations (Category F through to J) are on an individual column basis, the data is further analysed to determine a percentage value for recommended replacement numbers against the balance of units in a street. If this figure exceeds 30% then the entire street will be considered for higher prioritisation which will address the design class standard of the street beyond individual replacement for safety reasons only.

1.14 The structures programme is identified based on the structures prioritisation matrix which ranks assets based on a number of factors including its condition, safety, and usage.

**Structure Name:**  
**Date when the scoring is carried out:**

Enter score based on the description in the following coloured cells






Priority Ranking for structure capital programme

No.	Factors	Maximum Score			Structure Name:	Structure Score Input	Net score	% of total Score	Additional commentry
1	Type of Bridge	1	Score 1 if road bridge and 0 if foot bridge	Culverts, Subways which carry road shall be considered as road bridge as per this scoring system. Structures which carry only pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians shall be considered as footbridge.			NA		
2	Route Factor	40	Score based on NAC route hierachy	Route hierachy Cat 2 - SPT/ NAC strategic routes - 40 Cat 3a - Main distributor routes - 30 Cat 3b - secondary distributor routes - 20 Any other category - 10 Routes serving fewer than 5 properties - 5			0	0%	
3	HGV Restriction factor	60	Score based on weight capacity	Weight restriction 3 tonnes - 60 7.5 to 13 tonnes tonnes - 50 18 tonnes - 40 26 tonnes - 30 No weight restriction - 0			0	0%	
4	Condition factor	10	Score based on the condition of the bridge	Sliding score based on 0 for very good condition to 10 for poor condition. (10 - (BCI crit/ 10))			0	0%	
5	Deterioration factor	10	Score based on the rate of deterioration of the structure	Sliding score based on 0 for very slow deterioration to 10 for rapid deterioration			0	0%	
6	Pedestrian factor	20	Score based on pedestrian usage. Bridges with footways of heavy pedestrian usage shall score a maximum of 30.	Structures with footways in heavily used urban areas score 20. Score 20 if route is access to a school or railway station. Apply a sliding scale going down to 0 for rural structures without footways.			0	0%	
7	Flooding factor	40	Score based on the potential for the existing structure to contrubute to flooding	A structure that makes no contribution to flooding risk will score 0. Structures that are know to increase the risk of flooding due to restrictions in width or soffit height will score 30.			0	0%	
8	Scour factor	60	Score based on risk of collapse due to expose to scour in heavy flow conditions	Risk of collapse of structure due to scouring. Structures which have been deterioted severely because of inadequate scour protection and on verge of collapse score maximum. Scour risk based on a sliding scale.			0	0%	
9	Parapet Condition Factor	15	Score based on the condition of the parapets	Structures with substandard Parapets with poor conditon will score 15 . Structures with substandard parapets with a 'monitor only' recommendation will score 10. Structures which have parapets to current standards will score 0.			0	0%	
10	Parapet Risk Factor	10	Score based on risk in the event of a parapet collapse leading to high risk injuries and human casualties.	What is the likelihood of severe injury or even death while the parapet is open to use considering the condition of the structure. Risk based on a sliding scale.			-5	100%	

11	Delay factor	10	Score based on whether existing restrictions such as limited width cause delays at the structure	Structures where delays are caused by width, weight, height or other restrictions such as traffic lights will be given a score higher than zero. Delays less than 2 minutes at peak times will score 5 and longer than 2 minutes will score 10. Score maximum if fire station, railway station or hospital affected by delay.		0	0%
12	Structure Risk factor	10	Score based on risk in the event of a Structure collapse leading to high risk injuries and human casualties.	What is the likelihood of someone getting a high risk injury or even death while the structure is open to use considering the condition of the structure. Risk based on a sliding scale.		0	0%
13	Maintenance factor	20	Score based on maintenance required to keep the existing structure open.	Score based on known maintenance history and requirement. No maintenance requirement will score 0. Listed structures score 15.		0	0%
14	Diversion factor	10	Score based on the length of the diversion route if the structure is closed in an unplanned manner with no finite time limit.	Score based on diversion length. Any diversion equal to or more than 20 miles scores 20. Score 1 for each 2 miles of diversion up to 20. Score 10 if a road closure adversely affects a fire or railway station or hospital. Score 10 if there is no alternative diversion.		0	0%

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Note maximum score that can be achieved for road bridge= 500

Priority level Chart		Structure Name: 00-Jan-00 Date of Scoring: 00-Jan-00							
Priority Level Indicator		Overall works (500)		Structure works (100)		Parapet works (70)		Scour Protection (60)	
		Level	Score	Level	Score	Level	Score	Level	Score
No Action Rquired									
Low Priority									
Medium Priority									
High Priority									
Immediate action required									

Note : Works are divided above into three sub categories as each work can be independent and each has its own significance in terms of attention required.



