



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Irvine Locality Partnership

Monday 1 June 2026, 6.00 p.m. at Redburn Community Centre, Irvine

BUSINESS

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Ask of the Partnership
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.	-	-	Cllr Macaulay	
2.	Action Note Review the action notes from March 2026 and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg	Enclosed	Jacqueline Greenlees	Is this an accurate record of the meetings. Have all actions been completed?
3.	Community Transport Receive update from Susan Dever, Coalfields.	-	Verbal	Susan Dever	Receive update and consider partnership opportunities
4.	HSCP Update Receive update on new HSCP Locality Planning Approach.	-	Enclosed	Thelma Bowers	Receive update and consider partnership opportunities.
DECISION REQUIRED					6.25 – 7.15 pm
5.	Community Investment Fund The Locality Partnership to consider three expression of interest applications made to the Community Investment Fund. Expression of Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dreghorn Bowling Club• Irvine Tennis Club• BABCA	Pg 8 Pg 14 Pg 19	Enclosed	Jacqueline Greenlees	LP to consider three expression of interest applications made to the Community Investment Fund.
6.	Grants The Locality Partnership to consider applications made to the Irvine Common Good Fund. Irvine Common Good <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Irvine Incorporated Trades	Pg 24	Enclosed	Jacqueline Greenlees	LP to consider two applications made to the Irvine Common Good Fund.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irvine Joint Wards 	Pg 25			
7.	Street Naming Report The Locality Partnership to consider street naming report for new residential site at former High Flat site, Irvine.	Pg 26	Enclosed	Jennifer McGee	LP to consider three street names for the new development.
8.	Community Representative Application The Locality Partnership to consider three applications submitted for the community representative vacancies.	Pg 29	Enclosed	Jennifer McGee	LP to consider community rep applications.
LOCAL MATTERS/TACKLING INEQAULITES					7.15– 7.35 pm
9.	Community Engagement Discussion on Community Engagement events which have been taking place across the Locality.	-	Verbal	Chloe Smith/ Partners	Discuss the Engagement Events
10.	Neighbourhood Board Update Receive update from Barbara Connor	-	Verbal	Barbara Connor	Receive update and consider partnership opportunities.
PARTNER REPORTS					7.35– 7.55 pm
11.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police Scotland Scottish Fire & Resue Active Schools KA Leisure Community Council 		Enclosed/ Verbal	Partners	Reports enclosed for information.
AOCB					7.55 – 8.00 pm
12.	AOCB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer of Sport 		Verbal	Cllr Macaulay Jacqui Greenlees	LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality, the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.
REPORTS FOR INFORMATION					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locality Officer Report CLD Update Report 	Pg 38 Pg 40	Enclosed		Reports enclosed for information.

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Irvine Locality Partnership Priorities

**Supporting
Skills and
Work
Opportunities**

**Enhancing our
Mental Health
and Wellbeing**

**Alleviating
Poverty**

**Championing
Green Health
and the Natural
Environment**



Action Note

Meeting:	Irvine Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	Monday 2 March 2026 at Volunteer Rooms, Irvine at 6.00 p.m.
Present:	Councillor Shaun Macaulay (Chair) Elaine Baxter, Locality Officer Annie Small, Community Representative (Vice- Chair) Lindsey Murphy, Public Health Councillor Christina Larsen Ian Wallace, Community Representative Councillor Marie Burns Davie Phillips, Community Representative Inspector Michael Cowan Chris Pless, Irvine CC Ricky Donnachie, SFRS Lesley Forsyth, Lead Officer Lauren Goldie, Active Schools
In Attendance	Jacqui Greenlees, North Ayrshire Council Helen Hogg, Micah Project
Apologies:	Barbara Conner, TACT Stephen Fraser, Active Schools John McMillan, KA Leisure Marjorie Dickie, Community Representative Councillor Chloé Robertson Donna Fitzpatrick, Community Representative Cllr Angus-McDonald Gemma Strain, St Marks Cllr Angela Stephen Irene McIlwain, Community Representative Sally McIntyre, Community Representative Cllr Matthew McLean

ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome/Apologies/Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present to the Irvine Locality Partnership meeting and apologies for absence were recorded.</p> <p>No declarations of interest.</p>	<i>Cllr Macaulay</i>
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The action note arising the meeting held on Mon 1 December 2025 was approved as a correct record and the implementation of decisions confirmed.</p>	<i>Cllr Macaulay</i>

Action Note

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> J Greenlees updated that an engagement process has been developed for review of the elderly grants and a further update on the review will be brought back to the next meeting. 	<p>J Greenlees</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund</p> <p>The Locality Partnership to consider one application made to the Community Investment Fund from the Micah Project for £100,000 over two years to deliver the Getting Great Start P1 Starter Pack project across the Irvine Locality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion took place around the legacy of the project- the group highlighted that his focuses on the badge machine. The project has already been piloted in Irvine. Discussion took place on how the project have been linking with other local groups and signposting that can take place through the packs. The group confirmed that the other funding secured is not conditional match funding. <p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Locality Partnership welcomed the project and the impact this will have for children in Irvine. The Partnership agreed to fund this proposal. 	<p>E Baxter</p>
	<p>Street Naming Report</p> <p>The Locality Partnership considered a street naming report for residential site in Montgomerie Park, Irvine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three new street names are required for the development. The names suggested via the enclosed report are Montgomerie, Cuthbert, Kings and Park which were suggested by pupils of Montgomerie Park Primary School. No background was provided for the reasoning for the suggestions. <p>Discussion and decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Partnership agree to approve the names Montgomerie, Kings and Park. It was highlighted that there is a bank of names for Irvine and this will be shared next time there is a street naming report. 	<p>L Forsyth/ J McGee</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Community Representative Application</p> <p>The Locality Partnership to consider application submitted for the community representative vacancy.</p> <p>Discussion and decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E Baxter highlighted that further promotion would be shared across the locality and that the current membership also needs to be reviewed. 	

