



North Ayrshire  
Community Planning Partnership

## Kilwinning Locality Partnership

Wednesday 19 March 2025, 7.00 p.m. Microsoft Teams

### BUSINESS

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Ask of the Partnership
1.	<b>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.</b>	-	-	Cllr Davidson	
2.	<b>Action Note</b> Review the action note and action log and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 4	Enclosed	Rhonda Leith	Is this an accurate record of the meeting. Have all actions been completed?
<b>DECISION REQUIRED</b>					
3.	<b>Grants</b> Locality Partnership to consider one grant application made to the Kilwinning Town Trust.  <b>Kilwinning Town Trust</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACES Kilwinning</li> </ul>	Pg 8	Enclosed	Rhonda Leith	Locality Partnership to consider one grant application.
<b>LOCAL MATTERS – TACKLING INEQUALITIES</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>7.30 – 8.55 pm</b></span>					
4.	<b>Kilwinning Hub</b> Receive update on work taking place.		Verbal	Sarah Crookston	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
5.	<b>Youth and Education Overview</b> The Locality Partnership will receive an overview from Head Teachers and the Active Schools Team.	-	Verbal	Head Teachers  Active Schools	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
6.	<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 Kilwinning.	-  Pg 10	Verbal  Enclosed	Graeme Gallie  Neil Shearer	Discuss progress, learning and partnership opportunities
7.	<b>KA Leisure</b> The Locality Partnership will receive an update on work in Kilwinning.	-	Verbal	Fiona Comrie	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.

8.	<b>Locality Officer Update</b> The Locality Partnership will receive an update from Louise Riddex, Locality Officer.	Pg 14	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	Receive update and discuss how LP can further support this work.
9.	<b>Review of Locality Planning</b> Receive update on review that is currently underway.		Verbal	Rhonda Leith	Receive update and discuss how LP can further support this work.
<b>AOCB</b>					<b>8.55 – 9.00 pm</b>
10.	<b>AOCB</b>			Cllr Davidson	LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality, the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.

### Distribution List

#### Elected Members

Councillor Scott Davidson (**Chair**)  
 Councillor Joe Cullinane  
 Councillor Mary Hume  
 Councillor Donald Reid

#### Community Representative

Jim Watson, Kilwinning Community Council (**Vice Chair**)  
 Peter Marshall, Community Representative  
 Colin Young, Community Representative  
 Wendy Crighton, Community Representative

#### CPP/Council Representatives

Graeme Gallie, Police Scotland  
 Rhonda Leith, Lead Officer  
 Louise Riddex, Locality Officer  
 Ann Wilson, Third Sector Interface  
 Neil Shearer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