## Locality Partnership

### The Ayrshire Community Trust Update – May 2024

Garnock Valley	Irvine	Kilwinning	North Coast	Three Towns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moving Around (Public Transport, Traffic and Parking)</li> <li>Work and Local Community</li> <li>Facilities and Amenities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities</li> <li>Enhancing our Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing</li> <li>Alleviating Poverty</li> <li>Championing Green Health and the Natural Environment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporting Skills and Work</li> <li>Improving our Local Environment</li> <li>Alleviating Poverty and Promoting Equality of Access to Opportunities</li> <li>Improving Community Wellbeing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving access to financial services</li> <li>Increasing social inclusion</li> <li>Improving mental wellbeing</li> <li>Supporting skills and work opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promoting the local economy and tourism</li> <li>Regenerating community facilities</li> <li>Increasing civic pride and community engagement</li> <li>Improving community wellbeing</li> </ul>

The Ayrshire Community Trust covers the whole of North Ayrshire, and we continue to support the Community and Voluntary Sector with a range of services. Below is a list of support / activities undertaken in which are relevant to the Locality Priorities above since the last Locality Meeting:

- [www.tact.scot](http://www.tact.scot) continues to be updated with a range of information.
  - We have sent out various information bulletins highlighting useful resources, funding information and general advice.
  - TACT social media continues to be used as a platform to promote safety messages from Police Scotland, Funding Information, Benefit Support, Energy Advice and vital local service provision. We would welcome any information from other service providers that we can share.
  - TACT Staff have been organising and facilitating quarterly 'networking' Forums for all 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector groups and organisations that wish to attend. The next Forum meetings are scheduled for **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June (in person) and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 (online)**. There are 4 per year and they are all themed, this year the themes are Cost of Living, Funding, Support to the Sector and Sector Updates, relevant speakers are booked for each forum. If you are a 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector organisation and you are interested in attending, please email: [info@tact.scot](mailto:info@tact.scot)
  - Staff continue to maintain regular dialogue with North Ayrshire Council to update on progress and identify additional ways we can work together.
- TACT Digital**
- NAC Heritage Centre – filmed interviews with staff about their favourite exhibits.
  - Filmed interviews at Dalgarven Mill Museum to discuss the history of the mill.
  - Scottish Centre for Personal Safety – redesigned the website. Now live at: <https://scotcps.org.uk/>