Action Note

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E Baxter will follow up with current reps to ensure they still want to sit on the partnership. • There was one application received for this meeting. • The Partnership approved the application for Greg Colgan to join Irvine LP as a community representative. 	<p>J McGee</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Workshop: Community Engagement Discussion on Community Engagement events which have been taking place across the Locality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E Baxter provided an update on the recent engagement taking place across the locality (report enclosed). • The CMHWP fund scoring has been completed and communication about to take place with groups who applied. • Next steps: The information collected will be pulled together into the updated action plan. • The Action Plan will be brought back to the next meeting for approval. 	<p>E Baxter</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Locality Report The Partnership received a verbal update from the Locality Officer, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The end of year locality report will be circulated to the partnership by email once figures are available at the end of March. 	<p>E Baxter</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Community Council and Irvine Town Board Update Receive update from Chair of Irvine Community Council.</p> <p>The Community Council Chair provided an update on the Irvine Town Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTION: The two plans have been submitted to Scot Govt and will be shared with the partnership along with the new website which will be linked to from the CPP website. • A funding workshop took place in February and proposed that a portion of funding will be set aside as a community fund with some initial funds becoming available in the summer. This proposal is still to be approved. • A recruitment process is underway for a new Chair, and a dedicated officer has been appointed. <p>Community Council Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events subcommittee has been created. • The CC is still keen to encourage more volunteers. Could links be made with the Local Employability Partnership or Chamber of Commerce? • Discussion took place about the need for an Irvine Community Development Trust. • An events committee meeting takes place at Redburn CC on Wed 4 March at 6pm. 	<p>C Pless/ J McGee</p>

Action Note

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning to hold a Scottish parliamentary husting before the election. The date will be shared for this in due course.	
9.	<p>Partner Reports</p> <p>An overview of recent work was provided, and reports were enclosed in the papers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Police Scotland- A report will be circulated.• Scottish Fire & Rescue- Report enclosed in the papers.• KA Leisure- No representative present.• Active Schools- A hard copy report was circulated at the meeting.	J McGee
10.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Off the back of the recent fire in the town centre, discussion took place around resilience in Irvine if the mall was to close for an extended period. It was confirmed that contingency plans are in place and the Chair will check was these are.• L Forsyth agreed to follow up on the plaque set for the Portal.• Update on 2026/27 budget commitments around Irvine Common Good sought.	S Macaulay L Forsyth

The Meeting ended at 19.37 p.m.



Community Investment Fund Checklist
To be completed by Locality Officer at expression of interest stage

Name of Group: Dreghorn Bowling Club

Name of Application: Jim McHarg

Item	Yes	No	Not Applicable (give reason)	Comments
Expression of interest coproduced	x			<p>A recurring theme identified through this engagement is that the building is not compliant with Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements due to the absence of an accessible toilet. This presents a significant barrier to inclusion for both existing and potential users.</p> <p>One key example is the involvement of Dreghorn Primary's ASN pupils, who attend the facility as part of wider curricular and community-based learning activities. Due to the lack of accessible toilet provision, many of these young people are unable to participate fully, resulting in their exclusion from opportunities that connect learning with real-life experiences in their wider community.</p>

Link to Fair for All	x			Addressing this accessibility gap is therefore essential to ensuring equitable access, supporting the wellbeing and development of children, young people and adults with additional support needs, and aligning with NA Fair for All principles of reducing inequalities, improving participation, and enabling inclusive community spaces.
Link to Locality priorities	x			Accessible facilities promote positive health and wellbeing by removing barriers that prevent individuals from engaging in community-based learning and social activity Ensuring accessible infrastructure allows young people to fully participate in curriculum-linked and informal learning opportunities, supporting wider achievement and lifelong learning
Does not duplicate existing services		x		
Long term impact and sustainable				Upgrading the facility aligns with our locality priority of developing strong, inclusive communities by ensuring the space meets modern, inclusive standards and can support diverse community use.
Evidence of financial viability (bank acct, annual accounts)	x			
Evidence of management arrangements (governance arrangements, officer bearers, organisational objectives, organisational status)	x			
OSCR compliance				

GDPR compliance	x			
Child protection and vulnerable adults policies	x			
Measurable outcomes	x			
Any issues flagged in past 3 years		x		
Completed By: Elaine Baxter, Irvine Locality Officer				
Date Completed: 05.03.2026				
Please return completed form to the Community Planning Team				

Community Investment Fund Expression of Interest Form

Please see notes on reverse before completing this form.

