

Action Note

Meeting:	Garnock Valley Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	12 September 2024 – Conference Room, Garnock Campus
Present:	<p>Councillor John Bell (Chair) Councillor Margaret Johnson Councillor Anthea Dickson Councillor Donald L. Reid Councillor Ronnie Stalker Jane Lamont, Community Representative David Park, Community Representative Catherine Wigzell, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council Elaine Young, NHS Ayrshire & Arran (Snr Lead Officer) Angela Morrell, Senior Manager, Community Learning & Development, NAC (Lead Officer) Christina Pieraccini, Locality Officer, NAC Ellie Hannah, Active Schools, NAC Inspector David Cameron, Police Scotland Neil Shearer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Kaileigh Brown, Executive Director, The Ayrshire Community Trust Fiona Dunlop, Head Teacher, Beith Primary Heather McVie Branley, Community Development Worker</p>
Also Attending:	<p>Ross Sweeney, NAC Regeneration Team Margaret Dalziel Intelligent Health Craig Dalziel, Intelligent Health Lesley Forsyth, Senior Manager, Information and Culture Laura Kerr, Childcare Development Officer (School Aged and Rural) Lynne McNiven, Director Public Health (NHS Ayrshire & Arran) Gordon McGuinness, Radio City Association Alan Wilson Radio City Association Robert Hobb, Radio City Association</p>
Apologies:	<p>James Waite, Beith & District Community Council – Vice Chair Kyle Lewis KA Leisure</p>

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No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were made, and apologies for absence were noted.</p>	
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The action note arising from the meeting held on 13 June 2024 was approved.</p>	
3	<p>Beat the Street Project</p> <p>Ross Sweeney Regeneration Officer along with Margaret & Craig Dalziel from Intelligent Health provided the Partnership with an update</p>	

