



North Ayrshire  
Community Planning Partnership

## Kilwinning Locality Partnership

**Wednesday 24 September 2025 at 7.00 p.m, Woodwynd Community  
Centre**

### 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	Graeme Gallie	Is this an accurate record of the meeting. Have all actions been completed?
<b>DECISION REQUIRED</b>					<b>7.10 – 8.00 pm</b>
3.	<b>Community Investment Fund</b>  The Locality Partnership are asked to consider one Expression of Interest Application and one Full Application  <b>Expression of Interest:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pathways to Progress</li> </ul> <b>Full Application</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PRYDE</li> </ul>	           Pg 10           Pg 17	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	Partnership asked to consider applications made to the Community Investment Fund.
4.	<b>Grants</b>  The Locality Partnership are asked to consider applications made to the Elderly Grants Fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landwards Old Folks Welfare Committee</li> <li>Kilwinning Burgh Old People's Welfare Committee</li> </ul>	Pg 30	Enclosed	Rhonda Leith	Partnership asked to consider applications made to the Elderly Grants Fund.
<b>LOCAL MATTERS – TACKLING INEQUALITIES</b>					<b>8.00 – 8.25 pm</b>
5.	<b>Locality Officer Update</b> The Locality Partnership will receive an update from Louise Riddex, Locality Officer.	Pg 32	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	Receive update and discuss how LP can further support this work.

6.	<b>Partner Reports</b> Partners will provide the Locality Partnership with updates relating to their services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education/Active Schools</li> <li>Police Scotland</li> <li>Scottish Fire and Rescue</li> <li>KA Leisure</li> </ul>	-  Pg 41 Pg 42 Pg 44	Verbal	Partners	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
<b>FORWARD PLANNING</b>					<b>8.25 -8.45 pm</b>
7.	<b>Meeting Planning</b>  Locality Partnership to discuss meeting topics for forthcoming meetings.	-	Verbal	All	Partnership to discuss meeting topics for forthcoming meetings.
<b>AOCB</b>					<b>8.45 – 9.00 pm</b>
8.	<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 (Senior Lead Officer)  
Rhonda Leith, Lead Officer  
Louise Riddex, Locality Officer  
Ann Wilson, Third Sector Interface  
Kenny McGuire, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

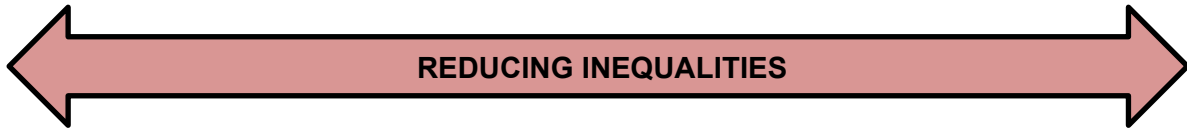
## Kilwinning Locality Partnership

**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>	18 June 2025 at 7.00pm – Woodwynd Community Centre
<b>Present:</b>	<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 &amp; Community Planning Officer </p>
<b>Apologies</b>	<p> Cllr Donald Reid  Cllr Joe Cullinane  Tim Swan, Head Teacher (Kilwinning Academy)  Ann Wilson, TACT </p>

### Action Note ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Welcome/Apologies/Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were made and apologies of absence for noted.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Action Note</b></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><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>L Riddex</b></p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>CIF Expression of Interest – PRYDE</b></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>	

	<p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PRYDE being a great asset to the community</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• That it is great they are looking ahead and building capacity and giving young people skills for the future.</li> <li>• Work is underway with young people to choose a new name that reflects this broader focus.</li> <li>• Great to see that they have been addressing service gaps and are building skills to continue meeting needs in the future.</li> <li>• It is remarkable group has remained active and resilient for the past 20 years.</li> </ul> <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><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>L Riddex</b></p>
4.	<p><b>Youth and Education Overview</b></p> <p>There were no representatives in attendance from Education.</p> <p><b>Active Schools</b></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"> <li>• NASA and Young Ambassador graduation events took place on 30 May</li> <li>• Across North Ayrshire there has been a combined total of 5,000 volunteer hours contributed.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 100 free clubs ran in Term 3 across Kilwinning, including breakfast, lunchtime, and after-school clubs.</li> <li>• A water sports day was organised for both the Kilwinning and Garnock Clusters.</li> <li>• Collaboration with KA Leisure included a racket sports coordinator delivering badminton taster sessions.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair thanked M Rae for his input.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
5.	<p><b>Police Scotland &amp; Scottish Fire and Rescue – Wellbeing and Partnerships</b></p> <p><b>Police Scotland</b></p>	

	<p>M Cowan provided the Partnership with an update on the work of Police Scotland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The campus officer continues to do excellent work in the school. Recently they have been delivering sessions on knife crime.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Regarding parking on Main Street, the team has been actively addressing issues, issuing tickets as needed, with support from parking enforcement officers.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <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>	<b>Noted</b>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>KA Leisure</b></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"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The WBA initiative in Blacklands is progressing well, with strong involvement from multiple partners.</li> <li>• The Funday held on 7 June attracted 300 attendees, with the first hour dedicated to ASN participants (10 people attended).</li> <li>• Another Funday scheduled for 11 July again first hour will be for ASN participants.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• A Funday is also planned for August at Blacklands Primary.</li> <li>• Weekly free multi-sports sessions are offered at the MUGA on Tuesday nights, though attendance has been low.</li> <li>• Ayrshire College is working to broaden opportunities for sports students.</li> </ul> <p>G Gallie commended the inclusive approach to the funday, highlighting its accessibility for everyone.</p>	

	The Chair thanked F Comrie for her input.	<b>Noted</b>
7.	<p><b>Locality Officer Update</b></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"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The team's summer programme includes activities at Eglinton Park and Kilwinning Library.</li> <li>• The CLD team will be at Irvine Beach throughout the summer to conduct youth engagement activities as part of the Safer Shores initiative.</li> </ul> <p>G Gallie welcomed youth engagement aspect on the Safer Shores work.</p> <p>The Chair thanked L Riddex for her input.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
9.	<p><b>Review of Locality Planning</b></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"> <li>• Reports being submitted in advance.</li> <li>• Bringing groups together would help everyone recognise the significant amount of work being done locally.</li> <li>• With smaller team, everyone needs to work a bit smarter to allow for more meaningful discussion.</li> <li>• Focus on making the most of everyone's time and local knowledge, identifying gaps, and channelling resources effectively.</li> <li>• There is a need to measure impact and value against priorities to assess the difference being made.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilising collective knowledge, a workshop session focused on priorities would allow community representatives to showcase their work.</li> <li>Ongoing evaluation and follow-up is important.</li> <li>There is a lack of HSCP links and presence at meetings. R Leith highlighted the work J Greenlees is doing with HSCP.</li> <li>Main Street is receiving attention, but more community engagement is needed. Police are doing their best, but it remains challenging.</li> <li>There is a need to focus on specific issues and ensure that partners leave with clear action points.</li> <li>A change in format could help increase community engagement and buy-in.</li> <li>How can we reach those who are typically hard to engage, with support from Local Partnership (LP) members</li> <li>What steps can we take to make it easier and more accessible for people to get involved.</li> <li>Next meeting further discussion in workshops</li> </ul> <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><b>L Riddex/J McGee</b></p> <p><b>G Gallie</b></p> <p><b>G Gallie</b></p> <p><b>R Leith</b></p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>No other business was discussed.</p>	