Organisation name	Dreghorn Bowling Club
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Brief details of organisation	Dreghorn Bowling Club is a non profit making lawn bowling club at the heart of the Dreghorn Community who provide outdoor bowling (April-September) and indoor community facilities including carpet bowling for both adults and children, bingo, dances, whist and first aid clubs all year round. We also coach local primary school children who attend for 6 week blocks per class along with active schools for young people with additional support needs, care experienced young people, young people with mental health issues and New Scots groups.
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Locality	Irvine
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Amount Requested	£40,000
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Timescale	Over 1 years
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Brief Overview of Proposal	<p>Proposal Summary: Upgrade of toilets and building an accessible toilet to accommodate anyone with disabilities and mobility issues</p> <p>We are seeking £20,000 as part payment to allow us to upgrade our toilet facilities by creating an extension for a new ladies toilet & an accessible toilet in our car park. We will also knock through the existing ladies/gents toilet to create a larger gents toilet. This will double our existing toilet capacity and allow us to accommodate anyone with disabilities which we currently cannot do.</p> <p>This would also open up the potential to have school children and other groups for coaching in the winter months to learn carpet bowling as well as lawn bowling during the summer. We currently work with our local primary school and other local groups and hope to invite the local secondary school and youth groups along with the possibility of offering coaching to groups of pupils.</p> <p>This upgrade and modernisation of the toilet facilities supports Irvine's locality priorities of enhancing mental health & wellbeing and alleviating poverty by providing a welcoming, dignified space where people of all ages can come and feel comfortable participating. Access to free youth coaching and an accessible, community friendly club gives local young people particularly those from low income families the opportunity to learn new skills, keep active and connect with others in a positive social setting. This can help build their confidence, reduce social isolation and promote both physical and mental wellbeing. The addition of the accessible toilet ensures individuals with disability or mobility issues are not excluded, promoting equality and social inclusion. For many families facing financial hardship the club can</p>
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	<p>offer a free and recreational outlet for young people, helping to relieve some of the pressures linked to poverty. Overall this would strengthen the club's role in the local community as a safe, affordable and inclusive space that actively contributes to improving wellbeing and reducing inequality.</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved facilities and people utilising the free coaching sessions • Reduced family stress • Increased community participation and volunteering <p>This offers a simple, sustainable solution to offer young people a free activity locally, create opportunities for local schools and groups, reduce inequalities, and reduce some financial stress for families.</p> <p>The full cost of the plans and works is between £75,000 & £80,000 and we have applications being submitted to the National Lottery and Sport Scotland in order for this to be matched</p>
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Timescale	Over 1 years
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Contact Details	Jim McHarg
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- 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;
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Community Investment Fund Checklist				
To be completed by Locality Officer at expression of interest stage				
Name of Group: Irvine Tennis Club				
Name of Application: Jim McHarg				
Item	Yes	No	Not Applicable (give reason)	Comments
Expression of interest coproduced	x			
Link to Fair for All	x			NA Fair for All principles of reducing inequalities, improving participation, and enabling inclusive community spaces.
Link to Locality priorities	x			Accessible facilities promote positive health and wellbeing by removing barriers that prevent individuals from engaging in community-based learning and social activity Ensuring accessible infrastructure allows the whole community to fully participate in curriculum-linked and informal learning opportunities, supporting wider achievement and lifelong learning
Does not duplicate existing services		x		There are no other tennis facilities that offer what Irvine Tennis club can offer. The lack of facilities is a barrier for attracting coaches to facility.

Long term impact and sustainable				Upgrading the facility aligns with our locality priority of developing strong, inclusive communities by ensuring the space meets modern, inclusive standards and can support diverse community use.
Evidence of financial viability (bank acct, annual accounts)	x			
Evidence of management arrangements (governance arrangements, officer bearers, organisational objectives, organisational status)	x			
OSCR compliance				
GDPR compliance	x			
Child protection and vulnerable adults policies	x			
Measurable outcomes	x			
Any issues flagged in past 3 years		x		
Completed By: Elaine Baxter, Irvine Locality Officer				
Date Completed: 23.03.26				
Please return completed form to the Community Planning Team				



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Community Investment Fund Expression of Interest Form

Please see notes on reverse before completing this form.

Organisation name	Irvine Tennis Community
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Brief details of organisation	We are a community tennis club (SCIO) providing tennis coaching and playing opportunities for Irvine and surrounding area. We also have public pickleball courts on the facility.
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Locality	Irvine
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Amount Requested	£80,000
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Timescale	3 months
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Brief Overview of Proposal	<p>To build a social hub (clubhouse) for tennis community with inclusive toilet, kitchen and showering facilities.</p> <p>We have been very successful over the past few years in taking the tennis facility ownership by a Community Asset. Transfer. We set up our SCIO and we have achieved our objectives in a few phases which were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regenerate courts from red ash to all weather tarmac.• Have free public access pickleball courts• Install floodlights so that facility can be used all year round• Install a high quality a synthetic grass surface <p>This has come at a cost of around £350,000 with Sports Scotland, CIF, Valencia Fund, Shared prosperity making valuable contributions.</p> <p>·A clubhouse is important for several reasons. One fundamental reason being access to DDA toilets and</p>
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	<p>facilities. This is clearly important for all users but particularly some elderly users, children and/or those with certain medical conditions. Another is access to shelter in our unpredictable West of Scotland climate. Also, the clubhouse is a place where members and other users can socialize and socializing in sport has well recognized benefits for both mental and physical health.</p> <p>The lack of clubhouse and toilet is becoming a deterrent for school users and in turn trying to secure a permanent coach to the club. A clubhouse is used as a social hub of the tennis community and toilets are essential for school groups and kid summer camps etc.</p> <p>We are the cheapest tennis facility in Ayrshire by a distance, and we always ensure that we link and support Irvine Locality Partnership priorities will such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offering level 1 coaching qualification. This provides volunteering and paid work opportunities. 2. Enhancing our Mental Health & Wellbeing 3. Alleviating Poverty <p>Offering free coaching and social tennis opportunities ensures that financial circumstances are not a barrier to attending classes. This in turn allows people to boost mental health and well-being.</p>
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Timescale	<p>Start date: June 2026 Approx finish date: September 2026</p>
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Contact Details	<p>Chris McKenna</p>
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When to apply and how?

