

Action Note

Meeting:	Kilwinning Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	24 September 2025 at 7.00pm – Woodwynd Community Centre
Present:	Cllr Scott Davidson, Chair Cllr Mary Hume, Elected Member Graeme Gallie, Police Scotland, Senior Lead Officer Rhonda Leith, Head of Service Louise Riddex, Locality Officer Colin Young, Community Rep Wendy Crichton, Community Rep Jim Watson, Kilwinning Community Council Martyn Rae, Active Schools Co-ordinator Michael Cowan, Police Scotland Fiona Comrie, KA Leisure Ann Wilson, TACT Tim Swan, Head Teacher, Kilwinning Academy Kenny McGuire, Scottish Fire and Rescue In Attendance: Carol Gillon, PRYDE William Duffy, PRYDE Jennifer McGee, Policy & Community Planning Officer (Notes) Sharon Fleming, North Ayrshire Council Craig McLellan, Chair, Kilwinning Heritage (joined at item 8)
Apologies	Cllr Donald Reid Cllr Joe Cullinane Peter Marshall, Community Rep

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No.	Action	Responsible
1.	Welcome/Apologies/Declarations of Interest The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were made and apologies of absence for noted.	Noted
2.	Action Note The Action Note arising from the meeting held on 18 June 2025 was approved and updates on actions were provided. G Gallie highlighted that he has met with Officers from the Banking Hub, and that Kilwinning will be one of the Ayrshire pilot areas. He also advised that information on the former Kilwinning Police Station will be available in due course.	Noted Noted
3.	Community Investment Fund The Chair advised the Partnership that Turning Point Scotland had retracted their application made to CIF as they are looking at other avenues to sustain the course on a North Ayrshire wide opportunity.	

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	The Locality Partnership considered a Full Application made to the Community Investment Fund from PRYDE. The applicants are seeking £90,830 (£30,290 x 3 Years) for match funding for a Community Development Manager, two part time engagement staff and a contribution to the increased running costs of the centre. The group is seeking match funding and expects to receive a decision from the Lottery Fund by the end of the week regarding the outcome of their application. C Gillon advised that one member of the PRYDE board now joined with at Cranberry Moss to bring the community together. C Gillon highlighted that there is a shadow youth board supported by the community connectors, as there is a strong need to develop more collaborative and partnership-based relationships across the community. The Chair thanked C Gillon and W Duffy for attending. The applicants left the room at this point. The Partnership discussed: • How the group are focusing on the main issues within the locality, recognising the significant efforts in fundraising to sustain the service. • Noting that they it was good to see that young people are being engaged, especially around mental health and wellbeing, noting that early intervention could play a key role in future solutions • It would be helpful if they could create a baseline at the start to track progress and identify changes over time, as this could also support future funding opportunities for the organisation The Partnership agreed to award the Group the £90,830 subject to confirmation of match funding from the National Lottery. It was further agreed that funding for subsequent years will be released following completion of the mandatory monitoring form and the Group's annual attendance at the Locality Partnership to provide updates on baseline information showing progress. Finally, it was agreed that if the Group does not secure match funding from the National Lottery, L Riddex and the Team will work with them on developing a new CIF proposal.	<i>R Leith/ L Riddex</i> <i>L Riddex</i>
4.	Grants The Partnership considered applications made to the Elderly Grant Fund: Landward Old Folks Welfare Committee	

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	Application for £3,477 to support with two over 65's Christmas Dinner and entertainment at Blacklands Bowling Club. S Fleming advised the Partnership that only part of last year's evaluation has been received and that she has contacted the Group on several occasions requesting the full evaluation. L Riddex also advised that she had requested, through S Fleming, a breakdown of costs from the Group but has not yet received a response. It was agreed that contact would be made with the group to have a face-to-face meeting to go over their evaluation before any award is made. Kilwinning Burgh Old People's Welfare Committee S Fleming advised that while the Group has completed the Microsoft Forms evaluation for last years funding, they have not submitted a funding application as yet. S Fleming highlighted that there are other contacts within the Group who could be approached and asked if the Locality Partnership would be content for her to make contact. R Leith suggested proceeding on this basis, with the application then circulated by email for a decision ahead of the December meeting and if no response is received, the matter will be added to the December agenda to discuss where and who the funding should be dispersed. The Partnership agreed with this approach.	L Riddex/S Fleming S Fleming/J McGee
5.	Locality Officer Update L Riddex advised the Partnership that a full report was included in the agenda pack and provided the following update: • Two summer programme events were held in Kilwinning with 344 people attending. • Two arts groups taking place at Cranberry Moss are at full capacity with 12 participants each. • 14 people are participating in the Discovery Award, with one participant achieving Bronze and the remainder of the participants working towards Silver and Gold. The team are now running two groups. • The Community Shed continues to grow with new members joining regularly, and they have submitted a CAT application for Blacklands Hall alongside another group, with applications currently being assessed and a decision expected by December. The Chair thanked L Riddex for her update.	Noted
6.	Partner Updates Education Tim Swan provided the Partnership with an update:	