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

## Community Investment Fund Expression of Interest Form

*Please see notes on reverse before completing this form.*

<b>Organisation name</b>	Turning Point Scotland (PEAR Service)
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<b>Brief details of organisation</b>	<p>Turning Point Scotland is a third sector non-profit registered charity organisation. We take pride in developing quality services to meet changing needs whilst ensuring that our values remain at the core of what we do.</p> <p>We specialise in supporting people facing the most complex and challenging situations by placing them at the heart of everything we do. We work to overcome barriers to stigma and work in collaboration with partners to meet the needs of individuals. We invest in skilled and passionate staff, and affect change through high quality services, leadership and innovation. We believe that we are investors in people because people matter.</p> <p>PEAR service is a community outreach service that specialises in supporting people who are ready to stop using alcohol or drugs and move forward in their recovery journey.</p>
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<b>Locality</b>	KILWINNING
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<b>Amount Requested</b>		Year 1	Year 2	Total
	Payroll	30,197	31,707	61,094
	Training	906	951	1,857
	Laptop / Phone	570	599	1,169
	Room Hire	8,640	9,072	17,712
	Catering	3,300	3,465	6,765

	National Support Costs	3,271	3,435	6,706
	<b>Total</b>	<b>46,884</b>	<b>49,228</b>	<b>96,112</b>

<b>Timescale</b>	April 2026 (Project Start) 2 years
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<b>Brief Overview of Proposal</b>	<p>This project will be led by Turning Point Scotland in partnership with North Ayrshire ADP, Ayrshire College and the DWP.</p> <p>The aim of the project is to deliver a college course, with Ayrshire College, for people in recovery from drug or alcohol use.</p> <p>The course will enable people to develop their personal and employability skills in a supportive environment with the aim of working towards the job market.</p> <p>We will achieve this by means of creating further education and volunteering opportunities. Further developing our joint working abilities and creating more sustainable ventures in the Kilwinning area for the future.</p> <p>If successful in gaining funding this will largely be invested in a Peer Lead Practitioner. The core focus of this role will be to provide support to people on the course and to the lecturers from Ayrshire College. Additionally, as part of their role they will be expected to help identify appropriate volunteering opportunities for people in the community and provide support to enable people to sustain both their attendances at college and volunteering placements.</p> <p>This course is demonstrative of how we can work together to support skills and work opportunities for people. This also goes a long way towards alleviating poverty for individuals and the community as a whole. By undertaking this course, we can take further steps to enhancing our mental health and wellbeing. This can also play a big part in reducing social isolation, increasing social functioning and alleviating loneliness. These factors combined have a very positive impact on individual's health outcomes and increases our community resources and resilience.</p>
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This model has already been delivered with a very successful first year in North Ayrshire throughout 2024 by Turning Point Scotland, in partnership with North Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership, Ayrshire college, DWP, Connected communities and Minds of recovery.

The first year has produced 13 students successfully completing the course and volunteering opportunities. The project has helped address the inequalities gap in provision and access to further education and volunteering opportunities within North Ayrshire. More specifically around employability support for people in recovery, for those who have been involved in the Justice system and experience many barriers to employment and accessing mainstream college courses.

The 13 students have all benefitted greatly from completing this course in terms of their mental health. Many have seen an increase in confidence, self-esteem, self-belief, self-worth, resilience etc. People have also reported a greater sense of purpose and increased feel proud of becoming more valued in their role within the community and indeed becoming a role model for others in similar circumstances.

This programme will support people to obtain an accredited qualification which could lead to further educational opportunities within the college and the community and increase participants readiness for paid employment.

Additionally, the programme would enable people in recovery to provide peer support to one another, develop their skills and knowledge around mental health, wellbeing and resilience, and tackle issues around poverty and access to meaningful opportunities.

If successful, the project will be delivered within the Kilwinning locality in a community setting. It will be made available to people who live in other localities in North Ayrshire to maximise participation although Kilwinning will take priority.

This course is very sustainable and a key part of the previous year's success was the partnership working and services being involved. This supports the

	<p>community and brings services together, which in turn supports the people who need us. This has allowed people in recovery from alcohol and or other drugs to have an opportunity to go on and complete further studies within a college environment. This course has broken down barriers for people accessing education that they normally would have felt ostracised. A lot of work with our Peer Lead Practitioner was around breaking this barrier and building on confidence so people could make informed choices.</p> <p>We aim to have a minimum of 18 people again starting this course with at least 10 people completing the course and carrying out 20 hours of volunteering placements. The optional choice will be provided for those who wish to complete an SVQ 3 in Health and Social Care.</p> <p>In terms on long term impact this course breaks down stigma for those in recovery wishing to enter into further education and provides a safe space within a college environment in which to do so with Peers.</p> <p>This also benefits services who wish to take on volunteers and more so makes people who felt alone be included in society and ready for the job market.</p>
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<b>Timescale</b>	April 2026-April 2028 (2 years)
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<b>Contact Details</b>	
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**The Community Investment Fund (CIF) will support proposals and projects that:**

- Connect with:
  - The North Ayrshire [Fair for All Inequalities Strategy](#);
  - 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?**

- Groups should have an initial discussion with the relevant Locality Officer. Their contact details are available by emailing [communityplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:communityplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk).
- Initial interest in a CIF application should be via an expression of interest form sent to the Locality Officer. This will be discussed by the LP or an associated working group.
- If the partnership supports a bid then the group will be encouraged to submit a full application form, which they will decide upon before making a proposal to Cabinet for final approval.

<b>Community Investment Fund Checklist</b> To be completed by Locality Officer at expression of interest stage				
<b>Name of Group: Pathways To Progress</b>  <b>Name of Application:</b>				
Item	Yes	No	Not Applicable (give reason)	Comments
Expression of interest coproduced	X			Locality Officer met with applicant to discuss. This project is being delivered in Irvine already, which was funded through Irvine CIF. The aim is to also deliver it to Kilwinning residents, although if all spaces aren't up taken by Kilwinning residents it will be offered to other NA resident (kilw residents take priority).
Link to Fair for All	X			
Link to Locality priorities	X			Community Wellbeing & Work & Skills.
Does not duplicate existing services	X			Not currently available to Kilwinning residents.
Long term impact and sustainable	X			Long term impact - this course breaks down stigma for those in recovery wishing to enter into further education and provides a safe space within a college environment in which to do so with Peers. This also benefits services who wish to take on volunteers and more so makes people who felt alone be included in society and ready for the job market.

				Sustainability is based around how and what people move on to, there is no sustainability for continuing to run the course unless further funding is found.
Evidence of financial viability (bank acct, annual accounts)	X			Last 3 yrs accounts submitted and available to view on request.
Evidence of management arrangements (governance arrangements, officer bearers, organisational objectives, organisational status)	X			Submitted governance arrangements (The Board meets five times a year and consists of up to 15 members; At present we have 12 voluntary directors on our Board. Each Trustee may serve for two periods of four years and then must resign. A succession plan is in place for Trustees, Chair and Vice Chair.) Also submitted organisation chart, memo of association, & certificate of incorporation. All available to view on request.
OSCR compliance	X			Everything up to date on OSCR.
GDPR compliance	X			Policy received
Child protection and vulnerable adults policies	X			Policies received
Measurable outcomes				Outcomes will be measured by the amount of people registered and completing the course, as well as the amount that move on to further education, employment or volunteering.
Any issues flagged in past 3 years		X		
Completed By: Louise Riddex				
Date Completed: 28/7/25				
Please return completed form to the Community Planning Team				



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- 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:

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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

