



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Irvine Locality Partnership

Monday 1 December 2025, 6.00 p.m. at Redburn Community Centre

BUSINESS

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Ask of the Partnership
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.	-	-	Cllr Macaulay	
2.	Action Note Review the action notes from 15 September 2025 and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 4	Enclosed	Lesley Forsyth	Is this an accurate record of the meetings. Have all actions been completed?
DECISION REQUIRED					6.10 – 6.30 pm
3.	Street Naming Report The Locality Partnership to consider street naming report for residential site in Montgomerie Park, Irvine.	Pg 9	Enclosed	Lesley Forsyth	LP to consider 5 street names for the new development.
4.	Chit Chat Proposal Receive update from the Locality Officer	-	Verbal	Elaine Baxter	LP to consider proposal regarding Locality Chit Chats.
WORKSHOP DISCUSSION					6.30 – 7.25 pm
5.	Child Poverty Locality Partnership to receive a presentation and discuss how the four locality priorities link to child poverty and explore what actions they can take.	-	Verbal	Donna Martin	Discuss how the four locality priorities link to child poverty and explore what actions they can take.
LOCALITY REPORT					7.25 – 7.35 pm
6.	Locality Report Receive report from the Locality Officer.	Pg 12	Enclosed	Elaine Baxter	Receive update and consider partnership opportunities.
PARTNER REPORTS					7.35 – 7.55 pm
7.	- Police Scotland - Scottish Fire & Rescue - Active Schools - KA Leisure	Pg 14 Pg 15	Enclosed/ Verbal	Partners	Reports enclosed for information.
AOCB					7.55 – 8.00 pm
8.	AOCB Report for Information – North Ayrshire Wide CLD Update	Pg 17		Cllr Macaulay	LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality,

					the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.
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Elected Members

Councillor Shaun Macaulay **(Chair)**
Councillor Marie Burns
Councillor Robert Foster
Councillor Scott Gallacher
Councillor Christina Larsen
Councillor Nairn Angus-McDonald
Councillor Matthew McLean
Councillor Louise McLaughlan
Councillor Chloe Robertson
Councillor Angela Stephen

Community Representative

Marjory Dickie
Chris Pless, Irvine Community Council
Donna Fitzpatrick
David Phillips
Sally MacIntyre
Irene McIlwain
Annie Small **(Vice Chair)**
Ian Wallace

CPP/Council Representatives

Elaine Baxter, Locality Officer
Lindsey Murphy, Senior Lead Officer
Lesley Forsyth, Lead Officer
Michael Cowan, Police Scotland
Barbara Conner, TSI
Lesley Forsyth, Lead Officer
Paul Timmons, Scottish Fire & Rescue

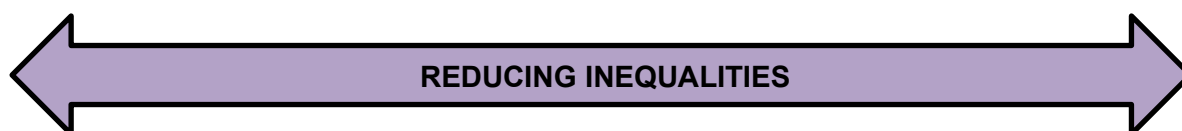
Irvine Locality Partnership Priorities

**Supporting
Skills and
Work
Opportunities**

**Enhancing our
Mental Health
and Wellbeing**

**Alleviating
Poverty**

**Championing
Green Health
and the Natural
Environment**



Meeting:	Irvine Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	Monday 15 September 2025 at Redburn Community Centre, Irvine at 6.00 p.m.
Present:	Councillor Shaun Macaulay (Chair) Councillor Christina Larsen Councillor Chloé Robertson Councillor Marie Burns Elaine Baxter, Locality Officer Lesley Forsyth, Lead Officer Lauren Goldie, Active Schools Davie Phillips, Community Representative Marjorie Dickie, Community Representative Donna Fitzpatrick, Community Representative Annie Small, Community Representative (Vice- Chair) Chris Pless, Community Council Inspector Michael Cowan
In Attendance	Stephen Fraser, Active Schools Stewart Robbie, North Ayrshire Council Catherine Dickens, North Ayrshire Council Neal Lochrie, North Ayrshire Council Sharon Fleming, Connected Communities Jacqui Greenlees, North Ayrshire Council Neil Young, Impact Arts Sarah Barr, Impact Arts
Apologies:	Cllr Angela Stephen Cllr Nairn Angus- McDonald Irene McIlwain, Community Representative Sally McIntyre, Community Representative Barbara Conner, TACT Gemma Strain, St Marks Ian Wallace, Community Representative Cllr Matthew McLean John Mcmillan, KA Leisure

ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	Welcome/Apologies/Declarations of Interest The Chair welcomed those present to the Irvine Locality Partnership meeting and apologies for absence were recorded. The Chair highlighted that all LP members are invited to contribute to any topic on the agenda and can contact the Chair any time. Community representatives expressed a desire to have a Community Rep item on the agenda. A Community Representatives meeting took place at the start of the year, the Chair highlighted this would be looked at again.	Cllr Macaulay

	D Fitzpatrick highlighted the high number of apologies from elected members on the group and expressed disappointment in the low attendance. No declarations of interest.	
2.	Action Note The action note arising the meeting held in June 2025 was approved as a correct record and the implementation of decisions confirmed.	<i>Cllr Macaulay</i>
3.	CIF Full Application- Impact Arts The group presented an application for Impact Arts to the group. • Have been going for 30 years. Strategic goals around Wellbeing, Life Chances and Connected Communities to reduce inequalities and increase wellbeing. • Overview of services in North Ayrshire including work with 14–19-year-olds, art therapy, parental programmes and place and regeneration projects for example the Community Canvas project. • Highlighted the links with Locality Partnership priorities. • Significant engagement has taken place with the community- 110 responses collected around the Community Canvas project already. • Provided an overview of the planned project including phases resulting in 2 to 4 final artworks in the community and 2 paid young artist opportunities. Case studies and detailed outputs were provided. Questions and Discussion • Questions around whether any work was planned to do anything with Irvine Community Centres. The group highlighted they would be keen to do this, it is reliant on a suitable space for art, the correct permissions being in place and need/ desire expressed through local engagement. • The group have built in a longer-term feedback session and happy to do this in the future. • It was highlighted the positive effect the groups work has in the local community, across a variety of groups. ACTION- The Locality Partnership agreed to fund this application.	<i>Impact Arts</i> <i>E Baxter</i>
	Grants The Locality Partnership considered Grant Applications made to the Elderly Grant Fund as follows: ACTION- J Greenlees to bring back an update on the review of elderly grants to next meeting	<i>J Greenlees</i>

	Current balance of £15,050 seeking approval for £12,649 • BABCA • LBLB & Girdle Toll & Age Concern • Dregghorn Old People Welfare Committee • Irvine Joint Wards Old People's Welfare Committee • Drybridge Hall Management Association • Springside Community Association ACTION- All grants were approved	Lesley Forsyth/ Sharon Fleming
5.	Collaboration for Health Equity (CHES) The Locality Partnership will receive a presentation on CHES Programme. Stewart Robbie updated as follows: • Provided an overview of CHES- what is it. • North Ayrshire alongside Aberdeen City and South Lanarkshire as one of three CHES places. • Local context for CHES- low healthy life expectancy, high levels of drug related hospital admissions, high economic activity and high levels of deprivation and poverty. • Reducing inequalities is at the heart of what we do as LPs and CPP. • CHES launched in North Ayrshire in Feb 2025. • Two principles- data informed and community engagement. • Overview of data was provided. • Agreed areas of focus – Irvine Fullarton, Castlepark and Bourtreehill, Three Towns Ardrossan Central and Saltcoats and Hayocks and the Garnock Valley. • Provided an overview of planned work timeline with delivery starting in January 2026. Questions and discussion • C Dickens highlighted access to green space and nature also determinants of higher levels of health and wellbeing. • Questions were raised around how this work would be resourced. S Robbie highlighted that it is about thinking about innovative ways of doing things differently and working as partners with communities. • It was highlighted that child poverty across Scotland and especially in North Ayrshire is falling. This has been a focus in North Ayrshire for several years. • The strength of these communities was highlighted- using the community resource available will be key. Discussion groups • Industry in certain parts of North Ayrshire was highlighted as a potential factor. • National Population Health Framework has just been published which links to the CHES work.	Stewart Robbie

