

8.	AOCB Reports for information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegated Powers • Community Projects Fund – Assessment Panel • Community Rep Vacancies 			Cllr Davidson Rhonda Leith Louise Riddex	LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality, the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.
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Distribution List

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Councillor Scott Davidson (**Chair**)
Councillor Joe Cullinane
Councillor Mary Hume
Councillor Donald Reid

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Jim Watson, Kilwinning Community Council (**Vice Chair**)
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Kilwinning Locality Partnership

Supporting Skills and Work

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Alleviating Poverty and Promoting Equality of Access to Opportunities

Improving Community Wellbeing



Meeting:	Kilwinning Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	Wednesday 10 December 2025 at 7:00pm at the Love Memorial Hall
Present:	<p>Cllr Scott Davidson – Chair Cllr Mary Hume – Elected Member Steven Prestley – Police Scotland (deputising for Graeme Gallie) Rhonda Leith – Head of Service Wendy Crighton – Community Representative Jim Watson – Kilwinning Community Council Martyn Rae – Active Schools Co-ordinator Fiona Comrie – KA Leisure Ann Wilson – TACT</p> <p>In Attendance</p> <p>Nicola Collins – Head Teacher, Corsehill Primary School Caroline Conway – Secretary to Head of Service (Notes)</p>
Apologies	<p>Graeme Gallie – Police Scotland (Senior Lead) Louise Riddex – Locality Officer Tim Swan – Head Teacher, Kilwinning Academy</p>

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1.	<p>Welcome, Apologies and Expressions of Interest</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited introductions.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were noted.</p> <p>No declarations of interest were made.</p> <p>Before the meeting began, the Chair acknowledged the recent passing of Susan Lauder, noting that she was a highly respected Head Teacher and a valued member of the community who will be greatly missed.</p>	Noted
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The Action Note from the previous meeting was approved.</p> <p>R Leith updated the following actions: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CIF application from Pryde has been approved. The group has also received lottery funding • R Leith will get update from L Riddex regarding Landward Old Folks Committee and will circulate to the Partnership by email. • S Prestley will obtain an update regarding school uniforms. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>R Leith</p> <p>S Prestley</p>
3.	<p>Locality Officer Update</p> <p>R Leith delivered the following update: -</p>	Noted

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kilwinning Community Shed has been successful in their application to the Participatory Budgeting. The Shed was also involved in the Kilwinning Christmas Lights Switch On event. • The Love Hall Christmas Fayre was well attended with good community involvement. 	Noted
<p>4.</p>	<p>Locality Priorities Survey</p> <p>The Locality Partnership noted the report.</p> <p>The following key points were raised: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were 23 responses with a reasonable spread of age, however there were not many from the younger age group. • Suggestions/comments received include skills and work, apprenticeships, costs of training, access to a physical careers hub, incentivising employers. • It would be extremely helpful to map what community groups are doing to understand the current position and identify gaps. • Issues with the Main Street, the underpass at Pennyburn, and car parks/parking were also raised. • Suggestions for litter picking were made. • In terms of poverty, the cost of living was the main issue raised. Other issues include lack of access to affordable activities for children, access to health services/GP, being able to access information about support services. The Locality Partnership agreed more ladders and community clubs would be of benefit and consideration is needed as to how to promote what services are available and how to access them. • The importance of outdoor space, coming together, kindness initiatives, bringing generations together, and mental health supports were highlighted for Community Wellbeing. <p>J Watson commented on the low number of responses and asked if there is anything we can do to increase the number. He suggested perhaps groups could provide a collective response. Cllr Hume commented that people are motivated by discussion and the comments from others, and perhaps there could be a prize incentive. N Collins suggested teachers could support children to complete the survey during class. J Watson also felt that a clearer definition is needed to help with the understanding of what is meant by wellbeing.</p> <p>It was also suggested that the Community Link Workers based in GP surgeries could assist individuals. Surveys could also be distributed via groups who use the libraries, KA Leisure coaches and Kilwinning Sports Club.</p> <p>R Leith suggested a communication plan could be a way for the Locality Partnership to bring organisations and groups together and link with TACT, KA Leisure and other networks.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Partner Reports</p>	

KA Leisure

- The community sports team is working on a number of activities.
- The early intervention health checks have been well received; the team is also working with public health to signpost into their services.