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Community Investment Fund Checklist				
To be completed by Locality Officer at expression of interest stage				
Name of Group: (BABCA) Bourtreehill and Broomlands Community Association				
Name of Application: Karen Good				
Item	Yes	No	Not Applicable (give reason)	Comments
Expression of interest coproduced	x			
Link to Fair for All	x			
Link to Locality priorities	x			
Does not duplicate existing services		x		
Long term impact and sustainable	x			
Evidence of financial viability (bank acct, annual accounts)	x			
Evidence of management arrangements (governance arrangements, officer bearers, organisational objectives, organisational status)	x			
OSCR compliance				
GDPR compliance	x			
Child protection and vulnerable adults policies	x			
Measurable outcomes	x			
Any issues flagged in past 3 years		x		
Completed By: Elaine Baxter, Irvine Locality Officer				
Date Completed: 27.03.2026				
Please return completed form to the Community Planning Team				

Community Investment Fund Expression of Interest Form

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Organisation name	<i>Broomlands and Bourtreehill Community Association (BABCA)</i>
Brief details of organisation	<p>Broomlands and Bourtreehill Community Association (BABCA) is a volunteer-led neighbourhood organisation committed to strengthening the social, economic and educational wellbeing of the local community. In partnership with North Ayrshire Council, BABCA plays an active role in the management and development of Towerlands Community Centre, ensuring it remains a vibrant, accessible hub for local residents.</p> <p>Guided by a strong community-focused constitution, BABCA delivers a wide range of initiatives designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote social inclusion and create opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to connect and participate; • Support community wealth building by encouraging local involvement, skills development and resource sharing; • Improve physical and mental health by addressing health inequalities and offering supportive, inclusive activities; • Encourage lifelong learning through educational events, workshops and community-led learning opportunities; • Tackle food poverty by providing practical support that enhances food security and dignity within the community. <p>Through these, BABCA works to build a stronger, healthier and more resilient community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.</p>
Locality	Irvine
Amount Requested	£6000
Timescale	Over 2 years
Brief Overview of Proposal	<p>Broomlands and Bourtreehill Community Association (BABCA) is seeking funding to commission an architect to produce detailed plans for the redevelopment and modernisation of Towerlands Community Centre. These plans are essential for enabling future large-scale</p>

	<p>funding applications, including bids to the National Lottery and other capital funds.</p> <p>Towerlands Community Centre sits at the heart of the Broomlands and Bourtreehill community. The building is ageing and no longer meets the expectations or needs of local groups. As nearby facilities are upgraded, some groups have already moved to more modern centres and as the wider area is undergoing significant regeneration, with new housing developments and modernised local amenities it is vital that Towerlands Community Centre evolves in line with these improvements to remain a relevant, accessible and vibrant community asset.</p> <p>The proposed architectural plans will help BABCA to develop a clear, costed and future-focused vision for the building, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modernisation of disabled toilet facilities to improve accessibility and dignity for all users; • A new roof and essential structural upgrades to ensure the long-term safety and sustainability of the centre which will increase the floorspace of the centre overall; • Improved wheelchair access and better internal flow to make the building fully inclusive; • A redesigned, bigger and more modern, functional kitchen to support cooking classes, community food skills programmes and potential partnerships with Ayrshire College; • Enhanced learning spaces that can host accredited courses aimed at improving skills, employability and life chances in an area facing significant deprivation. <p>BABCA has already demonstrated strong commitment to community-led regeneration with recent achievements include transforming a disused swing park next to the centre into a modern and accessible community garden, which will encourage local groups to take part in gardening projects and produce fresh vegetables for local families through the Community Larder. This project has strengthened food security, encouraged community involvement and provided new learning opportunities.</p> <p>The centre is an intergenerational space, offering activities and groups for people of all ages. BABCA volunteers deliver regular events and year-round programmes that are well supported by the local community. Modernising the centre will allow these activities to expand, diversify and reach even more residents, ensuring Towerlands remains a thriving hub for the whole area.</p> <p>To move forward, BABCA requires this funding to engage a qualified architect who can produce professional plans and visualisations. These will not only support large-scale funding bids but will also allow the committee to consult with residents, gather community support and design a centre that reflects local needs and aspirations.</p> <p>This investment will lay the foundation for a transformational project — one that ensures Towerlands Community Centre is fit for the future and continues to serve Broomlands and Bourtreehill as a modern, inclusive and sustainable community facility.</p>
Timescale	Over 2 years



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Locality Partnership: Irvine Locality

Date: 9th June 2025

Subject: To advise the meeting of applications received in respect of Irvine Common Good Fund.

Purpose: To consider the applications as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.

Background

Applications have been received in respect of Irvine Common Good Fund.

Key Points for Locality Partnership

The balance available for disbursement is bullet pointed below:

- Irvine Common Good Fund has a balance of **£41,041**

Action Required by Locality Partnership

To consider the applications for grant funding as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.

- Irvine Incorporated Trades - £3,948.50
- Irvine Joint Wards Old Folks Committee - £10,000

For more information please contact: *Angela Morrell, Senior Manager, Connected Communities, Cunninghame House, Irvine.*

Email - amorrell@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Completed by: *Sharon Fleming (sharonfleming@north-ayrshire.gov.uk)*

Date:

**COMMON GOOD FUND
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2026/27**

Common Good Criteria -

The application should benefit all or a significant group of the inhabitants of the area to which the Common Good relates

Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Previous Common Good Awards
Irvine Incorporated Trades	<p>Contribution towards the cost of the Marymass Gala Day taking place on 15th August 2026 at the Low Green.</p> <p>Showman's Funfair - £3,100.00 Portaloos - £546.00 Children's Wristbands - £120.00 Public Liability Insurance - £182.50 TOTAL - £3,948.50</p> <p>Total project costs - £4,850.00 Irvine Incorporated Trades are contributing £901.50</p>	£3,948.50	<p>2022/23 - £500 2024/24 - £2,000 2024/25 - £3,033.02 25/26 - £3,000</p>

Communities & Housing, Finance & Corporate Support, and Legal Services have been consulted and their comments are as follows:

Finance & Corporate Support: Quotes and requested documentation has been provided. There is £41,041 available for disbursement from the Irvine Common Good.

Legal: This application is for a grant which will be used to cover the purchase of wristbands, fairground rides, toilets and public liability insurance. This trades gala day will coincide with the start of the Marymass festival and I expect that this will meet with excitement and anticipation amongst locals. This event has been successfully received by the community in the past, and there is no reason why this year would be any different.