Pennyburn Regeneration Youth Development Enterprise

Postal Address for Correspondence

Name of Contact Person Carol Gillon

Position in Organisation Director

Telephone Number

Email Address

## 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.

*PRYDE bought an unused public house based in the heart of the community just over 20 years ago and were formed 2 years prior to that operating from Cranberry Moss Community Centre.. We are a Scottish not for profit Charity Limited by guarantee . Pennyburn Regeneration and Youth Development Enterprise, in North Ayrshire, combines both the physical and social sides of regeneration, building the capacity of its members to benefit the wider community. A community survey by Pennyburn Community Association indicated a need for a community hub to be established. The main issue that was identified was a lack of services in the area. PRYDE was formed to help meet this demand, guided by the principle that to have responsive and relevant services the community needs to be engaged and where possible have ownership.*

*PRYDE are a recognised "Community Body". OSCR - SC036886/ Companies House SC296519 -*

### *Aim*

*To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Pennyburn and its environs without distinction of sex, sexuality, religious or other opinions by associating the local statutory, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities, or assist in the provision of facilities, in the interest of social welfare for recreation and other leisure-time occupation so that their conditions of life may be improved.*

*Beneficiaries include :*



*Children young people Older people, people with disabilities or health problems, people of any ethnic or racial origin, Other charities and voluntary bodies working in partnership.*

*The Playz opened to the public in March 2012, the result of impressive partnership work with local agencies and ability to attract funding. The building now functions as a community hub, training centre and events venue, hosting everything from exercise classes, senior citizens activities to music tuition.*

*Involvement of the community has been integral to the development of the building, and PRYDE has trained local residents in action research to establish community priorities and enable them to contribute to and have a stake in the design and use of the building. PRYDE's Community Connector then responds to these aspirations and works with the members to deliver a programme of learning and events. We have 2 of the now young adults who began their growth with us as teenagers, undertaking a degree in Community Development at Glasgow University supported by PRYDE. They are supported by the Community Connector who is now in year 3 of the course supported by PRYDE. Many other young participants have developed the confidence to undertake other forms of higher education.*

### 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**

The project will be delivered in The Playz, Pennyburn. As previously mentioned this is owned by the community.

#### **Who is your target audience**

Young people experiencing mental well being challenges

Isolation : for all generations

Children - mental wellbeing, children self-esteem/worth and the communities self-image.

Anti-poverty services, provisions, referrals and support.

Intergenerational & family work to assist age groups understand each other's needs and aspirations.

Who will benefit from it and how

#### **Outcome 1**

*Currently we use music to enhance interests, opportunities and confidence. This project will introduce further music, arts programmes to tackle mental wellbeing and lead to qualifications in music business for those wishing to progress, for others it will become a coping strategy. For others their involvement with the music business may also open opportunities for hands on industry experience, leading to work.*

*"Music has healing power. It has the ability to take people out of themselves for a few hours."*  
- Elton John

*Music can help people manage their "mental ill health" in a strong and positive way.*

*"I think any time I've ever got down or ever felt low the one thing that picks me up from that is writing a song about it. At least you've got a positive experience out of a bad experience."*  
- Ed Sheeran

*"Playing my guitar is my therapy" – Hannah Van Thompson – Van T's*

Registered for weekly sessions – 95 young people

*39 identify as Female, 54 identify as Male, 2 Identify as Non Binary.*

Our last Youth Led Concert – 65 young people attended

*29 identify as Female, 34 identify as Male, 2 Identify as Non Binary.*

**Band factory** (in partnership with Beith Trust, over 2 weeks) – **45 young people**  
*17 identify as Female, 28 identify as Male.*

In the last 2 years – **12 young people** have been supported to access **music based course** at high education. And **2 in community development course** at university.  
*6 identify as Female, 6 identify as Male, 2 Identify as Non Binary.*

**Outcome 2:** Children and young people mental wellbeing, children self-esteem/worth and the communities self-image.

It was evident that our children are feeling the impact of the poverty in the area, self-esteem, hopes and aspirations from 6-year-old upwards was low. Access to activities including family activities has increased for some through the local schools however not everyone takes part. We have been piloting a drop in for 7-10-year olds where we introduced topics through games, discussions and activities. We want to grow this as we believe that by intervening at this stage can impact on the prevention of later mental wellbeing issues. We also piloted a group for primary 6 & 7 to provide confidence and coping methods through group work and peer support. This was a popular group which supported the primary through their transition to secondary school. We work with schools and parent councils.

**7-10 year olds group – 14 young people registered**  
*9 identify as Female, 5 identify as Male*

**P6/P7 group – 26 young people registered**  
*15 identify as Female, 11 identify as Male*

**Easter / Summer family activities – 267 children registered**  
*153 identify as Female, 114 identify as Male*

**Outcome 3;** Anti-poverty services, provisions, referrals and support.

We provide affordable food and free food where needed. We have contact with many of the support agencies including CHAP, Money Matters, 1<sup>st</sup> Alliance and Citrus Energy as well as the local food larder. The provision we offer is not competing with the food larder as it appears to be different people using the Playz. We have recently set up a digital drop in so that people can learn and access various sites/printing and learn

**Digital Drop In** (over 10 sessions) – **12 people registered**  
*12 identify as Female*



**Outcome 4:** Intergenerational & family work to assist age groups understand each other's needs and aspirational.

The provision of intergenerational work will pull all of the other outcomes together to ensure that our people and community is more resilient to current and future situations.

The value of community and increased self-image will result in more volunteers to take forward some of the services in the future.

Wall Mural intergeneration work – Group consultation sessions: Young People 23, Adults 20

Feedback of first draft week – open to public.

15 young people involved in painting wall mural.

#### **Outcome 5**

Isolation is an issue that older people are experiencing however alongside this we found new people to the area also felt a sense of isolation as well as some of the single parents. It is our desire to provide support groups, activities that include them with the wider community, photography and 'What was/is it like to be growing up in a community such as ours'. We will link with other support and information organisations to meet needs that we are not skilled at.

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

Please include:

The outcomes

- *Children and young people have better physical, mental and emotional wellbeing through peer support, family activities and group work*
- *People feeling isolated will have opportunities to engage in a range of activities and services as well as being part of the volunteer group.*
- *Impoverished Families have access to information, guidance and support as well as activities to share experiences with other families. Food can be accessed for those in need of it.*
- *The Adult community will contribute their skills, qualifications and experience to enhance the ability of the community to sustain support to people in isolation, such as the elderly, young people, single parents and single people.*

How you will approach reducing inequality

**Our services will be accessible to everyone, the building had disability access and our staff and volunteers are aware of other aspects within the diversity and inclusion agenda. Alongside this the tackling of poverty and other poverty related outcomes. We have recently undertaken training in Neuro diversity to have a greater understanding of how the environment can better support people who are not neuro-typical.**

- How this proposal fits with the Locality Partnership priorities of 1. Supporting skills and work 2. Improving our local environment 3. Alleviating Poverty and promoting equality of access to opportunities 4. Improving Community Wellbeing.

The PRYDE Community approach has for 20 years, focused on improving the environment, increasing civic pride and community participation and improving access particularly for the whole community, as well as for young people training and learning that builds confidence skill qualifications and self-efficacy in preparedness for work. Where possible the employment of local people will be grown.

Our 3 Year project is designed to help our wider community realise their part in releasing the energy of the people giving them a sense of belonging and ownership within their community



and connecting them with their community through the work, support groups and activities they take part in and produce.

We want to build a strong association with the Locality Partnership, to effectively deliver the three-year programme that could release significant potential and value for community



## **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.

Over 300 people have been consulted through online surveys, inhouse surveys, a comments wall, community mapping and face to face chats. This feedback has been across all age groups and with other organisations.

