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Meeting:	Irvine Locality Partnership	
Date/Venue:	Monday 8 June 2026 at Redburn Community Centre, Irvine at 6.00 p.m.	
Present:	Councillor Shaun Macaulay (Chair) Councillor Christina Larsen Councillor Chloé Robertson Councillor Marie Burns Councillor Matthew McLean Elaine Baxter, Locality Officer Davie Phillips, Community Representative Marjorie Dickie, Community Representative Donna Fitzpatrick, Community Representative Greg Sutherland, Community Representative Stephen Fraser, Active Schools Annie Small, Community Representative (Vice- Chair) Lesley Forsyth, Lead Officer Fiona Smyth, Montgomery Park Primary Irene McIlwain, Community Representative Thelma Bowers, HSCP Richard Leaf, Irvine CC	
In Attendance	Chris McKenna, Irvine Tennis Club Jim McHarg, Dreghorn Bowling Club Susan Dever, North Ayrshire Transport Annie Johnson, HSCP Jacqui Greenlees, North Ayrshire Council Sharon Fleming, North Ayrshire Council Eleanor Crawford, North Ayrshire Council Calum Couston, North Ayrshire Council Lynne Easton, North Ayrshire Council	
Apologies:	Barbara Conner, TACT John McMillan, KA Leisure Chris Pless, Irvine CC Cllr Angus-McDonald Ricky Donnachie, SFRS Lauren Goldie, Active Schools Lindsey Murphy, Public Health Ian Wallace, Community Representative Sally McIntyre, Community Representative Inspector Michael Cowan Cllr Angela Stephen	
ACTIONS		
No.	Action	Responsible
1.	Welcome/Apologies/Declarations of Interest The Chair welcomed those present to the Irvine Locality Partnership meeting and apologies for absence were recorded.	Cllr Macaulay

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	No declarations of interest.	
2.	Action Note The action note arising the meeting held in March 2026 was approved as a correct record and the implementation of decisions confirmed.	Cllr Macaulay
3.	Community Transport The Locality Partnership received an update from S Dever, Coalfields including: • Community transport company based in Cumnock • Working to look at solutions for community transport in North Ayrshire • Community transport is vehicles owned by community funded and operated by community volunteers usually, for example day care services and school runs etc. Can also run employability for drivers to ensure drivers skills are up to date and they can still drive routes. • Benefits communities where traditional public transport is harder to access. • Three-year pilot scheme is being proposed for North Ayrshire and vehicles are currently being secured for this. Some groups have already been using the vehicles regularly. • Shared access minibuses and funds have been applied for through external funds as have the booking system and drivers. • Looking at day trips and community connector services, shopper and affordable group hire transport. Charge £30 a day and £1 a mile. • Driver training is done by Coalfields and lasts for 4 years. • This aims to reduce isolation, make stronger communities and strengthen community wealth building. • Some challenges are seen around increasing costs and volunteer recruitment. • Want to know who this could benefit most in North Ayrshire and what types of trips would be most useful. A community consultation is currently open online, and Susan encouraged people to participate. • D Philips highlighted they would like to promote this at the Seniors Forum Open Day. The Partnership also highlighted they would get in touch if there are further events happening over the summer that would be useful to link in with. • The LP asked where the base of operations would be and it was highlighted this would likely be in Kilwinning until the project can be scaled up. ACTION- The Chair thanked Susan and highlighted it would be useful to have a future update back to the Partnership on this work.	Noted.

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4.	HSCP Update The locality Partnership received an update on the new HSCP Locality approach from T Bowers and A Johnson, HSCP including: • The HSCP Locality Planning process that HSCP must deliver on a statutory basis, which differs from the CPP Locality Planning process which aligns with the Community Empowerment Act 2015. • There have been various locality planning models over the years. However the landscape changed after the pandemic and the type of approach has required to change. • The previous Locality Forum model linked with Locality Conversations and evidence was gathered to inform the HSCP Strategic Plan. In 2025 it was agreed that the Locality Planning model needed to change to reflect current capacity and reduce duplication of effort. • The new approach will integrate with the current CPP Locality Planning approach. Heads of Service will attend two Locality Partnership meetings a year to provide HSCP updates and share emerging priorities, as well as to engage on HSCP Locality Plans. • The HSCP Locality Plan for Irvine will be developed using the data collected in the last phase and brought to the Irvine Locality Partnership for feedback. • A partner update on progress will be presented in September with the draft HSCP Locality Plan shared in December 2026. • Aim is to join up work, integrate the approaches and reduce duplication. • The Chair highlight how welcome the new approach is to ensure closer links and mutual benefit between the partnerships. • ACTION- It was agreed that a workshop on future topics for HSCP updates would be planned for the next meeting.	J McGee
5.	Community Investment Fund The Locality Partnership to consider three expression of interest applications made to the Community Investment Fund as follows: Expressions of Interest: Dreghorn Bowling Club £40,000 J McHarg from Dreghorn Bowling Club provided an overview of the project, which focuses on the Club being the 'Community Club' which hosts functions for the local community and partners. The group have also been working with local primary school to teach them bowling every week. They would like to make the Club more inclusive and accessible for the community and pupils who are attending, including the toilets which will hopefully then encourage more community members to make use of the Club. They are also	E Baxter