	- Highlighted numerous environmental factors related to industry for example Hunterston and Paper Mill and the effects this could have on healthy life expectancy. How will this affect our young people? - Invited to engage with the senior's forum at Vennell Gardens on 28 October. Could also potentially hold an Older Peoples Voice forum. - Could also link in with Castlepark Lunch Club. - Highlighted that the data shown is an average and there are many healthy active older members of the community. Community Cafes as well. - Highlighted could also link in with Irvine Royal, Children 1st and LEP groups around Parental Employment for children and young people. Also Irvine Youth Legacy Centre. - Feedback on engagement: Provide an incentive. Social media, video clips. "You said, We did." Focus on the successes, both long term and 'quick wins' for community buy in. Share community stories. - A mural was suggested with a QR code to feedback actions taken from CHES and leave a legacy. - Maintaining relationships built with groups that have been engaged along this journey is key in building trust.	
6.	Climate Action Plans The Locality Partnership took part in an overview and facilitated discussion around Climate Action Plans from Catherine Dickens and Neal Lochrie. - Overview on what climate change is and what this temperature change look like in Scotland. - Overview of the current climate and nature emergency. - Creation of Sustainable North Ayrshire Strategy 27-27. - Overview of North Ayrshire Nature Network (NANN). Scotland is one of the most depleted countries in terms of biodiversity in the world. Have given out 1000 pollinator packs across all the localities throughout August. - Will be consulting with all 6 North Ayrshire localities, but community attendance has been low so far. - Community Climate Action Plans aim to set out how North Ayrshire vision around climate action will be delivered locally. - Provided overview of BABCA Community Garden project. - Every local partner including the private sector has a role to play, - Provided an overview of sessions across Irvine and the key discussion from these. Flooding was the biggest issue / worry highlighted. Questions and Discussion: How can we address these issues? - M Dickie highlighted that flooding has been consistently bad in Castlepark for decades. - Tree planting could be increased to link in with local tree planting target and communities could be engaged in this.	

	• Are there smaller things communities could do, for example the biodiversity planting packs and clean up days and can we be better at communication/ signposting around this with the community? • More community growing projects. • K Dickens highlighted the team are there to support and provide information on this and on Nature Restoration Fund. • The Partnership agreed to share this across their networks.	
7.	Partner Reports • Police Scotland ◦ An overview of recent work was provided, and a report was enclosed in the papers. • Scottish Fire & Rescue ◦ No representative present. • KA Leisure ◦ No representative present. • Active Schools ◦ An overview of recent work was provided, and a report was enclosed in the papers. ACTION- Community Councils to be added to this list for the next meeting.	J McGee
8.	AOCB • A Small queried the process of scoring PB. It was highlighted that Community Reps are being trained and will look at the applications. The invite for this was circulated to the Locality Partnership. • A short update was provided on the Irvine Town Board (Now branded as 'Our Irvine') was provided by C Pless. It was agreed that L Kirk would share further information on any changes, and this would also be the focus of a session at the next meeting of the Locality Partnership. Next Town Board meeting will take place in October. • I Wallace requested updates on Vineburgh and work taking place at Bridgegate and the steps at the Kings Arms. ACTION- Information on this will be provided to I Wallace.	E Baxter L Kirk

The Meeting ended at 8.00 p.m.



Locality Partnership: *Irvine Locality Partnership*

Date: *1st December 2025*

Subject: *Residential Development by Keepmoat Homes at Montgomerie Park, Irvine*

Purpose: *Decide 5 street names for the new development*

Background

Keepmoat Homes has contacted Planning Services requesting street names for the development of 255 houses on a greenfield site at Montgomerie Park, Irvine.

The Council has a statutory obligation under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 to give a name to each new street built within the Council area. The chosen names, along with house numbers, would become the official postal addresses, with postcodes provided by Royal Mail.

A plan of the development is available as an appendix showing the street layout.

A number of the houses facing Taylor Drive would have Taylor Drive as their address. In addition, Armour Road would be continued from the adjacent development by Bellway Homes into the site. The development therefore requires 5 new street names.

