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Meeting:	Kilwinning Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	18 June 2025 at 7.00pm – Woodwynd Community Centre
Present:	<p> Cllr Scott Davidson, Chair Cllr Mary Hume, Elected Member Graeme Gallie, Police Scotland, Senior Lead Officer Donna Morrison, Team Manager, Community Resources Rhonda Leith, Head of Service Louise Riddex, Locality Officer Colin Young, Community Rep Peter Marshall, Community Rep Wendy Crighton, Community Rep Jim Watson, Kilwinning Community Council Martyn Rae, Active Schools Co-ordinator Michael Cowan, Police Scotland Fiona Comrie, KA Leisure </p> <p>In Attendance:</p> <p> Carol Gillon, PRYDE William Duffy, PRYDE Jennifer McGee, Policy & Community Planning Officer </p>
Apologies	<p> Cllr Donald Reid Cllr Joe Cullinane Tim Swan, Head Teacher (Kilwinning Academy) Ann Wilson, TACT </p>

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No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome/Apologies/Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were made and apologies of absence for noted.</p>	
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The Action Note arising from the meeting held on 19 March 2025 was approved and updates on actions were provided.</p> <p>L Riddex advised that she will be liaising with the new Officer from SFRS over the coming week and will report back to the LP at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>L Riddex</p>
3.	<p>CIF Expression of Interest – PRYDE</p> <p>The Locality Partnership considered an Expression of Interest Application made to the Community Investment Fund from PRYDE.</p> <p>The applicants are seeking £97,830 for match funding for a Community Engagement Manager, two part time engagement staff and a contribution to the increased running costs.</p>	

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	<p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRYDE being a great asset to the community • The funding of the current Community Connector. The LP were advised that this role is currently funded until August, however the role has evolved significantly which is why they now require a Community Manager. • That it is great they are looking ahead and building capacity and giving young people skills for the future. • Work is underway with young people to choose a new name that reflects this broader focus. • Great to see that they have been addressing service gaps and are building skills to continue meeting needs in the future. • It is remarkable group has remained active and resilient for the past 20 years. <p>The Chair thanked C Gillon and W Duffy for attending. They both left the meeting at this point.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed that this application should move to full application stage and be brought back to the September LP Meeting.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>L Riddex</p>
4.	<p>Youth and Education Overview</p> <p>There were no representatives in attendance from Education.</p> <p>Active Schools</p> <p>M Rae shared a handout at the beginning of the meeting and provided the Partnership with an update on the work of Active Schools in the Kilwinning area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NASA and Young Ambassador graduation events took place on 30 May • Across North Ayrshire there has been a combined total of 5,000 volunteer hours contributed. • The Move and Improve program provided training for all P6/7 pupils in local primaries, who now help implement lunch rotas and lead activities for P1-4 students. • 100 free clubs ran in Term 3 across Kilwinning, including breakfast, lunchtime, and after-school clubs. • A water sports day was organised for both the Kilwinning and Garnock Clusters. • Collaboration with KA Leisure included a racket sports coordinator delivering badminton taster sessions. <p>The Chair thanked M Rae for his input.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
5.	<p>Police Scotland & Scottish Fire and Rescue – Wellbeing and Partnerships</p> <p>Police Scotland</p>	

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	<p>M Cowan provided the Partnership with an update on the work of Police Scotland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The campus officer continues to do excellent work in the school. Recently they have been delivering sessions on knife crime. • The Prevention and Interventions Officer is also very active in schools, especially around vaping education, and works closely with the community team and trading standards. Recent test purchasing in Kilwinning found no issues. • Regarding parking on Main Street, the team has been actively addressing issues, issuing tickets as needed, with support from parking enforcement officers. • Looking ahead, it is a priority is to maintain a visible police presence in the area to help strengthen relationships between officers and the community. <p>D Morrison asked if officers engage with non-attenders or conduct outreach work. M Cowan confirmed that they do, maintaining connections with Children's House through regular visits, and they are willing to attend any groups as needed.</p> <p>M Cowan advised the Partnership that the team is happy to attend any community events.</p> <p>The Chair thanked M Cowan for his input.</p>	Noted
6.	<p>KA Leisure</p> <p>F Comrie provided the Partnership with an update on the work of KA Leisure in Kilwinning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Activator bus has been providing health checks at Whitehirst Primary, Corsehill Primary, and the Segdoune Gala, with plans to attend some upcoming farmers' markets. • The WBA initiative in Blacklands is progressing well, with strong involvement from multiple partners. • The Funday held on 7 June attracted 300 attendees, with the first hour dedicated to ASN participants (10 people attended). • Another Funday scheduled for 11 July again first hour will be for ASN participants. • The "Me to You" course involved nine young people, with six attending regularly Graduation is set for this Friday, and future volunteering opportunities are being explored as a result. • A Funday is also planned for August at Blacklands Primary. • Weekly free multi-sports sessions are offered at the MUGA on Tuesday nights, though attendance has been low. • Ayrshire College is working to broaden opportunities for sports students. <p>G Gallie commended the inclusive approach to the funday, highlighting its accessibility for everyone.</p>	

