



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Kilwinning Locality Partnership

Wednesday 23 September 2026 at 7.00 p.m in Woodwynd Hall

BUSINESS

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Ask of the Partnership
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.	-	-	Jim Watson	
2.	Action Note Review the action note and action log and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 4	Enclosed	Graeme Gallie	Is this an accurate record of the meeting. Have all actions been completed?
DECISION REQUIRED					
4.	Community Investment Fund The Locality Partnership to consider Application made to the Community Investment Fund. Full Application Kilwinning Community Shed	Pg 12	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	LP to consider application made to the Community Investment Fund
5.	Grants The Locality Partnership are asked to consider application made to the Elderly Grant Fund. - Landward Old Folks Welfare Committee - Kilwinning Burgh Welfare	Pg 36	Enclosed	Rhonda Leith	LP to consider application made to the Elderly Grant Fund
6.	Community Project Fund Discussion on application deferred at June LP Meeting	-	Verbal	Louise Riddex	LP to approve application made to the Community Project Fund.
7.	Community Rep Application The Locality Partnership are asked to consider one community rep application.	Pg 39	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	LP to consider one community rep application.
LOCAL MATTERS – TACKLING INEQUALITIES					
8.	School Aged and Rural Area Childcare Receive update from Laura Potter.	-	Verbal	Laura Potter	Receive update and consider partnership opportunities.

9.	Locality Officer Update The Locality Partnership will receive an update from Louise Riddex, Locality Officer.	Pg 41	Enclosed	Louise Riddex	Receive update and discuss how LP can further support this work.
10.	Partner Reports Partners will provide the Locality Partnership with updates relating to their services: - KA Leisure - Police Scotland - Scottish Fire and Rescue - Education/Active Schools - TACT	Pg 48 Pg 53	Verbal/ Enclosed	Partners	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
10.	Community Engagement Receive update from Louise Riddex.	-	Verbal	Louise Riddex	Receive update on Community Engagement work and next steps.
AOCB					
11.	AOCB			Jim Watson	LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality, the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.
REPORTS FOR INFORMATION					
12.	HSCP Report	Pg 54	Enclosed		

Distribution List

Elected Members

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

Community Representative

Jim Watson, Kilwinning Community Council (**Vice Chair**)
Wendy Crighton, Community Representative

CPP/Council Representatives

Graeme Gallie, Police Scotland (Senior Lead Officer)
Rhonda Leith, Lead Officer
Louise Riddex, Locality Officer
Ann Wilson, Third Sector Interface
Kenny McGuire, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Fiona Comrie, KA Leisure

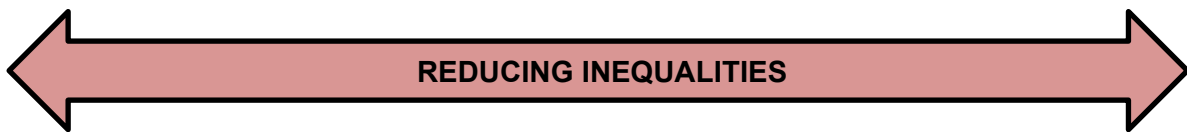
Kilwinning Locality Partnership

**Supporting
Skills and
Work**

**Improving our
Local
Environment**

**Alleviating Poverty
and Promoting
Equality of Access
to Opportunities**

**Improving
Community
Wellbeing**



Meeting:	Kilwinning Locality Partnership		
Date/Venue:	Wednesday 17 June 2026 at 7:00pm Woodwynd Community Centre		
Present:	Jim Watson – Kilwinning Community Council - Chair Cllr Joe Cullinane – Elected Member Cllr Mary Hume – Elected Member Rhonda Leith – Head of Service, Connected Communities Donna Morrison – Senior Manager, Community Facilities Louise Riddex – Locality Officer Wendy Crighton – Community Representative Fiona Comrie – KA Leisure Ann Wilson – TACT Kenny McGuire - Scottish Fire & Rescue Graeme Gallie – Police Scotland, Senior Lead Officer In Attendance Calum Couston – Programme Manager Kerry Logan – Head of Service Health & Community Care Stuart MacMillan – Principal Manager (HSCP) Caroline Conway – Secretary to Head of Service (Notes) Stephen Wilson – Kilwinning Community Shed		
Apologies	Cllr Scott Davidson Martyn Rae – Active Schools Co-ordinator Lynn Robertson – Head Teacher Whitehirst Primary School		
No.			
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Expressions of Interest Apologies were received from Cllr Davidson. J Watson, Vice Chair, assumed the role of Chair for the meeting. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited introductions. Apologies for absence were noted. No declarations of interest were made.		Noted
2.	Action Note The Action Note from the meeting held on 18 March 2026 was approved. G Gallie undertook to obtain an update regarding school uniforms.		Noted G Gallie
3.	HSCP Update		

	K Logan and S MacMillan presented key points from the submitted report regarding the North Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership Locality Planning Approach. The new approach will align HSCP locality planning with existing Community Planning Partnership Locality Partnership structures, replacing the standalone HSCP Locality Planning Review Groups. This will reduce duplication, strengthen partnership working and support more coordinated local outcomes. HSCP Locality Leads will attend two Locality Partnership meetings each year, supported by a standing HSCP locality planning agenda item. Written updates will be provided for the remaining meetings. HSCP Locality Plans will be informed by data, engagement, service input and partner feedback. Draft plans will be brought to Locality Partnerships for comment to help shape local priorities and delivery. It was also noted that: • Locality forums were paused in 2023 and the approach revised to reflect reduced capacity, with biannual engagement and locality planning reviews now in place. • Meaningful engagement remains challenging, but a strong evidence base is being developed using existing plans, processes and partner knowledge. • Six locality plans will be developed using available evidence and targeted service engagement. • A Three Towns pilot will test the approach, refresh data and map partner services, pressures and opportunities. • The model will be rolled out by 1 April 2027, with strategic oversight retained. R Leith commented that using shared resources and aligned processes will benefit all, as will the aligned process.	Noted
4.	Community Investment Fund The Locality Partnership was asked to consider the expression of interest in the Community Investment Fund from Kilwinning Community Shed. The group are seeking £40,000 from the fund for the purchase of the Blacklands Community Hall building, legal fees, renovations and resources/materials. The group highlighted that: • The Shed is a place for people to come together and combat loneliness. • There are approximately 100 members at present. There has been a decline in male members due to the current lack of projects.	

	• They have recently been awarded Blacklands Hall as their new location via a Community Asset Transfer. The Shed has had to move locations several times due to short term availability of premises. • Some of their projects are currently taking place in Kilwinning Library however activities such as woodwork are paused as the required equipment is in storage due to lack of premises. • This would provide an opportunity to expand. The following points were discussed: - G Gallie asked if there is comfort in maintaining the building. The group has looked at the running costs of similar projects and is confident that they can meet the running costs. J Watson asked if there has been a survey completed to help build a maintenance plan. It was confirmed there are plans in place e.g. energy efficiency. The roof is being looked at by NAC as there was an existing leak prior to the asset transfer. R Leith added that safety checks are being carried out at present. D Morrison advised NAC has a condition survey which will help with the business plan. Cllr Cullinane proposed supporting the application, seconded by Cllr Hume. L Riddex will support Kilwinning Community Shed with completing the full CIF application. An application will also be submitted to the Community Renewable Energy Generation Investment Fund for the energy efficiency measures. The full application will be brought to a future meeting of the Partnership.	Noted L Riddex
5	Community Project Fund The Locality Partnership received a report from C Couston on the North Ayrshire Community Projects Fund – Pride in Place Impact Fund for Kilwinning. C Couston provided the following information: - • There are three core objectives; community spaces, public spaces and high street and town centre revitalisation. • £356,000 is available for Kilwinning with £213,600 for NAC led projects and £142,400 for community led projects. • The fund is open to any constituted group.	

