



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Garnock Valley Locality Partnership

Thursday 12 March 2026, 7.00 p.m. in Rosearden Hall, Dalry

BUSINESS

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Ask of the Partnership
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.	-	-	Cllr Bell	
2.	Action Note Review the action note and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 4	Enclosed	Christina Pieraccini	Is this an accurate record of the meeting. Have all actions been completed?
DECISION REQUIRED					7.10 – 7.40 pm
3.	CIF Expression of Interest The Locality Partnership to consider one application made to the Community Investment Fund. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dalry Community Sports Club 	Pg 10	Enclosed	Christina Pieraccini	LP to consider EOI Application.
4.	Community Representative Applications The Locality Partnership to consider two applications for community rep vacancies.	Pg 18	Enclosed	Christina Pieraccini	Two applications enclosed for consideration.
Interactive Discussion					7.40 – 8.25 pm
5.	Our Garnock Valley Interactive discussion around actions LP can take forward to progress as part of the Locality Action Plan. Our Garnock Valley Plan	-	Verbal	Christina Pieraccini/Nick Wright	Interactive discussion
PARTNER UPDATES					8.25 - 8.55 pm
6.	Partner Report/Updates The Locality Partnership will receive overview from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police Scotland 	Pg 24 Pg 27	Verbal/ Enclosed		Receive update, discuss and consider partnership opportunities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Fire and Rescue • KA Leisure • Youth, Active Schools & Education 				
7.	Locality Report Receive update from the Locality Officer.	Pg 31	Enclosed		Receive update, discuss and consider partnership opportunities.
AOCB					8.55 – 9.00 pm
8.	AOCB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice Chair Vacancy 		Verbal	Cllr Bell C Pieraccini	LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality, the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.

Distribution List

Elected Members

Councillor John Bell (**Chair**)
Councillor Anthea Dickson
Councillor Margaret Johnson
Councillor Donald L Reid
Councillor Ronnie Stalker

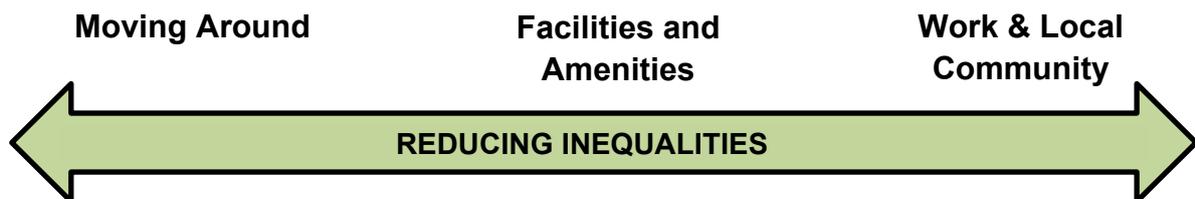
Community Representatives

David Park, Community Representative
Dalry Community Council
Beith & District Community Council

CPP/Council Representatives

Kaileigh Brown, Third Sector Interface
Michael Cowan, Police Scotland
Kenny McGuire Scottish Fire and Rescue
Angela Morrell, Lead Officer, North Ayrshire Council
Christina Pieraccini, Locality Officer

Garnock Locality Partnership Priorities



Meeting:	Garnock Valley Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	11 December 2025, Garnock Campus
Present:	<p>Councillor John Bell (Chair) Councillor Anthea Dickson Councillor Ronnie Stalker Jane Lamont, Community Representative Angela Morrell, Senior Manager, Community Learning & Development, (Lead Officer) Christina Pieraccini, Locality Officer Sgt Steven Presslie Police Scotland Heather McVie- Branley, Community Development Worker Chris Parker, Scottish Fire and Rescue Ellie Hannah, Active Schools Co-ordinator Kayleigh Brown, The Ayrshire Community Trust Graham Robson, KA Leisure</p> <p>In Attendance</p> <p>Laura Potter, Childcare Development Officer Stephen Duff, Depute Head Teacher, Garnock Campus Sheena Woodside, Dalry Community Development Hub James Waite, former Vice Chair Jennifer McGee, Policy & Community Planning Officer (Notes)</p>
Apologies:	<p>Cllr Donald L Reid Cllr Margaret Johnson Helen McNaughton, Beith and District Community Council</p>

ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted.</p>	Noted
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The action note arising from the meeting held on 11 September 2025 was approved with all actions complete.</p> <p>A Morrell provided the Partnership with an update on Coalfields Community Transport. Work is ongoing to identify a pilot delivery model for North Ayrshire, similar to the approach offered in East Ayrshire. Insights from Travel Needs Analysis have informed the proposal, which will be assessed by officers before moving to consultation/engagement stage. Indicative timeline for this work is the first quarter of 2026.</p> <p>J Lamont asked if the process would involve developing the proposal first, then consultation. A Morrell highlighted that it would be more of a community engagement that will focus on gathering public views on the proposal summary.</p> <p>Cllr Dickson commented that she would expect the Partnership to see the proposal before it goes for wider comment. She also enquired about the</p>	Noted

	<p>model East Ayrshire use. A Morrell undertook to carry out desktop exercise on their model to give a feel of what the offer could be.</p>	<p>A Morrell</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>School Work Placement Initiatives and Local Business Engagement</p> <p>S Duff, Depute Head Teacher of Garnock Campus provided the Partnership with an overview on work carried out to maximise work placements and strengthen links with local businesses.</p> <p>Key activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S4 Work Placements work started in August and completed before the October holidays, over 100 pupils secured placements, including opportunities with six local employers. Many pupils independently sourced placements, some as far afield as Aberdeen, Newcastle, and even THE Netherlands, providing valuable experiences. • Work placements help pupils confirm their intended career pathways. Feedback from the Chamber highlighted that Garnock Campus achieved three times more placements than other Ayrshire schools. • In November 2025 they held their largest careers fayre to date, featuring employers, workplaces, and further/higher education providers. Feedback from employers was highly positive, praising pupils' preparedness and engagement. • Recently held a dragon's den event for S2 pupils, involving local employers in a competition based on Lochshore developments. This further developed pupils' creativity and strong employer connections. • The Campus has introduced a dedicated skills development class for S1 pupils, focusing on communication, problem-solving, leadership, adaptability, organisation, critical thinking, teamwork, and resilience. Pupils use a skills profile toolkit to record and reflect on where they apply these skills, both in and out of the curriculum. • Initiatives are extending into primary and nursery stages. The school plans to host a business breakfast next year to explore new opportunities and partnerships for young people. • INSIGHT data shows Garnock Campus maintains strong positive destination rates (94–96%). The school works closely with SDS and other agencies to support pupils beyond school. • Foundation Apprenticeships are being promoted. <p>H McVie- Branley also advised that a new S3 leadership group started in September, engaging in employability activities and will be taking part in cooking sessions at the George Steven Centre and practical work at Lochshore gardens.</p> <p>Cllr Dickson commended the school's proactive approach and strong community-business relationships.</p> <p>Cllr Stalker enquired about the feedback on the mobile phone ban and upcoming rollout for S1–S3. S Duff advised that feedback had been positive.</p> <p>The Chair thanked S Duff for his input.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Rural Area Childcare</p> <p>L Potter provided the Partnership with an update on the work taking place around rural area childcare.</p> <p>L Potter highlighted that one of the priorities is supporting school-age childcare providers and organisations in Dalry, including staff qualifications</p>	

	<p>for SSSC and working with Community Childcare Partnerships on sustainability. There has been a significant drop in numbers for both pre-5 and school-age childcare across North Ayrshire.</p> <p>The Scottish Childminding Association programme, which is funded by the Scottish Government, focuses on retaining and recruiting childminders. North Ayrshire is one of 30 local authorities taking part, with a target of 20 new childminders this year, particularly in rural areas.</p> <p>So far, 12 people have completed the programme, but only one was from Garnock Valley. There are currently 16 childminders in the area, one in Dalry and the remainder in Kilbirnie and Beith with 10 operating as funded providers, enabling families to use childcare funding with childminders rather than Early Years Centres. A recruitment push is planned for January in Garnock Valley, and support is needed to promote the programme and reach the right people. The programme is fully funded, with all training provided, a start-up grant, and ongoing support from the Council.</p> <p>L Potter asked the Partnership to let her know of any events or groups she could attend and she will also share any promotional information with the Partnership for them to share with their networks</p> <p>A Morrell suggested that L Potter contact the Council's Tenant Participation Team to ask if information could be included in their newsletters. L Potter undertook to contact the team.</p> <p>The Chair thanked L Potter for her input.</p>	<p>L Potter</p> <p>L Potter</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund – Expression of Interest</p> <p>The Locality Partnership considered an expression of interest submitted to the Community Investment Fund. Beith Trust is seeking approximately £80,000 as a contribution towards upgrading the pitches at Beith Astro to safeguard a well-used community hub at Meadowside Pavilion. This forms part of a wider initiative to redevelop the Pavilion building, pitch, and surrounding grounds to better meet community needs. The funding package will involve multiple funders, all of whom have been approached and consulted, with applications already submitted.</p> <p>It has been nearly 15 years since the astro was renewed. The Scottish FA is currently delivering a three-year upgrade programme across Scotland, and Beith Trust applied earlier this year but requires match funding. This project needs to be included in the first phase to maintain operations and enable subsequent phases.</p> <p>Cllr Bell queried why replacement costs were so high as they are similar to the original installation. J Lamont explained that astroturf pitches now require a shock pad to meet FIFA standards, which accounts for the increased cost. Cllr Stalker highlighted the lack of facilities in Garnock Valley and described the asset as essential. Cllr Dickson noted that the project represents more than just a football pitch.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to progress the application to the full application stage and, due to time constraints around match funding, to consider the full application at an interim meeting in January 2025.</p> <p>A copy of the full business plan has also to be shared with the Partnership.</p>	<p>C Pieraccini/J McGee</p> <p>C Pieraccini/J McGee</p>

