



PROVOST'S REPORT

For the period covering: 12 September – 23
October 2022

The attached report gives a summary and brief details to Council, of
meetings and events attended by the Provost of North Ayrshire
Council, Anthea Dickson.

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Since the last meeting of the Council, I have taken part in several events, including:

Tidelines Book Festival, Harbour Arts Centre, 25 September

On 25 September, I attended the Tidelines Book Festival in the Harbour Arts Centre, Irvine. The Festival is a community-run charitable trust bringing world-class literary events to Ayrshire. The Festival had a wide and varied programme of literary content and I was delighted to take part in one of these events with three of the country's top crime writers, Olga Wojtas, Caro Ramsay and Douglas Skelton.

Staff Wellbeing Centre, Opening Ceremony, Ayrshire Central Hospital, Irvine, 29 September

On 29 September I attended the Opening Ceremony of the Staff Wellbeing Centre at Ayrshire Central Hospital. I also received a tour of the facility which is an excellent resource for our much-valued staff working in the NHS.

Seniors Celebrating Success Ceremony, Auchenharvie Academy, Stevenston, 29 September

On the evening of 29 September, I attended Auchenharvie Academy's Senior Prizegiving Ceremony. It was a pleasure to be given the opportunity to acknowledge the achievements and talents of our young people which are replicated throughout our schools in North Ayrshire.

Scots Opera "The Seal Woman", Harbour Arts Centre, Irvine, 30 September

I was delighted to attend the Scots Opera Project production of "The Seal Woman" in the Harbour Arts Centre, Irvine on 30 September. The Ayrshire Opera Experience and the Scots Opera Project are a new arts organisation which aims to bring opera to the wider community.

Official Opening of The Lochshore Park Hub, Lochshore, 4 October

On 4 October, I was delighted to officially open the Lochshore Park Hub. The Hub is one of the first projects to be realised in phase 1 of Lochshore Park. This is a fantastic and impressive development, and it was a great honour for me to open it. The potential of Lochshore Park is exciting, there is so much scope for it and it promises to become a popular destination for the local community and visitors in the months and years ahead.

Centenary Service, War Memorial, Kilbirnie, 7 October

I, along with representatives from the local community, attended the centenary service of Kilbirnie War Memorial on 7 October. I was honoured to cut the ribbon to mark the occasion. The memorial was dedicated to families in the local area who were sadly lost in The Great War.

Kirking of Deacon Convener of Irvine Incorporated Trades, Old Parish Church, Irvine, 9 October

On 9 October, the Depute Provost attended the Kirking of the Deacon Convener of Irvine Incorporated Trades. A procession left Irvine Town House, with many local organisations taking part, and the Church Service in Irvine Old Parish followed this.

Meeting of the Scottish Provosts' Association, CoSLA Offices, Edinburgh, 21 October

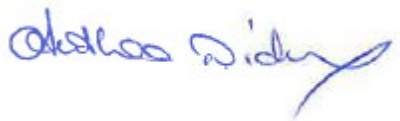
On 21 October, the Depute Provost attended a meeting of the Scottish Provosts' Association in Edinburgh. The purpose of the meeting was to elect office bearers for the coming term. The meeting was open to all Provosts and Depute Provosts in Scotland. The Association provides great networking opportunities.

Festival of Juvenile Solo Piping, Auchenharvie Academy, Stevenston, 22 October

On 22 October, the Depute Provost attended the Festival of Juvenile Solo Piping in Auchenharvie Academy, Stevenston. The Festival, which is run by volunteers, provided a variety of competitions on the day. It was well-attended and attracted entries from young people throughout Ayrshire and beyond. Congratulations go to the volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to deliver this quality annual piping event.

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Councillor Anthea Dickson
Provost North Ayrshire Council