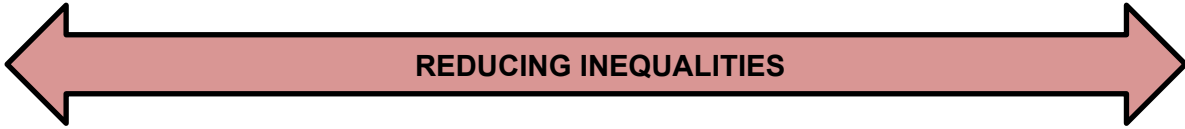
## **Kilwinning Locality Partnership**

**Supporting  
Skills and  
Work**

**Improving our  
Local  
Environment**

**Alleviating Poverty  
and Promoting  
Equality of Access  
to Opportunities**

**Improving  
Community  
Wellbeing**



<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Kilwinning Locality Partnership</b>
<b>Date/Venue:</b>	12 December 2024 at 7.00 pm on Teams
<b>Present:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Councillor Donald Reid - North Ayrshire Council</li> <li>- Councillor Joe Cullinane - North Ayrshire Council</li> <li>- Councillor Scott Davidson – North Ayrshire Council (Chair)</li> <li>- Councillor Mary Hume - North Ayrshire Council</li> <li>- Rhonda Leith - Lead Officer, North Ayrshire Council</li> <li>- Louise Riddex - Locality Officer, North Ayrshire Council</li> <li>- Mark Semple - Police Scotland</li> <li>- Martyn Rae- Active Schools</li> <li>- Scott Morrison, KA Leisure</li> </ul>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stephen McGovern – Senior Lead Officer (Police Scotland)</li> <li>- Neil Shearer- SFRS</li> <li>- Donna Morrison - Manager, North Ayrshire Council</li> <li>- Fiona Comrie - Health &amp; Wellbeing Manager, KA Leisure</li> <li>- Tim Swan - Education, North Ayrshire Council</li> <li>- Gary Moore - Active Schools and Communities</li> </ul>

### ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p><b>Welcome/Apologies/Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed all present to the Kilwinning Locality Partnership Meeting and apologies for absence were recorded.</p> <p>The Chair conveyed his thanks Colin Hedley and Alison Stell, welcomed Jim Watson and Colin Young to the Partnership. The Chair also thanked Cllr Cullinane for chairing the last meeting.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
2.	<p><b>Action Note</b></p> <p>The Lead Officer provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action1- Around funding applications for charitable trust- 2 were awarded to sports club and scout group. Corsehill bid will be discussed later in the meeting.</li> <li>• Action 2- Street naming agreement has been returned to planning colleagues</li> <li>• Action 3- L Riddex will cover in her update.</li> <li>• Action 4- Tim Swan around litter dropping. No update on this yet in Tim's absence. R Leith visited the school to discuss peer led learning around litter dropping.</li> <li>• Action 5- Cllr Reid requested insight from the People's Panel. This will be returned once analysis has been completed.</li> <li>• Action 6- Police will return statistics on Kilwinning.</li> <li>• Action7- L Riddex will update later in meeting on work with D Morrison.</li> </ul>	<b>Noted</b>
3.	<p><b>CIF Funded Project Update – Corra</b></p> <p>Partnership received an update from Gordon McLean and Louise Shaw, on the impact being made since receiving CIF funding.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Getting Alongside Communities project.</li> <li>• Focusing on place-based work across eight communities.</li> <li>• Funded to 2026.</li> <li>• Focus on community leadership particularly key for Kilwinning.</li> <li>• Focusing on priorities, plans and partnerships.</li> <li>• Have created a 'Plan on a Page' for Blacklands that is currently being sense checked with the community to ensure it is user friendly</li> <li>• Provided an overview of the community projects taking place, for example the parent and toddler group, chair-based exercise classes, the community kitty, cooking programme and coffee cake and chat events.</li> <li>• Have also been working with North Ayrshire Communities Team to share information and experiences.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R Leith asked how people from Blacklands are being linked into the Partnership. G McLean highlighted the work of the System Changers around involving new people and increasing reach. Developing the plan on a page has also been a good way to bring people from Blacklands into the wider community plan.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Kilwinning Banking Hub</b>  Receive update on the Banking Hub and the benefits and services that it provides for the community from Lesley Wilson, Cash Access UK.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesley Wilson submitted her apologies and this input will come back to a future meeting.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Community Investment Fund</b></p> <p>The Locality Partnership are asked to consider one Full application, and one Expression of Interest application made to the Community Investment Fund:</p> <p>Full Application: Corsehill Community Association.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L Riddex invited the group to present their application.</li> <li>• The group highlighted the barriers in securing other funding streams.</li> <li>• No playpark in the area or a lot for children and young people to do outside.</li> <li>• Applied for Town Charitable Trust but not enough money in the pot so were encouraged to apply for CIF for the rest of the funds.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Cullinane highlighted the funds were committed previously and it would be good to see the project reach fruition.</li> <li>• Cllr Reid highlighted the true cost of the funding would be much higher and the challenges of securing funding sources for outdoor play. Would be good to add to and progress this project for the future.</li> <li>• At this point the group left the meeting.</li> <li>• ACTION- The Partnership agreed to fund this application.</li> </ul> <p>Expression of Interest - Kilwinning Football Academy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACTION: Apologies were given and the group requested to come along to a future meeting to provide the presentation. This was agreed by the Partnership.</li> </ul>	<p><b>R Leith/L Riddex</b></p> <p><b>L Riddex</b></p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Community Rep Application</b></p>	