<p>6.</p>	<p>Partner Reports</p> <p>Police Scotland</p> <p>S Presslie provided the Partnership with the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven appointed as new Locality Sergeant has been in the role for around 3 months • Team have addressed poor driver behaviour and parking issues through road checks and enforcement. • Visits to local schools and nurseries to build positive relationships with young people. • Raising awareness of bogus workmen, team also identified an offender who has since been reported to the Procurator Fiscal. • Encouraged vigilance and reporting of suspicious activity. • Focus on gathering intelligence to disrupt local drug supply. • Campus Officer completed Mentor in Violence Prevention training; now qualified as trainer. • Delivered firework safety sessions with Fire Service to primary pupils. • Activities included Inverclyde trip for care-experienced young people, S3 leadership programme, Pitch-In programme for P6/7 pupils, and 16 Days of Action events for senior pupils. <p>Cllr Stalker praised officer presence at Christmas switch-on events across Garnock Valley.</p> <p>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service</p> <p>C Parker provided the Partnership with the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community engagement on bonfire and firework safety targeting schools. • Operation Moonbeam deemed successful. • Continued delivery of home fire safety visits. • Ian Campbell and Craig Donnelly have recently been appointed as the Local Area Liaison Officers for North Ayrshire. • Community Action Team working with Housing and HSCP to refresh referral pathway training. • Fire Skills course planned for the S3 Leadership Programme in the New Year. • Winter safety campaign ongoing. <p>KA Leisure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress on Garnock Valley Hub project and Dalry Early Years Partnership; plans to continue in new year. • Recent activities included adult ASN events (e.g., silent disco) and ClubStart programme offering free football access. • 108 Stanley Primary pupils completed six-week swimming block, all achieving 25m+. Keen to work with schools in the Garnock valley to provide pupils with this opportunity. • Increased partnerships with schools; free ASN lessons offered during summer, with push for adult sessions. • Garnock football astro bookings have over 79% from local area. <p>E Hannah offered to link G Robson with her contacts for further collaboration.</p> <p>The Chair thanked partners for their input.</p>	<p>E Hannah</p>
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<p>7.</p>	<p>Workshop Discussion – Our Garnock Valley</p> <p>C Pieraccini introduced the topic for discussion following the request from the seven Our Garnock Valley community bodies that the Locality Partnership adopt the eight calls to action within the Our Garnock Valley plan as the Locality priorities. These calls to action were identified following extensive community engagement as part of the Our Garnock Valley plan. C Pieraccini highlighted that the initial LP priorities were set in 2017 and, during the refresh in 2021, the Garnock Valley chose to keep the original priorities, which were still felt to be fit for purpose at that time. She also highlighted that the Terms of Reference allow the priorities to be set by the Locality Partnership, and that other locality partnerships across North Ayrshire have updated their priorities in recent years, following community engagement.</p> <p>J Waite noted his support in broadening the focus of the Partnership.</p> <p>J Lamont highlighted a lack of targeted implementation and stressed that aligning work to these headings would make Locality Partnership meetings more productive and ensure the plan is actioned rather than left on the shelf. S Woodside emphasised that previous consultations led to little action, but the group is determined to move forward this time. J Lamont reminded members that over 2,000 people engaged in the process, validating the plan's ideas.</p> <p>Cllr Bell raised concerns about achievability, noting the Locality Partnerships' limited ability to deliver all actions, but agreed that shared targets make progress easier. J Lamont clarified that delivery would not fall solely on the Partnership, community bodies and other partners also have responsibility.</p> <p>Cllr Bell added that the calls to action appear to align with current priorities, but care should be taken not to assume that all actions have universal support.</p> <p>Cllr Dickson noted the advantage of having clear priorities to align funding opportunities and track progress quarterly. A Morrell asked members to consider the positives and negatives of endorsing the calls to action.</p> <p>Following this discussion, the Locality Partnership agreed to adopt the 8 calls to action as the locality priorities for the Garnock Valley.</p> <p>As discussed at previous Locality Partnership meetings, C Pieraccini went on to ask Partners to identify three areas they felt that they could contribute to delivery of the plan. These were collated using post it notes provided. She advised that these would be collated and brought to the March meeting for further discussion and action.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>C Pieraccini/J McGee</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>The Chair advised the Partnership that the Garnock Valley Locality Report and North Ayrshire wide CLD report was attached for information.</p> <p>The Chair conveyed his best wishes for the festive season.</p> <p>Valedictory</p> <p>The Chair noted that this was J Waite's final meeting of the Partnership after eight years of involvement. The Chair expressed his sincere thanks for his support and contribution to the Locality Partnership.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Noted</p>

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The meeting ended at 9.05 pm



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Community Investment Fund Expression of Interest Form

Please see notes on reverse before completing this form.

Organisation name	Dalry Community Sports Club
Brief details of organisation	<p>Dalry Community Sports Club was formed in 2007, and became a SCIO in 2014 where our early years, helped to encourage participation in various sports and leisure activities. This was achieved primarily through supporting individuals and groups with their existing activities, and with new initiatives driven by ourselves. The last 7 years has seen us looking at opportunities to help address both the social isolation and food deprivation issues that exist within the community. Initially, we did this through offering free food through our activities, like Handball, which quickly progressed to free activities and food at our Park Lives events, both at Dalry Public Park during the summer period, and at Dalry Primary School over the winter. The COVID pandemic saw this need accelerate greatly, and for the need for us to align with North Ayrshire Councils priorities, where we formed our Community Larder in November 2020, which was thereafter complimented by our Warm Space initiative.</p>
Locality	Garnock Valley
Amount Requested	£100,000
Timescale	Proposed project completion of all phases – summer 2027
Brief Overview of Proposal	<p>Community Allotments / Playing Field – We have recently entered into an agreement with DSM to lease a large field adjacent to the public park for a community allotment space, additional playing fields and possibly a community orchard. We see the introduction of our Community Allotments project as a continuation of our journey, in looking for opportunities that will help address some of the issues within our community, including, social isolation, food deprivation, mental health & wellbeing, and in so doing so help towards building a stronger sense of</p>

community in which people want to be involved. Our community allotments with comprise of 3 areas –

1. Plots / beds for lease of various sizes to attract an income to support the running costs.
2. Community area, where people will be able to come together, free of charge and utilise the area to both grow, and give away free, vegetables, and also provide a safe space that allows social interaction.
3. Educational space – provide the opportunity to invite, schools, kids, people who are interested in growing vegetables, and share knowledge / skills of the various aspects of growing your own vegetables.

These 3 areas will help us maximise the opportunity to reach across our community and attract people into all areas of the allotments, and therefore we would look for the participation rate to be healthy.

The Government have produced a 25 Year Environment Plan, acknowledging that connecting people to their environment will also improve their health and well-being. Various studies have shown that every 10 per cent increase in exposure to green space translates into an improvement in health equivalent to being five years younger.

The many benefits associated with allotments include :

1. Growing food can work towards a healthier, wealthier and more environmentally sustainable community, with low-cost healthy fresh fruit and vegetables.
2. Bringing people together, and providing the opportunity for social engagement, and some physical exercise, helping to improve loneliness and social isolation.
3. The opportunity for people to share their skills and knowledge and for the community to realise that benefit where people now want to get involved.
4. There`s a growing awareness of the role that gardening plays in both preventing and alleviating mental ill-health. Many allotment gardeners tell us that nurturing plants and contemplating nature makes them feel calmer and more hopeful.
5. Gardening can also help to maintain good gait and balance in older people and helps with cognitive decline.
6. Time outdoors in the sun can also help build up your vitamin D levels
7. An allotment can produce enough food to supplement a family`s weekly shop
8. Allotment can be all year round, where the allotment holders experience the seasons, witness the behaviour of birds, insects and other animals and gain an understanding of the eco-system. This appreciation of the natural world also has the potential to inspire more environmentally aware behaviour by themselves and their children.

Playing Field – DCSC are in the final stages of the CAT process in relation to the sports pavilion in Dalry Public Park. As part of our lease agreement with DSM, this will see us create a number of football pitches / sports / activity areas which will be supported

by the sports pavilion, which we have already renovated to include, both changing and welfare facilities. We recognise the positive benefits that various outdoor activities can have on peoples physical health and wellbeing, and the importance to provide multiple opportunities across a variety of activities to help realise this.

Total Project Cost - £193,000

Initial Capital Costs Required, Including :

1. Architect.
2. NAC Planning
3. Form hardcore carpark & paths.
4. Field gates / kissing gates
5. Perimeter fencing & gates (deer / rabbit).
6. Shipping containers (x2 incl locks)
7. Water Supply Bowsers / fixings (3 x 1000litres).