Active Schools

- Fifteen students have gone through the North Ayrshire Sports Academy and are now fully qualified.
- The extracurricular activity reports are in the process of being completed.
- Ways to promote the clubs are being considered.
- Support was provided to KA Leisure for the winter games, including from Kilwinning Academy students.
- Five schools participated in the community football tournament; the North Ayrshire final will take place March/April.
- Twelve Kilwinning Academy students have completed Introduction to Coaching with BMX skills, supported by Scottish Cycling. The qualified students will coach primary school pupils; Abbey Primary is participating in the pilot. Scottish Cycling has donated the BMXs and is involved in the maintenance scheme.
- The Commonwealth baton is coming to the Kilwinning cluster week commencing 12/01/2026, the baton was designed by pupils in the area.
- Scottish cycling has offered a visit to the Chris Hoy Velodrome week commencing 12/01/2026.
- The Cluster Community Leagues (netball, football and girls only football) will commence in March. Additional dates are being arranged, supported by Kilwinning Sports Club.

Education

- Monthly cluster meetings are helping to keep continuity of learning and forming strong partnerships.
- There is lots of activity currently. The Corsehill Primary Choir doing a tour and attended the Christmas switch on and will be performing at Rivergate.
- Links are being made with Fiona Cameron in terms of road safety; a "hi-vis day" is being arranged.
- Plans are being finalised for 2026 activities at the Love Hall.
- The astro turf is now being utilised in the evenings.

Police Scotland

Campus Officer update: -

- Disengaged pupils were funded to attend a programme run by Mission:Fit for five weeks to promote confidence and decision making. They were supported and encouraged to cascade learning to their peers.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police has offered a work experience opportunity. Interested candidates were asked to complete an application and were interviewed. The successful candidates were based at Irvine Police Office, participated in various departments and took part in activities including crime scene mock ups, rescue exercises, crowd control, helicopter unit, and sheriff court. • The Mentors in Violence Prevention programme, led by senior pupils, is addressing bullying, gender based violence, sextortion etc to challenge peers. • The Pitching In programme is ran at Kilmarnock Football Club aims to support decision making and life choices and resisting offending behaviour. Speakers talk about their real life experience and consequences of their actions. <p>Prevention and Intervention Officer update: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers are offering advice regarding scams and crime preventions. • Local policing is being given a high profile presence in Main Street. • Road Traffic Officers are addressing speeding concerns in the Bensley area. 	
<p>6</p>	<p>Improving Community Wellbeing</p> <p>F Comrie led a discussion on improving community wellbeing. The Partnership reflected on what wellbeing means, considering its physical, mental and social dimensions, and noting that these are shaped by similar influencing factors. It was acknowledged that wellbeing is experienced differently by each individual, that working-age adults are often not fully reached by support services, and that social isolation is becoming more common.</p> <p>An update was provided on work carried out in Kilwinning over the summer. As Kilwinning is a priority area for employability, targeted engagement in the Blacklands area involved a six-week programme with Ayrshire College and Employability CIS for 16–24 year olds, alongside family wellbeing days in the school and sports club. Due to strong interest, a second phase will be expanded across Kilwinning. Partners acknowledged financial constraints but agreed that shared contributions help deliver impact.</p> <p>M Rae reported a drop in extra-curricular participation among senior pupils. R Leith suggested this may relate to study pressures and stressed the value of physical activity for managing stress. The Active Girls leadership programme is also developing.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed that community groups need to be better promoted, particularly for older adults who may not use digital platforms, and that a multi-partner drop-in model could be more accessible than single-issue sessions. It was noted that middle-aged adults are often underserved, with many activities held during working hours.</p>	

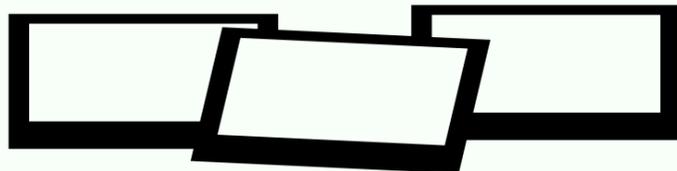
	<p>The group discussed the importance of community connection and identifying specific needs through follow-on events. Engaging young adult males remains a particular challenge.</p> <p>F Comrie will circulate details of the next workshop and asked members to consider their priority areas.</p>	<p><i>F Comrie/ All</i></p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>R Leith advised the Locality Partnership is invited to attend the Democracy Matters online session taking place on Monday. The session will look at local governance and what happens within communities/localities.</p> <p>J Watson raised the damage to Main Street. R Leith and Cllr Hume both agreed to look into the concerns.</p>	<p><i>R Leith/M Hume</i></p>