	<p>Discussion was held regarding the vacancy for a community representative within the partnership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L Riddex highlighted that a few community reps have stood down over the last year.</li> <li>• Provided an overview of the application from Wendy Crighton.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Reid highlighted that due process had been followed and requested to refresh the current membership list.</li> <li>• ACTION: The Community Planning Team to refresh the membership list that appears on the papers and the email list.</li> <li>• ACTION: The Partnership agreed to bring Wendy on to the Locality Partnership.</li> </ul>	<p><b>CPP Team</b> <b>L Riddex</b></p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Youth and Education Overview</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apologies from Tim Swan, this will be picked up at a future meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Martyn Rae updated on behalf of Active Schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outlined the Report showing activity at end of Term 1.</li> <li>• ACTION- Martyn will share the report across the Partnership.</li> <li>• The Chair thanked Martyn for the work of Active Schools.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue - Wellbeing and Partnerships</b></p> <p>Officers to discuss with the Locality Partnership the key impact of wellbeing and partnership work being carried out by SFRS and Police Scotland in Kilwinning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apologies from Michael Cowan and Neil Shearer. A report will be circulated to partnership members</li> <li>• Mark Semple briefly outlined some of the work taking place across Kilwinning through Police Scotland.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>KA Leisure</b></p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Scott Morrison:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Hub continues at Kilwinning Academy</li> <li>• Activator Bus working with young people and the Livewell Bus is also active.</li> <li>• High demand and referrals from the locality resulted in Active North Ayrshire programme classes being increased, with specific work around hip and knee rehab.</li> <li>• 10 December the sports leaders from Kilwinning Academy supported fun day with 96 participants. It was noted how well the young leaders interacted with all the adults with good feedback from the community. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time Kilwinning Academy has brought pupils to one of these events.</li> <li>• Facilities host clothing donation bins for preloved sportswear shoes and clothes. This has been taking place at Kilwinning Sports Club and are looking for groups to host a pop-up shop.</li> <li>• A short update was provided on the Wellbeing Alliance and work taking place with the Local Employability Partnership in Blacklands including a community workshop focusing on early intervention.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>

10.	<p><b>Locality Officer update</b></p> <p>L Riddex highlighted the report supplied in the papers and provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Held a CIF information workshop in the locality with 5 groups attending. One group have started discussions around applying.</li> <li>• Will book the first Priority workshop in the new year.</li> <li>• Data collection has taken place with Donna Morrison around complaints, however there was nothing related to the locality priorities.</li> <li>• The Community Shed are now in their new premises and are looking at a few buildings for Community Asset Transfer.</li> <li>• Kilwinning Participatory Budgeting detailed in the report- 15 successful locality applications and 5 successful youth PB applicants.</li> </ul>	
11.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>No other business was discussed.</p>	

The meeting ended at 8.02pm

**Locality Partnership:** Kilwinning Locality

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Subject:** To advise the meeting of applications received in respect of the Kilwinning Town Charitable Trust Fund.

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

**Background**

Applications have been received in respect of the Kilwinning Town Charitable Trust Fund.

**Key Points for Locality Partnership**

The balance available for disbursement is bullet pointed below:

- The Kilwinning Town Charitable Trust Fund has a balance of **£3,437.00**

**Action Required by Locality Partnership**

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

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**Date:** 10 March 2025



## \*\*\* TOWN CHARITABLE TRUST

## APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2024/25

**Town Charitable Trust Criteria** - In terms of the trust deed there are 3 purposes for which assistance may be given:

Purpose A - the prevention or relief of poverty;

Purpose B - the provision of recreational facilities or the organisation of recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended; and