Key Points for Locality Partnership

A proposed street naming and numbering plan is available along with a list of proposed name suggestions.

Action Required by Locality Partnership

Choose up to 5 new street names for the development. 3 suitable names have been selected from a number of suggestions. It is not a requirement that 5 different names are selected, since different suffixes could be used. However, other names may be put forward for discussion at the meeting.

Suffixes would potentially include: Crescent, Gardens, Park, Place, Street

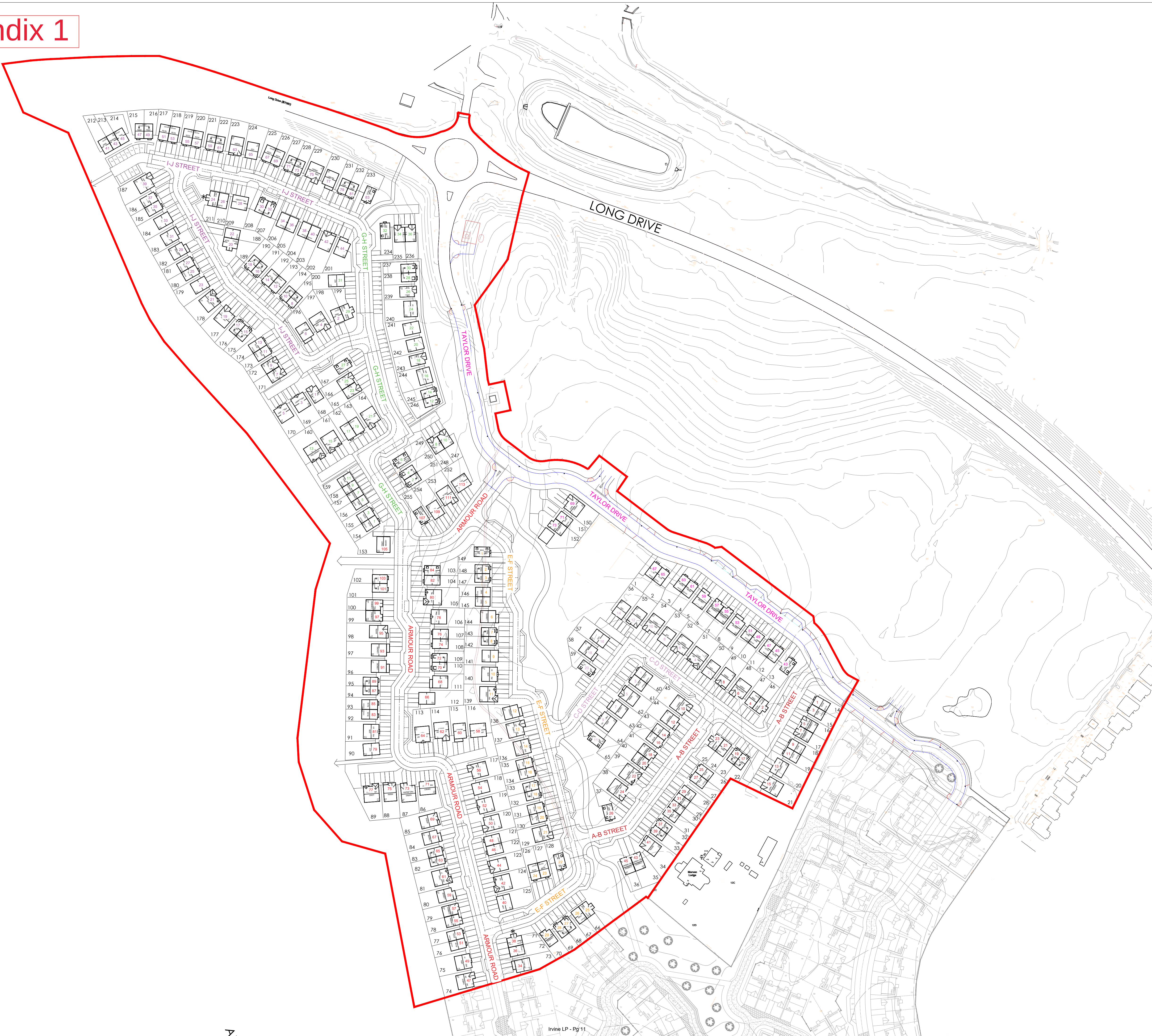
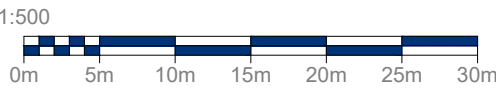
For more information please contact: *Lisa Dempster or Kirsty Gee, Planning Technicians, 01294 324319, snn@north-ayrshire.gov.uk*

