



PROVOST'S REPORT

For the period covering: 30 August – 17 October
2021

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



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

The Ayrshire Community Trust, Adult Volunteer Recognition Award Saltcoats, 10 September

Along with the Leader of the Council I attended the launch of the Adult Volunteer Recognition Award at the Ayrshire Community Trust in Saltcoats on 10 September. It is always great to see the invaluable work carried out by volunteers being highlighted, recognised, and rewarded.

72 Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China, Online Reception, 21 September

An online Reception took place on 21 September, hosted by the Consul General of China, to celebrate the 72 Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China. I along with other civic leaders in Scotland attended the event. Events like these provide good networking opportunities, allowing me to promote North Ayrshire to a wider audience and give our support to our Chinese community living in Scotland.

Signing of the Armed Forces Community Covenant, Online, 23 September

On 23 September, the Provost's of Ayrshire finally got the opportunity to ceremonially sign the Armed Forces Community Covenant. The Community Covenant details the support we have in place for the Armed Forces community here in North Ayrshire.

Moorpark Primary School Ground-breaking Ceremony, Kilbirnie, 27 September

I was delighted to attend the ground-breaking ceremony for the new Moorpark Primary School in Kilbirnie on 27 September. The new £10.85m facility will replace the existing school and is expected to be complete and ready for use in Autumn 2022.



Kirking of the Deacon Convener of Irvine Incorporated Trades, Irvine, 3 October

On 3 October, I attended the Kirking of the Deacon Convener of Irvine Incorporated Trades, Donald Wilson, in Irvine's Old Parish Church. Events like these bring communities together and highlight the excellent work that is carried out by volunteers. Irvine Incorporated Trades uphold many of Irvine's ancient and cultural traditions and work tirelessly throughout the year for the benefit of the local community.

Brass in the Valley, Gateside, Beith, 3 October

On 3 October, I attended the first of two Brass in the Valley concerts to acknowledge and celebrate all those frontline workers and volunteers who provide vital services to those living in the Garnock Valley during the current Covid-19 pandemic. The event was arranged by the Barmill Jolly Beggars Burns Club and took place in Geilsland Estate, Beith. I thoroughly enjoyed this excellent event which had a true community spirit and highlighted all the hard work and efforts by many in the local community. I look forward to attending the second concert at the end of the month.

Introduction of the new Sheriffs, Kilmarnock Sheriff Court, Kilmarnock, 11 October

On 11 October, I attended a ceremony where the Sheriff Principal introduced Sheriffs Watson and Jamieson as resident sheriffs at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court. The Lord Lieutenant for Ayrshire and Arran and the Provost of East Ayrshire Council were also in attendance.

Veterans Housing Scotland Reception, Edinburgh City Chambers, Edinburgh, 14 October

I attended the Veterans Housing Scotland Reception on 14 October. The reception was hosted by the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Councillor Frank Ross and Veterans Housing Scotland Chair, Group Captain Bob Kemp. 2021 marks the 106 Anniversary of the Charity and we heard about their achievements and how they plan to continue to support veterans in Scotland.

The charity was established during the First World War to provide homes for heroes returning from the War with disabling and life-changing injuries. Since that time, they have helped thousands of veterans and have grown to boast a portfolio of over 650 homes across Scotland.

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