With regards to whether this proposal benefits the 'interests of the inhabitants as a whole of the area to which the Common Good relates', I am inclined to say it does, however I note there is more focus on how this event will benefit children in particular this year with mention only to free rides for 3-11 year olds. The application form simply states that the grant aid would be used 'for the free access through armbands issued to deserving children aged 3-11'. In previous applications, it stated that each of the seven Crafts in the Incorporation would be holding small events/stalls, which would attract the participation of people of all ages. We would need to be satisfied that this year will be the same and the event will benefit all age groups and the 'inhabitants as a whole of the area'. If they can confirm the above, it is my view that this has the potential to benefit people of all ages within the community as a family day out and as such could be substantiated from a legal perspective on the basis that this is an event is open to/will benefit a wide age range. If the decision is to award funding the benefit to the community should be clearly recorded as it is likely that the auditor will require this information.

Communities & Housing: The group have confirmed the event will benefit all age groups. Communities and Housing are satisfied this application meets the criteria of the Common Good.

IRVINE COMMON GOOD FUND

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2026/27

Common Good Criteria -

The application should benefit all or a significant group of the inhabitants of the area to which the Common Good relates

Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Previous Common Good Awards
Irvine Joint Wards Old Folks Committee	<p>Looking for financial assistance towards social activities for senior citizens (between all 6 wards as long as they reside in a KA12 postcode):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution of £10,000 will contribute towards a summer outing, Christmas dinner (including transport), catering, entertainment and any other event expenditure. 	£10,000	2025/26 - £8,000 2024/25 - £9,000 2023/24 - £9,000 2022/23 - £9,000 2019/20 - £9,000 2018/19 - £8,000 2017/18 - £8,000 2016/17 - £8,000 2015/16 - £8,000 2014/15 - £8,000 2013/14 - £8,000

Communities & Housing, Finance and Legal Services have been consulted and their comments are as follows:

Finance: There is £37,093 available for disbursement from Irvine Common Good should other received applications be successful.

A recent bank statement, constitution and three years of accounts have been provided. No budget for year to March 2027 has been provided. Third party estimates have been provided for one coach and high tea trip totalling £3,135.50. No further breakdown, or back up, of costs for funds requested have been provided. £27,093 would remain available for disbursement from Irvine Common Good should this application be successful.

Legal: I understand that the Trustees have exercised their discretion and have made many previous awards regardless. With all aspects considered, therefore, my formal comment is as follows: In terms of Section 15(4) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994, the Council in administering the Common Good Fund shall have regard to the interests of the inhabitants of the area to which the Common Good relates. It is not clear that this application can be so justified given the restricted age group to which it benefits. A grant to an Applicant, restricted in age and purpose, as this Applicant is and not to inhabitants of the area generally accepted to be the Royal Burgh of Irvine cannot normally be justified. However, if the Committee is of a mind to grant this application, the benefit to the community should be clearly minuted, in case the auditor should require this information in the future.

Communities & Housing: The application is for a summer trip and Christmas dinner for the older people of Irvine (KA12 postcode), which is not technically the Burgh of Irvine. However, historically this award has been agreed by Members.



Locality Partnership: *Irvine Locality Partnership*

Date: *9th June 2026*

Subject: *Residential Development by North Ayrshire Council at Fullarton Street, Irvine*

Purpose: *Decide 2 street names for the new development*

Background

North Ayrshire Council's Housing Services has contacted Planning Services requesting street names for the development of new houses on the site of the demolished high rise flats at Fullarton Street, Irvine.

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

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

A number of the houses facing Fullarton Street would have Fullarton Street as their address.

Key Points for Locality Partnership

It is noted that there was a street in Fullarton that was demolished in the early 1970s to make way for the Rivergate shopping centre and its car parks. This street was known as Loudon Street.

In addition, the pupils of Loudoun Montgomerie Primary School put forward several suggestions.

Action Required by Locality Partnership

Select 2 new street names for the development. As in all cases, it is open to the Locality Partnership to choose their own names.