Involvement of the community has been integral to the development of the building, and PRYDE has trained local residents in action research to establish community priorities and enable them to contribute to and have a stake in the design and use of the building. This engagement is ongoing withing PRYDE to enable us to understand needs and issues that could be delivered with funding support. The continuation of the local communities and the others who use the centre is crucial to the ongoing delivery of meaningful programmes. This level of support would not be achievable by the community volunteering, the volunteering strengthens the activities to meet the running costs of the building such as the cafe, fundraising such as bingo and the key holding for other organisations using the building.

The value of community and increased self-image will result in more volunteers to take forward some of the services in the future.

## **6. How will the project be managed?**

Please include:

How the finances will be managed

The funds will be ring fenced in a credit union account, the salaries and other associated invoices that the funding covers are paid from this account providing a clear statement of the expenditure. This arrangement has been in place for over 14 years and works well keeping ring fenced funding separate from self-generated funds. The treasurer will provide the Board with a up to date cashflow and management accounts and will provide a budget variance quarterly.

Does the proposed project contribute to volunteering or employment opportunities in Kilwinning?

There is volunteering opportunities within the community café, Board and some of the community interest groups such as the sewing group and the Recycled Juveniles. In total we have 15 volunteers who contribute in different ways.



We have two sessional workers who deliver music workshops to young people including Home Schoolers, the two of them were involved as teenagers and have developed their skill with us that has led to employment

Other young people are part of the Youth Board who assist at activities and events and take part in identifying the needs and desires of their peers. For example they were recently involved in ensuring the children and young people had a voice about what the external wall mural should display. They then assisted the artist in completing the wall and supported the children and adults who wanted involved. They are currently assisting the Board to come up with a better suited name for the Company.

If there are any staff requirements, please outline your HR plans

Our HR is carried out by one of our Directors who is responsible for this along with finance in their day to day job.

Support is provided by having membership with Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce if required.

The fulltime employee will be managed by a member of the Board, this has worked for many years.

The full time employee will be responsible for managing the part time staff, they have experience in this through managing the sessional staff

## 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”.

Amount of funding requested (£) **30,290 per year x 3 years = £90,870**

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

Costs over 3 years £90,870 sought from NAC CIF

### Revenue costs table

Revenue costs: activity or item	Year 1: Total cost	Year 1: Subtotal: funding sought from North Ayrshire Council - Community Investment Fund
Community Development Manager including oncosts	£41,500.00	£20,750
Part time Community engagement staff	£14,040.00	£6,540.00
Contribution to Overheads	£8000	£3000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£63,540</b>	<b>£30,290</b>

Year 2

Total Cost: £78,540 Funding from NAC CIF £30,290

Year 3

Total cost: £79,540 Funding from NAC CIF £30,290

Overall cost: £190,620 Funding from NAC CIF £90,870

Total operational cost of around £22,000 per year the remaining £14K will be met by PRYDE through fundraising and the community café.

## **8. Monitoring and evaluation process**

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

PRYDE have successfully managed the evaluation and monitoring of a wide range of funded programmes including numerous Big Lottery funds. We are highly successful in sharing our programmes and outcomes within social media and word of mouth. We regularly collect user statistics, comment from local people and groups and write monthly reports on the variety of groups and organisations we have supported. We will report against the 5 Outcomes and also against weekly outputs, the work undertaken during all school holidays and staff development days and produce an annual joint report.

We produce a report titled PRYDE by Numbers which shares in detail the participation in the programmes, events and activities each year.

Budget table

Pennyburn Regeneration Youth Development

Project start date

Add your approximate project start date to cell

01-09-25

Revenue costs table

Revenue costs: activity or item	Year 1: Total cost	Year 1: Sub total: funding fromNorth Ayrshire Council - Community Investment Fund	Year 2: Total cost	Year 2: Amount from Sub total: funding fromNorth Ayrshire Council - Community Investment Fund	Year 3: Total cost	Year 3: Amount from Sub total: funding fromNorth Ayrshire Council - Community Investment Fund	Total	Sub total: funding fromNorth Ayrshire Council - Community Investment Fund	Other funding required
Community Development Manager including oncosts	41,500.00	20750	41500	20750	41500	20750	124500	62250	62250
Part time Community engagement staff	14,040.00	£6,540.00	£14,040.00	£6,540.00	£14,040.00	£6,540.00	42120	19620	19620
Contribution to Overheads	8,000.00	3000	£8,000.00	3000	8000	3000	24000	9000	15000
Total	63,540.00	30,290.00	63,540.00	30,290.00	63,540.00	30,290.00	190,620.00	90,870.00	96,870.00



**Locality Partnership: Kilwinning Locality**

**Date: 24 September 2025**

**Subject:** To advise the meeting of applications received in respect of the 2025/26 Elderly Grants Fund.

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

**Background:** Applications have been received in respect of the 2025/26 Elderly Grants Fund.

**Key Points for Locality Partnership**

- The 2025/26 Kilwinning Locality Elderly Grants Fund has a balance of **£6,463**.

**Action Required by Locality Partnership:**

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

**For more information please contact:** *Angela Morell, Senior Manager, Connected Communities, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Cunninghame House, Irvine.*

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**Date: 26 August 2025**

**ELDERLY GRANTS FUND  
APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2025/26**

**Grant Allocation for Kilwinning LPP Area                    £    6,463**

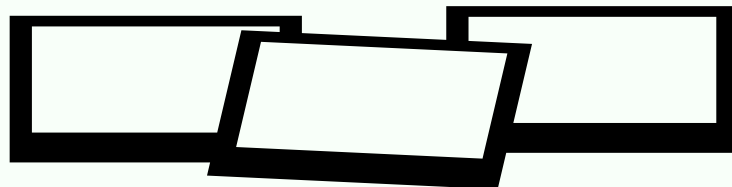
<b>Group</b>	<b>Purpose of Grant</b>	<b>Grant Allocated to Group</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
Landward Old Folks Welfare Committee	Contribution to over 65's for two Christmas Dinner and entertainment Blacklands Bowling Club.	£    3,447	£            3,447
Kilwinning Burgh Old People's Welfare Committee	Reminder sent – No Response	£    3,016	£            -
		<b>TOTAL</b>	£            3,447



# Locality Partnership Progress Update

## Poverty/Financial Inclusion

- 2 events took place over the summer offering free activities for whole family total of 344 people attended these 2 events
- NEC attended summer program events to help under 22s apply for free travel passes. They were also able to replace lost cards.
- CLD organised a Community Sheds funding Workshop which took place on Wed 30<sup>th</sup> July in Kilwinning Library. The session covered funding opportunities for CAT's, Members Welfare Opportunities, and Projects. The session also discussed how to run successful Just giving fundraising opportunities. The session was delivered in partnership with Rosemary Ramsay (Funding Officer), with 12 attendees from 6 different Sheds across Ayrshire

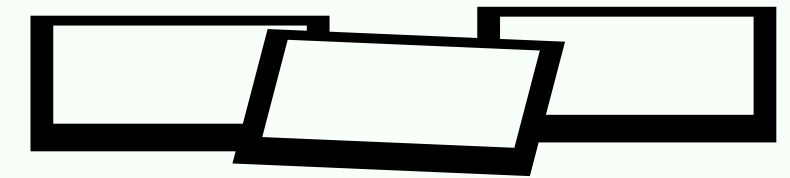


## Health and Wellbeing

- Both art groups are running at capacity 12 participants in each, enjoying the therapeutic benefits of painting most have been continuing painting at home as it allows them to switch off from the world.
- Discovery award group with 12 participants all enjoying the program and helping with issues such as social isolation, relieving poor mental health, giving participants purpose
- Youth group – 8 young people attending each week and thoroughly enjoying coming to group being allowed to plan activities and have their voices heard. Meetings set up with schools to promote next block.
- The Travel Smart Programme team have had regular weekly health walks; supported a walking event at Ayrshire College after training their staff member as a walk leader; carried out a series of cycling activities and Nordic Walking sessions at Ayrshire College; provided 7 Trinity on the move, active travel information hub sessions at the Library.

