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Meeting:	Kilwinning Locality Partnership	
Date/Venue:	Wednesday 18 March 2026 at 7:00pm Woodwynd Community Centre	
Present:	Cllr Scott Davidson – Chair Cllr Mary Hume – Elected Member Graeme Gallie– Police Scotland Rhonda Leith – Head of Service Donna Morrison – Senior Manager Community Facilities Louise Riddex – Locality Officer Wendy Crighton – Community Representative Martyn Rae – Active Schools Co-ordinator Fiona Comrie – KA Leisure Ann Wilson – Third Sector Interface In Attendance Michael Cowan – Police Scotland Caroline Conway – Secretary to Head of Service (Notes)	
Apologies	Cllr Joe Cullinane Jim Watson – Kilwinning Community Council Paula Lacy – Head Teacher, Pennyburn Primary School Kenny McGuire - Scottish Fire & Rescue	
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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.	Noted
2.	Action Note The Action Note from the meeting held on 10 December 2025 was approved. The following updates were provided on previous actions/minutes: - - G Gallie will obtain an update regarding school uniforms, which was discussed at the meeting held in September 2025. - F Comrie advised that the Community Wellbeing workshops are currently focussed on the Three Towns however once these conclude plans will be put in place for Kilwinning. - R Leith advised that she has spoken to Thomas Reaney regarding the damage in the Main Street: some repair work has	Noted Noted Noted

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	been completed, and funding has been allocated for further repairs and improvements.	Noted
3.	Community Investment Fund – Project Update W Crighton advised the Partnership that Corsehill Playpark is now open and is being utilised by the children. The recent prolonged period of wet weather has made the conditions quite muddy; hopefully this will clear as the weather improves. Streetscene has provided a bin and will be providing a bench. A wooden bench had been offered by the Criminal Justice Community Payback Team however as Streetscene cannot maintain a wooden bench, a further metal one will be put in place. The children are enjoying using the facility and love that the colour scheme ties in with the school colours. There have been no issues with antisocial behaviour. The reception has been very positive overall. There is approximately £2,000 of the funding remaining; a request has been made to ringfence this for repairs.	Noted
4.	Locality Officer Update - The Kilwinning Community Shed is in the final stages of the Community Asset Transfer for Blacklands Hall. They also were invited to attend the Adult Learners event at the Scottish Parliament where they won an award. - The youth groups at Love Hall and Cranberry Moss are considering becoming youth forums; work is ongoing to assist with setting up a constitution and other processes. The intention is for the Cranberry Moss group to be a junior forum and the Love Hall to be a senior form, although they would work together to achieve shared aims. Hopefully they will get a PDC award or other certification.	Noted
5	Partner Reports KA Leisure - Work is ongoing with Kilwinning Academy sport centre, they attended the Christmas event and there was good intergenerational work. - Community visits with the Activator are continuing on a rolling programme. - Walking events are taking place at Eglinton Park to support Mental Health Week and Green Week. - A Walk Leader course is being offered to train volunteers to allow them to set up their own walks. This is a free one-day course that includes First Aid and is open to anyone. - The Easter programme includes activities in Kilwinning Academy and is being advertised.	

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- A new female adult badminton class has started this week with an attendance of 14.
- Wellbeing work is taking place within the Three Towns area. The Kilwinning programme will be reconvened once this has concluded.
- Atrial Fibrillation screening will be introduced as part of the health checks. A direct referral will be made to the stroke team if any concerns are detected.

Active Schools

- Support is being provided to Abbey, Whitehirst Park and Pennyburn Primary Schools for the Move and Improve leadership course. Lunchtime clubs have now started as a result of this programme.
- The S3-6 cycling leaders have now been fully trained and are delivering BMX skills. It was identified that some pupils couldn't cycle and the programme was adapted to teach cycling skills.
- An Active Girls Week took place within Kilwinning Academy to coincide with International Women's Day in early March. 265 participated across three days.
- A Walk and Talk session was held with S3 girls as a consultation activity.
- 187 girls signed up for Clubbersize.
- A girls only lunchtime club has been established; participation has slowly increased and is currently at 16.
- There are a total of 83 clubs running in schools throughout the cluster. Blacklands and Corsehill will represent Kilwinning in the netball finals. The Commonwealth Games baton called at all the schools, each school held an activity to mark the occasion.
- Kilwinning Academy ran a Commonwealth Games for S1 pupils to allow them to try different sports.
- Commonwealth Games Champions have been identified to drive activity surrounding the Games across the year. Their first conference was held at Inverclyde where they learned how to run events.