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	<p>on the Beat the Street Initiative which took place in the Garnock Valley earlier this year. Beat the Street is a free, fun initiative that challenges residents to see how far you can walk, cycle, run in 6 weeks. In North Ayrshire, the initiative also took place in the Three Towns and Arran.</p> <p>The presentation highlighted results from a survey carried out following the initiative. In North Ayrshire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were 5064 participants, 48% of those being children. • During the 6 weeks, car commuting decreased by 4%, this equates to approximately 1,610 fewer car trips/week. • Walking for travel increased by 4% resulting in approximately 1,547 more trips/week • Driving to and from school decreased by 10%, approximately 3,484 fewer car trips/week. For 20% most deprived children, car trips decreased by 10%, • After the initiative, there was 6% increase in children walking for fun everyday (equivalent of 147 more children walking every day). • In terms of access to a bike, 20% children and 19% of adults highlighted they could not access one. <p>The Partnership queried whether the team could access the data relating to the those not being able to access a bike as the local Mens Shed in the Garnock Valley carry bike repairs and have a bike which could possibly to matched up to local residents.</p> <p>C Dalziel advised that they have postcode data from respondents which he will review and share with R Sweeney. This will allow the Partnership/Mens Shed to advertise in the appropriate areas.</p> <p>The Chair thanked R Sweeney, C Dalziel, and M Dalziel for their input.</p>	<p>C Dalziel/R Sweeney</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund</p> <p><u>Radio City Association</u></p> <p>The Locality Partnership considered a full application from Radio City Association who are seeking £65,000 of funding to support with costs to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • employ 1 x Community Development Manager at 30 hours per week for one year • employ 1 x Project Officer for 25 hours per week for one year • office rental contribution costs • electricity costs • stationery (paper / printer ink etc.) • accountancy / HR cost • training costs <p>A Wilson wished to highlight that:</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The first section of wind turbine which is part of the electric valley project as whole is due to arrive this month, and be should be complete the following month. This will generate funding for the community.• The Association is working with Scottish Water to develop a small-scale hydro site.• They are part of a consortium around a battery storage project with the hydro scheme.• They are also in discussions with North Ayrshire Council to purchase the energy produced by the turbine, which would further benefit the community demonstrating Community Wealth Building in action. <p>The Locality Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The application being presented more concisely highlighting what the Association were applying for and providing the other information in relation to the electric valley etc as an appendice rather than part of the application. It's important to clearly outline what we are funding in clearer terms for those outside the Partnership.• That ambitious community-led projects like this need supporting.• The Association's March 2023 accounts show an unrestricted negative balance, indicating that viability may not be achievable until at least Year 3.• They noted that while long-term prospects are promising, short-term viability appears fragile and would need to be consider whether £65,000 will be sufficient, as the funding amount applied for would be restricted for staffing purposes. <p>A Wilson advised the Partnership that the Association's accounts for 2024 will be available in the next few weeks which will provide the Partnership more reassurance. He also advised that the essence of this work is to create a sustainable organisation which is not relying on funding and will be self-sufficient.</p> <p>The Reps from Radio City Association left the meeting at this point.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership agreed to approve the application in principle, subject to (a) deferring the next stage in the CIF process until the most recent set of audited accounts are available. (b) request a set of robust management accounts highlighting the current financial position and any major movements from the audited annual accounts. (c) Cash inflow and outflow projections for the next 3 years, including projected surpluses/deficits and planned repayments (d) a shortened application so it is more explicit what the Association are requesting funding for.</p> <p>The Partnership also requested that someone from out with the Partnership review these documents.</p> <p>C Pieraccini undertook to liaise with the group with regards to their application and additional information requested and A Morrell undertook to consult North Ayrshire Council's finance department with the regards to an officer reviewing the financial information requested.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>C Pieraccini/A Morrell</p> <p>C Pieraccini/A Morrell</p>
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<p>4.</p>	<p>Grants</p> <p>The Lead Officer presented the 2024/25 Elderly Grant Fund report to the Partnership and asked the Partnership to consider the applications which have been received in respect of the 2024/25 Elderly Grants Fund.</p> <p>Applications were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Age Concern - £2964 • Beith Old People's Welfare Committee - £3053 • Dalry Old Folks Treat Committee - £2412 <p>The Locality Partnership agreed to award funding to groups.</p> <p>The Lead Officer also presented an application that had been made to the Margaret Archibald Bequest Fund from Dalry Old Folks Treat Committee for £5000 for Christmas Meal and Summer Trips which are open to anyone living within Dalry Parish and aged 65 and over.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership agreed to award funding to the group.</p>	<p>R Ramsay/S Fleming</p> <p>R Ramsay/S Fleming</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Locality Action Plan</p> <p>A Morrell presented a report to the Partnership on the Draft Locality Action Plan for 2024/25.</p> <p>A Morrell highlighted that the action plan is something that we are required to have in place in accordance with the Community Empowerment Act but more importantly it's the way we as a partnership can measure collectively the difference we are making to our communities.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership approved the action plan for 2024/25.</p>	<p>C Pieraccini/J McGee</p>
	<p>Street Naming Report</p> <p>A Morrell presented a report to the Locality Partnership on behalf of the Council's Planning Team. The Locality Partnership were asked to consider two street names for a new residential development to southwest of Newhouse Drive, Kilbirnie.</p> <p>A Morrell advised the Partnership that the Community Council consulted the community via social media for suggestions and these were included within the report.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puddocks Place • Woodlands Avenue <p>It was noted that the report suggested Woodlands Place, however the Locality Partnership felt that Avenue would be a more suitable suffix.</p>	<p>L Dempster</p>