8. Portaloo, Servicing, empty, clean, screening.
9. Handwash portable
10. Raised beds framing (12)
11. Assortment of basic gardening tools.
12. Various signage including security.
13. Security lighting / cameras (solar / re-chargable).
14. Movable goalposts & nets (2x11's, 2x7's).
15. Corner flags
16. Pitch lining machine
17. Football pitch parimeter fencing
18. Rugby Goals
19. Top Soil
20. Ongoing Architect Fees / Project Manage.
21. Insurances
22. Grass Cutting
- 23.

Funds raised to date :

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| 1. Mental Health & Welbeing | - | £20,000 |
| 2. Postcode Lottery. | - | £10,000 |
| 3. ASDA | - | £3,000 |
| 4. Shared Prosperity Fund. | - | £25,000 |
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Total funds raised to date - £58,000

Potential Funders for remaining costs :

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| 1. Dalry Parish Boundary Trust | - | £TBC |
| 2. Community Investment Fund | - | £100,000 |
| 3. Pride in Place Impact Fund | - | £10-50K |

Grant funding from the Mental Health & Wellbeing fund has enabled us to carry out much of the preliminary work on the proposed site including Soil Surveys (£900);

Topographical Survey (£650); Preliminary Ecological Plant & Habitat Survey (£870), Flood Risk Assessment (£2,904) and Mining Reports.

We have also had our Planning application approved at a cost of £2,380, with Architect costs of £6,400

We are looking for £100,000 from the Community Investment Fund which will contribute towards initial capital costs, including :

1. Form hardcore carpark & paths.
2. Field gates
3. Perimeter fencing((Allotments & Football)
4. Water Supply Bowsers / fixings (3 x 1000litres).
5. Portaloo
6. Handwash portable
7. Raised beds framing
8. Assortment of basic gardening tools.
9. Various signage including security.
10. Security lighting / cameras (solar / re-chargable).
11. Sporting Equipment

Community Allotments

The next step will be a phased approach with Phase 1 being the groundworks, roads/pathways security of the site and construction of some raised beds and Phase 2 being additional allotments and community space.

Playing Field

The next step will be - Preparing the existing grass area to enable suitability for football / activities, including, grass cutting, rolling, plough / re-seed as appropriate. Provision of fences to prevent dog fouling on playing areas, provision of goal posts, nets, line marking equipment, additional storage for grounds equipment

Revenue generation opportunities from Project

1. Football Training & games pitch rental which will be used in conjunction with sports pavilion changing room facilities rental.
2. Allotment individual plot lease fees
3. Open days / donation generating opportunities – both monies and products)
4. Donation Garden basket drops at local shops (ie previously successfully used Factory Shop)
5. Gardening Workshops (small donation)
6. Friends of the Park – monthly subscription fee
7. Local sponsorship (sponsor signage)

Garnock Valley Local Place Plan

Dalry Community Sports Club, along with Partner Groups, has recently been recognised by the Provost and all Elected Members of the Garnock Valley for their contribution in the

	<p>preparation and completion of the Garnock Valley Place Plan, which clearly sets out the aspirations for the Garnock Valley Locality through the collective working of community groups, the third sector businesses, local and national governments, to enhance the sense of place and improve its economy.</p> <p>We see our Community Allotment / Playing Field Project as clearly aligning with the aspirations within the plan, specifically chapters 8 & 13 (pages 47-49), and in particular where we need to enhance the sense of Community life, and maximise the benefits that are associated with better utilisation of our Parks and Outdoor Spaces. Improvements to Parks and Outdoor Spaces, was 1 of the 8 Calls to Action that were agreed by the Locality Partnership.</p> <p>These additional facilities / amenities would help provide opportunities for people to come together, with a range of benefits, including, socialisation, mental health & wellbeing, exercise, education, sharing skills & knowledge and learning opportunities, overall enhancing the opportunity for Community Wealth Building. Our proposal helps to meet the 5 pillars of community wealth building in terms of : Piller 1 - progressive procurement - using local businesses for the works. Pillar 3 - Use of Land and assets - maximising land use, and Piller 5 - Diverse ownership.</p> <p>Dalry Public Park is at the Heart of our community, where we see our Project with its extension into the DSM field, as an excellent opportunity to bring back some of those benefits enjoyed by previous generations, who had both a more outdoor lifestyle and enhanced sense of community – ultimately, a more active community with better health and wellbeing outcomes, more social inclusion and a greater community pride.</p>
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Timescale	Proposed project completion of all phases – summer 2027
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Contact Details	Allan McGinlay (Chairperson) Mobile : Email :
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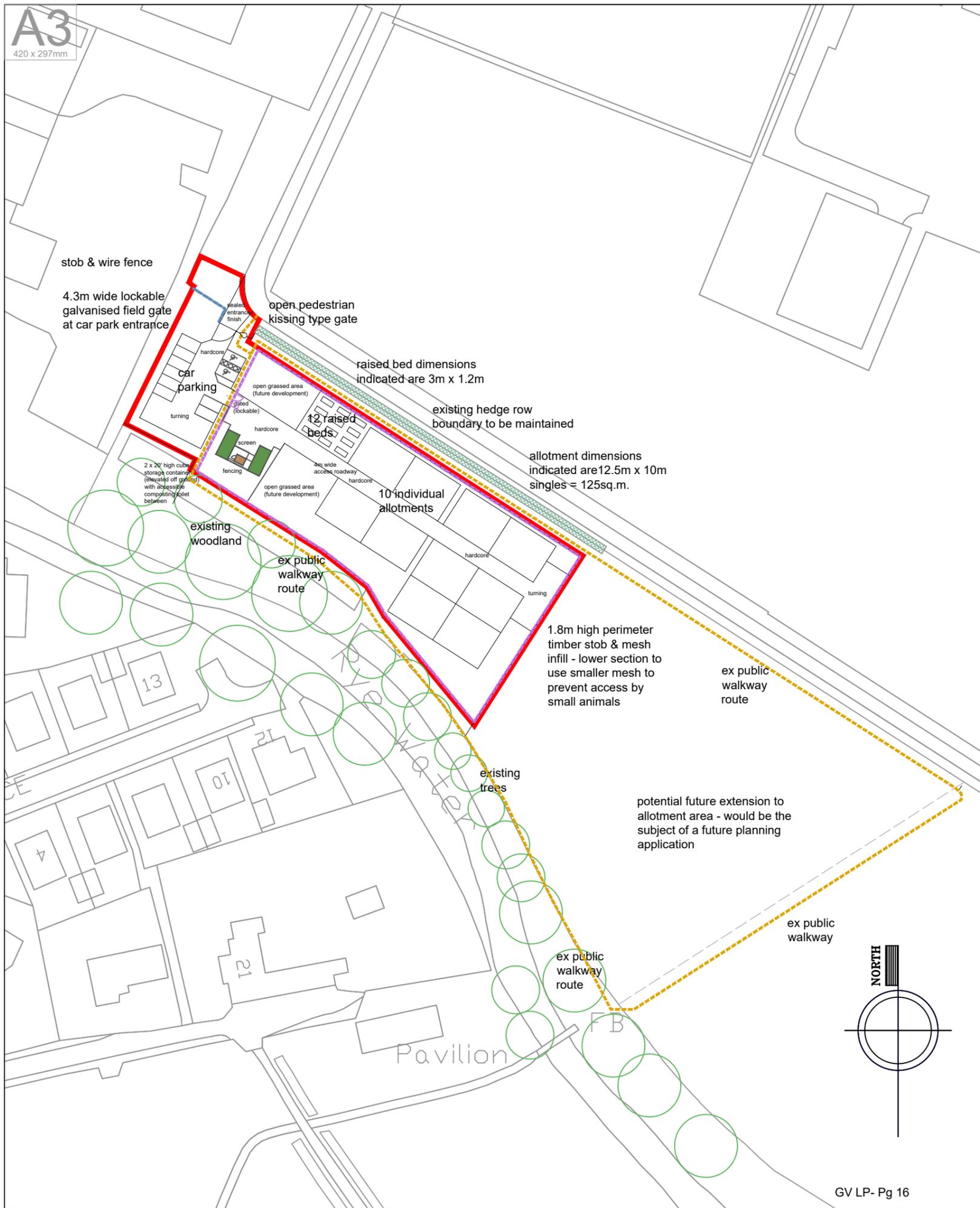


The Community Investment Fund (CIF) will support proposals and projects that:

- Connect with:
 - 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?

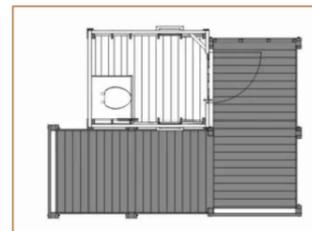
- Groups should have an initial discussion with the relevant Locality Officer. Their contact details are available by emailing communityplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk.
- Initial interest in a CIF application should be via an expression of interest form sent to the Locality Officer. This will be discussed 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.