Completed by: *Lisa Dempster and Kirsty Gee*

Date: *October 2025*

Street Name Suggestions	Background
Knights	In reference to the Eglinton Tournament of August 1839. The Tournament reenacted a mediaeval jousting event and took place over several days. It was organised by Archibald, the Earl of Eglinton, and attracted over 100,000 spectators.
Nixon	James Henry Nixon (1802 - 1857) was an illustrator and painter during the Victorian period. He painted a series of beautiful watercolours depicting the Eglinton Tournament.
Napoleon	Charles-Louis Napoleon Bonaparte (Prince Napoleon III, 1808-1873) attended the Eglinton Tournament. He went on to become president of France between 1848 and 1852, then Emperor of the French from 1852 until his deposition in 1870. He was the first president, second emperor, and last monarch of France. <i>(NB Not to be confused with Napoleon Bonaparte (Napoleon I) associated with the Battle of Waterloo of 1815. He died in 1821).</i>

Appendix 1



AMENDMENTS:		
Issue:	Date:	Description:



Keepmoat, The Waterfront, Lakeside
Boulevard, Doncaster, DN4 5PL.
Tel: 01302 347605 www.keepmoat.com

Project:
Mongomerie Park
Irvine

Drawing:
Site Layout
Street Naming and Numbering

Scale: 1:1000@A1	Date: 17/10/25	Drawn: JH
Drawing No. 8030_KMH_DR_XX_A_SNN	Rev. -	

Poverty/Financial Inclusion

Micha Project CIF Proposal – Approved by LP to go to Full Application at Devember Meeting
Primary 1 Starter Kit – “Getting a Great Start”

Purpose:
To ensure every Primary 1 child begins school with essential uniform items, a sense of pride, and no stress or inequality for families.

Badge It – Affordable School Uniform Initiative
Concept:
Badge It helps schools provide affordable, branded uniforms by offering high-quality heat-press badges. Parents can buy plain uniforms from any retailer (including supermarkets, second-hand, or recycled) and have the school badge applied professionally.

Irvine Discovery Group have been collecting toiletries, bags and personal care items for Helping Handbags Ayrshire which will be distributed to local charity organisations..

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Age Scotland visited Irvine Friendship group to share free information and advice to help older people with diverse topics ranging from claiming benefits and Power of Attorney, to care at home and care homes.

Health and Wellbeing

- Continued support for community lunches at Redburn Community Hub to promote social inclusion and alleviate poverty.
 - Youth groups across Irvine locality provided free, inclusive activities and refreshments to support young people’s wellbeing and aspirations.
 - Initiatives to enhance mental health and confidence through varied youth activities.
- Writing for Wellbeing**
- **Programme:** Writing for Self-Expression Workshops (4 weeks)
 - **Delivered by:** Royal Literary Fund (RLF) with author Sheena Wilkinson
 - **Location:** Irvine Library Community Room (blended delivery via Teams)
 - **Purpose:**
 - Foster self-expression through reading, writing, and conversation
 - Support personal awareness, resilience, and wellbeing
 - Build confidence in communication and creative writing
 - **Why it worked well:**
 - Expertly planned sessions tailored to participants’ needs
 - Inclusive, flexible approach with participant input
 - Safe, supportive environment fostering trust and creativity
 - **Impact:**
 - Increased confidence and sense of belonging
 - Participants began writing their own poetry
 - Positive engagement and plans for future collaboration
- Rodger Walker from Irvine Discovery Group won the Eric Sutherland award for his contributions to others in his local community.
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- Supported Irvine Discovery Group to host a MacMillan Coffee Morning in September which raised £612.
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- Facilitated Irvine Friendship group to take part in a variety of fun games and social activities.