	• The panel which was a panel made up of locality representatives, a Connected Communities Officer and Irene Campbell MP had access to all necessary documents. • If spend isn't approved, then clear feedback is provided and the fund can be reopened. Funds must be spent by the end of the financial year. The following points were discussed: - W Crighton commented that many projects are applying for funding from several sources. Cllr Cullinane stated that there was no consultation with Elected Members in the process. To help provide context, Cllr Cullinane asked how many projects were rejected and if these were the only applicants. C Couston confirmed these were the only applicants. R Leith highlighted that the timescale is tight with a spend timescale so potentially less engagement was possible. C Couston added the same criteria was applied to both the NAC led projects and the community led projects. The fund was publicised via press release and online. C Couston also advised the fund may reopen later in the year, and he will feed back comments regarding its publicity. J Watson stated that completing applications can take a great deal of time and can be challenging for community volunteers and asked if the process is open enough for everyone to have an opportunity to apply. C Couston informed that accounts information is available on Companies House and organisations are required to provide bank statements. G Gallie commented we should discuss how to help groups with completing applications. A Wilson advised that TACT have previously ran grant application workshops but acknowledged that many sessions are during the day which isn't always suitable for volunteers who have work commitments. Cllr Reid's comments on the applications submitted by email were shared. Concerns were raised regarding the lease agreement for Random Acts of Kindness, as there is some understanding that this is on a month-to-month basis. C Couston advised that due diligence has been done in terms of lease of property and caveats can be applied e.g. funds aren't issued until building warrant is granted. C Couston will clarify the Random Acts of Kindness lease. Comments were noted in relation to facility being used in the town centre. J Watson added that it is important to achieve a balance to ensure money is safe whilst not stifling those trying to make a difference.	C Couston
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	C Couston undertook to circulate the lease information for Random Acts of Kindness. The Partnership approved the funding of the following projects: • Kilwinning Community Sports Club -£30,000 • 19th Kilwinning Scout Group - £49,350 • PRYDE - £34,100 • Choose Kilwinning - £20,943 The Partnership also agreed to defer their decision until the information on the property lease for Random Acts of Kindness is shared and considered.	C Couston C Couston
6	Community Transport R Leith advised that opportunities are being explored with Coalfields Community Transport regarding priorities for community transport. Coalfields have been working in East Ayrshire for a number of years and have a proposal for work in North Ayrshire. A consultation has been published online and presentations given to community groups. The objective is to support those who struggle to use public transport and to support their independence. There is a potential option for a shared minibus. Driver training would be available for those who wish to use it. Consideration would be given as to how to fully utilise the bus When not being used e.g. local shopper service, day trips etc. Options for the islands are also being explored. A Wilson advised that TACT has circulated the consultation. She asked why there is the sign in system to complete the consultation and noted she couldn't click the locality question. R Leith advised that sign-in can be via several access points including social media and MyGov account. She will ask L Taylor to look into the issue with the locality question. L Riddex advised that the Consul system allows full transparency and everyone will be able to see the results. D Morrison asked how the bus would work for individuals. R Leith noted this aspect is a challenge as people have individual needs; the bus would not be a replacement for MyBus. Noting the previous discussion regarding shared priorities with HSCP, she suggested perhaps there could be options such as using the bus to take a group of people to a clinic. G Gallie highlighted smaller vehicles may be better due to licensing considerations. A Wilson added that having a pool of volunteer drivers may also be worthwhile. R Leith advised there will also be access to a paid driver.	R Leith Noted
7	Locality Officer Update L Riddex presented key points from the Locality Officer report: -	

	• Older People's Voice is going well. Efforts are being made to increase their membership. Four members attended the Older People's Voice annual conference. There were 17 attendees at the Brew and Blether event hosted by the group at Kilwinning Library. • A young person has been selected to attend the event on Isle of Skye, looking at potential options to support their attendance. • The potential for a joint youth forum is still being explored. Once established it is hoped that a representative will be able to attend the Partnership meetings. • Work is ongoing regarding the Summer of Sport programme.	Noted
8	Partner Updates KA Leisure • A summer holiday camp is taking place within Kilwinning Academy. • Summer games is arranged for Active North Ayrshire, including 20 sports leaders from Kilwinning Academy. Police Scotland • The Prevention & Intervention team is working on dealing with issues surrounding vapes. • Locality policing is checking on traffic hotspots; information received from the community information is increasing. Scottish Fire & Rescue Service • Teams are busy with wildfire season, although it is recognised that this is now all-year round due to changing weather. • There is a new response unit at Kilwinning. • 35 high risk home fire safety visits have been completed. • Presentations to give information around wildfires are being delivered to schools. • It is hoped that SFRS will be able to deliver water safety training, which would link in with the Safer Shores programme. Cllr Hume asked if it would be possible to deliver a presentation to scouts, guides etc given it is approaching the end of term.	Noted Noted

	- There is a community room at Kilwinning Fire Station that can be accessed by local groups if required. The room holds approximately 15. TACT - TACT have been supporting with CAT applications, including the Boxing Club who have secured the Dirrans. - Volunteers Week was very successful. - Positive feedback has been received regarding the mini World Cup event.	Noted Noted
9	Community Engagement L Riddex advised the exercise for Kilwinning has been delayed until September and will include some HSCP questions. There will be drop-in sessions and targeting groups for face-to-face input.	Noted
10	AOCB Summer of Sport Report R Leith advised the Scottish Government has provided an allocation of funding to offer free activities, increase participation and have a positive impact over the summer, although funding can be used to the end of the financial year. A programme is being built across NAC, KA Leisure and local clubs (link to the programme can be found on the meeting papers). Some physical brochures have been printed and issued to school children. Activities are also available for care experienced, individuals with ASNs etc. Links have been made with ACES Woodwynd for some outdoor activities, and with bowling clubs e.g. to support coaching to bring in junior members. The online brochure will be updated to reflect the evolving programme; the online brochure can be accessed by the QR code on the physical brochure. Community Representative Vacancies L Riddex advised that no feedback has been received following the advertisement of the community representative vacancies. The link to the vacancies will be shared with the Partnership for circulation as appropriate. Corsehill Bowling Club W Crighton asked if there is any update about the Corsehill Bowling Club, as there has been a lot of antisocial behaviour surrounding the building. L Riddex advised that some street work is being carried out in Kilwinning on Thursdays at 6.30pm and will mention this is a particular area of concern. There is also interest in a CAT for the building; L Riddex will provide more information on this at the next meeting. L Riddex also	Noted L Riddex L Riddex

	advised there is the option of raising a complaint through NAC's formal complaint process. The Chair conveyed his thanks to everyone for attending.	
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Meeting finished at: 8:30pm



The CIF will support proposals and projects that:

- Connect with:
 - The North Ayrshire [Fair for All Inequalities Strategy](#);
 - the [Community Planning Partnership](#) (CPP) and [Locality priorities](#); and
 - North Ayrshire Council's (NAC) values, priorities and business [objectives](#).
- Fulfil a compelling need and do not duplicate existing services or facilities;
- Provide long-term, sustainable, positive results for the greatest number of people possible;
- Exhibit project and/or organisational innovation in their approaches to their work in their way of addressing community challenges and in their request to Locality Partnerships and the Council;
- Come from (an) organisation(s) that is financially viable (can provide financial statements upon request) and efficiently and effectively managed. This can include an organisation to be created to deliver the project;
- Include options or potential for NAC and CPP employee engagement and volunteering where possible; and
- Include measurable outcomes and can report to NAC on outcomes on a regular basis.

When to apply and how?

- LPs should continue to engage with their communities, and stimulate interest in the CIF. The Locality Partnership will then strategically assess the applications, make links and look at the funding 'in the round'.
- If the partnership supports a bid then the group will be encouraged to submit a full application form (attached), which they will decide upon before making a proposal to Cabinet for final approval.
- The finalised proposal will go to the next suitable Cabinet for final approval.
- Forms should be returned to your Locality Officer, by email if possible:

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For more information see the guidance form here: <http://www.northayrshire.community/wp-content/uploads/sites/60/2018/06/community-investment-fund-guidance-notes-17-12-17.pdf>



1. Details of your organisation

Name of Organisation
Kilwinning Community Shed

Postal Address for Correspondence
[REDACTED]

Name of Contact Person **Susan Sturrock**

Position in Organisation **Funding and Grants Officer**

Telephone Number [REDACTED]

Email Address [REDACTED]

2. Brief description of your organisation

Please include its legal status, aims and objectives, activities or services provided and how long it has been in existence.

Initially formed in May 2024, our main focus has been to establish a Community Shed where local people can come together, work on projects, and share their skills, creativity, and interests. We are a community-led organisation that aims to provide practical skills development and craft-based activities to help maintain community spirit, reduce social isolation, and improve the health and wellbeing of our members.

From the earliest discussions about creating a Community Shed through to the formal establishment of the organisation, all committee meetings have been open to the public. Meetings are promoted through social media and via WhatsApp to anyone who has registered as a member.

With the support of our local North Ayrshire Council Community Development Worker and the Scottish Men's Sheds Association, we have been holding fortnightly meetings at Kilwinning Library since May 2024.



In January 2025, we gained charitable status (SC053891). Since then, our primary objective has been to secure a dedicated premises that will enable us to strengthen our commitment to supporting the local community.

We have also worked to raise our profile by hosting informal social games nights at Cranberry Moss Community Centre, providing opportunities for local residents to learn more about the Shed and engage in informal discussions about its development. In addition, we have promoted the organisation at a variety of community events, including the Kilwinning Lights Switch-On, the Eglinton Growers Allotment Summer Open Day, Segdoune Gala Day, and other local community events. We also hosted a coffee morning at Abbey Church Hall.

Last year, we secured temporary accommodation on Kilwinning Main Street, providing a pop-up space where we could showcase the Community Shed concept and give local residents a flavour of what the Shed would offer once permanently established.

Since the organisation was formed, we have explored a number of vacant properties throughout the town in our search for a permanent home. From the outset, Trustees and members agreed that Blacklands Hall would be an ideal location for our Community Shed. This shared vision has led us to pursue our Community Asset Transfer application and work towards establishing the hall as a long-term base for our organisation.