## Regeneration and Increasing Civic Pride

- Kilwinning Locality Team supported a North Ayrshire wide initiative on the Safer Shores. This involved staff doing detached youth work sessions on Fri & Sat nights throughout the summer holidays. All took place at Irvine beach and surrounding areas.
- In order to raise awareness of Kilwinning Community Shed CLD facilitated a visit from Ruth Maguire MSP (6<sup>th</sup> August) to meet the Shed members, and to see the community projects they have been working on. Importantly the visit was to raise awareness of the challenges faced in looking for a permanent home for the Shed whilst waiting on the outcome of the CAT application. Ruth has kindly offered to provide support, and also provide a comment for a Press Release by the group. Also organised a visit from the Provost which took place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August.



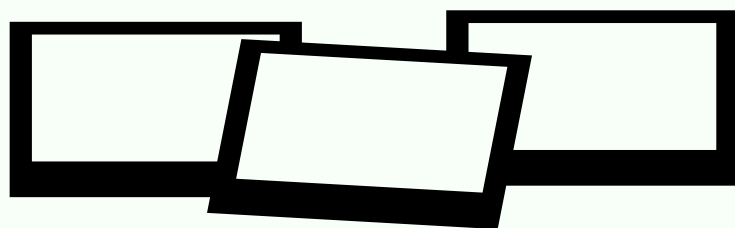




# Locality Partnership Progress Update

## Poverty/Financial Inclusion

- Community Ladders continue to run at present in Woodwynd and Cranberry Moss. Numbers have dropped at Woodwynd so CLD are currently exploring options with them.
- Active Schools have provided 98 free sporting opportunities across all schools in Kilwinning for the previous term. Active Schools have also started plans with the Kilwinning Wellbeing & Employability Pilot to improve community wellbeing in the Blacklands area
- Corra have been successful in offered funding support via System Change group to Minds of Recovery to provide a drop in support service for those in recovery or wanting to be in recovery. These sessions will start soon in the town centre area.



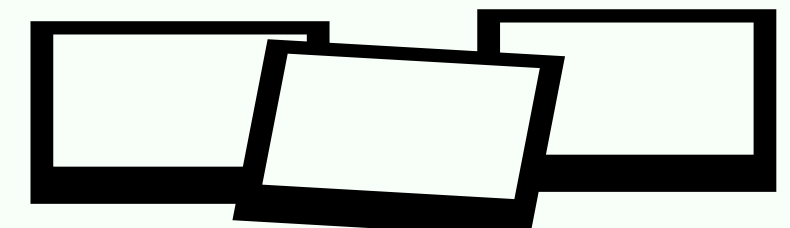
## Health and Wellbeing

- Discovery award 1 – 14 people over the age of 50 have completed Silver and Bronze awards. This group continues to give adults an outlet to learn new skills, socialise and travel to new places improving wellbeing outcomes.
- Love hall youth group- 8-14 young people from S1-S4 attend weekly. We have created a safe space for young people to be themselves.
- Take time families – Continues to thrive as a group. Supporting families to build positive wellbeing toolkits. Continued support through summer with a trip to Caulder glen.



## Regeneration and Increasing Civic Pride

- No knives better lives campaign – CLD are working in partnership with ACES to arrange the campaign to be piloted in Kilwinning in response to recent knife crime within North Ayrshire.
- Kilwinning Community hub – Sarah continues to work on this in the background. She has still to finish writing proposal and engaging with partners to bring this to fruition.





# Locality Partnership Progress Update

## Poverty/Financial Inclusion

## Health and Wellbeing

## Regeneration and Increasing Civic Pride

- The Library hosts many groups that promote community well-being - Louise from CORRA runs chair based exercises every Tuesday morning, Jan runs a Gentle Exercise Class every Wednesday, the NHS runs monthly Diabetes Support sessions, and weekly Smoking Cessation sessions. Carer's Gateway runs weekly Drop-in support sessions and a monthly support group. Healing Hearts Bereavement Support group runs 2 session weekly. Macmillan Cancer Support offer support sessions on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month in the Library and there is a Hearing Aid Clinic monthly in the Library as well as free access to Hearing Aid Batteries. NADARS also hold weekly sessions in the Library on Fridays for their Clients. We also run social groups to help support people's mental well-being, we have a weekly knitting group and monthly we have 3 book groups. There is also free access to Period Products at the front door to the Library.

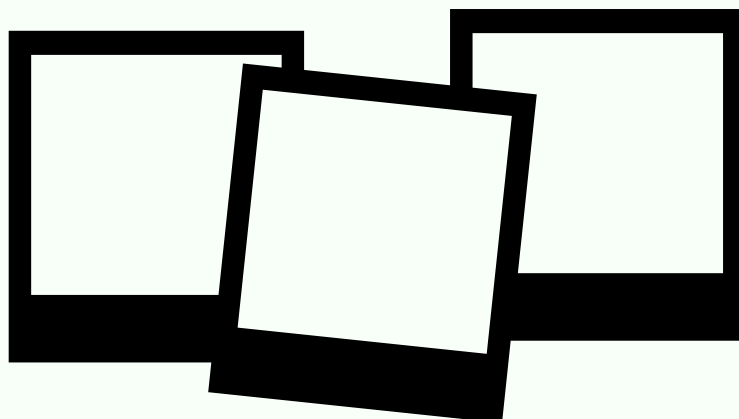


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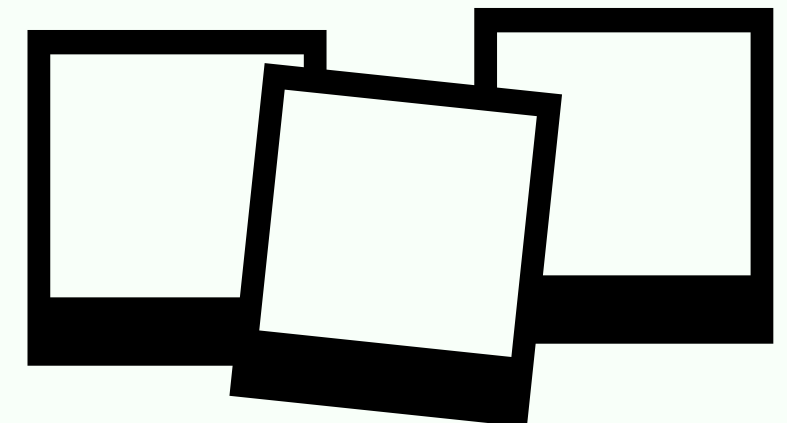
## Poverty/Financial Inclusion