Regeneration and Increasing Civic Pride

- Civic Pride & Regeneration:**
 - Supported town centre planting projects and festive events to enhance local pride.
 - Assisted community groups with PB voting and engagement in NAC Budget consultations.
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- Support for festivals and cultural events, including funding applications and community benefit initiatives.
 - Delivery of social media training for local groups to improve promotion and engagement.

Community Engagement/Participation and Voice

- Community Engagement & Voice:**
 - Facilitated AGMs, governance training, and constitution updates for local associations.
 - Promoted PB participation and supported community representation at NAC-wide meetings
- CHES – Engagement Workshop
 - **Give Every Child Best Start in Life**
 - **Develop Parent Hubs**
 - Create wraparound support hubs in Castlepark, Fullarton, and Bourtreehill.
 - Include co-located services to reduce barriers for families.
 - **Improve Information Sharing**
 - Use QR codes, social media (e.g., TikTok), and physical community IT hubs.
 - Create a simple, up-to-date map of services for professionals and families.
 - **Strengthen Family Engagement**
 - Organize open days and joint community events.
 - Recruit peer navigators and volunteers with lived experience.
 - **Address Financial Barriers**
 - Pilot free P1 school uniforms and “Badge It Days.”
 - Offer small grants to reduce risk and improve outcomes.
 - **Enhance Early Intervention**
 - Expand speech and language therapy drop-ins in nurseries.
 - Improve identification of additional needs to avoid missed opportunities.
- Irvine Town Board –**
- Bridgegate Cleaning:** £6,600 spend approved for power washing, graffiti removal, and fencing clearance.
 - Works scheduled before winter.
- Christmas Event:**
 - 6–7 December: lights, fairground, food vendors, local artists.
 - Retailers encouraged to open later; survey promotion ongoing (50 responses so far).
- PfN Officer Recruitment:**
 - 23 applications; 8 shortlisted; interviews in progress.
- Finance Position:**
 - Budget: £450,000
 - Spent: £95,100 | Committed: £64,400 | Balance: £290,500
- Regeneration Plan:**
 - Submission to UK Government by 28 November.
 - Board comments due by 7 November; NAC Cabinet review on 2 December.
- Community Funding:**
 - Future grant process to be developed; Calum Couston to present at a later meeting.
- UK Government Visit:**
 - Early December; Board meeting and town centre walkaround planned.

Work and Skills

- Skills & Learning Opportunities:**
 - Delivered SQA Youth Work support and university placements.
 - Engaged young people in Blue Space Project (marine-based skills) and creative workshops (craft, writing, zine-making).
- Ongoing support for youth work qualifications through candidate, assessor, and verifier programs.
- Marine-based activities for young people to build confidence and skills, including water testing linked to environmental research.
- University student placements supported with resources and expertise.
- Governance and training support for community associations, including trustee recruitment and constitution updates.
- Facilitation of participatory budgeting (PB) processes, encouraging community voting and involvement.
- Adult learning groups supported in funding applications and skill development.
- Creative and wellbeing workshops delivered in partnership with professional writers and local authors.
- Impact Arts – CIE Irvine Mural Project**
 - Craft and environmental projects, including litter picking, tree planting, and paint recycling initiatives.
 - Create 2–4 community-designed murals in Irvine town centre to celebrate local heritage, mental health, and the environment, while promoting active travel and community pride.
 - Outdoor wellbeing sessions and community engagement events
- Irvine locality partnership approved full applocatiion will not go to cabinet for approval
- Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities:** Blue Space Project.
 - Provide support to 8 young people from Greenwood Academy who have been identified as being non-attenders and potential non-achievers. As part of a UWS Research Programme, all young people are participating in a marine based programme of activities to increase skills and confidence.