LEGEND

- DEVELOPMENT SITE AREA DELINEATED IN CONTINUOUS RED EQUATES TO SOME 0.398 HECTARES
 - 1.8M HIGH DEER TYPE FENCED AREA DELINEATED IN BROKEN PURPLE EQUATES TO 260 LINEAR METRES
 - EXISTING PUBLIC SITE WALKWAYS, SHOWN IN BROKEN BROWN TO BE MAINTAINED AS COMPACTED GRASS/EARTH
- N.B. Sufficient gap is to be left between the existing hedgerow, running along the northeast boundary of the existing field and the proposed fencing to the allotments. The gap is to be sufficient to provide space for maintenance of the hedge and to accommodate walkers. The proposals show a 4 metres distance between the existing boundary and the proposed allotment boundary fence. This will allow a nominal 'footpath' area of some 2 metres and a 1 metres margin to both sides.
- INDICATES 20' HIGH CUBE METAL SINGLE ENDED STORAGE CONTAINERS RAISED 300MM ABOVE ADJACENT FINISHED GROUND LEVEL AND LEFT OPEN BELOW - CONTAINER TO BE PAINT FINISHED DARK GREEN EXTERNALLY
 - INDICATES 2.35 x 1.75M ACCESSIBLE COMPOSTING TOILET SET BEHIND TIMBER SCREEN FENCING ELEVATED 300MM, OPEN, ABOVE FINISHED GROUND LEVEL- TIMBER MODESTY SCREEN FENCING TO FRONT AND REAR - UNIT TO BE PAINTED DARK GREEN EXTERNALLY

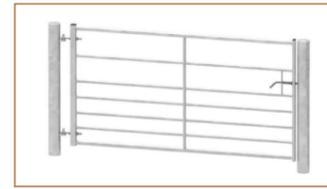
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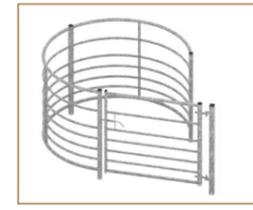
ACCESSIBLE COMPOSTING TOILET TYPICAL PLAN & LOOK



1.8M DEER FENCING



14' FIELD GATE



KISSING GATE

NOTES
Internal dimensions are finished sizes unless otherwise stated.

REVISION SCHEDULE

Rev	Description	Date

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All dimensions to be site checked by the Contractor and all discrepancies to be advised to the Architect prior to the work being commenced.
Use stated dimensions only.
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Dated :: **26th November 2025**
Signed :: **Eric McMillan**

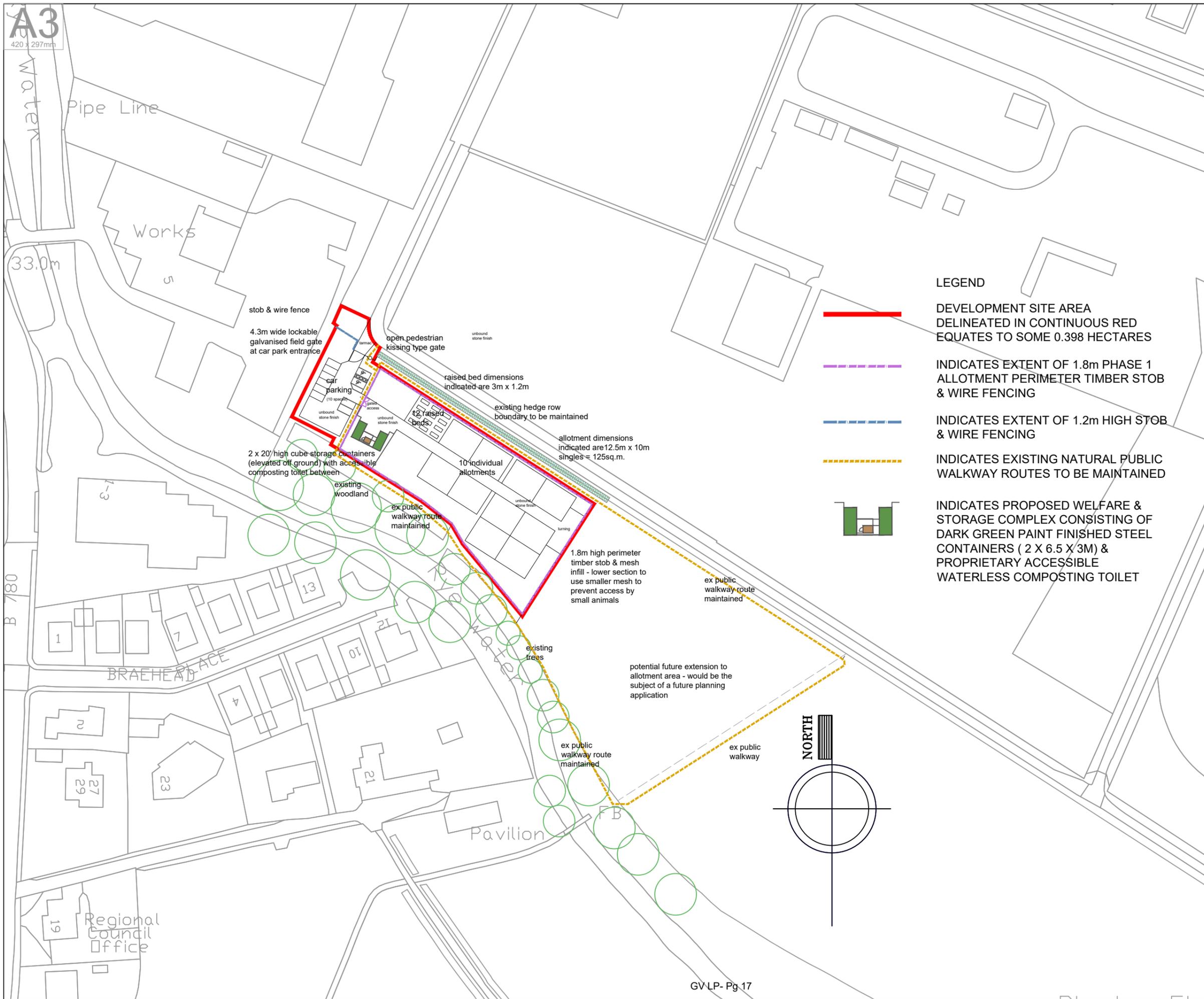
CLIENT ::
Dalry Sports Club

PROJECT ::
Proposed Allotments at Ground to North of Dalry Park, Dalry

DRAWING ::
Phase 1 :: Site Plan & Illustrations

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420 x 297mm

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REVISION SCHEDULE

Rev	Description	Date
A	Phase 1 Development	13.09.24

LEGEND

- DEVELOPMENT SITE AREA DELINEATED IN CONTINUOUS RED EQUATES TO SOME 0.398 HECTARES
- INDICATES EXTENT OF 1.8m PHASE 1 ALLOTMENT PERIMETER TIMBER STOB & WIRE FENCING
- INDICATES EXTENT OF 1.2m HIGH STOB & WIRE FENCING
- INDICATES EXISTING NATURAL PUBLIC WALKWAY ROUTES TO BE MAINTAINED
- INDICATES PROPOSED WELFARE & STORAGE COMPLEX CONSISTING OF DARK GREEN PAINT FINISHED STEEL CONTAINERS (2 X 6.5 X 3M) & PROPRIETARY ACCESSIBLE WATERLESS COMPOSTING TOILET

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Dalry Sports Club

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Nomination Form Locality Partnerships Community Representative

1. Personal Details

Title: Mr / Mrs / Ms / Other:

Forename: Jane

Surname: Lamont

Address:

Postcode:

Tel. No:

Email:

2. Please tell us which Locality Partnership you are applying to join (mark an X in the relevant box below)

Garnock Valley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Irvine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kilwinning	<input type="checkbox"/>	North Coast	<input type="checkbox"/>
Three Towns	<input type="checkbox"/>		

3. Please tell us about any current and previous experience of working in a group or committee.

Date or Year	Role or description of your involvement
2016-present	<p>Senior leadership and governance role within a community-led development trust working across the Garnock Valley. Responsible for strategic oversight, financial management and organisational development, supporting the delivery of community services, employability programmes and the management of community assets.</p> <p>Played a key role in partnership working with local authorities, funders and third sector partners across the Garnock Valley, with a strong focus on place-based regeneration, community-led decision-making and responding to local need.</p>

4. Have you (or the person you are nominating) undertaken voluntary work in the last 5 years?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Yes

No

If you answered **yes** to the above question, please tell us provide the following information:

Date or Year	Volunteer Role/Title	Organisation/company name and aims
	Host Family Carer	Glasgow City Council

5. Please tell us about any other experience that you (or the person you are nominating) have that might be relevant to this nomination?

Over the last five years I have undertaken voluntary work as part of a host family service, providing care and support to young asylum seeking / refugee children. This has involved offering a safe, stable home environment, supporting children to settle into daily routines, education and community life, and working sensitively alongside professionals involved in their care. The role requires patience, trust-building and a strong sense of responsibility, and has deepened my understanding of trauma, displacement and the importance of consistent, compassionate support for young people.

6. Please tell us of any assistance you (or the person you are nominating) would need to help undertake the duties as a member of the Locality Partnership.*

N/A

7 . Why do you (or the person you are nominating) want to be a member of your Locality Partnership?