## Health and Wellbeing

## Regeneration and Increasing Civic Pride



- Kilwinning Champions Board - Provides a Safe and Supportive Space Creates a welcoming environment where young people can share experiences, reduce isolation, and feel heard—promoting emotional wellbeing. Boosts Confidence and Self-Worth Involvement helps young people feel valued and empowered, which supports positive mental health and resilience. Encourages Healthy Relationships and Peer Support Builds strong social connections and trust among members, reducing loneliness and promoting mutual encouragement. Promotes Positive Lifestyles and Access to Support Offers access to information, role models, and services related to mental health, physical wellbeing, and healthy choices.
- KA - Delivery of Health checks at the Family Fun days on 7th June at Kilwinning Academy and 11th July at Kilwinning Sports Club. Both days offered fun activities and sports tasters for young people and also provided health checks for adults, CPR demonstrations for both adults and children. The KA Leisure Activator mobile health unit attended Corsehill Primary School on 13th June delivering health based games and activities for young people. Iso attended the Ayrshire College staff wellbeing day on 23rd June, Kilwinning Library fun day on 15th July and Picnic in the Park on 7th August





# Locality Partnership Progress Update

## Community Engagement/Participation and Voice

- Community Development Team designed poster and distributed it locally and within groups/community centres and library to raise awareness of Kilwinning Community Council and encourage local people to come along to meetings. 16 people attended last meeting due to this engagement.
- PB –Applications are now open. We have 6 community reviewers in place for Kilwinning with 3 people new to the role. CLD is supporting them to review applications and work their way through the process
- In order to gain community feedback on the Kilwinning Locality Partnership Priorities there is currently an online consultation through MS Forms running. It has been promoted through social media, in the library, and centres. It was also promoted at the Kilwinning summer programme events. Currently there are 10 completed surveys.

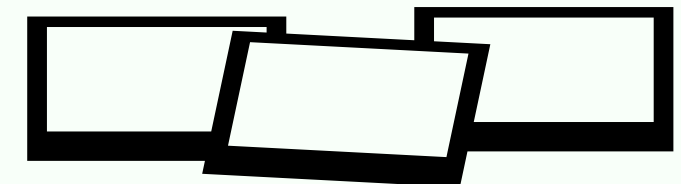


## Work and Skills

- Transferable skills gained within Art groups such as, time management, improved focus and concentration, enhanced fine motor skills, developed understanding of colour theory and basic painting techniques.
- Transferable skills gained from attending discovery group such as teamwork, communication, problem solving, resilience and motivation, self management, social intelligence and meta skills. Plus, skills from joining new groups each are different and working on their own journey.
- Sewing Machine Training Classes are taking place with CLD in partnership with the Library. The course started on Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> July, and has been running for 4 weeks. Attendees have come from Kilwinning Community Shed, with 8 attendees (6 ladies and 2 men). The next steps will be to draw up an agreement for the sewing machines to be used by the members of shed as part of a loan agreement.

## Climate Action and Local Environment

- Kilwinnings' 2 Discovery award groups joined together to take part in Climate Action workshops. There were three workshops in total over the summer period,. Group participants are now thinking about their climate actions and what they could do within the local community to spread the word. Kate from NAC shared funding that is available for them to apply for and all seem keen to do this as it will also benefit their discovery folio
- Streetscene have carried out ongoing Maintenance of Wild flower Meadows and War memorial planting, continued support to community groups with environmental issues to include litter picking, adoption of flower beds and planters around the Kilwinning Locality.. They have also continued to support the angling club to control invasive plant species.







# Locality Partnership Progress Update

## Community Engagement/Participation and Voice

- Kilwinning Older Peoples Voice have been meeting as a group, with the CLD worker, every two weeks (Thursday 11am-1pm) to develop an understanding of the purpose, and work on some actions for development. The group have adopted the name Kilwinning Vintage Voices, and are working towards hosting a Brew and Blether event on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> September to encourage new members and have engagement with older people in the community.
- Corra have been We have been working with several community members on a community vision, what changes they would like to see. We have been working through their ideas to see what actually can be done and if they need help with action, trying to support them to contact the appropriate person. This is going quite well, there has been a slight stall with finding someone at NAC who can support the group around building accessibility.

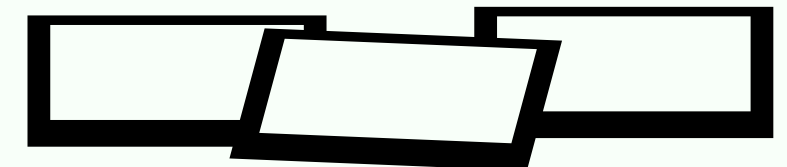
## Work and Skills

- The Library runs the Study Spaces scheme which gives students places to use to study with free Wifi, printing, photocopying and help from staff if required. At present they have a student who is volunteering at Kilwinning Library to get some work experience. They have Device Advice sessions available on Fridays and the Library service has computer Buddies who can work with people develop basic computer skills. The Library staff have also helped people to use websites such as "My World of Work" to build CVs and signposts customers to other services such as CLASP and the Redburn Centre for classes on computer use. The Library also hosts many Extended Outreach sessions each week to support learners. They also host Enable Employability and ESOL with their learners.



## Climate Action and Local Environment

- Choose Kilwinning are currently looking at becoming the first town to have Christmas lights that are solely powered by solar power. The committee held a public meeting (14 attendees) on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to discuss it with the community groups/residents that were in attendance. An application for the UK Shared Prosperity fund has been submitted. Kilwinning Community shed are working in partnership with the group to design Alternative Christmas for the main street, and have already started creating decorations for the trees.
- Streetscene have been carrying out ongoing Maintenance of Wild flower Meadows and War memorial planting. They have also continued support community groups with environmental issues to include litter picking, adoption of flower beds and planters around the Kilwinning Locality.





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# Locality Partnership Progress Update



## Community Engagement/Participation and Voice

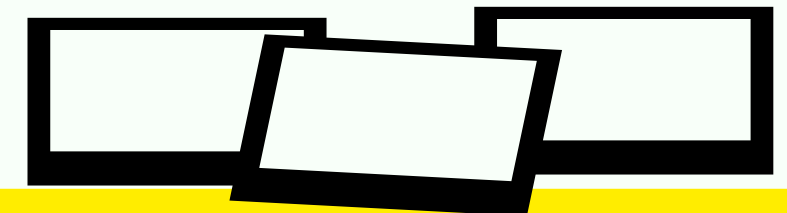
- Chair based exercise sessions continue to be popular with 18 participants, this has been a real change in social connections with strong friendships and bonds being made from this.
- Community Afternoon Tea Dance - aim is to hold these quarterly . The volunteers have really grown in confidence and are doing more and more in the way of planning and delivery of this event, with partial support from corra staff. Due to support of a local business giving a discounted rate on food and by hosting a raffle, the group can keep the prices low at £6 per person, which includes a full afternoon tea, refreshments and live entertainment. This event has been repeatedly sold out and the group have sold all 60 tickets for the next event at the end of August . Local sheltered housing complex Hawthorn and West Doura are regular participants and have commented how much getting out and being in amongst others means to them, listening to old songs and singing along, sometimes dancing too .

## Work and Skills

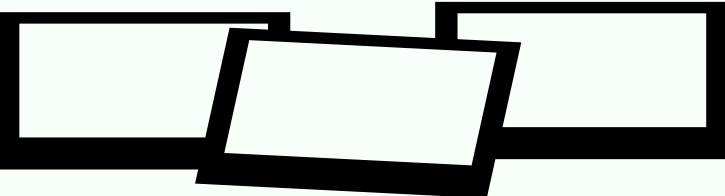
- Active Schools have successfully graduated 11 NASA students from Kilwinning Academy. These 11 pupils will graduate with a wide-range of sporting and non-sporting qualifications such as football, badminton, table tennis etc, as well as trauma training and first-aid.
- 41 young people have participated in work experiences within the local area as part of the Developing the Young Workforce programme.
- KA Leisure delivered a pilot project called 'Me to You' targeting young people not in employment with various partners including DWP, Ayrshire College, CHAP and CEIS to promote employability and wellbeing within a targeted area in the Blacklands. The 8 week course took place at Kilwinning sports club. During the final week a family Fun day was organised on Saturday 7th June at Kilwinning Academy. Partners attended the fun day to promote employability opportunities and health checks were delivered by KA Leisure. There were various fun activities for young people including bouncy castles and sports tasters.

