

A large crowd of people, mostly young women, is gathered outdoors. In the foreground, a person is wearing a large, shaggy purple furry costume. The crowd is looking towards the camera, and some are holding up phones to take pictures. The background shows trees and colorful decorations, suggesting a festival or community event.

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KILMARNOCK

# Neighbourhood Board Meeting for Kilmarnock

CentreStage, Circle Lounge  
3 – 5pm 15th July 2025

Fiona McKenzie (Chair)

Billy Bowie

Eddie Fraser

Angela Cox

Susie Chow

Craig Hume

Lilian Jones MP

Lynne McNiven

Chris McMail

Councillor Douglas Reid

Councillor Barry Douglas

Angela Cox

David Cameron

Also Attending:

Pamela Clifford

Richard Grieveson

Norman Gill

Barbara McNaughton

Apologies:

Colin Blair

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|---|--|--------|
| 1 | Welcome  | FMc    |
| 2 | Actions from Previous Meeting                      | FMc    |
| 3 | Chair Update                                       | FMc    |
| 4 | Update to UK Government PFN Prospectus             | NG     |
| 5 | Town Centre Parking                                | JC/BMc |
| 6 | Initiative Update                                  | NG     |
|   | - PR Agency  |        |
|   | - Fund Manager                                     |        |
|   | - Fair Festival                                    |        |
|   | - Town Radios                                      |        |
|   | - Town Centre                                      |        |
| 7 | Values Based Leadership (Columba 1400)             | FMc    |
| 8 | Decisions Required                                 | NG     |
| 9 | AOB  | All    |
|   | - Date of next meeting (2 <sup>nd</sup> September) |        |

## Item 2 - Actions Arising From Previous Meeting

- All to consider any questions for Fiona to take to Westminster
- FMcK to invite Aberdeen Inspired to attend a future board
- All to consider requests for funding for events and to tackle Japanese Knotweed
- NG to circulate summary of powers link with notes to meeting
- DMcD to ask Barrie McDonnell to link with KBA

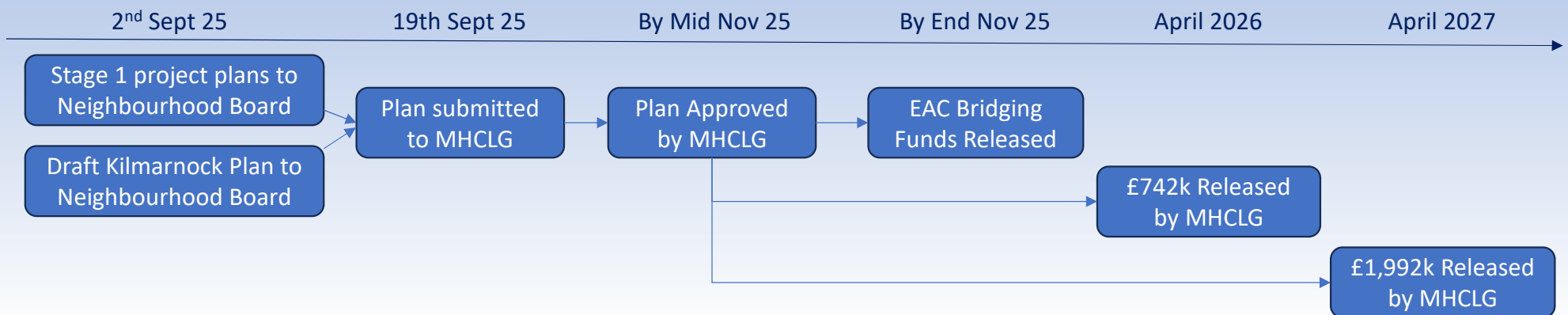
# Item 4 - Update to UK Government PFN Prospectus

**Further revisions were issued to the Plan for Neighbourhoods prospectus on 16<sup>th</sup> June. Key impacts are:**

- Use of £200k capacity funding for year 25/26 for intervention projects is not permitted.
- Local Authority (EAC) have increased obligations around governance and accountability.
- 2026/27 funding will now be £592k (£232k RevEx/£360k CapEx), plus an additional £150k capacity funding.
- 2027/28 funding will see the full £2m arrive

**In practice this means that:**

- Without council support we cannot proceed with non capacity activity ahead of April 2026.
- Subject to council approval, we may be able to activate some projects, but not until our plan is approved by UK Gov.
- Our Fund Manager proposal will pause while approval is sought from MHCLG (UK Gov) for this approach.
- Our focus will now be on building out and approving interventions for the plan ahead of approval (see below).



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The initiatives below will form our Neighbourhood Plan. These initiatives are drawn from our original Town Plan and have been further refined during the year. All of our original items appear, other than CCTV, which has been identified as a education and information issue and will be dealt with as such.

Our plan is to take each line item within Quick Wins and Major Projects through the process on the following page, ensuring that Neighbourhood Board approval is received at each stage.