I want to be a member of the Locality Partnership because I care deeply about the long-term wellbeing of the Garnock Valley and believe that local decisions are strongest when they are informed by lived experience, community / local knowledge and practical delivery insight. Through my work across community development, employability, family support and asset-based regeneration, I see and work with, first-hand the challenges facing local people, but also the strengths and potential that already exist within our communities.

Being part of the Locality Partnership would allow me to contribute constructively to shared planning and decision-making, strengthen connections between statutory partners and grassroots organisations, and help ensure that strategies translate into meaningful, joined-up action on the ground. I am particularly motivated to support approaches that are preventative, place-based and community-led, and that make best use of local assets and relationships to improve outcomes for people across the Garnock Valley.

Proposer

Please give the name and contact details of one person who has known you (or the person you are nominating) in a personal or community capacity for at least two years and who would be prepared to support your nomination:

Name: Helen McNaughton

Address,

Postcode:

Tel. No:

Email:

Declaration

I confirm that the information given on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge.

A Locality Partnership member appointment is a public appointment, which is of interest to individuals and services within North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership. I understand that if I am appointed my name will be released to the Locality for which this group was established to enable me to fulfil my duties as a member.

Signed Jane Lamont

Date: 28/01/2026

If you are completing this form on behalf of a proposed nominee, please ask them to agree to this nomination by signing below:

Signed:

Date:

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Title: Mr / Mrs / Ms / Other: ...MR.....

Forename: ALLAN

Surname: WRIGHT

Address:

Postcode:

Tel. No:

Email:

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Kilwinning <input type="checkbox"/>	North Coast <input type="checkbox"/>
Three Towns <input type="checkbox"/>	

3. Please tell us about any current and previous experience of working in a group or committee.

Date or Year	Role or description of your involvement
OCT 2025	SECRETARY OF PROJECT KILBIRNIE SCIO
NOV 2016 – OCT 2025	MEMBER OF KILBIRNIE & GLENGARNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
OCT 2018 – OCT 2025	SECRETARY OF KILBIRNIE & GLENGARNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

4. Have you (or the person you are nominating) undertaken voluntary work in the last 5 years?

Yes No

If you answered **yes** to the above question, please tell us provide the following information:

Date or Year	Volunteer Role/Title	Organisation/company name and aims
	SEE Q3	

5. Please tell us about any other experience that you (or the person you are nominating) have that might be relevant to this nomination?

I WAS PART OF THE GVLP WORKING GROUP. WHEN WE HAD THREE SEPARATE GROUPS, I ATTENDED ALL THREE AND HELPED TO MERGE THEM INTO ONE GROUP. I WAS PART OF GV2023 FOR 4 YEARS AND PART OF GARNOCK VALLEY PLACE PLAN FOR THE LAST 2 ½ YEARS. I AM A MEMBER OF THE OUR GARNOCK VALLEY (OGV) GROUP, FIRST THROUGH KILBIRNIE & GLENGARNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND NOW ON BEHALF OF PROJECT KILBIRNIE.

6. Please tell us of any assistance you (or the person you are nominating) would need to help undertake the duties as a member of the Locality Partnership.*

N/A

7 . Why do you (or the person you are nominating) want to be a member of your Locality Partnership?

I LIKE WORKING WITH CHRISTINA PIERACCINI AND GAVIN FERGUSON. I ALSO WANT TO CONTINUE THE WORK I STARTED WHEN I WAS PART OF KGCC.

Proposer

Please give the name and contact details of one person who has known you (or the person you are nominating) in a personal or community capacity for at least two years and who would be prepared to support your nomination:

Name: CATHERINE WIGZELL

Address:

Postcode:

Tel. No:

Email:

Declaration

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Signed: ALLAN WRIGHT

Date: 28/01/2026

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Garnock Valley Locality Partnership

Date: 12th March 2026

Subject: Police Scotland: 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 Garnock Valley Locality Partnership:

1. Moving Around (Public Transport, Traffic and Parking)
2. Work and Local Community
3. Facilities and Amenities

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

Moving Around (Public Transport, Traffic and Parking)

Police Scotland continue to listen to the community in Garnock Valley who have raised concerns around poor driver behaviour, speeding, and parking issues. As part of their regular patrols, Locality Policing and Road Policing have conducted various road checks to educate and positively influence driver behaviour in the local area. Where appropriate, enforcement using Fixed Penalty Notices and reporting offenders to the Procurator Fiscal have been utilised.

Work and Local Community

Garnock Valley LPT officers have been working hard to disrupt the supply of controlled drugs and associated crime in the local area by gathering relevant intelligence and targeting the individuals responsible.

Over the last few months, officers provided support to local retail businesses with positive and decisive action taken in relation to reported shopliftings with several notable arrests being made. Through the officer's hard work and diligent reporting, three nominals received custodial sentences at Court, providing respite and reassurance to our retail partners.

Campus Officer update

- S3 Leadership group is ongoing with the young people learning cooking skills with our partners at the Salvation Army and they have just commenced the KA Elevate programme which is showing them how to use the gym equipment and making a tailored programme for them. Planning has commenced for the

programme for 2026/2027 with this programme being extended for S1 and S2 and using previous participants as peer mentors for the groups.

- Pitchin programme with group of pupils in P6 and P7 has continued and is coming to an end with a trip to Rugby Park planned.
- Transition programme is taking place. All P7 have had visits from campus police officer, head teacher, pastoral staff and senior pupils. The transition is run by the area inclusion officer.
- All primary schools have had inputs on internet safety and cyber bullying during the month of internet safety day (this was during a school holiday).
- Group of nurture pupils are attending the climbing centre in Kilmarnock along with the nurture teacher, campus police officer and active schools Co Ordinator thanks to funding from Sport Scotland.
- Mobile device policy has been within the school for a couple of months now and is working well. Pupils have adjusted to the policy and there has been a noted difference in their engagement in classes. There is a definite raise in noise level with the young people at interval and lunchtime but good noise level as the young people are speaking and engaging more with their peers and staff and having conversations. There has also been a noted reduction in the number of social media dramas between pupils.
- ADP roadshow took place within the school for our S1 pupils which was highly successful, and the pupils engaged well. Drug and Substance inputs have been delivered to S2 and S3 pupils.
- 'One Punch' input delivered to S1 due to the slight rise in pupils mainly play fighting but making contact and a few fights within the S1 peer group.
- Anti-social behaviour inputs will be taking place over the next few weeks not only to secondary pupils but also to Primary pupils.
- 'Be safe be seen' inputs delivered to pupils at Dalry and St Palladius in partnership with Dalry community council.
- Inputs to Moorpark, Dalry, St Palladius and Garnock schools regarding electric scooters and being safe while walking next to roads.

2. Asks of the Locality Partnership

Name

Title

Garnock Valley Locality Partnership Update

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Scottish Fire and Rescue Service



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Work and Local Community

Past 3 Months

- Delivered targeted Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSVs) across the Garnock Valley. To Date we have carried out 30 HFSV's.
- Supported employability programmes by providing fire safety awareness input.
- Worked with community groups to support safe delivery of winter community events.
- Participated in multi-agency efforts to address local vulnerabilities through joint visits.

Current Activity

- Continuing fire safety education for community organisations involved in employability and volunteering.
- Strengthening referral pathways with local partners for vulnerable individuals.
- Supporting local groups as they deliver early-year programmes and activities.

Next 3 Months

- Embedding fire safety modules into employability course content.
- Increasing joint visits with health and social care staff.
- Expanding outreach within community clubs and societies ahead of spring/summer activities.

Moving Around (Public transport, Traffic and Parking)

Past 3 Months

- Participated in local road safety forums supporting planning for winter events.
- Delivered school-based road safety education sessions.
- Supported partnership work addressing parking and access concerns near schools.

Current Activity

- Continuing engagement with road safety partners on access and transport-related risks.
- Providing input on emergency access considerations for road layout changes or diversions.
- Engaging with transport operators to support safe service delivery.

Next 3 Months

- Supporting spring road safety campaigns targeting vulnerable road users.
- Collaborating on infrastructure planning to protect emergency access routes.
- Enhancing local messaging on travel safety during increased seasonal activity.

Facilities and Amenities

Past 3 Months

- Provided updated fire safety advice within community facilities and public buildings.
- Supported staff and volunteers managing local venues during winter activity periods.
- Assisted housing and community organisations with safety guidance for supported accommodation.

Current Activity

- Assisting local groups preparing for spring programming in community centres.
- Continuing HFSVs near facilities undergoing refurbishment or increased seasonal use.
- Strengthening fire safety management plans for venues across the Garnock Valley.

Next 3 Months

- Increasing involvement in planning for facility upgrades and repurposing projects.
- Delivering refresher fire safety briefings for staff and volunteers.
- Expanding outreach for groups using outdoor amenities as seasonal programmes resume.

