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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	
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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	

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	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.	

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	• 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.	

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	• 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: -	

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	• 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

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	- 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

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	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