

Action Note

Meeting:	Garnock Valley Locality Partnership – Interim Meeting
Date/Venue:	21 April 2026, 7.00 pm on Microsoft Teams
Present:	Councillor John Bell (Chair) Councillor Ronnie Stalker Councillor Anthea Dickson Councillor Margaret Johnson Helen McNaughton, Beith & District Community Council David Park, Community Representative Allan Wright Community Representative Angela Morrell, Senior Manager (Connected Communities), Lead Officer Christina Pieraccini, Locality Officer In Attendance Jennifer McGee, Policy & Community Planning Officer (Notes) Allan McGinlay, Chair Dalry Community Sports Club Diane Ralston, Dalry Community Sports Club Hugh Campbell, Dalry Community Sports Club Kenny Vannart, Dalry Community Sports Club
Apologies:	Andy Watson, Dalry Community Council

ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted.	Noted
3	CIF Full Application The Locality Partnership considered an application from Dalry Community Sports Club. The application is seeking £100,000 for their Community Allotments project. The project is to develop new community allotments and playing fields beside Dalry Public Park to boost social connection, improve access to fresh food, support mental and physical wellbeing, and create learning opportunities. The allotments will include leased plots, a free community growing area and an educational space, while the playing fields will expand outdoor sport using the renovated pavilion. The Group noted that: - Planning permission had been approved and a lease secured with DSM. The site has now been fenced off and is starting to take shape. - They have been established as a SCIO for approximately 10 years, with accounts audited throughout this period, and provided assurance that all expenditure will be fully accounted for. The Locality Partnership discussed: How the remaining £93k for the project would be secured.	

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	The Group advised that £58k has already been secured, with a portion spent on fencing, architect fees, planning and survey costs. Applications have been submitted to the Boundary Trust, who have requested a site visit, to the Pride in Place Fund and Community Benefits (A737 bypass) funds. It is hoped the remaining balance will be secured through these sources. The Locality Partnership unanimously agreed to approve the funding for this application.	A Morrell
4.	Vice Chair C Pieraccini highlighted that at the March LP meeting it was agreed that an email would be circulated to all Community Representatives to seek expressions of interest for the position of Vice Chair and the Partnership would then consider the appointment at the interim meeting in April 2026. One expression of interest was received from Andy Watson, Chair of Dalry Community Council. The Locality Partnership approved the appointment of A Watson as Vice Chair of the Locality Partnership. J McGee undertook to advise A Watson and issue invites to the LP pre-agenda meetings.	J McGee
5.	AOCB There was discussion on appointing a community representative to join the Community Project Fund assessment panel. Both D Park and H McNaughton expressed an interest in being on the panel. It was agreed that D Park would be the representative for the Locality on the assessment panel. J McGee undertook to pass on D Park's contact details to the Regeneration team. H McNaughton also advised that she will be standing down as Chair of Beith and District Community Council in June and a new Chair will be appointed and they will then be the representative on the Locality Partnership.	J McGee Noted

The meeting ended at 7.23 pm