Climate Action and Local Environment

- Maritime Mile – Consultation Summary**
 - Purpose:** Regenerate Irvine Harbourside and Beach Park as part of the £14M Ayrshire Growth Deal.
 - **Phases:**
 - Phase 1: Coastal Hub (2024–2026) – includes Sea Monster Play Park.
 - Phase 2: Maritime Mile (2025–2027) – Harbourside improvements.
 - Phase 3: Maritime Heritage Hub (2026–2029).
 - Current Stage:** Concept Design & Consultation (Summer–Autumn 2025).
 - **Key Proposals:**
 - Safer crossings and improved walking/cycling routes; link to NCN Route 7.
 - Parking changes to reduce illegal parking and enhance public space.
 - Creation of cultural hubs: Marine Arts Hub, Harbour Master’s Square, and Maritime Heritage Hub.
 - Objectives:** Improve connectivity, accessibility, placemaking, and support local economy and biodiversity.
- Championing Green Heath and the Natural Environment:** Blue Space Project.
 - Support 8 young people from Greenwood Academy to undertake water testing activities as part of UWS research programme. Readings fed into Surfers Against Sewage website and interactive map.
- Climate Action & Environment:**
 - Supported tree planting initiatives, paint recycling projects, and outdoor wellbeing sessions.
 - Enabled water testing activities linked to UWS research and Surfers Against Sewage mapping.



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Comhairle Siorrachd Àir a Tuath

Active Schools Locality Partnership Meeting - Irvine Locality



Priority 1 Support Skills and Work Opportunities

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

- Bk 2 basics day
- Phase 2 NASA (35) - coaching qualifications from Oct - Dec
- Pathways - Football, Multi Sports, ASN & P1-3's

Young Ambassador's

- Active in our schools, promoting sports and leading activities

Active Girls

- Termly meetings to plan and discuss making a difference in Girls participation in sport

Climb

- 2 YP took part in outdoor first aid this month

Priority 2 Enhancing our Mental Health and Wellbeing

NHS Mental Health & Wellbeing Course

- NASA are trained up in mental health awareness, using tools and strategies in sessions in local primaries

Events

- Irvine Primary Netball League - 5 signed up
- Irvine Primary Girls Football League
- Irvine Primary Football League - 10 primaries attended
- Active Schools Events Calendar
- Badminton big hit festival - 6 schools



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Priority 3 Alleviating Poverty

Free Extra-Curricular Clubs

Clubs delivered across P1-S6 in the Irvine Cluster in Term 1 /2. This allows every pupil in school the chance to be active before school, during lunch-time and afterschool. All the clubs are free, at their school, alleviating financial and transport barriers.



Priority 4 Championing Green Health and Natural Environment

Schools Commonwealth Baton

The schools baton has been traveling round all our Irvine schools this month, each school has had day of celebration. From school commonwealth assemblies, potted sports days, commonwealth themed days, relays. It's been a great month. Transfer of baton to each school has been very creative and in line with our Green Health agenda.



Irvine Locality Partnership

Date: Monday 1st December 2025

Subject: KA Leisure: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 Irvine Locality Partnership:

1. Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities
2. Enhancing our Mental Health & Wellbeing
3. Alleviating Poverty
4. Championing Green Heath and the Natural Environment

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

A variety of activities and events have taken place recently, as follows:

- North Ayrshire Sports Hall Athletics Event held at Portal with the following schools participating in event – Annick, Castlepark, Glebe, Loudon Montgomery, Springside, St Marks, Lawthorn and Dreghorn with Dreghorn and Annick progressing to final which takes place on Tuesday 2nd December 2025
- Know your numbers Health and Wellbeing Checks took place in November 2025 across a variety of dates where people could get a simple health check including Blood Pressure, Cholesterol, BMI/Weight, Wellbeing Discussion & Signposting and a simple takeaway health card.
- National Fitness Day was hosted with focus on 'Powered by You' asking member and customers to get photo highlighting what inspires them to use facilities, there were also Free-Swimming Sessions, Badminton, Pickleball and Community Walks with all participants getting a free hot drink at Portal Café.
- Men's Wellness Day – 26th November 2025 at Trinity Church, Functional Fitness MOT, Seated Acupressure and General Health Checks
- International Women's day was held with the same type of activities as above for Men's Wellness Day but also incorporated Menopause Awareness

Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities

Currently a few posts available for the following posts within leisure, based around North Ayrshire but with requirement for staff to assist and deliver within the current KA programme:

- Swimming Instructor (Relief)
- Front of House (Relief)
- Lifeguard (Recreation Assistant 2) – (Relief)

Enhancing our Mental Health & Wellbeing

- Portal will host Annual Active North Ayrshire Winter games event on Tuesday 9th December 2025
- Christmas Walks will take place in December for Irvine Area, Thursday 11th December 2025 at Eglinton Country Park at 1100 and Monday 15th December 2025 at Portal at 1100

KA recently carried out a member survey which received over 1200 responses focussing on Wellbeing, member suggestions, requests and a whole lot more, we are delighted with response, and this information will be used to help learn and shape what we do and deliver and support we provide the community, this is part of a larger engagement campaign with our local community.