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

Date: *8th April 2026*

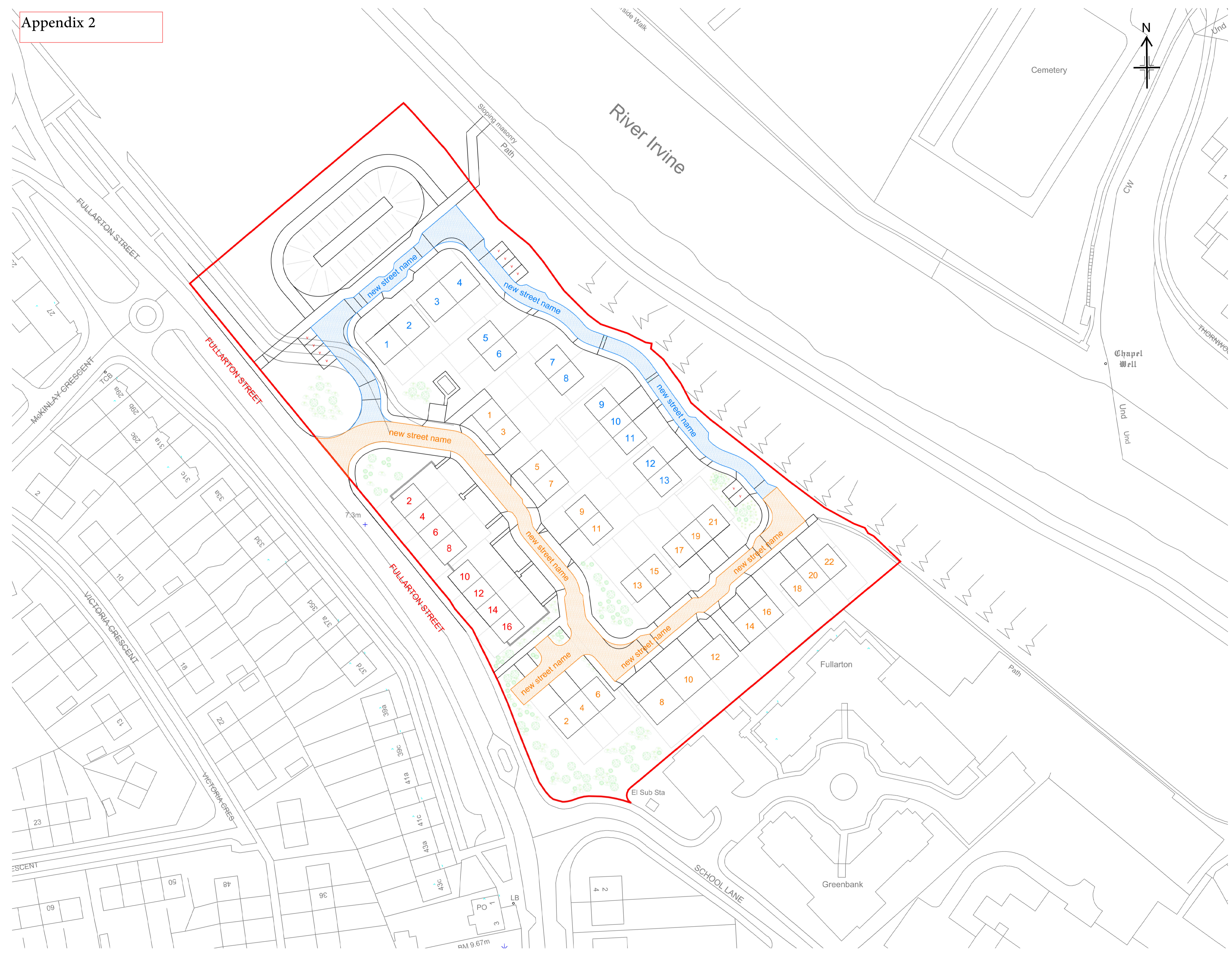
Street Name Suggestion	Background
Garnock	<p>One of the five high rise flats on the site was called Garnock Court. The River Garnock flows through North Ayrshire from the Renfrew Heights and reaches the sea at Irvine Harbour.</p> <p><i>As suggested by the pupils of Loudoun Montgomery Primary School.</i></p>
Annick	<p>One of the five high rise flats on the site was called Annick Court. The Annick Water rises in the high ground to the northeast of Stewarton and passes through Irvine.</p> <p><i>As suggested by the pupils of Loudoun Montgomery Primary School.</i></p>
Loudon	<p>Loudon Street was demolished in the 1970s to make way for the shopping centre which is near to the site for the new houses. (Note the spelling is different to that used in Loudoun Montgomery Primary School).</p> <p><i>See historic street plan below</i></p>

Historic Street Plan (1956 Ordnance Survey) showing Loudon Street



STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

- FULLARTON STREET (existing)**
(2-16 evens)
- NEW STREET TO BE NAMED 01**
(1-21 odds, 2-22 evens)
- NEW STREET TO BE NAMED 02**
(1-13 odds, 2-12 evens)



Drawing Status: FOR APPROVAL			
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Town: IRVINE			
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Nomination Form Locality Partnerships Community Representative

1. Personal Details

Title: Mr / Mrs / Ms / Other:

Forename: Jaymie

Surname: Haswell

Address:

Postcode:

Tel. No:

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

Garnock Valley	<input type="checkbox"/>	Irvine	<input checked="" 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
2024-Present 2021-2022	Corsehill Community Centre Association – Board Member Irvine Youth Legacy Centre Board of Trustees - Secretary

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
2025	Youth Worker	Irvine Youth Legacy Centre - advancement of citizenship, community development, health, and relief of poverty
2026	Volunteer	Corsehill Community Centre Association – Provision of recreational facilities/activities

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

My experience as a Youth Development Worker with IYLC has given me a solid foundation in community engagement, participation, and partnership working. In this role, I support young people to meaningfully influence the direction of their youth centre, ensuring their voices are not only heard but acted upon. This has involved facilitating youth-led decision-making and co-producing initiatives.

I have developed skills in building trust with diverse groups, particularly those who may face barriers to participation, and creating inclusive, safe spaces where young people feel empowered to contribute. I regularly work in collaboration with local services, organisations, and stakeholders to connect young people with opportunities and to ensure their needs are represented in wider community planning.

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.*

Non-Applicable.

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 to Represent strengthen my commitment to the community and the young people I work alongside. Represent Irvines only Youth Centre and amplify the voices of the young people. Through my role, I see first-hand the challenges, barriers, and opportunities that exist for young people, and I believe it is essential that their voices are represented in local decision-making spaces. Being part of the partnership would allow me to advocate more effectively for the young people who use our space, ensuring their needs, experiences, and ideas are considered when shaping local priorities and services. I am particularly passionate about creating more inclusive, accessible opportunities and making sure that young people feel valued as active contributors to their community. I also see this as an opportunity to build stronger connections between services, share insight from grassroots youth work, and contribute to a more joined-up approach that genuinely reflects the needs of the community.

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: Morgan Blackie

Address:

Postcode:

Tel. No:

Email:

Declaration

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

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Signed: J.Haswell

Date: 31/03/2026

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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Nomination Form

Locality Partnerships

Community Representative

1. Personal Details

Title: Mr

Forename: Sam

Surname: Brown

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

Irvine

Kilwinning

North Coast

Three Towns

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
March 2026	Treasurer of Irvine Community Events (New)

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

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 have experience of both working as part of a team with large companies and total responsibility when running my own business.

My skills have always been in quality control, costing, understanding the organisation and problem solving.

Trust is always at the heart of everything I do as well as care for those around me.

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.*

As I am completely new to this, I would need to dip my toe in the water first to answer this question.

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

I am an Irvine person newly retired and would like to see my town do better and be better for the people who live and work here.

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: Elaine Walker

Tel. No:

Email:

Declaration

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Signed: Sam Brown Date: 31.03.26

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Signed:

Date:

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Nomination Form Locality Partnerships Community Representative

1. Personal Details

Title: Mr
Forename: Stephen

Surname: Frew

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 type="checkbox"/>	Irvine	<input checked="" 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
Various	I have only recently been involved with committees, taking on a position as vice chairman of Irvine Community Events, I am also in the process of possibly joining the board of TACT. I have many years of experience working in groups both leading and being part of, as part of my job as a senior manager in retail or as part of the Business Faculty at West Lothian College. The roles of these groups were to help drive strategic objectives and improve working practices as part of continuous improvement. In both groups I was working alongside directors and senior management as well as my peers and customers. My role also involved working with key external stakeholders and influencing them to support the various initiatives of my respective organisations.

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
2026	Vice chairman	Irvine Community Events

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 have over 30 years' experience of management in a fast-paced retail organisation, the skills required were, communication, organisation, teamwork, coaching, operational and strategic decision making. I am both an academic and practitioner of leadership and therefore have great knowledge of this key skill. For the last 10 years I have taught business to college and university students across a wide range of Business subjects including accounts, marketing, Human Resource Management, Economics. My time in college has given a good understanding of the needs of students and the challenges that they face, I have a good understanding of higher education and the need to improve equality to create more opportunities for young people. I understand the operation and differing priorities of both the private and public sectors from my work experiences.

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.*

My understanding of the various community groups is limited presently; therefore, the biggest need is understanding the different organisations and the role they play in supporting and delivering for the community. A priority for me would be developing contacts and creating networks to assist myself in achieving the objectives of the locality partnerships.

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

I have time available due to impending retirement and feel I want to use my skills for the good of a community I feel passionate about. I want my children and grandchildren to grow up in a community that is strong and vibrant and creates opportunity for all. I want to see a diverse community and a narrowing of the equality gap. Finally, I simply want to give a little back to the community I have grown up in, to help make it that wee bit better.

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:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel. No:

Email:

Declaration

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Signed: *Stephen Frew*

Date: 1.4.26

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Signed:

Date:

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Locality Partnership Progress Update



Poverty/Financial Inclusion

Funding

Various Community Groups have approached CLD Team for help in sourcing and applying for funding . These include -

- **Fullarton Community Association** – applications have been supported, to look at longer term funding for the general running of the Centre, the green gym and projects within it and staff salaries as well as a summer fun day to mark the 50th anniversary of the Centre being operational.
- **The Woodlands Centre** for older people are looking for help applying for general running costs.
- **BABCA** submitted a CIF application for a feasibility study for renovations.
- **Springside Community Association** received £2000f from the Mental Health & wellbeing Fund and £3000 from the Corra Foundation to help with costs associated for the Larder. £5000 has been applied for through the SPAR Foundation for general centre project costs and costs to do up the garden area.
- **Irvine Events Committee**, are looking for support with sourcing funding for a Xmas event.
- **Drybridge Hall Management Association** for funding for a community garden and for external repairs and maintenance for the hall.
- **Marymass Festival Committee** were successful in being awarded £9500 from the Creative Scotland to enhance accessibility and create a creative historical aspect to the moor area of the festival.

Youth Groups

Youth groups across Irvine locality provided free, inclusive activities and refreshments to support young people's wellbeing and aspirations. Whilst engaging with pupils the staff promoted the opportunity to form a Youth forum –Next Gen Voice The group are now constituted and are working on opening a treasurers account. Irvine Youth Forum have worked alongside 5 other forums from across North Ayrshire and have secured funding of £9000 for their trip to Arran Pride from Youth Scotland Inspire Fund. Demonstrating youth-led planning, leadership and partnership working.

Irvine Discovery Group used PB funding to go for afternoon tea at the Seamill Hydro on 22/4/26

Micha Project have successfully secured £100k funding from Community Investment fund for their Primary 1 starter pack project. Greenwood Primary Cluster schools will be included this year 26/27 and Irvine Primary Cluster schools will receive the primary 1 start packs in 27/28 academic year.

Irvine Burns Club successfully secured funding of £3000 from Great Harbour Development Fund launching the opening of the "The John Galt Way" on 2nd May 2027.

Scottish Maritime Museum successfully secured funding of £2500 for their Makers and Producers Market on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th August.

Health and Wellbeing

Youth Groups

Continue to provide support through youth led activities to young people from Irvine (Springside, Dreghorn Redburn and Towerlands). Approximately 70 young people attending weekly youth groups across the Irvine Locality.

Irvine Youth Forum has been developed with 15 young people as office bearers. They have recently attended their first joint youth forum where they could network with other young people. They are currently planning their first residential trip to Arran Pride.

Blue Space Project has continued, and they are in the final stages of their boat project. Once the boat is complete, they will partake in water sport activities.

Older People's Groups

- Denise Harvey from Honeybee Cottage worked with the Friendship Group to learn macrame crafting skills and to create their own herbal tea blends.
- Women's Writing for Wellbeing group have worked collaboratively on a community health and wellbeing zine project.
- Easter craft fun at Irvine Discovery Group.
- Spring tea party at the Friendship Group.
- Brodie the dog and his owner Helen from Therapets visited the Friendship Group to tell us about their work in the community

Regeneration and Increasing Civic Pride

Civic Pride & Regeneration

- Irvine Community Events Group and are now constituted and receiving support around Governance and are being supported to apply for funding to allow for a town Xmas Event this year. They are also planning a new Golf Event – The Irvine Summer Scramble with Ravenspark Golf Course and hope to make this an annual event.
- The former Twinning Association has been reformed and the Irvine Exchange Collective which has recently been constituted is working with the French equivalent group in Voisins-le-Brettonneux. They hope to attract lots of sports and community Groups to be able to continue making connections with similar group in France and encouraging joint visits in this the 20th year anniversary of the towns being twinned.
- Continuing to support Irvine Discovery Group who have been weeding and planting bulbs and flowers in two raised planting beds in the Town Centre.
- Vennel friends Litter picking group continue to meet fortnightly to help keep the town centre tidy.