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	<p>The Partnership also highlighted that the use of Dunning would perhaps cause confusion as there is Dunning Lane in the area.</p>	<p>L Dempster</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Rural Area Childcare</p> <p>The Partnership received an update on the work relating to childcare in rural areas from L Forsyth and L Kerr</p> <p>L Forsyth and L Kerr highlighted that school-age childcare availability has been an ongoing challenge in North Ayrshire. L Kerr was recently seconded to a new post following successful funding, this allows her to dedicate time to look at paving the way for positive action. Two key areas L Kerr will be looking at are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School-age childcare delivered by volunteers • Rural areas childcare <p>L Forsyth highlighted that there are fewer childminders who are benefiting from the 1140 hours provision now and meeting after-school care needs is difficult in a lot of areas.</p> <p>L Kerr commented that she is exploring ways to attract more individuals to become Childminders while addressing barriers such as extensive paperwork from the SSSC and Care Inspectorate, as well as the challenges of managing their accounts.</p> <p>L Forsyth conveyed her thanks to J Lamont and the Beith Hive team who stepped in to provide out of school care provision in Beith following the closure of the provision previously in place.</p> <p>L Kerr highlighted the importance of assessing the needs in each area and developing locally-based solutions.</p> <p>The Chair queried what the demand for childcare in the Garnock Valley was. L Kerr advised that she is looking to work withing with Head Teacher to carry out an assessment within schools to obtain this information.</p> <p>The Chair thanked L Forsyth and L Kerr for their input.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Education and Youth Overview</p> <p>The Partnership received updates from F Dunlop, Head Teacher, Beith Primary, H McVie-Branley, Community Development Worker and E Hannah, Active Schools Co-Ordinator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to the Early Year models meant that hours have changed. At Garnock and Moorpark moved to 9 am – 3pm, Beith Primary and St Bridget’s Primary operating hours are 8am – 6pm, with children having one full day and four half days. A pilot looking at other options will be undertaken at Beith Primary • Delay in the opening of the new Moorpark Primary. Staff gave up their time during the summer to set up classes. • Detached Youth Work taking place in Beith on a weekly basis. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with Partners to develop a programme to look at how to engage with those hard-to-reach young people. Working alongside Café solace, Mens Shed and, SFRS • Youth Forum is now full, starting up a Junior Youth Forum. Youth Forum had a trip to London during summer to visit the house commons and speak to MPs. • 1058 young people in the Garnock Valley have been part of active schools, 86% were volunteers through sport activities and the young ambassador programme. <p>Chair thanked everyone for their input.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>KA Leisure</p> <p>Apologies from K Lewis were submitted. An update report will be circulated to the Locality Partnership along with the action note.</p>	<p>K Lewis/J McGee</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Police and SFRS – Wellbeing and Partnerships</p> <p>SFRS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team has conducted 38 Home Fire Safety Visits throughout the locality. • The team are currently looking for On-Call firefighters at Dalry Community Fire Station. Candidates must live within 5mins of the station, over 18, physically fit and able to provide 90hours cover spread over the week. More details can be found:- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Jobs myjobscotland • Community Action Team attended Garnock Academy, in June 2024 to carry out Deliberate Fire Setting and Water Safety Talks to S1 to S5 pupils. • Kilbirnie Fire Station held an open day in August in conjunction with neighbouring Ambulance Station. It was very well attended. <p>Police Scotland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working in Partnership with SFRS, the Council and other partners around operation Moonbeam which is a community safety programme that focuses on addressing public disorder and safety concerns around Bonfire Night. • Guy Jenner is now back from secondment and is working with Partners and Groups around the new hate crime legislation and what it means, working alongside Trading Standards and Public Health around tobacco and vaping. • An additional four officers are now trained to use the quad bikes, this will allow more scope for these to be deployed in the Locality when necessary. • Campus Cop will be working within the schools focussing on a number of topics including the harms of vaping, drugs and alcohol. They will also new driver with S6s on the new driver programme. 	

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	<p>D Cameron also advised that he will be moving localities and will now be based in Saltcoats. A new Locality Inspector will be appointed in due course however for now he remains the point of contact.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership conveyed their thanks D Cameron.</p>	Noted
10.	<p>Locality Plan Progress</p> <p>C Pieraccini advised the Locality Partnership that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Place Plan survey is currently live and encouraged everyone to complete and share with their networks. C Pieraccini also distributed flyers with the information on how to complete. • In terms of the Travel Need Analysis, work is underway to design the survey. There are plans to carry out community engagement, the survey will be issued after the school October holidays and a workshop will be held late autumn. • A pop-up charity shop will be held in the George Steven Centre following closure of the shop in the town, date to be confirmed. • Laura Neill, Snr Manager (Employability) will be attending the working group meeting in October. 	Noted
11.	<p>Locality Officer Update</p> <p>The Locality Report was enclosed as part of the agenda pack.</p> <p>C Pieraccini highlighted that applications for Participatory Budgeting close tomorrow, however the deadline may be extended. H McVie-Branley advised that there have been 19 applications received so far for Garnock Valley and 4 for Youth Participatory Budgeting.</p>	Noted
12.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for attending and for their contributions.</p> <p>The Chair also reminded the Partnership that the following reports were submitted as part of the meeting paperwork for information and sharing, as appropriate: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLD Strategic Quarterly Update • TACT update 	Noted

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm