

Action Note

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

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	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.	Cllr Macaulay
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.	Impact Arts E Baxter
	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	J Greenlees

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	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

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	- 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.	

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	• 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.