Purpose C - the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Previous Town Charitable Trust
ACES, Kilwinning	Assist with relief of poverty by providing an edible community garden with free or low-cost fresh produce to individuals and families experiencing financial hardship. Therefore, items to assist with this project are required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raised bed kits</li> <li>• Fruit trees</li> <li>• Bushes, soil &amp; gardening tools for children</li> <li>• Soil &amp; garden supplies</li> </ul>	£1,606.82	19-20 £709.41 23-24 £1283.86

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

**Finance:** Backup for quotes have been provided. Bank statements and OSCR accounts have been provided.

There is £3,437 available for disbursement within the Kilwinning Trust Fund – sufficient funds are available to disburse the amount requested in the application (£1,606.82).

**Legal:** The funds held in this Trust are primarily for Purpose A, with a small amount held for Purpose C. The Trustees may award grants for Purpose B if more applications have been made for that purpose and the Trustees consider granting funds for that purpose will most effectively relieve need amongst the persons who have applied for or are eligible for financial support.

The Applicant refers to all three Purposes.

Given the reasons stated in the Application, it is my view that this Application meets the criteria of all Purposes A, B and C. The Application can therefore be granted, as it meets one or more of the Trust Purposes.

In addition, the Trustees should also be satisfied that granting of this Application will be a beneficial use of the trust funds. I trust the above is sufficient for your purposes, but please let me know if any further information is required.

**Communities & Housing:** Are satisfied this application meets the criteria under all three categories.



## Kilwinning Locality Partnership

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Subject:** Scottish Fire and Rescue: Wellbeing and Partnership Working.

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

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

### 1. Overview of relevant activity linking to the Locality Priorities, Wellbeing and Partnership Working since the last meeting.

**HFSV's** - Since the last meeting Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) continues to provide the people of the Kilwinning with fire safety advice within their own homes. SFRS has conducted 26 Home Fire Safety Visits throughout the locality. Of these 26 visits, 26.92% of these visits were to the most vulnerable in our community and were deemed high risk. Being High risk means that we will reconnect with the occupant in a years' time and offer to re-visit and provide further advice if required. SFRS receives visits requests from different ways. We receive these direct from the occupant but often we get visits as a result of an operational incident within the property or at a neighbouring home and through our Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) Procedure we provide safety advice and can provide smoke detection if required. Since the previous meeting, we conducted 29 PDIR's within the Kilwinning area. A lot of our referrals are due to our continuous work with partners, and we receive referrals from many different partners including NHS Falls Teams, HSCP North Ayrshire and Hospital discharge referrals.

**SFRS Launching New Service for Partners** – A new service was launched in February 2025 whereby partners referring individuals for a HFSV will now do so using the new online portal. SFRS have written to all Public Sector Chief Executives and Third Sector organisations advising of this. SFRS is committed to protecting personal data in accordance with legislation and therefore can no longer receive referrals submitted via email unless by secure email (Egress). More information can be found on the SFRS website or by contacting local CAT.

HFSV's can be requested from: -

[Home fire safety visits | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service \(firescotland.gov.uk\)](https://www.firescotland.gov.uk)

Phone – 0800 0731 999

**AP1's** - Over the last few months SFRS have made 6 AP1 referrals to social work partners for people who live within Kilwinning. These AP1's can come direct from our operational crews, after encountering an individual whom it is felt that are Adults at Risk of harm or in Need of Support, at operational incidents or from community engagement such as a HFSV.

**SFRS Educational Syllabus** - Has been issued to all schools via email with a 'Syllabus' attached which details the seasonal inputs that SFRS deliver, set periods that each input will be available for delivery by one of our team/crews, the targeted age/year group, and the proposed method of delivery (class/assembly). Topics range from Water Safety, Road Safety, Fire Safety, Bonfire/Fireworks Safety, Deliberate Fire Setting and Anti-Social Behaviour.

**Safety Talks** - Appliance visited Hayocks Nursery for Fire Safety talk and walk around Fire appliance.

Harper house from Saltcoats that is a drug rehab centre for families, brought a group of children with them to visit the station, received a tour of the station and provided fire safety advise.