Discussion: -

- R Leith asked if any activities are planned to coincide with the football World Cup; M Rae informed that an ambassador programme is in the early stages to promote related activities.
- Cllr Hume commented on the excellent work to increase female participation.
- F Comrie highlighted some girls have raised there is little time at the end of PE for them to get ready.
- D Morrison advised there is a potential opportunity to link with period poverty, supplies and promotional are available for targeted events.

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	A representative was not able to attend however a written update has been provided and circulated to the Partnership. Police Scotland Campus Officers: - • An input has been delivered from Team Challenge - a drug charity sharing lived experience which was well received. • There have been inputs covering internet safety, social media and AI. £12,000 funding has been received from Youthlink Scotland which focusses on areas of anti-social behaviour violence, knife crime, and prevention. • The Safer Choices Stronger Futures programme is a six week programme of workshops covering the law of consequences and real life scenarios. This takes place one day per week and reaches children on outreach/challenging to engage. • Work is continuing on road safety. Regular speed checks are ongoing. Dirt bikes/electric bikes remain an issue, particularly in Main Street. It is difficult to identify the individuals using them, support from the community is extremely valuable in this regard. Prevention & Intervention Officers: - • Officers are working with Trading Standards to tackle illegal cigarettes, vapes etc. • Pop up sessions are regularly held within the banking hub to provide an opportunity for those with vulnerabilities to discuss their concerns etc. Inputs on this are also available for community organisations. There is also an aftercare service from the Prevention & Intervention Officer, to provide support, help and advice to stop reoccurrence. Discussion: - • Cllr Hume advised the School Crossing Patrollers have been approved to return but acknowledged there may be issues with recruitment and it may be necessary to consider traffic calming measures. • Cllr Hume asked if the Violence Against Women programme is rolled out across North Ayrshire; M Cowan confirmed it does cover all North Ayrshire and includes issues such as coercive control. Males and females have separate sessions to allow them to speak more freely about their concerns. G Gallie added it is a standardised programme across Ayrshire that is adapted to reflect the needs of individual communities. Third Sector Interface The Mental Welfare Fund has concluded, all recipients have received their funding. A Wilson will share details their if possible.	
6	Community Engagement L Riddex will be carrying out a piece of work to engage with communities around the needs/aspirations on each of the Locality	

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	priorities. She is keen that communities are involved at the first stage, bringing in partners at the second stage. The Consul platform will be used for the consultation with a paper version also available. Community groups will be offered individual support to increase participation. Drop-in sessions will also be arranged. The engagement questions will be circulated to partners, and they will have the opportunity to add anything they would like included. A QR code which will take you straight to the engagement online will be included on posters and social media. The intention is to commence Kilwinning's engagement activity at the end of April/early May, once the current work being done in the North Coast has concluded. Members were requested to promote the questionnaire through their Kilwinning networks. L Riddex gave a demonstration of the Consul platform. F Comrie and A Wilson offered to share the questionnaire in the North Coast area where it is currently live.	
7	Any Other Competent Business Members were asked to consider the possibility of alternating the nights these meetings take place, to maximise attendance opportunity. R Leith highlighted the change to delegated powers; these are only used occasionally for grant applications where timing is tight. Until now a nil response has been taken as agreement however following advice from Legal a nil response will now be taken as an abstention. L Riddex highlighted there are two Community Representative vacancies in Kilwinning, members were asked to bring the opportunity to the attention to anyone who may be interested in taking on the role. A Wilson advised TACT and KA Leisure are working together on a World Cup event to take place during Volunteers Week and are looking for 16 teams of 7. The event will take place on Friday 5 June. Participants must be over 18. The event is open to community groups and statutory partners.	

Meeting finished at: 8:15pm