



PROVOST'S REPORT

For the period covering: 16 September 2019 – 3
November 2019

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 attended various events throughout North Ayrshire.

Ground-Breaking ASN Campus, Stevenston, 16 September

I was delighted to attend the ground-breaking ceremony for the new ASN Campus and Respite and Residential Accommodation Project in Stevenston on 16 September.

This unique Education and Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) project will see a £30 million capital investment in the creation of modern, state-of-the-art educational and respite and residential accommodation for young people with additional support needs.

Macmillan Coffee Morning, Irvine Townhouse, 27 September

On 27 September, I hosted a Macmillan coffee morning in Irvine Townhouse to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. A total of £280 was raised at this particular event and my thanks go to everyone who supported this worthwhile cause. Many more similar events were held throughout North Ayrshire.

70th Anniversary Reception hosted by Chinese Consulate in Edinburgh Gailes Hotel, 29 September

To mark the 70th Anniversary of the People's Republic of China, I attended a reception hosted by the Consulate General in Edinburgh. I joined other civic heads and special guests at this event. Events like these provide excellent networking opportunities.

Prince's Trust Annual Awards Ceremony, Edinburgh, 1 October

On 1 October, I attended the Prince's Trust Annual Awards Ceremony in Edinburgh. The Awards provided a fantastic opportunity to honour the achievements of the award winners who shared stories of their incredible journeys. The evening highlighted the tremendous contributions of those engaged with the Prince's Trust in supporting and transforming the lives of young people.

Cream of Ayrshire Awards, Park Hotel, Kilmarnock, 3 October

I was delighted to attend the West Sound Cream of Ayrshire Awards on 3 October in Kilmarnock. I jointly sponsored the Unsung Hero award along with the Provosts from East and South Ayrshire Council. Events like these highlight the amazing work that is carried out by people in our communities.

Ayrshire Hospice Autumn Ball, Seamill Hydro, 4 October

I was happy to be able to support this year's Ayrshire Hospice Autumn Ball which took place in Seamill Hydro on 4 October. A total of £46,000 was raised at the event which will help the Hospice greatly in providing excellent care and resources for those with life-limiting illness and their families.

Scottish Older People's Assembly, Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, 5 October

On 5 June I attended the Scottish Older People's Assembly in the Scottish Parliament. This event gives a voice to older people throughout Scotland. A range of themed workshops were arranged and included Age-friendly Communities, Hearing the Voices of Older People, Digital Connectivity, Food and Nutrition, Primary Care and Older Veterans.

Kirkin' of the Deacon Convener, Old Parish Church, Irvine, 6 October

The Kirkin' of the Deacon Convener of Irvine Incorporated Trades took place on 6 October in Old Parish Church, Irvine. This traditional event was attended by many local groups and organisations.

Official Opening of The Circuit, Quarry Road, Irvine, 7 October

I was delighted to attend the formal opening of the Circuit on 7 October. The £5.4 million sports facility includes a full size 3G outdoor pitch, 9-a-side 3G indoor pitch and a 750m closed cycle loop. Also, within the facilities is the new Circuit Enterprise Hub.

Citizenship Ceremony, Saltcoats Town Hall, 9 October

On 9 October, a citizenship ceremony was held in Saltcoats Town Hall. It was a pleasure to be able to attend this special event and to formally welcome new UK citizens to North Ayrshire.

Mary Poppins Performance, Irvine Royal Academy, Irvine, 9 October

On the evening of 9 October, I attended a performance of Mary Poppins in Irvine Royal Academy. I'm always delighted to attend and support events like these which highlight the sheer talents of our young people here in North Ayrshire.

Go Purple Day, Cunninghame House, Irvine, 11 October

On 11 October, we went purple for the Ayrshire Hospice. Fundraising events took place in venues throughout North Ayrshire. I hosted Go Purple Day in Cunninghame House, which included a prize raffle and lunchtime activities, which raised over £800. My thanks to all our generous staff and elected members who supported the event.