At the moment we are limited to what we can produce. Our main skills are woodworking, metal working, technical repairs, knitting, sewing, crocheting and soft crafts. When we were fully functioning within the Main Street, we made items such as:

- Birdfeeders
- Birdhouses
- Ornamental Christmas Trees
- Christmas scenes
- Christmas decorations
- Crocheted bunting and brooches
- Card making
- Earrings
- Bookmarks
- Journals
- Planters
- Chopping boards
- Bluetooth speakers
- Makrame keyrings
- Furniture
- Wooden tables
- Dog Houses

3. Title and summary of proposal

Tell us about your idea. Please describe in as much detail as possible, what the funding will be used for.

Please include:

- where it will be held / delivered
- who is your target audience
- who will benefit from it and how
- any partners that are involved.

Our vision is to establish a much-needed Community Shed in Kilwinning. While neighbouring towns already benefit from Community/Men Shed facilities, Kilwinning currently has no equivalent provision. We are committed to developing a welcoming and inclusive space that serves as a creative hub where local residents can come together to learn new skills, share experiences, build friendships, and contribute positively to their community.

Having explored the available community assets within the town, Blacklands Hall has emerged as the most suitable location for our project. The building requires minimal upgrading compared to other available premises and is ideally situated close to public transport links and within walking distance of the town centre. This accessibility will make it convenient for members and visitors to attend regularly and participate in activities.

The size of the building, together with the adjacent outdoor space, provides opportunities to develop the range of activities we envisage. These will include woodworking, model railways, gardening, arts and crafts, Music Making, 3D printing and model making, computing, cooking skills, and various DIY and practical skills workshops.

In addition to operating as a Community Shed, we aim to create a vibrant community hub that promotes learning, social interaction, and wellbeing. In the longer term, we aspire to develop a community café and warm hub space that offers a welcoming environment for local residents.

Initially, we anticipate opening twice per week, reflecting the successful model we previously operated. However, future opening times will be guided by community demand and the growth of our membership and activities. As our range of workshops, crafts, and interest groups expands, we hope to increase both the frequency and variety of sessions available.



Our target audience is the community of Kilwinning and the surrounding areas. Since the formation of Kilwinning Community Shed, membership has grown significantly, with over 107 members currently registered. This level of interest demonstrates the demand for a dedicated community space where people can connect, learn, and support one another.

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) indicates that several data zones within Kilwinning are amongst the 15% most deprived areas in Scotland. As a result, many local residents experience challenges associated with low income, unemployment, poor health outcomes, and limited access to opportunities and services. Membership of the Shed is free, ensuring that cost is not a barrier to participation. Through a holistic and person-centred approach, we aim to improve mental health and wellbeing, reduce social isolation and loneliness, and help people remain active, connected, and engaged within their community. We will continue to organise information sessions, visits, and talks from health and wellbeing partners in an informal and supportive environment.

Our current members are predominantly aged 40 and over; however, we are keen to welcome adults from the age of 18 onwards. By bringing together people from different generations, we can encourage the sharing of knowledge, practical skills, and life experience. This intergenerational approach has the potential to better prepare younger participants for employment and further learning opportunities. We are also keen to deliver informal classes and training opportunities that could act as a stepping stone towards further education, volunteering, or employment.

We are currently working in partnership with Choose Kilwinning on the creation of a wooden Christmas tree installation for the town centre, alongside a range of festive decorative features that will be displayed during the town's Christmas Lights Switch-On celebrations. These projects demonstrate our commitment to civic pride, community engagement, and collaborative working.

We are also keen to work closely with local schools on community projects that encourage creativity, participation, and social inclusion. One such initiative is the development of buddy benches, which pupils can help design and influence. Discussions with local schools have already taken place, and constructing these benches will be among our key priorities once we secure access to Blacklands Hall. We have successfully secured Participatory Budgeting funding to design and construct a pilot buddy bench for Blacklands Primary School. Our intention is for this project to become a model that can be replicated and adapted for other schools across the locality, promoting inclusion, friendship, and pupil wellbeing.



As part of our commitment to social prescribing and community wellbeing, we will continue to strengthen partnerships with local GP surgeries, Community Link Workers from Oxenward and Kilwinning Medical Practices, and support organisations such as Healing Hearts bereavement service. These partnerships will help ensure that individuals who may benefit from social connections, practical activities, and peer support can be signposted to the Shed.

Our proposed community garden will provide additional benefits to the wider community by supporting local food larders and contributing fresh produce to those in need. In the future, produce grown within the garden could also be used within our planned community café. Through the development of the Community Shed, community garden, and future café and warm hub, we aim to create a sustainable, welcoming, and inclusive community asset that supports learning, wellbeing, friendship, and community resilience for many years to come.

4. What difference will this project make within the locality and to local services and programmes?

Please include:

- The outcomes you aim to achieve
- How you will approach reducing inequality
- How this proposal fits with the Locality Partnership priorities of 1. Supporting skills and work 2. Improving our local environment 3. Alleviating Poverty and promoting equality of access to opportunities 4. Improving Community Wellbeing.

Currently we are limited to meeting once per week due to our temporary location within Kilwinning Library. While some of our female members are able to continue participating in light craft activities, many of our male members have been unable to undertake the practical projects they enjoy, as their tools and machinery remain in storage until suitable premises become available. Although members continue to meet informally in small groups for a coffee and conversation, the current arrangement does not fully meet their needs. Many members miss the opportunity to work alongside others, share skills, and gain the sense of achievement that comes from creating and completing projects together.

Securing permanent premises at Blacklands Hall would allow us to re-establish the full range of activities originally envisioned for the Community Shed. Initially, we plan to open twice per week, bringing members together once again in a dedicated and welcoming environment. As membership grows and community demand increases, we will review opening hours and activities to ensure the Shed continues to respond to local needs and aspirations.

Community Sheds have a proven track record of delivering significant social, health, and wellbeing benefits. They provide safe, inclusive spaces where people can build friendships, develop support networks, and reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation. Participation in hands-on activities promotes positive mental wellbeing, builds confidence, and provides a sense of purpose and achievement. For many members, the Shed becomes much more than a place to pursue hobbies. It becomes an important source of companionship, belonging, and support.

Practical activities such as woodworking, arts and crafts, gardening, DIY projects, computing, and model making also encourage lifelong learning and skills development. Members can learn new skills, share their knowledge and experience with others, and gain confidence through meaningful participation. This exchange of skills and expertise helps strengthen community connections while preserving valuable practical knowledge for future generations.

For many older men, discussing health concerns in formal settings can be challenging. Community Sheds create informal and supportive environments where conversations about



physical health, mental wellbeing, bereavement, and life challenges can occur naturally among peers. This approach aligns strongly with social prescribing and preventative health objectives, helping individuals access support before issues escalate into more serious concerns.

Our members are particularly motivated by opportunities to contribute positively to the wider community, by undertaking projects such as creating planters, and benches. These activities foster pride, ownership, and a strong sense of purpose, while enabling members to see the direct impact of their efforts on the local area. Participation in such projects regularly results in increased confidence, self-esteem, and civic-pride.

The development of a community garden will encourage outdoor activity, promote healthy lifestyles, and create opportunities for members to learn gardening and environmental skills. Spending time outdoors and engaging with nature is widely recognised as having positive effects on mental health, reducing stress, improving mood, and enhancing overall wellbeing. The community garden will also strengthen local food provision through donations to the local larders, and support our longer-term ambitions for a community café and warm hub.

As an organisation we fit well within the Kilwinning local priorities by **supporting skills and work** through sharing an array of crafting skills with the local community. Through the development of the community garden and energy efficiency upgrades to the hall, we are aiming to **improve our local environment** and carbon footprint. As our membership and activities are free to all, we **provide equality of access to opportunities**. In time with the development of a warm hub/community café, we will also provide affordable healthy food through the shed café. The opportunities of networking and activities within the Shed is well documented to overcome social isolation and **improve Community wellbeing**. Our membership is free and that covers any financial inequality people may find themselves in.

Most importantly, the Community Shed will make a significant contribution to community wellbeing. By bringing people together, reducing social isolation, supporting mental health, and creating opportunities for meaningful participation. The Shed will provide a welcoming, inclusive space where everyone can feel valued, connected, and supported. In the future, our planned community café and warm hub will further strengthen this role by offering affordable food and refreshments, and a welcoming community space for local residents.



5. What engagement has taken place in relation to the project?

Please include the number of people who have been engaged with or consulted as well as the range of people.

As a member-led organisation operating as a two-tier SCIO, consultation and member engagement are at the heart of everything we do. Our governance structure requires us to actively involve members in decision-making, ensuring that the organisation continues to reflect the needs, aspirations, and interests of the local community.

Since our formation, our membership has grown steadily and now stands at 107 members, demonstrating both the demand for a Community Shed in Kilwinning and the strong level of community support for the project.

We engage with members on a weekly basis through WhatsApp, seeking feedback on activities, events, and the ongoing development of the Community Shed. In addition, our quarterly Members meetings provide opportunities to share organisational updates, review finances, discuss progress, and consult on future priorities and plans. This open and transparent approach ensures that members remain fully involved in shaping the direction of the organisation.