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	The Chair thanked F Comrie for her input.	Noted
7.	<p>Locality Officer Update</p> <p>L Riddex advised the Partnership that a full report was included in the agenda pack issued. L Riddex provided the Partnership with an update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The second Discovery Award group for those aged 50 and over has started in Kilwinning, following a waiting list. There are now 12 participants in this new group, bringing the total to 27 over-50s involved. A case study is included in the report, and a few members from the first group are now working towards their Silver Award. • Support continues for the community shed, which is exploring an asset transfer. An open day was recently held during Mental Health Week, several new members joined. • The team's summer programme includes activities at Eglinton Park and Kilwinning Library. • The CLD team will be at Irvine Beach throughout the summer to conduct youth engagement activities as part of the Safer Shores initiative. <p>G Gallie welcomed youth engagement aspect on the Safer Shores work.</p> <p>The Chair thanked L Riddex for her input.</p>	Noted
9.	<p>Review of Locality Planning</p> <p>J McGee advised the Partnership that a report went to the Council's Cabinet in May 2025 on the review of Locality Planning. The recommendations of the report were shaped by the survey responses issued to all Locality Partnership members over summer/autumn 2024, where the majority of respondents were community reps. J McGee also highlighted that there was also an Information Session held late May 2025 where all Locality Partnership Members were invited to attend.</p> <p>J McGee asked the Partnership how they felt about the format and structure of the meeting and what changes to the meeting format, or any other aspects would members like to see going forward.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports being submitted in advance. • Bringing groups together would help everyone recognise the significant amount of work being done locally. • With smaller team, everyone needs to work a bit smarter to allow for more meaningful discussion. • Focus on making the most of everyone's time and local knowledge, identifying gaps, and channelling resources effectively. • There is a need to measure impact and value against priorities to assess the difference being made. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilising collective knowledge, a workshop session focused on priorities would allow community representatives to showcase their work. Ongoing evaluation and follow-up is important. There is a lack of HSCP links and presence at meetings. R Leith highlighted the work J Greenlees is doing with HSCP. Main Street is receiving attention, but more community engagement is needed. Police are doing their best, but it remains challenging. There is a need to focus on specific issues and ensure that partners leave with clear action points. A change in format could help increase community engagement and buy-in. How can we reach those who are typically hard to engage, with support from Local Partnership (LP) members What steps can we take to make it easier and more accessible for people to get involved. Next meeting further discussion in workshops <p>L Riddex highlighted that her vision acts like a golden thread, with subgroups gathering community feedback on issues related to the priorities. This information is then shared through networks and fed into the Local Partnerships.</p> <p>G Gallie highlighted that in another Ayrshire authority, a banking hub hosted Police Scotland and Trading Standards for a day to provide advice on scams. The hub was very busy and served as a central point for the community. The Partnership had strong interest in bringing a similar model to Kilwinning, even monthly and with the involvement of additional organisations. This approach could be an effective way to connect with the community and collect feedback, offering a promising new outreach opportunity.</p> <p>G Gallie agreed to share the regional manager's contact details, who has indicated they are open to both individual and organisational involvement</p> <p>P Marshall asked what is happening with the two buildings at Howgate, the former betting shop and police station. Cllr Hume highlighted that she is working with a business to potentially take over one of the units.</p> <p>G Gallie highlighted that in terms of the Police Station this is part of national estates strategy. It is hoped that there will be some movement on these offices soon. G Gallie undertook to take back comments back and to ask for an update.</p> <p>R Leith also undertook to get information on this area and share an update by email.</p>	<p>L Riddex/J McGee</p> <p>G Gallie</p> <p>G Gallie</p> <p>R Leith</p>
10.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>No other business was discussed.</p>	

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	The Chair thanked everyone for attending and advised that the Roads, Structures and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme 2025/26 report was enclosed for information.	<i>Noted</i>
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Meeting finished at: 8:45 pm