St Lukes PS, Primary 1 fire safety talk and tour of appliance. Focus on water safety and other roles we undertake for 'People who help us' topic.

Family Visit to station, Shown around appliance, Wildfire Unit and equipment.

Discussed fire safety within the home and new smoke alarm legislation. Crews took time to promote winter safety and advice for discarding smoking materials. This highlights that this is a community fire station, and families and groups are welcome.

Nursery talk to Blacklands nursey and school nursery and primary 1/2/3 fire safety talk and look around the station and fire appliance.

**Fire Skills** – On the 11<sup>th</sup> February saw the completion of our Community Leadership Fire Skills course for pupils at Garnock CC. This was an excellent afternoon as the students demonstrated some of their newfound skills, hose running, BA RTC and CPR to parents/guardians and to some of our senior management team from the Fire service in Ayrshire, alongside colleagues from the school. All attending were suitably impressed by the quality shown by all the young people and the transformation in their confidence from the first day,

All the young people were presented with two certificates, one a British Heart Foundation CPR certificate and one a Fire Skills participation certificate.

The greatest success is that some of these young people have now found a direction in their future with a couple indicating the desire to join our YVS at Kilwinning and a young person deciding to apply for the emergency services courses at the local college in Kilwinning.

**Young Volunteer Scheme** – The YVS at Kilwinning CFS is still recruiting new young people.

The YVS aims to provide a safe, welcoming and enjoyable environment for you people to learn. They do this as individuals and develop positive relationships as they work together.

Our volunteers promote safer communities, while developing skills for life, learning and work. We promote fairness and equality through active participation and engagement opportunities. All the while, gaining a unique insight into life at a working fire station.

The YVS is not about recruiting future firefighters. We can't guarantee further employment on involvement in the Service to members. We can guarantee an offer of as much support and guidance as possible to member with an interest in the Service.

The scheme enhances confidence and inter-personal skills and provides a sense of belonging. As they volunteer, we equip them to become young ambassadors for the SFRS, and role models in their community.

There are currently vacancies at Kilwinning, young people 12-17YO's can apply via the SFRS website. <https://firescotland.workflowcloud.com/forms/a980bdd6-7740-4e7f-ae1e-8422ed29dc06>

**Vacancies Dalry Community Fire Station** – We are currently looking for On-Call firefighters at Dalry CFS. Live within 5mins of the station, Over 18, Physically fit and able to provide 90hours cover spread over the week, this may be the job for you. If you meet these criteria, pop into our station at Dalry on a Monday evening and speak with our On-Call personnel.

[Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Jobs | myjobscotland](#)

## **Looking Forward**

A change in representation from the Fire Service at these meeting, as of the 31<sup>st</sup> March Station Commander Kenny McGuire will be taking over from Station Commander Shearer as he retires from the service.

Home Fire Safety Visits.

CAT liaising with partner agencies (NAC Housing, NAC HSCP) to deliver refresher training on FSET (discussing referral pathways etc)

**Neil Shearer  
Station Commander  
Kilwinning Community Fire Station**

# KILWINNING LOCALITY PROGRESS REPORT Q4 24/25



North Ayrshire  
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**Alleviating Poverty and Promoting  
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**Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities**



**Improving Community Wellbeing**



**Improving our Local Environment**



Action	Who?	When?	Locality Priority
<p>Explore place-based solutions to address skills gaps and recruitment challenges in island communities.</p> <p>Develop appropriate place-based solutions to address barriers to accessing and sustaining employment</p>	North Ayrshire Employability Team	Summer 2025	<p>Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities</p> <p>Improving Mental Wellbeing</p> <p>Increasing Social Inclusion</p>
Support the delivery of the Cumbrae Island Plan and Sub-group.	<p>North Coast Locality Team</p> <p>Senior Islands Officer</p> <p>Community Groups</p>	Summer 2025	<p>Improving Access to Financial Services</p> <p>Increasing Social Inclusion</p> <p>Improving Mental Wellbeing</p> <p>Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities</p> <p><u>Cumbrae Island Plan Action Plan</u></p>
Support volunteering opportunities within the North Coast and Cumbraes.	<p>The Ayrshire Community Trust</p> <p>Active Schools</p> <p>Community Groups</p>	Summer 2025	<p>Increasing Social Inclusion</p> <p>Improving Mental Wellbeing</p> <p>Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities</p>
Continue to engage and work in partnership with local agencies and community groups to address each of the North Coast priorities.	<p>North Coast Locality Team</p> <p>Community Planning Partners</p> <p>Local Community Groups</p> <p>Library Staff</p>	Summer 2025	<p>Improving Access to Financial Services</p> <p>Increasing Social Inclusion</p> <p>Improving Mental Wellbeing</p> <p>Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities</p>

# Kilwinning Locality KPi Stats

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**KPi1 – Number of adults engaged in CLD activity**

**208**

**KPi9 – Number of adults with improved mental health and wellbeing outcomes in CLD activity.**

**84**

**KPi6a - Number of children (under 12) engaged in CLD activity**

**158**

**KPi10 - Number of children and young people with improved mental health and wellbeing outcomes in CLD activity**

**97**

**KPi6b - Number of young people (12 and over) engaged in CLD activity**

**18**

**KPi11 – Number of community groups receiving capacity building support through CLD activity**

**16**

**CC\_09b – Number of volunteering opportunities participated in within CLD**

**99**

**KPi5 - Number of children and young people engaged in family learning through CLD activity**

**40**

## Alleviating Poverty and Promoting Equality of Access to Opportunities

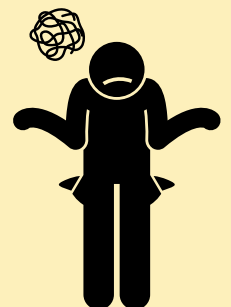


The 2 larders in Kilwinning continue to provide a service in the locality. NAC Funding that was in place for larders for 3 years is due to come to an end. The next Larder Network meeting will be looking at what funding they can apply for.

ASN Youth group runs in Kilwinning on a Mon and a Fri night. These groups are for Young People from across North Ayrshire but are held in Kilwinning, with Young People from Kilwinning attending.



Corsehill Community Association were successful in their national lottery application, and have been awarded £20,000 towards the upgrade their kitchen. This will open up more opportunities for the use of the hall, with a commercial kitchen.





## Alleviating Poverty and Promoting Equality of Access to Opportunities

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- Multiply project have been working 1:1 with individuals, based on their needs. One of the individuals, after receiving some numeracy support, was also referred on to the EQUAL partnership to help her with job applications and work experience to help her secure employment.
- Community Worker has been looking at the possibility of a 'Kilwinning Services Project'. She has spoken to different community partners, as well as internal partner, police Scotland and CHAP. The idea is the hub would be a one stop shop for people who need support with anything from money advice, to housing advice, to help looking for employment etc. Scoping work is continuing and an update will be given when things start moving.
- Corsehill Community Association continue to work away at making the hall more accessible to all in the community. They are providing a range of free events/groups and are planning on more moving forward. They started a Parent and Toddlers Group on 28th January, which now runs every Tuesday and Friday (1pm-3pm) with 25 children currently attending. Attendees pay a nominal fee of £3 that covers the cost of food, and also a contribution towards a trip in the summer. The Christmas Fayre attracted around 235 local residents. 3 breakfast with Santa sessions were held which allowed 150 kids to attend. Feedback was very positive from both the Fayre, and the breakfast with Santa. The Community Association also got funding for the installation of a screen and projector in the main hall. T
- Kilwinning Community Shed have been given temporary use of the of the former job centre situated in the main street. The power has been re-connected, and appropriate building and public liability insurances has being sourced. The group are currently working on upgrading the building, and developing a workshop space for the purpose of the shed starting. They members meeting every Wednesday and Saturday morning for the purpose of cleaning/decorating the space.
- Locality staff are looking at a youth equalities group which will bring Young People with protected characteristics together to discuss/tackle issues relevant to them.

# Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities 6

83 young people have involved in Cyber Activities. 27 have been participating in Cyber Explorers, a digital connectivity programme. The programme helps young people develop essential skills for future careers in cyber security. The programme consists of various challenges and missions, and upon completion, participants earn an accredited SQA award at SCQF Levels 4 and 5.



Multiply project currently supporting 9 individuals on a 1:1 basis on their numeracy/literacy skills. The project also facilitates 3 groups in Kilwinning.


Currently working with/supporting 4 Community Groups with CIF applications. Once the EOIs have been submitted and due diligence checks have been done on my end there will be an EOI meeting to discuss. .



## Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities


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- Maths drop in group has three consistent learners. Work has been done with them to make progress in their learning targets since March on a weekly basis. They all have different goals within their learning and for different reasons.
- Kilwinning Community Shed have been meeting fortnightly in Kilwinning library but now meet in the community shed, in order to discuss establishing the group into a functioning committee and organisation. They have now been granted charitable status after being supported through the SCIO process. They have also drafted a membership code of conduct, which includes group appropriate WhatsApp protocols, that is being used by the committee.
- 4 groups in Kilwinning are currently being supported through the Community Asset Transfer process. All are at different stages. 2 are working on/have submitted their Expression of Interest Forms and 2 have been invited to full application stage.
- A lottery funding workshop for community groups, was held in Kilwinning library on Wednesday 4th December. The session was delivered by Alexandra Krause (national Lottery). The session was attended by 10 community reps. Rosemary Ramsay (NAC) was also available to give advice/support to groups, and some of the groups have signed up to the NAC Funding information email.
- A beginner Guide to Comedy Writing started on Thursday 6th February with 7 learners attending. The course looks at all aspects of comedy writing. Learners will work towards a performance of some form of writing that can be developed. Due to members other commitments the group has been postponed and will restart after Easter.
- Some Young People in Kilwinning have expressed an interest in being part of a Youth Forum so this is something locality staff are looking at.




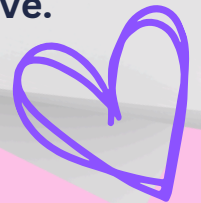
19 pupils from Blacklands PS, and 28 from Abbey Primary have been working on the Bounce Back Your Resilience programme. This is aimed at P6 and P7 pupils. The topics covered in these sessions are:

- 1: What is Mental Health
- 2: Resilience
- 3: Social Network
- 4: Friendships
- 5: Making Decisions
- 6: Self Care/Certificates



Choose Kilwinning committee successfully held their Christmas light switch on event for Kilwinning on Saturday 30th November. The event was attended by 2700 residents. The event included, shows, attractions, santa, market stall, and entertainment. Verbal feedback on the day was very positive.

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Take time Families continues to run with a new family joining the group who has integrated well. They were successful in gaining PB money and this will be used for families to access resources, bringing in external services that may charge a fee.

The group also hope to attend a trip in the Summer but maybe focus on more local areas to keep costs down.





## Improving Community Wellbeing

- **Kilwinning Transition Group runs in Kilwinning Academy every week. All cluster school P7s were invited to attend. At present Martyn from Active Schools coming along with his coaches for 6 weeks for the first 45 mins of the group. For the remaining 45 mins the group then focussing on their support networks and how to utilise this with the changes young people are facing going into the academy.**
- **Stroll with it Kilwinning has 5 new members bringing the group back up to 11. Dynamics in the group are good and they are doing their walk every week.**
- **CLD Celebration event will be held on Thurs 27th March in Ardrossan Civic Centre. This will be to celebrate the work/achievements of groups that are supported by the CLD dept. It will be an annual event moving forward, in line with our CLD strategic plan.**
- **HIVE: Your Resilience Your is a UK-wide programme which supports young people's mental health resilience. Delivered in a range of settings, Your Resilience equips young people with the tools and knowledge to maintain their mental health through life's transitions, both now and in the future. 15 Young People received certificates for this through Ayrshire College.**
- **There have been 4 referrals made from Kilwinning hub based in Kilwinning Library. These included food parcels, referrals to Megan's Space and Family Wellbeing.**