We also communicate regularly with both our members and the wider community through social media, local press coverage, and community engagement activities. To further raise awareness of the Shed and its aims, committee members have participated in interviews with local radio station Irvine Beat FM, providing updates on our progress and encouraging wider community involvement.

We also actively engage with a range of local and national organisations to strengthen our work and build valuable partnerships. We attend Choose Kilwinning meetings to offer support and share information about our projects and activities. Through the North Ayrshire Shed Network, we meet regularly at different locations to exchange updates, share good practice, and network with other sheds. We are members of the Scottish Men's Shed Association (SMSA), which enables us to support the organisation while also benefiting from its guidance, resources, and sector-wide insights. In addition, Eglinton Growers have also offered valuable advice and support in relation to the development and maintenance of our outdoor community space. We also work closely with TACT, attending a number of their sessions focused on fundraising and maximising the success of grant applications.

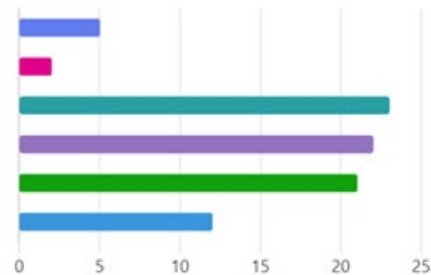
As part of the Community Asset Transfer process, we undertook a community consultation exercise to better understand local needs, interests, and aspirations for the proposed Community Shed. An online questionnaire was promoted through our social media channels and was available throughout February and March 2025. The consultation generated a strong response, with 85 local residents taking part. The outcome was as follows:

1. Age Group and Demographics

With the establishing of the Community Shed, there has often been a misrepresentation that all members of the shed are retired, therefore it has been a great opportunity to get a response from an array of ages.

What is your age group?

18-24	5
25-34	2
35-44	23
45-54	22
55-64	21
65 and above	12

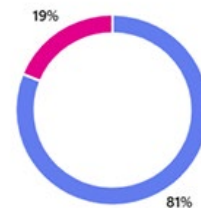


2. Awareness of Kilwinning Community Shed

As an organisation we are promoted across partners, social media, and flyers in key places, however we often wonder if the shed is promoted wide enough. The survey has given us a vital insight that although we have promotional materials out there, social media and word of mouth has been our most successful modes of communication.

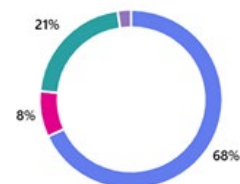
Are you aware of Kilwinning Community Shed?

Yes	69
No	16



How did you hear about us?

Social Media	58
Community Partners	7
Word Of Mouth	18
Flyers in shops/Library	2

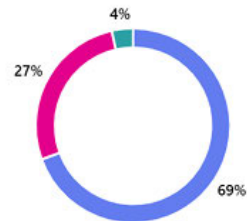


3. Kilwinning Community Shed in Blacklands Hall

Prior to the survey commencing, we have been aware that another organisation has been interested in taking on the asset. Unfortunately, an other organisation has used our survey as an opportunity to comment and promote their own project and object to us taking the hall. Nevertheless, the majority of the feedback has been positive and in favour of the shed.

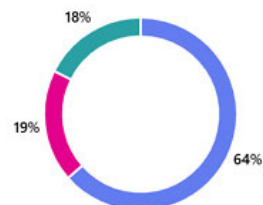
Would you like to see the Kilwinning Community Shed based within the Blacklands Hall?

Yes	59
No	23
not sure	3



How interested are you in the Kilwinning Community Shed Project?

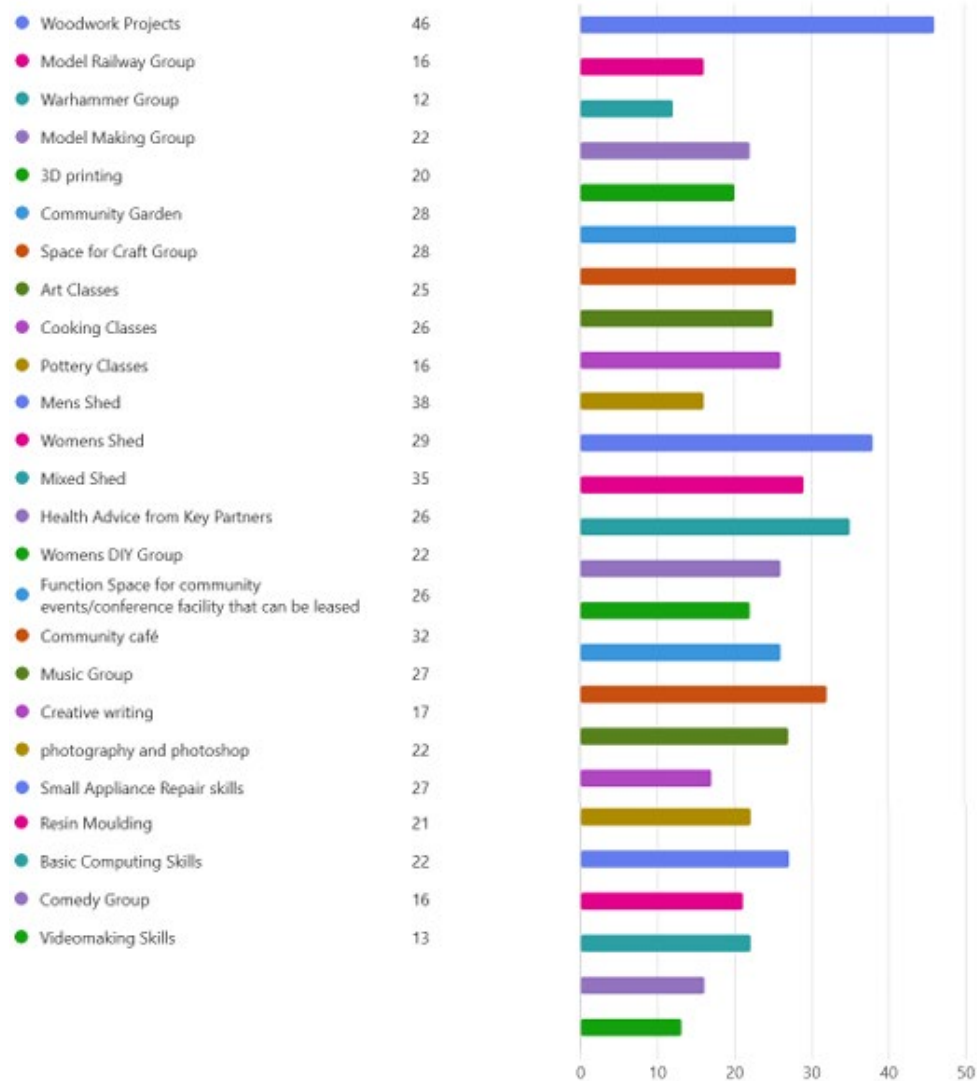
Interested	54
Neutral	16
Not interested	15



4. Your Community Shed

Although we have a vision for what is happening within the Shed through our members, we have been keen to use the survey as an opportunity to get a greater insight of what the wider community would like to see happening within the Shed.

. What activities would you like to see in the Community Shed?



The list of additional suggestions from participants of the consultation, also includes the following activities:

Community Projects & Activities

- Walking groups
- Craft groups
- Woodworking projects
- Metal work
- Community assistance
- General social groups/events
- Mental health classes and yoga
- Small café or drop-in centre/Community kitchen
- Safe spaces for support groups
- Musical instrument teaching/music recording studio
- Crocheting
- Baking classes
- Money/benefit advice workshops
- Talks on various subjects

Wellbeing & Support:

- Support groups for specific mental health issues
- Safe, warm spaces to combat loneliness and isolation
- Mixed group meetings to meet new people
- Cooking class
- First aid workshops
- Bike repair and recycling
- a place for casual conversation

In summary, the consultation highlighted a clear need to develop a safe, welcoming, and inclusive Shed that brings people together and strengthens the community. A strong emphasis was placed on supporting wellbeing and mental health, while providing a wide range of activities and opportunities that cater to diverse interests, encourage participation, and promote a sense of purpose, belonging, and social engagement for all members.

6. How will the project be managed?

Please include:

- How the finances will be managed
- Does the proposed project contribute to volunteering or employment opportunities in Kilwinning? Please include the number of volunteering opportunities and employment opportunities
- If there are any staff requirements, please outline your HR plans

Our board of trustees have a wealth of skills and experience in asset, financial. and project management. These skills range from creating and managing budgets, allocating resources efficiently, tracking expenses, and ensure financial goals are met. Monitoring and managing cash flow, and financial analysis skills. Managing business assets, and financial reporting skills for investors and stakeholders.

Some of trustees also have previous experience in managing community organisations which brings experience in securing and managing grants, along with skills in writing proposals, budgeting, and reporting to funders. Organising fundraising events, campaigns, and activities to generate financial support for community projects and initiatives. Collectively the board of trustees have over 40 years of experience of managing projects and business effectively.

