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<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>North Ayrshire Community Engagement Network</b>	
<b>Date/Venue:</b>	8 February 2018, Greenwood Conference Centre, Irvine	
<b>In attendance:</b>	<p>Barbara Connor, Third Sector Interface (<b>Chair</b>)          Linda Brough, Community Planning, NAC          Erin McLaughlin, Community Planning, NAC          Sophie Clark, Arran CVS          Emma Anderson, NAC, Housing, NAC          Gavin Paterson, HSCP          Councillor Donald L Reid, NAC          Councillor John Glover, NAC          Louise McCulloch, Cora Foundation          Gillian McBain, AILN          Sharon McLeod, AILN          Geri Sinclair, CLAPS          Kerryanne Owens, HSCP          Kenny Milne, Person Centred Team, Public Partnership Forum          Steph McCutcheon, TACT / ADP          Stewart Parker,          Anne-Marie Hunter, Community Empowerment Team, NAC          Ian MacPherson, Cuninghame Housing Association          Sharon Bleakley, Scottish Health Council          Lisa Morton, Information and Culture, NAC          Barnardos          Tracy Hogg, Tenant Participation Team, NAC          Cally Hughes, Community Empowerment Team, NAC</p>	
<b>Apologies:</b>		
<b>No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
1.	<p><b><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></b>            Barbara welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.</p>	<b><i>B Connor</i></b>
2.	<p><b><u>Minute of previous Meeting</u></b>            The minute was agreed as accurate.</p>	<b><i>B Connor</i></b>
3.	<p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b>            There were no matters arising.</p>	
4.	<p><b><u>Presentation – Geri Sinclair, CLASP</u></b>            Geri Sinclair gave everyone an overview on CLASP work in the Garnock Valley. She explained how they have set up a small hub within a sheltered housing community in the Garnock Valley to help tackle social isolation, which is a huge problem here. They run all sorts of different activities, and try</p>	



	<p>to make it as friendly and welcoming as possible. Boundaries have been set to discourage 'cliques'. Everyone follows these and it seems to be working well. Everyone helps each other where they can. Users have started to promote the hub themselves which is getting busier. They are open 10-5 Mon to Fri.</p> <p>There is scope to make a small film to show people what goes on and how this has helped some users.</p> <p>Steph McCutcheon explained that he works with Café Solace, and offered to do some catering for them. He also works with Funky Films, who would be happy to help out with the filming.</p> <p>Lisa Morton explained there is some funding via info and culture for Garnock Valley, if they would like to discuss some ideas to use this that could possibly help out the hub.</p>	<p>Gerri / Steph</p> <p>Gerri / Lisa</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b><u>Presentation – Kerryanne Owens, HSCP</u></b></p> <p>Kerryanne gave a presentation on Carers Scotland Act. This explained what the act is, what is changing and what they are hoping to achieve. Currently working with education to ensure that young carers are being recognised in schools, as this can sometimes slip through and if young people are not getting the support they need, it can effect performance in school. There is also have a carer's advisory group, which includes carers from each locality (Arran have own set their up). Kerryanne gave information on the carer's appreciation card, which is a card carers can get and receive discounts at a range of different businesses. 43 are currently involved.</p> <p>Gave stats on carers, and how they are only reaching a small handful (roughly 1400 out of 14000) of people to give support they need. Although 1 in 4 are suspected of being carers, a lot of them do not consider themselves to be a carer. Linda asked how they are working with services to identify these 'untapped' carers. Kerryanne explained how they are working with GP's, Housing services and a range of others to try to tackle this and identify more carers to give support and advice. Also, as some carers are recognised to be as young as 8, they are now raising awareness of being a young carer in schools from P5-S6. It was asked where the figure of 14000 carers came from, if they have only recognised 1400 of these. Kerryanne explained this was taken from a 2011 census.</p> <p>Everyone should raise awareness and refer to carers centre if they believe clients need help and support.</p> <p>Emma Anderson's officers can help distribute leaflets and post an article in their tenant magazine.</p> <p>Steph can distribute leaflets from Café Solaces</p>	<p>Emma Anderson Steph McCutcheon</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b><u>Update – Gavin Paterson, HSCP</u></b></p> <p>Gavin explained how HSCP have been drawing up a strategic commissioning plan the past 6 months. Last year saw the 'What matters to you' event, where the public were for some feedback on what they think is</p>	





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<p>for staff and volunteers across the CPP. Currently, a mapping exercise is being carried out to find out who has staff that are paid to work in engagement. This should help reduce duplication in the long run.</p> <p>Tracy Hogg - Participation Officer, explained that the new Tenancy Matters magazine is due out on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The next one after this will be June, so if anyone would like anything input to this, please submit all information by 16<sup>th</sup> April. Also, a fun day is being organised again this year, date is still TBC.</p> <p>Kenny Milne- PPF, The Participation network now has 500 members under North Ayrshire. See Kenny for email if anyone would like some information on this. Emma Anderson advised she would be pleased to distribute information via Kenny. Kenny will present to the next meeting about the work he is involved in.</p> <p>Steph – ADP, gave overview of all of the groups that are running at the moment including – 3 Café Solace, Happy Feet walking group, music group, and support work at Eglinton Park gardens. There is also a craft group set up. This is currently referral only, but they are trying to change this to be open to all. Asset mapping work is also being carried out by volunteers at the moment to identify businesses that support recovery.</p> <p>Emma Anderson – Housing, Explained that the Private Rented Housing team are a reasonably new team and so are trying to raise awareness through a number of different ways to inform private tenants and landlords about the service they provide. Have been working with Employability Hubs recently which has been very beneficial.</p> <p>Lisa Morton – Information and Culture, Recently received funding for Garnock Valley, which helped to create maker spaces. There is also a new digital learning officer in GV libraries. We are working with the community to get some more ideas of what they would like to see in the libraries and community.</p> <p>Ian McPherson- Cuninghame Housing Association, spoke of work that is ongoing around quayside. A community event in December was held and over 95 children and 100 parents attended. This was an opportunity to ask about their rent consultation (increase of 3% is planned). The proposal will now be presented to the board.</p> <p>Donald Reid – The Burns Club (the Jolly Beggars), are holding open nights with different speakers attending. Looking for some funding for a trip to Oban. The club is helping tackle social isolation</p> <p>Gillian McBain– AILN, Reminded people that team are always available to give advice and support to people to help them live independently. Currently they are doing some training on this in Health and Social Care courses at</p>	<p>Emma Anderson Kenny Milne</p>
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	<p>Ayrshire College. A Peer volunteer group has also been set up if anyone needs to talk to them, there is also a drop in centre in South Ayrshire.</p> <p>Linda – Gave update on behalf of CJA – They are currently reviewing their plan – beginning, belonging, belief. They have some new projects for 2018, all information on this is on the new Community Justice website. Running a conference for ACE’s which is now full, but this will be filmed, and Alice will present to the next meeting of the Network.</p> <p>Linda gave an update on behalf of Barnardos – An ‘Emoji’ group has been set up at the Harbour Arts Centre for young people affected by Alcohol and substance misuse. Linda referred the network to the leaflets for times and dates.</p>	<p>Alice Dillon</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><b><u>AOCB</u></b></p> <p>No other business.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>The next meeting will take place on 7 June 2018 <b>at 10:00am</b> in Greenwood Conference Centre, Irvine.</p>	