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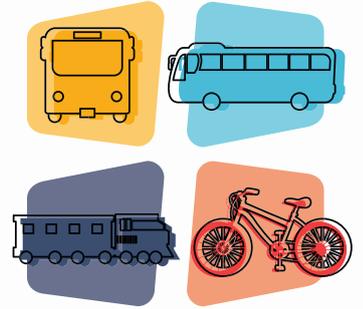
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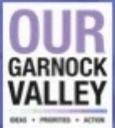
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Locality Priorities for Garnock Valley



CALLS TO ACTION



ACTION & DECISION MAKING

Stronger community action & pride, local decision-making, responsive public services



PARKS & OUTDOOR SPACE

Managing, maintaining & enhancing our parks and the outdoor spaces for health & wellbeing



TOWN CENTRES

How they look and feel, & what they have to offer: more homes and more facilities



HOUSING & POPULATION

Good quality, affordable, sustainable homes for everybody - existing & new-build



GETTING ABOUT

Excellent public transport, walking & cycling - within the Garnock Valley & to other places, accessible to all



YOUNG PEOPLE

More opportunities for our young people: work, play & participating in the future of their place



COMMUNITY LIFE

Top quality community spaces, services, shops, restaurants etc - with more events & activities



JOBS & BUSINESS

Support local business & jobs, modern manufacturing & the visitor economy



Locality Updates



Memorial benches

Funding raised following the passing of local man Johnny Burns has been used to buy two memorial benches, which will be placed at Ladeside Park. Remaining funding will go towards the community defibrillators and will hopefully help others.

Men's Shed Dalry

The Men's Shed Dalry are progressing with their move into the King's Arms in Dalry, which will provide more space and opportunities for the Shed to grow.



Lochshore Highland games

Following the success of last year's event, the Garnock Valley Locality Team are currently in planning to host another "Lochshore Highland Games". This was a popular event and lots of fun. More details to follow....

Dalry Medical Practice

They practice have set up a new Patient Participation Group, which meets on the 1st Thursday every three months. They are looking for as diverse a group as possible to participate. Please ask for the Practice Manager Susan Dillon for more details.



Locality Updates

Kilbirnie Sew and Sews – The Kilbirnie Sew and Sews continue to meet weekly to learn and create. They have just had a successful exhibition at Dalgarven Mill and next their quilts are off to Rozelle House to be part of an exhibition of Ayrshire quilters. They have also entered quilts into the Scottish Quilting Competition, both individually and as groups. They applied for funding from Participatory Budgeting and were successful. They used the funding to provide a bus to the SEC for the event meaning that more of their members can enjoy the event

Their members made over 50 book cushions which have just been donated to the children's hospital, and they are planning a coffee morning in April with proceeds going to Mary's Meals. A pop-up shop from Allison's Emporium will also be available. Their membership is strong, with at least 30 members turning up each week for an enjoyable and supportive sewing session.

Friends of Lochshore – Friends of Lochshore are delighted with their new poly tunnel and growing spaces provided in partnership with the NAC. The Friends are intending to grow native trees and plants to improve Lochshore Park's biodiversity. They would also hope to see ospreys visiting the loch again this year. They are very much looking forward to the new training spaces and storage which are planned.

Kilbirnie Library – All their groups are going well, which include the Poetry Group, Film Club, Memories Group, Dungeons and Dragons, Book Group, Mother and Toddler, Art Group, Lego and Chess, Bookbug, Kidz Club, Sewing Group and Craft Group. They have offered four free tutored Sewing classes for Beginners and intermediate abilities making Cushion Covers and Highland Coos.

The library has recently had Citizens Advice join them on a Friday (between 2-4pm in conjunction with Beith Trust) and CEIS Job Assistance are with them every Thursday from 9am-5pm. They organised a few events on for the School Holiday with Winnie the Pooh Crafts celebrating 100 years of Winnie the Pooh and a Digital Event using iPad, Retro Computer Games and Hot Wires. The TSB is in the branch every Friday from 10am-4pm, providing a much-needed banking service. Finally, they are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on 5th March with a visit from Elizabeth Mackay, author of Wee Granny's Magic Bag. St Bridgets Primary and Garnock Campus will be joining them for this event.



Locality Updates

Garnock Valley Discovery Award –The group have completed a 6-week chair yoga programme, which they all enjoyed and found beneficial for their health. They recently started a new 6-week programme in Qui Quong, which they are again finding beneficial and enjoyable. The group held a Burns Day celebration and invited members of the wider community to come along. They all enjoyed haggis pies, traditional Scottish sweets such as tablet, teacakes and shortbread and recited Scottish poems to celebrate the day. Feedback was positive and the group would like to organise another event soon. The group also attended the Huntarian Museum for their first trip of the year to see the new Glasgow People’s exhibition. This was beneficial for all who attended and the next trip, which has been organised by one of the group, is a guided tour of Kilwinning Abbey in early March.



Members continue to work on their awards with some volunteering at Café Solace, Friends of Lochshore, visiting older people, Dalry Community Garden, Care and Share Dalry, The Dalry She Shed and Hessilhead. This shows the variety of opportunities available in the community and the diversity of interests of the members. For the hobbies/interest section, again there is diversity of interests such as photography, needle crafts, jigsaws, gardening and hiking. The award has allowed those attending to rediscover old interests now that they have time to pursue them and try new activities, while also reducing social isolation and



Locality Updates

Dalry She Shed – The She Shed continues to run on a Tuesday at Dalry Scout Hall and is well attended. The group received PB funding which they will use to fund some workshops relating to wellbeing such as a Sound Bath. Feedback from those who attend is very positive, with the women saying that they are made to feel welcome, valued and safe while there. They have also advised that they appreciate the variety of crafts on offer and the support they receive from other members.

Garnock Valley Allotments Association –As a result of the positive relationship and engagement with the committee, they were successful in gaining PB funding. Having one of the committee as a community reviewer has raised awareness of the work they do and as an association, they continue to widen their reach within the community. Last year’s annual community quiz held in November was very well attended. The Garnock Valley Locality Team staff continue to provide support with advice, signposting and guidance. Their AGM was held on February 18th.

Dalry Community Development Hub

The Hub is back into full swing after the Christmas holidays. The volunteers from the Community Garden organised an exceptionally successful Pre-Loved Fashion Show at the community centre on Friday 6th February. This was a great opportunity to bring the community together and also help build confidence. The models experienced a newfound confidence as this was a new experience for them and judging from the pictures, they were rocking it! The clothes were donated by community members and were sold at very reasonable prices to help raise funds for a large permanent wooden gazebo with a roof. This will enable the community garden to hold more outdoor activities in the ever-changing weather.





Locality Updates

Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Association – The association continue to run Bridgend well. They have a full program of lets, clubs and activities using the centre. A new Secretary has been recruited, who is settling in very well. With a wealth of admin experience, they have been a positive addition to the team. The first association meeting of the year was held in early February, and it was confirmed that the Mural Project for the back wall will start in April 2026. The committee agreed that the theme should be around who uses the centre and that all the groups are represented on it with their logos or a design of their choice. The centre has also been able to accommodate most of the youth groups while the Walker Hall is closed for young people. The associations AGM will take place at the end of March 2026.

Beith Playpark Action Group (BPAG) – are continuing to strive to improve the play and recreation facilities in Beith Orr's Trust Park. BPAG received a grant from the UKSPF which has enabled the refurbishment of the existing teenage shelter and the installation of a new concrete base for the shelter.

A donation from Beith Christian Action Group has helped towards funding the relining of the tennis and ball courts. A Litter Pick event has been organised for Saturday 28th March and they hope to have a Skatejam in May. For any more information please email bpagroup@hotmail.co.uk

Kilbirnie Auld Kirk – In January 2026, local businessman Jim Pierce and his wife Anne purchased the church building for Kilbirnie Auld Kirk from the Church of Scotland. They are working alongside a group called Kilbirnie Auld Kirk Future Group. The Future Group is being supported by Beith Trust, NAC and Project Kilbirnie as they work to become a charity in their own right. The Futures Group is currently undertaking a feasibility study to evaluate the potential for the building to function as a local heritage centre. The current building dates back to around 1445 but it is believed that there has been a church building on that site dating back to 1127. This means that next year will mark the 900th anniversary of the founding of Kilbirnie



Locality Updates

Project Kilbirnie SCIO - Following the unsuccessful election campaign in Oct / Nov 2025 for Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Community Council (“KGCC”), Project Kilbirnie have begun work on a revamped Volunteer of the Year project. Inspired by fantastic events organised last year by Dalry Community Council and Beith and District Community Council, Project Kilbirnie have expanded the competition in Kilbirnie from the one category used by KGCC to four categories this year: Young Volunteer of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Organisation of the Year and Local Small Business of the Year. Nomination forms are currently available at 6 locations across Kilbirnie and Glengarnock and the deadline for nominations has been extended from the end of February to the end of March. An online form is also available. A presentation event is being planned for Sat 6 June at the Garnock Valley Social Club, details of which will be made available later.

Project Kilbirnie continues to support the work of the Garnock Valley Place Plan and has replaced KGCC as the Kilbirnie & Glengarnock representative on the ‘Our Garnock Valley’ group. Project Kilbirnie are looking to see what areas of the plan they can help to implement. For example, during the consultation, the biggest concern that local residents had was the state of dilapidated buildings in our town, followed by a demand to reinvigorate the main street. Towards these ends, Project Kilbirnie has written to the registered owner of Benny’s Chip Shop, outlining the current state of the building and to see what, if any, plans the owner might have for the building.