<p><b>Platform Projects</b> (Underway)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PR Campaign</li> <li>• Events (Fair Festival, Killieween, Christmas Lights Switch On)</li> <li>• Kilmarnock Neighbourhood Board Fund</li> <li>• Alliance Funding</li> <li>• Building relationships and engaging with strategic groups</li> </ul>
<p><b>Quick Wins</b> (2026 – 2029)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Centre               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shop Front Pilot</li> <li>- Shop development grants</li> <li>- Brighten Up / Tidy Up</li> <li>- Street Furniture</li> <li>- Foregate (Short Term)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Public Art</li> <li>• Activity to address Anti Social Behaviour (including Town Radios)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Major Projects</b> (2027 – 2035)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Centre               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shop Fronts</li> <li>- Multi Storey Site</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Parks (Howard Park)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Experiential Train</li> <li>- Building restoration</li> <li>- Bandstand</li> <li>- Youth Hub</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Third Horizon Initiatives</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Centre Living</li> <li>• River Development</li> </ul>

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There will be three stage for each initiative as it moves towards implementation:

## Stage 1

### Executive Summary

- Problem and Opportunity
- Proposed Solution(s)
- Outline Costs (CapEx/RevEx)
- Partnership Opportunities
- Fit with MHCLG pre approved interventions

## Stage 2

### Business Case

- Updated Executive Summary
- Strategic Fit
- Detailed Solution(s)
- Outcomes and Benefits
- Costs/Funding Sources
- Outline Delivery Plan
- Risks/Mitigations
- Sustainability/Legacy

## Stage 3

### Delivery

- Implementation Plan
- Sustainability Plan
- Procurement Plan
- Risk Register
- Communications Plan
- Budget
- Resource Plan

The Neighbourhood Board will approve all Stage 1 summaries before the plan is submitted in September

A Business Case will be produced for each initiative for approval by Neighbourhood Board prior to work beginning.

Neighbourhood Board will be kept up to date on progress, although Stage Three and implementation will be delivered by a third party (which may be EAC).

## Item 6 - Initiative Update – Fair Festival

- Event held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May in Howard Park.
- 2000 – 2500 people enjoyed free funfair rides, live entertainment, stalls and food.
- WMK presence was strong with around 150 people engaging in conversation on our plans.
  
- Two of the Funfair rides did not arrive and so we had 4 rather than 6, queues were managed and the sunshine helped.
- Entertainment went down well and the acts booked engaged very well with the crowd.
- Crowds peaked between 1pm and 4pm, with fewer staying on into the evening after 6pm.
- Contractors engaged all worked well together and feedback has been excellent.
- We had 24 stalls and 9 food/drink vendors. Many reported brisk trade.
- Ayrshire Hospice were well represented on the day with their own stall and also received donations from stall holders and food vendors (as well as raffle donations from Utopia).
  
- Safety Advisory Group meeting chaired by EAC held on 3rd July where a full review was completed with lessons learnt being carried over to 2026.

## Item 6 - Initiative Update – Town Centre Radios

As per the previous update the monitoring system which allows Crimewatch Scotland to alert users where their radio is not being used is now operational. They have also introduced a recording system which can help with prosecutions where required.

Contacts made at KFF mean that Pubs and Bars in the town centre will be put forward to receive a radio. This would link them to CCTV operations which is a step up from the system currently in place.

There are now 42 town radios in Kilmarnock using this scheme, this includes 5 recently introduced.

There are approximately 15 in the pipeline which will come on stream over the next few months.

# Appendices

# Appendix i – Budget to March 2026

	Apr 25 - Jun 25	Jul 25 - Sep 25	Oct 25 - Dec 25	Jan 26 - Mar 26	Totals
Project Manager	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	48,000
Project Co-ordinator	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	32,000
Kilmarnock Fair Festival	60,000	0	0	20,000	80,000
Community Engagement	5,000	5000	0	0	10,000
Alliances	27,000	15000	15000	0	57,000
Secondment Fee	0	0	0	0	0
Marketing & Communications	25,000	15,000	5,000	5,000	50,000
9 Initiatives	43,000	15,000	95,000	45,000	198,000
Major Projects	0	10,000	0	15,000	25,000
Entity Costs	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	4,000
Board Admin	0	0	0	0	0
Staff costs	0	0	0	0	0
Contingency	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>186,000</b>	<b>86,000</b>	<b>141,000</b>	<b>111,000</b>	<b>524,000</b>

## Initiatives

1/ Town Centre Issues (ASB Initiatives)	10,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	25,000
2/ Experiential Train	10,000	0	40,000	0	50,000
3/ Events Programme	60,000	0	0	20,000	80,000
4/ High Street Aesthetic Improvements	10,000	0	30,000	30,000	70,000
5/ CCTV Initiatives	10,000	0	10,000	0	20,000
6/ Brighten Up Programme	3,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	33,000