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	trying to grow their youth classes and holiday provision and will be linking in with the Summer of Sport programme. The project will put in a proper accessible toilet and ladies toilets. Match funding has been sought from Lottery at £20,000. Links are also being made with Sports Scotland for further match funding of £17,000 and this is dependent on the other funds being secured. It was confirmed that the group could expand access for other local schools as the club progresses but that currently the links are being made in the Dreghorn Community. ACTION- The Partnership agreed this would progress to a full application. Irvine Tennis Club- £80,000 C McKenna gave an overview of the project. The refurbished tennis courts have been in place for 5 years and the next stage is to build the clubhouse. This would include putting in a water supply and sewage connection and building a timber building with cladding and accessible toilets. The local community have been asking for a clubhouse and the aim is that this will increase participation in the club, grown membership and help it develop as a community hub. This will also encourage level 3 coaches to come to the club if more facilities are available. The clubhouse will be around 9 by 5 metres and the plans were developed 5 years ago alongside the refurbishment of the courts. Sports Scotland funding was secured for the first phases of the project however they will not support the building of the community hub. Several other funders have also been sought. The partnership queried whether council apprentices could be used for some of the work and it was highlighted that this would act as a barrier to securing quotes. It was also highlighted that all local schools are linked in with the club. Tennis is a professional sport and it can be particularly difficult to secure coaches. Links have also been made locally with KA Leisure but the offer is limited due to the protected nature of tennis as a sport. ACTION- The Partnership agreed this would progress to a full application. The Partnership sought clarification as to whether all planning approvals have been received. BABCA- £6,000 No representative was present. Further information will be sought on the progress of this application. ACTION- The Partnership agreed this would progress to a full application.	E Baxter/ J McGee
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	ACTION- It was agreed that a special meeting is held for the full applications before the September round of meetings to reduce the waiting time.	
6.	Grants The Locality Partnership considered applications made to the Irvine Common Good Fund as follows: Irvine Incorporated Trades- - £3,948.50 ACTION- The Partnership agreed to award this grant Irvine Joint Wards- £10,000 ACTION- The Partnership agreed to award this grant Marymass Festival- £27,000 ACTION- The Partnership agreed to award this grant	<i>S Fleming</i>
7.	Street Naming Report The Locality Partnership to considered street a naming report for new residential site at former High Flat site, Irvine. ACTION- The Partnership agreed to the suggested names of Garnock and Annick.	<i>L Forsyth/ J McGee</i>
8.	Community Representative Applications The Locality Partnership considered three applications submitted for the community representative vacancies. E Baxter provided an overview of the two applications received and will clarify the number of vacancies. ACTION- The Partnership agreed that in principle the applications are accepted but this will be finalised at the interim meeting with the possibility of any extra applications being coopted on.	<i>J McGee</i>
9.	Community Engagement E Baxter provided an update on Community Engagement events which have been taking place across the Locality. Reports were provided in hard copy at the meeting and can be circulated to the Partnership via email. This will also be the focus of an Irvine Locality Network meeting and E Baxter highlighted how positive the partner involvement was. Discussion highlighted how positive the engagements events were and the Partnership thanked the Irvine Locality Team for this work.	<i>Noted.</i>

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10.	Neighbourhood Board Update The Partnership received an update from C Couston including the following: • The new Chair is Danny Anderson • The next meeting will take place on 30 June 2026. • The approved plan focuses on the whole of the Irvine Locality. • A working group has been pulled together to decide on community funding applications to the Community Fund which has £400,000 across the ten years of the programme. • There will be a further announcement on this after Board approval to let know groups know that applications are open. • Lynne Easton, North Ayrshire Council, will be attending future meetings as an additional link to the Locality Partnership. • Any queries can be directed to irvineprideinplace@north-ayrshire.gov.uk. • ACTION- C Couston agreed to publish the spend to date of the Irvine Neighbourhood Board, once approved at the next meeting.	C Couston
11.	Partner Reports • Police Scotland – Report enclosed • Community Council- Hoping to run another volunteer recruitment event, with a date still to be set. Also want to hold a water sports activity during the summer holidays. ACTION- The CC have requested further information on Irvine Common Good Land and Property Asset register. This will be updated at the next meeting. • Scottish Fire & Rescue- No representative present. • KA Leisure- No representative present. • Education- F Smyth updated including the transition programme, creation of a pupil leadership team across the Irvine Cluster and work of Montgomery Park parent council. Meetings also taking place with Police Scotland around a community programme for the astroturf at Montgomery Park primary which can be hired for £16 per hour. • Active Schools – Report enclosed.	J McGee/ L Forsyth

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12.	AOCB • Summer of Sport: L Forsyth updated on the Summer of Sport programme and highlighted that activity will be taking place across the summer. Every child in North Ayrshire will receive information on what opportunities are available. Further information is available of the Community Planning website.	<i>Noted.</i>
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The Meeting ended at 8 p.m.