Tour de Garnock 2027 - Project Kilbirnie is working on plans for the Tour de Garnock cycling event. This would see a red route of 51 miles covering a circular route from Lochshore to Beith, Stewarton, Kilwinning, round the Three Towns, through West Kilbride and then up the Fairlie Moor back into Dalry and Kilbirnie. The route would end back at Lochshore Hub. The blue route of 16 miles starts off along the same path as the red route, from Lochshore to Beith but this time it is intended the route will go down past the Defence Munitions site to Dalry and over the bridge across the A737 into the Blair Scheme before travelling back to Kilbirnie and ending at Lochshore. There will be a shorter green route utilising the 5km track at Lochshore and a yellow group of static cycles in the Hub building itself. This event was originally intended for May 2027 to coincide with the start of the Tour de France in Edinburgh in late June 2027, but that date may be pushed back. It has proven more challenging than expected to update the bank account for Project Kilbirnie and until they have a new bank account available, they can’t begin the process of applying for funding to cover the costs of this event.



Locality Updates

Green Spaces Kilbirnie 2026 - Last year, Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Community Council obtained Locality PB funding for planters in Kilbirnie Main Street. Gavin from the Locality Team was a huge help in getting some of the planters adopted by local groups and residents. He also put together a team of local volunteers who weeded the planters at Kilbirnie Cross. This year, Gavin and Project Kilbirnie are looking to build on that momentum and try to encourage more people to help take care of our town centre. A public meeting was held on 23rd February. Thanks are due to Street Scene for their contributions, such as pressure washing the area around the old folks' houses where the old Co-Op building used to be. They are also looking into options for the main roundabout at the Cross. This initiative serves as a positive example of the council working with local residents and organisations in a low cost, high impact project.

Stoneyholm Mill Trust - The group are looking for new trustees to keep the group going. The group formed in 2018 to explore ways to repurpose the West and East mills at Knox's. In recent years, they have produced a graphic novel to promote their mascot "Knox the Fox". They also gave out flax seeds so that people could grow their own flax and then take it to the mill to see how the flax plants were then converted into thread. They were also a regular participant in Ayrshire Doors Open Day, and they helped with the production of the Mill Girls, where the memories of some of the women who used to work in the mill share their memories of their time there.

Garnock Valley Recovery Hub - GVRH was set up to offer a safe, welcoming, and non-judgemental space for individuals affected by addiction. At the hub, they offer support and guidance to family members or friends who are affected by a loved one's addiction and provide information and resources about addiction treatment and recovery. The group meet every Tuesday in Kilbirnie and the group has just received £6000 funding from ADP, which will benefit the group greatly. For details, please contact:
garnockvalleylocality@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

The group is going to use some of the funding on relevant training such as: First Aid, Health and Hygiene and a relaxation technique called Acudetox. The group also discussed a planned programme that would involve sessions on Mental Health and Well Being, Neurodiversity, cooking on a budget and any other issues that will sustain their recovery. As a result of attending the hub, members have gone on to volunteer or engage in learning activities across the community. There is a real need for this service in the Garnock Valley, and the hope is that outside organisations and the local community will continue to support this cause.

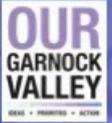


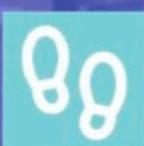
Our Garnock Valley

The Garnock Valley Local Place Plan – Our Garnock Valley – is believed to be the first where towns – Beith, Dalry and Kilbirnie – have worked together to create a place plan for a cluster of communities, rather than each working in isolation. It was prepared through extensive consultation with the local community and stakeholders. Work has been led by a working group made up of Beith and District, Dalry and Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Community Councils, along with Beith Community Development Trust, Dalry Community Development Hub, Dalry Community Sports Club and Garnock Valley Youth Forum. Since the plan was published, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council have unfortunately disbanded however, Project Kilbirnie have re-established. It has been supported by North Ayrshire Council and funded by the Scottish Government’s Place Based Investment Programme.

In December 2025, the Garnock Valley Locality Partnership adopted the 8 Calls to Action in Our Garnock Valley plan as the locality priorities for the Locality Partnership, helping to ensure that work across the Garnock Valley is aligned.

CALLS TO ACTION



 ACTION & DECISION MAKING Stronger community action & pride, local decision-making, responsive public services	 PARKS & OUTDOOR SPACE Managing, maintaining & enhancing our parks and the outdoor spaces for health & wellbeing
 TOWN CENTRES How they look and feel, & what they have to offer: more homes and more facilities	 HOUSING & POPULATION Good quality, affordable, sustainable homes for everybody - existing & new-build
 GETTING ABOUT Excellent public transport, walking & cycling - within the Garnock Valley & to other places, accessible to all	 YOUNG PEOPLE More opportunities for our young people: work, play & participating in the future of their place
 COMMUNITY LIFE Top quality community spaces, services, shops, restaurants etc - with more events & activities	 JOBS & BUSINESS Support local business & jobs, modern manufacturing & the visitor economy



Our Garnock Valley

Representatives from Our Garnock Valley have met twice with the Heads of Service responsible for Regeneration and also Community Learning and Development. These meetings look to forge a strong working relationship between the community organisations and the local authority.

Building on the work of Our Garnock Valley, the Garnock Valley is one of only three areas selected to be invited to a national discussion around the emerging blueprint under the Local Governance Review. By sharing the learning from Our Garnock Valley, it will hopefully shape future legislation and help other communities.

The job advert for the Development Worker is now live and will hopefully be recruited soon.

All the information can be found here: <https://www.ourgarnockvalley.net>

Community Voices 50+ - These drop ins, aimed at those aged 50 and over and as part of the commitment to developing Older People's Voice Participation, has led to an increase in older people from Dalry working towards their Bronze Discovery Award. As well as offering older people a space to have their voices heard, it has expanded the reach of the Discovery Award in the Garnock Valley. The Dalry group meets every 2nd Monday in the library and members have engaged in a memory style workshop and participated in the wider Garnock Valley Discovery Award trip to the Huntarian Museum and Burns Day celebration. Unfortunately, the reach hasn't quite expanded in Beith yet. While there have been conversations with people at various times and within Beith Library, there is yet to be regular attenders.

As part of the Community Voices 50+ regular contact has also been kept with Age Concern and the 50+ group at Bridgend. Those who attend are keen to be involved in sharing their views however prefer to do so from there, where they feel more comfortable.



Café Solace

Café Solace served 144 meals at Christmas to their customers, which were very well received. 15 children and 5 adults had their meals free of charge, along with 22 meals for their volunteers. All their customers also received a wee goodie bag.

During 2025, Café Solace served 4,322 meals, 266 of which were free of charge. This was an increase of 815 meals from 2024 and excludes meals for their volunteers. This year numbers have held up during January, with over 40 customers at lunchtime and 60 – 75 attending in the evening.

Iain has now taken up his new job role as Food & Recovery Development Worker. The recovery hub numbers have been low since the new year, and they are now offering soup and snacks to encourage those in need of support to attend. Iain will be spending time visiting other organisations who support people in recovery or living with addiction and will also be visiting GP practices in the Garnock Valley to promote the hub.

2026 has brought Café Solace early external catering jobs, both with positive feedback, with another event scheduled later in February.

Two new volunteers have joined Café Solace, bringing their adult numbers to 13, with some working in the morning and covering lunch service and others in the evening for dinner service. They also have 5 young people who have stayed with them after completing their Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteering requirements, and three young people who are currently working through their bronze award.

They are looking forward to the better weather so that they can get their garden in order and ready for planting – hopefully with a bit more success than last year.



Dalry Community Sports Club

Community Allotments / Playing Fields Project

Dalry Community Sports Club is a local charity dedicated to improving health, wellbeing and community connection through sport and shared outdoor spaces. Their long-term vision is to develop a new site that brings people together: high-quality playing fields for sport and recreation alongside community allotments that encourage growing, learning and social connection. The aim is to create an inclusive space that can be enjoyed by all ages, supporting both physical activity and mental wellbeing while strengthening the sense of community in Dalry.

In the coming months, people can expect to see early development activity on the site as plans begin to move forward. This will include initial ground preparation, site surveys and early layout work to shape the playing fields and allotment areas. As the project progresses, there will be visible signs of transformation, with pathways, defined plots and sporting areas starting to take shape, laying the foundations for a vibrant, well-used community asset.

The club welcomes support from anyone who would like to get involved. There will be opportunities to help through volunteering, sharing skills, fundraising, or simply spreading the word about the project. Local residents, groups and businesses are encouraged to take part and help shape the future of the site, ensuring it reflects the needs and aspirations of the wider community.





Beith Community Development Trust

Children and Family Services - Their children's services continue to go from strength to strength. Their Summer Camp in July 2025 provided music, art, sport and nature-based activities for up to 40 children per day and they are looking forward to running Easter Camp in April. Their popular Toddler Group on Mondays and Nature Play Group on Tuesdays each welcome around 30 children per week and have become staple services within the community. The Beith Hive Afterschool Club, based at Beith Primary School, now offers additional pick-ups from Garnock Primary and St Bridget's Primary providing parents and carers with wrap around care from 7.00am - 9.00am and 3.00pm - 6.00pm.