Volunteering is at the heart of what we do, and our membership will increase even more once we are fully up and running. Our various proposed projects and groups will also bring in more volunteers. As previously mentioned we are committed to ensure that our Community Shed fosters potential job and industry awareness through skill development and local projects. Our older members will also provide an opportunity to provide peer support to younger members (18-24), to develop their workplace and interview skills. Younger members can also learn practical skills such as woodworking, gardening, and crafting, which complements any further education. At the same time, projects involving 3D printing, model making, and other technical activities can enhance an awareness of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education. Community gardens can also teach younger members about growing and sustainable living.

Currently we have 107 member volunteers with capacity to increase in the future. We do not have any employment opportunities at the moment however when we progress and increase numbers we may find opportunities for part-time posts such as a janitor/caretaker and project development officer.



7. Amount of funding being requested

Please supply details of funding being requested and any other funding you have had over the past 5 years, both financially and “in kind”.

Please give a breakdown of cost and recent quotations where appropriate.

The **Kilwinning Community Shed** started up in May 2024 and has had the following in terms of funding and donations since then:

Our latest submission to OSCR is as follows:

Income: £8,159
Outgoings: £1,914

Further broken down as follows:

Locality Participatory Budget Funding:	£2,000.00
Community Wealth Building Participatory Budget	£2,000.00
Grants:	£2,195.00
Donations:	£547.00
Trading:	£1,417
Outgoings – related directly to charitable activities:	£1914.00
Surplus for the year to April 2026:	£6245

Currently our bank account (August 2026) is in the region of £9,000.00. This is currently ringfenced for PB and Community projects, Insurances, Utility Costs, and ongoing start-up costs for the building.

Amount of funding requested (£) **£39,953.48**

The Summary breakdown of costs are as follows:

Building:	£4,250.00
Solicitor/Surveyor legal fees:	£5,500.00
Workshop:	£23,076.66
Crafts:	£7,126.82
Total request:	<u>£39,953.48</u>

A further breakdown by categories are as follows:

Building: £4250.00
 Solicitor/Surveyor legal fees: £5500.00
 Equipment: £21,147.45
 Materials: £2,637.36
 Fixtures & Fittings: £4,881.79
 IT Equipment: £1,167.99
 Software Subscription: £71.88
 Sundries: £297.01

Total: **£39,953.48**

Category	Source	Item(s)	Quantity	Cost
Building		Blacklands Community Hall		£4,250.00
Solicitor/legal fees		Frazer Coogans Ltd		£3,000.00
Surveyor		Melville Gomez surveyor		£2,500.00
Equipment	Currys	Laptop MSI intel core GB SSD	2	£1,038.00
Equipment	Currys	HP Printer smart tank 7006 all-in-one wireless inkjet	1	£219.99
Equipment	Brother	Sewing machines LX17	6	£774.00
Equipment	Brother	Sewing machine HF37	1	£279.00
Equipment	Brother	Overlocker	1	£229.00
Equipment	Brother	ScanNCut SDX2250D	1	£699.00
Equipment	Screwfix	Dewalt drills DCD778P2T cordless	6	£899.94
Equipment	Screwfix	Dewalt jigsaw DCS331N cordless	3	£359.97
Equipment	Screwfix	Wood vices heavy duty	4	£89.96
Equipment	Screwfix	Metal vices heavy duty 6inch	2	£200.00
Equipment	Screwfix	Dewalt Planer cordless	1	£144.99
Equipment	Amazon	Laser etching engraver mini desktop	1	£878.99

Equipment	Screwfix	Wood Chisels set of 7	2	£59.98
Equipment	Screwfix	Dewalt Angle grinder	2	£219.98
Equipment	Screwfix	Titan Bench grinder	1	£29.99
Equipment	Screwfix	Einhell TC-WG 200 electric wet grinder	1	£98.99
Equipment	Screwfix	Metal files and rasp set	2	£30.00
Equipment	Screwfix	Hacksaws multi material	2	£23.98
Equipment	Screwfix	Milwaukee Hacksaw metal	2	£59.98
Equipment	Screwfix	Titan Brushless Electric Drill Press DP0813A2 265mm 240v	1	£79.99
Equipment	Screwfix	Clamps quick release 24inch	20	£539.80
Equipment	Screwfix	Sash clamps 48inch	10	£224.90
Equipment	Screwfix	Stanley Tape measure set of 2	4	£51.96
Equipment	Screwfix	Magnusson Steel Ruler	3	£11.97
Equipment	Screwfix	Dewalt safety glasses	20	£79.80
Equipment	Screwfix	Site Comfort Ear Defenders 28.2dB SNR	20	£149.80
Equipment	Screwfix	JSP disposable masks 10pk	10	£149.90
Fixtures and Fittings	Axminster	Dust Extraction portable AP145CE and hoses and attachments	1	£1,200.00
Fixtures and Fittings	Currys	Upright Fridge for kitchens	1	£319.00
Fixtures and Fittings	Currys	Hisense 700watt 20ltr Microwave	1	£49.00
Equipment	Screwfix	Nail Gun cordless Dewalt	1	£389.99
Equipment	Screwfix	Hammers - claw (5), ball pein (5), club (5), mallets (2) and 1 sledgehammer		£226.82
Equipment	Screwfix	Henry Hoover 15ltr	2	£339.98
Sundries	Screwfix	Screws (200), nails(200), brad nails (200), PVA wood glue x 6 ltrs, No nails		£297.01

		waterproof glue x 3, cloth tape x 1		
Materials	B&Q	Valspar Paint internal	200ltrs	£600.00
Materials	B&Q	Valspar Paint external	200ltrs	£900.00
Materials	B&Q	Sandtex Gloss paint for external metal	20ltrs	£250.04
Equipment	B&Q	Harris Trade Big Box set x 5 @£35 each and Jugno Trading Ltd Paint Roller set x5 £18.99 each		£296.92
Equipment	B&Q	Paint trays x 3 packs @£8.99 each	3	£26.97
Equipment	Amazon	Cutting mats for crafting pack of 3 A3 size	10	£128.70
Equipment	Amazon	Silicon or Teflon mats for glue and paintwork £6.99 for pk of 2	10	£69.99
Equipment	Amazon	Glass mats	6	£118.14
Fixtures and Fittings	Amazon	Pegboards – wall panels with hooks to store scissors, rulers and tapes	4	£347.96
Equipment	Amazon	Label makers and labels	3	£63.63
Fixtures and Fittings	Amazon	First Aid boxes	6	£63.97
Fixtures and Fittings	Amazon	Armchair pk of 4	1	£257.60
Fixtures and Fittings	Currys	Electric Hob and oven	1	£599.00
Equipment	Screwfix	Walsall easiload Wheelbarrow 85ltr	1	£59.99
Equipment	Screwfix	Heavy duty sack barrow 3in 1	1	£131.00
Fixtures and Fittings	Amazon	Whiteboards 100cm X 180cm (incls pens)	3	£410.97
Fixtures and Fittings	Amazon	Small To Do board for kitchens 90cm X 60cm	3	£71.37
Equipment	Amazon	Label Maker Rongta Bluetooth Thermal Printer	1	£38.24
Equipment	Screwfix	Spade and Fork(set) x 5	2	£59.98

Fixtures and Fittings	Amazon	Basics Office Chair x 2	2	£149.52
Fixtures and Fittings	Amazon	LED office lamps x 2	2	£47.98
Fixtures and Fittings	Amazon	Basics Kettles x 2	2	£35.06
Fixtures and Fittings	Amazon	Flasks 5ltr	4	£131.96
Equipment	HobbyMaker	Brother ScanNCut SDX2250D	1	£699.00
Equipment	HobbyMaker	Sizzix Big Shot Plus	2	£349.98
Equipment	HobbyMaker	Sizzix Side Kick	2	£113.98
Equipment	HobbyMaker	Tim Holtz Glass mats	6	£179.94
Equipment	The Range	Wireless Glue guns	6	£59.94
Equipment	The Range	Glue Sticks - Pack of 100	2	£9.98
Equipment	HobbyMaker	Clarity Glue tape runners pack of 3	4	£60.00
Equipment	HobbyMaker	Masking tape - Stamps away	4	£23.96
Equipment	Dunelm	Vinyl table covers £6 a metre	6	£36.00
Equipment	HobbyMaker	Blending tools Kingston Crafts x 10	2	£5.98
Equipment	HobbyMaker	Ink Pads - Distress Oxide 3 for 9.98 - buy all 15	5	£99.90
Equipment	HobbyMaker	VersaMark Clear for embossing	2	£12.98
Equipment	HobbyMaker	Black ink pad permanent	4	£31.96
Equipment	HobbyMaker	Mighty Mist spray bottles for crafting	4	£19.96
Equipment	HobbyMaker	Glitter paste PRISM 3 for £19.97 buy all 12	4	£79.88
Equipment	HobbyMaker	Rule with metal edge	12	£47.88
Equipment	HunkyDory	Stamping platform Premier Craft tools 4	4	£139.96
Materials	Ikea	Material for crafting		
Equipment	HunkyDory	Puff snow Prism 30ml bottle	4	£19.96

Equipment	HobbyMaker	Paint brushes crafters choice 15 pack	2	£29.98
Equipment	HobbyMaker	Embossing powder Sweet Dixie Essential embossing	2	£21.98
Equipment	HobbyMaker	Sweet Dixie Sparkle Christmas embossing powder	2	£19.98
Equipment	HobbyMaker	Cricut 4 Maker machine everything bundle	2	£899.98
Subscription	Cricut	There is also a subscription to Cricut yearly this gives you £10 every month and 10% off purchases	1	£71.88
Materials	The Range	Glass paint pack of 8	2	£3.98
Materials	The Range	DAS modelling clay white	4	£19.96
Materials	The Range	Pack of Aqua tip markers - 50	2	£13.98
Materials	The Range	Pack of 24 Watercolour paints set	4	£67.96
Materials	The Range	Acrylic 16 inks	1	£27.99
Fixtures and Fittings	HobbyMaker	Purelite handy rechargeable lamp white	2	£49.98
Equipment	HobbyMaker	Sizzix Stencil and Stamp Tool fuschia	2	£105.98
Fixtures and Fittings	Cunninghame Furniture	Filing Cabinet	1	£50.00
Equipment	HobbyMaker	Replacement plates for Sissix Big Shot 655093	1	£11.79
Equipment	HobbyMaker	Dies for Bigshot - variety	3	£59.97
Materials	HobbyMaker	Stencils - variety	3	£44.97
Fixtures and Fittings	Amazon	Storage Boxes 35ltr pk of 3	3	£89.97

Fixtures and Fittings	Amazon	Storage Boxes 30ltr pk of 3	3	£80.97
Materials	Amazon	Sharpie Permanent Markers pk of 12	1	£6.00
Materials	Amazon	Embellishments variety packs	10	£46.99
Materials	The Range	Paint by number canvases	20	£199.80
Materials	HobbyMaker	Stamps variety packs	5	£39.95
Materials	Hobbycraft	Acrylic Paints x4	4	£64.00
Materials	Hobbycraft	Vinyl for cricut x10	10	£75.00
Equipment	Amazon	Stamping platform x4	4	£139.96
Materials	Amazon	ink pads x4	4	£34.00
Materials	Amazon	Candle making kits x3 and wax	3	£128.94
Materials	Amazon	Selection of thread- 20 Guttermann	20	£113.80
Fixtures and Fittings	Ikea	craft trollies- Raskog from ikea x3	3	£105.00
Equipment	Hunkdory	Scoreboards x3	3	£104.97
Fixtures and Fittings	Amazon	storage boxes 3 packs of 5(wham)	3	£70.49
Equipment	Amazon	soap making kits tools x3	3	£92.97
Equipment	Amazon	jewellery making kit tools	1	£100.50
IT	Currys	Software for laptops - Microsoft Office 2024	1	£129.99
Equipment	Amazon	Dustpan and brush long handled	2	£37.98
Equipment	Axminster	Lathe free standing	1	£1,350.00
Equipment	Axminster	Thickness planer	1	£2,430.00
Equipment	Axminster	Band saw	1	£1,899.00
Equipment	Axminster	Table saw freestanding	1	£2,000.00
Equipment	Amazon	Brushes large industrial	2	£33.98
Equipment	Amazon	Litter pickers pk of 4	1	£10.00
Fixtures and Fittings	Amazon	Door Alarms safety access monitor pk 2	1	£31.99
Equipment	Screwfix	Titan hoover	2	£95.98
IT	Amazon	3D printer Flash forge adventurer 5x	2	£798.00

IT	Amazon	Filaments for 3 D printer variety of spools	20	£240.00
Equipment	Amazon	Stained glass kit	1	£137.00
Fixtures and Fittings	Manutan	Flammable cabinets	2	£720.00
Total				£39,953.48

8. Monitoring and evaluation process

Please include detail on the monitoring and evaluation processes planned or in place.

The knowledge, skills, and experience held by our Trustees through managing assets and resources across a range of industries are highly transferable to the effective management, monitoring, and sustainability of a Community Shed. These skills include inventory management systems for tracking tools, machinery, materials, and supplies, ensuring that all assets are accounted for, maintained, and readily available when required.

The Trustees will ensure regular inspections and planned maintenance schedules to ensure that equipment and the Shed facility remain safe, operational, and fit for purpose. Detailed records of assets, maintenance activities, and equipment usage will also be maintained. In addition, a comprehensive range of Health and Safety and Safeguarding policies and procedures, and risk assessments have already been adopted and are regularly reviewed to ensure compliance with best practice. These risk assessments allow us to protect members, volunteers, and visitors, helping to prevent accidents and injuries. Regular policy reviews will also ensure that safeguarding arrangements remain effective, up to date, and aligned with current legislation and good practice. Our current policies have recently been reviewed and updated. We have the following policies and procedures to adhere to and are in place:

- Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection
- Safeguarding Adults
- Membership Code of Conduct
- Dignity and Respect
- Health and Safety
- Volunteer
- Equality, Inclusion and Diversity
- Volunteer Disciplinary
- Shed Lone Working
- Data Protection

Our regular Trustees meetings provide an important mechanism for monitoring costs, reviewing activities, and evaluating the overall performance of the Shed. These meetings enable us to identify what is working well, assess areas for improvement, and collectively plan future developments. As a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), we are already accountable to OSCR and have a statutory responsibility to maintain accurate records, monitor our activities, evaluate our progress, and submit annual reports detailing our governance, finances, and impact. Our first submission to OSCR along with our audited accounts and the Trustees Annual Report was in January 2026 with our first AGM taking place in March 2026.



We currently hold quarterly members' meetings where all significant decisions affecting the Shed are discussed and shaped by our members. Although Trustees currently meet on a fortnightly basis to manage the ongoing development and operation of the organisation, this will move to monthly meetings as the project becomes more established. We will also carry out an annual members' consultation to coincide with our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and year-end reporting process. Our next AGM will take place in March 2027.

Participation will be monitored through attendance registers, membership records, volunteer hours, and activity logs. This information will help track engagement levels, identify trends, and ensure that the Shed continues to reach and support its target groups. Regular reviews of activities and projects will enable the Trustees and members to evaluate what is working well and identify opportunities and improvements.

In addition, we operate a dedicated Shed Members' WhatsApp group, which enables us to keep members informed, share updates, communicate opportunities, and encourage ongoing engagement between meetings.

We have already begun collating case studies to support funding applications and evidence the impact of the Shed on individual members and the wider community. This approach will continue as the project develops, allowing us to capture snapshots of members' experiences, document their journeys through the Shed, and demonstrate the positive outcomes achieved through participation.

We regularly take photographs of activities and share them through our social media platforms to highlight achievements and engage with the wider community. We are also keen to expand our use of video content to showcase members' stories, celebrate successes, and provide a more engaging record of the Shed's development and impact.

Within the Shed, we will continue to encourage member feedback through an anonymous suggestion box and a feedback board located within the workshop space. These informal approaches, alongside formal consultations and meetings, will provide valuable insight into member experiences, help identify opportunities for improvement, and ensure that the Community Shed remains responsive to the needs, interests, and aspirations of our members. Findings will be reviewed by Trustees and members to support continuous improvement and future planning.



Locality Partnership: Kilwinning Locality

Date: 23 September 2026

Subject: To advise the meeting of applications received in respect of the 2026/27 Elderly Grants Fund.

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

Background: Applications have been received in respect of the 2026/27 Elderly Grants Fund.

Key Points for Locality Partnership

- The 2026/27 Kilwinning Locality Elderly Grants Fund has a balance of **£6,463**.

Action Required by Locality Partnership:

- To consider the applications for grant funding as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.
 - Landward Old Folks Welfare Committee - **£3,447**
 - Kilwinning Burgh Welfare - **£3,016**

For more information please contact: *Angela Morell, Senior Manager, Connected Communities, Cunninghame House, Irvine.*
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Completed by: Sharon Fleming
Grants & Performance Officer
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Date: 13 August 2026

APPENDIX 1

ELDERLY GRANTS FUND APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2026/27

Grant Allocation for Kilwinning LPP Area

£ 6,463

Group	Purpose of Grant	Grant Allocated to Group	Amount Requested
Landward Old Folks Welfare Committee	The Committee provides support for older residents through two summer day trips and annual Christmas dinners held over two days. Funding will contribute towards the Christmas dinners, entertainment and gifts. Breakdown of costs: Christmas dinners: 200 meals x £15 over 2 days = £3,000 Entertainment over 2 days = £300 Christmas gifts over 2 days = £1,400 Total cost: £4,700 The group is contributing £1,253 from its own funds towards the summer trip and to cover any underspend on the Christmas dinners.	£ 3,447	£ 3,447
Kilwinning Burgh Welfare	The group provides a summer outing, festive meal, entertainment and gifts for pensioners in the Kilwinning Burgh area. Funding will contribute towards meals, entertainment, gifts, raffle prizes, bus hire, and printing of tickets and posters. Breakdown of costs: Festive meals = £1,400	£ 3,016	£ 3,016

	Entertainment = £150 Gifts and raffle prizes = £500 Summer outing bus hire = £850 Summer outing meals = £1,400 Printing of tickets and posters = £300 Total project cost: £4,600 The group is contributing through ticket sales, with festive event tickets priced at £10.00 each and summer outing tickets priced at £15.00 each.		
		TOTAL	£ 6,463

Nomination Form Locality Partnerships Community Representative

1. Personal Details

Title: Mr

Forename: William

Surname: Duffy

Address: [REDACTED]

Postcode: [REDACTED]

Tel. No: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

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
1983-2008	FIRST AIDER ST ANDREWS KILWINNING COMPANY
2016-PRESENT	KILWINNING ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, NOW CHAIRPERSON
2009-PRESENT	PRIDE

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

Yes

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

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: Neal McHarg

Address: [REDACTED]

Postcode: [REDACTED]

Tel. No: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Declaration

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

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

Signed:



Date: 14 JULY 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:

Please note this information (with the exception of your contact details within Q1 and information given at Q5 and your proposer's contact details) will be shared with all attendees at the Locality Partnership meeting. Your contact details will be held by the Community Planning Team within North Ayrshire Council and we will use these to contact you about Locality Partnership and Community Planning matters only.