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- Supporting skills development and delivering a My World of Work platform This allows parents and young people to have access to employment information, with priority groups encouraged to engage and understand how to use the platform.
- Work is ongoing with Education Scotland on developing profiles.
- Metaskills are being linked across all subjects to professions, the key challenge is ensuring young people understand their long-term importance.
- A recent careers fayre with 30 employers attended and was very successful and well received by senior pupils.
- Concerns were raised about litter in McGavin Park. Young people have been involved in litter picking, but it was noted the issue should not rest solely with them and requires wider collaboration.
- New and nearly-new uniforms are available from the school, with families invited into the school to access these, T Swan noted that it can be difficult to encourage full uptake.

Active Schools

M Rae provided the Partnership with an update:

- Recruitment for the Leadership Programme has been completed, with four programmes running across North Ayrshire.
- The first group, North Ayrshire Sports Academy, is now in week 4 of 6, with 15 young people from Kilwinning involved. After the October holidays, participants will begin delivering extra-curricular clubs in primary schools.
- Team Inspire, made up of young people who go above and beyond, currently has 20 members, including four from Kilwinning. They mentor new Sports Academy students and recently took part in a residential focused on planning and team building. They are keen to take on greater responsibility and ownership of activities.
- A new Active Girls Committee has been established, with two representatives per year group from S3–S6. There are currently six members from Kilwinning.
- There are 16 Young Ambassadors at Kilwinning Academy.
- The whole Kilwinning cluster has been awarded the Gold Award for the next two years.

Police Scotland

- The LALO is working on the Chamber Choices programme and Police Scotland work experience.
- The team continues to collaborate with ADP teams.
- Safer Shores involved significant work with youth engagement teams over the summer, with a strong visible presence that was highlighted as a positive addition.
- The Campus Officer has been active in supporting litter-picking initiatives.
- Electric pedal bikes have recently been delivered in the area.

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	M Cowan highlighted that he would take forward the matter regarding school uniforms and explore opportunities for Police to work more closely with the school. F Comrie noted that KA Leisure also has sports kit available. Scottish Fire and Rescue K McGuire advised the Partnership that a full report was included in the agenda pack. He advised the Partnership that with bonfire season approaching, the Community Action Team is delivering safety talks within schools. He also noted that it is encouraging to see many local groups making good use of the community room in Kilwinning. KA Leisure F Comrie provided the Partnership with an update: • Blacklands Primary School has been used as a hub venue for activities involving young people and parents, including a Family Fun afternoon welcoming new families, weekly active play sessions with Primary 1 pupils and parents, and use of a portable pitch for PE and play sessions. • Various summer activities with free places offered at Inspire camps to pupils from Blacklands Primary School and families supported by North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership. 30 places were booked, with 16 young people attending and six families participating through referrals. • The KA Community Sports Team delivered a 4-week block of racquet sports to children and young people at Blacklands Primary School. • The "Me to You" employability course was completed by eight individuals, supported by partners including NAC Employability and Ayrshire College. The Chair thanked everyone for their updates.	M Cowan
8.	Meeting Forward Planning R Leith suggested looking at theming each of the meetings around one of the LP priorities. R Leith also noted that the team is working on locality profiles and will review existing information related to each theme, identifying any gaps and partner updates could also be themed accordingly. The Partnership welcomed this approach. L Riddex highlighted that she is working on re-establishing the Locality Networks also. It was agreed that the Improving Community Wellbeing priority would be the focus of the December meeting.	Noted L Riddex/J McGee

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9.	AOCB A Wilson highlighted that TACT is hosting an event on 9th October from 12:30 to 4:00 pm at the Ardrossan Civic Centre as part of Challenge Poverty Week. The event aims to bring agencies together to tackle poverty and is open to all. Partner organisations involved include Employability, Citizens Advice, Money Smart, and various volunteering groups. Soup and sandwiches will be available for those who come along. A Wilson advised that she would circulate the event poster to the Partnership. W Crighton advised that the team are working to establish and grow community income generation by offering packages for birthdays and other events. The hall is gaining a strong and steadily increasing community following. An intergenerational committee is in development, naloxone train-the-trainer sessions are planned, and an application has been submitted for a public access defibrillator. C Young advised that he is currently engaging with a local primary school through the Street Striker initiative, which uses presentations and workshops for P6/7 pupils to address knife crime. On 12th October, they will participate in an event. Plans now underway for Operation Santa that ties in with efforts in Bridgend, with plans to expand to other areas. The 50s Diner also helps raise funds for the community centre. The Chair thanked everyone for their inputs.	A Wilson Noted
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Meeting finished at: 8.55 pm