- NA Green Health Partnership – website updates and maintenance. Also Filming 8 small videos highlighting Green Health activity in North Ayrshire  
Find out more about our digital services here: <https://www.tact.scot/digital>
- **INFORM North Ayrshire** – Cost of Living Support. We have created an online guide to provide information on the range of services available across North Ayrshire who are able to offer support and advice on topics such as energy, food and money concerns. The directory can be accessed here: [https://issuu.com/tact-na/docs/inform\\_north\\_ayrshire](https://issuu.com/tact-na/docs/inform_north_ayrshire)
- **Positive Steps with Partners** is our Pre-Employability Project funded by Your Next Move Working North Ayrshire. The team are focusing on Personal development activities supporting barrier removal in helping people become more ready for exploring employability options. The team are delivering face-to-face interactions and offering personal development sessions such as STEPS to Excellence, One to One sessions with the Confidence Coach focusing on personal goals to overcome barriers towards employment.
- Health in Mind is a new element to PSWP where individuals' work with our Personal Trainer Tommy Kelly focusing on improving physical and mental wellbeing. Our programme motivates individuals to explore volunteering that will support them to gain the practical experience they can transfer into the workplace.
- The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service also provide our participants who are ready to move into volunteering with a placement within the Community Action Team attending events promoting Fire Safety in the Community. If you have anyone that may be interested in finding out more, please contact Cheryl Newall via: [cheryl@tact.scot](mailto:cheryl@tact.scot)
- **Employability** - TACT had been working in partnership with the Local Employability Partnership (LEP) to distribute No-One Left Behind (NOLB) funding in the form of a grant process. Between the 12 projects **174** people were supported over the 6 month pilot with **27** moving into employment, **51** moving into further education, **8** moving into training, **31** moving into volunteering and **19** being referred into the employability pipeline – amazing work from the 12 organisations.
- **North Ayrshire Third Sector Chief Officer Group** – This is open to Senior Staff working with a 3rd Sector Organisation across North Ayrshire. This Group works together to tackle local issues collectively whilst providing great networking opportunities. A doodle poll has been circulated to agree a date for the next meeting. If you are interested in getting involved, please email: [kaileigh@tact.scot](mailto:kaileigh@tact.scot)
- **Organisational Support** – continuing to work with groups and organisations delivering relevant training including Governance, Basic Bookkeeping, Constitution & Charity Registration, Funding, and Volunteer Management. We are also assisting with Charity Registrations, PVG Support, Funding Support and Support with compiling Constitutions. Continuing to support groups in achieving SCIO status and supporting groups with their CAT applications.
- **Community Asset Transfer (CAT)** We are supporting ten community groups/organisations through the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) process. Each organisation is at various stages of the process, and we are liaising with and supporting them at each stage. We also provide advice to groups that are considering or want to know more about CAT.
- **Community Wealth Building**, the Third Sector Interface, TACT sits at the Community Wealth Commission. This commission supports the implementation of the CWB Strategy and will encourage involvement from local businesses, government agencies and local organisations on CWB initiatives.
- Staff are continuing to update and source a range of Volunteering Opportunities that are currently available. We are still receiving a high number of Volunteer Registrations and don't have enough placements for those interested. If you know of any groups or organisations that could assist with some additional volunteers, please contact [ann@tact.scot](mailto:ann@tact.scot)

- TACT Capacity Building Officers continue to promote Community Benefit opportunities to the 3rd sector, this in the past has included training and opportunities to learn topics such as first aid and tendering skills from successful NAC contractors. Conversations were held with the sector in regard to improving the service, these have been collated and passed to the Community Benefit Officers.
- **Organisation of the Month** promotion still going strong. To date we have promoted 35 voluntary organisations. This promotion has been received favourably with the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector and it gives a chance to highlight and promote them. If you would like to nominate a voluntary organisation to be promoted, please contact Susan Manson on [susan@tact.scot](mailto:susan@tact.scot)
- **Adult Volunteer Recognition Award** – This award was launched in June 2021 and is designed to recognise the hours of commitment that Volunteers give to organisations throughout North Ayrshire. These awards can be given at any time. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Ann Wilson on [ann@tact.scot](mailto:ann@tact.scot)
- **Volunteers Week 2024**  
This year Volunteers week falls in 3-9 June in order to incorporate the Big Help Out which runs from 7-9 June. TACT will be holding our annual awards ceremony and nominations are now closed. Winners of the Categories will be published after June 6<sup>th</sup> 2024.
- Will be supporting our Third Sector Interface partners Arran CVS with the Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund for the fourth round. We are still currently waiting on more details and information will be shared once available.
- Capacity Building staff have also administered and supported the delivery of NOLB and Multiply Funding. These are now closed, and all groups have received their funding.
- Capacity Building staff are also in the process of delivering information sessions on the changes to Charity Law that have already happened or are coming in further down the line to let groups know what this means for them. Two sessions have already been delivered, one in West Kilbride and one in Dalry. The last two sessions are being run in partnership with Vibrant Communities staff in East Ayrshire.
- **Independent Examinations** (scrutiny of charity accounts for submitting to the charity regulator OSCR). Training is now complete, and the trainees are all busy carrying out examinations, Organisations have been really supportive of the trainees taking on the examination. We are currently working on the accrual accounts service, and this will be promoted when we have more information. If you are aware of any groups who are needing support with their accounts, please feel free to pass on my contact details [susan@tact.scot](mailto:susan@tact.scot)
- **Kindness Krew** This is a new project which aims to link the most isolated people in our area with a volunteer who will be able to meet and have a cuppa and a chat or encourage people to go out. This is a pilot project, and we are working in the 3 Towns areas of Stevenston, Saltcoats and Ardrossan and also Kilwinning and Irvine areas. For further information please contact Michelle Trainer [michelle@tact.scot](mailto:michelle@tact.scot)