

Action Note

Meeting:	Kilwinning Locality Partnership	
Date/Venue:	Wednesday 10 December 2025 at 7:00pm at the Love Memorial Hall	
Present:	Cllr Scott Davidson – Chair Cllr Mary Hume – Elected Member Steven Prestley – Police Scotland (deputising for Graeme Gallie) Rhonda Leith – Head of Service Wendy Crighton – Community Representative Jim Watson – Kilwinning Community Council Martyn Rae – Active Schools Co-ordinator Fiona Comrie – KA Leisure Ann Wilson – TACT In Attendance Nicola Collins – Head Teacher, Corsehill Primary School Caroline Conway – Secretary to Head of Service (Notes)	
Apologies	Graeme Gallie – Police Scotland (Senior Lead) Louise Riddex – Locality Officer Tim Swan – Head Teacher, Kilwinning Academy	
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1.	Welcome, Apologies and Expressions of Interest The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited introductions. Apologies for absence were noted. No declarations of interest were made. Before the meeting began, the Chair acknowledged the recent passing of Susan Lauder, noting that she was a highly respected Head Teacher and a valued member of the community who will be greatly missed.	Noted
2.	Action Note The Action Note from the previous meeting was approved. R Leith updated the following actions: - • The CIF application from Pryde has been approved. The group has also received lottery funding • R Leith will get update from L Riddex regarding Landward Old Folks Committee and will circulate to the Partnership by email. • S Prestley will obtain an update regarding school uniforms.	Noted Noted R Leith S Prestley
3.	Locality Officer Update R Leith delivered the following update: -	Noted

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	- Kilwinning Community Shed has been successful in their application to the Participatory Budgeting. The Shed was also involved in the Kilwinning Christmas Lights Switch On event. - The Love Hall Christmas Fayre was well attended with good community involvement.	Noted
4.	Locality Priorities Survey The Locality Partnership noted the report. The following key points were raised: - - There were 23 responses with a reasonable spread of age, however there were not many from the younger age group. - Suggestions/comments received include skills and work, apprenticeships, costs of training, access to a physical careers hub, incentivising employers. - It would be extremely helpful to map what community groups are doing to understand the current position and identify gaps. - Issues with the Main Street, the underpass at Pennyburn, and car parks/parking were also raised. - Suggestions for litter picking were made. - In terms of poverty, the cost of living was the main issue raised. Other issues include lack of access to affordable activities for children, access to health services/GP, being able to access information about support services. The Locality Partnership agreed more ladders and community clubs would be of benefit and consideration is needed as to how to promote what services are available and how to access them. - The importance of outdoor space, coming together, kindness initiatives, bringing generations together, and mental health supports were highlighted for Community Wellbeing. J Watson commented on the low number of responses and asked if there is anything we can do to increase the number. He suggested perhaps groups could provide a collective response. Cllr Hume commented that people are motivated by discussion and the comments from others, and perhaps there could be a prize incentive. N Collins suggested teachers could support children to complete the survey during class. J Watson also felt that a clearer definition is needed to help with the understanding of what is meant by wellbeing. It was also suggested that the Community Link Workers based in GP surgeries could assist individuals. Surveys could also be distributed via groups who use the libraries, KA Leisure coaches and Kilwinning Sports Club. R Leith suggested a communication plan could be a way for the Locality Partnership to bring organisations and groups together and link with TACT, KA Leisure and other networks.	
5	Partner Reports	

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KA Leisure

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

Active Schools

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

Education

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

Police Scotland

Campus Officer update: -

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

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	- Police has offered a work experience opportunity. Interested candidates were asked to complete an application and were interviewed. The successful candidates were based at Irvine Police Office, participated in various departments and took part in activities including crime scene mock ups, rescue exercises, crowd control, helicopter unit, and sheriff court. - The Mentors in Violence Prevention programme, led by senior pupils, is addressing bullying, gender based violence, sextortion etc to challenge peers. - The Pitching In programme is ran at Kilmarnock Football Club aims to support decision making and life choices and resisting offending behaviour. Speakers talk about their real life experience and consequences of their actions. Prevention and Intervention Officer update: - - Officers are offering advice regarding scams and crime preventions. - Local policing is being given a high profile presence in Main Street. - Road Traffic Officers are addressing speeding concerns in the Bensley area.	
6	Improving Community Wellbeing F Comrie led a discussion on improving community wellbeing. The Partnership reflected on what wellbeing means, considering its physical, mental and social dimensions, and noting that these are shaped by similar influencing factors. It was acknowledged that wellbeing is experienced differently by each individual, that working-age adults are often not fully reached by support services, and that social isolation is becoming more common. An update was provided on work carried out in Kilwinning over the summer. As Kilwinning is a priority area for employability, targeted engagement in the Blacklands area involved a six-week programme with Ayrshire College and Employability CIS for 16–24 year olds, alongside family wellbeing days in the school and sports club. Due to strong interest, a second phase will be expanded across Kilwinning. Partners acknowledged financial constraints but agreed that shared contributions help deliver impact. M Rae reported a drop in extra-curricular participation among senior pupils. R Leith suggested this may relate to study pressures and stressed the value of physical activity for managing stress. The Active Girls leadership programme is also developing. The Partnership agreed that community groups need to be better promoted, particularly for older adults who may not use digital platforms, and that a multi-partner drop-in model could be more accessible than single-issue sessions. It was noted that middle-aged adults are often underserved, with many activities held during working hours.	

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

Meeting finished at: 9:00pm