## Climate Action and Local Environment

- On 18 March 2025, Cabinet approved additional funding of £198,000 to support the conservation repair works to Kilwinning Abbey Tower. The works are being project managed by the councils PMI Services.
- Active Travel team Completed the Links to Eglinton Active Travel Route; Completed the improvements to McGavin Park Active Travel Route; Assisted Abbey Croft Care Home to obtain funding for the installation of a cycle shelter and arranged for the works to be completed; Installed 18 pedestrian crossing points in the Pennyburn area; Provided funding for the removal of steps at Pennyburn Bridge.
- The Outside space at the Library is giving the North Ayrshire Healing Hearts bereavement peer support group the space to have a Remembrance Garden.



## Community Engagement/Participation and Voice



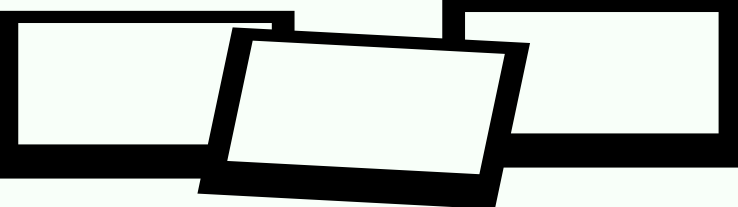
## Work and Skills

- Corra have been providing volunteer opportunities, currently there are 10 active community volunteers. A lot of support was required at the start of some of the projects to help build confidence and skills in individuals however they are now at a stage where groups either run without support or events are happening with reduced support from staff..



## Climate Action and Local Environment

- Education have been doing Litter picking on a weekly basis at McGavin Park.
- NAC Climate Team Attended Kilwinning Flower Show and gave out free pollinator plant packs as part of the North Ayrshire Nature Network. Choose Kilwinning and Corsehill Community Centre Association will be collecting 100 plants each. We will also be delivering packs to Woodwynd Larder, Kilwinning and the Seed Library at Kilwinning Library will be getting seed packets.





## Kilwinning

## Community

## Events

Picnic in the Park was another successful event in McGavin Park on August 7th. The PB money the group receives is used towards this event covering free adult and children's entertainment, first aid as well as public liability insurance, licence etc.

The paperwork has started for the Kilwinning Community Fireworks - Fireworks in the Park on Wednesday 5th November.

To give you an idea of how much things costs

Last year our public liability insurance for the night cost around £800 and this year the quote is £1250.

We need this to open and receive a licence from the council £374.

We then have the traffic management, the stewards and the first aid all there for public safety and a vital part of the event.

We have a PA system in the event of an evacuation again all part of the vital requirements of running a safe event.

Yes we have the nice extras like bins to put rubbish in and portable toilets but infact they are requirements before we can open.

The actual key part of the event is just half of these other costs - for the Fireworks.

We want to maintain a great show and don't want to cut back on this spend.

We know the kids love the extra fire act and this year the fairy is back, we know parents appreciate these extra activities as it saves the kids getting bored.

We know everyone can't afford a set fee to get in and that quite literally folk can get in anyway if they want to.

We would rather people were in the park rather than standing outside on a pavement where we feel safety is compromised and we you ate blocking the access route to the Park. Plus, this would add to the stewarding costs and volunteer pressure plus delays on the access.

Even a few more volunteers on the night on the night helping with buckets or being on the safety line or manning a road closure will help save money and ensure the safety of so many visitors. send us a pm via Kilwinning community events Facebook page if you could help.

The repairs to the bouncer are now complete that the group received costs towards the new gearing, the council has now advised us that the zip slide requires some new spares with £1500 being an approximation. We are looking at how we might fund these spares.





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# Active Schools Locality Partnership Meeting - Kilwinning Locality



## Priority 1 Supporting Skills and Work

### Leadership Programmes

Nasa- S5-S6  
Young Ambassadors- S1-S6  
Active Fitness- S5-S6  
Active Girls- S3-S6  
Climb - S5-6  
Move and Improve - P6-7  
Team Inspire - S6 and beyond

### North Ayrshire Sports Academy

NASA phase one starts Sept 3rd - 8th Oct with Irvine and Kilwinning

### Young Ambassador's

YA Conference 9th Sept, Portal

### Active Girls

Team building night 4th Sept, St Matts  
S6 Residential Gowanbank 17th Sept

## Priority 2 Improving our Local Environment

### Outdoor Local Events

All of our Kilwinning Cluster events take place in a central, walking-distance venue to ensure all schools have the chance to walk to our events in an environmentally-friendly manner, i.e. Kilwinning Academy or Kilwinning Sports Club

We work with the local schools to utilise the outdoors when being active i.e. Cluster sports tournaments, Blacklands Primary's walking and cross country groups, and Kilwinning Academy's SSR group using Kilwinning Sports Club and McGavin Park.



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## Priority 3 Alleviating Poverty and Promoting Equality of Access to Opportunities

### Gowanbank Activity Day

In partnership with the Young Carers Team several young people took part in a summer opportunity at Gowanbank, which involved Abseiling, Tree Climbing and Archery. As well as trying new activities this gave them an opportunity to meet peers from other localities creating new friendships.

### Craufurdland Activity Day

Several young people from the Health and Social Care Partnership attended a day visit to Craufurdland Estate where they took part in a High Wire Course, Crate Stacking and Archery. These activities were well received and will continue to support individuals into more frequent activity beyond this opportunity.



## Priority 4 Improving Community Wellbeing

### For 2025-26 Year:

### Community Events

We have 8 local Cluster events planned, consisting of Football, Netball, Girls-Only Football & P7 Transition Football for all the 7 Kilwinning Primary Schools.

### North Ayrshire Events

10 primary and 7 secondary events are planned across North Ayrshire, giving schools and pupils the opportunity to represent their school on a wider scale.

### Active Schools & Communities Partnership Officer (ASCPO)

### Update

Active School's ASCPO and Kilwinning Co-ordinator are working with Kilwinning Academy to provide a residential experience for care-experienced pupils of Kilwinning Academy, planned for October.



## Kilwinning Locality Partnership

**Date:** 24/09/2025

**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. Supporting Skills and Work
2. Improving our Local Environment
3. Alleviating Poverty and Promoting Equality of Access to Opportunities
4. Improving Community Well Being

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

Kilwinning Crews have attended several events since last meeting such as ;

- Syrian family fun day at Eglington Park on Monday 18th August We attended with Police Scotland and met with people who are now living in the area, showing them equipment, talking about fire safety in the home and providing leaflets with water awareness information. This was all organised by the NA council/ Cummingham housing association.
- Crews have carried out 46 High/Very High Risk Home Fire Safety Visits since the last meetings. If required referral paperwork (AP1) would have been sent to social services by individual crews via SFRS Community Action Teams.
- Various local groups using community room within Kilwinning Community Fire Station. NHS Midwives, NHS Group for new mothers, Respiratory support group , local Dads group visiting station with kids. Several youth groups attending for visits.
- Kilwinning Youth Volunteer Group that meet on Wednesdays attended a residential trip to Arran.