Please return this completed form to the Community Planning Team at communityplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk



Locality Partnership Progress Update

Poverty/Financial Inclusion

- **Kilwinning Vintage Voices** (Kilwinning Locality Older Peoples voice) - Representation from the group was provided at the Older People's Voices Executive Meeting, where local issues affecting older residents were highlighted. On Thursday 30th July, the group welcomed Jennifer Pless, Community Engagement Officer from the Scottish Maritime Museum, as a guest speaker. Jennifer discussed the forthcoming Community Archive Project, which aims to capture the experiences of people who worked at Ardeer ICI, and outlined opportunities for members to access the museum through a Community Welcome Pass. As Chairperson of the Irvine Clean Up Crew, Jennifer also took part in a group discussion around environmental issues, community clean-up initiatives and the importance of recycling. Further speakers are being scheduled which include the locality Community Link Workers, who will provide information about their role within GP surgeries and the support available to local residents. Ability Net will also be visiting the group in September.

Health and Wellbeing

- **Aye Write Kilwinning**, still meets every Tuesday at 2pm in Kilwinning library. The group is preparing for a showcase and exhibition event on 3 November as part of the North Ayrshire Mental Health Arts Festival. To support this, a visit by local writer David McLaughlan was arranged on 21 July. David, whose work has featured in the *Sunday Post*, *People's Friend*, and *The Beano*, shared his experiences and provided encouragement and inspiration to participants. As part of the North Ayrshire mental health arts Festival, a taster session for the group will also be held on Tuesday 27th October, in order to encourage more members to join.
- **New Scots** - Community picnic at Eglinton Park was attended by 30 people, bringing adults, children and families together through physical activities, games, conversation and shared food. The event supported intergenerational participation, social connection and community wellbeing

Regeneration and Increasing Civic Pride

- **Kilwinning Community Shed** – Now have access to Blacklands hall under a Temporary Occupational Licence, until the paperwork is signed off for the transfer of the asset. The group have been signposted to contact Utility Aid for advice with energy suppliers for the building, and also Energy Scotland for advice on reducing carbon footprint within the building. The Trustees have been working on their CIF full application. Other grants the organisation are working on include PB, National Lottery ECO Grant, Digital Divide Grant, and CERGF grant.
- **Choose Kilwinning** - Organised and held a successful Segdoune Crowning Gala (6th June) in the town centre, with the ceremony taking place in the Abbey Church. The organisation now have PVG process in place, with 2 volunteers working as the liaison to the Segdoune Royals and their families. The royals are continuing to attend community events (including Eglinton Growers Open Day,, with support from the committee. to discuss the plans for the Christmas Light Switch On. The planning for the event will be further discussed at a Sub-committee meeting with partnering organisations.



Locality Partnership Progress Update

Poverty/Financial Inclusion

- **Summer of Sport** - Throughout the summer holidays, a range of local events and family fun days have been delivered free of charge within the community. Activities and snacks have been provided at each event, helping to reduce costs for families during the holiday period while ensuring children and young people have access to positive recreational opportunities. Attendance at these events has been consistently high, demonstrating the demand for accessible community activities and the importance of providing cost-free opportunities that support inclusion, wellbeing, and community participation.
- **Participatory Budgeting (PB)** - Applications opened for the PB fund, with a closing date of 6/9/26. Various groups have been supported with their applications.
- **Active Schols** - During the summer holidays, Active Schools delivered a mountain biking trip for Kilwinning Academy pupils who had shown an interest in cycling and supported coaching or bike maintenance activities during the previous academic year. The success of the trip has led to plans for a school mountain bike club, promoting active travel and encouraging cycling as a lifelong activity while making use of local community facilities

Health and Wellbeing

KA Leisure - As part of the Summer of Sport programme, KA Leisure delivered a community roadshow at Kilwinning Academy on 31 July, attracting over 400 attendances and providing a range of sports, physical activities, health checks, and free food in partnership with local organisations. Throughout the summer, a variety of well-attended holiday camps were also delivered, including dedicated provision for young people with additional support needs (ASN). In partnership with Community Learning and Development, KA Leisure further supported ASN youth clubs at Woodwynd Hall by delivering inclusive sporting activities that promoted physical skills, confidence, social interaction, and healthy lifestyles.

Regeneration and Increasing Civic Pride

- **McGavin Park Toilets** – Discussions have taken place with a community group around a possible Community Asset Transfer Lease of the toilets. CLD staff are working with the group to look at becoming a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation), and the CAT initial enquiry/EOI form has been sent to the group for completion.

Poverty/Financial Inclusion

- **Kilwinning Library** - Continues to provide a range of accessible community support services, including acting as a local food bank collection point, offering free internet and computer access, and providing assistance to individuals facing barriers to accessing online services. Support is available to improve digital skills and device use, with signposting to specialist services such as AbilityNet and CLASP. Additional services include educational outreach support, study spaces, weekly advocacy sessions through Advice.Scot, hearing aid battery collection, and free period products for the community.

Health and Wellbeing

Regeneration and Increasing Civic Pride



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Community Engagement/Participation and Voice

- **Kilwinning Pre Youth Forum** – Took part in an outdoor activity involving a community walk through local green spaces, promoting physical wellbeing, social interaction, and increased awareness of local community assets. This increased young people's confidence in contributing ideas and participating in group discussions.

Work and Skills

- **Tues & Fri Art Groups** - Following the conclusion of both Art Groups for the summer holidays in mid-June, members took part in a series of outdoor painting sessions in the summer holidays. These outings provided valuable opportunities to paint on location, helping participants develop their observational skills while exploring the effects of light, colour, and structure in natural settings. Feedback has been very positive, with members enjoying the change of environment and reporting increased confidence in applying and developing their artistic techniques.
- **Learn to Liv (Kilw Academy Intervention Group)** - Developed and designed a new intervention programme, Learn 2 Live, to provide a structured and engaging approach for young people involved in the group. A working agreement between partners is in place to support clear expectations, roles, and responsibilities. The school will provide an SSR teacher to work alongside CLD staff. 12 Young People will participate. And will get a qualification from the course. Qualification type has still to be decided with young people.

Climate Action and Local Environment

- **Eglinton Growers** - The committee held a successful open day on Sunday 9th August. The committee are currently planning their pumpkin day that will be held October. The office bearers are working on rebuilding community connections, and have built up a relationship with Choose Kilwinning, Kilwinning Community Shed and other community groups
- **Kilwinning Library** - Hosts both WEEE and battery recycling points in Kilwinning Library and works with other branches to recycle Bras and glasses. There is also a Seed Library making seeds available to customers.



Locality Partnership Progress Update

Community Engagement/Participation and Voice

- **Safer Choices** - Throughout the summer, detached youth work patrols took place weekly across Kilwinning to engage with local young people, gather views on community safety and youth provision, promote local activities and events, and provide support within community settings. Discussions covered topics such as fire safety, anti-social behaviour, alcohol and drug awareness, alongside informal conversations that helped build positive relationships and trust. Engagement levels varied each week, but interactions were consistently positive and meaningful. Young people were approachable, willing to share their views, and no incidents of aggression or hostility were encountered. Mobile phone charging facilities were particularly effective in encouraging engagement and initiating conversations. The regular presence of youth workers provided reassurance, promoted positive choices, and maintained ongoing dialogue with young people throughout the summer. This work demonstrated the value of detached youth work in reaching young people who may not regularly access organised provision, ensuring their voices are heard, strengthening links with local services, and contributing to community safety, wellbeing, and early intervention.

Work and Skills

- **Discovery Award 2** - Introducing volunteering opportunities at an earlier stage of the Discovery Award has had a significant positive impact on participants' confidence, motivation, and sense of purpose. Encouraging members working towards their Bronze Award to volunteer from the outset has accelerated personal growth and helped them recognise their skills and value within the community. As more participants have taken on volunteering roles, the group has become increasingly supportive and positive, with members sharing experiences, building confidence, and acting as role models. Volunteering is now viewed as an achievable and natural part of the programme for all participants.
- **ESOL English as second/other language)** - Delivered weekly ESOL Employability and IT class supporting learners to develop CVs, cover letters, interview skills and basic digital skills

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Community Engagement/Participation and Voice

- **Community Conversations** – Planning for the community conversations has started. This will be held on Consul and will be live for 1 month. A drop in event will be arranged at Kilwinning Library, and local community groups will be supported to participate in the engagement.

