

Irvine Town Board Membership

Name	Organisation	Bio
Bill Nolan (Chair)	Irvine Burns Club	<p>Born and raised locally in North Ayrshire, Bill Nolan was educated in Irvine and at Edinburgh University and has spent his entire working life in the Communications industry. After graduation, he worked initially in Cumbernauld and then returned to Irvine where he created IDC's Information Centre for the benefit of a growing local community during a time of great change. From Irvine, he moved to Tennent Caledonian Breweries, then Scotland's largest drinks company, and was responsible for Corporate Relations, including media, marketing, brand promotion, sponsorship, and communications across Scotland and Ireland; he also earned a strong reputation for crisis management within the corporate sector. Following restructuring of the parent company and a possible move to London, he set up his own company – <i>Bill Nolan PR</i> – which he based in Irvine and from where he serviced an impressive range of national and international clients while continuing to work and live locally.</p> <p>When he had returned to Irvine initially, Bill fully embraced the local community and was involved in a hands-on basis in the town's various organisations including its Incorporated Trades, The Irvine Carters' Society, The Irvine Burns Club, Irvine Rugby Club, and Irvine Folk Club. During his time in Edinburgh, and in Cumbernauld, he had become involved widely with traditional music, both nationally and internationally and was co-opted by the newly formed Marymass Folk Festival, an event that continues until today. More recently, he was co-opted by the Marymass Festival Committee, and served for several years during which he created and managed The Irvine Harbour Festival; he had already successfully chaired a local Task Force invited to change the image of the Irvine Harbourside via an imaginative "hearts & mind" campaign directed at the local Fullarton community.</p> <p>He has achieved notable success with "Burns in Irvine" and the Irvine Burns Club's Wellwood Burns Centre & Museum which received international recognition as part of "The National Burns Collection". Bill Nolan's role in this was recognised when he became President of the Robert Burns World Federation, and he continues to play an active role in promoting Wellwood Burns Centre and its unique literary treasures.</p> <p>On the sporting front, he spent four years as President of Irvine RFC, before joining the Scottish Rugby Union's Management Committee and finally onto the international Rugby</p>

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		Board, the sport's world governing body, on whose Executive Board he served for 10 years during a transition period of unprecedented change.
Chris Pless	Irvine Community Council	Chris Pless is Chairperson of Irvine Community Council. Irvine Community Council covers the area surrounding the town centre of Irvine, North Ayrshire. This area takes in the entirety of the KA12 postcode area as well as all Irvine streets on the west side of the A78 and as far south as Gailies. Community councils are voluntary organisations that have a role in law to represent the views of the local community on issues that affect its residents. In addition to his voluntary role within the community council Chris has over 20 years' experience in technology most notably in senior roles within the energy sector.
Nairn McDonald	North Ayrshire Council	Nairn McDonald, FRSA, serves as a Councillor for Irvine East in North Ayrshire and as Carers Champion. Nairn advocates for the rights and well-being of carers, ensuring their voices are heard and their needs are met. Additionally, he holds roles as a Board Member, including positions with the Willowacre Trust, Public Health Scotland and works as a Project Manager for the Social Enterprise LeadersUnlocked. With a strong background in politics, youth work and social policy, Nairn combines his knowledge and passion to make impactful contributions to his community and beyond.
Matthew McLean	North Ayrshire Council	To follow.
Chloe Robertson	North Ayrshire Council	To follow.
Barbara Conner	The Ayrshire Community Trust	<p>Her role within The Ayrshire Community Trust, as part of the capacity building team, is to support local groups and organisations with training, legal structures, connecting with other groups and services, governance and so much more.</p> <p>The Ayrshire Community Trust (TACT) form part of the North Ayrshire Third Sector Interface (TSI) along with Arran Community and Voluntary Service.</p> <p>Our mission is: <i>To deliver programmes and projects that make a difference to people's lives by encouraging, supporting, and promoting community action.</i></p> <p>Other key areas of support available dependent upon the local context and need required are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Volunteering Development ▪ Social Enterprise Development