They are also delighted to have launched the Kilbirnie Together Project in February 2026 as part of a child poverty initiative. This project will deliver family services across Kilbirnie, beginning with a family music and toddler group on Wednesdays. Financial Inclusion and Early Intervention Beith Trust continues to deliver Citizens Advice services across three locations - Beith, Kilbirnie and Stevenston - as part of our financial inclusion initiative. Our Baby Bundles project, based in Stevenston, continues to thrive, receiving around 10 referrals per week from education, healthcare professionals and third-sector partners. This early intervention initiative provides high-quality pre-loved baby items to families who need them most, offering practical and timely support during financially challenging times.

Volunteers - Beith Trust continues to benefit from a strong and diverse team of volunteers working across all projects. Many volunteers participate in training and accredited courses, with some progressing into employment, reflecting our commitment to skills development and personal growth.

Fundraising and Community Events - Our fundraising events continue to attract strong community engagement. Beith Food and Drink Festival in September 25 welcomed over 600 attendees to Geilsland Estate. Their Pumpkin Picking Event attracted around 400 visitors. Garnock Valley Pipes and Drums hosted a fundraising ceilidh at the start of the year, welcoming approximately 300 guests. They are now preparing for our upcoming Easter Eggstravaganza in March, which promises to be another exciting community event. These events not only raise vital funds but also provide employability participants with meaningful, real-world work experience opportunities.

Access to all Beith Trust services is available through professional referral pathways and through self-referral via the Beith Trust website, ensuring open and inclusive access to support across the community. Beith Trust remains committed to delivering practical, people-centred services that respond directly to the needs of our local communities. From employability and early intervention to tackling social isolation and supporting families, our work continues to grow in reach and impact. They are proud of the partnerships they have strengthened, the volunteers who give their time so generously, and most importantly, the individuals and families who continue to place their trust in us. As demand for our services increases, they remain focused on creating opportunities, reducing barriers and building a stronger, more connected Garnock Valley for everyone.



George Steven Centre

George Steven Community Hub – The Hub has a range of activities and offerings for the Garnock Valley Community and surrounding areas.

Community Choices Programme – Monday to Friday from 10.00am – 3.00pm, they currently offer a programme of activities for adults with learning disabilities. This could be gardening, drama, music, nature group, swimming and much more.

Music Man Project – The Hub has a Music Project for adults with a disability to provide inclusive and accessible music. This takes place on a Thursday night from 3.00pm – 5.00pm at the cost of £10.00.

Social Group – They have a social group every Wednesday night from 6.15pm – 8.15pm for adults with learning disabilities. Within this individual can socialising and play various tabletop games, pool and video games.

Hope Café – At the end of last year, they reopened our café, formerly known as The Blend in Café. Our Café is open Wednesday – Friday 10.00am – 2.00pm.

Charity Shop – Their Charity Shop is open Monday to Friday from 10.00am – 3.00pm and is based within the Hub. Very low-cost items available, mostly clothes, shoes, bags and accessories.

Conversation Café – Their Conversation Café is on every Monday 1.00pm – 3.00pm, open to everyone, providing soup, tea/coffee, use and support with digital equipment.





CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2025 - On 7 December Barrmill Jolly Beggars held their annual Christmas Concert in Kilbirnie New Parish Church. The concert was in aid of church funds. The guest performers were the amazing Irvine and Dreghorn Band who were in tip-top form with a variety of music to suit all tastes. The audience received free ice-cream - yes in December - and it quickly sold (or slurped out) with the eager band first in the queue. The audience were delighted with this heart-warming music which benefited church funds by a whopping £900. Special thanks to all at Barrmill Jolly Beggars BC for organising and supporting this church fundraiser.

82nd ANNUAL BURNS SUPPER - FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2026 - Barrmill Jolly Beggars BC hold their 82nd Annual Burns Supper in Beith Bowling Club on Friday 20 February. The principal toast will be delivered by Iain McPhail, Past President, Irvine Burns Club whilst the Toast to the Lasses is in the capable hands of Alan Timpany of New Cumnock Burns Club. Club members and friends of the club will also take an active part. Tickets £20 from secretary: Cllr Donald L Reid on e: donaldleesreid@hotmail.com or 07976654833. 85 confirmed attendees.

SOUND OF THE RISING GENERATION - Barrmill Jolly Beggars BC are sponsoring a concert aptly named: Sound of The Rising Generation, showcasing young musicians aged 5-25 years. The concert will feature talented young musicians performing in Brass, Percussion, Vocals and Bagpipes. It will be held in Dunlop Memorial Hall, Dreghorn at 2pm on Sunday 29 March. Admission £5 and children free. This concert will benefit Irvine and Dreghorn Brass who now own Dunlop Hall and do a marvellous job tutoring young folk in brass and other instruments. All welcome.

GLASGOW PHOENIX CHOIR IN BEITH - Barrmill Jolly Beggars BC are delighted to welcome the internationally renowned Glasgow Phoenix Choir to Beith Parish Church on Sunday 26 April at 2.30pm. The Jolly Beggars are organising and sponsoring this concert to help raise funds for Garnock Valley Disability Group. They are also delighted to have financial support from Beith Christian Action Group Thrift Shop. Tickets are £7 (under 12 years free) and available from: Cllr Donald L Reid, Secretary, Barrmill Jolly Beggars BC on: e: donaldleesreid@hotmail.com or M: 07976654833. This is a truly amazing choir so please lend your support!

Barrmill Jolly Beggars BC will also organise a further two concerts during 2026 and these will be publicised once arrangements are confirmed. The club are indebted to Awards for All for their support of four concerts during 2026 ensuring the music remains a key part of the social life of Garnock Valley and North Ayrshire.

Barrmill Jolly Beggars AGM takes place on Monday 19 April at 7pm in Beith Masonic Club (downstairs lounge). Afterward there will be a guest speaker.



Garnock Valley Youth Work

S3 Community Leadership programme

This programme continues to grow and strengthen, supported by positive partnership working with KA Leisure, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, and now the Salvation Army at the George Steven Centre. Since January, the current group of S3 young people have been taking part enthusiastically in Fake Away cooking sessions at the Salvation Army's George Steven Centre, a well-used community hub in Kilbirnie. Their growing confidence and commitment have been evident through their active participation, positive attitudes, and willingness to engage with new staff in a different community setting. To continue responding to the group's needs and learning experiences, a block of gym sessions has been introduced from this month through to March. This aims to support their health and wellbeing while encouraging them to make positive use of community facilities.

S2 Youth Group

As a result of the promotion of the group and changing the group to a wider age group to widen the reach of engagement of young people, the number attending has grown. This has been shaped by the young people themselves through their own promotion and word of mouth. All the young people attending have contributed to designing the programme of activities, the snacks and the group agreement to meet their needs. The result of this is young people are confidently taking ownership, leading in icebreakers and assisting staff with activities. So far, cold baking, team games, board games including the traitors' game, and arts & crafts (mini zine) have engaged their participation. There are currently 20 registered with a core of 15 attending regularly.

Political literacies

The Garnock Valley Locality Team are working with NAC Elections team, and in line with Electoral Commission guidelines, towards the upcoming 2026 Scottish Government election. The Locality Team are looking at how to engage young people in politics and encouraging them to vote. This will be non-party political and will focus on encouraging young people to take part in the "register to vote" week in March, which is aimed at 16 and 17 year-olds and helps to break down barriers for young people to vote, especially if it is their first time.

Umbrella club

The Umbrella Club continues to be a safe environment for young people. They have been working alongside the Voices of Pride Group on the Purple Friday bake sale, which was held on Friday 27th February and raised £187.

Garnock Valley Youth Work

Garnock Valley Youth Forum

In January, the Youth Forum met with the Head of Service for Connected Communities to discuss their concerns about the Walker Hall and confirm what is being done by the council to save their Youth Space. This meeting went well and the young people were reassured that getting the Walker Hall operational was a priority.

After several conversations with the young people, from May the Youth Forum will be a monthly meeting and young people from all the other groups be invited to participate along with staff members. This is it hoped this will give more young people who are keen to be part of youth voice participation the opportunity to do so and have a better representation of their views.

The existing group will continue to run on a Wednesday evening and will keep working on their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. They would like to change the name of the group and look at what other activities and projects they can work on.

Primary 7 transition Groups

These groups have a good number attending. The purpose of the groups is to support young people in the social transition from P7 to S1, helping to build skills and resilience around this time. Sessions include interpersonal skills, relationships, online safety and active citizenship.

Detached Youth Work training

The Garnock Valley Locality Team delivered training on 28th February to colleagues across North Ayrshire on detached youth work, helping to ensure this skilled and specialised type of youth work is available across North Ayrshire.

Youth Synergy

The group had a successful time at the Christmas Lights Switch on and raised £200 along with the Youth Forum. They decided to purchase hoodies and water bottles, which they have started personalising. This they feel will give them a sense of belonging to the group and proudly advertise that they are a committed group of young people working on projects that benefit the wider community. The Mural project at Bridgend will start in April, and the group are looking forward to collaborating with the association and the Discovery Award group on this project, which will provide an excellent opportunity for intergenerational work.

Numbers for this group are now at 8 young people who all attend regularly and engage well. After the Mural project finishes the group will continue with their John Muir award and visit Lochshore Hub again.

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