### 2. Asks of the Locality Partnership

Nothing a time of report. Crews will be liaising with schools to arrange firework/bonfire safety talks over coming weeks on lead up to season.

**Name - Kenny McGuire**

**Title - Station Commander**

## Kilwinning Locality Partnership

**Date:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**Subject:** KA Leisure

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

1. Supporting Skills and Work
2. Improving our Local Environment
3. Alleviating Poverty and Promoting Equality of Access to Opportunities
4. Improving Community Well Being

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

(Improving Community Wellbeing)

The KA Leisure, Activator mobile health unit provides a valuable service of health checks and lifestyle advice within the heart of local communities. Over the summer months our programme of visits included attendance at various locations within the Kilwinning locality which included: a Staff Wellbeing Day at Ayrshire College, Corsehill Primary school health week, Kilwinning library Fun Day, Picnic in the park.

*"After a health check with KA, I went to the GP for a follow up cholesterol check. This evidenced a serious blood condition which is now getting treated. Thank you, you could have saved my life."*  
Activator Participant

As part of the Active North Ayrshire physical activity on referral programme we continue to deliver a Hip & Knee class within Kilwinning Sports Club. Participants can be referred to the class by a health professional for either prehabilitation, to continue a programme rehabilitation after surgery, or for management of general MSK conditions relating to the hip or knee joint.

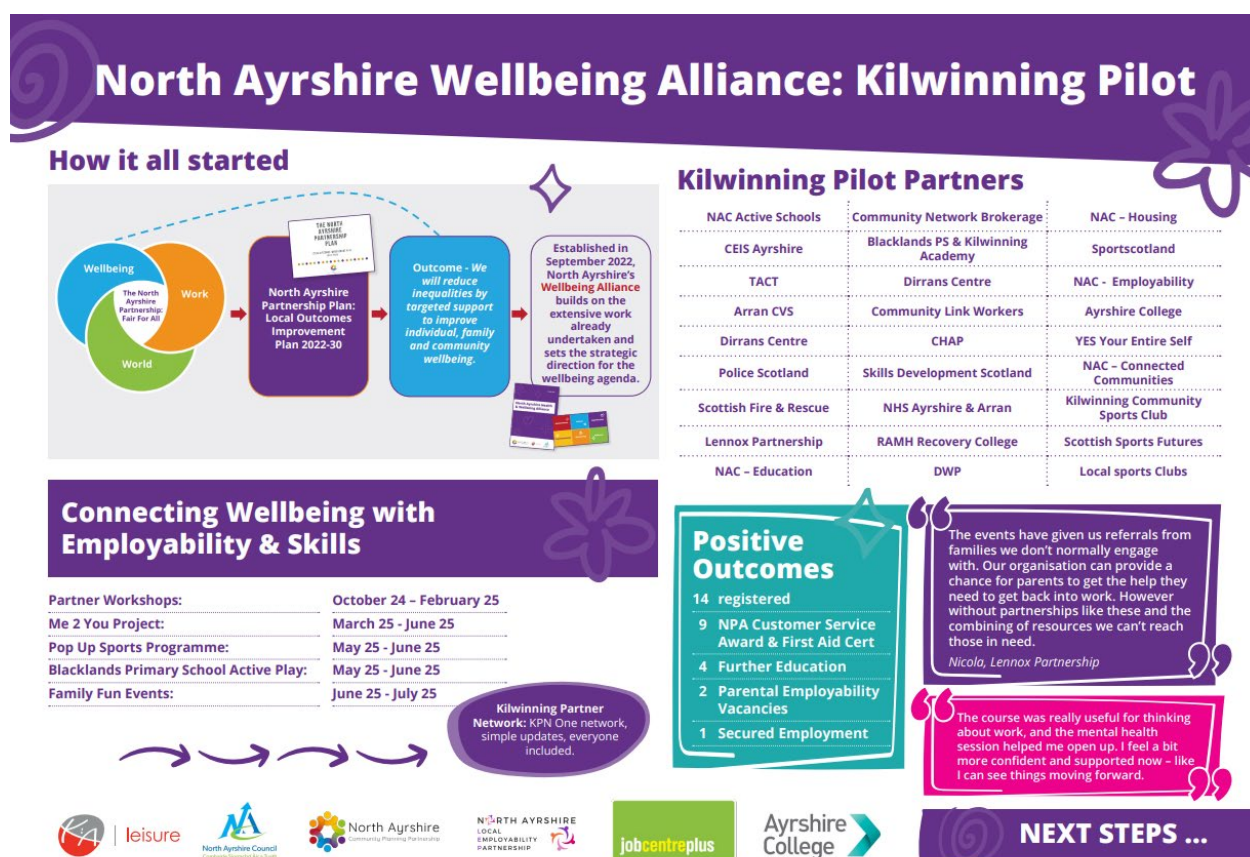
The annual Active North Ayrshire (ANA) Summer Games in June engaged both ANA and Community participants from across North Ayrshire and was supported by Kilwinning Academy Sports Leaders who gained experience working with older adults. The young people who attended were praised for the quality of delivery, level of effort and engagement with the older adults attending the event.

## North Ayrshire Wellbeing Alliance –

Established in September 2022, the Wellbeing Alliance is part of North Ayrshire's Community Planning Partnership's efforts to reduce inequalities and improve health and wellbeing across our communities.

Aligned with the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) for 2022-2030, the Alliance focuses on the 'Wellbeing' priority—working alongside local partners to provide targeted support that strengthens individual, family, and community wellbeing.

## Kilwinning Pilot: Connecting Employability & Wellbeing



### (Supporting Skills and Work)

The pilot identified a specific locality within North Ayrshire - Kilwinning, targeting around 450 households in Kilwinning West / Blacklands. By integrating wellbeing and work, it gave people access both to community and health activities and to practical pathways into skills, confidence, training and employment.

8 individuals have completed the ME to YOU employability course which combined a formal qualification in customer service along with wider wellbeing and job seeking support. The course was delivered in collaboration with partners including NAC Employability, Ayrshire College, CEIS and others.

(Alleviating Poverty and Promoting Equality of Access to Opportunities  
Improving Community Well Being)

Blacklands Primary School has been used as a hub/ venue to deliver activities for both young people and parents:

- Family Fun afternoon to welcome new families to the school in August
- Weekly Active Play Sessions with Primary 1 pupils and parents promoting physical activity.
- Use of the Portable Pitch to offer a dedicated resource for PE and play sessions.
- MUGA Street Sport Project – 8-week diversionary programme within the community offering street sport activities to young people.
- The KA Community Sports Team is currently delivering a 4-week block of racquet sports to children to young people within Early Years at Blacklands Primary School.

Various activities were programmed over the summer holiday period:

- Free places were offered at Inspire camps to all pupils within Blacklands primary school and to families who are currently being supported through North Ayrshire Health and Social Care partnership. 30 places were booked at various camps for young people from Blacklands Primary school with 16 attendances. 6 families attended camps through referral from North Ayrshire Health & Social Care
- In partnership with the Active Schools Team a P7 transition sports camp was programmed to run weekly during the summer holiday period. 14 young people signed up for the camp although only 2 attended.
- A family fun day took place at Kilwinning Sports Club on 11<sup>th</sup> July. A number of partner organisations attended delivering a programme sport and wellbeing activities for families.

## **2. Asks of the Locality Partnership**

**Name** Fiona Comrie

**Title** Health & Wellbeing Manager