## Improving Our Local Environment

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- Kilwinning Litter Pickers and other community groups continue to carry out community litter picks.
- Streetscene are looking for community groups/individuals to identify areas and plant a tree.
- Eglinton Growers are Continuing to receive support from the Locality Team through sourcing and forwarding relevant grant opportunities to assist with the development of their wellbeing garden, and site upgrades. Locality staff also attends regular monthly meetings and has been providing advise and suggestions on plot holders guidelines.
- The Eglinton Growers committee held their AGM on Sunday 3rd November 2024 which was attended by 35 members.
- The allotment have had issues regarding trees damaged on the line between the allotment and the road. Locality team liaised with Streetscene to have the damaged trees removed.

The group have collectively come together, for a sole vision to save the organisation, and ensure the Christmas lights switch on goes ahead. From the onset the group have formed into office bearers roles and have had a clear commitment to succeed. Meeting regularly, the group have been proactive in delegating tasks, and ensuring appropriate targets have been met. Throughout the process, the group have also maintained a strong community involvement, and kept the public and community partners informed, which has created a collective support. The group have also been proactive in organising sustainable fundraising, through various events and initiatives.

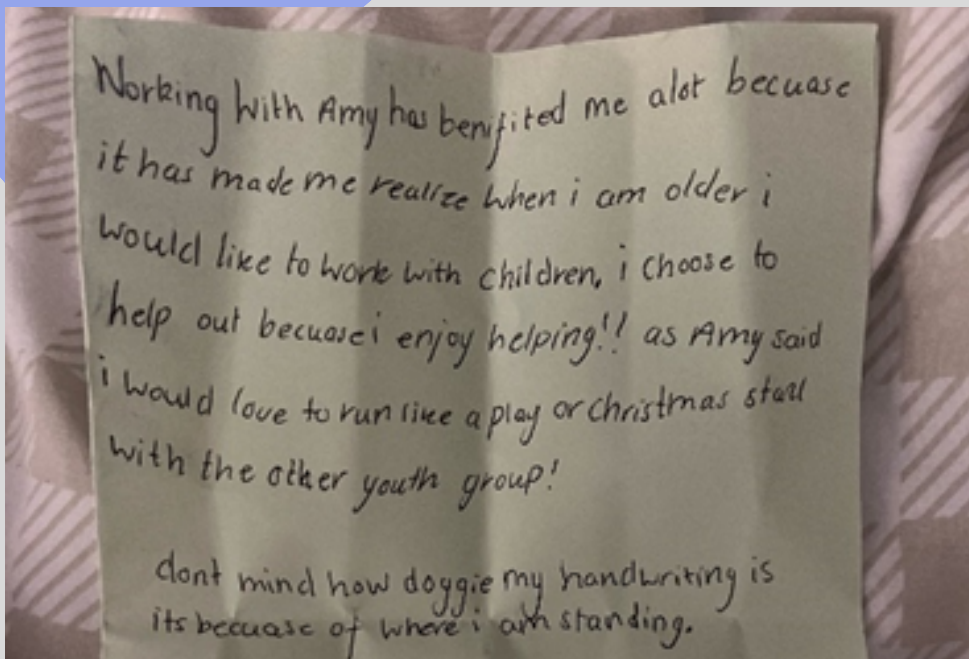


Due to the success of the group, it has given the group a sense of confidence in running future events successfully. This success also highlights the significance of community collaboration and proactive fundraising in overcoming financial challenges and enhancing local community events.



**“We Love, Love Hall!”**

**“I enjoy coming to the group to spend time with my friends, I really like when we do activities like just dance, and I am excited to raise money to go on trips”.**



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