Meeting finished at: 9:00pm



Poverty/Financial Inclusion

- Kilwinning Discovery Award 1 – The group were successful in their PB application for £1000. This money will go towards both events and trips that will alleviate any financial pressures for group members whilst providing new opportunities.
- Take time families- Group continue to use funding they were successful with, will be used for new resources families can use at home.
- All group remain free of charge allowing adults and young people to access opportunities within the community.



Health and Wellbeing

- Discovery award – Group taking ownership of events and activities. They recently planned and delivered a Burns supper for the full group. This was a great feel-good event and built the confidence of those involved in planning.
- Love hall youth group- 20 young people from S1-S4 attend weekly. Young people access the group regularly.
- Take time families – Continues to thrive as a group. Supporting families to build positive wellbeing toolkits. Building positive relationships and providing a space for families to thrive.
- Discovery award group 2 has 10 participants all enjoying the program and helping with issues such as social isolation, relieving poor mental health, giving participants purpose.

Regeneration and Increasing Civic Pride

- Love Hall Youth Group – Continuing to build constitution to become a youth forum. We have generated escape room type games to support young people to start talking about how to take ownership of their community and be actively involved in making change within their community. These escape rooms will encourage youth voice and supporting young people to think about issues within their community and how that affects them.
- Three members of Discovery Award 2 group have volunteered with NAC core skills team and have started assisting delivery of Numeracy and Literacy classes.
- Discovery have been talking about doing a sponsored walk but raising food items to donate to local food larder or a similar cause.
- 5 members of Discovery group have gained their bronze awards and are now working towards their silver awards, looking actively for community volunteering opportunities.

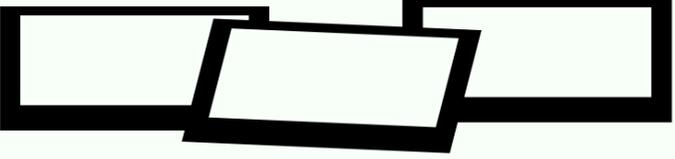


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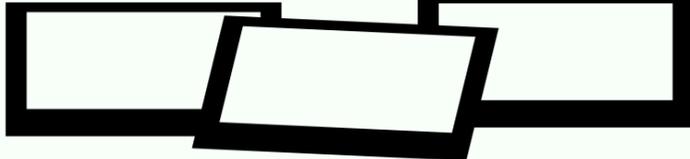
- Kilwinning Vintage Voices, hosted a Christmas Gathering event on Wednesday 3rd December 2025 to encourage new members and provide an event for older people to engage with other older people. The event featured a free Christmas afternoon tea, various games, quizzes and a festive sing along.



- Kilwinning Vintage Voices are working in partnership with Kilwinning Library to host a Savvy Seniors Advice Roadshow Event on Thursday 5th March. The event will feature info and guidance on wellbeing advice and activities from various partners, including Kilwinning Community Shed.
- Corra have been supporting Minds of Recovery to host a drop in support group in Kilwinning for those effected by addiction. The group is starting to build with 10 people having reached out so far. The chair based exercise group is now at capacity of 20. Corra are currently looking for someone to take over this group, and training can be provided. The social activity group are hosting another sellout afternoon tea at end Feb. They are using local caterers for food and local businesses to buy vouchers for raffle prizes.

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- Kilwinning Community Shed are waiting on the outcome of their CAT application for Blacklands Hall, and are in the process of looking at CIF and National lottery for funding. A funding support meeting has been organised with Rosemary Ramsay (Funding Officer).
- After being nominated for the Scotlands Adult Learning Partnership adult learners week 2025 awards, the Community Shed were announced as a winner at the finalists event at the Scottish Parliament on Thursday 29th January 2026. In turn they received a trophy to mark the achievement.