Launch of Breakfast Club, Hayocks hall, Stevenston, 12 October

On 12 October, I was delighted to officially launch the Stevenston North Breakfast Club in Hayocks Community Hall, Stevenston. The Club will be run by Stevenston North Community Association. The Breakfast Club is not only an opportunity for residents to enjoy a delicious, free breakfast each Saturday, but also to meet other members of the community, catch up with friends and find out more about what's happening in Stevenston.

Festival of Juvenile Solo Piping, Auchendarvie Academy, Stevenston, 19 October

On 19 October, I went along to the 17th annual Festival of Juvenile Solo Piping in Auchendarvie Academy. The event was very well attended with young people from all over Scotland competing. The Festival is run by volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes and give up so much of their free time. My thanks go to everyone involved.

Irvine Incorporated Trades Annual Celebration, Riverside Lodge Hotel Irvine, 19 October

I attended Irvine Incorporated Trades' 373rd Annual Celebration on 19 October in Riverside Lodge Hotel, Irvine. I was delighted to reply to the toast to the Royal Burgh. Events like these are steeped in tradition and celebrate the history and culture of Irvine.

19th Ayrshire (Kilwinning) Scout Group - World Jamboree Presentation, Scout Hall, Kilwinning, 22 October

It was a pleasure to attend 19th Ayrshire (Kilwinning) Scout Group's World Scout Jamboree presentation. It was fascinating to hear first-hand the stories and experiences of those who attended the Jamboree in West Virginia, which is the world's biggest scouting event.

Poster Competition, Elderbank Primary School, Irvine, 23 October

Irvine Horticultural Society arranged a “design a poster” competition. The theme, this year, was around climate change. I was delighted to go along to Elderbank Primary School on 23 October and present the prizes. There were many outstanding entries and my appreciation to everyone who took part.

Irvine Burgh Archives Launch, Townhouse, Irvine, 24 October

An additional 2000 records of historical importance have now been made available to the public for the first time at Irvine’s Townhouse after Ayrshire Archives launched the Irvine Burgh Archive Collection on 24 October, which I attended. The Irvine Burgh archive is a real treasure trove for anyone researching specific aspects of the town’s history, with trained staff able to help you along the way. Along with our Family History Service, which is based at the venue, this is an extremely valuable resource for the people of North Ayrshire.

Irvine Town Twinning Association Coffee Morning and Presentation, Mure Church, Irvine, 26 October

I attended Irvine Town Twinning Association’s coffee morning on 26 October in the Mure Church, Irvine. The event promoted Irvine’s links with Voisins-le-Bretonneux and included a slide show presentation.

Cyclocross, Beach Park, Irvine, 27 October

I was delighted to attend the Scottish Cyclocross National Trophy held at Irvine Beach Park on 27 October. This was an excellent, well-attended event and I was only too pleased to present the prizes to the winners. I am delighted to see high profile events of this nature being staged in North Ayrshire.

Poppyscotland Ayrshire Reception, Dean Castle, Kilmarnock, 28 October

I attended a reception at Dean Castle, Kilmarnock on 28 October to mark the start of the 2019 Scottish Poppy Appeal. Guests heard about important issues affecting the Armed Forces Community across Scotland as well as details on Poppyscotland’s ambitious learning and outreach project.

Turkish National Day Reception, City Chambers, Edinburgh, 29 October

On 29 October, I attended a reception in Edinburgh City Chambers hosted by the Consul General of the Republic of Turkey. The event was held to mark the 96th anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic. The event gives civic heads the opportunity to network, show support for the Turkish community in Scotland and promote their respective local authority area to a wider audience.

Barista Launch, Ardrossan Academy, Ardrossan, 1 November

I attended the launch of Ardrossan Academy's Barista project on 1st November. The project is supported by the Prince's Trust and Developing Young Workforce. Projects like this aim to improve young people's employability skills.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian Clarkson". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Ian" and "Clarkson" being capitalized and prominent.

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