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Paul Timmons	Scottish Fire and Rescue	To follow
Fraser Normansell	Police Scotland	To follow
Steven Easton	Chamber of Commerce	<p>Steven a business owner and board member at Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Ayrshire Chamber represents over 800 members across business, industry and the third-sector, providing opportunities for growth, development and networking. As a board member, Steven is responsible for setting the strategic objectives and policies to guide and support the management team in delivery. Steven also has business interests including Easton Group and Green Home Systems. He is a director at Easton Group, a property and investment business, which owns over 400 properties in and around Irvine and Ayrshire. He is also the Co-founder and Chairman of Green Home Systems, an energy efficiency specialist that installs thermal insulation and renewable energy systems, helping families to lower energy costs while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Green Home Systems is based in Irvine and employs over 100 staff locally. Steven is married and lives in Dundonald with his wife, children and two dogs.</p>
Fiona Paton	Rivergate Shopping Centre	To follow.
David Phillips	Irvine Seniors Forum	<p>My name is Davie Phillips, I was medically retired 6 years ago at the age of 45 and decided that while I am unable to work I will volunteer to help around the Irvine community, I would say I am here representing many groups from The Irvine Community Council to the Irvine Seniors Forum to the Locality Partnership to many other groups I am involved with and am on the committee as treasurer or vice chair dependant on the groups need. I asked to join the Long Term Plan group as I can see where regeneration is needed, what the community would like to see in each area and what could be done to bring in business large and small to improve the town centre and more importantly give the people of Irvine a chance at employment to improve their wellbeing, mental health and pride within themselves.</p>
Danny Kerr	Marymass Festival Committee	Representing the Marymass Festival Committee and Irvine Carters' Society.

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		<p>Danny is a Ex-Captain of the Carters' having been Captain 2008 – 2022 and is also the Chairperson of the Marymass Festival Committee. Both groups organise the annual 12-day Marymass Festival held in August each year.</p> <p>He has worked and stayed in Irvine all of his life.</p>
Emma Burns	MSYP - Cunninghame South	I asked to join the Long Term Plan group as I can see where regeneration is needed, what the community would like to see in each area and what could be done to bring in business large and small to improve the town centre and more importantly give the people of Irvine a chance at employment to improve their wellbeing, mental health and pride within themselves.
Freya Fitzsimmons	MSYP - Cunninghame South	I'm Freya Fitzsimmons and I'm a member of the Scottish youth parliament who represents Cunningham south I was elected into this position this year and I will serve for two years. I am also the chair of the North Ayrshire Executive Youth Council and in my roles I aim to represent the views of young people and make Irvine a better place for young people to live.
Scott Morrison	KA Leisure	Scott Morrison, Head of Strategic Policy and Development, KA Leisure. I've worked with KA Leisure for over 15 years in various roles starting in the delivery of activities before progressing to programme planning. I've recently moved into a new position having previously focused on the management of Community Sport. For over 20 years, we have been dedicated to promoting, supporting and inspiring people to lead more active and healthier lives. We offer a wide range of programmes that contribute directly to the physical, mental and social wellbeing of North Ayrshire residents. Our organisation is the driving force of physical activity in the area, with state-of-the-art facilities such as gyms, pools, leisure centres, golf courses, sports pitches and more. This is combined with our dedicated commitment to partnership working which delivers innovative and inclusive initiatives that address the diverse needs and aspirations of our communities.
Alan Gemmell MP	Central Ayrshire MP	To follow.
David Mann	Maritime Museum	Director and Trustee of Scottish Maritime Museum (11years) worked in Irvine for 25 years. Board member of Ayrshire and Arran Destination Alliance. Chair of Industrial Museums Scotland. Board member of Ayrshire Community Trust. Former Chair of West Kilbride

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		Community Initiative, which runs Craft Town Scotland and the Barony Craft and Arts Centre.
Elaine Baxter	North Ayrshire Council – Locality Officer	To follow.