Locality Partnership Progress Update



Community Engagement/Participation and Voice

Community Engagement & Voice

- AGMs, governance training, and constitution updates for local associations continue as required
- Community Chit Chats or Conversation Cafes have been taking place around Irvine. These have been taking place in community centres, facilitated by the CLD Team and local stakeholders, making all services visible and approachable. These meetings are an informal way of building trust and connecting local people to support they might need whilst gathering information on what services they are aware of and what ideas they have for any challenges identified in their area.
- Fullarton Community Association were supported to carry out a community engagement survey around the use of the centre. This was done digitally online, in centre and volunteers went door to door speaking to local residents.
- Irvine Community Events Group have been supported to create and carry out a public engagement survey around events in Irvine. This has been done digitally online.



Work and Skills

Skills & Learning Opportunities:

- Supporting 8 students, who have issues with poor attendance, attainment and self-confidence, from Irvine Royal to attend a community-based school provision within Redburn Community Hub to complete school assessments and participate in wellbeing and confidence boosting activities.
- Supporting young men from Greenwood who have displayed risk taking and abusive behaviours within the school environment. Providing opportunities to participate in skilled workplace activities and collate information and data to show the impact of pollution on local blue spaces.
- Working in partnership with Ayrshire College delivering Literacy Accredited courses within Trindlemoss Day Opportunities. 13 Learners attending weekly sessions building their confidence in spelling, reading and writing.
- Computing sessions continue to be delivered weekly at Redburn Community Centre. Currently the group has 11 learners attending with the aim to build their confidence on working with computers and other digital devices and platforms.
- Supporting CLD university students through placement, one student successfully passed her final year, and two students passed their second year.
- The Board of Trustees at Fullarton continue to work with CLD staff on governance issues and have undertaken committee roles and governance training delivered by TACT and are about to undertake the Good Governance Training also by TACT.
- Working in partnership with Ayrshire College to deliver a new accredited ICT course at Towerlands starting 20/5/26 and also one at Fullarton which will include employability skills starting after the Summer.
- A new Management Committee has been formed for the Irvine Community Events Group which is now its own entity and not linked to ICC. They have been receiving support on governance from CLD and are keen to undertake training offered by TACT to develop their skills.
- A new Management Committee has been formed for the Irvine Exchange Collective, the previous Twinning Association, which is now its own entity and recently became constituted. They have been receiving support on governance from CLD and are keen to undertake training offered by TACT to develop their skills.
- Skills share sessions at Irvine Discovery Group.
- Garden kitchen herb growing and planting session with Irvine Discovery Group.
- Zine making workshops at Writing for Wellbeing Group

Climate Action and Local Environment

Climate Action & Environment:

- Continued to support Vennel Friends Litter Picking group.
- Foraging talk at Irvine Discovery Group with ex countryside ranger James Meek .
- The **North Ayrshire Nature Network (NANN)** strategy was approved in March 2025. It will help to tackle the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss. It aims to create connected habitats, pollinator corridors, and community engagement opportunities across all six localities, including Irvine. We are working on developing the [North Ayrshire Nature Network](#) (link will take you to the NANN Strategy). We are identifying locations that can become part of the NANN. We also want to support community groups and stakeholders to undertake projects that mutually benefit wildlife and people. This is a key feature of our Irvine locality “Community Conversations” engagement that has highlighted a need for further engagement as a result - Community Planning Partnership has supported a funding application to Scottish Government for £80,000 developing a proposal for a summer roadshow-style event, followed by engagement sessions with local secondary schools and linking in with community organisations if funding approved.
- Discovery Group are working towards taking on flower beds within town centre and will manage as part of a wider volunteering programme.



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

Poverty/Financial Inclusion

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

Health and Wellbeing

- Lok Oi community group hosted a lunch for older people with 41 people attending - **NA Wide delivered in Irvine Locality**
- Worked in partnership with Guardianship, Education, and the Corporate Parenting Team to bring Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) together. Supported opportunities for young people to share their experiences and views, helping gather feedback to inform the steering group and future service planning – **NA Wide held in Saltcoats**



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



Community Engagement/Participation and Voice

Community Engagement/Participation and Voice

Work and Skills

- As part of Seachdain na Gàidhlig there was a collaboration between Fèis Arainn, NAC and Arran Coast including an evening of Songs and Stories of the Sea featuring young local musicians and a Mòd medallist (40 participants) – **Arran Locality**
- A book launch and signing was held by NAC and Fèis Arainn on 23/04/26 in support of a local Gaelic author including a interview about his stories and a question and answer session with members of the wider community, highlighting the different ways the Gaelic language is still being used on Arran today – **Arran Locality**

- 52 Gaelic Learners participated in the Suas Leis A Ghaidhlig Gaelic language day help at Ardeer Centre. 4 Class levels were available ranging from beginners to advanced. This event provided an opportunity to learn, connect and celebrate the Gaelic language – **NA wide held in Three Towns Locality**

- The UKSPF-funded Core Skills team concluded after supporting 54 adult learners, while recruiting and training seven volunteers to sustain community based learning – **NA Wide**
- ESOL provision continued to support learners to build literacy, numeracy, digital and communication skills, often linked directly to real life and work related scenarios such as jobcentre appointments, applications, volunteering and workplace communication. Many learners progressed to volunteering or employment during the reporting period – **NA Wide**
- Staff and volunteer capacity was also improved through training and partnership development, including ESOL literacy training and collaborative work with employability partners, ensuring consistent, informed pathways into education, work and volunteering – **NA Wide**