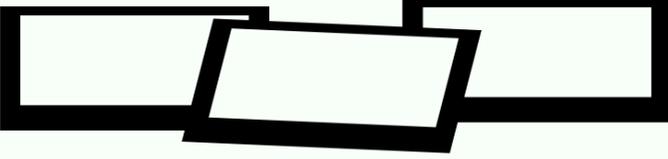


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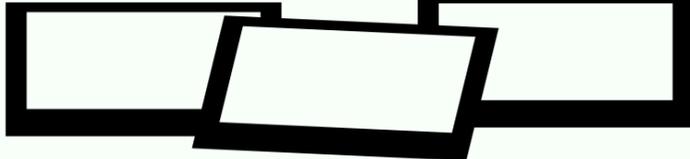


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- Kilwinning Academy Intervention - Currently trying to deliver intervention group in Kilwinning Academy although proving difficult with timetable etc, the aim is to encourage participation in school, build confidence and skills ultimately improving overall wellbeing.

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 - Kilwinning Academy's Columba 1400 pupils have been in Buckreddan Nursing Home to visit, and support connecting the community, This has been happening on a monthly basis.
 - Corra hosted a parliamentary reception un Scottish Parliament early Feb. Members of the Kilwinning Community were involved. The event gave the opportunity to hear of others work, and speak to funders and other organisations. Over 100 people were in attendance and great connections made.
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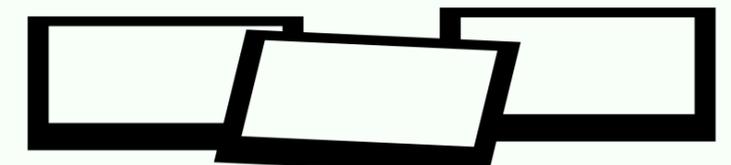
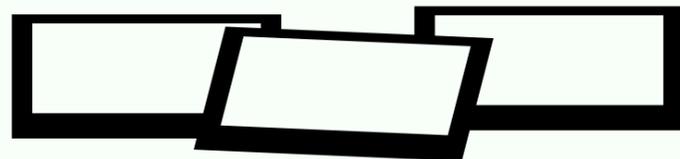
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Community Engagement/Participation and Voice

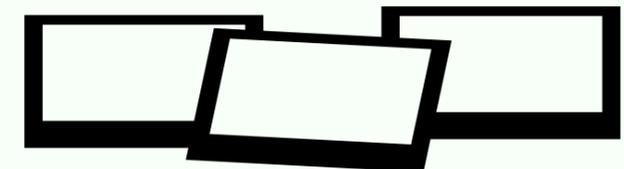
- Discovery award 1 – Members of the group have volunteered to take part in promoting the Discovery award within the Council. They will work with the Comms team to promote the group and give participants voice.
- Choose Kilwinning held their AGM on Tuesday 13th January, with the majority of the committee standing down. A new committee has been elected and are receiving support to become established and find new members to be co-opted on to the committee. The new committee are starting the process of working towards organising the Segdoune Gala for 2026.
- Nine attendees from Kilwinning Vintage Voices, and six members from Kilwinning Discovery Group have been put forward to attend the Older Peoples Voice Annual Conference which is scheduled for Friday 6th March at Redburn Community Centre, Irvine

Work and Skills

- Love Hall Youth Group– Staff have been Supporting Young person with CV and skills for work. Discussions and support around expectations of employment and use of CV.
- Discovery Award 1 – Supporting new volunteer opportunities with participants both in house within the library setting and out with in external organisations.
- Support being given to Whitehirst park Community Association, Helping with Social media and getting more visible in the community
- Writing For Self Expression was a 4 week course that was initially delivered in partnership with the Royal Literacy Fund who has provided a professional writer to facilitate the course. Following on from this course some of the attendees have created a weekly informal group called Aye Write Kilwinning. They currently meets every Tuesday at 2pm in the library. The purpose of the group is to work on creative writing that can be shared and discussed, which connects to improving wellbeing of the attendees. The group are working towards being self-directed.

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- Discovery group 2 have an opportunity to join with the Irvine Discovery group to plant trees with Martin from Street scene in Almswell Park, hopefully this will go ahead early March time.
- Following on from the Eglinton Growers Allotment AGM in November, the new committee have been given support with the handover process from the old committee. The new committee expressed a need for committee training, and GDPR processes, which was delivered on Wednesday 21st January 2026.
- Pupils from SSR in Kilwinning Academy are completing litter picks on a regular basis.