Wellness Wednesday's will take place at Trinity Church the first Wednesday of month starting in January 2026 for people to get Health Checks, have a cuppa and we would love if any partners would like to get involved or have a table, contacts can be provided.

2. Asks of the Locality Partnership

Name

Title



New Scots, Core Skills and Gaelic Team Locality Partnership Progress Update

Poverty/Financial Inclusion

- New Scots Whitehurst Hub sessions supported benefit entitlement checks and applications working with partners to deliver support – **North Ayrshire Wide**
- 1-2-1 support for New Scots not able attending the New Scots Whitehurst Hub sessions have been offered - **NA Wide**

Health and Wellbeing

- New coffee morning for elderly Asian community launched in Irvine with participants for all over North Ayrshire attending - **Delivered Irvine Locality attendees NA Wide**
- Bourtree Belles new Scots women's group shows improved independence and confidence through social activities and trips with 14 women attending – **Irvine Locality**
- Mental health awareness embedded in ESOL curriculum using storyboards and roleplay – **North Ayrshire Wide**
- New Scots Women's Group in Garnock fosters social inclusion and cultural exchange – **Garnock Valley Locality**
- In October, the Equality and Inclusion Manager from Ayrshire and Arran NHS attended the Big Community ESOL class. The team spoke to learners to gather their views on any healthcare they have received and the challenges that ethnic minorities face when accessing healthcare – **NA Wide**

Health and Wellbeing

- 3 New Scots Family Fun days were delivered in partnership with HSCP for Ukrainian, Afghan and Syrian communities respectively – **Delivered in Kilwinning Locality attendees NA Wide**
- New core skills referral introduced for Occupational Health partners introduced – **NA Wide**



New Scots, Core Skills and Gaelic Team

Locality Partnership Progress Update

Community Engagement/Participation and Voice

- ESOL Learner Forum established with 14 learners participating to shape service provision and remove barriers – **NA Wide**
- Largs Gaelic Choir recently took part in the Royal National Mòd in Fort William - **North Coast Locality**
- Fèis Arainn summer week attracted 80 young people, promoting traditional music and culture - **Arran Locality**
- We ran a Summer School for young New Scots and unaccompanied minors in Saltcoats and Irvine, the summer school provided a safe and supporting space to keep learning, practising English and socialising – **Delivered Irvine and Three Towns Locality attendees NA Wide**
- New Scots Women's group continues to run weekly at The George Steven Centre and is now open to all women in the community to attend making friendships with each other and the Scots women who attend – **Garnock Valley Locality**

Work and Skills

- Core Skills drop-ins in Irvine, Kilwinning and Stevenson support literacy, numeracy, and digital skills; 3 learners gained permanent employment – **Irvine/Kilwinning/Three Towns Locality**
- ESOL and Employability class in Irvine focuses on CV writing and digital skills for job searches – **Delivered Irvine Locality attendees NA Wide**
- Skills for Work sessions at Kilwinning Library help adults develop employability skills – **Kilwinning Locality**
- Core skills volunteer recruitment drive launched with 7 volunteers completing induction and shadowing with the core skills team – **NA Wide**
- New Scots have been supported to take up volunteer opportunities supporting them with interviews, language required and ongoing support while volunteering – **NA Wide**

Work and Skills

- We conducted a survey of ESOL learners to gather feedback on what is important to them and identify areas for improvement. We received around 30 responses, and the survey results were featured in our newsletter for partners – **NA Wide**
- New Scots were assisted with CVs, college & work applications. referred to CEIS employment services and supported to secure a place on a Street League programme - **NA Wide**