Work and Skills

- **Information & Culture Team** - have been supporting a new school aged childcare service to open within St Lukes Primary. This will provide before and after school care for up to 32 children per day. This will provide much needed childcare to allow parents to take opportunities in terms of work or upskilling. There has been no school aged childcare service in Kilwinning since 2020, and then this was provided by Early Years services.
- **Active Schools** - Currently recruiting for leadership programmes within Kilwinning Academy, with an anticipated intake of 55 to 60 young people. Participants will gain a range of sports leadership and personal development skills and qualifications, which will be applied through placements delivering hundreds of volunteer hours to local schools and the wider community.

Climate Action and Local Environment

Community Engagement/Participation and Voice

Work and Skills

Climate Action and Local Environment

- **Kilwinning Library** - The Study Spaces scheme within the library gives students places to study with printing, photocopying, free Wifi and support from staff if required. There are Device Advice sessions available on Fridays and the Library service has computer Buddies who can work with people develop basic computer skills. Library staff have also helped people to use websites such as "My World of Work" to build CVs and they signpost customers to other services such as CLASP and the Redburn Centre for classes on computer use. The Library also hosts many Extended Outreach sessions each week to support learners. We also host Enable and ESOL with their learners too.

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Supporting Skills and Work

- **1 day fire skills course for young carers at Kilwinning Fire Station.** Through practical fire service activities, participants develop transferable skills including teamwork, communication, problem-solving, confidence and resilience, while experiencing a structured workplace environment and gaining an insight into the role of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. For young carers, who can face additional barriers to education, training and employment, the course provides a positive opportunity to recognise their own abilities, build confidence and develop skills that can support future learning and employment. It also introduces participants to potential career pathways and demonstrates how the skills developed through their caring responsibilities can be valuable in the workplace

Improving our Local Environment

Working in partnership with SEPA to address the illegal burning of commercial waste. By sharing intelligence and coordinating activity around waste being illegally dumped and burned, we can help identify those responsible, reduce deliberate fires and limit the release of harmful smoke and pollutants into local communities.

This partnership approach also helps tackle fly-tipping and environmental crime at its source, improving the appearance and safety of local areas while reducing unnecessary demand on emergency services and contributing to cleaner, safer and more sustainable communities.

Alleviating Poverty and Promoting Equality of Access to Opportunities

SFRS signposting directory has been provided to all stations in NA. Helping our staff connect individuals and families with appropriate local support when wider needs are identified through our community work.

The directory provides staff with an accessible route to services and resources covering areas such as financial support, food insecurity, housing, health and wellbeing, employability and other community services. This means that when we identify someone who may be experiencing hardship or disadvantage, our involvement does not have to end with fire safety advice.

Improving Community Wellbeing

- 28 High Risk Home Fire Safety Visits carried out by Community Action Team(CAT) in North Ayrshire
- 56 High risk HFSV carried out by Kilwinning crew in Q2.
- Biker Refinement event in partnership with ARA, ROSPA and Police Scotland at Dreghorn Fire Station



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Active Schools Locality Partnership Meeting - Kilwinning Locality



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Active Schools Leadership

Kilwinning Academy pupils have now signed up and began training for their respective programmes, including:

North Ayrshire Sports Academy - 13 young people trained up in multiple 'introduction to coaching' qualifications, and have begun delivering free extra-curricular clubs in the cluster.

Young Ambassadors - Our YA programme merged with our Active Girls group this year, giving a combined 30+ young people who will train and specialise in planning, running and promoting clubs, with the addition of working in subgroups focusing on girls participation, mental health, events and inclusion.

Cycling/ Rock up and Ride

At the end of the last academic year, our newly qualified cycle leaders attended the primary schools in Kilwinning and ran taster sessions in BMX. This equated to circa 100+ pupils getting a new cycle experience and learning new bike handling skills. This programme is now being widened out to other clusters.

Placements

Active Schools are currently planning with Ayrshire College and University of the West of Scotland to provide placements for their sports students, which will see an increase in experience for their students, and free extra-curricular provision for our schools.



Cycling

As part of last year's cycling scheme, there is a select few bikes that can be donated to pupils who do not currently have a bike, and may struggle to get one. We are working with the schools to find out who would most benefit from these free bikes.

Free Extra-Curricular Clubs

All schools are currently starting their new extra-curricular clubs across the cluster, including providing free breakfast, lunchtime and after-school activity for all schools and stages.

Events

Active Schools have recently compiled this years events calendar, aiming to bring both the Kilwinning community and wider North Ayrshire wide community together to play sport and represent their school.

A partnership between Active Schools and Kilwinning Sports Club has kindly seen Colin lead on our mixed-football league this year, increasing capacity and number of opportunities.





Locality Partnership: *Kilwinning*

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General HSCP update

Children, Families & Justice Services

- Care Leaver Payments- the Scottish Government has introduced a £2,000 payment for eligible young people moving from care into adulthood and independent living. Scottish Government has committed to fully funding local authorities to administer and deliver the payment.
- Child protection communications- following engagement with young people, the Child Protection Committee is developing content for North Ayrshire Youth Services social media channels to promote key child protection messages. A survey for young people aged 11 and over has been launched to identify their preferred platforms and approaches to online engagement.
- Vaccination programmes- eligible young people across Ayrshire have been able to book meningococcal B vaccination appointments from 6 July, ahead of the 2026/27 academic year. The annual school flu programme is also being rolled out across North Ayrshire, with vaccinations scheduled from 14 September to 4 December and parents and carers encouraged to return consent forms promptly to support uptake.

Health & Community Care

- Transfer of Care Programme and Home First Approach- NHS Ayrshire & Arran continues to experience significant system pressures, including high hospital occupancy, delayed discharges, Emergency Department congestion and reliance on non-standard capacity. In response, NHS Ayrshire & Arran, the three HSCPs and Acute Services have developed the Transfer of Care Programme to expand community capacity and redesign discharge pathways around a Home First approach. Following IJB approval in June 2026, implementation is progressing to expand community-based support to enable timely discharge and reduce hospital pressures. North Ayrshire planned investment includes up to 25 additional care-home placements, up to 35 additional Care at Home and reablement packages, and 5 step-down beds at Anam Cara through the discharge to assess pathway. This will strengthen rehabilitation and recovery support, improve patient flow and help more people return home safely.
- Unscheduled care improvement- In June North Ayrshire HSCP received £1.081 million from The Scottish government to support Phase 1 of the Whole System Implementation Plan: £746,000 to strengthen hospital-based multidisciplinary capacity

and £335,000 to increase Mental Health Officer capacity. These enhancements have been implemented to support patient flow and discharge planning.

- Digital housing and independent living- The Envision: Digital Blueprint for a Smart Home of the Future report provides an evidence-based framework for housing that integrates digital health, adaptable design and low-carbon construction. Housing and HSCP colleagues will explore how learning from the framework can inform future planning and service development to support health, wellbeing, independence and net zero ambitions.
- Adult Support and Protection- a staff survey has been launched across HSCP and partner organisations. Findings will inform the Adult Protection Committee's biennial report and future business plan, helping to shape priorities and continued improvement in adult protection arrangements.

Mental Health

- North Community Learning Disability Team- the team received the Tean Award at the Scottish Learning Disabilities Nurses Network Awards for their work to reduce health inequalities for people with learning disabilities in North Ayrshire.
- Alcohol and Drug Partnership- the North Ayrshire ADP has published its latest newsletter, providing information on recent community activity, available supports and this year's Overdose Awareness Day event.

Planning, Performance and Transformation

- Beam Notes- the AI-supported documentation tool previously known as Magic Notes is being rolled out across North Ayrshire HSCP social work services. Training is underway and use has expanded to additional service users from 20 July. The tool is intended to support quicker drafting of records and documentation, reduce administrative time and enable practitioners to focus more on direct engagement and conversations with the people they support.
- Care at Home Service review- The HSCP is currently doing a review of the Care at Home service and staff are being invited to dedicated engagement sessions to discuss current service delivery, improvement opportunities and help shape future developments. Separate sessions for frontline and office-based staff will ensure that operational experience and staff feedback inform the review and future planning.

Other

- Set Aside arrangements- work continues across Ayrshire to implement statutory Set Aside arrangements for delegated hospital services. This includes developing a joint commissioning plan, strengthening IJB directions to NHS Ayrshire & Arran and agreeing a transparent methodology for fair resource allocation across the three Ayrshire partnerships.
- IJB voting rights- from 1 September 2026, third-sector representatives, service users and unpaid carer members will have full IJB voting rights under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025. Recruitment is underway to fill the service user/ unpaid carer representative role.

Action Required by Locality Partnership

To note the HSCP updates.

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