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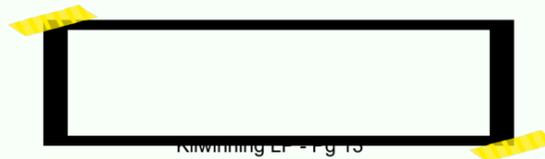


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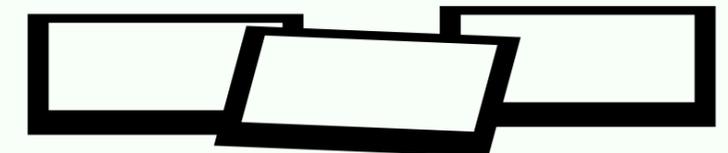
- Kilwinning Vintage Voices (Kilwinning Locality Older Peoples Voice) are continuing to meet every two weeks in Kilwinning Library, with the purpose of discussing issues affecting older people in Kilwinning and working towards organizing events for over 50's. Currently working on a programme of speakers from various departments to speak to the group. Reps from Housing Services Tenant Participation team are scheduled to attend on Thursday 19th February.
- Kilwinning Joint Youth Group are being supported with constitution and focusing on roles and responsibilities of a forum as well as creating youth friendly 'job profiles' for office bearers. They aim to lead fundraising and influence local decisions, including plans for youth café. The first AGM is planned to take place end of March where they will have an election for office bearers which will promote fairness and inclusivity.

Work and Skills

- Skills for Work Drop-In continue to create a supportive space where adults can drop in to build confidence and develop practical, life, numeracy, and literacy skills leading to employment. Discussions with college are taking place to promote accreditation for participants.
- Pupils from Kilwinning Academy have taken part in various work experiences within Kilwinning. These include Abbey Primary, Ivy bank Vets, Blacklands primary, and Main St dental practice.
- Sports Leaders from Kilwinning Academy attended the Active North Ayrshire, physical activity on referral programme's Winter Games in December. The games allowed them to work with older people with a variety of long term health conditions providing an insight into working within a more specialised area of the fitness world and valuable intergenerational work experience.



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Supporting Skills and Work

Kilwinning YVS

Youth Volunteer Scheme (YVS) is a national SFRS programme for young people aged 12–18, providing a safe and supportive environment to learn new skills and contribute to a safer community.

Volunteers gain key life skills including teamwork, communication, leadership, confidence and insight into the workings of a fire station.

The Kilwinning scheme operates from the SFRS site in Pennyburn, Stevenston Road, offering structured activities and community engagement opportunities for local young people.

Kilwinning YVS participants have achieved recognition through national youth awards such as the Saltire Awards, reflecting their positive contribution to the local community.

Overall, the scheme helps develop young ambassadors for SFRS while strengthening community safety and youth engagement in Kilwinning.

Improving our Local Environment

Environmental Protection During Major Incidents (e.g., Recycling Site Fires) SFRS has been heavily involved in responding to repeated fires at the former Fenix battery recycling site at West Byrehill Industrial Estate. Their actions have directly contributed to improving environmental safety by a Rapid incident response and fire fighting actions.

SFRS mobilised multiple appliances and specialist HAZMAT resources to control large-scale fires, preventing further environmental contamination.

Coordinated environmental clean-up with partners after incidents,

SFRS works with:

- North Ayrshire Council
- SEPA
- Police
- Landowners and environmental contractors.

Reducing carbon emissions across the SFRS estate. SFRS is committed to ;

- Becoming a net-zero organisation by 2045
- Reducing emissions by 6% per year until 2030
- Greener fire stations and fleet
- SFRS is actively: Installing smart heating controls, solar panels, and improved insulation in fire stations
- Expanding electric vehicle charging infrastructure
- These investments reduce pollution and energy demand in every community where SFRS operates, including Kilwinning.

Alleviating Poverty and Promoting Equality of Access to Opportunities

Through local engagement at SFRS at Kilwinning are also recognised for contributions that support the community environment, including assist vulnerable residents through HFSV and Referral pathways.

Improving Community Wellbeing

Past 3 Months

Conducted targeted HFSVs for high-risk residents.

Delivered Internal Wellbeing sessions to SFRS staff to support them, their families and friends.

Supported winter safety campaigns, including heating and CO awareness.

Current Activity

Working alongside health and wellbeing agencies to identify vulnerable residents.

Delivering joint-agency safety visits.

Providing education to carers and community groups.

Next 3 Months

Scaling up HFSVs for spring safety campaigns.

Increasing joint partner referrals.

Expanding seasonal wellbeing-linked prevention work.